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Hi there to all

Hope all is well with you and you are ready for the warmer days of Spring? We are already talking about shows and runs for your calendar and there should be things to think about coming to suit all types of riders.

Let us hope the cost of fuel does not put you off riding to places as I do know it is rising at an alarming rate! I do not fancy filling the Interstate tank so I will stick to the Roadster for the time being, and if it really gets expensive then I do have a Hi-rider tank squirreled away somewhere that I can use to make me feel like it is not costing me much to fill up!!

By the time you are reading this the A.G.M of the club will have taken place and I know of several members who went so we should have some inside info to see what has been happening with the club, I had heard that it might be a lively one but who knows what will come out of the meeting.

See you out and about somewhere . Bye for now Bryan.

PHIL'S RUN RECIPE. (FOR A GOOD DAY OUT)

We did a few interesting runs last season , so here is my recipe for an enjoyable day out.

First decide on a destination ,a café or pub, not too far away , then with a map and magnifying glass ,find the most indirect route.

Write the directions on a piece of paper starting at a location close to home or a meeting place for others to gather. Write down left, right , straight on ,etc ,village names I underline and continue like this until the location of the run.

Once finished all you need is a sunny day and some similarly mounted friends and off you go.

Put the paper in the map pocket of your tank bag, or stick it to the tank if you are travelling light. Then reading the instructions whilst riding is guaranteed to get you lost , so don't forget to take a map with you as well.

Once at your destination a choice of directly home or try to reverse the route , trying to correct any mistakes made.

Also you could have more than one route to the same location .

I know that Gary , John and I had some interesting days out and lots to talk about afterwards, so why not try this recipe out and see for yourself.

Letter by Phil G.

LOOKING FOR SOME BRITISH IRON?

Last month Chris and I went to Daytona in Florida as we wanted to go to the races there as we enjoyed ourselves last year .However we had booked our flights as per the historically fixed bikeweeks only to find we were out by a week!!! The big draw there is the Nascars and they had moved their week by one for many reasons and that meant the bikes had to move too. Oh well we had to make the best of it but it did mean that we did not get to see the Brit and European shows that were advertised and as the build up to the week had just started there were not many thousands of bikes there to admire or covet? Apart from a few Triumphs there were no other British bikes in a whole day came past me in the bar!

The hospitality could not be faulted though and I know it may have something to do with the way you tip the staff but it was nice anyway and I do mean everywhere we went . Over the week we saw many types of H-D bike and a plethora of Honyamawakuki style of bikes but no Nortons to see or photograph.

The weather is usually good but this time it was like a British summer and pleasant to be in ,too so I was envious of the bikes that came past me in my tin box until that other British trait made itself felt ,the rain ! Poor blighters and hardly any of them had a waterproof jacket on or indeed a pair of gloves either, Oh well I can see the gravel rash now!

Report by Bryan Harwood.

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EVENTS LIST

April

1st The A.G.M. of the N.O.C. will be held at the National Motorcycle museum near the N.E.C.

4th Monthly meeting at the Fox

10th Social get together Black Diamond ,Cresswell

May

2nd Monthly meeting at the Fox

8th Social get together Black Diamond Cresswell

18th -20th Branch camping weekend,High house farmhouse, Tumbly Moorside, Nr Coningsby ,Lincs.

June

2nd-4th woolaton park Autokarna for bookings www.pwa7c.co.uk/eventsautokarna

6th monthly meeting at the fox

12th social get together Black Diamond Cresswell

National Rally and Norton Day ,Dates tba but will be hosted by the Essex Branch, With Colchester Castle the venue for Norton Day.

July

6th-9th Norton Owners Club International Rally Skipton Rugby football club, Sandylands ,Engine shed lane , Skipton ,North Yorkshire, BD23 2AZ.

October

5th-7th South Wingfield and district tractor group vintage festival of light , Ashover showground

If you have any info on events for inclusion in this list ,please contact Rick ,using the details inside the front cover, thanks.

THE BLACK DIAMOND IS BEING USRD UNTIL SOMEONE OR OTHER COMES UP WITH A BETTER SOLOUTION !!
SUMMER IS COMING ,GET OUT AND FIND SOMEWHERE



A COUPLE OF PHOTOS FROM LAST YEARS NORTON DAY WITH IAN LORAM AND HIS NEW COMMANDO ABOVE AND A VIEW OF THE DOMINATOR LINE UP BELOW . BARRY ROBINSON BRAVED THE COLD WINDY WEATHER TO TAKE THE SHOTS FOR US.





DAYTONA FLORIDA WHERE THEY WELCOME BIKERS OF ALL STYLES ?





Looks like Richard likes his beer



That strange Phantom from Donington