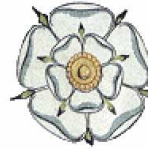




**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 13th August 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 15 branch members that attended the meeting. A new member attended the meeting for the first time, Peter Rodgers came on his immaculate 850 Mk3 Commando, Peter comes from the Alwoodley area of north Leeds, his Commando has been an ongoing project for the past 8-years, Peter was welcomed by the group.

Barrie reminded members that the next meeting is the branch AGM, any member wishing to be considered for the post of Secretary, Chairman or Treasurer needs to advise Andy in advance of the meeting (all existing post holders are willing to stand for re-election).

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Fairbank, Russ Ward, Tony Ward, Martin Holdsworth and Ian Jayne.

The Haworth Classic Bike Show organised by the Yorkshire Classic Motorcycle Club took place on Wednesday 16th July at the Bronte Hotel. The branch had at least 6 members attend on the evening, Bruce Senior won the best in class award for his Triton, well done Bruce.

The Norton Festival hosted by the Devon branch of the NOC took place over the weekend of the 1st to 3rd August; 15 branch members made the long journey to the event. The weather was very good (with the exception of a wet Friday) and the event was generally very well organised by the Devon branch members (poor shower facilities being the only real complaint). Two branch members received awards for their bikes, Russ Ward won the award for the best ridden Commando, Peter Holland won the award for the best ridden Lightweight (Peter rode his Electra to the event which was approximately a 700 mile round trip). Well done to all who made the trip. It was very good to see bikes that were actually ridden to the event being awarded trophies, well done Russ and Peter.

Tony and Russ Ward will be attending the NOC International Rally in Bremen, Germany over the weekend of the 15th, 16th and 17th August (Tony and Russ set off on their tour the day before the meeting and hence were absent).

3. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

The July ride out (planned for Saturday 19th) was cancelled due to most of the 'regulars' advising they could not attend for a wide variety of reasons, also thunder storms had been forecast for the day so the ride was cancelled a few days prior to the event.

The next planned ride out will venture into the Peak District and will take in Holme Moss which was the major climb of the recent Tour De France 2nd leg. The ride out will occur on Sunday 17th August, the meeting place will be the Three Nun's public house car park (situated on the A62 (Leeds Road) where it meets the A644 (Huddersfield Road) in the Mirfield area, it is also close to junction 25 of the M62). The meeting time will be 10.00 am for a 10.30am prompt start.

Future ride out dates are as follows:

- 20th / 21st September (Volunteer required to organise)

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £804.82 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Branch 10th Anniversary (2015) (Andy Lodge)

Andy contacted the Green Dragon pub at Hardraw about the possibility of making a booking for the 2015 10th anniversary event for 40 people; they confirmed that we could make advanced bookings for 5th & 6th September 2015. No bookings were required for camping which costs £8 per night, en-suite rooms were available with prices ranging from £35 to £50 per night, a bunk house was available at £15 per person per night (this does not include breakfasts which range from £4.50 to £7.95), the bunk house has 14 rooms with each room accommodating 4 to 6 people. A 50% deposit would be required to reserve rooms.

A vote of members attending had no opposition to the proposed date of the 5th & 6th September or to the proposed venue, so that date will be the date we move forward with for the planning of the event. Anybody wanting to reserve a room or bunkhouse room should contact the Green Dragon directly (details below) to make their booking. Further discussion will take place on the any potential subsidy the branch will offer to members who attend the event.

Green Dragon,
Bellow Hill
Hardraw
Hawes
North Yorks
DL8 3LZ

Tel 01969 667392

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Dave Bell gave the members a brief overview of the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend event that clashed with the Norton Festival, Saturday was a very wet day that Dave described as a 'wash out', however, Sunday was a very good day with a good attendance. £21,000 was raised over the weekend for charity, again well done to Dave and his team. A number of branch members attended the event. Next years show is scheduled for 1st and 2nd August, hopefully this will not clash with one of the major NOC rallies again!

Peter Driver reported that Peter Fairbank's knee operation had been successful, and that he was now recovering well following an earlier problem with an infection.

Don Tovey reminded people about the forthcoming changes to the vehicle taxation system, whereby a tax disc will not transfer with a vehicle on its sale, the new keeper must now tax the vehicle before taking the vehicle on the road.

Albert Duvall attended a motorcycle show at the Guide pub which is close to Haworth and was held the week after the Haworth Classic Bike Show, Albert informed the members that this was well attended.

The meeting was formally closed and sandwiches were provided by the staff at the Marsh.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Don't forget all details of the branch activities can be found on our web-site -
<http://yorkshire.branches.nortonownersclub.org>

Date of next meeting 10th September 2014 (AGM)