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Centre 9

FEBRUARY 2008 - LEAP YEAR SENSIBLE EDITION

East & North Midlands Derbyshire, Notts, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northants, Rutland

DUSTY MILLER CHRISTMAS PARTY - SEE KEN'S REPORT - p. 5



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FEBRUARY 2008

1st - 3rd February: SNOOTY'S FROZEN BRUSH RALLY at "The Snooty Fox" on A64 East Heslerton, North Yorkshire YO17 8EN Tel - 07873 905636
or Email - sall127@hotmail.com

2nd-3rd February

8th International Classic Bike show Donnington Race Circuit. All under cover Classic bikes Stalls, etc. Bikes wanted to show on our stand Contact Malc if you want to stand either day

3rd February - Ken's Stratstone Powersports 1st Sunday Meeting at 9.15 am for Ride-Out leaving 9.30 am to meet up with Scrumpies at Stratford-upon-Avon.

5th February - Tuesday C9 Meet Auto-Jumble Sale at Grey Goose, Gedling

13th February

Lincolnshire February Meet
8pm
Castle Inn, Coningsby

9th March

Bottesford Egg Run

6th April - we will hold our traditional 'Gathering of the Clans,' its now in its eighth year and is one of our most successful events. **This year the start will be at the OK Diner on the A1(northbound), just north of Newark at Carlton on Trent, its post code is NG23 6JF (01636 822459).** We aim to leave at 11.00 and ride en-mass to the Grey Goose at Gedling where a buffet will be waiting.

18th April

The April Bike Show

25th - 27th April

Jumpstart Party

10th - 11th May

Thundersprint

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1th May

Hedgehog Charity Ride

23rd - 26th May

Scrumpy 'V' Rally

1st June

Lincoln Bike Fest



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 2nd Monday of Month Meeting

THE ARKWRIGHT ARMS, Sutton-cum-

Duckmanton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S44 5JG

Tel: (01246) 232053 (just off J29 of M1)

- see Lost Riders website for Google Map.

Includes free food such as chip butties with home-made chips

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!

8th June

Meriden Motorcycle Megaride

13th - 15th June

VSOC International Rally

VSOC Centre 7 Party

20th - 22nd June

5th Swamp Donkey Rally

3rd July

Boston Bike Night

4th - 6th July

Third Essex Crusade

1st - 3rd August

Grim Reaper Rally

8th - 10th August

Out of The Asylum

22nd - 25th August

Centre 3 Rally

Male's Bits

Hi everyone. In April it will once again be **Centre 9's AGM**, where any comments, criticisms (hopefully constructive) can be heard and any responses if necessary given; the financial status of the Centre will be announced and ALL positions within the Centre voted upon. Nothing is being taken for granted, free time is a valuable commodity and we all go thro' phases when we have more of it than at others – that's free time of course.

Our Committee for this year has done a brilliant job and if they wish to be re-elected or anyone is considering being elected for any position at all please let me know by the end of this month. There should be no need to say it but all names will be held in confidence if so wished.

Below is my idea of what each job entails, remember tho', that it's only my impression and not necessarily that of the Centre Rep for 2008/9. To be eligible for any of the jobs you'll 'ave to be;

1. willing to work closely with (and co-operate with) the Centre/County Reps.
2. to act within and support the 'rules and constitution' of the National VSOC

Centre rep;

- " He or she will be the 1st and main contact for new and existing members and will offer advice and information on a local and national level
- " Will promote the VSOC locally and nationally
- " Will encourage members to participate in official VSOC events
- " To liase with other Centres when required
- " To hold Centre meetings and attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- " To attend as many VSOC Rallies as possible and to attend the rally meeting at the event
- " Will write articles for the 'Clatter' and the Centre newsletter
- " Continue the Centre meetings at The Grey Goose Gedling or alternative venue

Deputy rep

- " Will promote the VSOC locally and nationally
- " to encourage members to participate in official VSOC events
- " In the absence of the Centre rep to hold Centre meetings and attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- " Will write regular articles for the Centre newsletter

County rep

- " Organise and take control of local meets
- " Organise, lead and advertise county ride-outs in the newsletter
- " Inform Centre Rep of local events
- " Attend as many Centre events as is practicable
- " Contribute regularly to the Centre newsletter

Treasurer

- " To maintain all financial records for the centre
- " To be responsible for all cash, cheques and the Centre's bank account

Webmaster

- " To regularly update the website with information relevant and interesting to Centre 9 members and prospective new members alike
- " To attend as many Centre events as is practicable

Newsletter editor

- " Work to a critical deadline
- " To edit, produce and contribute to a newsletter with information relevant and interesting to Centre 9 members and prospective new members alike
- " To attend as many Centre events as is practicable

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Ladies, don't forget you can propose to the biker boy of your choice on February 29th...

Merchandising officer

- .. To have made at the best price and to make easily available a variety of 'lost riders' merchandising
- .. To work closely with the treasurer

Ride-out liaison officer

- .. To liaise with Centre/County reps and advertise ride-outs in the newsletter and on the web-site.
- .. To organise ride-outs in none already done
- .. To attend as many ride-outs as is practicable and to write about them for the newsletter and website

This year I will not be standing for re-election for any of the above posts. I've been in the VSOC now 10 years. For 4 of them I was Derbys. County Rep and for the last 4 years have been Centre Rep. In this time I've organised and led over 200 ride-outs, numerous events and led the committee for both our very successful Sherwood Shindig Party and Rally. I have thought about this decision long and hard, there are numerous reasons why I have come to this decision – it certainly hasn't been an easy one and I hope you will respect this decision.

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Due to cost, a limited number of patches (100) are being made to commemorate the event, so please remember to register your attendance as preferences will be given to riders with current membership, their pillions next, etc, etc. All riders with current membership WILL get a patch – even if we have to order some more.

Hopefully in next months newsletter (March) your County Rep will have published his ride-in details these will be repeated in the April's newsletter.

The weather's been booked, the location is central for nearly everyone – no long hauls for anyone, food and hot drink will be available at both ends of the journey. It'll even be free at the Grey Goose if that swings it for you.

malc

Gothic rumblings

SORRY TO SEE YOU GO

On behalf of all of the Lost Riders membership I'd like to express our thanks to Malc and Ken for all the hard work and service that they they have given Centre 9. We are very, very sorry to hear that you standing down, boys, though we hope still to see lots of you both and your lovely ladies at all future Lost Riders and VSOC events.

CAN YOU RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

The Lost Riders Newsletter is available by email. It's in **FULL COLOUR** for your reading pleasure, so please, if you can receive it by email, let us know - email the Editor (rumblingstar@aol.com) so I can add you to the emailing list. We want to encourage as many of you as we can to get it by email, as this will save money and time - someone has



to photocopy them, fold them, stick them in an envelope, label that envelope and post them. The majority of members have email now but some of you still seem to want the paper version - you know who you are! Perhaps you don't trust our system or feel there may be a security problem - these fears are groundless - please try getting the newsletter by email if you are not already doing so.

keith

Ken's Derbyshire Report

Well for me 2007 has just flown by, rallies and rideouts, meetings, and meals out with great friends and of course riding my bikes. I must admit after the Cambridge Rally the Dragstar hardly saw the road, the weather as I recall wasn't that kind to us in 2007; here is hoping for a better 2008 weatherwise.

The Xmas party I put on at The Dusty Miller proved to be popular as ever and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, as I know I did. I even won a raffle prize.

My ride on the Bottesford toy run was cut short by the throttle cable snapping, and my attempts at a roadside repair failed, so a kind man in a yellow jacket took me, Gina and the bike home. I hope to get to Bottesford for the egg run though.

According to the newsletter we were sunning ourselves in Malta for three weeks - I wish! The sun appeared on two days only, and I was stuck in a lift less than an hour after booking in, and it all went downhill after that!!

On a sad note I will be standing down as Deputy Centre Rep and County rep at the AGM. I am involved with another organization, not biking though, and I was elected Chairman during this past year and consequently my workload has increased greatly, and I have had to rely on Malc to cover for me over the past few months; this is not fair especially as I am supposed to be his Deputy!

I would like to give a big thanks for the help and support I have had from you all, and I look forward to remaining a staunch member of Centre 9 for many years yet !

Ken



TREVOR'S LINCOLNSHIRE REPORT

Hi Everybody

Sunday 13th January saw our first meeting of the year. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss and decide things for 2008. We decided that the two meetings per month through the summer was good but having the Sunday meet on a fixed day each month didn't allow for our English weather. As a result this year we are going to try a telephone cascade system. The idea is that on any Friday we can look at the forecast for the weekend and if it is suitable we will each phone the next person on our list to see if they are interested in doing a ride that Sunday. For this to work I will need a contact telephone number for all those interested in joining in. There will also need to be some rules.

(Trev's report, cont...)

Here are my suggestions:

1. Anyone can choose a route/ destination. They then call me with the details and I will start the cascade.
2. If you wish to be on the list you must undertake to call the next person regardless of whether you will be going on that ride. If you can't contact the next person on the list you must call the person below them.
3. You will need to pass the start point and time to your contact along with numbers attending so far (having added yourself to the total).
4. The last person on the list calls back to me. I will then know how many are attending.



If you want to join in please contact me so that I can compile the list. At present I have a group of six riders who will take part.

If the system works we can also use it for the many Bike orientated events that happen in Lincolnshire through the year. For instance: Barton Bike night, East Kirkby Lancaster night, the Horncastle Bike nights and the many Cruiser bike nights.

Wednesday meetings. The new owners of the Castle Inn, Coningsby have now taken over. They are keen for us to continue holding our meetings there so we decided that it was only fair to give them a chance. Our next meeting will be there on Wednesday 13th February at the usual time of 20:00. There will be no buffet at this meeting (my decision not the pub).

So folks that's it, we have a core of keen members who enjoy riding their bikes and having a fun time socially. You are more than welcome to join us but you have to make the effort to join in. The newsletter drops on the doormat as long as you pay your subscription, but did you really join just to read what your fellow members have been doing? Make this year the year you took part!

Regards,

Trev

APOLOGIES FOR NOT INCLUDING SOME STUFF IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

I am extremely sorry to Big John and Big Terry and Les for having once again failed to publish in this month's newsletter the contributions you kindly sent me - Big John Speaks in Tongues will be in a future newsletter; Big Terry, likewise I will include your Bikers' Prayer; and Les, I will get your 'London Times Obituary for Common Sense' in as soon as I have space; plus all the photographs I haven't had room for yet. - Ed.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone No: _____ Membership No: _____

E.Mail Address: _____

BIKE DETAILS

Model: _____ Year: _____ Reg: _____

Colour: _____ Chassis No: _____

Datag: _____ Engine No: _____

Please indicate to which VSOC Centre you would like your renewal details sent (one only please): Centre _____

Centres 1 & 2 - SCOTLAND/IRELAND Centre 3 - STAFFORDSHIRE Including Cheshire & surrounding areas

Centre 4 - NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM Centre 5 - YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

Centre 6 - NORTHWEST & CUMBRIA Including Lancashire & Isle of Man Centre 7 - WALES

Centre 8 - WEST MIDLANDS Centre 9 - EAST MIDLANDS Including Lincolnshire

Centre10 - EAST ANGLIA (Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire)

Centre 11 - HOME COUNTIES (Bedfordshire & Buckinghamshire)

Centre 12 - THAMES VALLEY (Berkshire & Oxfordshire)

Centre 13 - NORTH LONDON & surrounding areas Centre 14 - SOUTH LONDON & SURREY

Centre 15 - KENT & EAST SUSSEX Centre 16 - SOLENT (Hampshire & West Sussex)

Centre 17 - SOUTHWEST (Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire & Wiltshire)

Centre 18 - DEVON & CORNWALL Centre 19 - ESSEX

Centre 20 - OFF SHORE

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Remember that you do not have to leave the VSOC if choose to sell your Virago, Drag Star or Royal Star.

ONCE A MEMBER, ALWAYS A MEMBER!