

Breakfast Run 20 Feb 2011 – Vaal de Grace

It was sunny by 06h00 on Sunday 20 February in the year 2011. As in the life of many Hoggers, the state of the weather normally leads to a decision to ride the breakfast run or not. In our household it works slightly differently though because only terminal illness or severe hail will prevent the missus from getting onto Scooter, leaving me no choice but to get on as well.

Anyway, the sunshine did its magic and 30 + 1 bikes turned out for the run. The +1 we lost as we left the shopping centre – apparently because we rode to fast for Johann Weideman's brand new Couch (un-aptly called FatBoy 2). He is still exercising his bike and maybe within the next week or two they may reach the dazzling speed of 120km/h.

Our journey took us past some uneven roads as we braved the road works on the N1. After many a bounce we got past Soweto and from there it was plain sailing, except for a loose wire that had the Biker Buddy corps bubbling with excitement. Val de Grace Golf estate was where we were heading and it was stunning. Congratulations to our Road Captain for finding it because no-one knew if it was in Gauteng or the Free State – being situated on an island in the Vaal River. Breakfast was on a wooden deck on the river and was truly a splendid affair.

Thanks to the team who organised this event and the Marshalls who took us there. I trust that this journey will entice the two guest riders who joined us to become Hog-Pta members as well.