

# SEAX

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

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## Rep's Rambling:

We are now coming towards the end of the summer, already, time does seem to go quicker the older you get. We still have some excellent rides for September, jousting at Knebworth House, bring your chairs and perhaps a picnic. For those of you who enjoy riding 250+ miles why not join us on a scenic ride to Sherringham. Then we have C10's charity evening which is at a new venue, near Kings Lynn.

This event was well supported by C19 last year, hope you can make it again in September. There's camping for Saturday night, with a disco and karaoke in the evening all for the miserly sum of £5-00

For those who want some Essex Crusaders merchandise please see flyer with this issue of SEAX, all orders must be in by the 30<sup>TH</sup> September with delivery towards the end of October.

It is C19 turn to put on a rally in 2012, venue has been booked, needs to be confirmed. Essex lacks venues where we can put on a rally for 400 people so we will be going back to Runwell sports and social club who did a brilliant job hosting our rally in 2008. Septembers club meetings will include discussions on the rally. Your input is very important to us, as it shapes the rally as you the members would like to see it. If you can make it to any of the meetings we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas.

In this edition of the SEAX there is an article on "E.U. Anti tampering regulations" it is well worth reading, as it could effect you and everybody who rides motorcycles. There is more information on

the M.A.G and R.A.V internet web sites .

There is still some places left, not many, for the Christmas dinner, if you have not already booked contact Peter ASAP.

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### **ESSEX CRUSADERS RALLY** **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012**

It is hard to believe that it is our turn to host another rally. Four years seem to pass very quickly and so it is time to start planning for our next rally in 2012.

If you would like to get involved with the organisation of the rally why not come along to the September meetings.

If you cannot attend either meeting, and have any ideas for the rally, e-mail or phone me.

WE WOULD LIKE IDEAS FROM OUR MEMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

#### VENUE

Runwell Sports and Social Club in Wickford has been provisionally booked.

#### THEME

As the rally is two weeks before the official start of the 2012 Olympics, an Olympic theme has been suggested.

How can we make this work?? Do you have any other suggestions?

#### PATCH

If we adopt the Olympic theme, we would want the patch to include some sort of relevant logo. Possibly the 2012 logo or the Olympic rings. Do we keep the Crusader (bucket boy) and incorporate a logo?

#### RALLY BAG

We are looking for an original item to include in the rally pack. Something with a wow factor that costs no more than a pound!!!!

What else should we include?

#### MUSIC

We have some ideas and have seen a couple of possible bands, but if you know of a band or DJ let us know.

#### RIDE-OUTS

A large organised group ride-out is difficult to organise because of congested roads in south Essex.

As with the last rally we will make a list of places of interest in our area, if you have any suggestions for this list please let us know.

#### RAFFLE

If you know of any local bike shops or local businesses that would support our rally or have any items yourself, please let us know.

#### HELPERS

Many hands make light work. If you can offer any help at all over the rally week-end it would be appreciated.

**John**

## **RAV: (Riders are Voters)**

### **How the EU Anti-tampering Regulation is progressing...**

Further to the meeting I've just had with Malcolm Harbour MEP, the chairman of the EU Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO), I now have a better idea of what we are looking at as the Type Approval and Market Surveillance Regulation moves through the EU legislative process. This is the one covering anti-tampering, ABS etc.

Because so much legislation is created within Europe, MEPs can't reasonably debate all of it, so certain committees are tasked with the job in the early days and they then recommend things to the whole EU Parliament.

Because there are so many different subjects, even the committee members often don't know what they're debating, so they in turn appoint what is called a Rapporteur, who does their best to study the topic in depth and then reports back their recommendations. See how this democracy works? Anyway, after the committee members have viewed the Rapporteurs ideas, they put in their own amendments and the whole committee vote on what amendments they are happy to see. We are lucky that it just happens the Rapporteur in this instance, actually rides a bike. Whenever that has been done the Council of Ministers and the EU Parliament get to see it, so those are other places that we can direct our lobbying.

As this is a 'Framework Regulation' once it's passed it does not have to be transposed into Law in Individual Member States, as it will happen automatically.

The Rapporteur has reported back and amendments are on the table now and being discussed within IMCO. Like giving an opt out for special 'one-off' bike builders, (but only the British and the Finns want that) and also making ABS compulsory on mopeds too (Germans want that- or rather the German ABS industry wants that). Generally the British representatives are prepared to consider the switch option for ABS, but Malcolm Harbour for example, wants all of the onboard diagnostics thrown out too. We'll see how the negotiations go.

The good news is that every email and letter you've written has caused members of the committee to think and with MAGs equivalent organisations doing the same in Finland for example, we may realistically get some of the worst elements of this legislation under control. We've already upset the timetable, as the Parliament were due to vote on this in September and now IMCO won't finally vote on their changes until 4th/5th or 6th Oct and it can't go to Parliament before then.

However, it's not just the Regulation from Europe that will be effecting us soon. The 10 very real European issues that we still need to draw attention to are:

- 1 The Anti tampering Regulation: Specifically Article 18 which wants to stop all modifications to complete power train, from airbox to controlling the rear tyre profile.
- 2 Compulsory ABS. If we can't stop this, we must get a switch so that we have an option in difficult conditions where ABS doesn't function well.
- 3 Automatic headlights on- passing the blame for poor observation on to us.
- 4 OBD. On Board Diagnostics so that easy roadside checks can be made of our emissions and so that constant readouts of engine performance can be obtained. Expensive, complicated and with the threat, rather like a tacho, of identifying past riding style...
- 5 RMI. Repair and Maintenance Information. Rather than keeping it hidden and available for huge expense, there is a chance that manufacturers will be forced to provide ECU codes etc for a fee. What that fee is remains to be seen.
- 6 The very worrying article 52: "If systems, components or separate technical units on a list in a delegated act to this regulation, have a dual use, for vehicles intended exclusively for

racing on roads and for vehicles intended for use on public roads, they may not be sold or offered for sale to consumers” So if your K&N filter can fit a CBR race bike and a CBR road bike, the best way to police that, is to make it illegal to sell the filter in Europe. *The Delegated Acts are the most scary thing, as they are the lists and details drawn up by the unelected and we won't get to see what they are including until after the Regulation has been passed!*

- 7 In solidarity with the French we need to be drawing attention to their recent government proposal to ban all bikes over 7 years old from an urban area and to make the wearing of day-glo/ reflective clothing compulsory.
- 8 Full sleeve day-glo clothing for riders and passengers has been proposed in the Irish Parliament too.
- 9 All these issues lead to the same thing, that we must take the blame for the incompetence of other road users. And while the emergency stop has been removed as a compulsory element of the UK car driving test, we are jumping through hoops with ill-judged UK interpretations of EU licensing directives.
- 10 Another EU licensing Directive is on its way (3DLD) to step the bike licensing system still further and the DfT and DSA still haven't sorted the consultation process, even though it is meant to be in law by now and enacted January 2013.

I'd very much like you to put a mark in your diary on **25th September**. This will be before the IMCO vote.

Plans are afoot for something very special which I'll tell you about soon, but for now, please tell everyone you'll be busy that day and if they ride a bike, ask them to come and help you. Our MEPs will be preparing to rubber stamp another Regulation put before them. This time they may all just stop to read it.

Words by Paddy Tyson

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## CLUB MERCHANDISE

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**GO TO HULL – July 22, 23, & 24, 2011**

That what you have to do to attend the Yorkies Rally. Met Office reports were for a typical mixed bag of British summer weather, everything from rain, heavy at times, through to sunny intervals. Prospect of around 200 miles that could be rain all the way, or maybe a nice ride. With typical good organization I had volunteered to have my bike in a display of vehicles outside Ford of Britain's headquarters building near Brentwood (where I had worked for 34 years prior to retirement) from 10:00 to 14:00. Still plenty of time to nip home and load up for the trip north, but not with the others from Centre 19. M11, A14, and then as the A1 reduced from 4 lanes of Motorway to two lanes of A road the rain came down. Struggle into my plastic one-piece suit under the shelter of a bridge and press on cursing the frozen wastes of the north for living up to their reputation. Also curse my bike that had developed a slipping clutch. Well, not so much developed but had moved on from a bit knackered to fully useless. It had slipped occasionally for a while but only when ridden in anger, now it was easily persuaded to slip other than when ridden very gently. Rain stopped, roads got better for motorcycling (long sweeping bends and enough room up the middle on two way stretches to keep up a decent speed). Then the Humber Bridge, very impressive sight and a lady in the toll booth who wanted £1.20 to lift the barrier. Money in jeans pocket, under the one piece waterproof, bugger all traffic so no one got held up except me. No wonder the Dartford Thames crossing is free to bikers, with over 150,000 vehicles a day it's always busy, The Humber Bridge is basically empty with around 16,000 vehicles a day. Dry now, cloudy, and a bit overcast but got to the rally site, had a beer or two and got my tent up.

Friday night band are best described as enthusiastic and bloody loud. Four hours of noisy exhaust has very little effect on me, but I must be getting old, had to keep going outside the club to regain my hearing. All the usual suspects in attendance; great time to meet and greet people from all over the country.

Saturday and a dry morning, fortified by the statutory, and very good, fry-up went to get sorted out for the ride out to Bridlington. An amazingly large group of bikes assembling in the car park, lots of marshals in high-visibility tabards and off we went. A fabulous route, all on little roads with very little traffic. There were even a couple of miles of single track lane, on which we met a bloke in a green Vauxhall. He pulled into a passing point and let us all through. A lot of "hard" marshalling, some local drivers must have got a bit

annoyed, they get stopped by one or two bikes blocking the road and then have to wait an incredibly long time as we all sweep past. Entered the one way system in Bridlington and surprised the town's people as we thundered through and parked right by the harbour on the sea front. Tried to count the bikes, I made it 90, but could have been a couple out either way. Somewhere in the region of £750,000 worth all in one place gathered quite a crowd. Bridlington even has working fishing boats in the harbour, plus all the standard seaside things, bingo, fun fair, candy floss, and fish and chips. Daft southerners asking for cod and chips in Mr P's Fish and Chip Shop next to the bike park. Cod is an imported thing for the south of England, local haddock is what you get on the north east coast, and very good it was to.

Time to return to the rally site, 90 bikes start up and prepare to leave; the whole town came to a stop; everyone out of the shops and amusement arcades to watch us leave. Magic couple of minutes as we got out of the town and on to the open road again. Back by a more direct A-road route with a lot more hard marshalling to speed us on our way. Try and do that in the south east and the police would send an armed response team. One of the best rideouts I have been on in my 5 years of cruiser riding. A 92 mile round trip, Outward was 52 miles, return was 40 miles, and the 12 mile difference and the reception in Bridlington was what made it for me.

More beers, more chat, and then it was Saturday evening and the "cave man" themed event. A lot of very silly dressing up. Lateral thinking gave us two ladies dressed as cave rescue people; and a bloke in pink fake fur as the only gay in the cave. Good band and a bit of a silly evening before falling into tent for the sleep of the dead (or possibly sleep of the inebriated).

Early Sunday load my bike up; another filling fry-up; move £1.20 to an easy to reach pocket; and set off for the Humber Bridge again. No need to undress to find coins this time and off I go heading south with clutch slip still a problem. Good dry and sunny weather but speed limited to around 65-70. Apart from a mad buggler in an Audi estate who turned off the A1M onto the A14 at high speed by driving from the outside lane at the last minute across the painted chevrons directly into my path, an uneventful trip. Must thank the committee and members of Centre 5 for a great weekend and a fabulous ride out.

Bike now dismantled while I wait for Yamaha to get me clutch parts from Japan – If I had a WildStar there is a choice of non genuine parts off the shelf; Imported US 1700 RoadStar uses all unique parts and I have to wait.

Photos are at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7940646@N04/sets/72157626377513615/>  
Also a press article by Emma Pearson at: <http://www.broughpeople.co.uk/quot-clothes-wear-just-quot-Bikers-Rally/story-12999706-detail/story.html>

**Bob Owen**

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[East Anglia Motorcycle Run - Sunday 4th September 2011](#)

Dear all,

Check out this web site for details:

<http://www.eastangliamotorcyclerrun.co.uk/index.html>

See the Gallery and my photos on page 2!

I will be there on my old ZZR1200 and it will be great to see you there on your bike.

Did it last year as one of the lead riders and will be doing the same this year.

If you are a Police (or ex Police) or Advanced Rider then you too can be a a lead rider – they need some more volunteers.

You will need to qualify on at least one practice ride out on the 14th and/or 21st August 2011.

Whatever you are doing on the 4th September 2011 be sure to enter this Motorcycle Run!

Please forward this to your biker friends

Best regards,

Dave Rout

## SEPTEMBER RIDE-OUTS AND EVENTS

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

#### **JOUSTING , KNEBworth HOUSE, nr STEVENAGE, HERTS, SG1 2AX**

Depart Marks Tey 09-30 for Brentwood services (M25/A12 Brooke Street Roundabout, Total garage), depart Brentwood services 10-30 for Knebworth House.

Entrance £8-00, two jousting competitions, commencing, 12-30 and 14-30. Don't forget to bring your chairs and why not bring a picnic. [www.knebworthhouse](http://www.knebworthhouse)

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

#### **VSCN DUTCH NATIONAL RALLY**

Camping Kom es an, Handwijzersdijk 4, 7255 M J Henglo GLD. Price 55euros per person  
Contact your reps for more information.

### **SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **BMF TAILEND, LINCOLNSHIRE SHOWGROUND, LINCOLN LN2 2NA**

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

#### **ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE, DUNTON TO HARWICH**

Suggested meetings, depart Boreham services 09-00 for Sainburys petrol station (A127/A132 Nevendon flyover)  
Depart Sainburys 09-30 for Dunton or make your own arrangements.

Dunton is open from 08-30, there is a motor cycle stunt show for your entertainment plus food stalls. The ride will depart 11-00 for Harwich with pre-registered bikes being given priority to leave in the first groups departing Dunton.

To pre register go to [www.essexairambulance](http://www.essexairambulance) Registration fee £5-00

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

#### **SHERRINGHAM, NORFOLK**

Depart Boreham services 09-00 for Langham services (A12 north of Colchester Shell garage) depart Langham services 09-45 for scenic ride to Sherringham.

### **SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **RUNCTON HOLME SOCIAL CLUB, SCHOOL ROAD, RUNCTON HOLME, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK, PE33 OAQ**

C10 Charity evening, camping is available for Saturday night. £5-00 per person

### **SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **LEYSDOWN, ISLE of SHEPPY, KENT**

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

## Centre 19 meeting's dates:

### September

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

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

West of A12, North of Colchester

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011

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

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.

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