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Rep's Rambling.

I would like to thank everyone who made the April ride-outs so successful. We had a large turnout for the Sunday rides to Whitstable, the Southend Shakedown and Sunday lunch at Stratford St Mary. I am sure the sunny weather had something to do with it and the longing to get back on the bikes after the winter.

I've just returned from the Southern Snakes party in Holland with 14 C19 members plus another 23 VSOC members from various centres. The weather was very untypical of Koningsbosch for this time of year, 20C and sunny during day and only dropping to 7C during the night instead of the minus night temperatures of previous years. A great time was had by all.

Hopefully everybody has remembered to renew their VSOC membership.

I've been contacted by Steve Porter C8 who runs an engineering workshop that produces polished stainless steel custom parts for Yamahas and other makes of bike, check out his website, Fast Laine Cruisers Ltd. He will make the bits you wish you could buy and make them to your own specifications.

There is a motorcycle road safety show at Gloucester Park in Basildon on Sunday 7th June. Check the website www.cadam.org More details in the next Seax.

Welcome to new member Anthony Jones from Harlow, I know all the members will make him feel at home in Centre 19.

Lets hope the good weather continues for the rest of the summer, look forward to seeing you on the ride-outs or at the club meetings.

The south meeting in May will have a ride-out from the Bell pub, departing 08-00pm for approx 1 hour circular ride returning to the pub for a meeting.

John

Deputy Rep' (North).

Centre 19 North meeting 6th April 2009

A well attended meeting, must be something to do with the weather as many had come on bikes. It would be nice to see a few more from the South now the evenings are lighter and warmer.

PG reminded all about VSOC subscriptions which are now over due and will attract a £5 penalty if not paid by the end of April.

There are 3 new 10 year members this year, Chas , Roger, and Jim , once again thanks for your continued support. The centre currently has 17 ten year members with a further 5 next year if they renew, I wonder if many other centres can boast that type of commitment?

Southern Snakes rally was discussed and once again C19 is taking over a full compliment including some from C13 and C14 for the Wild West party, 4 of us are then off to Ireland for the C2 rally meeting up with 4 from C15 for the ride to Birkenhead and an overnight ferry crossing to Belfast. PG asked members to book rally tickets early to help the organisers with pre planning and cash flow.

The Easter Egg run to Whitstable on the 5th April was well attended and 33 bikes from C19 and C13 left Thurrock to join up with C15 at Medway services when 50 plus bikes rode to Whitstable, it was a lovely warm day.

The meeting was more of a social get together and a time to reflect on events for the coming year, I feel a busy time coming on and I am back at work part time, still have time for a Retired Riders group ride out mid week mind you, roll on the better weather as it is raining here right this moment.

NOTE: The May meeting for the North will be on Monday 11th
because Monday 4th is Bank Holiday.

Peter

Reflective Vests

Just read that day glo vests are now required to be carried for both rider and pillion throughout all EU countries.

Reflective stickers also required on helmets. Doesn't say whereabouts on the helmet. Apparently all new helmets now come with these.

Might actually get the bike back this weekend as the parts have arrived.

They've only got 15 bike to fix.....

Cheers

Cougar

Ed:

Quote: "Motoring law in an increasing number of European countries, now requires all vehicles to carry one reflective vest for each vehicle occupant; drivers and passengers; children and adults. For use in the event of breakdowns or emergencies and must be donned before leaving the vehicle; so they must be carried inside the car."

Not so easy on a motorbike to comply with the last sentence?

(Unless you are in the habit of wearing one all the time!)

Comments - anyone?

On a similar note.....Headlamp beam adaptors ("to prevent illegal dazzle"):
Bike headlights are much brighter than car's; yet it is not a legal requirement to fit beam adaptors to a bike, when driving in Europe. Also I don't believe they are available for bikes?

If you do NOT have beam adaptors fitted to a UK car's headlights and you are involved in an accident, in Europe. Your vehicle could be considered unfit for use on the road; incurring on-the-spot fines and invalidate your motor insurance.

Taken from the AA, Driving in Europe – are you legal?

SOUTHEND SHAKEDOWN

Hi all; just a few words to say how great it is that the season is now well under way, at last woo hoo, with the egg run last week and now the Southend Shakedown with about 22 bikes leaving Boreham and we all managed to get there in one group; well done John!

A bit of a damp start with a shower but we got there dry and it did warm up eventually. Well by the time you read this the first rally in Holland would have been done I am so looking fwd to that, and then Belgium, I hope to see a lot more faces going to rallies this year as the sun has been ordered, and no you can't take my word for it!

Right bored you enough now; carry on

Bruce or to some of you now known as "munch"!

I wonder why?..... answers on back of a postcard





MAY RIDE-OUTS

FRIDAY 1ST**V.S.O.C. C2. IRELAND RALLY. BALLYMENA.**

Contact Peter for details.

SUNDAY 3RD**IMPROMPTU RIDEOUT**

Depart Boreham services 10-00am

FRIDAY 8TH**WEAK END RALLY, STEEPLE.**

Depart Boreham services 06-00pm or make your own way there.

SUNDAY 10TH**WALTON ON THE NAZE.**

Depart Boreham services 10-00am for B.P. garage A12 north of Colchester, just before the A120, depart B.P. garage 10-45am

SATURDAY 16TH TO SUNDAY 17TH**B.M.F. EAST OF ENGLAND SHOW, PETERBOROUGH**

No organised ride

Tickets booked in advance, on-line or 08712 301084, members £12-00 non members £13-00 on the gate £16-00, concessions £12-00

SUNDAY 17TH**6TH VEHICLE AND MOTORBIKE SHOW, BRIGHTLINGSEA.**

Colne Community School, Church Road. Brightlingsea, CO7 0DG.

Depart Boreham services 10-00am for BP garage A12 north of Colchester. Depart BP garage 10-45 for Brightlingsea. Show is from 12-00 to 04-00pm. If you wish you put your bikes on show.

FRIDAY 22ND**BDVSC 2 BELGUIM RALLY, St. JOSEF 56. RIJKEVORSEL 2310.**

Depart Thurrock services 06-00am. For Dover

SUNDAY 24TH**IMPROMPTU RIDEOUT**

Depart Boreham services 10-00

SATURDAY 30TH TO SUNDAY 31ST**BMF GARDEN OF ENGLAND MOTORCYCLE SHOW, DETLING, KENT.****SUNDAY 31ST**

Depart Thurrock services 10-30 for Detling, Kent (M20)

Tickets booked in advance, on-line or 08712 301084, members £11-00, non members £12-00

On the gate £13-00, concessions £10-00

SUNDAY 31ST

For those not wishing to go to the BMF.

BARTON MILLS, SUFFOLK

Depart Boreham services 10-00 for Halstead, top of High Street by the church. Depart Halstead 10-45.

For more information contact your reps

Please have sufficient fuel for rideouts so we can keep fuel stops to a minimum

Centre 19 meeting's dates:

May

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 11th May 2009. **** NOT the 4th – as it is Bank Holiday ****

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.
West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 18th May 2009.....Ride Out!

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham

June

North meeting.

8 pm Monday 1st June 2009.

The Anchor, Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary, CO7 6LW.
West of A12, North of Colchester

South meeting.

8pm Monday 15th June 2009.

The Bell Inn, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers, CM3 8RF.

On the B1418 between Bicknacre and South Woodham.