

SEAX

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

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Centre 19 meeting's dates:

December

North meeting.

8pm Monday 2nd December 2013.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 16th December 2013.
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road CM3 8DY

January

North meeting

8pm Monday 6th January 2014.
The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.

South meeting.

8pm Monday 20th January 2014.
The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Road CM3 8DY

Reps ramblings

Hello Crusaders

Well here we are again, probably all broke from doing the Christmas shopping, well I was exhausted after doing mine in front of the screen hehe.

I was asked about membership, 1 down from last year as it stands at 65 with 6 non renewals. And 5 new members with 7 associate members.

For those interested the new Stryker 1300 is due out in spring @£8995, the Bolt/xv950 £7195 or £7995 for the R which is higher spec, all of which can be found at Yamaha UK there is the 1900 as well with batwing fairing and radio but at £15k it's a lot of money. I have just attended the national AGM in Rugby, it was a good turnout and we finished at 1600 woo hoo.

Just a couple of bits I will mention now as the minuets will be in Clatter.

Germany.

What a great response from all the centres with 234 of us going over, at the moment. For those who have booked meals payment will be required in January, Peter will let us know the equivalent in sterling nearer the time.

Members bikes

now this was a bit of a shock as C19 has the most non qualifying bikes at 44% that's out of 65 members. So when renewing please state make and model of bike and if you have 2 make sure its the qualifying bike that you register with the club, thank you.

Now the reasoning of a lot of errors is probably down to the members who:

1. DO NOT update their bike details when renewing their membership.
2. The descriptions of the bikes are "inconclusive"...eg: "Trike"...Does that mean a Virago Trike, Goldwing Trike or what?

Rallies 2014

Flyers to appear asap, but here are some details

C7 Tonna 23/26 May

Intl Germany 13th/15th June

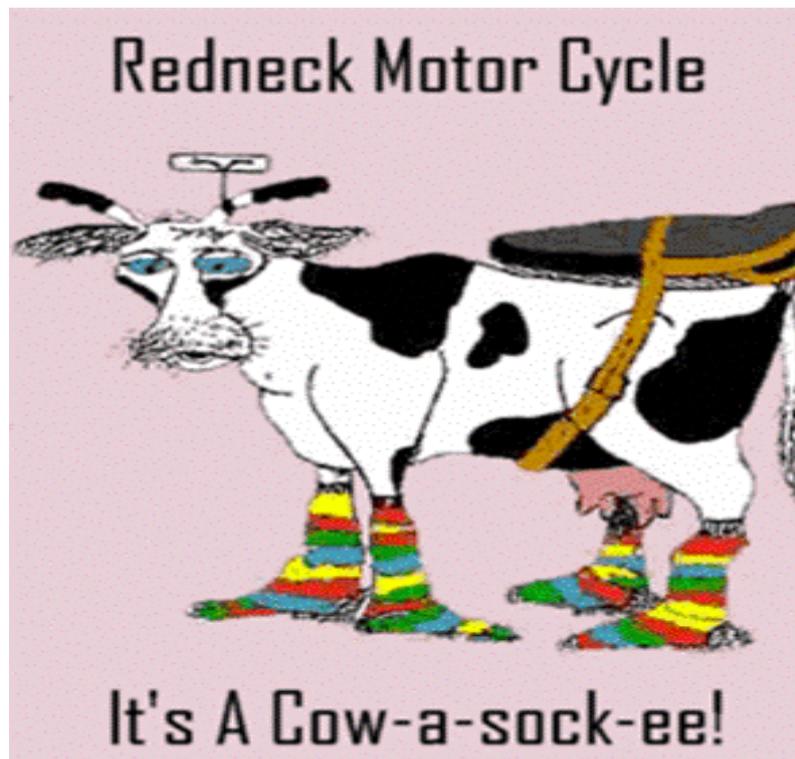
C12 Thatcham 27/29 June

C16 Headley park hotel Borden 25/27 July

C4 North Shields 22/25 Aug

well take care out there

ride safe Bruce



Southend for firework display 2.11.13

Discussed at the AGM, anyone remember. I only ask cos there I am at five to six, Billy no mates all on my own thinking have I got this right when dead on six Mr. Reliable, Cougar, turns up and that was it. We had a chat and gave it twenty minutes, nobody else arrived so we thought sod it we're out so we might as well go anyway. I had exchanged a couple of emails with Martin at C13 to try to meet up and ride in with them somewhere, but he felt it was a bit complicated and it would be better if we just met in Southend, he said they usually park between the pier and the funfair.

We arrived at about 7pm, found C13's bikes but no sign of them. I had sent him my phone number so I expected a call or maybe not I don't know I didn't get one anyway. So now it was still just the two of us so we decided we'll have a cup of tea and a bite before the DISPLAY started. We headed for Roses Restaurant, Cougie ordered a bacon sandwich, and I ordered fried egg on toast. It's now about 7.15, the DISPLAY starts at 7.30, when bless my soul John and Carol walked in. After about 5 or 10 minutes they said they were going to watch the DISPLAY but me and Cougie are still waiting for our grub, it arrived just as the fireworks started. We were however able to see most of it because it was not, as I was led to believe, fired off a barge out off the end of the pier but off the bloody 'beach' right opposite the restaurant. At 7.38 John and Carol came back, it was all over, 8 friggin minutes; we hadn't even finished our food.

After John and Carol had a cup of coffee each and Cougie and I finished our nosh we decided we'd had enough of the excitement and it was time to go home. Got back to the bikes and there was C13 getting ready to go, Martin had lost my number. We had a chat they left, John and Carol went off clubbing, yes you read that right CLUBBING, Cougie and I left together but we had to split up shortly after as he wanted the A13 and I, the A127.

The weather was dry but a bit windy; I don't think however we'll bother with this one in the future.

Trevor

Filmed at C10 rally in 2007 it's "The Wedding".

<http://youtu.be/y85t9mGatFE>

Some of you may remember this and spot a few familiar faces, its good for a laugh if nothing else, adults behaving badly.

Sunday 3rd November Ride out.

Five bikes turned up at Boreham, some of us still a little bit unsure if it was a 10.00 or 10.30 start. But by about 10.25 it was decided we would go to the Log Cabin in Abridge. Had a nice ride led by John all through the back roads via Great Dunmow and Chipping Ongar. It was a bit blustery but we all made it there in one piece. It was packed inside, but we didn't have to wait too long to get our orders in and get seated. Waiting for our food however did take a little bit longer than expected. With one poor bloke (not in our group) having waited since last Tuesday for his nosh! Three of us were tucking into our breakfast while the other two waited and waited and waited. In the end John had to ask where their food was. The waiter went off to see what was going on and they seemed to be looking all over for the orders. He then came over and said the order had fallen on the floor (lost more like) and would be about ten minutes. I had not one, but two sausage sandwiches. Poor Cougar couldn't get his hands on any chips, ahhhhhhh. After we had all finished some of them went onto High Beech, while some of us went off on our way home.

Little Sue

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing.

The priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk still sits there silently.

Finally the priest pounds 3 times on the wall, the drunk mumbles, "it's no good knocking, there's no paper on this side either".

Foot note... this could be a scene at a VSOC rally.

Impromptu rideout Sunday 17th

Six members - Bruce, Paula, Dave, Sue, Stewart, and myself - braved the cold and damp weather on Sunday 17th November. At my suggestion, we left Boreham and headed off to Rowhedge. I was asked to take the lead by Bruce. The country roads through Maldon, Heybridge Basin and Peldon were all slightly damp and muddy.

Having reached Rowhedge, the pub/café and village all shut until 12 noon and considering it was only 11:00am we decided to head off to another venue. At Stewart's suggestion we headed off to the American Diner at Marks Tey known as The Bungalow Diner. Bruce and Paula had to leave early, so only left four to ride to the diner. Played ring a ring a roses at roundabout to get to destination.



Had fun trying to name all the records being played on the jukebox.

Terry

Tradesman Corner

It was suggested at the South meeting 18th November that we have a Tradesman corner for anyone in need of a handyman,

NEEDED

Paula Ferreira p.ferreira1@btinternet.com

Can anyone recommend a Gas Safe person: Many thanks.

Merchandise

I have been asked by some lady members of the centre if vest tops can be provided, the answer is, **YES**. Not too sure about colours yet but if you assume as usual, they will come in black, red and white I don't think you will go far wrong.

I am looking to get the 'tour T shirts' produced sooner rather than later and am suggesting that the information on the T shirts is also available on the vest tops. I would like some feedback as to whether you feel this would be a good idea.

There may be gentlemen in the centre who prefer vest tops [I can think of a few !!] so please let me know.

Anyway, feedback please as soon as possible if you feel that vest tops are a good idea. Gary.

Ride out list 2013

Impromptu from Boreham at 10.30 on a Sunday, weather permitting Retarded Riders are still going out mid week weather permitting and someone arranges it !!

From the Editor

Rally dates 2014

16th to 18th May 2014 YCC Belgium rally, same place as last year when 102 went over from the UK, [see flyer on National website](#)

23rd to 26th May C7 Wales

13th to 15th June International Germany, see national website for details.

27th to 29th June C12 Thames valley Vultures.

25th to 27th July C16 Solent

22nd to 25th August C4 Northern Raiders at North Shields. [Flyer and details on National website](#)

12th to 14th September YCCNL Dutch National rally, location unknown at present, further details to follow.

Can I remind everyone who is coming to the C19 Xmas party on the 18th January that any raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thanks very much.

See Gary's article [above] on T shirts/vest tops, please provide feedback ASAP so he can get things going.

Monday 16th December is the last meeting before Christmas, there will be some nibbles so please try and make it.

Just leaves me to say a big *Happy Christmas* to all SEAX readers, members and contributors.

Thank you to all those who have contributed throughout the year, keep it coming cos without you it would be a miserable magazine.

I just noticed that this Seax is issue 215 so that means that the centre has had a Seax for one month short of 18yrs, that's not a bad effort by all concerned. I wonder if any other centres can boast that.