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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

19th August 2009



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A rolling road test opportunity

I have been talking to a company called Dynotech down at Bramley near Basingstoke, they have a rolling road and the suggestion is that we get a group of us down one Saturday to put our bikes through their paces. It takes roughly 40 minutes to do a test including connecting the bike up, warming it up doing the power and torque tests and also looking at the carburation throughout the throttle range. I asked the obvious question, how long do you hold the engine at full load and he replied 'about 6 seconds'. So you should not be too concerned about causing damage. If you do not think your bike can take full load for 6 seconds then I do not think you should be riding it !

The cost for this will be £35.00 each. We should be able to get through 9 or 10 in a day, starting at 9:30. Favorite day is **19th September** but this is flexible.

What I would really like is a number of Commando 850 MkIII's, standard and with PW3's etc so we can do a meaningful comparison. All others are very welcome as well. If we get more than 10 interested then we will spread it over a couple of Saturdays. Please let me know if you are interested, what bike you have and what condition (standard, PW3, turbo, knackered etc.)

Tony Ripley

Thames Valley Branch at the Swallowfield Show August 30th and 31st

I trust you have all applied for your passes to the Swallowfield Show. The Show is fast approaching which we are all going to attend with our Jubilee Passports aren't we?! Photo from last year should encourage and if your machine is not in the best of health the showground is not too far away.



Incidentally I went to the third Royal Berkshire Festival of Wings, Wheels, Speed and Steam at White Waltham Airfield last weekend. The emphasis seemed to be mainly American and British veteran cars and other vehicles. There were only fourteen motorcycles the oldest being a 1921 Levis. One Norton present, a smart Dominator with rocket ship exhausts and twin leading show front brake (FDM 961K), was overshadowed by the number of BSAs. The programme noted 2

Nortons, another Dominator (99 registration PRX 760) and an ES2 though neither of these were in evidence on Sunday.



Thames Valley winner at Donnington

I'm not sure if you were able to make it to Donnington over the three days... I went there on the Saturday with my 16H WD. A good day in all, being my first show attendance with my 16H I was not sure what to expect. I went on the third track parade and enjoyed it very much even when for the first time during the day, it started raining, didn't dull any enthusiasm though. Anyway, to cut a long story short.... My 16H WD won the trophy for the "Best of the "Side Valve Section" !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Now that was a total surprise....though a very pleasant surprise. A Rosette for the bike and a trophy for above the fireplace.

The trophy was the 'Neville Hinton' trophy and I later met with his son Ian Hinton who gave me the background of the of his father and so the trophy... Very humbling.

Martin Penman





The Thames Valley guys at the Donnington evening do

Forthcoming events

You may get the newsletter in time to consider these outings

August 14th and 15th

The TR3OC's Beezumph Rally returns to Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire. pre-83 British-only track day on the Saturday. Numerous special guests will be around. Day tickets which cover entrance and camping for both days are only £10 in advance (£15 on the gate). Many more interesting machines on display plus prizes, presentations, hog roast, band, bar etc. See www.tr3oc.co.uk for all the ticket options.

August 15th & 16th

The Bluebell Railway in Sussex hosts its annual Vintage Transport Weekend combining steam trains with traction engines, classic cars and motorcycles. Entries very welcome. Forms from 01737

634983 or www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/events/vintage/vintage09.html

After the clubnight the following may be of interest:

August 23rd

The annual Bike Megameet And Jumble takes place at Popham Airfield from 10am. Catering, bar and toilets all on site. Weather permitting, large number of aircraft expected to attend. Airfield located six miles west of Basingstoke off A303. More details on www.popham-airfield.co.uk For pass to display your classic (bikes over 30 years old qualify for free entry), send SAE to: Dick Richardson, Popham Airfield, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3BD. All other visitors £5 per person and £3 for OAPs.

August 29th to Sept 4th

The VMCC's Manx Rally includes the new Festival of Jurby featuring vintage and classic machines plus old racing bikes and outfits/three wheelers, pioneer and veterans. The week also features a regularity road run, Gala Dinner, lunches, entertainment, ride outs, concours awards, parades and demonstrations and a very warm welcome from the IoM VMCC section. See www.vmccmanxrally.co.uk or call 01624 878242

August 29th to 31st

The Rudgwick Steam Show offers a huge festival of country fair and steam show with automotive displays at the Showground, Rudgwick, off the A281 Between Horsham and Guildford. Details from 01403 822378 or see www.rudgwicksteamshow.co.uk.

August 30th

The London Motorcycle Museum host their All Day Breakfast at 29 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford UB6 9LB, just five minutes ride from the A40. All welcome to bring bikes, friends and family. Admission fee includes excellent home-cooked grub plus access to all the Museum displays with over 80 unusual and interesting British bikes to be admired. See www.london-motorcycle-museum.org or 020 8575 6644 or 020 8579 1248

September 11th and 12th

The Eurojumble returns to Netley Marsh near Southampton. One of the biggest jumbles in the south; now just a two-day event. Opens 9am both days, admission £7 per day or buy prebook discounted tickets from 01507 529529

September 12th and 13th

The Beaulieu International Autojumble is the largest jumble of its kind in Europe with 2000 stands of motoring parts, accessories and automobilia plus 200 vehicles for sale. Admission £11 per day prebooked, includes National Motor Museum, Palace House, Abbey and World of Top Gear. All at Beaulieu near Southampton, J2 off M27. www.internationalautojumble.co.uk or 01590 612888

Editor's Note: if you attend any of these or similar events how about sending in a few words and/ or photos for the newsletter? I still need your inputs.

2009 Events

Thames Valley Branch NOC - Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Status
August			
14 th -15 th	Beezumph Rally at Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire		
15 th - 16 th	Vintage Transport Weekend at the Bluebell Railway, Sussex	01737 634983	
18 th	Thames Valley Club Night at The Cricketers Hayley Green	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
30 th - 31 st	Thames Valley Branch at the Swallowfield Show	Tony Ripley	Confirmed
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October			
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