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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

November 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 7th November 2016
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 21st November 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

December 2016

North meeting

8pm Monday 5th December 2016
The Crown, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7QR

South meeting

8pm Monday 19th December 2016
The Lodge Country Inn, Hayes Chase, Burnham Rd SS11 7QT

Reps ramblings

Hi folks,

I hope you are all well, There isn't a lot to say as most was said in the AGM, 21 attended so thank you to all who did, Also thanks to the support of the committee especially Trevor who has done yet again a smashing job on the ride outs.

As you will see at the end of the minutes I have put in a years notice to stand down as rep next year, I have thought deeply over this but now feel its time for someone else to take up the role, so any interests get in touch with me please

I still have some places to fill for the xmas party so please as you read this and feel you can now come then let me know straight away as all final payment and menu choices have to be in by 10th Nov

Hopefully we will get some nice dry if but chilly rides in, so see you out there.

Minutes of the C19 AGM 16th October 2016

Meeting started at 7.15pm

BT opened the meeting by thanking all in attendance
The minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved by Clive and Del

Apologies

Received from Terry and Chris, Cheryl, Dawn, Chas and Nicky [due to ferry complications !!] Barney, Mark and Kay, Kev and Tara, Sue Haynes, Jo.

Election of Officers.

All officers were re elected, BT to continue with merchandising and Bob Owen was elected as Treasurer to replace Paula who is standing down, approved by Gary and Dave E. A transitional hand over period was suggested.

Finances

Paula said that income from merchandise and raffles were down on the same period last year, pending rally expenses are about £450 to date and paid for out of centre

funds. PG queried the cost of rally bags and wristbands on the 'estimated rally costs sheet' JE asked if a loan from National could be obtained. PF and BT said that at this time it was not necessary, as there were no more predicted costs before the sale of tickets started. PG said there was £633 in the centre accounts to fall back on.

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PG made the usual comments that write ups were very slow coming and the same people contributed all the time, sometimes the same person writes several articles. Could more consideration be given please or this will be his last year as Editor.

Merchandise BT said there was an XL fleece for sale £25.

Ride outs

Alan said that ride outs had been fairly well attended but could be better, please think about ride outs for 2017 and suggest destinations, a sheet for completion was distributed, thanks to Trevor who leads most of the rides, thank you to those who attended the dummy rally ride out, it was well attended. JE said it is not about the destination it is about how we get there. AW thanks those who attended the Charlsfield fete and it is on the 3rd June 2017 and we have been invited again. BT asked if there would be any interest in a visit to Santa Pod. Laurie asked why the Museum of Power was not on the ride out list TL said the date hadn't been set yet.

North meeting is to continue in the same venue as numbers attending the meeting were sometimes up.

Rally 2017

BT pointed out that rally bags, tickets design, wrist bands were on the table for viewing, all OK with them. He also suggested that orange bags would be set aside for any Dutch members attending.

Bob asked how the trailer gets to the rally, AW volunteered and a discussion was had on the time scale to pick it up, PG suggested it was picked up from the keeper of the trailer who lives in Hertford and suggested he may even meet half way for convenience. It is not practical for AW to pick the trailer up from the C8 rally.

BT said that a band Black Web who played at The Museum of Power at Langford had been booked for the Saturday night, music to stop at 12. a band SBF [spin off from Reeper] have said they will play on Friday night and quote £600, BT to negotiate that price. JE said he knew of another band that play old stuff so BT said to let us know where and when they are playing so they could be seen.

BT then talked about ticket price and suggested one price for all, PG said that the ticket price cannot be set until projected costs are known, he also suggested an 'early bird' price to encourage members to purchase in advance and help cash flow. TL

then asked why we couldn't have a loan from National, PG said we can if necessary then explained that if there was no incentive to buy tickets in advance then a lot of people wouldn't bother and cash flow would be a problem.

It was then voted that we have an 'early bird' ticket price.

JE suggested that tickets are not put on sale until 1st Jan 2017. he also suggested again that a loan from National is obtained.

PG pointed out that when he and KH organised 'Last Minute rally' in 2013 at very short notice, no loan was obtained, we had no centre funds to fall back on and still made £900 profit.

JE asked if C19 could have a new welcome banner and BT agreed to look in to it.

Trade stands to date are Herb [air brushing and painting of leathers etc], Snake Pics [photographer], Sapphire Steels for Saturday only [stainless steel nuts, bolts and fittings] Has anyone got any other ideas.

BT said that Tara [wife of member Kev Jones] may be prepared to do reflexology in 15 minute sessions if a room was available, TL lowered the tone by suggesting it was a massage parlour !!

Clive asked about catering at the rally and AW presented a menu provided by a local publican for perusal, other issues regarding signs, laminating etc was mentioned and covered. BT asked if the price of the menu prices could be negotiated and did we want to cover losses if sales didn't meet expectations, no decision was made but under currents suggested that we shouldn't. Comments were made that as there are no local eateries sales of food should be good.

BT said that another option was a large catering van to cover all meals and it was agreed to contact them for details, a burger van has been booked for Friday and Saturday nights.

Discussion in general ensued as the AGM became a general discussion platform on topics which should be held at other times and detracted from the agenda. PG asked that we keep to the topic. Agreed by Alan Ferry.

AOB

Rallies 2016 best attended was C10 with 253 and C19 had 20 in attendance, National AGM is the 4th December so any items to BT as soon as possible.

There are 34 booked in for the Xmas party so numbers are down, raffle prizes please. C19 has 49 members with 9 non renewals, all for valid reasons, TL said membership in general is going down and a general discussion started,

Little Sue suggested another meeting place for the South meeting, can she come up with an alternative !!.

BT announced that he will be standing down as Centre Rep at the 2017 AGM so a replacement is needed.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm. Phew. !!



This is the proposed rally patch design kindly created by Gary Daisley. It captures the moment very well in my opinion, I hope everyone agrees. Thanks Gary.

BRIGHTONA BRAKE PROBLEM !!

On Sunday the 9th October Gill and I (Andy) set out on a chilly but sunny morning to meet club members and enjoy a ride out to Brighton.

There we all were at Thurrock Services, chatting, having a coffee, filling up with fuel, agreeing the route and generally doing what motor bikers do before they head off on a ride-out. So I pull away and I managed to drop my Harley !something most bikers try to avoid (especially with other bikers around) but while the rest of the group waited for us, Terry and Chris got us upright again. Off we went again, just in front of Terry who was "Tail End Charlie".

A few miles down the road, just by the slip road to Lakeside, my front brake came on by itself and we came to an abrupt halt in the middle lane of the M25, with the rest of the traffic continuing their journeys around us! Terry and Chris pulled up and diverted traffic until a car pulled across the lane behind us to shield us from the traffic. The brake was locked solid and even with myself, the passenger from the car, Terry and Gill it was impossible to move the bike.

A man on the footbridge above the road came running to our aid and with his extra help we managed to lift the front wheel and bounce the bike across the carriageway. The Motorway Police arrived quickly and arranged for us to be taken to the Hazardous Waiting Area on the Kent side of the M25 , where we waited for the Breakdown Relay to take us home.

Gill and I would like to thank Terry and Chris for all their help in a very scary situation!

Andy.

Andy I hope we get another write up on this one so we know the end result.
Ed

Ride out to Wings cafe, North Weald

23.10.16

Well it was a chilly but bright morning, so off to Boreham we went with Paula a happy bunny with her Raider back with a new clutch fitted and a couple of minor bits that were found corrected.

On arrival Mr K and Dave E were already waiting and before we knew it 9 yes 9 in total turned up for a ride to a new venue to us at wings café which is situated in north Weald airfield.

Trevor led the ride on a good country route and not far from the destination the newly acquired bike started to play up, well we got there and enjoyed a hearty vampire breakfast (2 of everything) I said as long as the sausages are not bleeding I will be happy. It was good sitting outside with some of our friends who met us there and watching all the light aircraft take off and even the Essex Herts air ambulance took off, which is based next to the café.

We took the direct route home and Paula behaved herself doh ! well the bike did.
Bruce



Ed: I noticed a lot of things going on at the airfield especially fast cars doing time trials, small planes mixing it with the public on the access roads, would be a good place to go again if only to see what was going on, a date in the ride out calendar please.

From the Editor

Ride outs from Boreham will leave at 10.30am instead of 10am from Sunday 30th October, when the clocks change. So just think it will actually be 11.30am when it will have warmed up a bit.!!

Dont forget to rack your brains for ride out destinations for 2017 and pass your ideas to Trevor and Alan.

Places still available for the Xmas bash, contact Bruce for details but be quick.

Ride outs

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

Impromptu rides from Boreham will continue throughout the Winter unless the weather dictates otherwise.