

# SEAX

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## Rep's Rambling.

We do not seem to be having much luck with weather so far, a couple of cancelled ride outs at the beginning of the month, rain and more rain. The bad weather did not prevent 32 people arriving at the Anchor pub, Stratford St. Mary, for Sunday lunch. A big thank you to everybody who came, some by bike and those who looked at the weather forecast that morning and came by car, and yes it rained but while we were eating and despite the dampness, it was a great day out.

Roger Carter stepped down as centre rep for C16 after 9 years, the longest serving rep in the VSOC. There was a surprise party for him as a thank you for all the work he had done for the VSOC and for centre 16. Six of us from C19 travelled down to Fareham to wish him well, a long way to go for a drink but hey: any excuse.

Everybody should have renewed their membership by now, the latest date for renewing before the £5-00 penalty is due is the **30 April.**

A number of members have asked if they can go and see our Rally site at Runwell; so the next South meeting, 19 May, we will leave the Bell pub at 8-00pm for the rally site or make your own way to Runwell Sports and Social Club for 8-15pm; then back to the Bell pub later on in the evening.

The rally is progressing steadily; hopefully everything will be in place by the end of May. I would like to thank everybody who has helped with the organising of the rally so far as it is much appreciated.

Seven C19 members are off to Holland on Friday 25th to the Southern Snakes; then there is the first VSOC rally of the year in Bournemouth, last weekend in May, looking forward to seeing the happy campers and perhaps some new members from C19.

Here's hoping for some warm sunny Sunday ride outs in the coming months.

John

## North Essex Deputy page.

C19 North meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008

The numbers attending this meeting are up and down and I wonder if there is anything we can do to encourage the 'sleeping' members to give it a go, it would also be nice to see some of the more active members from the 'South' venture up North on occasions.

It is getting to ride out and rally time shortly so there will be plenty going, assuming the snow stays away. The weather has been awful for the last 3 week ends which has put paid to Sunday ride outs.

The main topic of the meeting was the C19 rally with arrangements well under way, members were reminded to buy their tickets early to avoid disappointment, anything more than 900 attendees would be hard to cater for!!! no seriously it helps cash flow and planning.

All members present said that they would be available to help if necessary for which they were thanked.

Any donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Roger Went agreed to man the Manningtree School fete stand as John and myself will probably be away that weekend, thanks Roger.

It was agreed that the centre needs a new gazebo, one with sides as the current one got demolished at Yorkies last year, hope we can get a deal somewhere. We need a new supply of C19 patches as there are several new members that don't have one!

Once again a reminder to C19 members to send a photo of themselves with their bike for the web site, if you don't have a digital camera we can arrange for someone to call round and do a photo for you, details of who to send it to on the web site, pleeeeeeze.

Other than the above, just a gentle reminder about the other VSOC rallies this year

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## South Essex Deputy page.

Well the weather is getting better (occasionally !!) and more people seem to be out on their bikes. We had a good turnout for lunch at Stratford St Mary - good to see so many of you. Thanks to all those that took part in the Easter Egg ride - I have received a letter of thanks and a photo from the organisers which I will bring to the next meeting for you all to see how worthwhile these events are to underprivileged children.

There are a few of us off to the Custom Bike Show this weekend (27th April) and if there is any new products that are of interest to us cruiser riders I shall report it in the next SEAX.

If any of you would be willing to donate any raffle prizes for our rally in July please bring them with you to the May meeting where myself, John or Mr K will be only to happy to receive them.

I'll keep this short as the sun is shining and I have a bucket a soapy water waiting for me !!

See you all soon

Ride safe – Sue

## Editor "Briefly".

Please note the date for the May meeting in the North will be on :

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Not on the 5<sup>th</sup>, as this is Bank Holiday Monday.

Apologies for that; I should proof read my own text more thoroughly!

Copy date for the June edition: 25<sup>th</sup> May Please!

*Alan*

## *A CALL TO ARMS?*

In case you've been wondering why we haven't seen much of Gary Daisley (Centre 19's founder Centre Rep.) lately, this photo should explain all!



But he's not been called back to serve Queen and Country again - he's too bloody old for that! It has been reported that he has sold his much loved (and much travelled) XVS1100A DragStar Classic, and has been spotted taking part in a new sport – AIRSOFT. After busting up his knee playing rugby for Basildon a couple of years back, and having to endure multiple operations, major reconstructive surgery and months of physiotherapy, you'd think he would have learnt his lesson!

Although Gary officially stepped down as Merchandise Officer for Centre 19 at this year's AGM, Gary has promised to maintain his commitment to the Centre and it's rapidly approaching Rally in July. After concerns that he was selling up and moving away, the 13 year member of the VSOC continues to support the Centre by organising and liaising with merchandise suppliers (Hoodies & T-shirts etc), and continues to produce "original artwork" for us. Gary is also responsible for obtaining quotes and sourcing the Rally patches for the 3rd Essex Crusade, together with the re-supply of Centre Patches as and when required.

If you'd like to know more about Airsoft in Essex, please contact Gary at [gddaisley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gddaisley@blueyonder.co.uk).

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## MAY RIDEOUTS

### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### **INPROMPTU**

Depart Boreham services 10-00am

### FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### **WORLDS END MCC's SHORT WEEKEND RALLY. Not VSOC**

THE SUN AND ANCHOR PUB, STEEPLE, CMO 7RH.

Depart Boreham services Friday afternoon at 5-30

If you are interested in coming to this local rally it's £10 prebooked, contact John, Centre Rep

### SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### **5<sup>TH</sup> VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW.**

COLNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, BRIGHTLINGSEA, CO7 0DG.

Depart Boreham services 10-00am for B.P services, North of Colchester A12, just before A120 Harwich.

Depart B.P.services 10-45am for Brightlingsea.

The show is from 12-00 to 04-00pm You may put your bikes on show if you wish.

### SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### **B.M.F. SHOW PETERBOROUGH**

The VSOC will have a stand at the show where you can leave your helmets and coats if you wish.

### SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### **COVENT GARDEN, LONDON**

Depart Marks Tey 09-30am for Thurrock services, NO PICK UP AT BOREHAM.

Depart Thurrock services 10-30am for Covent Garden.

### FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> TO MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

## VSOC C 17 RALLY, SCRUMPY V's, BOURNEMOUTH

Depart Marks Tey 09-00am for Thurrock services, depart Thurrock services 10-00 for Bournemouth.

The rally season starts here.

### SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

#### **BMF GEMS, KENT SHOW GROUND, DETLING, nr MAIDSTONE**

This show has moved from The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood to the Kent show ground.

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:

### May

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 12th May 2008.

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

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 19th May 2008.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

### 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.

## Have the holiday of a lifetime.



## Who fancies 'CRUISING' Route 66 on a Harley Davidson from Chicago to Santa Monica in August 2009?

In August 2005 Susan and I enjoyed a wonderful holiday cruising part of the Historic Route 66, the Mother of all roads! We would now love to ride what is left of this road from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica Pier, California. Who better to do this with than a group of like minded friends.



If this sounds like something you would like to do then I am hoping to arrange a group booking with H-C Travel for August next year.

'The tour follows the old route as much as possible (some sections no longer exist). You will experience the flair and charm of the old route, see the relics of old petrol stations, motels and roadhouses from the heyday of the 30s to 50s, stop at several of the museums and historic sights, and get a great insight into the people and history of the USA. And all on a Harley!' (H C Travel)

Highlights include:

- Riding across the Old West Indian Country
- Breath taking views of the Grand Canyon
- Crossing the Devil's Playground to the Mojave Dessert
- Visiting the authentic Old Wild West town of Oatman
- Averaging 200 miles a day!

### **INTERESTED?**

Then please contact Roger Went  
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and have a look on H-C Travel web site  
'www.hctravel.com' (USA & Canada—USA—Guided  
Tours—Route 66)

### **Approx Cost**

**Rider & Pillion £3700**

**Solo Rider £2845**

**Includes:** tour guide, accommodation, bike hire & insurance (bike), baggage & support vehicle

**Excludes:** flights (approx £700 pp), travel insurance, meals, drinks & fuel

These prices are a guide only, confirmation of actual cost will be provided on booking.