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

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Centre 19 meeting's date

April 2018

North meeting

8pm Monday 9th April 2018 [2nd April is Easter Monday]
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 16th April 2018
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

May 2018

North meeting

8pm Monday 14th May 2018 [7th May is a bank holiday]
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 21st May 2018
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

Reps ramblings

Hi Crusaders re meeting 19th February

Bruce is away sunning himself and Trevor is ill [a bit of man flu !!] so as I was unable to get anyone else to 'step up' and take the chair the huge responsibility was left to me, I say huge responsibility lightly, as I suspect due to the miserable weather no one wanted to come out so there was only 6 of us

There is not much going on this time of year so not a lot to report

Just a reminder that membership will be due by the end of March, either by filling in a form and posting it with a cheque or Pay Pal and do it on line.

May 20th will be a ride out to East Anglian Children's Hospice in Ipswich [see details below], where we will present a cheque on behalf of C19 and hopefully give some pleasure to the kids [and staff] with a show of bikes, Lawrie suggested we try and get the Bank to give us a large sized cheque so a call to the bank will be made. **Update.....Trevor is able to get a large 'dummy' cheque courtesy of his cousin who is a graphic artist,** Please put this date in your diaries.

Lawrie relayed a thank you from Julie [Ray's wife] for the donation to Prostate cancer at Ray's funeral. It was decided to make a donation rather than give flowers or a wreath, also thanks to the C19 members who attended.

Roger 'the scarf' Carter's funeral was on Friday 16th Feb, in Fareham, an early one at 10am so an early start for those travelling a distance, it was very well attended by bikers and especially VSOC members who along with many others, escorted the motorbike hearse to the Crem, the wake was held at the Independents MCC club house who also provided refreshment, As Roger would have been a 25 year member this year [one of the original members of the VSOC or VOC as it was back in the day] it was decided to posthumously present him with his 25 year patch and a framed certificate, with full support of his family, this was done at the wake.

A general chit chat ensued, we put the world to rights, discussed insurance, ailments and got home in good time !! Peter

Bike preparation

Now is the time to start thinking about your bike ready for the coming season, if we have a season that is, looking grim at the moment !!

Dont leave it until the last minute so if you have it serviced by a dealer make plans for that now as they get busy as the season approaches.

If you DIY, change the oil, filter and either clean or change the air filter, I dont check my plugs every year but maybe a reminder if it hasn't been done for a while, check the condition of the brake pads, top up the master cylinders and check the seals on the calipers. Check the condition of the tyres and pressures [you will be surprised how much pressure is lost when the bike is standing]. Ensure all nuts and bolts are tight, check lights and indicators. There are lots of other ' checks ' you can do including lubricate and grease moving parts, linkages etc.

Finally give the bike a good clean and polish, including polish and protect those shiny surfaces, cylinder fin edges as they can corrode very quietly and then look ugly.

Anything you do will be helpful in the end.

I look forward to seeing all those shiny well maintained bikes out on the road in the near future.

Anon

Christmas Party 5th January 2019

If you remember back in November 2017 it was mentioned in Seax that we intended to host a joint centre post Christmas party at the Holiday Inn, Eight Ash Green, Colchester CO63QL. This has been booked so we just need to fill the spaces.

The venue is large enough to have 100 people [maybe slightly less for more comfort] and we are hoping to fill the function room which we will have to ourselves.

We have hosted Christmas parties at this venue previously with great success, which is why it was decided to go back there

We need to start getting an idea of numbers from C19 before opening it up to other centres so can you please think about it and let Bruce or myself know

The cost for those deciding to stay over is £60 for a double or twin room with full, eat as much as you like breakfast, the Christmas meal is £24.95 for 3 courses and you will have use of all hotel facilities from 2pm on Saturday 5th January, swimming pool, spa, jacuzzi and gym for those feeling energetic !!

We also need to consider if we need a disco for the evening, our experience is that it was too noisy for the space and was very intrusive to chat, a lot of people left the room and went in to the reception area. This is a decision to be made by members of course so up to you.

Please consider this event and put it in your diary now with a call to confirm your attendance. Thank you

Peter

From the Editor

Just a reminder that membership has to be renewed before you can take part in any ride outs after the 31st March, after that date you will be deemed as no longer a member so the clubs insurance could be compromised. This could affect those wanting to do the Southend shakedown on the 2nd April for example so please renew your membership now.

I hope you have received the latest Clatter and you will see application forms for the 3 National Rallies. I know you like to plan early [especially those going on the extended trip to Wales] so can you please pre purchase your tickets. You may also note that the C4 form doesn't ask for Centre or membership numbers so can you please enclose those when applying, thank you

Ride outs

If the weather is inclement can you phone the reps to see if the ride is still on,

Please note that Ride outs from Boreham will revert back to 10.30am from the 3rd December 2018 and back to 10am from the 4th March 2019, if anyone is up for braving the weather of course !!

Centre 19 Rideouts 2018

April

1st Impromptu

10.00 Boreham services [not likely to be many as the shakedown is the next day]

2nd Southend Shakedown. I have been keeping an eye on this and after a lot of to-ing and fro-ing it seems it's definitely back on.

10.00 Boreham services

8th Fossils cafe, Clacton

10.00 Boreham services, 10.45 The Bungalow cafe, Marks Tey CO6 1DY

15th Shotley Marina

10.00 Boreham, 10.45 Langham services

22nd Sunday lunch

A likely venue is The George, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 5AL it would be a good idea to get numbers so it can be booked in advance , more info to follow

27th-29th Rally in a hotel

29th Impromptu

10.00 Boreham

May

4th-6th Belgium Rally

6th Ace Cafe Yamaha day [Support C13 who have a stand]

10.30 Brentwood services

13th Rye E.Sussex
10.30 Thurrock services

20th Charity presentation to the East Anglian Children's Hospice [be nice to have a good turnout for this as it would brighten the children's day]
Boreham 10am, Langham 10.45 – 11am, Arrive at the Hospice at 11.30
Address, Treetops, St Augustine's Gardens, Ipswich, IP3 8NS

25th-27th C15 Fubar in Folkestone Rally

June	3 rd	North Weald
June	8 th to 10 th	International rally Denmark
June	10 th	High Beech
June	17 th	Krazy Horse
June	24 th	RAF Museum Hendon
July	1 st	St Ives bike show
July	8 th	C19 picnic, East Mersea
July	15 th	Bawdsey Quay & Sizewell cafe
July	20 th to 22 nd	C7 Rally, Aberaeron, Wales, Where the flock are we.
July	29 th	The Bike Shed, London
August	5 th	Museum of Power bike show, Langford, Maldon. C19
August	12 th	Norfolk Tank Museum
August	19 th	Aldburgh
August	24 th to 27 th	C4 Rally, Redcar, Fourgasm four.
Sept	2 nd	Greenwich
Sept	9 th	Gorleston & Beccles
Sept	16 th	Route 11 cafe
Sept	23 rd	Silver ball cafe & Finchingfield
Sept	30 th	
Oct	7 th	Copdock Bike show
Oct	14 th	Brightona
Oct	21 st	C19 AGM