

# SEAX

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## Editor's Soapbox.

Sorry to confuse you all with another "June SEAX".

But it appears that I did not receive some e-mails from John and Peter, which contained their articles?

Hence this version has 3 additional pages to it's predecessor and is more of a healthier size.

If you do send an article to me; I will always confirm receipt with an e-mail.

If YOU don't get a reply, then I haven't received it.

The weather hasn't been wonderful, but there has been a surprisingly good turnout for all the May events, which included a certain 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party as well as rideouts and a rally. Thanks to everyone who has made the effort.

**COPY DATE FOR JULY EDITION - 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE.**

**PLEASE**

**Ed.**

## Rep's Rambling.

Just returned from the first rally of the year at Bournemouth. 500 members attended with 21, including some rally virgins, from C19. The weather was glorious during the days, rained at night, Sunday night and Monday, heavy rain, high winds, tents flooding, a very wet ride home, all of this and it still did not dampen our spirits. Everybody agreed that it was a brilliant weekend.

Next rally is the International in Finland, then its our rally, only 5 weeks to go, everything is in place now for what is going to be an excellent weekend.

We still need volunteers to help with the running of the rally, so if you can spare some time please let me know.

Don't forget to buy your rally tickets.

Membership for C19 stands at 67 and 5 associates.

The highlight of the month has to be Mr K's, 60th surprise birthday party at the beginning of the month. To see him speechless as he walked into his back garden with a 100 people standing there was one for the archives. A very big thanks must go to Claire who spent months organising the surprise party and everybody else involved in making it a special day. If you have not heard about it you will, he's not stopped talking about it since. Happy Birthday Peter from everybody at C19.

John



## North Essex Deputy page.

C19 North meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008

It was good to see a few more at the meeting, John Marshall had come up from Chelmsford, well done John it was good to catch up. Barney, Andy and Joe also showed up so along with the usuals it was well attended. Most were on bikes as well !!

Since the last meeting some of us ventured over to Holland for the Southern Snakes rally, lovely weather day and night, it is always good to meet up with the Dutch as they make us so welcome, I am told that there are 30+ Dutch and Belgians coming to our rally in July so it will give you the chance to meet up and get to know them, you will recognise them by their orange suits and perfectly spoken English. !!!

Roger and co manned the Manningtree show which inspite of the early dodgy weather was a success, the Sunday lunch at The Anchor was well represented and is becoming an annual event now.

Whilst some did the Steeple rally the rest went to Colne school, Brightlingsea fete for the day, wonderful weather for a change.

Final arrangements are in place for our rally and a visit to the rally site recently cleared up a few more matters, the site Managers are really keen to ensure that everything is spot on,

I hope that you have bought your rally tickets as this helps the cash flow, be there or be square as they say, it is not one that you will want to miss .

Just a reminder that there are a few outstanding membership renewals which I am sure is an oversight, unfortunately the £5 penalty has now kicked in for late payment but hey ho look what you get and the friends that you meet,

Ta ta for now

Peter sometimes known as Mr K

## JUNE RIDEOUTS 2008

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY TRIP TO FRANCE.

Depart Marks Tey 06-30 for Thurrock services, we will be riding out of Thurrock services 07-30 the latest. Don't forget your PASSPORT and your CHECKING-IN REF. No.

### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> BOXHILL

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Thurrock services, depart Thurrock services 10-30 for Boxhill

### FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> V.S.O.C. INTERNATIONAL RALLY, FINLAND

### FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTRE 7 PARTY, TONNA, NEATH, WALES

Meet at Brentwood services M25/A12 Depart Brentwood services 09-00 for Wales

### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> INPROMPTU

Depart Boreham services 10-00

### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> ROMNEY, HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RAILWAY

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Thurrock services, depart Thurrock services 10-30 for Hythe Board at Hythe, 50 minute train ride to Dungeness for fish and chips.

### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK

Depart Boreham services 09-15 for Langham, shell garage, A12 north of Colchester. Depart Langham 10-00

For more information contact your reps  
Please have sufficient fuel for rideouts so we can keep fuel stops to a minimum

## Centre 19 meeting's dates:

### June

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 2nd June 2008.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.  
West of A12, North of Colchester

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 16th June 2008.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

### July

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 7th July 2008.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.  
West of A12, North of Colchester

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 21st July 2008.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

**Dutch National Rally**

**VIRAGO STAR CLUB NEDERLAND**

**NATIONAL RALLY, FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, SEPTEMBER 2008**

**CAMPING "De Hei"  
GOCHSEDIJK 37  
SIEBENGEWALD  
5853 AA**

2 Breakfasts, 2 dinners, live entertainment and camping 55 Euros

Check-out the site at [WWW.CAMPINGDEHEL.NL](http://WWW.CAMPINGDEHEL.NL) The site is geared up for bike rallies and looks really good.

Preferred crossing is Harwich to Hoek van Holland, 110 miles to rally site.  
Calais to rally site 260 miles

Departure, Harwich, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 23-45 arrive Hoek 07-45  
Return, Hoek, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 14-30 (local time) arrive Harwich 20-00

Prices are through Motorsport, cheaper than going direct with Stena

Price:- bike, rider and pillion £81-00 return.

Cabins are compulsory on the overnight crossing

These prices are for PER CABIN and not per person.

2 berth inside £34-00, 2 berth outside £40-00

4 berth inside £54-00 4 berth outside £60-00

If you are interested in coming to the Dutch rally please let me know as soon as possible

John

## MY RIDE TO THE SCRUMPY'S RALLY

Having not been involved with club activity's or rallies for the last few years I thought it was time to return; & what better way than the scrumpy's rally that I had done & enjoyed in the past.

So it was off to Thurrock Services on a bright Friday morning, on arrival there are lot's of shiny bikes & faces old & new, I gave them all a laugh to start the day off as I slid off the side off my bike from between the tank bag & other luggage on the rear seat only to fall flat on my face; I must get some longer legs from somewhere! It's time for the ride to leave. I have been known to get bored on rides so I say I will finish my cigarete & catch you up, thinking that way I can play & meet them at Fleet service's hee hee.

Oh dear Mr Ks daughter Claire want's to stay & ride with me, bugger that's going to slow me up a bit I think {I got that very wrong } off we go at a steady pace making reasonable progress for about ten mile's then Claire comes past, it's now fast progress with plenty of forward planning & well executed overtakes. I was impressed, at this time I was not sure of her rear observation as it was not long before she was totally out of my sight; it didn't help that she got through gaps I couldn't with my side cases. Then past comes a Ducati & GSXR 1000 so I hitch on to the back of them & it's wonderful how the traffic moves out of the way for race rep bikes & then it's three figure speeds & not long before I'm back in front of Claire & we are a group of four making progress. At fleet service's Claire's first words are what happened to you, good rear observation as well I then think, Mr Ducati's first words who pulled in with us were christ it's a girl, your quick.

We set off from Fleet services as a club group on the last leg, oh dear it's not long before I'm off down the road & Claire's come with me to, whoopy we can play again as I now know she's good at it. hee hee.

Down the M3 on to the M27 & look for the Airport sign's from what I could remember from last time four year's ago, got to the Airport, oops wrong one! should have turned right on the M27 not left, we were at Southampton airport not Bournemouth airport which was on the other side of the New Forest, oh well back round the other side of the forest we go to arrive & meet the other's that had their tent's up buy the time we got there.

Redrag Phil.