



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th October 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 15 branch members in attendance.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bruce Senior, Dave Bell, Barry Lodge, Martin Holdsworth and Ian Jayne.

Peter Holland has written up his 2,400 mile recent adventure undertaken on his Norton Electra, his account is entitled 'A bridge too far' and has been posted on the branch website on a new web page 'Our Stories'. Well done to Peter for taking the time to write up this interesting account and for preparing an Electra capable of making the trip. If any other members would like one of their stories posting on the web page contact Andy.

A small batch of branch garments were ordered from Dave Roberts in September, for information the current prices for these are as follows:- Branch T-shirts £7.12 and Branch Polo shirts £12.24. Anybody wanting garments should contact Dave directly; note these will need to be collected from Dave's premises in Sowerby Bridge.

The branch web site has a discussion area that is not used, Andy suggested that we should have this section deleted; no objections were received so now any members discussion items should go onto the main NOC web site.

Andy informed the group that he would be attending the branch secretaries meeting on Sunday (12th October), this was being held at the Donington factory where Stuart Garner had kindly provided a room for the NOC to use. Seventeen branch secretaries would be attending the meeting along with NOC EC members.

3. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

The last planned ride out the year occurred on Saturday 20th September. 9 bikes attended the run to Scarborough (5 Norton's and 11 people in total); the weather wasn't great with cloud and occasional light showers. 180 miles were covered in the day, the ride out was eventful with a petrol starvation problem on Barrie's Dominator, an ECU light illuminating on Harry's Honda (not normally a problem on a Norton!) and our first ride out tumble when Tony's Yamaha V-Max hit the deck on a slippery corner (no serious damage to rider or bike thankfully).

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £815.83 in the bank account at the present time.

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

No further progress has been made with this subject.

6. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Following the last ride out it was agreed that for the 2015 ride out programme the branch would adopt the second man drop off technique, this will be tried in place of the existing 'slow down if you can't see the bike behind you' technique which we've used with mixed results. Hopefully this will reduce the chances of 'losing' people along the way!

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 12th November 2014