

Run Report

Bathurst 5/6 May 2012

Bathurst has been run for another year,

We met at Rutherford Maccas, unfortunately Josh's torry wouldn't start and we waited an hour for him as he had to buy a new coil to start his car (the generals little giant killers don't leave their injured behind!). Once he & Katrina arrived we had 6 little torries making the trip to Torana Meca.

We set off down the Putty Road along with hundreds of mad bike riders coming from every direction, at the end of the Putty Road we then headed west along the Bells Line to Lithgow.

After a late lunch at Lithgow we decided to head for the Farm Stay property we have booked for XU1's on the Mountain this October. To get there we went through a "little" town called Tarana, we'll definitely have to go back to check out this town next time we go to Bathurst.

We found the farm stay and unfortunately the 3 legged dog couldn't lift his leg to pee and had to lean on Josh's torry (Josh managed to buff out the scratch marks but we'll have to address this issue with the property owner later), we were shown around the premises and all seemed ok.

We then quickly headed for the track as daylight was fading fast, unfortunately half the track was closed due to a hill climb, so we checked into the Rydges and went back out for a couple of full laps as the track was now open to traffic, this was great to watch as we were joined by Aust & American classic cars who were there for the hill climb. PS. Josh is going to have to rebuild his brakes as all of have had to do after our first trip to Bathurst.

Dane booked a maxi taxi to take us to Panthers for dinner, when the taxi arrived there was a stand-off at the Motel Reception but the guys reluctantly guzzled down their beers and had to dispose of the bottles before we could get in the taxi. Shannon was our taxi driver and little did he know what Huddo had planned for him later that night!

Everyone had a good meal, played pool and had some drinks. It was then time for Huddo to call his beloved Shannon, we waited a couple of minutes for him to hurry over and pick us all up again, we then went on a "hot lap" in the Toyota 12 seater disability bus with Huddo sitting in the front passenger seat doing his best Neil Crompton commentary around the mountain (after a bit of editing I'm hopeful this footage will be released), Huddo offered him a cash bonus to drive on the race line and to use the ripple strips, this was money well spent.

Thick fog rolled in Sunday morning and some weren't feeling too good for breakfast, after checking out of the motel we headed out on the track, got some grid photos and headed up the mountain to check out the hill climb, we put on a "little" car display, we would've loved to stay and watched the couple of torries participating but time was against us.

We had a good return trip home via Kandos/Rylstone, but a motorcycle rider who had overtaken all of us earlier had dropped his bike and scored himself a ride in an ambulance 10 mins outside of Rylstone. We covered around 800 kms with no hassles or dramas.

This was a very enjoyable "little road trip" with great people and great cars!!

For the record –

6 little – Rick & Yvonne, Josh & Katrina, Mel, Dane, Douggo, Huddo & Pauly (Huddo Snr)

Thanks

Yvonne Yates



Dane flew the flag for the big torries that couldn't make it

