

SEAX

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

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Centre 19 meeting's dates

April 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 7th April 2014.

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 21st April 2014

The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Rd CM3 8DY

May 2014

North meeting

8pm Monday 12th May 2014 [the 5th being a bank holiday]

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

South meeting

8pm Monday 19th May 2014

The Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, Main Rd CM3 8DY

Reps ramblings

Hi Crusaders,

I hope all of you are getting ready for another good season of riding and rallies, bikes all serviced and ready to go.

So how many of you have that renewal on the side waiting to be posted, well come on, keep me in a job pop it in that red box in the high street :-)

Germany, there are still some available spaces for the hired tents if you don't fancy taking yours, £27 for the whole weekend each, inform Peter ASAP if you do.

BAR B CRUISE

unfortunately last year our faithful generator had probably made its last appearance, as its an old one and parts are not available. so I am asking that if you can bring your camp stoves and a kettle so we can keep that tea and coffee going, unless we get hold of a 5kw generator, as a 2kw or 3kw can't even boil a kettle.

Moonwalk for Stella- this is a good cause that a VSOC team has put together in aid of cancer, it is a night walk in London of 13 or 26 miles, the moonwalk is held every year, but this is a special 1 for those that new and loved Stella who lost her battle last year, If you want to donate to this cause here is the link

<https://moonwalklondon2014.everydayhero.com/uk/vsoc-for-stella>

This years Sunday lunch outing will be at Hadleigh in Suffolk, a change from Stratford St Mary. More details from Trev below.

Anyone fancy a nice second hand Raider, no not mine, Kevin Hoyte has one for sale on VBAY [VSOC website] 7,400 dry miles, very nice.

Congratulations to Paula for coming joint 3rd in the bowling between us and C10, not bad going as she was outnumbered by 3 to 1.

Next year we are going to hold it in Essex, probably at Freeport as there is more parking, and I am therefore hoping for a better turnout than the 8 we had this time 1 of which was Lucinda. That's it for now.

tc ride safe Bruce

On the **27th April** the ride-out is Sunday lunch at the George, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Anybody interested please let me know as I will have to book enough tables.

I have plotted a nice route with Alan, approximately one hour from Halstead.

If the weather is bad we can still do it by cars.

For those who don't have my email it's trevorlathrope@gmail.com or phone number on request

Trev.

North meeting 3.3.14

It was good to see a better turn out for this meeting, 6 having a meal and 10 in all, maybe the better weather will encourage what has become a bit of a social event, maybe we could have a ride out instead of a meeting and incorporate some South members.

Bruce came all the way from Galleywood on his way to work in Romford and dealt with the normal issues, he comes bi monthly so a good effort by him.

Ride-outs for April

Sunday 13th Easter Egg Run Whitstable to Canterbury –
Marks Tey 9-30 and Thurrock services 10-30

Monday 21st [Easter Monday] Southend shakedown –
Boreham 10-00.

Sunday 27th lunch at the George, Hadleigh, Suffolk –
Boreham 10-00 and Halstead 10-45.

Ride out to Bury, 2nd March 2014

Three cars set out from Halstead, Trevor, Cougar and little Sue leading with his hi viz and second manning was Dave and Peter, and myself bringing up the rear with the clan. We met up with Sue and Chris at Bury bowling club where a million and a half from centre 10 seemed to be there, already out numbering our poor number of nine players from C19!

We had stopped and fuelled up on our usual fry up at a lovely place tucked away where the breakfasts were reasonable and the Indians well pricey, called Krazy Horse customs! Trevor parked his bum on some nice ones but we came away still owners of Yamahas!

The bowling started off well on four lanes, slowly, but by the end there were a few high scorers mostly from C10.....guess they had been practising as they heard we were coming!

After much banter and lots of camaraderie and cheering of all the players the highest scorers from four lanes played in the final, from C10 was Andy [Big Boy], Rodders and Big Chris. C19 was me.

Rodders took the cup needless to say with the score of 150, Andy coming up second with a non too shabby 148 and Chris and myself on 112. I think Chris let me share in his score so that I wouldn't feel left out as he had got 147 in his first game, thanks Chris! Pay you next time I see you;-D.

Thinking next time we will consider making Freeport, Braintree our venue with a bigger C19 turnout!

Paula



Impromptu Ride to see the Shuttleworth collection 9.3.14

11 riders and bikes set out from Boreham on a warm, sunny day, it was good to see Barrie Tinson and Phil Snell who we haven't seen on a ride for some time now. Craig from C13 came along to see how C19 do it, well he does live in Brentwood so does qualify as an 'Essex Boy' there were no ladies present so I hope that is not a trend.

Trevor led, as always and took us through some lovely meandering countryside with a mix and match of bends, corners and pot holes!! something for everyone, but I am pleased to say not a drop of rain in sight, I think most other bike owners must have had the same

idea !! We did 2nd man at one roundabout and all got there at the same time and in an orderly fashion, minus Barrie who had come for the ride but didn't want to go in.

On arrival it was straight to the cafe for eats and drinks then purchase of a £9 ticket to see the exhibits. It is at times like this that you wish you had brought your camera, c'est la vie.

This was a good rehearsal for the planned German trip as there were 5 of us who will be riding in the same convoy in Germany, a spirited ride back via Stansted and the A120 got me home at 4.45pm and 137 miles later, so a good test for the new clutch. It passed and no oil drips to be seen, result. Peter

Impromptu ride-out Sunday 9th. Trev's version.

Eleven bikes at Boreham for a lovely day and ride to the Shuttleworth collection at Old Walden aerodrome Biggleswade. Good to see Barrie, an old member who we don't much of these days, tag along for most of the ride, and a nice ride it was too, through some sweeping country roads and a little bit of the A1 and A10, Bishop Stortford was a bit of a sod though.

Old Walden aerodrome is basically a museum for old vintage aircraft with a decent cafe so was able to get a cup of tea and something to eat. The Shuttleworth Collection, which is held once a year, is a show of plastic model kits that people have made. Now we have all made Airfix kits when we were kids but these people take it to an all new level, absolutely amazing, you can't even tell they're plastic the quality was that good.

We left about 3pm for the same ride back except by passing Bishop Stortford across the M11 and on to the A120 where we went our own separate ways.

An excellent day with blue skies all day.

Trev

Impromptu ride-out Sunday 16th March

Eight bikes left Boreham for a ride to the antique centre [junk yard] Yoxford, Suffolk, it does have a cafe. Going all right on the A12 till we got to Colchester then a massive hold up, accident probably, but the police decided to shut the A12 and divert all the traffic through Colchester. Nightmare.

Fortunately Dave Enefer knows Colchester and was able to take us round the back streets, past the hospital back on A12 at the football stadium. From then on it was nice ride up to the A14 then the A140 to the A1120 which was a nice country road through some pretty villages to the junk sorry antique centre.

Fed and watered they decided they wanted to go on to Bury St Edmonds to the Krazy Horse custom bike shop. Cogie and I had already been there recently so we didn't bother and came home, apparently it all went wrong.

When they stopped for petrol, I say petrol Gary Mac puts diesel in his Harley [well it is an old tractor, Ed] but luckily realised after about a fiver and stopped.

Eventually they did get to the Krazy Horse only for some stupid woman to reverse her van into Austin's bike with him sitting on it, I think he's OK but not sure about the bike, hope it's not too bad mate. [small damage to the rear fender Ed]

Not a bad ride, weather was good but I don't think we'll be going there again. Trev

Ride out list 2014

4th May	Rye, Dungeness Kent
11 May	Audley End, Essex [Admission £9-30, £8-40 Concessions]
16th to 18th May	Belgium Rally
18th May	Dunwich, Suffolk, for fish & chips
23rd to 26th May	Centre 7, Celtic Dragons, Welsh Rally
31st May [Saturday]	Charsfield, Suffolk, village fete, put bikes on display

1st June	Ely
8th June	Stowe Maries, Essex, Air Museum and Paper Mill Lock
13th to 15th June	International Rally, Germany
15th June	Wessons Cafe [Ogri's] E. Sussex
22nd June	Southwold, Suffolk, put bikes on display and boating on the lake
27th to 29th June	Centre 12 Thames Valley Rally
6th July	Day Trip to France/Belgium
13th July	Bar-B-Cruise, Mersea, Essex
20th July	Battle, E. Sussex,
25th to 27th July	Centre 16, Solent, Rally
3rd August	Museum of Power, Langford, Essex, bike show
10th August	Yarmouth, Norfolk, carnival
17th August	Box Hill, Surrey, via Woolwich Ferry, meet up with C14
22nd to 25th August	Centre 4, Northern Raiders rally
31st August	Picnic at Thetford Forest, Norfolk
7th September	Air Ambulance Run, Basildon to Harwich
12th to 14th September	YCCNL Dutch Rally, Holland
14th September	Reedham Ferry, Norfolk
21st September	Comfort Cafe, Cambridgeshire
28th September	Greenford M/C Museum and Ace cafe,
5th October	Copdock, Suffolk, Bike show
12th October	Brightona? if it's still on

From the Editor

Not much from me this month, just a reminder to let me have any interesting articles for SEAX or if you go on a ride out, a write up would be good.

As Bruce said above, membership is due by the end of the month with a month's ' grace ' until the end of April when renewal will attract an additional £5 admin fee, If you have no intention of renewing would you please let us know to save chasing you with a letter.