

Ride 431 Report – 22 April 2012

TI Joe Returns.....!

Hares: TI Joe and Machine

Machine confided in me on Friday before the ride that it was all set and the only thing that could go wrong would be if it rained before Sunday or if there was live firing on the range. In case of the latter he proposed sending in British sappers to clear the ordinance as they were well known cannon fodder in WWI and II.

At the start of the ride there were no Hares in sight, was this because they had been shot or was it caused by the storm overnight? So we set off through the inevitable building site (what can you build in a cemetery?). Very soon unfamiliar butts appeared at the rear of the pack as mechanical malfunctions, broken chains and punctures took their toll. Even Coo Chi Coo was seen rounding up his harem at one check, anxious that they would not be left out to cook in the sun.

After a muddy start the wheels started to roll along single track and fire road and it started to feel very good. The pace was fast and the checks held so the pack was still together. Mantraps or watery graves were a hazard in the area.

After the cemetery and the army training ground we headed off for higher learning at NTU and some hard riding on a long climb through the campus.

As we headed again into the undergrowth grown men (well maybe) were reduced to tears pushing up a slippery wooded hill followed by a gravity dropping descent alongside the fence.

Was it enjoyable? Absolutely.

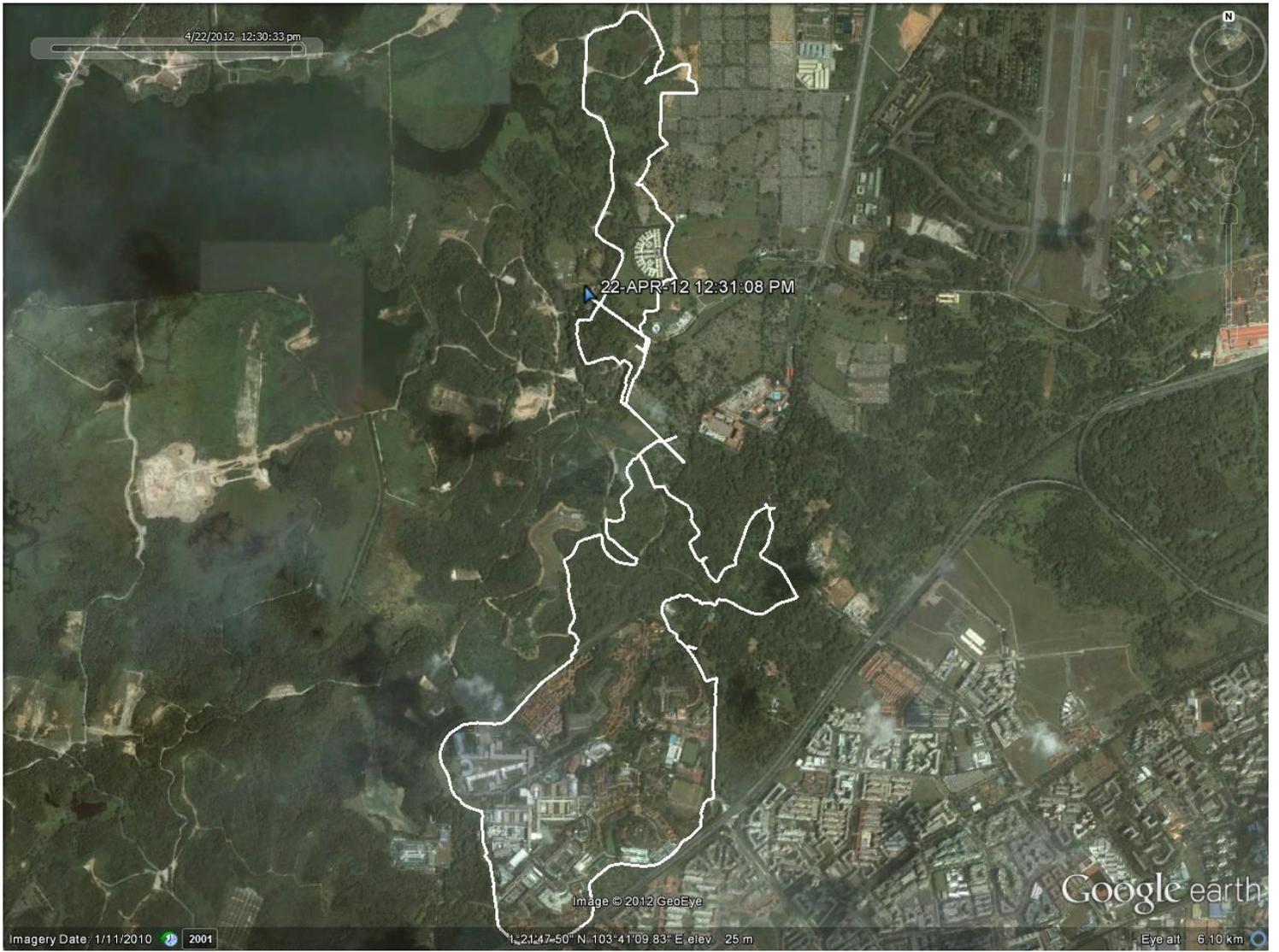
Can we do it again? Yes please.

A refreshing change from the central catchment with the potential for more rides.

Thanks!

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Stiffy



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1°21'47.50" N, 103°41'09.83" E, elev. 25 m

Eye alt 6.10 Km

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