

Peninsula Run, last for 2011

Report on Sunday the 4th Dec the Iron Indian Riders Association (IIRA) Monthly Ride.

We planned to start at 9.00 am, and met at Classic Garages' 400 Koriot Creek road Williamstown at 8.30 for a 9.00 am start.

This was well attended, and Classic Garage's have a array of really interesting toys that kept the guys amused, and made it difficult to get them to want to leave.

Adding to this was the host's hospitality, warm coffees and nibbles which were well received.

I'm sure this venue will be the start of many of our club rides as it is central, and better than waiting at a servo or such, and judging by the response and comments the guys all agreed that this venue has much possibilities for a social night or such down the track.

We had 8 Indians present at the start, and several other members who's Indians were under repair or restoration were on other machines.

Guy Allan came down to the start, but unfortunately had prior commitments, so had to depart shortly after we departed, and Guy, you missed a great ride !

We finally got underway about 9.30 am, and fuelled up and headed straight out Melbourne thru the tunnel and turned off at Blackburn road for the Westall bypass.

Here we were caught up with Vice –Prez, Mark Barthelmie and (Scott Casey) along with Paul + Connie on pillion, which bolstered our numbers up to (12)

Again the museum tour at Classic Garage delayed the start a little and Mark had a little ZZZZ while waiting.

We continued down Springvale Road and onto the Frankston Freeway, turning right onto Nepean Hwy.

It was here that we joined quite accidently another group of riders out enjoying the day, and rode with and amid this group down to Mornington for a coffee and photo shoot on the foreshore.

It was amusing as several of each group parked in the others area and bikes were pushed around and such, but it was a good feeling to be part of something people could appreciate.

The other group turned out to be from the Frankston District Motorcycle Club, and IIRA Association cards were handed out to prospective interested parties.

After the break we rode towards Dromana along the Esplanade and again refueled before heading up to Arthur's Seat.

The ride up to Seat is always good, but today seemed special, as the roads were perfect, and the traffic was sparse, and the Indian's on the road could be heard coming from those in front, and above on the hairpin bends. We re-grouped at the top and took in some light lunch, and views. From there we departed down Purves road, and met a bike friendly policeman, who was breath testing all and everyone.

We passed, after the first few were under the limit, and continue on our way to Flinders.

After another photo shoot here at the foreshore and again took in the views.

It was noted by many that the lack of an ice cream truck was missing, so after about 30 mins we continued down towards Hastings, and onwards for the ice cream.

A brief coffee and cake for some, and more photo opportunities, found the day dwindling and rain threatening..

Several of the group had many miles to return home, and departed early from Hastings, while the main group stayed to enjoy the coffee and views.

We left about 4.00 pm, and continued onwards towards Frankston and back along the same route we came on.

Several riders turned off towards Dandenong, and others continued up Springvale road.

It is a testament to the reliability of the old Indians, as we had (8) Springfield models on this ride and none missed a beat..(Neither did the Gilroy ... Ed)

I can speak for myself, and the others we all had a absolute ball.

All told I think John Fontenella had the longest ride, riding down from Daylsford in the am and returning home that evening, and (Roger Beimers) also riding from Lilydale,

All in all a top event and one that I would recommend all put in the calendar for next year.