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

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Rep's Rambling:

I would like to thank everyone who turned up to the North and South meetings last month which were also discussion evenings for our rally in 2012. At these meetings we received quite a lot of input relating to the direction you would like the rally to take, most of it relates to the sporting event of 2012. We have to be very careful concerning this event because their lawyers are issuing writs and injunctions for the most frivolous infringements of their so called "property" they even issued an in-junction to a cake stall holder who had the nice idea of putting five coloured rings on some buns, there's food for thought.

We have already had a couple of design ideas put forward for a rally patch and great efforts they are. When we have them all in we will have a vote on which one to have made into a the rally patch.

We have had lots of suggestions for rideouts, rally fancy dress (Saturday evening) a Crusaders tradition, and what to put in rally packs for everyone who attends.

We had a meeting with Runwell Sports and Social Club a couple of weeks ago who confirmed that they would love to host our rally again. They say it is one of the best weekends they have had at the club, so much so that they have included photos of the last rally in their promotional flyers and cards.

We already have a confirmation from a stall holder, "Bats Hogsty" who would like to attend our rally, an excellent stall we saw at the Devon rally in August.

If anyone has any idea's or thoughts about the rally please bring them to our attention Let us know by coming to a meeting or emailing.

We are not looking for the biggest or best rally, we are looking to do a rally that when people go home Sunday morning with a smile on their face and say , " I REALLY ENJOYED THAT WEEKEND" that's what makes all the hard work worthwhile.

We have set ourselves a high standard in past rallies and it would be nice to continue at this level.

Thanks to all the members who went to Centre 18's rally, It did not matter if you rode down on the Thursday or the Friday you got wet, in some cases very wet. The lightweights went in their cars and camper vans. Due to the weather predictions for the week-end, there were a lot of lightweights at this rally. The good news is that everyone enjoyed the rally and it stayed dry for the rest of the week-end.

September ride-outs were a bit hit and miss, mainly due to the bad weather reports for the day which were reasonably correct. On some of the ride-outs we did miss most of the showers, either by going to a different destination and so getting home earlier, unluckily one or two did ride into some serious downpours. Oh well, clean the bike again!

There are two more rideouts for October, Copdock and Brightonia, see October's ride-out list..

From the 16th October there will be impromptu rideouts, weather permitting, from Boreham services departing 10-00. We do ride all year.

Runwell Sports and Social club Ltd, The Chase, Runwell Hospital, Wickford, SS11 7QA are having a 60's night on FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER a live band called "60's Incorporated" a possible rally band.

Entry tickets £5-00 or meal deal, chicken and chips and entry £10-00. If you are interested in a great night out please let me know before the 6th October so I can reserve your tickets, you pay when you pick your tickets up on the Friday night.

If you have not already booked your places for C19's Christmas dinner, one of the high lights of the Crusaders year, 21st January 2012, you are in luck, there are a limited number of places left, so as not to be disappointed contact Peter aka Mr K as soon as possible who will gladly reserve your places

That's all for now

John

Deputy Rep (North):

C19 North meeting 5th September 2011.

It was good to see Nigel at the meeting, home from Spain on parental duties, Brian braved the weather and came on his bike, well done Brian as it was lashing down. Menus for the C19 Christmas meal have now been sent out, plenty of time to make your choice but if you are as old as me and don't do it straight away you will forget, I know not many are as old as me! Anyway, I look forward to receiving your choices without a reminder, hmmm! Oh, for those that forgot to book there is still time, as the function room can hold 95 and we have 78 bookings, should be a good party.

C19 are hosting a rally next year, yes its 4 years since the last one so plans are under way, the venue is booked and a meeting with the hosts is being set up, a rally theme is almost decided but we will wait before divulging that, John has said it already but I will just mention it again, these rallies take a lot of organisation and although the ' rally committee ' will be small we will be looking for a lot of volunteers for the duration of the rally as there are always jobs that need doing, remember the portable WCs last time girls !! We have been looking at bands so that is well in hand. Bring it on for the best and maybe the biggest VSOC national rally to date. I say that because there are only 3 national rallies next year and ours falls in the middle so members will hopefully be twiddling their fingers by then!

I didn't mention this at the meeting but as an afterthought; the ' season ' is now nearly over and for me it is 9 months until the next Dutch rally in The Hague and that's a long time off, anyone coming ? We still have plenty of Sunday ride outs but I was wondering if anyone wanted to do something else, a night at the dogs, ten pin bowling, horse racing, a meal out and if anyone has any other ideas please let's hear them.

That's all from me

Ta ta for now

Peter

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

October

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 3rd October 2011.

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

South meeting.

8pm Monday 17th October 2011

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

Motor cycle parking

As a motorcyclist, don't think you are excluded from parking restrictions. Many councils are getting much tougher on bikes parked on pavements, let alone in car-sized bays. Don't forget rules in London may differ. In dealing with on or off street parking my advice is to read the signs well.

Understand what is required of you before buying a ticket. Make sure you read the ticket and note whether it has the correct date / times printed on. If not, move on.

In fact if you are left with any doubts, don't park. Most parking regulation orders specify the ticket should be displayed in the front windscreen of the vehicle. Great for bikes. How do you prevent a ticket from being pinched from a bike? Some councils will revoke a penalty notice if you can produce a valid ticket. However, some authorities will suspect you either picked it up, or obtained it from another motorist. (Oh yes, ticket swapping can be an offence).

Typical of restriction anomalies is in Dorset. In Lyme Regis Cobb car park they will allow three motorcycles in one car-sized bay for one ticket purchased. They advise you keep the ticket in your possession, but note down the registration numbers of the bikes on the ticket.

Just down the road at Poole there is a car park

which specifically states motorcycles cannot park in a car bay, but should use the nearby motorcycle bay. That is a two car bay sized area, but you would not want to have your bike surrounded by others just when you wanted to leave for home. Be warned. The rules are not the same from one area to another.

The biggest changes are in the use of CCTV to detect parking and other traffic offences, such as yellow box and bus lane offences, and the ability of a Civil Enforcement Officer (not parking warden any more) to issue a ticket after you have ridden away from being unlawfully parked. Before April 1 2008 they had to ditch the ticket if they could not serve it on you or attach it to your vehicle.

You have the right to appeal against what you be-

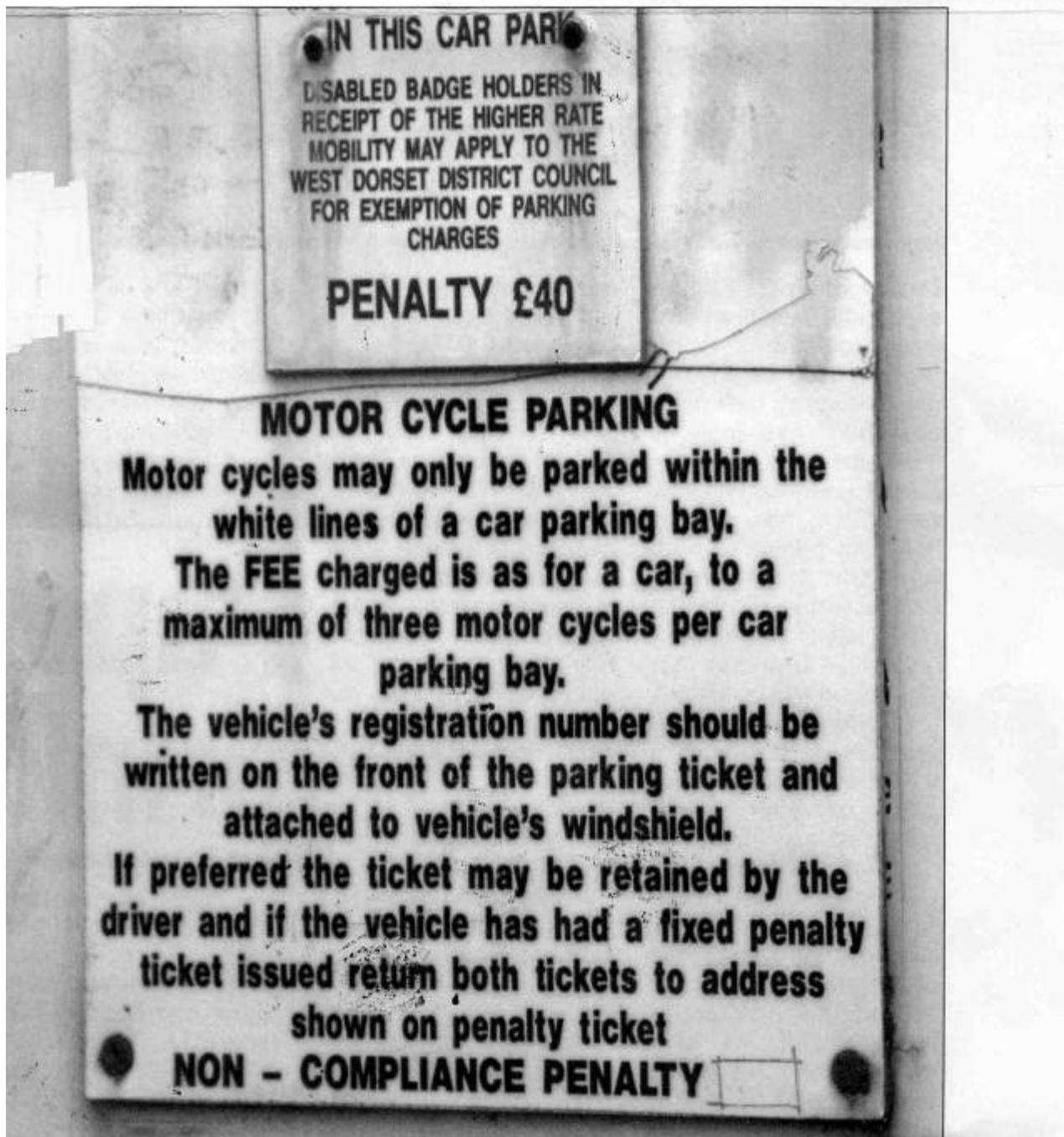
lieve is an unjustly applied penalty. You can find out the process and the rules for an appeal on the TPT website www.trafficpenaltytribunal.gov.uk, along with links to council websites.



Look for extra signs

CONTROLLED HOURS		INSTRUCTIONS	
CHARGES		1. Insert coins.	
3 Hours MAX Stay		2. Check that coins have registered on display.	
Monday - Sunday		3. Check expiry time.	
8am - 6pm		4. Press for ticket, display inside front windscreen showing details.	
(Including Bank/Public Holidays)		CONDITIONS	
Up to 30 Mins	55p	Contraventions liable to a Penalty	
Up to 1 Hour	£1.10	A. Purchase of additional ticket(s) to extend initial period of stay.	
Up to 2 Hours	£2.20	B. No ticket clearly displayed.	
Up to 3 Hours	£3.30	C. Time expired on ticket.	
NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR		D. Failing to park within bay.	
OVERPAYMENT ACCEPTED NO CHANGE GIVEN		Vehicles and their contents are parked at owners risk. PCC accept no liability for loss or damage to vehicles or persons whatsoever caused.	
DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS ONLY - NO CHARGE OR TIME LIMIT APPLIES. DISPLAY BADGE WITH EXPIRY DATE ON VIEW.		THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No. 2008/06) ORDER 2008	
COINS ACCEPTED		MACHINE NO. 114	
5p 10p 20p 50p £1 £2			

Read all the instructions carefully



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OCTOBER RIDEOUTS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 2nd

COPDOCK BIKE SHOW, TRINITY PARK, IPSWICH.

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for Langham services, depart Langham services 10-45 for Trinity Park.

SUNDAY 9TH

BRIGHTONA, CUSTOM BIKE SHOW. BRIGHTON.

Depart Marks Tey 08-45 for Thurrock services, depart Thurrock services 09-30 for Brighton.

This show just gets bigger and better each year. If you want to see custom and cruiser bikes this is the show you should not miss.

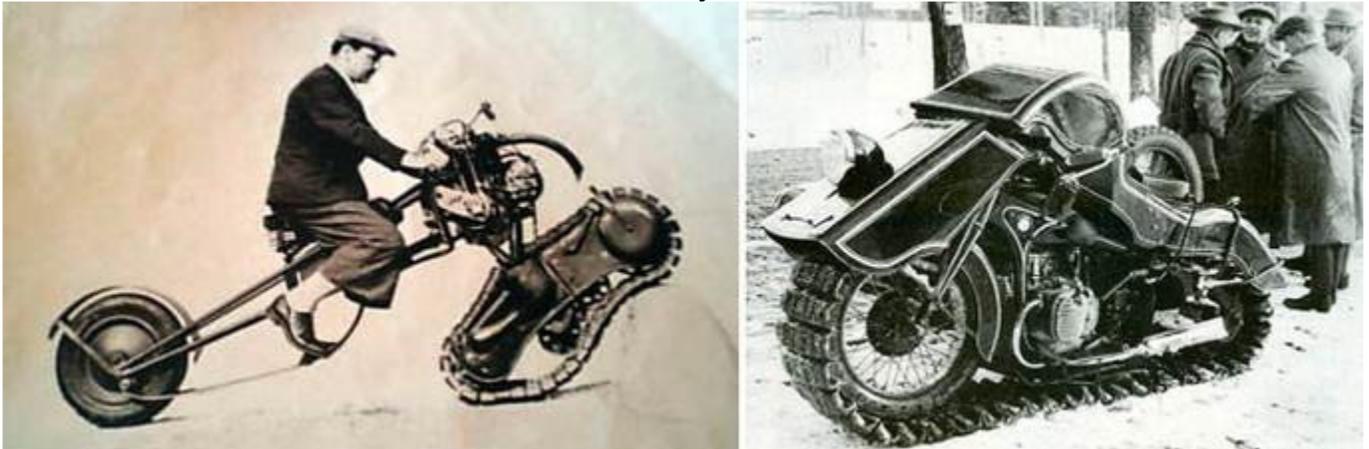
This is the last rideout of the 2011 calendar.

Essex Crusaders rideout all year (weather permitting) from Sunday 16TH October we will be meeting at Boreham services 10-00 for impromptu rideouts, turn up and decide where you would like to ride to.

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

Tail Ender

Brough Superior motorcycles were made in Nottingham, England from 1919 until 1940 and were known as the Rolls Royce of motorcycles



Very expensive at the time, they were available only to the wealthy. This model dates from 1931.



T. E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia, owned several of these machines and died from his injuries after crashing on one in 1935...