

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH NORTON OWNERS CLUB

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SORRY A KAWA BIKE SLIPPED INTO THE PICTURE BUT IT WAS  
THAT OR A HARLEY AS WE COULD NOT FIND A NORTON AT ALL.

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I must say sorry to the members for only being able to produce a bi-monthly mag but with other issues and work ,coupled with not much happening on the Norton front this is all I could do for the time being.

Chris and I went to the land of the Harley in early March ,to escape some of this cool weather here in the U.K. and spent Two days in Daytona as it has long been a box that needed ticking and as we were that close we just could not miss it . It was very impressive and they sure know how to run an event there but I could never be convinced into buying one of them there "Dyke pumps".

Another event that has recently happened is the club's A.G.M. and we had an attendance of Six out of 94 at the railway museum in York . As I am not a member I could not attend but for the low down see Garry or any of the others who kindly went along to show the Notts flag, thanks.

Soon we will be into the riding and rally season so check out the events page, polish up the trusty bike and get out there and ride , then let me know your stories then we can get a thicker mag ,soon.

Bryan the Editor.

## A DAY AT THE BEACH, DAYTONA BEACH THAT IS!

Ever since I saw the B.S.A. and Triumph triples in Motor cycle news at Daytona in the U.S.A I have wanted to go there and this year we had the chance to get there for a two week holiday and as it was only eighty miles away we took the time to go there for a day or two.

We went there on the Tuesday of bike week and as we got close to the town the sounds of thunder grew and grew until we could hardly hear ourselves inside the big Ford explorer that had took us there> this was the rumble of thousands of Harley engines riding in and out and around the town ? Never have I heard the like as I know they do make a sound but so many at one time is extraordinary.

All the stands sell Harley gear and it was very hard to find anything for other makes to buy and if you wanted a British bike item then only Triumph had any and we can buy that at home so I did not bother. If I had wanted to buy a bike then the world was my oyster as there were "v-twins to v-eights", I kid you not. Even a v-eight barstool ! I do not like the trend for massive front wheeled choppers but there is no accounting for taste is there?

We booked tickets for the Daytona 200 race on the Saturday and even the best reserved seats into the race and grandstand were only \$45 , that is £27 each ,and what seats we had , right next to the Finish line and with tight racing on the famous curved banking it was a spectacle worth seeing , and we thoroughly enjoyed our day there.

After spending some time at the raceway we went to Daytona beach and that is a centre for all things party. The Main street has many bars and everyplace is set up for bikers . You could have a ball there, and we did? Even the hotels have Valet parking for your Harley and bike wash for you whilst you are in your hotel rooms so that the bike is clean for your next cruise around the town!!.

All in all it was a shame we were not stopping there as it looked to have everything needed to spent a whole week there and not ever do the same thing twice , never mind we may get there again and try to find a Norton or two ?

Report by Bryan and Christine.



A 480 B.H.P. V-EIGHT BAR STOOL. YOU SIT ON THE AIR FILTER IT WENT LIKE HELL DOWN THE TRACK

## EVENTS LIST

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> AGM to be held at National Railway Museum York.

6<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

12<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Classic Motorcycle Show, Stafford County Show Ground  
Stafford.

24<sup>th</sup> Ace Café London Norton special Day

29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> May Shropshire camping weekend £8 pppn at Llangyong  
B4391. See [gripper54@talktalk.net](mailto:gripper54@talktalk.net)

29<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> May Notts camping weekend at Church Farm Bishop  
Monkton,, Knaresborough Road Bishop Monkton, Harrogate, North  
Yorkshire. HG3 3QQ Telephone: 01765 676578

The cost is £15 per night for a tent or caravan.

<http://www.churchfarmcaravanpark.co.uk>

29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> BMAD festival in Paignton Devon, but don't go here  
because you all will be in Yorkshire!

### May

First bank holiday see April for camping weekend

4<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

10<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

19<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Austria-Sulzbach branch rally Goldberg Austria, E mail  
[info@noc-austria.at](mailto:info@noc-austria.at) for more info if you don't want to go to Abbot's  
Bromley.

20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer party/Norton Day Abbot's Bromley Staffs. With  
this party there will be a run to Matlock and Crich so it is not far for  
us to be there

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.

10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Bristol branch camping weekend at Frank Parkhouse's  
farm Redruth. For more info talk to Dave Harris 07788775748

14<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.

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### June

17<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> camping and BBQ weekend at Don and Mavis house.  
It is a BRING YOUR OWN MEAT weekend.

### July

We will be having our concours night in this month. I am looking at having it on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> National Rally Brooklands Road Weybridge Surrey  
6<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.  
8<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of 1,000 bikes at Mallory Park.  
12<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.  
18<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> July Catskill International Rally 150 miles North of New York. We will be going as we are going to see U2 in New York, on the Wednesday, lucky us!

### August

3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.  
9<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.  
19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> camping weekend at Don and Mavis house.

### September

7<sup>th</sup> Monthly meet at the Fox Kelham.  
13<sup>th</sup> Social get together at the Rose and Crown.  
16<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> camping weekend at Duke William pub Matlock

Please remember to tell me if you know of any runs or meetings that you here about that other members of our branch might like to go on. To contact me look on the inside page.

**THE NORTON OWNERS CLUB A.G.M.**  
**AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM, YORK ,APRIL 3rd 2011.**

There were Six members from our branch ,attended the A.G.M. and that included Garry ,Martin, Phil , John ,Marion and Robin. The day had some Ninety four attendees so we were well represented as a constitutional branch.

Thanks to Garry for taking notes on the day and I have gleaned some relevant information for you to see.

There is now another Honorary position in the club ,with Stan Dibben ,who was Eric Oliver's passenger ,becoming our new Vice president.

We have a new Chairman ,Tim Harrison , a new Secretary , Colin Cheney ,a new Events person , Jim Brown and a new Tech team Administrator ,Tony Ripley

The club has approximately 4100 members and 25% of them are overseas members

The club is to make another D.V.D. in the series about how to take an engine and gearbox apart and rebuild it and this time it will be on Lightweights.

We will be staying at Twelve Roadholders per year and this will lead on to the next thing the raising of membership fees as the club has been slowly losing money over a period of years with rising costs and to this end the subs will go up to £19:50 per individual member , The fee for joint members I am not too sure on at this time but may well rise in line with the individual price.

There is to be a new Annual branch award for the branch that has made the most headway and this year it was won ( awarded to ) East Yorkshire and was dully accepted by Anna Dixon.

The club is to give money to the spares scheme to have some unobtainable spares which are not yet decided upon ,to be made ,(amount not specified). Also on the spares there is to be active stock control ,web based as there is more people buying spares and causing headaches to the spares folks who have to look after the stocks.

The club is to try another Donington style of event with hindsight from our last attempt at another track sometime in the future !

The clubs new draft constitution was accepted ,but with ammendments to be put into place .

Two members of the club have been suspended following the incidents in Spain last year ,One from Bristol and one from Wales.

For those members overseas who cannot understand English there is the option o have a lower fee for membership if they do not want a Roadholder.

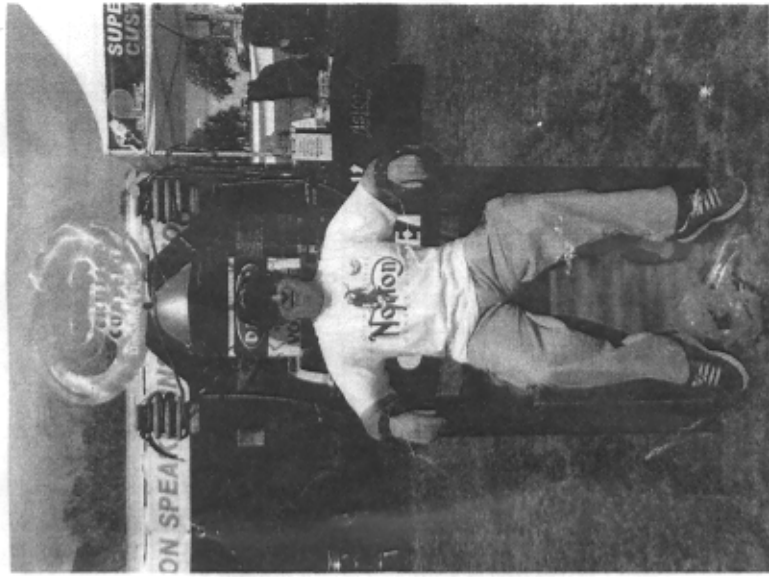
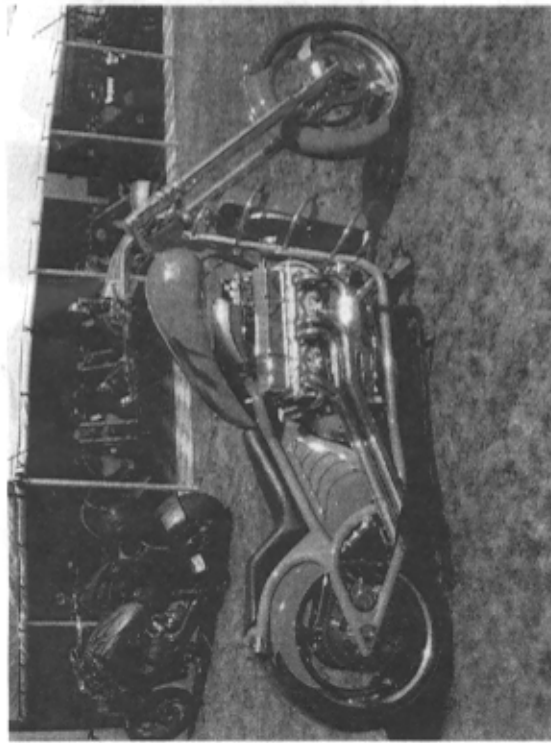
See Garry of any of the branch attendees for further info on the A.G.M.

Editor.

BRANCH REPORT INFORMATION 2010/2011

Branch	Total members now	Total members at last report	Social members	Branch subs Single member only	Bank account	Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer	New members this period	Branch grant 2010/2011	Branch grant 2009/2010	Branch report received 2009/2010	Attended 2010 Sec's Meeting
Beds & Bucks	22	19	0	Nil	No	No	Yes	No	0	No	No	Yes	Yes
Birmingham	10	10	3	Nil	No	Yes	Yes	No	1	No	No	Yes	No
Bournemouth	37	43	5	£4/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bristol	61	55	23	£5/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	£225	£75	Yes	No
Cambridge	16	14	0	£5/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	£75	£150	Yes	Yes
East Yorks	13	11	1	£1/meeting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	No	Yes	No
Edinburgh	21	20	0	Nil	Yes	Yes	No	No	1	£125	No	Yes	No
Essex	43	54	15	£5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	£125	£200	Yes	No
Gloucester	35	36	6	£5/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	£125	£110	Yes	No
Kent	39	26	7	£7/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	£130	£120	Yes	No
North London	20 ?	4	4	Nil	No	Yes	Yes	No	0	No	No	Yes	Yes
Norfolk	28	26	3	£12/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	£100	Yes	Yes
North West	27	41	0	Nil	Yes	Yes	No	No	0	No	No	Yes	No
Northants/Lincs	20	0	0	£5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	No	No	No	Yes
Northumbria	27	33	2	£5/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	£160	£75	Yes	No
Notts	67	87	12	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	No	No	Yes	Yes
Oxford	7	27	0	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	No	No	Yes	Yes
Plymouth										No	No	No	No
Preston	25	28	8	£1/meeting	No	Yes	Yes	No	0	No	£75	Yes	No
Shenstone	25	19	6	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	£125	£150	Yes	Yes
Shropshire	16	0	0	Nil	No	No	Yes	No	5	No	No	No	No
Solent	47	37	9	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	£150	£150	Yes	No
South Lakes	The South Lakes Branch Secretary states that this Branch has almost ceased to exist.												
Strathclyde	?	10	?	Nil	No	No	Yes	No	?	No	No	Yes	No
Surrey	43	55	10	£10/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	£150	£189	Yes	Yes
Sussex										No	No	Yes	No
Tay Valley	19	20	0	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	£130	£100	Yes	No
Thames Valley	51	66	0	Nil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	£50	No	Yes	Yes
Yorkshire	55	53	5	£1/meeting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	£155	Yes	Yes

Branch name in gray shade denotes no return this reporting period. Branch name in green shade denotes no report this or last year.



BRYAN IN AN ELECTRIC CHAIR( SOME THINK IT IS THE PLACE FOR HIM?

A V-EIGHT CHOPPER BOSS HOSS WITH ALMOST 500 BHP ON TAP AND A CHOPPER WITH THE LATEST STYLE FRONT WHEEL WHICH IS BLOODY GINORMOUS AND NOT TO EVER YONES TASTES