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LOST RIDERS



MAY 2008

Centre 9

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

OVER 50 LOST RIDERS AT THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS



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3rd - 5th May

The Anglian Goldwing and Touring Bike Club are holding a weekend camp and rally at the Anglia Motel, Washway Road (A17), Fleet Hargate, near Spalding - see p.3. in last month's newsletter.

Sunday 4th May - Willingham Woods Run Derbys. meet at **Clay Cross Powersports at 10.00 am.** (NOTE: **NOT** J29 M1 slip road south at 10.00 am or J29 M1 at roundabout lay-by at 10.00 am).

Notts. meet at **Trowell Services at 10.15 am.**
Leics. meet on **start of A46 at Bingham** (just off A52) at 11.00 am for run to **Gunthorpe**; hopefully **Lincs.** riders meet us there.

(Note: 1st Sunday of the month Derbys. meet at Powerports now postponed to 25th - see below)

Weds. 7th May – Horncastle Bike Night, this is always well attended by Lincolnshire members.

10th - 11th May

Thundersprint

Sun. 11th May

Hedgehog Charity Ride

Weds 14 May – Conningsby meeting

16th - 18th May

Creatures Any Spare Change Rally

17-18 May – BMF Show

Newsletter deadline for this month will be Tuesday 20th May because of the Scumpies Rally.

23rd - 26th May

Scrumpy 'V' Rally in Bournemouth - this is the first rally of the season (apart from Jumpstart) at which a good contingent of Lost Riders will be attending; if you haven't been to a rally before, this is a good one to start with - **SEE ADVERT/BOOKING DETAILS, back page.**

Sunday 25th May - Derbys. meet at Clay Cross Powersports 10.00 am for breakfast, then run into **Peak District.**

25th May - 5th national classic bike clubs show Stanford hall, Lutterworth adults £5



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 1st Sunday of the Month Meeting - Clay Cross Powersports 10.00 am - but see see left panel as this is postponed to 25th for this month (May).
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!

1st June - Lincoln Big Bike Fest - We have had a stand at this for the past two years and members want to have one this year too.

8th June

Meriden Motorcycle Megaride

13th - 15th June

VSOC International Rally - Finland

13th - 15th June - VSOC Centre 7 Party in Wales - see ride-out details below

Friday 13th June - Ride-Out to Wales Party:
Derbyshire 10.00 am **J29 M1** on slip road **South**;
Notts. 10.15 am **J25 M1** on slip road **South**;
Leics. 10.30 am **start of A42**
Lincs. start any of these places (whichever is easiest for you all).

20th - 22nd June

5th Swamp Donkey Rally

Wed 25 Jun – Lancaster Bomber Night at East Kirby, another popular night for Lincs members.

3rd July - Boston Bike Night - We usually have a stand

Warren's Words (Derbyshire)



Hi everybody; hope you are well and in good health and spirit!

Firstly, a bit about myself - I've been involved (a pain in the arse!) for about 2 years with VSOC and had some really good times, rideouts, one or two rallies and generally enjoyed some good times with good people so its time to try and put something back in to the club, so to speak!

Ken, our former Derbyshire rep has stepped aside due to other commitments and I would like to thank him on behalf of all of us for the fantastic job he has done and hope I can carry on in the same vein!

Generally, I see the job as Derbyshire rep as this -

- - I will lead or help organise ride outs.
- - Be a point of contact for any problems or questions you might have.
- - Organise clubnight, report on events etc, organise a raffle.
- Write an item for newsletter to let you all know whats been going off and what will be happening etc.

I will be working closely with Karl our new Rideout Co-ordinator for centre 9 and hopefully we can enjoy riding out bikes and keep the club strong and moving forward.

Lets hope we get some sunshine this year!

If you have any ideas on any matters please contact me on : 07826 261 093

Thanks,
Ride Safe Be Happy.

Warren

Karl's Kontribution (Ride-Out Liaison)

Hi everyone; as you might know by now, I have been voted in for the position of Ride-Out Liaison Officer. I am pleased and excited to put something back into the club as I have had so much out of it in the past 3 or 4 years.



I have got some great ride-outs planned for this Summer and hopefully all of Centre 9's counties can join us. (It's supposed to be a hot Summer this year.) If anyone has any more ideas where they would like to go on ride-outs, please email me (karltromans@hotmail.co.uk).

The more ideas the better. Hope to see you all at the **Arkwright Arms** for our Monday (Derbyshire) meet as normal (*Monday 12th May from 7.30 pm*).

Once again thanks,

Karl

Big John's Bit (Notts.)

Hi all,

Sorry for the lack of ride outs so far but you must admit the weather hasn't been fit for duck, not to mention the salt that's been dumped on the roads.

By the time you read this we should have been to



Willingham Woods on the 4th May, **IF YOU MISSED IT YOU'RE NOT CHECKING THE WEB SITE.**

Also you should have been 2 the Jump Start Party, no excuse here, it's been well advertised (reports later). The rest of the calendar is full and the weather looking better so get out there.

Ride Safe,

Big John

Nott's Area Rep.

Forthcoming Ride-Outs

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Hello everyone, I'm EJ (Emma-Jane) the new centre rep, still not exactly sure how that happened. Once I got home after the AGM and stopped saying 'Oh my God, what have I done,' and had a stiff drink, I calmed down a little. I've been a member of the club for over five years and I ride a Yamaha Virago XV1100. I've also been the merchandiser for Centre 9 for the past year so there are a few of you that will already know me; for those of you that haven't spoken to me before I can usually be found at rallies in various states of intoxication or hung-over. I have some quite impressive footsteps to follow as Malc has done such a good job for the past few years and I'd like to thank him for all the work he has put in and I hope I don't have to bug him too much with silly questions while I find my feet.

My first official duty as centre rep was to turn up for the Gathering of the Clans; the weather forecast was a bit dismal to say the least and it put quite a few people off but still nearly 50 bikes turned out which included a group from the Yorkies (Centre5). After meeting up on the A1 and getting the feeling back in the fingers in my

right hand we all set off for the ride. The weather turned out to be quite good in the end and we had sunshine all the way on some lovely bendy roads. I had a most enjoyable day and I hope everyone else that turned out enjoyed themselves too. A big thank you to everyone involved in organising the Gathering: "great job!" Riding home from the Gathering, our small group heading back to Lincolnshire even rode through a small snow blizzard, a first for me (no one can call me a fair weather rider now!)

Rally season will very soon be upon us, the first this year is in **Bournemouth (see back page)**. It's a time to catch up with friends that I haven't seen since last year so don't forget to send off for your tickets. For those of you who haven't been to a rally before, they are great fun and a good place to make new friends from all over the country. I will be spending the first good weekend we have between now and then putting up the new tent I've got just to make sure I don't look a complete idiot when I get there and working out exactly where I'm going to put all the stuff that I really must take with me and cannot do without.

Well that's one of the first difficult jobs out of the way, I'm going to have to write one of these once a month. The next major job is to stand up in front of everyone at the meeting and for some coherent words to come out of my mouth. Wish me luck!

EJ

TREVOR'S LINCOLNSHIRE NEWS



So this is my first article since the AGM and you should all be aware by now that in addition to continuing as Lincolnshire Rep I am now also the C9 Deputy. I thought it meant I got a nice shiny star shaped badge and could take part in posse's, but Ken said I was wrong on both counts! So far there's been no additional work required, mainly because the first big event **The Gathering** had been sorted already.

On that subject if you didn't go you missed a great day. If you still believe anything our weather forecasters say you are sadly deluded. Yes it was cold, but it was bright sunshine and the roads were dry. Rachel and I clocked up about 135 miles each (I can only approximate as our milometers always differ by 2 or 3 miles. Does she cut corners or what? Suggestions on a postcard please.) Of the 49 bikes that attended 6 came from Lincolnshire that's 12.24% - well done to Lincolnshire.

This month's meeting at the **Castle Inn, Conningsby** was a great night. The new owners **Daz & Samantha** are doing an excellent job of turning the place around. They have redecorated and the atmosphere is now very welcoming. There is a pool table and a darts board both of which we made full use of during the evening. Samantha laid on a great selection of freshly made rolls which went down very well. By the May meeting they should have the kitchen finished and be doing bar meals too. Please make the effort to come along to the meetings if only to give encouragement to a young hard working couple. It's also your opportunity to meet other Lincolnshire members and discuss what you want to get from your club.

With summer on the way the calendar is already filling up with events - see **Wots On** (p2).

As you can see there will be plenty going on over the next few months and I hope to see many of you coming along to something. In addition to the above set dates don't forget we are also trialling the cascade system in the hope of getting around the usual lousy English weather so let me know your contact details so we can include you.

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Virago Star Owners Club - Centre 17

Remember Scrumpy IV in 2004?

Well, Scrumpy V's

gonna be even better!

Bournemouth Sports & Social Club, East Parley, Dorset BH23 6BD

Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May 2008

Excellent Entertainment

'Capone'

- + Big Name Tribune Band
- + 'Illinois Blues Brothers'
- + Disco every night

Rally Patch

Free Pin Badge for
Early Birds*



Free Tea & Coffee
all weekend

Raffle

Trade Stands

Great Food

Segregated Showers
& plenty of Toilets

For B&B info contact Tourist Information on 0845 051 1701 or www.bournemouth.co.uk

*EARLY BIRDS - Anyone who applies before 31st March will get a free pin badge

TICKET PRICES: VSOC Members only - advance bookings £18, on the gate £20

Associate members/guests £25*

*guests by prior arrangement only - applications via Centre Rep

Rally T shirts - All sizes from Small to 3XL - £6 pre-order only

Please send me tickets @ £18

Early Bird applications MUST be received by 31st March - Last date for advance ticket applications 1st May

I'd like T shirts - size/s (closing date for orders also 1st May)

Total payment enclosed for all tickets and T shirts £

Cheques payable to 'VSOC South West' with an SAE to: Scrumpy V, 60 Bevington Close, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5NP
(No SAE no ticket)

Name: VSOC Membership No. Centre No.

Address:

Proof of current membership will be required on the gate.