

"MORANBAH BOYS" 22-23 Oct 2011

Well this is the third year in a row now doing a SCAR tour', and as usual the riding was fantastic. This year we had a group of sixteen riders with three not able to make it, leaving only thirteen to enjoy the ride. Six of us had been the previous year so knew what to expect but Bill and Boyley never disappoint and had plenty of new trails for us to sample. That's what's so great about the riding these guys provide, for three years now, we have been down that way and the guys always provide awesome and different tracks to ride.

Most of the guys turned up to the cabins on the Friday night where a few beers were downed while we had a great BBQ. Come Saturday morning everyone was dressed and chomping at the bit to get into it, so after all the introductions we're done and Boyley's welcoming everybody in his own unique way. So off we headed into town at the first intersection was when the first crash of the day happened Graham's young cousin riding a KTM 525 threw it away down the bitumen, watching it on helmet camera that night was priceless and had everyone in stitches good thing he was ok.

The first day is usually set at a good steady pace as not to loose to many people to injury or bike problems or so we thought. By the end of day one we had Craig out with a bad knee and Greg's bikes front wheel was missing a few spokes and bent quit bad, so at least he had Craig's bike to ride. Overall the riding was brilliant and everyone was having a ball, Steve was providing a great feed when we stopped for smoko and lunch having a BBQ in the surroundings we were in was awesome.

So once back to the cabins the drinking was well under way as the stories unfolded a rule was made at the start of the day that if you crashed you had to put 2 dollars on the bar and 5 dollars if you were caught and never admitted it, so this year we went to the local bowls club to have a feed and lets just say the food was top shelf along with the company and the crash fund on the bar. Even Big Bill was seen having a crash or two very unusual. After a great time at the bowls club we made our way back to the cabins where more stories and drinking was being done, most people who were smart, hit the sack at a reasonable time, except two stayers. Won't mention names.

Come Sunday morning most everyone was feeling ok, a few sore bodies and heads but mostly ok. We set off to the bowls club for a much needed feed, for some anyway (must have been that lost kabana why some guys were hungry, or maybe the pineapple wasn't that filling). Anyway after a good breaky, we headed out. A mate of ours turned up for the ride on Sunday and after riding with him for several years, I knew he would be good for some entertainment and as usual, he didn't disappoint with some top notch crashes, sorry Jade had to mention that.

The second day is always my favourite day, as we do plenty of good single trail with some good up hills and down hills thrown in, this is riding. We had a few flat tires this year four in the first half of the day so the pace was a bit slow to start with but soon picked up. The day started well for me as I got to see Henry Turtle boy Brooks have a crash which is very unusual and all you could see on my helmet cam for the next 10 minutes was me laughing. Great stuff.

As I said before the second day is always great as Boyley takes great pleasure in punishing everyone this year in particular Graham on his kato 300 but to his credit he was the only one who didn't crash all trip and made every hill the first time, got the two banger. The most spectacular crashes were provided by Jade, with a nice loop out up a hill and one where he didn't quit make a corner and thought he was a bulldozer. Lucky the trees stopped him from going any farther as it was a nasty drop over the edge.

After the rain we had on Saturday night, the riding was awesome to say the least, plenty of traction and very little dust. So to cap it off, I would recommend this ride to any one that just wants to turn up and ride with nothing to worry about, as the guys from SCAR TOURS look after you brilliantly, from the riding to the food and top blokes to boot. Although Boyley is leaving probably to attend his goat farm (still didn't show us where it was) he will be missed but hopefully when we come back he can attend, if not I know Bill will find a great guy as a replacement maybe not the same vocabulary as Boyley, but good just the same. So once again to the guys from SCAR, thank you from everybody for a great trip and we will defiantly see you next year for another ride cheers.

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