

# SEAX

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

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COPY DATE FOR NEXT SEAX is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## Centre 19 meeting's dates:

### March

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

### April

#### North meeting.

8 pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.  
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

#### South meeting.

8pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.  
The Bell Inn, Main Road, WoodhamFerrers, CM3 8RF.

*Reps Rambling*

**There will be a rally meeting at Runwell Sports and Social Club, The Chase, Runwell, Wickford, SS11 7QA, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 12-00 noon, everyone is welcome.**

We have just got back from a long weekend at Butlins, Bognor Regis, organized by Chris W. at C16. There were 76 of us nearly all VSOC members from various centres. From C19: myself, Carol, Neil and Tracey. It was a great weekend, the theme was 70's with 14 live bands over 3 nights, which included for those who remember the 70's Jimmy James and the Vagabonds, Steve Harley, Alvin Stardust who was the star of the weekend, it was a great party weekend with lots of people dressing up in 70's clothes, and the weather was brilliant. Excellent accommodation with fully functional kitchens, take your own food to cook or eat out. Accommodation for 3 nights and all the entertainment in the afternoon and evening for just £65 per person can't be bad, that's the third year running we have been. Chris is negotiating with Butlins, at this moment to get the best price he can for 80 places for February or March 2013, as soon as details become available I will let you know!

As spring is not far away now; from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March the meeting times for Sunday impromptu ride-outs will be:

**10-00am departures from Boreham services.**

For anyone interested, there will be an Easter Egg run on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It is in aid of Community Links, helping children in East London, it has the support of the B.M.F. Depart Boreham services 10:45 for Brentwood services J28 M25/A12 just off the Brook Street roundabout. Depart Brentwood services 11:15am for Kings Oak public house, High Beech, IG10 4AE. Or you can meet at North City Triumph, 249 Romford Road, Romford RM7 9NB where the ride will depart at 11:15 for High Beech.

The rideout departs 12:00 for Community Links, 105 Barking Road, Canning Town, London, E16 4HQ. **Don't forget your Easter Eggs.**

Party weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup>, August will be at Tonna Rugby Club, Mount Pleasant, Tonna, Neath, West Glamorgan, SA11 3HX. Ticket prices £8-00. Theme for Saturday night is "Christmas party"

On this years ride-out calendar I forgot to put the International rally, which is being held at Oland, Sweden on the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone is interested contact Peter and he will point you in all the right directions.

**John**

## **North Meeting February 6th**

Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>; 4 inches of snow and still coming down! Bollicks, don't like snow. No good to man nor beast unless you're a kid with a sledge.

Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, stopped snowing, plenty on the roads so out in the Landover for a bit of fun. It does have its odd good points then. Roads not too bad at the end of Sunday, if it carries on like this I reckon I'll go to the meeting at the Anchor at Stratford tomorrow.

Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>, roads are not too bad at all, must go to the Anchor for the meeting. Arrive at the Anchor at about 8:20, bit late but I don't expect they've started yet? I'll still be in time. But what a big disappointment, not many there at all, in fact a grand total of one, me that is.

Did they all know I was coming? Was it something I said?

So, the highlight of the evening was a pint, a nice meal and a chat with the very attractive bar maid. I couldn't help experiencing the feeling of déjà vu from about 12 to 13 years ago. I know Peter has stood down but if there's nobody else to take the meetings, I'll do it.

Don't let the club die. Come on guys, get your fingers out!

***Stainless***

## **Regulations for driving in France**

Can I draw your attention to the VSOC website 'news' section where it gives you up to date guidance when driving in France, bike or car.

The main change is that you are now required to carry a portable breathalyser, obtainable off e bay for £6.98 or more!! Probably available in the ferry shops as well.

Peter

# Sponsored 1000 Mile in 24 Hours Challenge



You can sponsor me at just giving by going to: [www.justgiving.com/Andy-McGowan0](http://www.justgiving.com/Andy-McGowan0)

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*My name is Andy McGowan. On 23 June 2012, I will be doing a sponsored Motorcycle Ride, aiming to cover 1000 miles in 24 hours. Leaving Colchester General Hospital at 1000hrs on 23 June 2012, riding to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol, London, then back to Colchester by 1000hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The aim is to raise funds for the Critical Care Unit at Colchester General Hospital. Why? My wife was recently a patient on the Unit and I was impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the staff. I therefore wish to express my thanks by raising money to help in the purchase of items not normally covered in the NHS budget to improve patient and relative facilities within the Critical Care Unit. Please sponsor me!*

**About the charity!**

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**Colchester Hospitals Charity works to provide many extras that cannot be supplied by the NHS alone, making a real and positive difference to patient care in North East Essex.**

*A big thank you to Terry Youngs of Allstyles Insurance for covering the cost of the fuel involved in this challenge!*

## Tail Ender

[2 sobering but true tales]

- # A British driver who thought he had escaped the clutches of police, in the UK, when he emigrated to New Zealand ; was caught speeding by the same officer who had pulled him over in London, 2 years earlier (he had also emigrated). The driver had only ever received two speeding tickets, and both were issued by the same policeman – on opposite sides of the world !
- # A 19 year old woman was killed in a car crash while driving home from work at night when she approached a single lane bridge controlled by traffic lights, which had malfunctioned 20 minutes earlier. She drove on, colliding head-on with another vehicle, last August. The trail of a slug or snail across the lights' circuit board had short circuited them, a senior police investigator told the inquest. Verdict : accidental death!

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