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SHERWOOD SHINDIG ISSUE!



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Wot's On

AUGUST

- 8 Wednesday - Lincolnshire meeting cancelled - Trev on Holiday
3-5 Scruppies Summer Party
8 Wednesday - Lincolnshire meeting cancelled
Western Super Mare £7.00 - members only
10-11 Derbyshire Area Camping Barn weekend at Sinnington, N.Yorks. See then
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 and July

DECEMBER

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

SHINDIG PIX



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:
rumblingstar@aol.com

<< If any of this month's **Wot's On** is wrong - tough shit!

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!

Malc's Bits

Hi everyone, hope you are all fit and well and fully recovered from the Sherwood Shindig. I know I've mentioned it several times before but **this was the first rally Centre 9 had ever held**. Yes, we have done it a couple of times with the West Midlands (Centre 8), but this is the first time we've stood on our own two feet. Several people have said that the experience gained is still there, in theory yes, but in practice it doesn't appear like that.

A big thanx has to go to everyone who attended, we all know that conditions weren't ideal; the floods in the area, the rain, the weather forecast, it wasn't looking good for the weekend. Some people suggested cancelling, not us tho', us from up north, we are made of stronger stuff than that. Yes a big thanx to every one who came – approx 333 – it was a stunning turnout. And even bigger thanks to the people who gave up some of their precious time to help run the show.



This newsletter should be full of pictures and stuff from our rally and I don't apologise for that, many said how much they enjoyed the 'Shindig' and it would have been easy to fill the newsletter with quotes that were positive and full of praise, but some people were more critical and I want to use this space to let you know why certain decisions were made:

- Well done, excellent weekend, shame about the weather – *southern softies*
- The beer's too expensive, can we bring our own in – *officially no, but they'll turn the lights down later*
- The campsites a bit muddy – *its rained here for the last month*
- Too many cars, it's a bike rally – *true, ideally everyone would have come on their bikes, but conditions were far from ideal and I would rather you come in the car than not at all*
- Too many traders – *they are here for you*
- The beer wagons too small – *can't get in with his big'un, it's rained... a lot*
- It's raining again – *southern softies*
- The halls too big – *one of the main criticisms about almost all rallies is there is no-where to sit or put your beer, it was never ever going to be a problem at a centre 9 rally*
- People are bringing their own beer in (manager Alfreton Leisure Centre) – *he's too expensive, you were warned*
- The burger woman's moaning that people are looking at menus from other places (manager Alfreton Leisure Centre) – *tuff titty*
- When is the raffle to be drawn – *later when I've done it – it was done about 23.00 all the winning numbers were put on a board 8ft x 4ft in the hall and a copy (not full size) put in the welcome tent. There was £600 worth of voucher from website based company and cash.*

That's it from me, just one last thing – the guy with the ural combinaton – thanx to him chasing around the park, he single handedly has perhaps stopped us ever holding a rally or party in the Amber Valley district ever again, thanx.....

Anyway enjoy the rest of your newsletter.
Ride safe and be happy.

malc

Gothic rumblings

The support (in complete disregard of the appalling weather forecast) for the **Shindig** from **VSOC members in other Centres from all around the country** was amazing - thank you so much for coming, all you biker boys

and biker chicks. You are the dog's bollox. I think the members of the **Shindig Committee** deserve a special mention for all their incredible hardwork: **Well done, Malc Newton, Ken Collingwood, Terry Warren, Rick Martin Harry Thompson & Malc Clarke!** x x x

A Bit Gothic Keith (now in California...!)

BIG JOHN'S NOTTS HOT STUFF

Apologies for not attending this month's meeting but by the time you read this I'll be sunning myself on the FRENCH WEEK whilst you lot are basking in the rain !!!! If anyone want's my buffet at the Grey Goose, help yourself.

I'll leave the ride-out reports to the others 'cos you don't need to read it twice. All I'll say is that the Shingig was a great weekend and the rideout with the Lincoln group was just the ticket.

With the weather we're having, I'm thinking of changing the name of the club to The Wet Riders !!

Maybe nest year instead of the Shindig, we can have a BIG DRIP PARTY (only joking Malc).

A little early yet to plan a ride-out for this month but I'll be doing this on my return from France. Keep your eyes on the website 'cos Terry will keep you updated. OK?

What have I been doing? Well, I've mounted some scaffolding on Shelagh's bike so she can tow Ken's old trailer.

A bracket has now been fitted on Chris's one wheel trailer to make his number plate more errect. Sorry, LEGAL !!

Next mission impossible is to create a device enabling Paul to tow his trike (watch this space).

Time to go to the bar for another cold beer, see you all soon.

Remember, the next ride is always the best one !!

Big John Notts County Rep.

Kuddly Kens Report from Dankest Derbyshire

Well the time since I put pen to paper last month has been a rollercoaster ride. Shindig meetings aplenty, I seem to have been spending more time with Malc this past few weeks than with Gina! (no comments about me being Malc's bitch !) We did manage a evening trip to John and Rosie's for their camping weekend do, and what a great set up that was, and I must say the hospitallity was second to none, unfortunately we had meetings on the Saturday so could only do the evening visit, but a must for the next one. The trip back was quite exciting with

Hi, further to me email about the monoshock, I had an email from Hagon today and they will now include a longer mounting bolt with the monoshock. Regards, **Ken** (*What the hell is Ken talking about? - Ed.*)

Malc taking his Jeep almost under water on a couple of occasions! You know what these 4 x 4 drivers are like!

We in Chesterfield did get hit by the floods and felt the effect of the main roads and M1 being shut. I left my house to go to Malc's to do the goody bags for the Shindig - only 5 minutes away - I arrived back home over three and a half hour later only having travelled to the end of my road and back! The bags waited till another time. Rick and I started to set up the rally site on the Thursday morning, just as well the first lot arrived in the afternoon, load of scrumpies; they soon set up their large "hotel" complete with paintings, wall mirrors, tables with proper tablecloths and champagne served in glass flutes, the way rallies should be done, the weather to them didnt mean a jot!! And they showed us great hospitality, thanks guys.

The rally was, I believe, despite the weather, a success and I was surprised that the ride out was so well attended: the views were somewhat spoiled but great nonetheless. I did have a couple of mishaps at the rally; somebody must have rolled about on the side of my car with a studded belt on and scratched it badly, still shit happens. Secondly as my tent was rather wet and muddy I rolled it up and put it in a bin liner and left it with my other kit; unfortunately it got mistaken as rubbish and ended up in the skip, (shit definately does happen). Well enough for this time see you all out on the road soon. **Ken**



That's not very nice, is it girls? See Next month's newsletter, when the ladies get their own back..

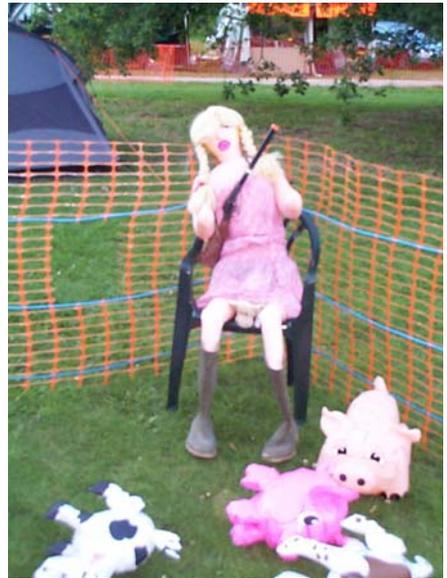


I received a phone call from a gorgeous ex-girlfriend the other day. We lost track of time, chatting about the wild, romantic nights we used to enjoy together. I couldn't believe it when she asked if I'd be interested in meeting up and rekindling a little of that "magic". "Wow!" I said. "I don't know if I could keep pace with you now. I'm a bit older and a bit balder than when you last saw me." She just giggled and said she was sure I'd "rise" to the challenge. "Yeah." I said. "Just so long as you don't mind a man with a waistline that's a few inches wider these days!" She laughed and told me to stop being so silly. She teased me saying that tubby bald men were cute, and she was sure I would still be a great lover. "Anyway", she giggled "I've put on a few pounds myself!" So I told her to fuck off.

MORE SHINDIG PIX



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looking tired
after a hard
night at the
Sherwood Shindig**



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FROM WARREN CENTRE 9

I would like to write to say a big thanks to Malc and Ken and many others, you know who you are! For all your hard work at the Sherwood Shindig.

I really enjoyed it and despite the poor weather I feel that things went really well and we all pulled together to make the best of things. It was good in so much that it shows we are a good club and have the strength in our friendship for each other, and are able to pull together when needed, and I hope all our visitors from other centres enjoyed it.

I left on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and I know Malc and Ken were still hard at it tidying up and saying goodbyes to one and all. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say thanks.

Warren

YET MORE SHINDIG PIX



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the photos this time, it's
your own fault 'cos you
didn't send me any pix:*

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