

Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 10th July 2019

Venue - The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.30pm and welcomed all 17 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Barry Crosby and Don Tovey.

The NOC International Rally in Kampen, Netherlands was held between 20th and 24th June. 8 people from the branch attended the rally that was well organized and was blessed with good weather.

The NOC will be suppling 100 Yorkshire Branch business cards in the next few weeks, these are meant to be handed out to potential new members whenever the opportunity arises.

The Rampart Rally in Morpeth (Northumbria) takes place 26th to 28th July, the branch will be represented at this rally, so far 8 people have registered for the event.

Peter Holland has sent a cheque for £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, branch members agreed to donate this amount to the charity from the branch funds at our June meeting.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage weekend tales place over the weekend of August 3rd and 4th. On the Sunday only the branch will be putting on a display of Norton's, hopefully with the NOC marque again erected for the day. Please support this charity event if you can by bringing along a Norton. Entrance is free if you arrive on a Norton and are joining the branch display (we have paid £40 for a double pitch for the day), a suggested arrival time is 09:30 hours.

Chris Bailey has been in touch, he has a 1972 Commando that has a top oil feed cylinder head (head possibly off an Atlas), he has bought a replacement Commando head that does not have valve guides fitted and needs some help to transfer any items that are transferable from one head to the other, or advice on the new components he needs to buy, Lawrence Wright kindly volunteered to contact Chris to see if he could help.

3. Ride Outs 2019 (Andy Lodge)

Saturday 15th June – 10 bikes (13 people) joined the ride out which set off from Jem's Speed Shop in Batley, from there we rode through Mirfield, Upper Hopton (generally around Huddersfield) before heading out to the Stocksbridge area where we stopped for refreshments at Tim Dickinson's house. Tim and the boys served up scones, donuts, tea. coffee and generally were brilliant hosts. Tim has one of those garages filled with bikes and cars that most of us would love. From Tim's we had a ride down the Strines to the Ladybower area where we stopped for more refreshments. Whilst we were there we were treated to a fly past by a Lancaster bomber as it flew down the Derwent Valley (where the Dambusters used to practice). Our return journey took us back up Snake Pass and down into Glossop, from there we made our way up to Holme Moss and stopped at the viewing point at the summit. Running repairs were made to Bob Nabozny's Dommie which managed to wrap its speedo cable around the rear wheel spacer, causing the bow string tight cable to pull his steering to one side! We then rode down through Holmfirth and encountered our first dose of rain on the ride out, unfortunately this persisted all the way home from there testing people's waterproofs! 104 miles were covered on the run. Special mention goes out to Peter and Suzanne Holland who completed the run '2 up' on their Electra, the Electra distinguished itself well and only showed its lack of cc's as we made the climb up towards the Holme Moss peak.

The next branch ride out will be on Saturday 13th July, we will be meeting at Jem's Speed Shop, Brookroyd Mills, 678 Bradford Rd, Batley WF17 8ND (next to the entrance to Batley Park). The meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am start. The destination for the ride out will be Hollingworth Lake, Oxenhope and Grassington.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter was not at the meeting so no collection was made, however after the donation to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance the funds should be approximately £631.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Three members attended the Thornes Park, Wakefield Classic Vehicle Rally organized by the Fleur-De-Lys Classic Vehicle Society on the evening of Friday 5th July. The weather was good and the guys reported that there were some interesting vehicles on show but not many bikes this year.

A point was raised about the 2020 International Rally in Portugal, when the last rally in Spain was held the NOC were able to negotiate a discount for the ferry tickets, the question was would something similar happen for the Portuguese rally. Andy will contact Peter Scatchard to see if this is going to be arranged.

The meeting was formally closed.

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 14th August 2019