

BJORN'S
Paris Brest Paris Report

.....WELL DONE ALL PARIS BREST PARIS RIDERS.....

Also included is a copy of Bjorn's report. Chris Antoniou had the misfortune to have his bike stolen just before the start.

It rained all through the event, Wayne was seen on the internet, looking like a drowned rat, somewhere on the route.

Eight brave souls crossed the globe to ride the hardest PBP in 30 years. We take sunshine for granted here in WA as there was none to be seen over the 90 hours. There was however plenty of rain. Oh boy was there rain and some head wind thrown in for good measure. The bridge coming into Brest was a welcome sight for all of us and our spirits were lifted in the knowledge that we only had another 600 km to go. One of the hardest decisions a long distance cyclist has to make on an event like this is having to choose whether to continue or stop. Two of our guys were among the 2000 others that chose to stop. It was a tough ride that claimed several casualties and even a death.

Returning home and riding around Perth was very strange as I missed having folk standing on the side of the road in the rain clapping and cheering us on. No children beckoning us to stop and drink coffee eat cake that they had made for us. For me it was really the locals and the international riders that you met along the way that made this ride so special. Sharing these hardships with them made for lasting memories.

Tour de France...

Brian Smith and Pat Briggs saw all of the tour in a mini coach with eight other enthusiasts. Plus visiting the routes of the early season classics and a number of excellent Belgian cafes to check that their beers were up to standard.

Glenn Mitton also saw the tour in England (see enclosed report) and toured in Wales and along the Rhine to Switzerland (will be featured in the next newsletter).

Ross Cussons was also at the London time trial, then went on to Ireland.

It was hard enough staying up to watch the tour on TV, let alone ride it. I thought the filming of the descents were particularly spectacular.

Which of you gentlemen was it in the devils outfit?
