

Twin Ride Reports

Hi all, you may have noticed since the beginning of 2021, the Iron Indian Club has been able to operate in a relatively Covid Normal way.

We had 2 different rides in March, both organised by Richard Onyon.

The first was our Sunday run, this time to Mansfield. Members arrived at the meeting point on Mill Park Rd and we set off promptly at 9.30, towards Whittlesea.

The weather was Goldilocks weather, not too hot & not too cold, just right for riding. We had about 6 riders and we putted through the roadworks & outskirts of Mernda towards Whittlesea, before climbing through to Flowerdale & onward to Yea. There we met up with Richard Onyon & Denise on the Chieftain Dark Horse.

After refuelling the bikes & emptying the riders, we proceeded in a North Easterly direction towards Yark, bypassing the coffee shop and heading towards Bonnie Doon & Mansfield.

After refuelling at the top of the main st, we settled into the centre garden area, chatted and ate our lunch. Owen performed a running repair to the Indian Sidecar by magically finding a 5/16th bolt from a hardware shop in town.

Mansfield was packed with off road 4 x 4's covered in mud, families with push bikes on racks & a few motorbikes.

Homeward bound, some headed south via Alexandra & the Black Spur to Healesville, whilst Richard & Denise continued onwards towards Whitfield & Glen Rowan, before the sat nav kicked in & took them home via Gisbourne.

A lovely day out indeed.

Last Sunday 14th March, Richard again organised a Trials riding course at the State Motorcycle centre at Broadford.

A total of 8 joined in to learn about slow speed bike control, rear brake, clutch combinations & climbing over big things.

John Shea demonstrated some of the finer balance points, including standing on the front wheel and riding on the backwheel, along with his many other balancing skills.

I was always taught that you started learning new things when you fall off. I learned a lot of new things.

Gary Wilkins & his son Paul, showed that you never get too old for father /son rivalry. Gary managed to get through the tight figure 8 challenge without putting a foot down. Happy wedding anniversary Gary & Sandy.

Richard & Isaac did well at the various challenges & Isaac showed the old people how to balance & jump the bike over objects.

Sandy proved that you don't need a seat for every part of riding & showed the guys how to turn tight turns without putting your foot down.

David was able to bounce the bike up & down the course, standing the front wheel up on obstacles & quietly perfecting all the moves.

Thanks to Richard for organising & Paul for running the day. Paul is a wonderful instructor & is able to give valuable tips on riding control. The best part about Trials riding is that he does all this whilst walking beside you.

We look forward to seeing more of you on the upcoming rides. If there is interest, we can arrange another Trials day in future

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