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VSOC CENTRE 9 – EAST MIDLANDS – NOVEMBER 2013

OWNERS OF: VIRAGO, DRAGSTAR, ROYAL STAR, VENTURE STAR, MIDNIGHT STAR, WARRIOR, RAIDER & STRATOLINER
(OWNERS OF OTHER CUSTOM BIKES WELCOME AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)



TV Times!

Nearly bonfire night and cold nights ahead.

So, time to catch up with all the biking programmes on TV. There are quite a few if you search round the digital channels:- Freewheeling (Ross Noble's new Twitter-led tour of Britain), Bike World (middle of new series), Sons of Anarchy (waiting for new series, but repeats on), Full Throttle Famous (on now and then – all about famous, *well Z-listers*, who own bikes), A bike is born (been on loads - Triumph and Harley restorations), Devil's Ride (rediculous fake outlaws, but good fun), World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides (always on, bit dull, but nice scenery), Biker Build-off and Build or Bust (for those looking to build a £250,000 bike in few days), Café Racer (Great programme for the oldies who used to "Ton up" on stripped down Triumphs, BSAs and Norton), American Chopper (if you like your chrome and raked out forks) and what about Renegade? (one-man mulleted vigilante on his Harley!) and of course there's - the MotoGP, British Superbikes, Speedway, WSB and X Games to watch. You know what.. as a minority audience, we don't do too bad.

As I doubt I'll get out on the bike much more through winter, the old TV will have to keep my biking passion satisfied.

Ride safe and watch out for wet leaves!

Tinker – Editor

LOST RIDER OF THE YEAR

It's coming up to the time of year when we vote for "Lost Rider of the Year" - the member who has done most for the club.

Please let Chris have your nominations as soon as possible. Don't miss out on the opportunity to recognise those who work hard to help keep the club going and give their time to make things enjoyable for us all.

NOVEMBER CENTRE MEET

Don't forget this month's Centre meet is moved to **Monday 4th** so as not to clash with the fireworks party on at the Park Inn

Seasonal Gatherings A review by Bald Eagle



Helen and I attended two Halloween Events during October. The first was The Billing Bikers End of Season Rally and Fright Night. It was held at The Obelisk Centre Northampton. A very good venue which we may be able to use in future. More about that later.

We took our caravan and had hard standing to pitch on. This was a godsend as the weather was less than clement. Despite this I took the bike too and managed the 32 mile round trip, staying dry between the thunder storms and heavy rain. Due to the weather the turnout was disappointing, most members deciding to stay at home.



Nonetheless the bands were excellent and all those who came to the Saturday night wore fancy dress. The site is also home to the Northamptonshire branch of The Association of Advanced Motorcyclists and a motor cycle training school. I am sure we could make use of this



venue in future. Food was provided throughout the weekend with a traditional Hog Roast on Saturday night. Breakfast was served on Saturday and Sunday morning. On Sunday we decided to have breakfast at The Super Sausage at St Andrews Road. An old school "greasy spoon" that is always busy 24/7. Saturday 26th October was



Centre 8's our caravan and our Jane Russel Terrorist, Mitsie. Disco Paul also brought his caravan and Snowy. Rod and Cath braved the elements and took their tent. As always, with C8 events, it was well organised. Thanks to Jan and Taff. The event was well supported with lots of local members as well as other groups including the Yorkies. Fancy dress was worn by



everyone. There was a disco and finger food was provided. With cheap alcohol to boot, a good time was had by all. The party ended at the Witching Hour - Midnight.





Hello all,

This month our Lincolnshire meeting was attended by our usual members with the exception of Laurie who had jetted off to St Lucia. I think we were all suitably jealous at him having warmer and drier weather than us!

Unfortunately, once again, that's about it for everything we did in October. Not much is going on at this time of year and it's not helped with the weird weather we've been having lately which affects getting out on the bikes!

So, coming up in November is the Centre 9 Christmas Party which we're looking forward to, should be a great afternoon/evening party with everyone.

Looking further ahead into December we are holding our Lincolnshire Christmas Meal on Sunday the 8th December. This will be held at our meeting venue, The Duke of Wellington pub, Leasingham with us meeting at 14:30 ready to sit down for the meal at 15:00. For more details please see the poster in the newsletter.

If you'd like to attend please contact me by email: ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk or telephone: 07815972037. Need to know numbers as soon as possible!

Beyond December it is Dad's 50th birthday in January and we're planning a party in celebration on Sunday the 4th January 2014. Again, more details available on the poster in this newsletter.

See you all soon, **Alexander Bridgwood – LINCOLNSHIRE REP**

XV950 Bolt Test Ride – by Cathy and Steve

Webbs of Lincoln offered us the 950 for the day to test ride on Thursday 24th October. Lovely day, sun shining.



Cathy took the bike out first, her comments as follows:-

What an amazing bike! From pulling away it felt so easy to ride. Handled well at speed and slow manoeuvring was very easy. It was like riding my old 535 again but with much more power. It was so light I was able to reverse it off our drive.

Steve's verdict:-

Super bike to ride. As you can see from the photos, it fits both of us quite well, with a similar riding position to the 1100 Virago. Very light and easy to handle. Personally for more comfort, I would like

forward controls and pull back handlebar risers, otherwise excellent. Brakes are very good. Acceleration from 50 - 70 in top gear - top marks. Lots of Yamaha add-ons already in the accessories book.

As you can see, this one already has sissy bar fitted. Wasn't too keen on digital speedo to start with but grew to like it. Was fine 2 up, suspension handled it well. Would easily take the weight of luggage as well.



We managed to get 130 miles out of the 12 litre tank and still had reserve left (bearing in mind not run in yet, should get a lot more once run in). In all, well worth a look and a ride if you get the chance.

Contact Mark at Webbs of Lincoln for more info and a test ride.



The Lincolnshire Christmas Meal

Lincolnshire area in Centre 9 are once again holding their annual Christmas meal on Sunday 8th December from 14:30 and sitting down for 15:00. Main meal will be a carvery with the option for a starter and dessert. 2 courses will be roughly £12.

Meet at:

The Duke of Wellington
19 Lincoln Road
Leasingham
Sleaford
NG34 8JS



Please contact Alexander Bridgwood, Lincolnshire Rep for more information and to reserve a place on 07815 972037 or email ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk.

Come along and join us for good company, lovely food and celebrate Christmas.



IT'S TIME FOR A PARTY!!!!!!!

Trev will be 50 (yes it's true ☺) on 8th January 2014

You are invited to help him celebrate on Saturday 4 January 2014

From 7 pm at:

27 Church Lane
Cherry Willingham
Lincoln
LN4 4AB



Please reply by Saturday 28 December to Rachel on 07800 853322.

Local Premier Inn in Lincoln City Central currently £29, parking extra. Or Canwick Hill with free parking but taxi will be a few pounds more. Taxi around £10 (Before midnight, £15 after). We can collect you from hotel if booked with us in advance.

Lost Riders center 9

Indoor bowls and carvery bonding lunch

Sunday 23rd February 2014

Arrive by 11.30am

Bowling 12noon

Carvery 14.15pm

Erewash indoor bowls club, Grange Park, off Station Road

Long Eaton Nottingham

NG10 2EE

Bowls and Carvery £12.50

Carvery only £9.00

Ticket sales contact- Kevin Knowlden

17 Westdale Lane Carlton Nottingham, NG4 3JF

Email-kevinsales@live.co.uk

Mobile-07816434108

Payment cheque or cash to Kevin or centre rep

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3rd	Sun	Derbyshire Breakfast Meet. (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
4 th	Mon	Centre Meet (1 st Tuesday of month) - The Park Yacht Inn, Trent Lane South, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4DS – from 7.30pm. Contact - Chris 07739 913807 onelostrider@yahoo.co.uk
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24th	Sun	Notts. Breakfast Meet (4 th Sunday of month). McDonalds, Sir John Robinson Way, OFF A60 Mansfield Rd., Daybook, Arnold. From Nottingham turn right at CMC follow and Mc D on left. From Mansfield turn left at CMC. From 10.30, food and or a ride-out. Contact Jim 07867 868 582 or Chris 07739 913 80


VSOC Yorkies


 Saturday 11th Jan 2014

Grand Dinner/Dance
Cairn Hotel Harrogate

Four course meal / your room / full breakfast

for just £65 per person


Stay Friday as well for dinner / bed & breakfast
for just £42 per person

Great Entertainment
 To book or for more information contact
The Yorkies Terry Lewis 07974 952237

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Weird looking 535 creation I spotted on eBay! – Tinker

