



# LOST RIDERS



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## VSOC CENTRE 9 – EAST MIDLANDS – AUGUST 2014

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



### Great weather for biking!

Thanks to Alex for organising this month's rideout to the Heckington Windmill & micro brewery , everyone enjoyed the tour.

This month Laurie has kindly offered to host our **LOST RIDERS SUMMER BARBEQUE.....** At:-

Little Rudsey Farm, Bleasby, Notts. NG14 7FR  
Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> From 3pm onwards,  
camping available.

**Please remember to bring chairs and your drink.**

See you there

Ride Safe - Tinker Steve



### LINCS LYRICALS



We started off July with a stand at Boston bike night on the 3rd July which saw 5 of us manning the stand for the night. One of the best attended bike nights held in Boston so far saw us having a fair bit of interest and an enjoyable night talking to people. Many thanks to Rachel, Jim Pryor, Loki and John Holmes for displaying their bikes on the stand.

Following this we had the monthly Lincolnshire meeting where we welcomed new members Gill and Lewis to the club. Great to see that we're still continuing to pick up members and that Lincolnshire is still growing.

Sunday the 13th July saw around 15 of us going on the Lincolnshire ride out. Setting off from The Friendly Farmer, Newark we headed south down the A1 before turning off and taking back roads all the way to Heckington. The good news being we only managed to get lost once and it turns out we were where we wanted to be anyway...

Once we arrived in Heckington we pulled up and met Dave and Sheila before heading into the cafe for a quick drink and cake. Mum and I had arranged for a tour of the small brewery on the site and so a few of us joined one of the brewers in learning about their processes and beers. Very interesting and well worth popping along to the 8 Sail Brewery to sample some of their very nice beers!

Despite the weathermen getting it wrong about there being only one shower early in the morning we had a great ride and day out. Thanks to all who came along!

Stay safe out there and see you on the road soon.

Alexander Bridgwood - *Lincolnshire Rep*

## OUR EPIC 2500 MILE JOURNEY

Our Journey started on Saturday 7 June. After a very wet ride to the channel tunnel the sun came out just before we boarded the train. 35 minutes later we were in France. Train was so easy, ride on and ride off with no tying down.

Alex and I got separated from Trev at Calais so made our own way to the hotel in Antwerp. Our journey was uneventful unlike Trev, who in Lost Rider style couldn't find the hotel and eventually arrived 3 hours after us. Enjoyed a lovely meal and Trev and Alex had a glass or 2 of Belgium dark beer.

Next morning we rode 310 miles to our camp site in Osterode am Harz which is on the edge of the Harz Mountains. By 8pm we were sat eating Bratwurst and drinking beer/wine. Our holiday had well and truly started ☺

In the days before the rally we spent lots of time riding the mountain roads and enjoying the views which are spectacular. Highlights included a visit to the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site town of Goslar. This is filled with wonderful medieval buildings.



We also took a steam train to the top of the Brocken which is the highest mountain in the Harz. Whilst there we bumped into Fleur from Centre 13 along with her German friend. Also met some Finns who were going to the rally. Weather was really hot so the ice café was visited most days. If you haven't been to one before the menus are huge and the selection vast.

Friday, the day of the rally arrived and we packed up the bikes and left any unwanted items in Alex's tent and made our way. In true Lost Rider style the 45 minute journey took us nearly 3 hours. I did auto routes for everywhere other than the rally site which according to the advert was in Rosdorf. Not sure how they worked that out as it was nowhere near. Friday night was a mixture of drink, catching up with friends and listening to the music.

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Saturday we were met with a lot of rough looking people with sore heads. The only Lost Riders who made it out on the bikes were Trev, Laurie and myself. Went to Kassel Wilhelmshoe which has a lovely landscaped garden. On the way back we managed to find an A road to avoid the autobahns which was very scenic. Stopped at Hann Munden which was full of old buildings and of course, a nice ice café.





Sunday saw us wave off Terry and his merry band. We packed up the tent just as the rain stopped and the sun started breaking though. 45 minutes later we were back at the camp site. With the tent back up and lunch eaten we made the walk into town. Had another ice cream and then took Alex to a German bar as he wanted to experience a proper German beer. I thought he would have been put off beer after Friday night but this was not the case.

Monday saw us travel to Quedlinburg which is another UNESCO site with an impressive 1400 listed medieval buildings.

Tuesday we made the journey to Colditz and just after we had locked up the bikes and de-kitted the other VSOC members who had also stayed on turned up. We had a brilliant 2 ½ hour guided tour. This included stories of the escape attempts and visits to the tunnels. It was well worth the 300+ mile journey. Colditz is in what was the old East Germany and is still fairly undeveloped so we all had a play on the relatively quiet autobahns.



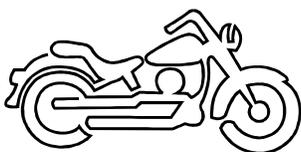
Thursday night saw us back in Antwerp where we had a true Belgium tea of Frites and a selection of typical Belgian snacks. Afterwards we visited a lovely old bar which had a menu of 100 beers.

If you haven't been to Germany before or have not had chance to explore it has so much to offer, perhaps you may think of having an extended stay when the next rally is held.

Friday saw us in Dorset to visit my Dad and Brother. Saturday we went past Stonehenge on our way to Middle Wallop for an Army Reunion and another night in the tent. Sunday we finally made it home. After 2,500 miles we and our bikes are back for a well deserved rest.

Rachel Bridgwood

### JOE'S TIP OF THE MONTH



I went for ride out on a nice sunny day, put short boots on as you do, then the rain started. The rain ran down my legs and filled my boots. When I got home... they smelled like something had died in them. I tried everything from airfreshner to carpet cleaner!

Mrs Joe to the rescue, shake in Bi-Carbonated Soda leave in for 2 days Hoover out great! Boots like new.

All the best - Joe

## 2014 RALLIES & PARTIES

Fourgasm IV – Centre 4, North Shields NE30 2BE

22 - 25 Aug

# LOST RIDERS WOODTHORPE WEEKEND IS BACK!

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6th

WOODTHORPE HALL LEISURE PARK

Nr ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE

A STEP INTO THE PAST - AS RALLIES USED TO BE - A WEEKEND OF FUN -  
SIMPLE ENTERTAINMENT - LATE BAR - GREAT FOOD – GOOD COMPANY  
BRING YOUR TENTS / CAMPER / CARAVAN OR CARAVAN HIRE AVAILABLE

IF YOU MISSED THE LAST ONE –



DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

CONTACT JIM (07867 868 582) TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AND PAY DEPOSIT  
£5 /PITCH (FULL AMOUNT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO EVENT)

**PRICE:** TENTS £10 per night / CARAVAN & CAMPER £12.00 PER NIGHT. CARAVAN HIRE 4/6 BERTH  
FRI/SAT £100 (Caravans subject to availability - book early) FULL VENUE INFORMATION AT  
[www.woodthorpehalleisure.co.uk](http://www.woodthorpehalleisure.co.uk)

Spotted this in MCN.

This year's **BMF Tailend Show Cancelled.**

Future events are unsure at this time.

Tinker



## LOST RIDERS AUGUST 2014 EVENTS

3rd	Sun	<b>Derbyshire Breakfast Meet.</b> (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
5th	Tues	<b>Centre Meet</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month - <b>The Park Yacht Inn, Trent Lane South, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4DS</b> – from 7.30pm. Contact - Chris 07739 913807
11th	Mon	<b>Derby Meet.</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month) Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG. Off M1 J29 Contact: Rick 07828 801009
12th	Tues	<b>Lincolnshire Meet</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037
13th	Wed	<b>Leicester / Northants Meet.</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month). Nags Head, Station Road, Glenfield, LE3 8BQ Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809
17th	Sun	<b>Derbyshire Breakfast Meet.</b> (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
19th	Tues	<b>Notts. Area Meet.</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Rolls Royce Social Club, Gate 1 Watnall Road (B6009), Hucknall Contact Chris 07739 913 807 or Jim 07867 868 582

## LOST RIDERS SEPT 2014 EVENTS

2nd	Tues	<b>Centre Meet</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month) - <b>The Park Yacht Inn, Trent Lane South, Colwick, Nottingham NG2 4DS</b> – from 7.30pm. Contact - Chris 07739 913807
7th	Sun	<b>Derbyshire Breakfast Meet.</b> (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009
8th	Mon	<b>Derby Meet.</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month) Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG. Off M1 J29 Contact: Rick 07828 801009
9th	Tues	<b>Lincolnshire Meet</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037
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21st	Sun	<b>Derbyshire Breakfast Meet.</b> (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact: Rick 07828 801009