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Centre 9 - East Midlands

LOST RIDERS

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LOST RIDERS FOUND IN SPAIN NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL REALLY LOST

Wow! Living here in Spain I always eagerly await the **Centre 9 Newsletter** and the **Clatter** to see what you guys have been up to! Last month not only did I get the newsletter but my **10-year membership** patch and my annual membership fee back in euros; what a lovely surprise - thanks Malc (and yes it is a poor excuse not to ride up to the **Grey Goose** to receive my patch). Since arriving in Spain (just south of **Torre Vieja** on the **Costa Blanca**) I have bought a 650 classic that I have hyper charged (well worth the effort). But as in England I have not used it as much as I would like, as there are some lovely mountain roads not far away. Through the newsletter we have met up with **Steve and Linda Green** who some of you will remember from the club, they live an hour up the coast from us in **Calpe**, so the **Lost Riders** are represented on the **Costa Blanca**. Any one else from Centre 9 out here please get in touch. Hi to all in the club who know Karen and myself.

P.S. Hi Roy and Julie have you still got my old 750? **ride safe**

Pete and Karen Mason
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Pete on his Draggie 650 Classic

STOP PRESS!

'HE'S MAD AS A BOX OF FROGS,' SNEERS WIFE AT JOBLESS HUBBY



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Wot's On

JULY

- 5 Thurs. Boston Bike Night
- 8 Sunday meet – Admiral Benbow, Chapel St. Leonards
- 11 Wednesday - Lincolnshire meeting – ride-in to Barton Bike Night
- 13-15 Centre 15 Party - Hoo's Ready 2 Rock**
- 14 DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER**
- 14-15 Kelso Bikefest, Scotland
- 27-29 Centre 10 Saxon Warriors National Rally
Fen Frolics 2**
- 29 Lincoln Big Bike Fest - Brayford Wharf

AUGUST

- 3-5 Scrumpies Summer Party** - Western Super Mare £7.00 - members only
- 8 Wednesday - Lincolnshire meeting cancelled
- 10-11 Derbyshire Area Camping Barn weekend at Sinnington, N.Yorks.**
See Ken
- 12 Lincs. Sunday meet - Trev on holiday
- 20 DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**
- 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

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

NOVEMBER

Wet, cold, miserable, but probably not as wet as June

DECEMBER

- 25 F**k me - It's Christmas again! Time for those Christmas parties



Irish Sat-Nav
(with apologies to any Irishmen or lovely Irish Colleens or anyone with Irish ancestry (...which includes me - Ed)

WEBSITES

www.lostriders.co.uk

www.vsoc.org.uk

WANTED

Photos, cartoons, jokes and reports on ride-outs, rallies, parties and other events for the Newsletter. *Thanks to all those who are sending stuff to me - it will get used in future Newsletters. Email your contributions to:*

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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

PowerSports Clay Cross
1st Sunday of the month from
10.00 am
and
**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!



Another newsletter! It only seems like yesterday when I was writing the last one. Maybe it seems like that because we have managed to cram so much in. There was the Yorkies rally at the end of May. Then the next weekend we had the paintballing day, everyone who came had a great time. Wednesday that week was the Cruiser Night at Fiskerton. Second weekend of the month and it's a circular rideout round the county finishing back at ours for a BBQ. I had hoped to recce the route but I didn't get round to it. So it was fingers crossed that autoroute and my map reading had come up with a good route and realistic timings. Not being a fan of early rising we decided to leave the boys at home, get straight up and arrive at the start point early enough to get breakfast there. Arriving a little later than planned at the Cherry Tree Café we order the bacon rolls. About halfway through them and our first co-riders arrive in the form of John and Les from Nottingham. As they've already come quite away it's only manners to give them chance to get a brew before we set off. Quick text to Polly at the next pick-up point to say we'll be a bit late. Don't worry says John we like a fast ride so we can make up some time. We set off at a brisk pace, arriving at Sleaford only ten minutes behind schedule. There we pick-up Polly and Steve and have a quick chat with Cath. She came out for a quick ride but was

Trev's Lincolnshire Woldings

worried that the 125 wouldn't be able to keep up, so she's going to meet us at Willingham woods with the car. Next stop Red Lion at Horncastle for a refreshment break. This is where the recce would have paid off, as I didn't know where the pub was. Into Horncastle and with my usual luck, it's not where I thought it was. Pull over and luckily Rachel spotted it on the way in. Back down the road and we pull into the car park bang on 11:30. Right back on schedule, not being Sunday pub goers we now find out that it doesn't open till 12:00. Never mind, sit in the sun and chat till opening time, we can extend the break so we still have chance of a drink. As we set off a few of the regulars come out to watch the bikes leave. We head up into the Wolds towards Louth and then turn West to Willingham Woods for another stop before heading back to ours for the BBQ. Arriving back home and the boys have lit the BBQ's, everything has gone roughly according to plan and everyone has enjoyed the day, now I can relax with a couple of beers and some good friends. That's what makes organising these things worthwhile. You don't know what the weather will be like, who will turn up, if you've picked a good route or got your timings right! But you can be damn sure that whoever does come they will be good company, that's why this is such a great club. Wednesday's meeting at Conningsby saw another good turnout.

We confirm that everything is ready for the camping weekend at John & Rosie's.



EJ's charity route is finalised. It includes stops to get BBQ food and an ice cream break, what more do you need? Also this month there is a Cruiser Bike night at East Kirby Aviation Centre and you can see the Lancaster do its taxi runs. Then last weekend of the month it's the Shindig.

This month our Wednesday meeting falls on the same night as Barton Bike night so we will be doing the same as last year and riding in to Barton. Contact me and I'll try and co-ordinate meeting up. Gegsy is organising our Sunday meeting with a trip to the seaside. It's off to the Admiral Benbow at Chapel St Leonards. We'll be meeting at the Castle Inn, Conningsby and departing at 12:00 for Chapel St Leonards.

Lastly we have decided to cancel both August meetings as most of us are on our holidays, if you aren't and were planning to come along why not check out one of the other county meets, you know you'll be welcome.

Tall
Trev

Gothic rumblings

It was certainly an interesting June, weatherwise...

The **River Hipper** in Chesterfield flooded and the whole town was cut off for a while; Sheffield had it even worse, as you will have seen on the news. Malc has assured me the campsite at **Alfreton Leisure Centre** is well drained and will have dried out in time for the **Sherwood Shindig** - so as long as it doesn't rain anymore at the weekend (hmmm...) we should be okay. By the time you read this, we'll know...

Which reminds me, must find my green tights...

A Bit Gothic Keith

If you have photos or reports for the Newsletter please email to:
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Hi everyone, this is rather an odd newsletter for me to contribute too, there has been a hell of a lot happening but my thought are on one thing – our rally, by the time you read this it'll be done and finished, but at the moment a small number of us are still busy organising it, discussing it, and sleeping it. We are on a bit of a lull at the moment, our last official visit has been done, we are just waiting for a few bits to put in the goodie bags and most importantly trying to remember anything we've forgotten. We hope you had a good time and that it was a memorable weekend for you and a big thanx for any help you have given

TWO MORE LOST RIDERS GET 10 YEAR MADNESS CERTIFICATE!

fashioned cup of tea, or coffee, or beer, or J2O, or ...

Following another week of rain it was Centre 9's camping weekend, traditionally but not exclusively held in Lincolnshire – once it was held in Derbyshire. This year it was held in Fosdyke at **John and Rosie's**. A big thanx must go to them for hosting this event, there are so many unknowns and it can be a daunting task. We think they had it planned just right – a nice, pleasant atmosphere that anyone, no

Malc's Bits

of several. This trailer is there for anyone to use just a small contribution towards our funds can see it bouncing away behind your car. It's a respectable size 6ft x 4ft and has a tonneau cover. I know this is a quite a few weeks away but if you want a holdall or your tent taking down to Cambourne, a couple of quid towards funds sees it done, bring it to the Gedling meet and we'll take it down for you. Just don't ask us to put it up for you.

That's it; that's me done, not much more to say unless you want to hear about how many thousand leaflets I've got in the spare bedroom, or how many toilet rolls have been allotted per person, or the formula I used to work out how many tea bags to buy – $X(\text{number of people}) \times Y(\text{cups per day}) - Z(\text{people who'd want coffee})$, then of course we move onto sugar

.. enjoy the rest of your newsletter.

Ride safe and be happy.



This month has been a busy one, the international rally is a huge event for the VSOC and I hope some of our centre members who attended will write a report for you

John and Barbara our new Nottinghamshire reps held a ride out starting from the Unicorn near Gunthorpe bridge. The days leading up to the ride were rubbish but come Sunday the sun shone and it turned into a beautiful day. John took us on an 80 mile ride thro' 3 counties onto roads that are known locally as the Rutland TT. These roads are ideal for biking, twists, turns, long straights, blind crests, it had it all. The ride finished at John and Barb's, we all then sat on the terrace enjoying amongst other things hot chilli dogs, and a good old

matter how new to the club he or she was, they would still feel at home with.

Shooting off at a bit of a tangent here the Centre has bought a trailer; its initial use will be to get everything to and from the Shindig in one trip instead



malc



Ken's Report from Derbyshire

The month started off with a really good turn-out at the **Gedling** meet, and I must say I felt a little guilty on turning up in my car and seeing all the bikes in the car park; it must have been one of the best turnouts of bikes ever, and nice to see !

The first Sunday of the month saw 8 bikes turn up at the **Claycross Powersports** meet, and as usual it was coffee and bacon cobs, with a big lashing of congenial chatting. Malc decided as the weather was looking good we would do another run of the proposed **Shindig ride-out** and it was a good choice. The weather held good, and just about all nature is looking at its best; the views were spectacular, and a better choice of scenery for the ride would be hard to find.

The Shindig arrangements are now hopefully all in place, and by the time

this is read we will be resting on our laurels, having done a great job of our first stand alone national rally.

A few members attended the paintball event arranged by **Trevor and Rachel**, and judging by all the display of bruises and big grins it was a big success, perhaps too big a grin! Rumour has it that the next event might involve handcuffs and whips. (*I'm definitely coming to that!* - Ed.) Suggestions on a postcard in blood please!!

The meeting at **Dusty Miller** was well attended, and most of the meet took place in the carpark due to the great weather, and it was a job to get them all inside for the waffle from me and the raffle, a good evening was had by all.

Sunday 17th saw a group of five of us going down to **Gunthorpe** to meet up with **Big John and Barbara** for a ride around Melton and surrounding areas - we covered I believe, about 80 miles along some cracking roads, and as a bonus the weather held good and the group of about a dozen of us finished up at John and Barbara's for some first class hospitality; it couldn't get much than that. Our thanks to them for a great ride out, and a great day out altogether.

Well I hope that now we are into the summer season we will see more of you coming on the ride out, even if its just to join us for part of the ride we can always arrange to pick up on route and the more the merrier, and lets ride them bikes, as well as polish them. Safe riding and see you all soon.

*Kuddly Ken
Derbyshire Rep*



GIANT WOMAN WONDERS IF TINY MAN WILL MEASURE UP...

double-entendres

- Pat Glenn, weightlifting commentator- "and this is Gregoriava from Bulgaria. I saw her snatch this morning and it was amazing"
- New Zealand rugby commentator – "Andrew Mehtens loves it when Daryl Gibson comes inside of him"
- Ted Walsh – horse racing commentator "this really is a lovely horse, I once rode her mother"

THE 6th AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY RUN FROM THE RED LION AT BOTTESFORD, (Off A52 NOTTINGHAM TO GRANTHAM RD) TO THE [WELCOME INN](#) AT SKEGNESS:

SUNDAY AUGUST 19th 2007

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BIG JOHN'S HOT STUFF

Hi All,

First things first. I would like to thank **Rachael** and **Trev** for their hospitality on the **ride out in Lincolnshire**. We had a great day and the **BBQ** was just the finishing touch.

Nottinghamshire Ride-out

Well, her indoors was deciding whether or not to risk the weather on 17th June for the Nottingham ride out. As it was, it turned out fine and we didn't get even a shower!! We met at **Gunthorpe** and were soon on our way. All 7 bikes with a pick up (**Joe**) at **Melton**. We set off on the route known as the **Melton/Rutland TT**. We all enjoyed the twisty, winding roads and dropped Joe off on the way back.

Chilly dogs and mushy peas with nibbles were on the menu with coffee, tea of cold beers. **Terry** and **Jane**, **Jim** and **Moyra** joined us at our place later.

(See Ken's Report and Malcolm's Bits for more on the Gunthorpe Ride-Out.)

No ride-out planned for July because of the busy calendar and the adverse weather. At this point I would like to ask you for your ideas as to where you would like to go for a rideout. I'm sure you have a favourite spot, whether it be a pub, picnic area, seaside venue. Please email me (email:

BarbaraS570@aol.com), phone me (Tel. **01159 373570**), or speak to me at a meeting. We want to visit your favourite place.

Remember the next ride is always the best one.

Hoping to see you all soon.

**BIG JOHN
NOTTS. REP**

P.S. See pictures of Gunthorpe Ride-out on the Centre 9 website:

Lost Riders Website:
<http://www.lostriders.co.uk>

FOR SALE

Yamaha Dragstar XVS 125, 2005, (54 reg), only 1600 miles from new, one lady owner, always garaged, black paintwork, UK specification, looks like a baby Wild Star. Taxed to Dec. 07. Beautiful immaculate bike, **ideal for CBT riders** and commuting but quite capable of longer runs.



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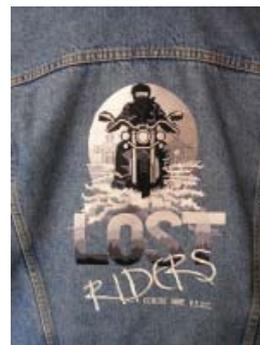
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