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Centre 9 - East Midlands

LOST RIDERS



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JUNE 2007

Derbyshire, Notts, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northants, Rutland

The Return of The Peacock 2007 YORKIES RALLY *Reporter: Terry Warren*

Leading up to the first rally of the year, the weather reports got steadily worse as the event grew closer.

Special one for me this; four years ago this weekend, Jane & I went to our very first VSOC rally, hosted by the Yorkies - memories...

We had to go up on Sat, so missed the Fri. night, the band, and the sunniest day of the weekend. Never mind, the trip on Sat morning was pretty much dry, and not a bad ride to Doncaster. We met Rod & Cath at Bingham, and set off excited and in good spirits.

As we arrived, a few spots of rain, tents up, and start to relax.

We pitched our tent beside the portable hotel, that is Steve and Clare's tent (see photo p. 3), it's a nice tent mate, but a bugger to put away.

Tony and Kendra called in to say hello before they set off to the States, have fun.

Wow so many members, I am told the final attendance was just under 500, well done people, never let the weather beat you, that's the way.

Off to the club house for the evenings entertainment. Saturday's band, Two out of Three, how good were they? Some of the best rocking cover songs I have heard in ages, the



room absolutely packed, really was jumping. Very late to bed, might even have been wet, can't remember. The one thing I do know is it sure as hell was wet on Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon, and Sunday evening, didn't rain much in the pub though. Quite a few of us enjoyed the hospitality of Steve, good job you had that tent mate. Dozens of us walked up the road to the pub, good food but none too reliable. (cont. p 4)

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Wot's On

JUNE

- 1 Friday - Charity Ceiledh at Branston Hall Hotel for Lincolnshire ChildLine, tickets £8 each or £15 a pair. - for tickets ring 01522 750395.
- 2 Saturday - Centre 9 Paintballing Day £7.50 each
- 6 Wed. Cruiser Night - Tyrwhitt Arms, Fiskerton/Short Ferry
- 10 Sun. Sunday meet – Trev's BBQ Ride out. (See p. 3 for details)

8-10 VSOC International Rally, Sweden.

- 9-10 GEMS - Kent
- 13 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Coningsby
- 23 Ride-out organised by EJ to raise funds for St Barnabas Hospice in memory of Geoff. £5 per bike. Starts at Fosdyke
- 23-24 Centre 9 Camping weekend hosted by John & Rosie Burdall Max 50, £5 per person.
- 27 Wed. Lancaster Bomber Night, East Kirby Aviation Centre

29-1 Jul. Centre 9 Lost Riders National Rally - Sherwood Shindig II. Advance tickets £15. Contact Terry, Little Malc or Big Malc

JULY

- 5 Thurs. Barton Bike Night
- 8 Lincs. Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 11 Wed. Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Cons'by
- 13-15 Centre 15 Party - Hoo's Ready 2 Rock
- 14-15 Kelso Bikefest, Scotland
- 27-29 **Centre 10 Saxon Warriors National Rally Fen Frolics 2**
- 29 Lincoln Big Bike Fest - Brayford Wharf

AUGUST

- 8 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Cons'by
- 3-5 Scrumpies Summer Party
Western Super Mare £7.00 - members only
- 10-11 Derbyshire Area Camping Barn weekend at Sinnington, N.Yorks. See Ken
- 12 Lincs. Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 24-27 **Centre 18 Peninsula Pirates National Rally Swiggin' in the Rigg'in' 2.**

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Lincs Sunday meet - venue TBA
- 7-9 Virago Star Club Nederland National Rally
- 12 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Cons'by
- 15-16 BMF Tailender, Peterborough
- 10 WednesdaLincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Cons'by
- 14 Lincs. Sunday meet - venue TBA

OCTOBER

- 5-6 Outriders End of Season Party. Live music both nights, strippers on the Saturday night. Buffet included on the Friday night.
- 10 Wednesday Lincolnshire meeting 20:00 Castle Inn, Coningsby
- 14 Sunday meet - venue TBA

CAMPING WEEKEND

23 - 24th June: at John & Rosies Fosdyke, Lincolnshire.

There will be loo's, BBQ (just supply your own meat), FREE tea and coffee all the time.

ONLY £5.00 a Ticket!!! and we can use the workshop, so the weather will not be a problem (what ever it's doing). We have lots of room and would love as many people to come as possible, everyone will be welcome.

EJ is organising a ride out on the Saturday in memory of Geoff.

Please Get Your Tickets Now

Call Rosie on

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MEETING DATES & VENUES

CENTRE 9

Grey Goose Public House

Gedling, Nr Arnold

NOTTINGHAM

1st Tues of the month from 7.30pm

includes FREE BUFFET

DERBYSHIRE

Dusty Miller Public House

BARLBOROUGH

(just off J30 M1)

2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm

LEICESTERSHIRE / NORTHANTS

The Tavern Inn

WALCOTE,

Nr Lutterworth

1 minute from J20 M1

2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm

LINCOLNSHIRE

Castle Inn, CONINGSBY

2nd Wednesday of each month from 8pm

ALSO

2nd Sunday's - various locations!

WEBSITES

www.lostriders.co.uk

www.vsoc.org.uk



Things are really starting to happen now the season has begun and up till now the weather has been great. At the start of May we had the **Gathering** which was brilliant with about 80 bikes turning up.

Check out the photo's on the website! Then we had a ride and meet up at Willingham woods, a cold morning but still well attended. There's loads on in June so it should be another fun month.

Coningsby was well attended. It's Gegsy's tenth year of membership and Malc asked me to present him with is patch and certificate, which went down really well as you can see from the pic.



It was a great evening with plenty of chat and good humour, despite the lack of buffet for the second time. The general consensus seems to be that we look for a new venue.

Sunday meet was at the Green Man, Scamblesby. Lovely pub, well looked after, nice staff and great food. Thanks John for suggesting it. If anybody else has an idea for a suitable venue let me know. It doesn't

Trev's Lincolnshire Woldings



have to be a pub what about your local café?

Possible venues for June 13th - see my proposal (below), subject to some nice weather. I'll call it **Trev's BBQ Ride Out**. The plan is for me and Rachel to do a circular ride round a bit of the county and for anybody who wants to join us to tag on at any point around the ride finishing back at ours for a BBQ (Bring your own meat we will supply drinks/rolls etc.). Well that's the rough plan so now for the route and timings:

Back at Cherry I'll get the BBQ's going and we can have a bite, drink and chat about the ride. There's also a hot tub available so if you fancy that bring your swimming costume and relax in the bubbles after a pleasant ride!

Trev's BBQ Ride Out

Place	Arrive	Depart	
Cherry Willingham	09:45	10:00	Cherry Tree Cafe
Sleaford	10:30	10:45	Cogglesford Mill Car park
Horncastle	11:30	12:15	Red Lion
Market Rasen	13:15	13:45	Willingham Woods
Cherry Willingham	14:15		

Now what else is on? If you're reading this in the newsletter you should have been to the BMF Show and got all your bargains. (If you would like to be on my priority e-mail list, send me an e-mail to get on the list -

trac5641@yahoo.co.uk) Hope you popped in to the stand for a coffee and chat. Polly had got some willing volunteers lined up to welcome you.



Fancy a knee's up? There's a charity Ceiledh at Branston Hall Hotel on Friday 01 June (see below). Followed on Sat 02 June by the paintballing day (please don't shoot me in the head!). Sunday 10 June as above - BBQ rideout. Wednesday 13 June, Conningsby meet at the Castle Inn. 22-24 June camping weekend at Fosdyke, with EJ's charity ride for St Barnabus Hospice on Sat 23 June (You don't have to camp to take part). Then most important of all it's the Sherwood Shindig, tickets are still available so make sure you get yours, it's going to be a great weekend.

All this and much more can be found on the Centre 9 website "Wot's On?" page.

I have been asked about details of some specific Bike nights so here goes. The Lancaster Bomber Bike Night, is on 27 June at East Kirby Aviation Centre. £5 per bike ring 01790 763207. Barton Bike night is Wednesday 11 July see: www.bartonbikenight.co.uk.

For Lincolnshire Cruiser nights see: www.lincolnshirebikenights.com.

Regards,
Trev

Hello my fellow Viragophiles & Starites. Just returned from the **Yorkies Rally**. Cor! Great facilities at the **Donny Rugby Club**, and a good bloke manager who thanked us on the last night for being such a lovely group.

I particularly enjoyed the **21st Century Stones** (tribute band) on the Friday night, who were rather pretty young things (does that sound a bit gay? Well, it was a **Village People Theme Night** on the Saturday) - they seemed to get better and better as the evening

Gothic rumblings

went on, or it could just be I was getting more pissed. Anyway, there's nothing I like more than dancing with the missus to old Stones tracks like *Honky Tonk Woman* and *I Want It Painted Black*.

For fans of **Meatloaf** the band on Saturday night was a real thrill, while the Sunday Night band played mainly

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Rock 'n Roll and we liked it, liked it, yes we did. We didn't like the weather much on Sunday and Monday, but you can't blame that on Yorkshire, can you?

Rambling Keith

2007 YORKIES RALLY
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Had a bit of an afternoon siesta, took a photo of the sunset, just to prove it did come out, and set off to enjoy Sunday night. If you know the band The Jalopenos, then you know how good they are, and they did not dissapoint, brilliant, two really good sets, and the amazing thing was, even though there had been a steady stream of bikes leaving in the rain all day, the room was packed again. Monday morning woke up to the sound of rain, and boy was it cold. Still Steve and Clare had offered to cook us breakfast, and as we all packed into their tent, it got much warmer, and the rain hammering against the tent no longer seemed to matter. Lovely breakfast you two, and even the BBQ in the tent didn't seem that smoky, what a lovely start to the day. By the time we had all finished the rain had just about stopped, then Malc and Ken had arrived to pick up the rally equipment. More nattering, the world was getting a better place by the minute, then the sun came out, it could not get any better.



All tents down, no rain, just a little wind, everybody packed, now it was the turn of Chez Little (Fawltly Towers - see photo below - Malc is for scale!) That really is some area of tent, good job the wind was not any stronger, good old Malc, helpful suggestions made the task very much easier.



Read the rest of Terry's report on the Lost Riders Website:
<http://www.lostriders.co.uk/reports/2007/yorkies.htm>



LOST RIDERS WEBSITE

The web site goes from strength to strength. I am continually trying to introduce new things, and I hope you like what I do. The latest idea is a musical montage of pictures, the link is on the front page, have a look, let me know what you think. (Watched your 'Riding with the OCC Crew Video', Terry - honestly, I gotta tell ya, I'm impressed! - Ed.) I plan to add more if it is successful. Sadly we have now run out of Shindig T Shirts and Vests, so please do not order one, as you will be dissapointed. Just got back from the Yorkies, what a great rally, top notch bands, and a cracking venue, photos on-line now. Not long to the Shindig now, please book early, we cannot stress how helpful this is to us. **Ride Safe, have fun, and remember to tell me about it;** other people need to know how good it is here.

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TERRY

THUNDERSPRINT RIDEOUT



A rideout is usually good for all those that turn out.

The **Thundersprint** on Sunday 13th was no exception. We set off as planned, picking up folk as we went along the route. At J27, J28, Alfreton and the Tea Room, John & Bab's, Les & Janis, Ricky, Brian, Ken and Little Malc to name but a few - actually that name's us all.

Thanks to all those that turned out; the weather forecast was terrible so if you didn't get your bike out I don't blame you.

We met Ken and the Derby crew at the Tea room, just passed the **Cat and Fiddle** as planned, (in fact crew didn't turn out, and Ken did his lone lostrider, ride in).



The Tea room is a special place for us as they serve great food and our friend '**Goatee Paul**' has his ashes scattered around a tree in their garden, which incidentally is growing better than the other tree's on the lawn.

The food was good and the ride from there to Northwich was dry and easy, making Thundersprint a venue worth a ride to.

James May from the *Top Gear* show had a treat when he got an eyeful of two chicks from our group, Janis and Bab's he insisted on a photo shoot.

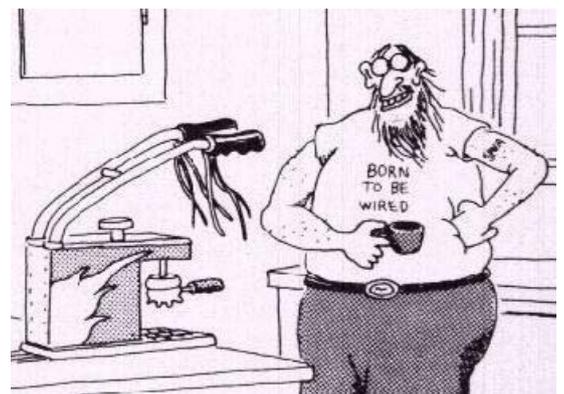
The ride back was *WET* - there is no more to say about it. Riding in the rain makes me nervous and it must have been obvious to those behind, as I take corners painfully slowly; we ride our own ride and that's me all over — painfully slow.

As the group split to wend our individual ways home, to a man and woman I got a cheery wave or thumbs up, it takes more than damp to get us down.

Thanks again to them that turned out, the company and the venue made the day a success, the damp a mere annoyance.

Little Malc

PS. Read damp as torrential downpour.



Malc's Bits

On the Saturday of the BMF weekend, a group of us got up bright and early for the 80 mile trip to the Peterboro' showground. We had a nice easy ride, not like the guy who'd lost his trailer wheel on one of the roundabouts near Grantham; mind you must be a bit of a shock when you see a wheel bouncing down the grass verge and then realise its yours. It was a tad on the breezy side going, but on the way back that had died down a bit but rain clouds took over instead. Luckily they missed us – but by the looks of it somebody was getting a good soaking..

The show was as expected but I think the bad press that the BMF have had over the last couple of years had took effect; bargains were there to be had but some of that special atmosphere was missing.



Malc presenting Rick with his VSO 10 Years Membership certificate at last month's Gedling meeting

The VSOC stand was as welcome as it ever was; there was always plenty of people there, either having a chat, a laugh, a rest or just planning where to go next.. It was nice to see our friends from other centres before the rally season starts; you can feel the anticipation when you talk to people – a bit like having text sex – oops sorry, too much information. malc

CONGRATS. JANE!



Congratulations to **Jane Lappage** for passing the test on her BMW 650 Enduro a couple of weeks ago. Jane rode her Beemer (shown left) to the Yorkies Rally.

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