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From the Editor



Welcome to the June edition of the Lost Riders Newsletter. Could someone please tell me where the year has gone, it only seems 5 minutes since I was writing my first newsletter - LOL.

By the time you read this months offering, we will have had our Bomber Bash Rally and what a Rally it was. From a personal point of view and I know from speaking to others, it was one of the best rallies ever and I am not just saying that because it was OUR rally. The entertainment over the three nights was nothing short of brilliant - Thanks Les.

The Friday night saw Kruiser, who I thought were brilliant and that drum solo was something else with the lead guitarist also among one of the best I have heard. We all thought how can anyone follow that. But follow it we did, and on Saturday night on came Smokin' Gun. From the time they came on stage until the time they finished, it was nothing short of brilliant, with yet another great drum solo and lead guitarist, as for the lead singer, what can I say - F***ing awesome or what. He had a way with words too and turned what is a great band into a great show. By the end of the night, I think they were enjoying themselves as much as we were. Even Les joined in the act with his rendition of Wild Thing - see live clip on facebook - LOL



The Sunday night saw a solo singer Mazza, who finished the rally off in fine style with a great voice and good selection of songs and if anyone knows a band who are looking for a lead singer, then Mazza is their man.

On behalf of everyone at Lost Riders, I would like to say a big thank you to the trade stands and sponsors: Fat Skeleton, Addiction Tattoo, Myths & Minerals and Carlton Caterers.

You will have probably had a number of e-mails from both Terry & myself regarding sending last months newsletter by E-mail, which caused me so much grief to start with, but fingers crossed, I hope it is sorted now.

You will see from the Committee Contacts that Ros Thompson has taken over from John Simpson looking after the merchandise. So if you have any requirements, please let Ros know.

Whilst looking for other events, rallies etc, I came across a website called - The Biker Guide www.thebikerguide.co.uk If you have not had a look yet, then please do. I think it must list every "open" event going and gives you the opportunity to list your own event if you want to.

If anyone is planning a ride-out to any of the landmark locations, why not try and get others to join you and have a ride-out together - any suggestions would be gratefully received.

I think thats about it for me this month, but if anyone has anything they would like to see in the newsletter, then please let me know.

ADVICE OF THE MONTH

When riding your motorcycle, always ensure you have enough petrol to get to your destination, as failure to do so will result in inconvenience, total embarrassment and enjoyment of your fellow bikers - LOL

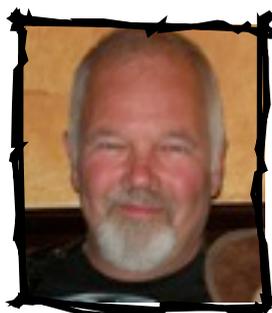
Ride safe and remember:

IT'S THE SHINY SIDE UP

Jim (Tandem)

BEING SHOT AT - *for the last time*

Hi everyone



Well that was the Bomber Bash. A million thanks from us at the pointy end to everyone who worked so hard, firstly to make the event a reality, and then all hours God sends to make it happen. Trevor really sorted it out for us didn't he? Alex had nothing but praise for his ride outs, the manning of the welcome tent was a long hard job, but you were all magnificent, always helpful, smiling and caring.

The security patrols all over the weekend worked brilliantly, seemed that more time was spent topping up the tea tent than guiding merry campers about, but it was a close thing.

Keeping the place clean, picking up litter, sorting out the loos, entertaining 360 guests, it all went by with a smile. I hoped it would be good, and by heck it was.

Fabulous entertainment, thanks Les, especially the silly games, how old are we? The big top was a huge smash hit, we had such an atmosphere inside, electric at times. Twice they had to send out for more beer, we are so naughty.

Those burgers were to die for, best I have ever tasted. The staff at Sleaford Rugby Club were great. Always a smile, they were dead on their feet at the end.

I am sure you realise, there are far too many names for me to mention here, please realise that all the praise in the world is heaped at your door, each and every one of you.

I have had many emails, and phone calls thanking us for our efforts. I even heard one long standing VSOC member say, "I think that's probably the best rally I have ever been to", others were saying wow, how do we follow that?

Well it was all down to you, a very big pat on the back, and well done

Even though quite a lot of our helpers had to go, there were still 40 Lost Riders at the end to enjoy an end of rally meal.

You may have heard of a couple of emotional silly old sods at the end, well I had a sore throat, that's my excuse, and I am sticking to it, after all I am a rock hard biker, not sure, but I think Trev had a fly in his eye?

That's the end of my missives, I have had a fabulous 5 years on the committee, the support I have had has been nothing short of incredible. Time for me to step aside, and throw my, according to Jane, considerable weight behind the new guys.

It will be hard for the new Rep at first, lots to come to terms with really, but with your help, and backing, The Lost Riders will go forward now with renewed vigour.

That was one hell of a display of togetherness over the rally weekend, I can tell you.

Ride Safe People

Terry, ex-centre rep

THE DERBYSHIRE DESPATCH

Hello



Well as I write this I am up to my ears in bags, water and airplanes!!!! Carrier bags, plastic bags, black bags, spitfires!!! I have been busy getting things together to go in the Goody Bags for the rally and I have been running round like a demented chicken!! But I think at last I am on the home straight and they are all about done PHEW!! And by the time you read this we will have had our Bomber Bash rally and hopefully it was a success with no mishaps and everyone enjoyed themselves.

At our last monthly meeting it was good to welcome Dave and Debs who haven't been to a Derbyshire meeting since I became the rep so thanks for your support and hopefully we will see you again and you've not been put off! We had a general knowledge quiz which was won by Leon, Rick, John and Paul so well done.

At our breakfast meeting on the 1st May we welcomed 8 members from Centre 8 The West Midlands who met up with us at CMC and had breakfast and then Paul led a ride through the Derbyshire Peaks and onto a pub for lunch so that was very enjoyable and maybe something that we could do again as a Centre or maybe go over to see them at one of their meetings.

I think that's all for this month but if anyone has anything that they would like me to include in my Despatch article in the future - any pictures or stories of things that they have done - just let me have them and I will gladly include them.

Remember you are most welcome to come and have a chip cob and a chat and maybe a quiz at the Derbyshire meetings, the next one will be 13th June so get the bikes out and come and join us.

That's all from Derbyshire

Shelagh xx

NOTTS NATTERING'S

Since the last Newsletter one of us has been on holiday and we've been to the great wedding of Nigel and Janice. A great weekend for them both, with the weather making a good contribution for a change; again our best wishes to them both. We still can't get over seeing Janice in a dress!! We were not the only ones to enjoy the event – we don't believe the Registrar had seen anything like it before. The convoy of stretch limo with outriders certainly made an impression on him – so much so that he asked for pictures.



We've both just returned from the Bomber Bash. Three nights of great fun and very little sleep. A huge amount of work went into the event by a large number of people, all of which resulted in a great rally. Particular thanks to Les for very well targeted and excellent entertainment for each night. I heard lots of good comments on how good they were.

Speaking of entertainment, I must bring your attention in no modest way two very dangerous and challenging sports in which the Lost Riders took part. The events - Egg throwing and indoor three man skiing. Consider this was done without safety nets or even our crash helmets – but for the honour of our centre we accepted the challenge. I have great pride and a little humility in proudly acknowledging the success of our skiing team – we won. Well done John, Terry and the little one at the back. The second, even more dangerous egg throwing was not quite so successful but we put up a good show having entered a wonderful, strong, charming, good looking, beddable, ever youthful, modest “catcher”. Who was it I hear you ask, well, I have to admit it was me, (I would have included “tall” in the description but I didn't want to be dishonest). We came second. It might have been first if the thrower (Moirra -whose skill at throwing things at me is normally second to none), had been a little more determined. Overall we did ourselves proud.

The two ride outs went very well I believe with good comments from those attending. Other duties prevented us from participating, as someone had to look after the site when everyone else was away. A very good, if very tiring weekend. The venue was excellent and their staff equally so. Bar prices remained unchanged from their normal very low rate and we rewarded them for this by drinking them out of bitter and others on each night – even though they kept increasing their stocks each day.

On to more regular events. The meet in at Rolls Royce was very well attending, many thanks to those who came along to enjoy the good company and free chip butties. If you've not been yet come along and enjoy the comp any – easy to get to and well worth the effort.

Following the RR meet came the breakfast meet at McDonalds – where were you all? If nothing else you can have a coffee. Come along have a chat and a ride if you want. Please note that in June the breakfast meet is on the 26th, it is very likely that we will be attending the Saxon Warriors' Fen Frolics rally but it doesn't mean that no-one will be there so still go if you're not going to the rally.

Be careful out there.

Chris & Jim

LINCS LYRICAL'S

May 2011:



This month has been absolutely fantastic for riding and with the first weekend akin to a summer day I decided to take the 535 out and ride the Saturday route of the Bomber Bash rally rideout. The route is absolutely fantastic and goes through some truly splendid areas of Lincolnshire.

The 9th saw myself and Dad (Trevor) taking our bikes to Wickenby airfield to finalise the details for our visit at the rally. What they are putting on sounds absolutely fantastic; a tour of a hangar full of vintage aircraft and a display by the number 1 British aerobatic champion...all for free! The café at the airfield had previously been holding weekly bike nights on a Monday however they are now exploring more options. The owners are really

welcoming and it was great to have a chat and a coffee. You can see any future events to be held there at the Wickenby website: <http://www.wickenbyairfield.com/>

Also taking place at Wickenby is their Wickenby Wings and Wheels event taking place on the 18th and 19th June featuring an airshow, large collection of aircraft, vintage cars and motorcycles, 4x4 off-roading and a dinner dance on the Saturday evening. More details on their website here: <http://www.wickenbyairfield.com/>

The following night on the 10th was our monthly Lincolnshire meeting which once again saw an impressive number of people attending! Many thanks to all who came over, what a splendid evening we had. We even had a 250 and an 88' 535 Virago there!

The 13th saw me and the family all heading to the BMF to help out on the stand. Another great weekend although I think that both the amount of stands at the show and the number of visitors seemed to be down although it seemed far busier the opposite side of the show to where the stand was situated!

So, an action packed month. Especially when you consider that the season has not really kicked off just yet. We are so used to in this Country having rain and temperatures in the low teens that it seems really bizarre to be getting out on the bike so much so early in the year! However, I am thoroughly looking forward to the upcoming rally this weekend which should be an absolute blast of a time.

See you at the rally

Alexander Bridgwood
Lincolnshire Rep

To everyone that came to the Bomber Bash this weekend, it takes you guys attending to create the whole party atmosphere, so thanks to all who made the effort to come along.



Regards

Trev

A SPECIAL THANKS

Through the newsletter, Jan and myself would like to say a BIG thank you to all the riders that attended our wedding last month. It was a perfect weekend in every way, and it could not have been so without our friends joining in the celebrations on our special day. I know that everyone who attended had a good time, because the weekend was still talked about at the Bomber Bash!. Also a big thank you to Terry and Jane for their help and advice, Dave and Debs Hunter for their help on the day. I think the Limo driver appreciated Dave's help in taking him and the escort to the registry office! To EJ for her help on the day with Jan and for the photos and to everyone, who over the weekend chipped in in some way to ensure the weekend was enjoyed by all. THANK YOU from the both of us!!.

On another note, when Terry made his very emotional speech after dinner at the end of the Bomber Bash, he said that his goal whilst centre rep was to bring the Lost Riders together more cohesively and that he had seen this happen at the Rally and hoped that we would build on that and progress from it. Well Terry, personally I think I saw the Lost Rider spirit appearing at our wedding, and can I say it was a joy to see for Jan and myself, a proper bike club spirit and Jan and I agree with you Terry that we can, as a centre, progress and improve in the coming year. I will probaBly not see you all again this year due to HM forces commitments, but I know Jan will be going to the Yorkies and has already made traveling arrangements with Terry, so Live Free, Ride Safe friends and enjoy the forthcoming year.



Nige and Jan. 😄

10 YEAR PATCHES



Two Lost Riders, Shelagh Booker and Chris Bower were presented with their 10 year patches at the Bomber Bash by our Centre Rep Terry - Congratulations both.

SPECIAL DATES TO PLAN FOR

(FULL DETAILS FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES ON WEBSITE OR CONTACT EDITOR)

JUNE	24 – 26	FEN FROLICS, MELDRETH Nr ROYSTON, HERTS. FROM £16.
JULY	22 – 24	YORKIES TROGLODYTE RALLY. HULL IONIANS RUGBY CLUB, HUL £18
AUGUST	26 – 29	PENINSULA PIRATES, NEWTON ABBOTT. £15 CONTACT 01752 569379

LOST RIDERS JUNE EVENTS		
5th	Sun	Derbyshire Breakfast Meet (1st & 3rd Sunday of Month) CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact Shelagh 07981 734 904
7th	Tues	Centre Meet (1st 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
13th	Mon	Derby Meet. (2nd Monday of month) Arkwright Arms, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Chesterfield. S44 5JG. Off M1 J29. Shelagh 07981 734 904
14th	Tues	Lincolnshire Meet (2nd Tuesday of month) The Duke of Wellington, Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford. NG34 8JS Contact: Alex 07815 972037 E-mail ajbridgwood@yahoo.co.uk
8th	Wed	Leicester / Northants meet. (2nd Wednesday of each month). Nags Head, Station Road, Glenfield, LE3 8BQ Contact: Pete Brown 0116 291 6809 E-mail leonebrowne1@live.co.uk
19th	Sun	Derbyshire breakfast meet. (1st and 3rd Sunday of month). CMC Clay Cross (the old Stratstone) from 10am. Contact Shelagh 07981 734 904
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OTHER JUNE EVENTS		
3rd & 4th	Fri-Sat	Bike, Trike & Custom Show - Unwanted MCC The Rockbar, Shobnall Social Club, Stoke on Trent, DE14 2BB Pre book £10 £13 OTG www.unwantedmcc.co.uk
10th - 12th	Fri - Sun	Sapphire and Steel Rally, The Royal Oak, Hirst Courtney, Near Selby, YO8 8QT Tickets are £10 each pre-book (£15 on the gate) www.gemccleeds.org.uk

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17th-19th	Fri-Sun	Farmyard Party, Duncombe Park, Helmsley, N Yorks, YO62 5EB - £25 pre book by 12th June, £35 OTG. NO cars, No vans, No pedestrians, No excuses. LOTS of entertainment over the week end www.farmyardparty.com
18th-19th	Sat-Sun	Wickenby Airshow - Wickenby Airfield see www.wickenbyairfield.com/www/ Proceeds to going to charities, predominantly Lincolnshire Air Ambulance Tickets £10 adults £5 under 16's. Camping available, but book early also local B&B's
24th - 26th	Fri - Sun	Cowpat Rally, Amber Valley Rugby Club, Pyebridge, Somercotes, Derbyshire, DE56 4PD Prebook: £12, OTG: £15 see website for more info www.sommcc.org.uk

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OTHER JULY EVENTS

2nd & 3rd	Sat & Sun	VJMC Uttoxeter Classic Motorcycle Show & Autojumble, Uttoxeter Racecourse, ST14 8BD Pre book £9, OTG £10, weekend camping £20.50 Tel No: 01628 631690 www.uttoxeterclassicbikeshoe.co.uk
8th - 10th	Fri - Sun	Unwanted Mcc's 7th COCK OUT RALLY.The Rockbar, Shobnall Sports & Social Club, Shobnall Rd, Burton on Trent Staffs, DE14 2BB,Rock Disco's in both rooms over the weekend. Bands for Friday night in in the Social Club "Rubicon" & in The Rockbar Top Headlining band. "Hot 4 Teacher", and Saturday night in the Social Club "Black Cat Bones" & in The Rockbar. The incredible "Smokin Gun".Ticket prices held prebook Â£10.00 for the weekend inc free camping.On the gate £13.00
22nd - 24th	Fri - Sun	Wanderers MCC's 4th where the f**k are we rally at the Haberdashers arms, Knighton, Staffs, ST20 0QH 4 top bands, rock disco, good food, silly games, dragon slayer tattoo's, trade stalls,bikers mum. Sorry no dogs or fires Ticket £10 pre book or £15 on the gate, cars £2 except blue badge holders for tickets send s.a.e and cheques/postal orders payable to wanderers mcc 147 scotia road,burslem,stoke-on-trent,st6 4ez hippy 07862792863 chunk 07870500190 lottie 07581165626
29th - 31st	Fri - Sun	Halfway Heroes MCC's - Leathered in Lincoln Rally, Branston Community College, Station Road, Lincoln, LN4 1LH. Bands, fairground rides, bike show and silly games. Pre book £12.50, OTG £15 www.halfway-heroes.co.uk Tel - Kev 07831 640792

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