

Samrats ride report for Jim's ride Sunday 29 May 2011

As usual for Jim's rides we had a good roll up in the morning at Evandale BP on Portrush Rd with 38 bikes and 41 riders. The weather was sunny and looked like it would mostly stay that way. Jim led us up Montacute Rd along some nice smooth twisties through Black Hill Conservation Park and onto Marble Hill Rd which is one of the best motor cycle twisty roads in the hills. There was quite a lot of moss on the road and a lot of leaf matter so we had to pick out our path along the road to avoid slipping. Turning onto Lobethal Rd which was less mossy than usual for this time of the year we followed it until Lenswood where we turned north up Fox Creek Rd and reached Cudlee Creek Café for morning tea break. Along the way 1 rider got sick and had to pull out and tail end Charlie had a throttle malfunction and had to pull out. I was sitting on the Cork Screw and Montacute Rd corner waiting to check the end of the ride and all the bikes went past except tail end Charlie. The back marker looks out for every one but who looks out for him or her. When I was about to double back and look for him along comes a Michael tail end Charlie instead of a Nasif. It is good to have back ups available when needed. After morning tea we went through the Chain of Ponds on to Williamstown, then Springtown Rd and south to Mount Pleasant. All these roads are great for motor cycling with a good mix of straights, tight curves and long curves. We had a bit of light rain on the way into Mount Pleasant but we easily dried off quickly just with the air blowing past us. A few riders had to depart at lunch time but most stayed for lunch at the Totness Hotel Mount Pleasant where we partook of the food and drink and good company. After lunch a few more headed off to get back home quicker while about 18 of us, with Jim leading headed back towards Adelaide via Mount Torrens, Lobethal and on to Balhannah for afternoon tea. We indulged ourselves suitably with coffee, cake and pudding and more convivial (I wonder what that really means) and stimulating conversation before heading off to our separate hobbit holes about 3.30pm. Another great ride day with the Samrats. The ride was not particularly long (I did 230 kls all up starting from down south in Aberfoyle Park) so most riders probably did around 200 to 220 kls, but it was suitably demanding especially with the considerable length of twisties through the hills in the morning. Thanks to Jim for leading the ride in his usual professional manner and to Michael for taking over as tail end Charlie.

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