

SolexOz



The SA Inaugural SolexOz Bike Ride held at Semaphore on 13th November 2011

After having met some of our Solex enthusiasts here in Adelaide I volunteered to organise a run that would be a way for us to meet collectively, meet informally to get to know one another and have some fun riding along Adelaide's beautiful coast line for our first ever South Australian run, under the SolexOz umbrella.



Judging by all who attended it was a hit. We started off sharing stories about ourselves and our passion of our Solex bikes over coffee. I was most impressed by Pascal who had brought a scrumptious supply of soft cheese, pate and crackers to keep his strength up for the journey. What I realized later is that Pascal & Bill had already travelled some kilometres to the start of the event on their Solex bikes and their

stomachs were close to sticking to their backbones and were in need of sustenance by mid morning.

Before we set off, Le and his son Huy who had turned up with his Micro had to head off to rejoin his family. But the intrepid group headed off to Outer Harbour looking at the dark clouds building on the horizon on an otherwise warm balmy morning. By the time we arrived at the destination the atmosphere had become quite dramatic, with lightening and thunder flashing and bellowing before us complete with hail.



Fortunately we had the luxury of sheltering from the inclement weather under cover at the train station, and within a short period of time it had passed and we were ready for the return journey only to find that Brain's bike had stubbornly decided it didn't want to go any further with a suspected crook condenser as no spark was present. So after having loaded his bike on the rescue vehicle we travelled the return journey with the sun shining and full of ozone and good spirits.

At the end of the run, Nick and Jan Davies presented me with a 'Born to be Wild' Solex bike T-Shirt hot off the press from their UK trip, as a thankyou for being the catalyst for the run and I was very chuffed. Bill and Pascal are already planning the next run to the McLaren Vale Wine region via a dedicated bike track to be held after the festive season, but I secretly suspect we would all *really* like to go for another run much sooner.



Thanks to Geoff for words of thanks and encouragement, Nick and Jan, John who was there in spirit, Bill, Pascal, Le and his son Huy, Brian and Margo for making it such a great day and we all can't wait for the next run to come soon enough. Happy Solexing till next,
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