

Guys FAR RIDE 500

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This ride is different to any ride that our club has run. I have based it loosely on the 'FAR RIDERS' style of ride, which have been inspired by the American Iron Butt Assoc. The FAR Riders have 3 rides 1,000Km's (1,000 – 1199Km's) the medium ride 1200Km's (1200 – 1,599Km's) and the big one 1,600Km's (1,600+ Km's) all to be completed within 24hours.

How it works:

I will give a destination and a time. It is the participant's aim to get there and on time. They must also within 24hrs complete 500km's. This will be a Friends and Rellies ride so bring your friends, family and even the Grand kids.

You will need to plan your route, fuel stops, toilet breaks and coffee/lunch breaks yourself and to arrive at your destination on time also plan your own activities while there, there is heaps to see and do. You need to be mindful that you have a schedule to keep.

This is not a ride for everyone and the fact that it will be run on Saturdays will probably omit some people. This is also going to be a long ride for many; hopefully this isn't too daunting and won't put anyone off. I am planning to do 2 rides a year. I'm looking at the Saturday after the Odyssey (500km's) and the big one (700km's) the Saturday when daylight saving comes to an end in April.

What I suggest is for you to work out how far the destination is from home, using anything at your disposal, paper maps, Google maps, GPS etc. Subtract the distance from the ride distance and plan to have that distance covered by the time you check in. Example: If you live 210Km's from the destination, subtract that from 500km's which leaves 290Km's. So your ride needs to be 290km's when you check in. What you can do is ride to the destination of 210km's, ride past it another 40km's, then return 40km's back to the location, leaving the required trip back home to complete the 500km's. You need to be careful that you don't fall short of the 500Km's target. It is hard to make up the shortfall on busy 50kph roads with traffic lights around town.

Time is not your friend. Try and avoid leisurely rides through the hills on roads of low speeds. You have to make your way quickly using the most direct route through to high speed roads and highways capable of 100Kph and 110Kph. As a guide I use the formula 1 hour and 20 mins per 100 km's to be travelled. So in the above example I would need to travel 290Km's to check in, which is close to 300Km's, so I would allow 4hrs travel or more.

Going to give it a go?

On Saturday 12-Oct-2013 we are heading to Peterborough Visitor Centre arrive between 13:00 – 13:30. As your leaving home, send me an SMS, with your name, pillion name, odometer reading and the time of departure. I will get the rest of the details I need at check in. When you arrive home after the ride, send me another SMS with your name, odometer reading and time of arrival.

I hope to see you there!