

Ride 450 Report – 16 June 2013

The Danish Ride!

Hares: Lars Nelleman and Per Ovesen

Location: Cactus Road off Yio Chu Kang Road

Not being requested to scribe until the Circle started and then not having time to sit down and recall events from a week ago, these notes will be a bit sketchy... Excuses over, let me start with another one.....

Arriving 10 minutes late for the start of the ride (because I forgot my bike shoes and had to turn back.....) does not make it so easy to find the initial trail but, eventually it was right in front of me so off I go with a hurried pace to try and catch up. As soon as I turned left onto Yio Chu Kang Road, I had sight of the Pack that was just across the road. I was very lucky to have missed the first of many loops to come!

Into the jungly area for some nice smooth trails, but before we knew it, we were back out on Yio Chu Kang Road and then right back into the same area. Then the trail seemed to split – paper was seen straight down the road and was also seen to the left towards the canal. Luckily, I guessed correctly and took the canal trail. Must have been a clash with the running Hash the Hares apparently mentioned at the briefing that I missed.....

After crossing the canal, we were back on Yio Chu Kang Road again, heading towards Lentor Ave. After crossing the major intersection, a sharp right and we were on Lentor Loop. A circle check awaited us at Lentor Drive which didn't slow your Scribe down as I headed straight ahead knowing that this was Lars' old backyard which is very familiar. I guessed correctly again and was back on the trail.

For the third and last time, back on Yio Chu Kang Road! We were soon skirting along the edge of Lars' old jungle haunt and sure enough – I should have known better – an excellent T-check behind the houses at the bottom of the hill. Climbing all the way back, why did I then ride straight back down the road in front of the same houses? To keep on the Hares trail, that's why, as it was now heading back up the hill behind the adjacent houses...

Back on the road and passing where the old Teachers Association club house use to be, I witnessed the most impressive sight – Ross biked up all of the stairs to Tagore Road! The trail then took us out to Upper Thompson Road and then into some more jungly area where our Hare, Lars, was waiting for us with a smile on his face. He pointed us to the left and as soon as the trail curved left to take us back along the SLE, I knew it was a loop. Once we again crossed the spot where Lars had waited for us we head up a bastard hill and take a left to finally get some shade in the thick jungle.

Bashing our way through, we popped out back along the SLE where Lars was again waiting. This time I was far enough behind that I (fortunately...) missed another of the Hare's loops. After crossing Lentor Ave and under the SLE, we were back into jungly stuff which seemed more like a jungle construction site. Greeted by the second Hare, Sonny, grinning inanely and pointing us to the left we head of on yet another loop, but this one

was scenic as it took us beside the golf course. Once we had doubled back and through some single track, we were back on Yio Chu Kang Road and Home was just across the street.

The Circle saw a few random charges including Crash of the Day by Back Entrance who managed to fall in the water when crossing the canal (edited out of the YouTube btw!); best “talk the hind leg off a donkey” speech by No Good who talked the traffic warden out of nicking those parked in, let’s say awkward positions; a few questions to the gaggle of three Dutch guests who had joined us (they may be trying to take over from the French as they indicated they’d certainly be back.....) including why one of them, twice the size of Coo Chi Coo, had smaller feet than the latter!

On On was at Pietro, a semi-swanky Italian joint a few km from the circle. The Hares asked us to “shower before you go to the On On” – really, what *were* they thinking!!! Your scribe biked over and enjoyed the pizza and beer in full Hash kit!

Verdict: Probably the best Danish ride of the year, particularly since it’s the only one so far!

Scribed by,
Ditch

