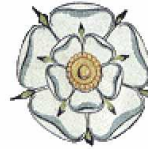




## Yorkshire Branch



# AGM & Branch Meeting Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 21 attendees. One new member attended, James Green is from Knottingley, James has a 1962 99 Deluxe, a 99 café racer plus quite a few other bikes that aren't Norton's, James was welcomed by the members.

Barrie also showed the 'George Child Trophy' to the members, this was awarded to the Yorkshire branch for having the highest number of branch attendee's at the National Rally in August. A badge had been engraved and had been added to the trophy to record the achievement.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Dave Bell, John Oldridge, Dave Roberts, John Preston, Stewart Ronayne and Owen Walker.

Barrie Blayney's proposal that the branch should make a donation of £100 to the Yorkshire air ambulance (YAA) was seconded by a large majority at the last meeting, arrangements have been made with YAA for a cheque presentation to be made at the November branch meeting, Barrie will make the presentation on behalf of the branch. Photos will be taken and an article will be submitted for inclusion in Roadholder.

Scottish and Northumbria camp at the Salutation Inn, John Powell has asked Branch Secretaries to feedback on potential attendee's at this coming weekend's (14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> Sept) event. Nobody from the branch is planning to attend.

Andy advised the members about a communication he's received from 'flatoutriding.co.nz', they have a Norton Commando amongst their bikes for hire if anybody is interested in touring New Zealand, if so contact Kirsten Smith via the web-site address.

Harry Atkinson has invited Yorkshire Branch members to attend their meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at Howden so that we can have an 'East Yorkshire v's Yorkshire' branch quiz night and general get together, East Yorks members will be putting on refreshments and sandwiches. Andy asked how many people were interested; the response from members was good with 10 people showing interest in making the journey across to Howden.

Andy informed the members about a problem he experienced at the weekend whilst riding his 1974 Commando with the standard front disc brake, he pulled on the front brake lever then heard a 'clunk' and totally lost the front brake, luckily he was able to stop using the back brake without a problem, but if circumstances had been different it could have caused an accident. On investigation one of the front brake pads had ejected itself out of the caliper, the design of the caliper allows this if you let the brake pads wear past their limit. Be warned and keep an eye on your pad thickness.

### **3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)**

Peter again reported that the branch has a balance of £864.89 in the bank account at the present time, the branch monthly fee's had been suspended commencing April 2013 for 6-months so this figure will not rise during that period.

### **4, Branch Property Stock and Usage (Russ Ward)**

Russ Ward advised members of the items presently held centrally for branch member's usage, the following items were available:

- Magneto electronic timing device
- 4 gauge vacuum gauge set
- Adjustable timing light
- Digital tachometer
- Valve spring compressor
- Assorted 'special' spanners
- Commando clutch compressor
- Norton Owners Club tent
- Event shelter

As previously discussed at meetings the branch will request that a £10 deposit is left when items are borrowed, this will be refundable when items are returned, Russ reported that branch member's usage of the equipment was very low.

Both the NOC DVD's purchased by the branch are missing, the gearbox DVD was last lent to Mark Littlewood (as far as we know – Mark if you have it please get in touch), the engine DVD is missing, again if anyone has it please have it returned to Russ.

### **5. Branch Ride Outs (Andy Lodge)**

The Yorkshire branch of the NOC will be having a ride out to Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Sunday 15th September. The meeting place will be at the Little Chef car park on the A64 (eastbound) close to Tadcaster. The meeting time will be 09.00am for a 09.30am prompt start.

A classic motoring event has been organised by the Middlesbrough and District motor club at Saltburn on this day, this includes a classic vehicle display and a hill climb. The ride out would be cancelled if heavy rain was falling, however, a bit of light rain doesn't normal deter the branch members (most of them anyway!). If there is doubt on the day about whether the ride out is going ahead contact Andy on 07810 659994 between 7.30am and 8.00am for clarification.

## **6. Election of Branch Officers (Andy Lodge)**

The annual election of branch officers took place, all the existing officers stated that they were happy to continue in their roles and no other candidates for the roles came forward, the members then voted to re-elect the existing officers for another year.

## **7. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)**

Don Tovey advised the group about an insurance issue, apparently a situation has arisen recently where a guy sold a bike and didn't take the bike off his bike policy, the new owner rode the bike uninsured and had an accident, the insurance company of the original owner paid out and looked to reclaim their costs from the original owner who hadn't cancelled his policy!

Don also asked if anybody had a pair of Commando fork yokes and sliders (disc brake type) for sale, he has a friend who wants to buy some. Anybody who can help please contact Don directly on 07903 869577.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013