

# Ride 432 Report – 19 May 2012

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## The “Guignols” Ride.....!

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The Tour de France is the biggest spectator event in the world. So what could we expect from our expat French riders.....

The first annual Guignols ride was a resounding success. (Do you know how difficult it was for an Englishman to write that about the French?)

Tricolore painted hares marched the sizeable pack off from Sengkang straight into a wedding. Is this what they meant by reputedly virgin biking territory? The pace was furious, no doubt due to the influx of carbon full suss XC bikes in the hands of some old dogs keen to show off their tricks. Despite how much you pay you can't ride on a flat and TI Joe was left at the side with a puncture. Formerly Fat Crashing Bastard in aerodynamic mode slipped past to the head of the bunch often lead out by his team mate Too Easy. So keen was she to reduce weight that she even jettisoned her pump to save 150g.

We headed for Seletar and the aerospace park, no granny gears needed as the speedo clocked 40kph on the flat. Is this a criterion? Even the temperature rose and it seemed to many of us to be the hottest ride we have had this year. The pack remarkably stayed together despite the high speed due to the half kilometre or so checks across the dam.

We headed for home across building sites and park connectors, through the Venice of the north. Just before we arrived back at the park Machine wrapped his gears around the chainstay in a convincing display of strength so luckily a short walk.

At the circle Claire arranged a generous supply of cheese, olives, pate and wine. What do we think about the French ride?

Magnifique!!!

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