

The newsletter of the Essex Crusaders, Centre 19, Virago Star Owners Club.

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# Rep's Rambling:

Although August was not the sunniest of months, the Sundays were dry which made for some excellent Sunday rides. Everyone had good things to say about some new destinations that were included in the August rideouts. Thanks to everybody who turned up for the rideouts it's very much appreciated. Look forward to seeing you in September.

Sunday 5th September ride out will be going to Baldock, Herts, custom bike, trike and car show at the White Lion pub, entrance is free. Chatham Dock yard, the original ride out will be rescheduled for next year.

An invitation has gone out to C19 members from C10 for a charity party at Eternit Social Club, on the 25th of this month, (see September ride outs).

C10 are having a stand at Copdock Show on the 3rd October, if you would like to put your qualifying bike on show you have to arrive at the show ground before 09-30, if anyone could arrive earlier to give C10 a hand to erect the stand it would be appreciated, I will endeavour to obtain some free tickets for those who wish to arrive early. If you can help please let me know ASAP.

National AGM 7th November. If any one has questions they would like to bring to the attention of the VSOC could you please let me know by the 25th September.

ESSEX CRUSADERS CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER
SWAN HOTEL, 73 HIGH STREET, MALDON, CM9 5EP

This years Christmas party will be at the Swan Hotel, Maldon, we have the use of a function hall with its own bar from 7 0'clock in the evening, until last orders at 12-30. It will be a 3 course meal with choices, coffee or tea and a DJ More details to follow.

Look forward to seeing you over the next month.

### John

# Deputy Rep (North):

## C19 North meeting 2nd August

The meeting was once again well attended but there is still room for more !!

It was nice to see our new Deputy Rep South, Trevor with his carer Phil up to the North, part of the job now Trev especially with March 2011 looming up.

Trevor spoke about the scenic trip to Brighton which he hadn't realised was part of his induction, well done, you passed, just. Alan and Angela had done 270 miles by the time they got home so a nice ride out for them.

John mentioned that as the National AGM was in November any items for the agenda must be sent through him and the final date is September 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a good time to think about any improvements we could make so get your thinking caps on, I have to say mind you that if these issues have been dealt with previously it is likely that you will be given an answer before it gets on the agenda. We don't want to dig up old chestnuts.

The final rally of the year is at Darlington and there are only 2 from C19 going as far as I know? We have supported the other rallies 'en masse' this year so well done, the weather has been kind as well, a record I think, I am then off to Holland for the final rally of their season so if anyone wants to come it is not to late to book, speak to me for details.

The cooler season will be upon us soon and I was thinking about organising an evening out, maybe a meal, ten pin bowling, someone suggested skating, ice or roller, we could even have a word with one of the other centres and have a ten pin bowling challenge, your call, I will assume if I hear nothing, no one is interested, think about it please.

The ride out calendar is still fairly full so lets be seeing some of you that haven't been, especially the new members.

Ta ta for now

Peter

# **Just Ferries**

Motorsport Travel have now changed their name to Just Ferries, the telephone number is still the same 01759301010 and you will still deal with the same people.

For those of you wanting a good deal to cross the pond either Harwich/ Hook of Holland or Dover/Calais give them a ring and quote VSOC.

I would also add that it is advisable to check on line as well as there are often deals to be had on there.

# Ride out to Framlingham Castle 8th August 2010

9 of us met up at Langham service station at 10.45 for the short ride to The Anchor, Stratford St Mary where Colchester Classic bike club were holding their show, some lovely old bikes to be seen but 'Mishap' was more attracted to the 2 legged variety that threatened to pose on his bike for him, no camera, what a shame!!, Note from VC, Mishap because you are now in a position on the C19 top table it doesn't give you the right to misbehave at bike events. Having looked at the bikes it was time to move on, all ready, we pulled out of the car park, turned left then left again at which point I thought, we are missing one or two so I had better mark the corner, I waited for about 3 minutes by which time John and co had gone, Mishap in the lead (need I say more !!). John and co nowhere to be seen so I took over and picked up the A12 for a boring ride to Framlingham, sorry guys but I don't know the cross country route. Oh by the way, the delay at Stratford St Mary was due to, guess who, Mishap, who had got a wood lice or beetle in his crash helmet crawling over his head so had to evict it !! John and co turned up about half an hour later having got there without riding any A roads, no more to be said really!!

It turned out to be a lovely day weather wise and most had taken picnics, thanks for sharing yours with me Chris as I wasn't very well organised. It is always nice to chill in good company, exchange views, share ideas and relax. A good day was had by all and long may the weather continue.

Till next time

Peter

# **C10 Charity Party**

Hi All,

Just a quick note to let you all know about C10's Charity Party this year. As usual it is the last Sat in Sept, the 25th. The address is:

# ETERNIT SOCIAL CLUB MELDRITH CAMBS SG8 5RL

We have a disco, bbq and free camping and the cost is £5, all profits to a chosen charity so please forward to all your members, everyone welcome.

Thanks

Rodders



Re-flex-tion



Bender



## **SEPTEMBER RIDEOUTS AND EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY 5**<sup>TH</sup>

I have been asked if this Sundays rideout (Chatham dockyard) could be rescheduled for next year. To be replaced with

#### WHITE LION, BALDOCK, HERTS.

#### Custom Car, Bike and Trike show with live music. Entrance free.

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Boreham services, depart Boreham services 10-00 for Baldock, stopping for breakfast on the way at the Silver Ball Café A10.

#### THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### HOGS AND RATS PARTY, THE HAGUE, HOLLAND.

Boat departs 23-45. Arrive Harwich before 22-00, make your own way to Harwich.

#### SUNDAY12<sup>TH</sup>

#### ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE RUN, DUNTON TO HARWICH.

Suggestion, Meet at Sainsburys petrol station, 09-30, come off the A127 at the junction with the A132 (Wickford / Basildon road), Basildon direction

Gates open at Dunton 08-30, first departures 11-00, route A127, A130, A12, A120. £5-00 Charitable donation.

### **SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

#### WESSSON'S CAFÉ, (OGRI'S), HORAM, EAST SUSSEX

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Thurrock services(petrol station), depart Thurrock services 10-30 for Wessons café. Perhaps a ride on to Beachy Head afterwards.

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### C10 CHARITY PARTY

#### ETERNIT SOCIAL CLUB, MELDRETH, CAMBS, SG8 5RL

An invite has gone out to C19 members who wish to attend this charity party, Saturday night only, £5-00 per person, disco, bbq and camping.

Depart Boreham services 14-00 for Rest Area (Takeley) A120, depart rest area 14-45 for Meldreth

#### **SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

#### BARTON MILLS, MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK. A11 / A1065

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for Halstead (top of High St near the Church), depart Halstead 10-45 for Barton Mills.

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:

# <u>September</u>

## North meeting.

8 pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

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

### South meeting.

8 pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

# **October**

# North meeting.

8 pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

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

# South meeting.

8pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.