



Newsletter

December 2014

The Black Spot

This Autumn and early Winter has been unusually mild and dry, affording a chance to ride the Commando more often than is often the case at this time of year.

Normally after a ride I let the bike cool and then hose it down. Two weekends ago I went out to get petrol – barely a thirty mile round trip – but on the way home, stopped to visit a friend and stayed later than intended. Thinking I would be back out on the bike next day, or that I could clean it one night through the week, I just ran it straight into the shed.

Unfortunately, other things got in the way, so it was fully two weeks before I had a chance to look at. And what a state! I'm familiar enough with alloy going white and foosty, but beneath the normal mud covering, the cases had grown black spots. The corrosion or reaction is deeper than just a surface blemish and weren't moved by washing and required some heavy duty Solvol action to bring back any sort of decent surface.



So what's changed? I suspect a combination of the County using ever more aggressive salt compounds on the road and a reduction in the

efficacy of the sprays applied to protect the metal.

Like many of us, in the past I have relied on slarrying the 'bike from front to back in WD40, Duck Oil, Waxoyl or similar. This year I have been using a product from Scottoiler called FS365. It seemed to do a good job of protecting the painted cases of the Monster last winter. Like most products we buy now, it makes a great play of being water based, non-toxic and environmentally friendly. All very well, but I wonder if it's up to the job of protecting the bare aluminium from attack?

AGM

The AGM will be held on the 19th February and will be here sooner than you expect. If you would like to volunteer for a committee position or add an item to the agenda, please get in touch.

The standard agenda is...

- Officer reports
- Events 2015
- AOCB
- Election of officers

Events 2015

Trying to make an early start in getting a calendar sorted, but many of the events are not confirmed yet. See the list below for consideration before the AGM – let me know if you would like any Branch activities added or altered.. I've stuck with the normal format of early and late season meetings at Comrie, an Applecross weekend and a Borders weekend. I would like to add some more meetings & runs and of course all the local classic events are to be added as dates become known in the New Year.

All suggestions welcome

March

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

April

TVNOC Huntlygowks meeting
April 4, 2015
Tullybanocher café, Comrie

NOC Annual General Meeting
Apr 15, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM
Norton Motorcycles Ltd. (UK), Donington Hall, Castle
Donington, DE74 2SG

May

Pre '65 Scottish Two Day Trial
May 1 2015 to May 2, 2015
Kinlochleven

Bikes in the Park
May 10, 2015
Beveridge Park, Kirkaldy

Triumph OC Camping Weekend
May 15 to 2015 to May 17, 2015
Inveraray

NOC International Rally
May 29, 2015 to June 1, 2015
Wicklow Rugby Football Club, Ashtown Lane, Wicklow
Town, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

June

Inverness Classic Motorcycle Show
14 Jun, 2015
Fairways Leisure, Castleheather, Inverness

NOC National Rally
Jun 26, 2015 to Jun 28, 2015
Riverside Camping, Seiont Nurseries, Pontrug,
Caernarfon, LL55 2BB

July

TVNOC Applecross Weekend
Jul 17, 2015 to Jul 19, 2015
Applecross camp site

August

Belgium-Flanders Branch Begonia Rally 2015
Aug TBC
Open Huis, Ieperstraat 157, Staden-Vijfwegen, Belgium

September

TVNOC Borders weekend
Sept 11, 2015 to Sept 13, 2015
Kirk Yetholm, near Kelso

October

TVNOC Autumn meeting
Oct 25, 2015
Tullybanocher café, Comrie