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NEXT BRANCH MEETING 21st January 2003



Events Planning and Quiz Evening ...

Date: **Monday 3rd February 2003 at 8pm**

Venue: **The Binfield Club (Downstairs Function Room), Binfield.**

Format:

1. We will plan the Thames Valley NOC events calendar for 2003. Please bring along any ideas you have, but remember we need dates. Even if you do not have any suggestions yourself you will still have the opportunity to vote on those proposed, as well as joining in with the quiz.
2. We will also attempt to appoint a different person to host each of the extra clubnight runs during the summer. The benefit of volunteering is that you get to choose the destination and the date of your run, marvellous eh!
3. There will also be a team quiz, with the teams being drawn at random on the evening. Reg Pick and Barry Stickland will be the quizmasters, so come along and try to outwit them.

... and the first event is -

Skittles at the Golden Pot near Odiham (USUAL VENUE) on Saturday 25th January 2003 (Thames Valley versus Solent). Price £8.00 per head, which includes buffet meal, hire of alley and prizes.

Barry will collect money at December/January Club night or send cheque to 110, Reading Road, Finchampstead RG40 4RA.

THAMES VALLEY NOC - MINUTES OF THE 2002 AGM

Fifteen members attended the Branch AGM, which was held on Monday 25th November. The meeting followed the usual format for such events with reports from the outgoing committee being first on the agenda. The general consensus seemed to be that on "everyday matters" the branch had somewhat drifted along, a few evening runs, a quiz and the usual clubnights. However, when the "big event" came along - namely the Track Day - everybody rallied round superbly to ensure that it was one of the best on record. To sum up, we were good at the grand project but lazy at everything else!

One worrying statistic was a fall in branch membership, down from 54 at last year's AGM, to 48 this time around. This is the first time that the Thames Valley had suffered this type of reverse. Clearly decisive action is required and if you read on you will find that decisive action was taken! However, on the plus side the Treasurer was able to announce that branch funds had risen to a healthy £1979; just about £1000 better than last year. Once again the cash surplus was due to the continued success of the Track Day. Our gratitude must again go to Barry Stickland, Beryl Skinner, Ken Aylett and their team of helpers - that's you lot!

With Jon Holt's impending departure to Australia there was a vacancy for the post of Editor. Fortunately, "cometh the hour cometh the man" in the shape of Robert Latham. Robert has been a branch member for some considerable time now. He has volunteered on the basis that he will put together the newsletter providing we, the members, provide him with material. Remember, no material, no newsletter, so get writing.

Next up was the subject of next year's events program. Barry announced that he had made a preliminary booking for the Track Day; same time of year, same place. As for other events the meeting decided to repeat this year's successful planning/quiz night. Reg and Barry will look after

the quiz questions and the rest of us will be expected to think of some events to include in the branch program, so look out for the date and venue somewhere else in this newsletter. We will also be looking for six volunteers to organise an extra-clubnight run each. The chosen ones will be expected to select the route and destination, lead the run and then write a short report for the newsletter. Come on, be the "Motorad-Fuhrer" for a night!

Barry Stickland then tabled an important motion. He submitted that as the Track Day had again made a large profit, and the branch having not spent any of the money generated last year, the Thames Valley NOC should make a sizeable donation to charity. The floor was unanimous in their approval of this proposal, differing only over the actual figure. After a vote the meeting passed (12 to 3 in favour) a motion approving a donation of £500 to Macmillan Cancer Relief and £500 to the TT Helicopter Fund. The total donation being £1000, which is equivalent to the profit made by the Track Day. Barry agreed to organise the donations in a way that ensures the branch receives maximum publicity. Well done Barry.

The final AGM decision was the one that will mean most to branch members. Following another show of concern over the Plough and Harrow the meeting took the radical step of sanctioning a move to another pub, subject to a successful meeting with the landlord. The meeting then closed and moved "en masse" to the Cricketers at Hayley Green (see attached map). Well, the landlord was friendly, the pub offered improved surroundings and the deal was done. December will be the last meeting at the Plough and Harrow. On January 21st 2003 we will hold our first meeting at the Cricketers. Come along and check it out!

Ian Verrinder.

Thames Valley Branch - Change of Clubroom

At the AGM in November the branch decided upon a change of venue for its monthly meetings. Over the last couple of years the limitations of the present meeting place had become apparent to all our members. However, the final straw occurred at a recent meeting when the Suzuki Bandit OC usurped our position. Naturally when the going gets tough, the tough get going, so we left quietly by a side exit - that showed 'em! From the New Year we will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cricketers Public House, at Hayley Green, near Bracknell. The first meeting at the new venue will be on Tuesday 21st January 2003.

The new venue offers more seating space and an excellent setting. The Landlord also seems keen to have us, obviously an important ingredient. So, if you're in the area why not come along and try us out.

Branch Telephone List

The Branch Committee intends to update and reissue the list of members' telephone numbers. The previous list is now four years old and out of date. If you do not wish your telephone number to be included please advise a member of the Committee as soon as possible.

