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## Rep's Rambling.

As the summer ride-out season draws to close, with just September rides left, we have not had a very dry summer. There have been a few cancelled Sunday rides and some of the rallies have been a bit wet with one or two very wet rides home. Still there's always next year.

We have still got the Dutch National Rally to come, the second weekend of this month, with 18 Crusaders going over to Holland.

The Essex Crusaders Christmas dinner this year will be on SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER at Runwell Sports and Social Club, Runwell Chase, Runwell. (where our rally was held in July). The members that came to the rally know that we were very well looked after, the food and service was excellent.

For the sum of £15-00 you get a decorated hall, crackers on the tables, waitress service and a three course meal, and by popular request a disco for later in the evening, dancing till late, plus a raffle.

### Menu choice

Starters:- Soup, Prawn cocktail, Fan of melon  
Main:- Roast turkey, Roast beef, Poached salmon.  
Selection of vegetables.

Dessert:- Christmas pudding, Fresh fruit salad, Gateaux.

To reserve your places please send £15-00 per head and your choice of menu by 1<sup>st</sup> December to

Carol Evans, 10 Woodlow, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex SS7 3RL

As we are using a larger venue than we have used in previous years, it has been suggested that we invite members from centres 13 and 15.

The VSOC National AGM is coming up in November. If you would like to submit anything for discussion please let me know by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

John.

## **The Grim Reaper Rally, Gravesend 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008**

It was only about 60 miles for me, probably a lot less for most others from C19, as I had the day off I decided to go early and arranged to meet up with Barney, Clive and Red Rag at Thurrock, Claire, Laura and Alex rode down from Colchester. No sooner had we arrived on site when the wind got up and it was all hands to the tents, memories of C10's rally last year came to mind but fortunately no tent poles got broken and the wind calmed almost as quickly as it came.

By the end of the day most of C19 had arrived and the party had started. It was good to see the 'Dutchies' sporting their C19 T shirts, in fact it was good to see the 'Dutchies' who again had made the effort to come over the water to one of our rallies.

Fridays entertainment was good and C15 even had their own cabaret act who performed a few songs that got the audience involved, great.

There was no planned rideout on the Saturday so most did what they wanted to, I do know that C13 had a mass ride out to Margate, that removed half the bikes from the car park as once again they had a huge input and I believe 45 members was suggested, well done. C19 had 33 there so that was also a good turn out. In typical C15 fashion bike games were played on Saturday afternoon, starting off with slow riding, then water bombs over the bar, jousting and finally the frozen T shirt competition, all very competitive and good humoured. There was also an inter centre tug of war won by C16, until they came up against the ladies and got beaten, I have to say however that there were more than double the ladies on the end of their rope so that probably helped.

Mark from C13 had his stunt kite flying, a huge thing that he hung on to for fear of it taking off and him with it and he is no light weight let me tell you, anyway the upshot was that he lent it to another member who promptly stacked it in to a light pylon and there it stayed, entangled, never to fly again, oops. But I am not going to mention the culprit as I think he suffered enough at it was.

Saturday nights band "Drink" was very good and got the audience very involved, I think there was some table top and chair dancing going on, a good time was had by all.

Sunday was a tad wet for some but I managed to pack up in the dry and head the wrong way down the A2, road works huh. No real problem though.

It was a good rally and not too far to travel, roll on The Wirrall and the Dutch National,

Mr K





## **SEPTEMBER RIDEOUTS AND EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **ESSEX AIR-AMBULANCE MOTOR-CYCLE RUN DUNTON (FORD'S) A127 TO HARWICH A120**

Route, A127, A130, A12, A120 to Harwich

Gates open 08-30, £5-00 registration fee per bike

World stunt rider Craig Jones will be performing his routine at Dunton.

### **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **VSCN NATIONAL RALLY,**

Camping "De Hei", Gochsedijk 37, 5853 AA Siebengewald. N.L.

Get to Harwich by 10-30pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> as there are 30+ bikes that need to be loaded.

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **INPROMPTU**

Depart Boreham services 10-00am

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **B.M.F.TAILEND, PETERBOROUGH.**

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

#### **ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.**

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for Langham services, (A12, Shell garage, north of Colchester) depart Langham services 10-45 for Aldburgh

### **SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **CENTRE 11, PACKHORSE PUB, Nr DUNSTABLE.**

Party in memory of Pauline Smith ,admission £10. All profits going to the Macmillan nurses.

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **OAKDENE CAFÉ, WROTHAM, KENT.**

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

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



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## Sunday 7th September

60 Mile Bike Run (A127-A130-A12-A120)  
Starts at Ford Dunton Technical Centre (A127 Laindon)  
Gates Open 8:30am - Run Starts from 11:00am  
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## Centre 19 meeting's dates:

### September

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

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

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

### October

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

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

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

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