



**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### **1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)**

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 19 attendees. Barrie reminded the members that our next meeting in September was our AGM, at this meeting the branch committee members would need to be elected or existing committee members re-elected for the next 12-months.

The branch welcomed a new member Allen Jagger, Allen attended the meeting on his 650ss.

### **2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)**

Apologies for absence – Barry Lodge, Martin Holdsworth and Ian Jayne.

Bruce reported on the 2013 National Rally held at Morpeth Northumberland, he said it was a good rally held at a good location with good facilities, the entertainment put on was very good too, the only gripe was the food served. The rally was well attended by members to such an extent that the Yorkshire Branch was awarded a trophy for the branch with most attendee's at the rally (two of the East Yorkshire branch members swelled our ranks to beat Essex into second place!).

Two branch members won trophies at the event for their bikes, Peter Holland won the best lightweight award for his Electra, Dave Ramsden won the best single award for his 16H engined flat tank replica, well done on both counts.

The branch had a very good turnout at the Haworth Bronte Hotel classic bike night on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, at least 9 members attended the event which was blessed with sunshine through the evening. (Not reported at the meeting).

Donington event Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Barry and Andy attended the CRMC racing weekend on the Friday, they had a factory tour (not Donington Hall) and also had the opportunity to take one of the new Commando 961's out for a test ride on the public roads surrounding the circuit.

An E-mail had been received from Kev Feltoe with regard to the potential fabrication of aluminium Interstate fuel tanks. Kev is trying to see if there would be demand for tanks which would cost somewhere in the region of £600 to £625 each, no interest was expressed by members.

Dave Bell reported on the Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend show held over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> August. At least 5 members attended the event over the weekend. 637 vehicles attended the event over the 2-days, 9000 people visited the event and in total £24,274 was raised for local charities. Well done yet again Dave.

Don Tovey had a conversation with Tim Harrison (NOC Chairman) during the National Rally, Tim was asking if the Yorkshire Branch would be interested in hosting another event in the future (possibly the National Rally in 2016). There was a suggestion that the branch might like to organise a rally in the Trough of Bowland area or some similar scenic location. A discussion was held amongst the members and it was agreed that we would discuss this again at a future meeting.

### **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 Ride Outs**

10 bikes took part in a ride out on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July which took in the Forest of Bowland, Arncliffe and Devil's Bridge. Peter Holland arranged and led the ride that occurred on a lovely sunny day (unlike Peter's last ride out that took the group through a torrential downpour!), 6 of the bikes were Norton's. At one of the stops Peter and Suzanne passed out small bottles of chilled water to those in need, this had been kept nice and cool in the panniers on Peter's rotary Norton.

A lunch stop occurred at Arncliffe (a small seaside location across the bay from Grange-over-Sands, from there the group was led to Devil's Bridge where we met up with Colin McConnachy from the South Lakes branch for a chit-chat. From Devil's Bridge riders made their own way back home at their own pace. 166 miles were covered in the day.

Due to holidays and over commitments no branch ride out is now planned in August, Andy is planning to organise a ride out on 15<sup>th</sup> September to the motor festival at Saltburn. Details will be communicated closer to the date.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Barrie Blayney made a proposal that the branch should make a donation of £100 to the Yorkshire air ambulance, a couple of members questioned the reason for the donation so a vote was taken by the assembled members, a large majority expressed support so a donation will be made on behalf of the branch.

Russ Ward has a two interstate tanks for sale, one steel and one fiberglass, interested parties should contact Russ directly on 07775 802220.

Peter Driver brought his long Roadholder forks to the meeting, Peter wanted and was given some advice about the stanchions and the dual external springs fitted to his plunger ES2, and the possible replacement options.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013