
AUDAX NEWSLETTER

PERTH REGION

September 2006

HAPPENINGS

- Audax AGM 9.00am Saturday 28th October 2006 at Point Walter café Bicton.
Let's have a really good turnout. Like Vampires we are always looking for new blood!
- **PERTH-ALBANY-PERTH** update 6/11/2006
15 confirmed entries for the PAP 3 from Germany 10 others Likely and 10 enquiries.
The route will be Perth-Bunbury-Busselton-Nannup-Manjimup-Walpole-Albany and then return via Donnybrook.
400k & 1000k options can be incorporated within the ride if you are so inclined.
Anyone able to assist as helpers would be most appreciated – contact Nick Dale for details on 0400 300 850 or 9285 0083.
If you can accommodate any of our overseas/eastern states entrants please contact Nick.
- Any member who has an email address please let Brian Hawes know, so that he can update his information (phone 9594 2730) Brian's email address is brian_hawes@aapt.net.com
- I am afraid I am a little out of touch after 2 months away in the UK.
What I really wondered whilst over there was did I actually climb all those horrendous hills on a 46 X 24 gear! Ah youth! All those years ago.
- I am also afraid I called 25,000 cyclists some rather nasty things when they gridlocked South London on their way to Brighton on a fun ride (just what you need at the end of a non stop overnight flight from Perth) Brian Hawes's son-in-law was in there some where.
Blow me, on the day we drove round the 160km "Ring of Kerry" in Ireland we had the same experience with some 5000 cyclists, doing the same thing as us in the same direction.
We visited several university towns – can I suggest undergraduates have a 2day course on how to ride a bike before they do anything else! Plus being given a copy of the Highway Code.
- Some of you may have read the awful account of the Australian Women injured and killed whilst training in Germany, last year (featured in the weekend Australian) be careful out there – bike riders will always come off second best to the car.

At last SPRING – the mornings are lighter, it's getting warmer, the birds are attacking cyclists again and an Audax rider's fancy turns to being first to the Top of the Hill.

.....Enjoy your cycling
Ralph Morgan.

Past Rides

27 May	150k	Foothills cruise. First of the new 150K rides, had a good turn out with 2 new riders, thanks to Ken Dupuy split into 2 groups with one very fast.
10 June	200K	Historic Meander A cool windy day for 12 brave souls. Paul & Glen's first 200K plus Fred Cottier (73). All finishing before dark – Congratulations.
24 June	100K	Dupuy Dawdle. Possibly the hardest 100 of the year once again well supported.
15 July	300K	Mid Winter Tour 9 starters for this 300 with one mystery rider on a mini wheel bike. Bjorn acquired a road kill rabbit en route for his supper.
29 July	200K	The Lakes. Only 4 riders (Colin, Wayne, Paul Lever and Glen) on a miserable wet day.
12 August		Southlands Tour. (see Ross Cusson's excellent report enclosed).
26 August	200k	Pickering Brook Delight. A really tough 200 with a good turnout on a perfect day after a very cold start. Organiser Paul Robbins added an extra loop at the end just for fun!

Future Rides

9 September	600K	Rockingham loops 5.00am 600k Contact Brian Hawes 95942730.
23 September	150K	Taste of the Hills 7am 150k Contact Alan Tolcher 9490 4449
6 October (Friday)	1200K	Perth – Albany – Perth 5am 1200k Contact Bjorn Blasse 0404 866 078.
21 October	200K	The New Classic 7am 200k Contact Adrian Giacci 9328 8808.
6 November	360K	Opperman ADT 7am 360k. Teams submit route of your choice. Contact Bjorn Blasse 0404 866 078.

Dwellingup Overnight Camp

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th November 2006

Contact Rod Marston

on

9368 4552

.....Safe and happy riding to everyone.

Ralph Morgan

400km supported ride 12 AUG 2006

Ross Cussons organiser support

It should have been easy. Bjorn had given me the folder with entry forms, route sheets Brevet Cards and a pen weeks before the event.

Then with entries coming in it was noticed that route was to include the Old Bunbury Road which has been excluded now that traffic volumes have increased very considerably. So the route had to be changed. This was not hard but while we were making changes it was decided to change the starting place.

Once again it should have been easy but somehow I neglected to notify Colin and Wayne of the changes. As a consequence Duncan, Bjorn, Chris and Eamonn arrived at the new starting place at Alan Tolcher's for a 05.00 start, and Wayne and Colin arrived at the formerly announced start point.

The first four set off in light misty rain on wet roads at 5am. After a phone call Colin and Wayne arrived at Alan's and started some 50 odd minutes late, as the rain really set in.

It is on days like the day that we had that I really admire Audax riders. It was hard driving from Gosnells to the first control at The Half Way House at North Bannister so it must have been a tough ride. Wayne and Colin made up a lot of the time they had lost and all riders had a hot cuppa and some food at the control. Very wet clothes were rung out and put back on, or if available dry ones were put on. All riders left the control together in improving weather.

On the ride to the next control at Dwellingup, the riders except Wayne, stayed together and arrived fairly dry. Unfortunately there was a very heavy shower just before Wayne pulled in so he got wet again. Hot drinks and some food went down well again. I'm sure that the downhill from Dwellingup towards Pinjarra was appreciated as all riders headed towards the flat and the control at Harvey. The lady in a deli snack bar at Harvey had agreed to stay open at the prospect of six hungry Audax riders. All enjoyed the steak burgers with their hot drinks, before they headed off to Pinjarra.

The control at Pinjarra was set up at the usual place near the park and Post Office, opposite the Chooks shop. Some of the riders took advantage of the Chooks which was closing at 8.30pm. A light shower, as the food and drink was being enjoyed, necessitated a move under cover into the Post Office post box area before the riders headed off together on the last leg back to Gosnells.

While the weather on the day could have been better, from the point of view of the support person the day went well with the riders staying together and supporting each other and completing the event in good time.

Ross Cussons
organiser/support