



**Yorkshire
Branch**



Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th January 2014

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 15 attendees.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Ian Jayne, Dave Bell, Don Tovey, Barry Crosby, Nigel Birdsall, Peter Holland, Owen Walker and Dave Roberts.

Andy thanked the Chairman for his Christmas message sent out to members.

A scanned copy of the NOC New Zealand bi-monthly newsletter has been forwarded to Andy by Fran and Marcus, who a number of members met at the International Rally in France in 2013. Fran and Marcus had written an article about their visit to the rally whilst they were in Europe taking in a few of the Moto GP rounds, they joined the Yorkshire branch members on a number of occasions and were made 'honorary Yorkshire men' by the group (even though Fran is a lady!). The article in the NOC NZ newsletter tells of a 'lively bunch of Yorkshire lads and lasses' and goes on further to talk about the 'great bunch from Yorkshire', its good to know a good impression was made.

Reminder - The NOC East Yorkshire Branch have invited members of the Yorkshire Branch to attend a quiz night on Thursday 17th April at their meeting place in Howden.

The branch website has been updated in that a list of branch loan items has been added to the branch clothing page, branch members can now easily see what's available for them to borrow.

3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £759.89 in the bank account at the present time. The recent purchase of the pinion puller for our loans stock had debited the account, however, as we are now again collected monthly £1 attendance fees, this has resulted in money being credited to the account once more.

4. Ride Outs 2014 (Andy Lodge)

Andy has put together a list of dates for ride outs in 2014, these have been compiled so as not to clash with motorcycle / other events that may be of interest to branch members. Six weekend dates have been proposed with one ride out being scheduled each month from April through to September inclusive, these are as follows:

- 19th / 20th April
- 17th / 18th May
- Saturday 14th June (Sunday is Father's Day)
- 19th / 20th July
- 9th / 10th August
- 20th / 21st September

(the dates are all Saturdays or Sundays, a ride out will occur on either the Saturday or Sunday, this choice being left to the organiser of the ride out)

Andy asked for volunteers to organise at least one of the ride outs, the organiser will have to select a route, meeting place and decide which date they want to organise the ride out on. Volunteers need to contact Andy ASAP so the programme can be set up.

5. NOC events 2014 (Andy Lodge)

The NOC International Rally (now renamed the European Rally) is being held in Bremen, Germany from 15th to 17th August, Andy has obtained details regarding accommodation for this event, depending on hotel chosen prices range from £156 to £388 for a double room for 4-nights, both hotels where enquiries have been made are a short walk from the event camp site. For those wishing to camp the camp site offers a tent hire service, they have a number of 4-person tents still available but these are expected to be booked up quickly, contact details for tent hire www.camping.stadtwaldsee.de.

The Ferry crossing from Hull to Rotterdam will cost approx £270 for 2-people and a motorcycle, Bremen is a 242 mile ride from Rotterdam (estimated to take 3 hours 38 minutes). One of the visits during the rally will be to the Valentin submarine pens and the maritime museum. At the present time it looks like 2 or 3 members are planning to attend this event.

The NOC Norton Day and Summer Party (now renamed as the Norton Festival) is being held in Devon over the weekend of 1st to 3rd August, at present 4 or 5 members are intending to go to this rally, unfortunately this clashes with the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend where Dave Bell confirms we could have been able to put on a branch NOC display on the Sunday, as the core team of members who normally arrange the display will be at the Norton Festival we will regrettably miss this very good event once again this year.

A discussion took place amongst members about other potential show venues in Yorkshire where the branch could put on an NOC display and erect our branch tent, the Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza (Sunday 14th September 2014) was mentioned, as per the Hebden Bridge event this event donates all proceeds to charity, any more suggestions?

6. Tour de France (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie asked members if there was any interest in having a group ride out to watch this event at one of its Yorkshire area stages, members showed little interest as many lived close to the designated routes and could view the event locally if they wanted to.

7. Any Other Business (Barrie Blayney)

No other business was raised, the meeting was formally closed and sandwiches were provided by the staff at the Marsh.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 12th February 2014