



Newsletter

February 2014

Bleak!

We have been suffering a very bleak 2014 so far. High winds driving rain and hail showers don't make the most enjoyable motorcycling conditions. As such the Commando has been resting in the shed since around Ne'erday when we had the last half decent non-working day. Other than it being the only time I have ridden the 'bike in almost two months, it was also the first time in years I have been stopped by the police while riding anything other than the Ducati.

Normally the coppers see me coming and lower their speed-gun in disgust, realizing that this old duffer on his ancient clanker couldn't possibly break the speed limit even if he wanted to.

On this occasion, I came up behind them in their van toward the end of a (ridiculous and pointless) 30mph limit. They went right round a roundabout – that would be a "circle" for you East coasters – and came out behind me. Having spotted them, I kept the speed to an indicated 60mph and enjoyed watching them disappear from my mirror through every set of bends. This went on for about 10 miles before they finally light up the flashing blues for the normal "What speed were you doing, sir?" chat. They seemed to think I was sitting at a steady 70 but since they didn't have a calibrated speedometer, it was just a warning and a check to see if I had been drinking. The bicycle speedometer on the Commando may or may not be exact, but I suspect its better than the flailing needle of an original Smiths green-spot!

The weather did improve enough this weekend to let me get out for a short spin. No incidents this time other than some smoking when held at idle for an extended period courtesy of roadworks on Lomond side. Great to be out!



"The owner should regularly clean their machine to maintain the high quality finish applied at the factory. Extra effort may be required if ridden in wintry conditions."

AGM

The AGM is almost upon us again. If you would like to add volunteer for a committee position or add an item to the agenda, please get in touch.

As it stands the agenda is...

- Officer reports
- Events 2014
- Branch submission to main club
- AOCB
- Election of officers

Next Meeting: AGM 20th February 2014

Events 2014

Since issuing a draft events list last month, there have been a couple of additions or alterations...

- Beveridge Park, Kirkaldy "Bikes in the Park" 11th May. Although still to be confirmed, I would like to suggest a Norton static display with as much model variety as possible. Hope its drier than last time.
- Borders weekend, 12th - 14th September confirmed at Kirk Yetholm, near Kelso. The site was recommended to us and the owners have been very accommodating. I have reserved space but places are limited, and after our reservation has been filled, any more places will be pot luck. Email me to book a spot. If you prefer something more luxurious, there is accommodation in the two pubs near by. Their details and more about the area can be found at www.yetholmonline.org.uk
- Bob McIntyre race at East Fortune is now the 7th & 8th June meaning it clashes with both the Ayr and the Inverness classic shows.

March

Forfar Middenrake
March 30, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM
Forfar Mart, 48 John St, Forfar DD8 3EZ

April

TVNOC Huntgowks meeting
April 6, 2014
Powmill tea shack

NOC Annual General Meeting
Apr 13, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM
Norton Motorcycles Ltd. (UK), Donington Hall, Castle
Donington, DE74 2SG

May

Norfolk Branch Camping Weekend
May 09, 2014 to May 11, 2014
Mill Farm, Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1RE

Bikes in the Park
May 11, 2014
Beveridge Park, Kirkaldy

TVNOC Camping Weekend
May 17, 2014 to May 18 2014
Rogart

June

Ayr Classic Motorcycle Show
7 Jun, 2014
Ayr Racecourse, 2-6 Whitletts Rd, Ayr, KA8 0JE

Bob McIntyre Memorial Classic Races
Jun 7, 2014 to Jun 8 2014
East Fortune race Circuit

Jimmy Guthrie Memorial Run
Jun 15, 2014
The Green, Denholm TD98NA

NOC National Rally
Jun 20 to Jun 22, 2014
Hingham, NR9 4HB

Norton Club Nederland Rally
Jun 20, 2014 to Jun 22, 2014
K.W.C. Hoeve, Haatlanderdijk 29a, 8263 AP Kampen,
Holland

TVNOC Applecross Weekend
Jun 28, 2014 to Jun 29, 2014
Applecross camp site

July

TVNOC Trossachs Meeting
Jul 20, 2014 from 12:00
Loch Katrine car park

August

NOC Summer Party and Norton Day
Aug 01, 2014 to Aug 03, 2014
Steam Rally Field, Churston, Brixham, TQ5 0LH

NOC International Rally
Aug 14, 2014 to Aug 18, 2014
An Stadtwaldsee, Bremen, Germany

Belgium-Flanders Branch Begonia Rally 2014
Aug 22, 2014 to Aug 24, 2014
Open Huis, Ieperstraat 157, Staden-Vijfwegen, Belgium

September

TVNOC Borders weekend
Sept 13, 2014 to Sept 14, 2014
Kirk Yetholm, near Kelso

Farming Yesteryear
14 Sept, 2014
Scone palace

October

TVNOC Autumn meeting
Oct 26, 2014
Tullybanocher café, Comrie