

MotoGP BBQ Sunday 16th October 2011

On the Ride:

Ian Payne (rear)	Honda CBR1000	Dennis Lindemann	Honda CBR600
Ben Warden	Honda CBR1000	Roman Biaroza	Honda CBR600
Misho Zrakic	Honda CBR1000	Marc Marais	Kawasaki ZX10
Jean Eldridge	Honda CBR1000	Jason Wilson	Kawasaki ZX9
Ron Johnston (lead)	Honda CBF1000	Bill Kennedy (2 nd ride)	Kawasaki Z750
Pina Garasi	Honda CBR600		<i>11 bikes, 11 people</i>

At Berwick there was a good turnout for this annual event. Once again John had offered his home for the BBQ and with his large TV and surround sound, it was almost like being there! John was also at the start of the ride to check out the numbers for catering purposes.

It was a good turnout for such a cold, windy morning! Bill was on his second ride but would leave us at some stage to make his way to Phillip Island to watch the race live. Dennis was back for his first ride this year after finally repairing his bike. It was all blinged up and looked as good as new!

Ron explained the proposed route and we were away, heading for Harkaway and Upper Beaconsfield. We continued past Cardinia Reservoir, up Paternoster Road to Mount Burnett, then Pakenham Upper and Gembrook. So far so good with no rain and only a few damp patches of road. Unfortunately, the road was quite wet as we traversed the great stretch of road to Launching Place.

We then cut across to the Noojee road then to Wesburn via Tarrango Road and finally the Old Warburton Road to Cafe Meccanica for our morning tea stop. The Cafe is located in a renovated workshop down by the river with lots of motorcycle paraphernalia and plenty of 'motorcycle only' parking. It was very pleasant relaxing over a coffee, but the GP waits for no-one!

Ron rallied the troops; we said our goodbyes to Misho and Pina and headed off to Yarra Junction and Launching Place and then up to Gembrook where Bill departed. We continued on to Cockatoo, Avonsleigh, Emerald, Belgrave and Upper Ferntree Gully. From here Jason departed but for us it was only a very short run to John's place and the BBQ.

At the BBQ:

Ben Warden	John Rousseaux	John Willis	Marc Marais
Ian Payne	Kate Stewart	Dennis Lindemann	Roman Biaroza
Jean Eldridge	Ron Johnston	Rob Langer & Teddy	Tim Emons
			<i>12 people</i>

We had arrived just in time to see the final laps of the 125 race, so settled in for a great afternoon of motorcycle racing. With Casey winning the MotoGP race and the Championship it couldn't have worked out better.

A big thankyou to our hosts John and Kate who's catering was first class as usual. And thanks to Ron for leading.

Ian Payne