

LOST RIDERS



VSOC - CENTRE 9 - EAST MIDLANDS



OWNERS OF: VIRAGO, DRAGSTAR, ROYAL STAR, VENTURE STAR, MIDNIGHT STAR, WARRIOR, RAIDER
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From the Editor



Well, just before Christmas someone said we might be getting a bit of snow, did anybody notice any?

Never mind, don't look back, look forward that's where the surprises are! Remember what I said about making plans for the year? You could do worse than taking advantage of details opposite. A little more adventure required? See inside for details of our own ride to the International in Holland. If you can't spare that amount of time there are plenty of other activities available. Not used to camping? No better start than the Gathering Party! Just make a promise to yourself to do something new this year, a rally, a rideout or just a breakfast meet. Whatever it is doesn't matter - as long as you do it - then send me pics or a little story!

Be careful out there.

THE GATHERING

24 APRIL

*IN ADDITION TO OUR NORMAL GET TOGETHER
THERE WILL BE A PARTY AND CAMPING AT THE*

MELLISH AFTER THE RIDE

(INCL 24HOUR TOILETS AND SHOWERS)

*THE EVENING WILL CONSIST OF LIVE MUSIC
AND A BBQ. FOR THE MORE DISCERNING FOOD
CONNOISSEURS THERE IS A VERY GOOD BISTRO-
PUB OPPOSITE.*

COST FOR THE PARTY NIGHT & CAMPING IS £6pp.

*REMEMBER THE RIDE IS TOTALLY FREE, SO IF YOU CANT
MAKE THE PARTY YOU CAN STILL ENJOY THE RIDE!*

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Being shot At

Hi everyone, only four weeks to go to the start of spring, I hope.



I have been a member of The Lost Riders since November 2002, and this is the first time I have known meetings to be cancelled because of bad weather, I had a busy night trying to let all of you know it was off last month, fortunately the snow was everywhere, so no-one got caught out miles from home in a raging blizzard.

Already the time has come to remind you to re-new your membership, the fees have once again remained the same, so only £17-50 once again. Please do it before the 1st April, I am sure the coming year will be even better than before, with more events and ride-outs than ever before, just keep your fingers crossed for dry days.

The International rally in Holland will be here before you know it, the Dutch organising committee want a good idea of numbers before the event, this is to help with the catering. So if you plan to go, whether you are riding with us, or as part of your own trip, it is important that you let me know you are going, or there may be a shortage of food. My planned trip is well advertised on our web site, and elsewhere in this newsletter, take a look, and if you want to join us, you will be most welcome.

On the subject of booking rallies, please remember to get your tickets for the VSOC rallies well in advance, organising these things on a wing and a prayer is a nightmare. All the time we worry that folks will come, the only stress relief is ticket sales, honestly, and it makes all the difference.

The planning for the 10th anniversary of our Gathering of the Clans is well under way now. Patches have been ordered, we have a live rock guitarist, Jon Stringer, playing for us in the evening, the route is being sorted, dance music arranged, all you have to do is come and have a good time, simple. If you would like to see Jon stringer playing, his web site lists his gigs, and they are well spaced all over our area, if you go to see him, introduce yourself, he is a biker, and a very friendly chap, it will make our gathering event that bit more special, for him and us.

The open the box jackpot was not won again in December, and so this month stands at £30, well worth a ticket, it could be you? We have what I hope will be an interesting diversion coming at the centre meet in March. There will be a short presentation and film show, from Biker Spirit. They are tour organisers, and will be coming along to tell us what they do. They will be there to answer any questions, and offer a wide range of biking holidays, I am sure we will find it very interesting. You can check them out here, <http://www.bikerspirit.co.uk/index.html> Lastly this month, I would like to remind you, that all committee places are re-elected each year, so if you would like to be at the front organising events etc, please let me know, yes, even the Centre Rep, me, has to be re-elected. Although I do not plan to step down, I have no divine right to lead you all, just have a think about how you would like to do things, put your name forward, and you will get a chance to shine.
Ride Safe People. Terry

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

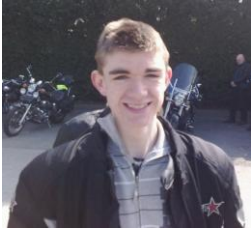
Saturday 6th March will be the birthday for a daughter of one of our members i.e. Rick.

As part of her day she and three friends would like a bike ride from Derby to a hotel in Childwell to start their pampered weekend.

If you are available and willing to offer a pillion seat or just be part of the escort please contact me for details. Your services will only be required for the morning. The more the merrier - It'll be fun!

Jim (07867 868582)

Lincolnshire Lyrical



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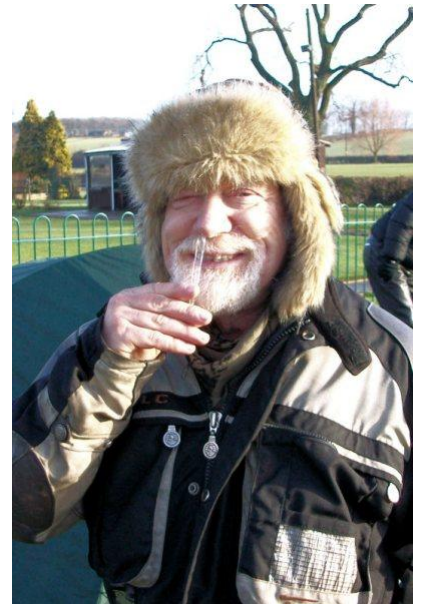
January 2010: The Lincolnshire meeting was a quiet one this month with the weather upsetting most of the meetings around the Centre although Terry came over to the meet to drop off some stuff for Springfields which was a pleasant

The following weekend was Springfield Motorbike Show with a big thank you to Steve and Cathy for helping out on the stand. I went along on Sunday to help and it was a pleasure to see Chris, Jim, Paul and Lynne come along for the day. The next event coming up in Lincolnshire where we will also be having a stand at is the Mablethorpe Motorcycle Festival which I also mentioned in last month's newsletter. This is taking place on Saturday 20th

March from 11:00 onwards round Cammacks car park and on the foreshore. Hope to see some of you there! See you all soon.

A cold night!

Here you can see Rod having braved the weather to attend the Frozen Bladder Rally. No, he's not sniffing something – he's just breaking off the icicle that formed during the night as he wandered around trying to find his tent!!



Clothing

For those not already done so, you'll soon be getting the bike ready – what about yourself? This is the time to get new or replace that old sweatshirt or tee shirt. Below you can see the current range of clothing available; this can be collect from club meets or by contacting John 07929 048 763 who will be pleased to arrange for items to be posted to you. – Go on, you know you deserve it!!

LOST RIDERS MERCHANDISE

WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL MEETINGS – IF YOU CANT MAKE THE MEETING CONTACT OUR MERCHANDISING MAN- JOHN SIMPSON 07929 048763

CURRENT STOCK

LADIES STRAPPY VEST	9.00	MENS T SHIRT	7.00
LADIES SKINNY T SHIRT	9.00	MEN SWEAT	12.50
LADIES T SHIRT	7.00	MENS HOODY	18.00
LADIES SWEAT	12.50		

Notts' Natter - from Chris & Jim

It came and went, the festive season for us did seem to be a long one. The weather made sure we didn't get to do much travelling. That said we did get to the Derby breakfast meet on the 3rd. Ken, Rick and we two were the only hardy souls to venture out. We'd like to say how we used our biking skills (polished from riding in all weathers) to master the somewhat slippery roads to battle our way to support the Derby region but as we went in the car it would fibbing! If you thought it was cold outside, it was even colder the café. Poor girls serving were in thick jumpers and wearing gloves.



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With the Centre meeting being cancelled (first time ever) due to weather conditions, the meet was our own at the Goose. A good turn out at this time of year with over a dozen enjoying each others company and of course the chip butties!

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Springfield bike show was the next event improved by our presence. A sunny but cold day saw us arriving to join the que of people waiting to get in. Once in I must admit we were dissapointed, never a great show but with travel filled a day. This year was even quieter than normal. There were fewer trade stands than before and I believe club stands also. Pricing for traders has increased. Perhaps they are pricing themselves too high for what they are offering. £7 entry is a lot when there is little to see and for traders few to sell to. That said, we did have our own stand manned in excellent fashion by Steve and Cath from the Lincs region.

From that weekend to the breakfast meet at our new venue – Macdonalds, Daybrook, Arnold. For a “Fast Food” outlet it did not live upto it's name. Very slow service with constant ques for about 30 minutes, I hope this will improve, if not there is always Sainsburys across the road. As always the company was good!! Thanks to those who made the effort to attend with particular note for Ben and Lucy, this being their first Notts breakfast and they came on the bike! In true tradition there was a Lost Rider who did live upto the name, perhaps as a result of my directions or maybe he's just a tradionalist. I'll spare his blushes – but Terry was the last to arrive.

Stay safe!

DERBY DINNER

A few reminders of the night.



APOLOGIES

The Centre Meet at the Mellish was cancelled due severe weather; it is here that the Newsletter is delivered by the printer to Terry for distribution. This not being possible the printer posted out the items, unfortunately some were placed in envelopes too small resulting in the Newsletter being folded too often the effect was the envelope being outside normal Post Office standard letter size. The problem generated from this was that an extra charge was placed on the letter by the Post Office at the point of delivery. We are sorry this happened, it was a mistake but the intentions were the best. It will not happen again.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY HOLLAND (JUNE) - LOST RIDERS GROUP RIDE

(STARTING ONE DAY EARLIER AND ENDING ONE DAY LATER)

10 June *Depart around mid-day for ride to Eurotunnel into France*

Stay the night Formule 1, Calais Coquelles

11 June *Travel to Rally site, arriving early afternoon.*

13 June *Rally ends. Travel back to Formule 1 Calais Coquelles for evening.*

14 June *Return via Eurotunnel to UK.*

Distance Nottingham to Calais est. 220 miles Calais to Borculo (Rally base) est. 275 miles.

COST

Fuel est. £100. In addition to this allow for rally tickets and spending money

Eurotunnell Dpt 10 June @ 16.20 £22 Return 14 June @ 10.20am £21

Formule 1 10 June, 1 night @ €44.10 13 June 1 night @ €49.10
(Both nights Include breakfast for 2 people)

Next Book now your Formule 1, (this is most important as rooms are limited), rally tickets and Eurotunnel. <http://www.hotelformule1.com> <http://www.eurotunnel.com>

Finally: *Contact Terry to let him know you are going and enable him to inform you of developments.*

Are you free? - places to go, things to do!

(Be sure to tell us where you've been and send pictures not only for VSOC events)

The following are activities you should consider joining in with, call a friend to go with or meet them there. Make a resolution to do at least one activity / meeting a month. **Note - the full calendar can be seen if you receive by E-mail or review the Newsletter on Lost Riders Website.**

VSOC - UK RALLIES & PARTIES

APRIL	16 – 18	CENTRE 6 - JUMP START	GOLBOURNE (M6 J23)
APRIL	24	LOST RIDERS - THE GATHERING	MELLISH RUGBY CLUB
MAY	28 – 31	CENTRE 13 - RIOT AT PRECINCT	BUSHEY HERTS.
JUNE	25 - 27	CENTRE 7 – EWEROTICA	TONNA RUGBY CLUB, WALES
AUGUST	6 – 8	CENTRE 17 – SCRUMPIES PARTY	BANWELL, SOMERSET.

FEBRUARY

2	Tuesday	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - Mellish Rugby Club, War Memorial Ground, Mapperley Plains, Nottingham. NG3 5RX. – from 7.30pm. Contact Terry 0115 939 9142 / 07853 235400 / billio51@hotmail.com
5 – 7	Fri - Sun	Dangermouse Rally Club 24 th Frozen Nuts Rally. Bignall End Cricket Cub, Bignall. Stoke on Trent. Live bands etc. £14. Info 01782 783800
7	Sunday	Derbyshire breakfast (1st and 3 rd Sunday) meet at Clay Cross Powersports. From 10am, food and or a rideout . Contact Keith 07986 091109 or Jane 07910 711591 E-mail rumblingstar@aol.com
8	Monday	Derby meet. (2 nd Monday of the month). Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG (off j29 M1) 01246 232053. Contact Keith & Jane 01246 236123 mobile – Keith 07986 091109 Jane 07910 711591 rumblingstar@aol.com
9	Tuesday	Lincolnshire meet (2 nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
10	Wed	Leicester / Northants meet. (2 nd Wednesday of each month). Forge Inn, Main Street, Glenfield, Leic. LE3 8DG. Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809 E-mail leonebrowne@btinternet.com
13	Sat	Ribcrackers Valentine Bash & Soapbox Derby. Lumb Farm, Derby Rd, Marehay, Ripley, Derby. Band & Disco. £4 Info 07738 266211
13	Sat	Unwanted MCCs Valentine Party at the Rockbar. Unwanted MCCs Rockbar, Shobnall Sports Club, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. £5. Info 07855 1330129 / 07985 21400
16	Tuesday	Nottingham meet. (3 rd Tuesday of month) Grey Goose, Arnold Lane, Gedling- from 8pm. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807 jimvtx1300@yahoo.co.uk / onelostrider@yahoo.co.uk
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28	Sunday	Notts breakfast meet(4 th Sunday of month). McDonalds Sir John Robinson Way, OFF A60 Mansfield Rd., Daybrook, Arnold (Retail park opposite Sainsburys). From Nottingham on A60 turn right at CMC follow and Mc D on left. From Mansfield on A60 turn left at CMC. From 10.30, food and or a rideout. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 807

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20	Saturday	Mablethorpe Motorcycle Festival – C9 liason via Alex (Lincs Rep). The evnt starts from 11am at Cammacks car park on the foreshore. Contact alex for more information if required.
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28	Sunday	Bottesford Egg Run. Leaving Red Lion, Bottesford at 11. A ride-in will be taking place, leaving Unicorn Inn at Gunthorpe 10.15, this hould give you time for coffee & food at pub before start of Egg Run. Contact Jim 07867 868582 or Chris 07739 913 807
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APRIL

3	Saturday	Brotherhood of Old Bikers 216 Chapter's Get your Boobs Out. Mexborough Miners & athletic Club, New Oxford Road, Mexborough. Live bands, trade stalls, camping. 1pm toll late. £4 pre book / £5 on gate. Tel. 07720 546183
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16-18	Fri-Sun	Jump Start. Centre 9 Golborne Parkside Social & Community Club. Rivington Ave., Golborne. WA3 3HG. £6 Contact 01772 334512. A Lost Riders group will be travelling up for the Saturday Night. (Contact Terry or Jim for further information)
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30-2	Fri-Sun	Mag rally – Into The Valley. Sledmere House, Sledmere, Nr Greater Driffield. YO25 3XG Bands, cheap beer and all the usual stuff! Tickets £15.

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