

South Bruce 200 Ride Report

May 17, 2008

Carey Chappelle

Congratulations to Carey Chappelle, Dick Felton, Tristan Goguen, Bill Little, John Maccio, Con Melady, Adriaan Verhulst and Rudy Ziegler!

These Gents all finished the first Huron Chapter Brevet for the 2008 season. For Adriaan Verhulst...WOW! This was the first brevet ever for Adriaan and he had no problem leading the riders through this 200km event.

Carey Chappelle and his family (wife Donna, daughter Erika and her friend Jessie Dawson) met Adriaan Verhulst in New York City during the Five Borough Bike Tour, May 4, 2008. Standing in line with 35,000 other cyclists, Adriaan started chatting with Carey and mentioned that he was going to do his first ever brevet, out of Port Elgin, Ontario. Needless to say, the two of them could not believe they met each other on a ride with that many cyclists and were going to get together soon.

The South Bruce 200 started at 7am, the light rain turned into a down pore for the next 1.5hrs. After 5km, Carey was thinking about packing it in, but no one else complained so neither did he.



Bill Little...A Little Wet!

Thank-fully, the weather forecast made a sudden change and the soaker turned into a tanner! The ride from Wingham to Kincardine featured a strong head wind that gave everyone a chance to lead the way and realize how beneficial it is to have a few others around you and share the load. Reaching the coast, the riders headed North on the first unpaved, but gorgeous section to Kincardine.



Bill Little and Tristan Goguen

Arriving in Kincardine, the riders had their Control Cards signed and then gathered at the Pub for some beverages and treats.



Carey, Con, Tristan, Bill, Rudy, Adriaan and Dick!

Leaving Kincardine, the riders basically owned the roads to Port Elgin, passing the Bruce Power Nuclear Station, climbing one short but steep hill and then simply enjoying the sunshine and the bonus of the wind being blocked by the forests. The riders had their Control Cards signed and then enjoyed some snacks and stories on the patio before saying good-bye.