

Iron Indian Riders Association

Sitting Bull Rally Report 15 , 16 & 17th Feb 2019

A well-organized rally in Inverloch organized and reported by Noel Thornby.



All ready for a ride for a great days riding from Inverloch to Phillip Island.

I could not make the rally due to a sore back and knee sustained while getting the trailer ready to load the Indian , could not ride or drive for a couple of days and with the wife in Hawaii I had to live on backed beans for a couple of days.

The motel was booked out and with 12 riders ready to enjoy some good weather and excellent roads.

Thanks to Noel, Phil and George for making the rally another success.

Peter Kime

Ride report from Noel Thornby –

THURSDAY 14th

Thursday saw early arrivals John ,Philip and Garry at the Motel.

Noel and the early starters enjoyed pre-dinner drinks followed by a banquet at the local curry restaurant . A good night had by all and a bit of curry to get everyone moving for the rest of the weekend.

FRIDAY 15th

With Noel on mowing duties at the cricket oval Philip, John and Gary set off for a breakfast at Loch . After a temporary geographical misplacement they settled for a coffee and muffin at Grantville. 25 k off course but still a good ride. They met up with Noel for a short ride to Fish creek for a pleasant lunch. By time they arrived back at the Motel the rest of the crew had arrived. Sandy had to work late and rode up by herself arriving at 10 pm. A great effort to make it. Much wine sampled and Phil and Garry cooked up a great BBQ. Garry arrived with own organic grown tomatoes which were a great hit with the BBQ.

SATURDAY 16th

A breakfast of toast, bacon, eggs, tomatoes and sausages cooked on the BBQ at the Motel was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Noel for setting up a good feed and the many hands that cooked it.



Riders well fed and bikes fuelled for a 9:30am start.

A route to Outrim, Korumburra, Jumbunna, Moyara, Jetho West saw us at Loch for coffee and fuel. From there it was on to Krowera, Kernot, Almerita, Glen Forbs, Wollamie on to San Remo for fuel. Then from San Remo over the bridge to Phillip Island going through Rhyll, Ventnor, and to the Nobbies Tourist Centre for lunch and a look at the penguin breeding grounds, many of the breeding boxes still had chicks in them.



After lunch we took a short section of gravel with great coastal views, (the back way to the penguin parade). At this stage Chris's bike had had enough and was the first and only casualty to go on the back-up trailer piloted by Stephen, Noel's brother in law. Thanks to Stephen for a great job.

We moved on back to San Remo, Anderson, Kilcunder, Daleston, Wonthaggi and Cape Patterson for a well-deserved beer before the short run back to the Motel. A trip of 225 km.



The evening meal was at the Esplanade Hotel. We were joined by Garry Jennings who was in town. A good meal and many wines sampled. George won the raffle (A Jacket donated by Polaris Indian). All retired to the Motel for more drinks and re-cycled jokes from the old jokes home. A big thank you to Garry for his shuttle service using his van. The sober ones worked back to the motel.

SUNDAY 17th

The Sunday ride had 8 starters. John, Philip, Chris and George all had prior engagements and headed for home. Another great breakfast at the Motel.

The ride went to Tarwin Lower then to Walkerville North for a look at the beach with views across the water to Wilsons Promontory. Then on to Fish Creek and Meeniyan for coffee and muffins.

A this stage Alastair, Sandy, Marcus and Bret left the rest of the ride and headed for Mirboo Nth , Thorpdale, Trafalgar and home. Phil, Heath, Garry and Noel returned to Inverloch. Phi , Heath and Garry loaded up and went and it was all over . Anyone who didn't have a great weekend wasn't trying.