

Adler Rally 3, Tanunda SA, November 16-17, 2013

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation and running of the Adler Rally 3.

Special thanks go to the catering teams who provided breakfast at Tanunda, coffee and cake at Gawler, and a BBQ lunch at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood.

Thanks also go to all the marshals and pick up crews on both days, and to everyone who took photos and movies.

The weather on both days was perfect, the rally route very challenging, with the display and judging at the National Motor Museum being the focal point of the rally.

Leaving Tanunda with ten Adlers, a Horex, Maico, Heinkel and Kreidler got the rally off to a good start on Saturday morning, and we travelled along scenic back roads to Gawler for a morning tea stop.

Rebel's Adler fell victim to the Dead Man's Pass curse and was put on the trailer for the run to Birdwood, where we were joined by two more Adlers and a DKW for our display at the National Motor Museum.

The line-up showed off twelve Adlers, the largest group ever assembled in Australia in recent years. There were MB250 models from 1954 to 1956, an MB250S (sports model with upswept pipes), an MB with twin carburettors, and two Sprinters from 1957 and 1958, that being the last model of the production line. Records show that only 320 Sprinters were ever made, so they're a rare find today.

Two staff members from the Museum were invited to judge the display, and then the run headed back to Tanunda via Mt Crawford Forest, Williamstown and Lyndoch.

Dinner was held that evening at the Tanunda Clubhouse, and trophies were presented for several categories. Every entrant received a certificate of participation plus a bottle of Eagle Red from the best local vintage (special thanks to Zeke).

Sunday's run was from Tanunda to Hahndorf and back, over some of the best roads in the Adelaide Hills, capping of an excellent day's ride. Lunch was at the Hahndorf Inn, and big fat German sausages washed down with German beer will be long remembered, especially by some of our interstate visitors!

Tom and Bev Stevenson from Brisbane told us that they were each riding Adlers when they met at an Adler dealer's premises in 1956, and Keith Wall from Sydney bought his Adler new in 1956 and was still riding it in this year's rally.

The members of the Juventus MCC would like to thank everyone who participated in the rally, and we hope you all enjoyed the countryside and South Aussie hospitality.

Otto Muller