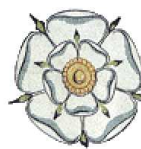




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th April 2015

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

The start of the meeting was delayed due to traffic chaos on many of the roads around Bradford, apparently there was a major gas leak that closed the Thornbury roundabout. Barrie opened the meeting at 8.30pm and welcomed all 17 attendees.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Peter Holland, Peter Fairbank, Dave Bell and Bruce Senior.

The East Yorkshire Branch have extended an invitation to attend another quiz night at their meeting place at the Bowmans Hotel in Howden (post code DN14 7AE), Andy asked that anybody interested in attending should make their way to the Hotel for a quiz start at 8pm prompt on the Thursday 16th April, hopefully the branch will be able to get a good turnout again.

Congratulations were offered to Ian Jayne for winning the Christmas quiz in Roadholder, Ian identified the most Norton dominator cylinder barrels correctly, his prize for winning was 2-years free membership of the NOC.

The Norton Owners Club AGM (Annual General Meeting) is being held on Sunday 12th April at Donington Hall, the branch will be represented by Andy.

Dave Roberts asked Andy to invite members of the East Yorkshire Branch to the Sowerby Bridge Show on Sunday 24th May so that they can join our branch display of bikes. An E-mail has been sent to Alan Clarke inviting his members to join the Yorkshire Branch at the event.

Albert Duvall is selling a set of Akito 2-piece black leathers, the trousers are size 34" waist 31" leg, the jacket is size 44 / 46" chest. Both are said to be in good condition, anybody interested should contact Albert on 01274 412548.

Andy discussed the use of the branch web-site for selling Norton related items, members agreed on the evening that this was appropriate. As the discussion page has been deleted meaning that people cannot post their own items on the site, Andy agreed to post any members items for sale on the home page, but requested that if sold he needs to be told promptly so that the item can be removed to stop cluttering up the site.

3. Ride Outs 2015 (Andy Lodge)

The first ride out of the year ventured into the Dales on Saturday 4th April, 8 bikes (4 Norton's) joined the run that set off towards Colne before turning back over the moors towards Skipton, a short stop was made at Grassington before the lunch stop proper at Masham. The return leg took the group back through Ripon finishing at Otley. On the day 131 miles were covered in very good weather that enabled some stunning spring views to be taken in.

The next ride out will occur on either Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th May, Geoff Drury has kindly volunteered to organise and lead the run. Details will be confirmed at the next branch meeting by Geoff.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

The branch has a balance of £858.66 in the bank account at the present time

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Clarification was sought about the attendance details for the Sowerby Bridge (Sunday 24th May) and Hebden Bridge (Sunday 2nd August) shows:-

Individuals need to register for the Sowerby Bridge show themselves, this will cost £5 before the event of £6 on the day. A separate copy of the entry form has been sent with this E-mail.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend is being attended by the branch on Sunday only. The branch has pre-paid to reserve a double pitch that will allow us to erect our marquee and to put on a display of Norton Motorcycles. Individuals displaying bikes will not have to pay admission they just need to tell the organizers they are part of the Norton display. Bikes on the display will not be judged as part of the event, anybody wanting to have their bike included in the judging process will need to pre-register and pay their own admission.

A question about experiences dealing with Bantam John was raised by Peter Driver who was having difficulty obtaining parts that he needed for his Francis Barnett. Whilst it was acknowledged that Bantam John had an extensive stock of parts for British motorcycles, many members had experienced similar difficulties dealing with him in the past.

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 13th May.