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Rep's Rambling:

The clocks have gone forward, spring is here and the ride out calendar starts this Sunday 3rd April. It must be time now to get your bikes back on the road if they have been hibernating in a warm garage over the winter. Hopefully a long cold winter is a good sign for a long warm summer so we can enjoy our bikes to the full. There is a full calendar of events and ride outs from now until October; hopefully there is something for everyone that will encourage members to meet up with their bikes for a ride out.

Remember it is not so much the destination but the ride getting there, that's why the club exists. It is about like minded people who enjoy riding motor cycles. For more information on ride outs check your SEAX magazine each month.

Members should have renewed their VSOC membership by the 31st March, if it has slipped your memory do not despair you still have until 30th April to renew. If you do not renew by then you will have to pay a £5-00 penalty plus membership fee. From the 1st of June if you have not renewed it will be deemed that you have left the club and your membership will be terminated, (only in very exceptional circumstances will your membership be allowed to continue) If you wish to rejoin after 1st June you must have a qualifying bike and pay the joining and membership fee as a new member.

It is nice to see so many of you have already rejoined.

Some of us are off to a new Start of Season party in Holland at Den Haag, organised by the Road Rats and The West Coast Hogs at the end of the month. Southern Snakes are not having a party this year after hosting 6 great parties. Riding to Koningsbosch was great for blowing the winter cob webs away, 200 miles of continental roads. Den Haag is only 8miles from Hook Van Holland so most people can fill up at their local garage and return home with out refuelling, which makes this party more local than most of the VSOC rallies, except for the ferry crossing Harwich to Hook.

There are some excellent VSOC rallies this year, if you are intending to go please consider buying your tickets sooner rather than later as this does help the rally organisers to put on a better rally for your benefit, they have a better idea how many are coming and know how much to spend. Check the VSOC web-site for rally ticket forms or ask your rep.

John

Deputy Rep (North):

Just a reminder that merchandise etc needs to be ordered ASAP.

Official rideouts start this Sunday (3rd April).

Membership is officially due at the end of the week (31st March).

Peter

W D 40

'Water Displacement No.40' The product began from a search for rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower screen. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your cooker top ..

It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

Here are some other uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar 20 strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans blackboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zips.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- 11.. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.

14. Keeps glass shower screens free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Dead insects will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a 20 shine for a super fast slide.
21. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
22. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time.. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some counties .
38. Use it for gnat bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.

And for some reason.....spray it on your arthritic knee joints etc and it will ease them.

P. S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL.

Vietnam Veteran Trike:



Lucky 7:



Black Beauty:



APRIL RIDE-OUTS

SUNDAY 3RD

LOG CABIN, ABRIDGE

Depart Marks Tey (by the Food Hall on the London bound A12 slip road) 09-30 for Boreham services, depart Boreham services (J19 A12) 10-00 for Log Cabin, then perhaps on to High Beech.

SUNDAY 10TH

LUNCH, ANCHOR PUB, STRATFORD St. MARY, SUFFOLK

Scenic ride from Boreham services departing 10-00. This is a family day out where you can meet up with club members and some new members that perhaps you have not seen over the winter. If you are making your own way to the Pub you are welcome to come by bike or car, arrive at the Pub after 12-00. The Pub does an excellent roast dinner.

SUNDAY 17TH

WHITSTABLE EGG RUN

This year has a new destination, **MARGATE, CHILDREN'S HOPITAL.**

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Thurrock services (petrol station), depart Thurrock services 10-30 for Medway services M2, time for something to eat. Depart Medway services 12-30 for Whitstable. Departing Whitstable 14-00 for a children's hospital in Margate. Don't forget your Easter egg.

SUNDAY 24TH

IMPROMPTU

Depart Boreham services 10-00 See who comes up with the best suggestion for a ride.

MONDAY 25TH

ACE CAFÉ-SOUTHEND SHAKEDOWN

Depart Marks Tey 09-00 for Boreham services, depart Boreham services 09-30 for Southend. As some of you know, parts of Southend seafront have been radically changed over the last year, so I am not sure about the parking arrangements along the seafront. Leaving Boreham at this time hopefully should get us some reasonable parking places.

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:

April

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 4th April 2011.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 18th April 2011.

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

May

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 9th May 2011.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 16th May 2011

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.