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The Tale Of Blazing Saddle Bags



**6:30 AM Caltex service station.
Thursday 18th September**

What am I doing here? I asked myself. I had agreed or perhaps was coerced into participating in the Black Rose bikers club Phuket run to Hat Yai and Trang. This was part of the 3 Nations charity event where bikers from Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand get together in aid of charity.

So, with my friends, Gordon and Glynn, we found ourselves at this ungodly time of the morning, meeting up with 10 bikers from the Rose, all suitably geared and fuelled up ready to go.

The event was to involve first a one night stop in Hat Yai, where special bike events were to be laid on. After that to travel back

to Trang on the following day, where another event was to be staged on the 19th and culminating in some 1000+ bikes run on Saturday 20th.

The weather looked promising at 6:30 that Thursday morning with the sun just emerging over the horizon when we set off. This perhaps was just to fool us because we had not even reached the bridge to leave Phuket when the heavens opened. Not to be daunted, us hardened bikers (and me) carried on albeit at a greatly reduced pace towards our first fuel stop at Phang Nga. More rain!

After breakfast in Phang Nga and after wringing out our now soaked garments, we set off again to a lunch stop in Trang. 200km I thought and it's still lobbing it

down. Well, the sun did appear for about 15 seconds on the road to Trang. By this time of course my plastic rain ware had shredded itself and decided to melt upon my bike's exhaust pipe. I now was beginning to think, that with all things taken into consideration, this was not perhaps such a good idea on my part. However, teeth gritted we battled on towards Trang. This involved another fuel stop some 60km short of our lunch stop.

On the way I had noticed a peculiar smell that seemed to be travelling with us. It was only when we pulled up at the fuel stop that it became obvious where the smell was coming from. Unbeknown to him, Glynn, whose bike was equipped with saddle bags, was on fire!!

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