

## Cornering Run - Sunday October 3rd 2009

I got a call during the week reminding me that the classic car racing was on at Lobie (thanks Chris Z & Brenton). No worries, just a tweak of stops and a detour round the back of Lobie. What I didn't know about was the hordes of push bike riders hogging the up lane of the Gorge road Grrrrrrrrr. On a brighter note we had a guest from Nuriootpa join us for the ride and he decided to join up before we even set off ☺ welcome to SABERS Clint.

Well we got past the dreaded push bikes by the time we reached Cudlee creek but I was now spooked that there would be a pushbike around every bend and it took a while to shake off.

Quite a bit of rain had fallen overnight and the Gorge walls looked awesome with the mini waterfalls flowing over the sides of the rock walls. The rain or drizzle was not done falling yet though so on occasion we got a little damp and had a few wet roads but everyone kept a good safe pace happening and the group stayed tight ☺

We ducked around the back of Lobie and headed down toward Norton summit before turning left onto deviation road. This is a great road in the dry weather but challenging when damp. There were patches of gravel kicked out in unexpected places but the danger patches were telegraphed back through the group with hand signals and no one came unstuck ☺

Next leg was through to Balhannah and we worked away across to Stirling. I love the German town hill and so did Aaron by the look of the way he charged up there after me when I hit the gas lol.

Soon we were on the Sturt valley road. This road had an added surprise of road works that had scattered mud, etc over about 1km of its length so we slowed it down a bit until we were through the hazard. Good to see they are repairing this road as its a beautiful ride through there, a nice narrow twisty little run through some awesome scenery.

A quick stop in Clarendon was next before we took off through Meadows and onto the Bull Creek road. This road seems to be another favourite to most who ride with us. We followed it until we hit the turn off to Strath. The Strath road was dry and things got a little more spirited on this leg ☺ Was great to give the blackbird a bit of what it always craves and this was just the road for it.

Strath was our next spot for a leg stretch and a feed before heading off to Macclesfield. I haven't ridden this road before and though it is a bit scabby in parts of the road surface everyone seemed to enjoy throwing the bikes through the twisty dipping sections of road.

All to soon we were back in Meadows where we decided to end the ride rather than back in Clarendon. The weather was looking like it was going to settle in to a continuous drizzle very soon so we all said our goodbyes and headed off in whatever direction was home.

All up a great day out, small group of about 10, magnificent company and all rode at an even pace. Thanks to Brenton & Alli for going tail end Charlie on the day and to ALL on the ride for doing an excellent job marshalling corners. We normally don't ask for this to be done on our rides but unfortunately I did not have enough official marshals on the day. Look forward to riding with you all again soon.

Grant

*We just want to ride ☺*