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Ride Report – 8th November, 2009

Apologies Wor Bro Rick GONINON
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Riders: Ride Captain: Wor Bro Alan BURTON (AB)
 Very Wor Bro David MACROW
 Bro Richard HEIERMANN/Karen
 Noel FENNELL
 Vic RADZEVICIUS

Not sure if I spelt your names right Richard, Vic & Karen but at least I got the surnames right....hahahaha!!!

I was very pleased to see three (3) fellow riders from work turn up being Richard, Noel and Vic with Richard being accompanied by his better half, the half that made a half decent man of him, Karen. A very hearty welcome to you all

Richard, having recently bought a Motor Guzzi, Noel on his very nice Harley Davidson and Vic on his ex police bike, turned up on glorious day for a ride to no where at that stage, as the destination had yet to be decided.

Without saying, it is always good to see and ride with David M on his trusty BMW 'with the lot'.

Knowing that the 'HOGS' were about to hit town after their night in Launceston, the Ulysses Riders heading for Miena and with a bicycle event down the Huon way, it was decided to head for the glorious Peninsula & Port Arthur.

Off we set on a glorious summers day, at the normal time of 1000hrs and headed for the Eastern Shore, God's Country, across the Bowen Bridge. It was decided against going over Grass Tree Hill Road due to gravel on parts of the road, so past the pyramids we went and then right onto the East Derwent Highway turning onto the Eastern Outlet for Sorell.

No refuel/pit stop at Banjos today, heading straight for the Dunally Bakery and their famous scallop pies.....yummy!!!

A great piece of road to Dunally, with plenty of twists & turns of which were enjoyed by all.

Bummer!!! No scallop pies ☹ Coffees and cold drinks were had, with some topping up with some of the goods on display.

It was already warm with those wearing leather jackets, Vic & Noel, saying how uncomfortable it was. It hadn't peaked weather wise yet!! Fed & watered, and with the sun beaming down, we saddled up again and headed for Port Arthur.

Again, some great riding conditions were had although we did encounter some rad gravel on one or two bends along the way (couldn't have the ride too perfect)

Through Port Arthur and into Nubeena, I love that place, very picturesque (pretty to you Noel!!) with another pit stop at the local takeaway.

29 degrees at Nubeena with Vic commenting that he was literally 'dripping wet'. It was good to get the jacket and helmet off for a while I must admit.

With orders taken and received I, at first glance, thought Vic was enjoying a Lithuanian Delicacy as he seemed to be eating Lemingtons with tomato sauce!!!! On second glance, he was munching into Lemingtons with jam & cream (told you it was warm. The sun was playing tricks on me!!) Strange though, in that he followed that with a bowl of hot chips.....always knew he was back to front ☺

Comradeship had, it was decided to leave Nubeena behind, and head for Sorell again but this time, with a stop at Banjos.

Not far out of Nubeena we 'lost' Richard and Karen. With David, Noel & Vic riding into the sun, AB stopped and waited as he hadn't seen the Guzzi for a while travelling behind.

Concerned, yours truly turned around and headed back thinking the worst, only to see Richard & Karen come steaming around the corner in the opposite direction. A quick step on the brakes, through the gears and a u turn had, Richard & Karen where found waiting for me this time.

Off we set, trying to catch up with the 'three musketeers' who had ridden hard through the bends and were nowhere to be seen.

Onto the highway at Murdunna turning left for Sorell, I saw a bike just like Davids heading in the opposite direction to Port Arthur. Around the next bend were waiting, unconcerned, Noel & Vic with David realising that Richard, Karen & I hadn't been seen for a while, decided to head back and look for the lost trio'.

It was then that Richard told us of his original reason for stopping at Nubeena. He claimed to have had gotten a 'bug' in his helmet which was crawling around and into his ear. Really Karen, it's dangerous to nibble on Richards ear whilst driving!!!! You know how 'funny' he gets with that sort of thing ☺

Into the township of Sorell after some quick corners along the Arthur Highway, for cold drinks all round and some more food for Vic. Where does he put it???

Throughout the day, various riders were met on the road and the various stops along the way, with Banjos no exception.

Vic, cream bun consumed, suddenly realised that he wasn't the boss at home after all and decided that he had better take his leave and head home, with the time being only 1440hrs.

With that, we all said good byes and headed off across the causeway to our homes to end what had been, a very enjoyable day/ride in good company and in glorious weather.

With the exception of the St. Helens trip for Masonic Members (weekend of 28/29 November, 2009) the next ride will be:

13th December, 2009 – This is to be confirmed as there is a conflicting appointment for some Masonic Members on this day. Should this day not be suitable, is Sunday 20th December convenient for all? As a suggestion, for those partners/family/friends not keen on getting 'on the back' they could arrange to drive to a location where we could meet for our Xmas Ride/BBQ.

That said, I propose the following:

When: Sunday 20th December, 2009
Meet: Montrose Yacht Club Car Park
Time: 0930hrs for a ride time of 1000hrs
Destination: Mt Field National Park

Please advise the Secretary Craig DEANE or myself, if this is acceptable and if you intend to ride. Arrangements can then be made for the travel arrangements of partners/family/friends.

Ride safe, Stay safe,

AB

Ps: Craig, I need some full membership forms for Richard & Karen H (Dulverton)