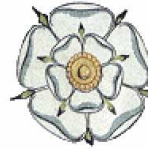




Yorkshire Branch



AGM & Branch Meeting Minutes – 10th September 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 16 branch members in attendance.

A new member joined us on the evening, Laurence Wright from the Odsal area of Bradford arrived on his 1971 750 Commando interstate. Laurence is a long term Norton owner and attended meetings of the old branch (before the present branch was reformed 9-years ago). Laurence was welcomed by the members.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Fairbank, Dave Bell, Barry Lodge, Martin Holdsworth and Owen Walker.

Russ Ward and Peter Holland were congratulated on their awards received at the Norton Festival; these awards were mentioned at the August meeting however neither Russ nor Peter were at the meeting. Russ won the best Commando and Peter the best Norton ridden to the event with his Electra. Well done chaps.

Tony and Russ Ward attended the NOC International Rally in Bremen, Germany over the weekend of the 15th, 16th and 17th August, both reported that the rally was very good (excellent organisation and food) and that the organisers couldn't do enough to help attendee's. Russ had a problem with his drive chain and rear sprocket on the way to the rally but managed to get to the site, the organisers arranged for parts to be supplied by a local enthusiast who only wanted 50 euro's for the parts. Tony's gearbox failed on the way back through Holland leaving him with only 4th gear, Tony managed to get home by slipping his clutch a lot! Both Tony and Russ were on their Commando's.

Branch clothing – one member had enquired about buying T-shirts complete with the branch logo, Andy asked that anybody wanting any branch clothing let him know on the evening, as he was going to contact Dave Roberts to enquire about getting a few T-shirts made.

NOC complaint – Kev Feltoe had sent a complaint from a member of the general public to all branch secretaries, apparently the individual concerned had attended an event where the NOC had a presence, the individual was upset that the NOC member he was talking to apparently was 'bloody rude' and that this reflected badly on the club as a whole. Kev requested that NOC members remember that they are representing the club at official events and should do nothing that would reflect badly on the club.

A number of old Roadholder magazines have been donated by Charles Smith from his late father's estate, the magazines are from the late 70's and early 80's and give an interesting insight into the clubs activities approximately 35 years ago. The magazines were handed out to members who wanted copies on the evening.

The NOC 2015 International Rally is now planned to be in Ireland, details have not yet been announced.

Ian Jayne reminded the members it was 5-years ago to the day that Stuart Earnshaw was fatally injured at about 8.00 am on Thursday 10th September 2009, when his Norton Commando and a fork lift truck were in collision on the A6025 Park Road in Elland. Stuart was 48 years old and was on his way to work. Glasses were raised in a toast to an absent friend.

A Classic Bike Show is being held at Squires Café Bar, Sherburn in Elmet on Sunday 28th September, entries start at 11am, judging commences 2pm with trophies being awarded at 3pm. The show forms part of the Café's 'Family Weekend'.

3. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

Four bikes (2 Norton's) attended the ride out on Sunday 17th August, the route was through the Peak District and occurred in sunshine / showery conditions, 100 miles were covered on the run. Numbers were low as anticipated on the day due to members attending International Rallies and having other commitments.

The last branch ride out of the year will occur on Saturday 20th September, the destination will be the East Coast. Meet at the Little Chef on the A64 by Tadcaster at 10:00am for a 10.30am prompt departure.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £818.82 in the bank account at the present time. Peter also went onto report that since 2006 a total of £1,624 had been collected in subs.

Peter has again been in touch with Peter Fairbank who is recovering well from his knee operation; he can now drive his car but is not ready for long distances yet so wasn't able to attend the meeting.

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

Andy contacted the Green Dragon pub at Hardraw to try and make a booking for the 2015 10th anniversary event, he was told that the pub is being leased from 1st October 2014; hence any arrangements for 2015 would need to be made with the new management team after that date. A proposal was made the members interested may have a ride out to the pub one weekend following the October branch meeting.

6. AGM Election of Branch Executive Officer's (Barrie Blayney)

No alternate candidates had been nominated for the EC positions prior to the AGM and the existing incumbents were willing to carry on with their duties for another year, hence Barrie Blayney, Peter Driver and Andy Lodge continue in their roles.

Barrie went on to praise the efforts of Peter and Andy in carrying out their EC duties, members also showed their support for Barrie's efforts in his role as Chairman.

7. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

The list of club loan items now includes a piston ring compressor (range 40 to 85mm); a second one is to be purchased so that the pair can be used for twin rebuilds.

Geoff Drury was having problems with his Commando speedo, he believed it was being caused by the speedo drive gearbox and asked if anybody had a spare that he could borrow to prove his gearbox was faulty. Peter Holland kindly agreed to lend Geoff his spare.

Geoff Drury also has a brand new branch sweatshirt (extra large) that is too big for him; he asked if anybody wanted the sweatshirt free of charge as it was no good to him. Interested parties should contact Geoff directly.

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 8th October 2014