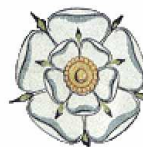




Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 8th May 2013

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Barrie Blayney)

Barrie opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all 17 attendees.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Edwin Chanell-Napier, Barry Crosby, Dave Roberts and Martin Holdsworth.

A request had been received from Graham Mudge (Isle of Wight branch) to publicise their 'Hotel weekend' event, this should have been in April's Roadholder but apparently did not appear, details are now in May's Roadholder. The dates of the event are 20th to 22nd September.

Russ Ward has suffered an unfortunate engine problem with his 750 Commando, Russ has managed to get his engine back together now and is awaiting a timing cover delivery to complete the rebuild, Russ still intends to go to the International Rally in France on his Commando at the beginning of June.

John Powell (Secretary of the Northumbria branch) has requested that anyone wanting to attend the National Rally in August (2nd to 5th) book early as they may not be able to accommodate people who turn up on the day.

Andy corrected a point in last month's minutes, Norton will field 2 bikes at this years TT, but they will not be 961 Commando engined. Aprilia engines will again be used. Stuart Garner did say at the AGM that Norton will produce their own race engines at some time in the future.

3. Treasurers report (Peter Driver)

Peter reported that the branch has a balance of £884.39 in the bank account at the present time, as the branch monthly fee's had been suspended for 6-months this figure will not rise during that period.

4. Branch Ride Outs

Peter Holland has planned a route through the Trough of Bowland (Lancashire) as the first ride out for the forthcoming season; this will take place on Sunday 12th May (this weekend).

The meeting place will be just off the Kildwick roundabout (the last roundabout on the dual carriageway between Keighley and Skipton (at the Skipton end), this roundabout is where the A629 joins the A6068. The meeting place will be the Kingfisher fish and chip shop car park, this is next to the Texaco (was BP until last week) garage just off the roundabout. The meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

Andy will arrange the ride out for June, the date has been set as Saturday 28th June and the destination will be the east coast.

5. Any Other Business

Peter Fairbank kindly donated a valve spring compressor and a 'special' box spanner for undoing that awkward centre bolt on Dominator cylinder heads. Thanks to Peter for his contribution to the branch's central tool stock.

Ian Jayne explained to the members a problem he had encountered trying to tax his Inter now that the MOT test exemption on pre 1960 manufactured bikes has come into force. He was unable to do it via the internet and was told by the DVLA that the system at present cannot deal with MOT exemption renewals, Ian had to download a V112 form and take this to the post office, he was then able to obtain a tax disc for his bike. The DVLA informed Ian that they were working on the problem of web site renewals for MOT exempt vehicles, and that it would be fixed at some time in the future.

Andy Lodge – Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Date of next meeting 12th June 2013