

Ride 438 Report – 23 September 2012

Über Ubin Extravaganza Ride!

Hares: Mike Maxwell, Loh Ching Soo, David Lucas.

En route to Tour de Bintan. Have followed the organiser's instructions and arrived two hours early. Checked-in in five minutes and made the fatal mistake of going straight through immigration to departure lounge. There were plenty of eating places before this point but once you "go through" you feel like you are already in Indonesia. I am now sitting with a watered down black kopi, that local interpretation of coffee that has you doing spider man impressions and is equally at home as a substitute for creosote for painting your garden shed. Any beetle that gnaws into wood soaked in kopi will hyperventilate to death in seconds.

Time to write a belated Ride Report to pass the hours, so let's revisit the Pulau Ubin ride. Always a popular venue as it gets us nearer to true off road terrain than we tend to find in Singapore, so a big crowd in attendance, even had Tim back in charge.

The Hares delighted us with a real treat of a ride taking in various off road trails, beach and a section of the MTB trail. Paper was somewhat scarce at times and there was a feeling that some hasty patchwork was taking place with Hares quickly placing paper. Inevitably, they tried to make us go up to the quarry view but few people were falling for this T-check for a third year. The part that did catch everyone was the trudge along the beach to find a T-check, and no turtles to be seen. There was some relief that people were not going to have to go swimming a la Bintan escapades. Other than that, not to understate the ride, it was tremendous fun. If only we had the opportunity to do more like it.

The large unruly circle was called together by Tim and the three Hares were congratulated on their fine efforts. We had eight virgins, all of whom swore immediate fealty to the Bike Hash, we will see. According to my notes we had Fucking Easy (that may have been a comment on the ride), Charles, Paula, Ben, Jacob, Tom, Neil, Lyn. And returnees Robert, Fraser (without oxygen tent), Thomas and one other.

For some reason ex-FCB was a proxy for Crash of the Day. I somehow acquired thorns in my fingers so Nurse Wendy came to the rescue, but for her pains was given quote of the day, something about sucking a small prick. On downs went to, amongst others, Nobby Boy Scout for doing his best to avoid coconuts, clearly needs fatter wheels. Regan was awarded his Hash name of Turtle Head. If you don't know what the reference to that is, look it up in the Urban Dictionary.

Finally, the Bangkok Interbike Hash is scheduled for 26th January 2013, a must go event.

Verdict: Fabulous ride, good nosh afterwards, should do it more often.

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