



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 11th January 2017

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all 17 attendees.

A long term NOC member attended the branch meeting for the first time, Jim Eastwood has a 850 Mk3 Commando that he is recommissioning after a long period off the road. Jim was a member of the Yorkshire branch many years ago before it was reformed in its present format.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Dave Bell, Bob Nabozny and Bruce Senior.

The last of the 2017 NOC calendars were distributed at the meeting to all those who pre-ordered them.

The NOC have announced dates for this year's rallies, the first being a low cost back to basics camping event in a pub car park in Suffolk on the 9th to 12th June, the Bristol Branch are hosting the Hi-de- Hi rally at Pontins in Weston-Super-Mare between 15th to 18th September, costs for the cabins are to be confirmed but it's estimated they will be £50 to £60 per person per night for the 3-nights. The 2017 International rally will take place in Belgium and is being organised by the Flanders branch over the August Bank Holiday weekend (25th to 28th which will clash with the Classic TT attendee's). The 2018 International Rally is planned to be held in Austria.

The branch secretaries meeting is being held on Saturday 1st April, the NOC AGM will occur the following day and is being held at the Coventry Transport Museum. The AGM is not being held at Donington Hall this year to move it around the country a little to make it easier for some people to attend.

An invitation to attend the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend being held on the 5th / 6th August has again been received, members were asked if they would like to support this charity event again this year, a show of hands showed that members were again in favor of trying to secure a position for the branch gazebo on Sunday 6th. Andy will therefore make the necessary arrangements.

3. Ride Outs 2017 (Andy Lodge)

The 2017 ride out programme will commence in April as per usual. Andy asked for volunteers to organise a ride out to add variation to the routes.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £807.58 in the bank account at the present time.

5. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

Don Tovey reported that he has now got a Keis heated vest that goes under his riding gear, he has ridden with this plugged into his Commando 12 volts system without problem (Don has got a 180 watt Alton alternator fitted to his bike and a larger capacity battery than standard), the vest can also be used with a separate rechargeable battery pack that costs approximately £70. The RRP of the Keis vest is £120 and is highly recommended by Don.

Russ Ward informed members that he has added an oil pressure testing gauge to the branch loan items, the gauge comes with a number of adaptors for different applications. As per the rest of the loan items this can be loaned by branch members by leaving a £10 deposit with Russ.

Andy Lodge advised members that when they receive their insurance renewals they should challenge any significant increases. In 2016 his fully comprehensive insurance cost for a modern bike and 4 classics was just under £400, his renewal notice from Carole Nash asked for a £100 increase on the previous year's premium for a like for like policy, Andy rang up and said he wasn't happy and challenged the increase, within minutes the renewal cost dropped to a few pounds below his 2016 policy cost. Other members reported similar experiences recently.

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

Andy Lodge – NOC 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 February 2017