



VIRAGO STAR OWNERS CLUB



APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

Ride-out - Proposed "Sherwood Shindig" route Sunday 10th March

The weather was cold and dreary, but it was dry! And no matter what the weather as soon as you see the other members of the group waiting as you pull in to the meeting point, it always looks brighter!

Four of us set off from Clay Cross Powersports to meet up with the main group at Alfreton to run the route we will be riding at the Sherwood Shindig National Party in July.



Malc (centre 9 rep) was the man who had the job of working out the route and led from the front (as always), the group was now 14 strong and keen as always to enjoy ourselves!

We set off towards Matlock (a must for visiting Bikers) and even at this time of the year the scenery takes some beating! We wound our way through Darley Dale, Rowsley, into Bakewell and ending up at Moneyash where we moved into the café for some refreshments and a good helping of chatting and banter. We were joined by another two riders at this point.

As what usually happens when we meet, the time slips by, but we had to set off and finish the ride.

The weather stayed dry and we set off towards Cromford and finally back to Alfreton where the group split up and said our farewells, the Derbyshire group made its way back to Powersports for more coffee and chat before going our separate ways once more.

If on that morning you looked out at the weather and said "it looks 'orrible" I'm not going, 16 of us did go and it was a great ride!



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WOTSDM?

APRIL

- 2 Bottesford Egg Run, leaving the Red Lion at 11.00am
 Derbyshire Ride-In to the Bottesford Egg Run - leaving the Dusty Miller at 10am.
- 4 **VSOC C9 Meeting and AGM at the Grey Goose, Gedling**
- 8 Mansfield Egg Run (see separate ad)
- 9 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
- 10 **VSOC Derbys Area 6th Anniversary meet, Barlborough - FREE BUFFET (see separate ad)**
- 12 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
- 19 *Deadline for receipt of items for inclusion in the May newsletter.*
- 23 **Centre 9's 6th GATHERING OF THE CLANS!**
Meeting at HOLME PIERPOINT Carpark Off the A52 near Nottingham- 10 O'CLOCK. Ride leaves at 11 o'clock (see ads for details and Ride-Ins!)
- 29-30 **Centre 4 Northern Raiders** to come to the Anchor Inn, Friskney. (see separate communication)
- 30 **Ride-out to join Centre 4 at the Anchor Inn Friskney, then on to Skegness.**
 Leaving 10am Little Chef car park A46 east of Newark, picking up at the Cherry Tree Café, Sudbrooke (A158) at 11am.
 Derbyshire Ride to join the Friskney/Skegness Ride - leaves the Dusty Miller at 10am.

MAY

- 2 **VSOC C9 Meeting at the Grey Goose, Gedling**
- 8 **VSOC Derbys Area meet, Barlborough**
- 10 **VSOC Leics/Northants meet, Walcote**
- 12-14 **Centre 18 (Peninsula Pirates) Clotted Cream Party, Camborne Rugby Club (Off the A30, Cornwall)**
- 14 **VSOC Lincs Area Meet, Castle Inn, Coningsby**
- 19-21 Mamba Rally (Friday) plus the BMF Show, Peterborough Showground.
- 26-29 **Centre 7 Mutton Molesters Rally, at Tonna Rugby Club, West Glamorgan.**

JUNE

- 9-11 **Danish International Rally, Klinteborg.**
- 10-11 BMF GEMS Show, Kent.
- 23-25 **Cottesmore Camping Weekend, same format & venue as last year. TICKETS on Sale NOW**
- 30-2 **Centre 13 Roadrunners 'Easy Cruising' Rally.**

JULY

- 14-16 **Centre 9 National Party - The Sherwood ShinDig**
- 28-31 **Centre 2 Ireland - Laughin' Leprechaun Rally.**
Bike ferry places limited - don't leave it too late!

AUGUST

- 25-28 **Centre 4 The Northern Raiders FOURGASM II Rally (The Second Cumir')**

CORRECTION TO CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LAUGHIN' LEPRECHAUN RALLY

Hello

Please pass this message on to all of your members as soon as is possible

The contact details for me in the recent edition of Clatter are wrong.

My new contact number is **00 353 86 213 8691**

The old number has been re-assigned within my old company and the man who now has it is getting very grumpy about be called on VSOC business.

Cheers

Brian
Centre 2 Rep.

GET IT A WEEK EARLIER!



We are now able to email the C9 newsletter. It can be sent to you as a 6 page 'Word' file of about 2 or 3 mb size (the smallest I can make it I'm afraid) and is in full colour - much better for looking at the photos!

If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please email me at: jayne.bell@hemscof.net and I will add your name to my circulation list. The emailed file should reach you up to 5 days before the Gedling meeting. PS: PLEASE ASK FOR A READ-RECEIPT ON YOUR REQUEST SO YOU KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED IT!

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

Dusty Miller Public House
BARLBOROUGH
(just off J30 M1)
2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm

LEICESTERSHIRE / NORTHANTS

The Tavern Inn
WALCOTE,
Nr Lutterworth
1 minute from J20 M1
2nd Wed of the month from 7.30pm

LINCOLNSHIRE

Castle Inn,
CONINGSBY
2nd Sunday of the month



WEBSITES
www.vsoc.org.uk
www.lostriders.co.uk

Meetings for Lincolnshire
will be on the 2nd Sunday
of the month, starting on
April 9th, 12.00 Castle Inn

MALLO'S BIT

Hi everyone I hope you're all fit and well, by now many of you will know the result of the recent Lincolnshire in/out of Centre 9 vote run by the National Committee. Well for the one's who don't, Lincs stays within Centre 9, there simply weren't enough people in Lincolnshire wanting to break away.

Please don't think I'm jumping up and down with glee, that just isn't the case, I have been accused of several things during this period making it a difficult and testing time for my family and me. It's a shame that the VSOC has had to resort to this action to resolve the problem that some members feel they have. Never-the-less we are very pleased to keep them in our Centre, changes are being made to the committee so that ALL counties will have access to the information given at Centre meets, there is no need to feel alienated or left out. **I noticed that a meeting for April in Coningsby was not advertised in last month's newsletter, don't worry there will be one. From now on unless there are any objections it will now be on the second Sunday of the month (9th April this month).** You will also notice that there is a ride-in from Lincolnshire as with all the counties to the 'Gathering of the Clans', details published elsewhere.

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Earlier I mentioned the Gathering of the Clans, somewhere in this newsletter I know there will be Ride-In details, for this years event. Last year the numbers attending was incredible, the

weather forecast is for it to be fine and sunny, come on folks, dust those cobwebs off, fill up with petrol and join us.

On a different note, below are excerpts from a letter I recently received from one of our members, Steve Liveley, can you help him? Drop him a line?

Steve Liveley
10 Vicarage Lane, Eaton, Grantham, Lincs
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Help

I have a Dragstar 1100 Classic
I am a short arse and sold my Triumph a couple of years ago because I was fed up of being on tip-toes at junctions. I don't dislike the riding position of the Dragstar but after an hour I can hardly stand up. All my weight is bearing down on my lower back/bum and I've had enough. Other riders must have had similar problems
has anyone found the answer

Thanx
Steve

Can you help? My suggestion would be different handlebars or risers or a drivers backrest, can you think of anything else, contact Steve, or send your suggestion to me and I'll print them, as Steve says he can't be on his own with this problem, he's not the only short-arse in the club. And how do I know that, if you've seen me you wouldn't have to ask

Male
Centre 9 Rep 'The Lost Riders'

Derbyshire April Meeting

The April meeting will be a special meeting being our **6th Anniversary**. We are having a **FREE BUFFET** laid on for that evening and also a **SPECIAL RAFFLE** for which we hope you can bring a small gift to contribute. It is hoped we can boost the funds of the Derbyshire group to enable things like the Buffet and the odd BBQ on some of our proposed Derbyshire ride-outs in the summer months to be supplied free of Charge (comments on the back of a £20 note to your County Repl)

Come along and make it a great evening !

Ken Collingwood

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THE SIXTH GATHERING IS COMING

THE START OF A NEW YEAR OF RIDING WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS NEW AND OLD

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL

23rd APRIL 2006

6th GATHERING OF THE CLANS



Meeting at:
HOLME PIERPOINT Carpark

OFF THE A52 NEAR NOTTINGHAM
10 O'CLOCK

FOR A SHORT RIDE-OUT STARTING AT
11 O'CLOCK

25 miles AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL VALE
OF BELVOIR

ENDING AT THE RUTLAND ARMS (MUDDY DUCK)
FOR 12 NOON

see below for
ride-in details!

Lunch



If you require lunch please ring and book in
advance 01476 870111

Sunday lunch starts at £8.95
main course only,

£15 three course

Also available:

Bar snacks & Hot meat baps

£4.25

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Any questions ask Roy & Julie on 01780 460698

Cottesmore Camping Weekend

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RIDE-INS TO THE GATHERING

Lincolnshire :

from Cherry tree Café,

Sudbrooke

leaving at 09.15

Derbyshire :

from the Dusty Miller,

Barlborough

leaving at 09.30



MANSFIELD EASTER EGG RUN SATURDAY 8th APRIL

The Run goes from the Civic Centre, Mansfield to
Kings Mill Hospital.

Leaving the Civic Centre Car Park at 1pm and
arriving at the hospital at 1.30pm.

There will be hot tea and coffee on arrival.

If anyone is interested, please contact Malc C for
more details/maps etc., or the organiser; Alan on
01623 488078 or 08712078560.

Information can also be found on:

www.tarmactraining.co.uk/latestnews.asp

KETTERING / NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Bought my bike, second hand, in December 2004. Low mileage lovingly cleaned (but no service records). Thought the guy was honest and trustworthy. BIG LESSON IN LIFETIME BE HAD. When a bike looks great doesn't mean its been looked after. It's okay to wash and polish it but that doesn't make the bike reliable, run well or last long.

I've had a few running problems over the last 8 months or so, not helped by a less than reputable garage servicing in Kettering. Time to put things right, so I popped in to see Dave Cooper. Arranged a time and dropped my bike in to the workshop. I asked for a full service, diagnosis and repair/adjustments to sort my bike out. Dave was very helpful. He listened intently to my comments, offered lots of valuable feedback and said he would call me when the work was completed. Over the next couple of days Dave called a few times keeping me updated and informing me of the actions he proposed to take. The service was outstanding. The results, my bike runs like a dream and I wasn't ripped off. I reckoned it was worth mentioning to Centre 9 members, because in this area decent servicing/repair facilities are few and far between. Dave also identified where to watch for problems resulting from riding all year round. The amount of seized parts was unbelievable. The service, by the way, was far more comprehensive than that done by a dealer. I was totally satisfied with 'Dave Cooper Racing'

If you're near Kettering and looking for someone reliable to work on your bike or got a problem that can't be solved you wouldn't go far wrong popping into Dave Cooper Racing. Don't be put off by the 'Racing' bit.

Kev (Northants Rep)



FUN TIME....

Mr Honda, of the Honda Motorcycle Corporation, died and went to heaven for judgement.

At the gates, St. Peter told Mr Honda, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven."

Mr Honda thought about it for a minute and then said, "I want to hang out with God. I have a question for Him."

St. Peter took Mr Honda to the Throne Room and introduced him to God.

Mr. Honda then asked God, "Aren't you the inventor of women?"

God Said, "Ah, yes. Indeed I am".

"Well," said Mr Honda, "Professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your design;

1 - There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion.

2 - It chatters constantly at high speeds.

3 - Most of the rear ends are too soft and have excessive wobble.

4 - The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust.

5 - Plus the monthly down time and aggravation are outrageous, and I don't even wanna start talking about the maintenance costs.

"Hmmm, you do raise some good points" replied God, "Lets have a wee look."

God went to his Celestial Super Computer, typed in a few things and waited for the results.

After a moment God said, "Well, it may be true that my invention seems to be flawed, but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours."

source: email of dubious origins

SPEED CAMERA WEBSITE

At the last meeting at Gedling some members were interested in the web site for information on speeding and speed cameras. The site is:

www.pepipoo.co.uk

When you enter the site

go to the **Fight back Forum**.

You will be asked to register, there is no charge.

Once in the forum take your time to look around and if you want you can ask questions from the experts.

It is a very good site.

Regards

Joe



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Lost Rider Merchandise 2006

This year we are selling Lost Rider Merchandise on a pre order Mail Order basis. This helps free up the clubs Finances as we only produce what is required and has been paid for! Depending on demand and success of this system, we will probably produce the merchandise 2 or 3 times a year.

Please note that if your order arrives **LATER** than the cut off dates below then it will not be processed until the next order run!

Lady Rider Prints BACK by public demand!!!

Last Date for Orders 24th April 2006
Orders posted out w.c. 21st May 2006



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Hooded Sweatshirt	£27						



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Sweatshirt	£20						
Hooded Sweatshirt	£27						
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