



SOUTHERN SPORTING MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

CONTACT

Date 2012

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President's Piece

It was a lovely day for a ride out, sun shining and clear. Eleven turned up at Fleet Services.

Ian [Spanner] Slater, Heather [Boss] Wallace, Paul [fat club] Valadero, Richard [Snowy] Barnett, Steve [mini me] Lock, Dave [Dangerous] Regan, Lee Rickard, Stella McNay, Sasu [Derv] Frenchwoman, Gramme Byard on his new bike and me.

The ride down was very nice, managed to get the other side of Winchester before we had to have a pit stop. The only thing was the garage was full of Harley riders, the ladies had only a short queue, but the gents were out of the door. Poor old Snowy came out of the shop "I cannot wait that long, I am going to burst"! So he and his side kick, Mini Me, went off down the road looking for a large untrimmed bush. To hide his small misdemeanour.

We all set off again catching up with the two reprobates down the road, only lost one person for a minute at a roundabout and all arrived safely. We had lunch, I had breakfast, chocolate for pudding and ice cream for later. LOVALY.

It took me 97 miles to get there in two hours. A total of 198 miles round trip. A good ride home was had by all; I left the group as they went in to Tongham services on the A31. Thanks Spanner.

Odd Comments for May/June

Quite a few things to look out for in the next couple of months.

Check on the alternative date's calendar.

The training scheme hopes to start One day training on the 9th of June. The pupil will only get a CBT in a day if they can manage to complete all elements correctly. We plan to start at 9.30am so for some no cafe on the all day training. We will have to send someone out for bacon rolls.

The club now has, through Heather, Keys to the site at Isleworth Town School which has been refurbished into class rooms, a kitchen and toilets.

Note from the Editor

Hi Guys,

Welcome to May and Junes edition of Contact.

Thank you to all of you who sent in photos, captions and articles. I received so many photos that I have decided to include a gallery in contact from now on. So please keep sending in your photos with a small explanation.

I'm off to France on the 03 June for a week, on the bike, (yippeeee)!!! so pleasant reading and bye for now.

Katy Spragg
Editor

Social Secretary Piece

Hello, good evening and welcome! So far 2012 has been a very social year, kicking off with a fantastic bowling night which I know Katy has already reported on. We more recently had a pool night in Twickenham, which also had a pretty good turnout, despite it conflicting with another event. On the night there were no winners or losers, just a fun night had by all, so thanks to everyone who came along and contributed. I appreciate it conflicted with another 'non-club' function that many social regulars were invited to, which is a shame and I'll try and avoid that happening again this year. To that end we discussed the following dates at a recent committee meeting and they appear to be free from any obvious conflicts, so, after much scratching of head and scouring 'tinterweb' for ideas, here's a list of upcoming events for your diary that I'm planning for the year ahead:

June 24th - Party in the park - Marble Hill

This is an outdoor event (weather permitting) with softball, volleyball, frisbee and other fun and games in the wonderful surroundings of Marble Hill park. In terms of food & drink it's 'run what ya brung' (i.e. please bring your own picnic) although there is a very nice cafe on-site for those who struggle to buy sausage rolls or haven't yet mastered putting stuff between slices of bread. If the weather doesn't 'play ball' the contingency plan is a bowling afternoon at 'Airport Bowl' near Heathrow. I'll keep an eye on the forecast during the week and confirm by the weekend what we're doing.

July 15th - Summer BBQ - Estelle's

The 2012 SSMCC Summer BBQ will be held on 15th July and Estelle has graciously offered to host it once again. As we all know, 2012 is the year of London Olympics, so to celebrate this year's BBQ is 'OLYMPIC FANCY DRESS'. So, you have time to get your thinking caps on, and there will be a prize for the best or most innovative costume(s) on the night. The cost will be £5 towards the food and drink, although feel free to 'bring a bottle'.

August 19th - Treasure Hunt - Details TBC

This year I'm organising a fun treasure hunt round our local area, hopefully bike-based, for teams of 2 or more. It will involve finding specific points, landmarks or objects, with photographic evidence as proof for each clue solved. However, there will be extra points for 'photographic creativity', so there are plenty of bonus points to be had! I'll send out all the details you need closer to the time.

September 15th - Bowling / Pool Night

Depending on preference this will be another evening event, either bowling or pool, depending on which people prefer. Therefore, please let me know what your preference is. As always, I'll send confirmation and more details nearer the date.

October - The Club's Choice!

For October I thought I'd do something a little different, get you all involved, and let you decide. I'll organise an event, but rather than me tell you what that event is I'm giving you the chance to tell me what you want. Therefore, please email me your ideas to: doug.chaney@gmail.com

I need all responses by the end of June and I'll send out the best ones for a vote during July, so this is your chance to shine. In the unlikely event of none of you having ideas I have several brilliant suggestions that I'll put out for a vote, so watch this space!

November - 2 events:

Bonfire Night

Pub Olympics - Date TBC

Firstly, I'm looking in to bonfire events in the local area for us to attend as a group. I'll send details once they're available.

However, to further our Olympic themed year and the fact that November is going to be cold and dark, I'm going to organise a 'Pub Olympics'. This will involve a variety of indoor events (probably at The Adelaide) to test the athleticism of your brains and fingers, but it's unlikely to put much strain on your stamina!

December 15th - Christmas Party - Harrisons Hotel Shepperton

As most of you haven't even had your Summer holidays yet this might seem a bit early. However, the annual SSMCC Christmas Party will once again be held at Harrisons Hotel in Shepperton, on Saturday 15th December. This is the same venue as last year and went down very well with everyone, so I'll confirm costs and menus later this year once the details are available. I hope everyone finds these events to their liking, but if there are any issues or you have questions please feel free to contact me. Remember, October is 'Club's Choice', so please drop me an email with your ideas as soon as you can, and don't feel limited to just one idea. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events during 2012!

Doug.

SSMCC SocSec.

Club Run to Sammy Millers

I had been put in the hot seat for this run as the Club Captain had been dragged out of retirement to drive a flash car! Anyway, the sun was out and the weather forecast was good, so 11 of us met at Fleet Services and headed south.

The roads were surprisingly empty and the route took us down to Alton, along the A272 to Winchester and around to Romsey. As we rode towards Romsey, Snowy appeared at my side pointing to his gentleman's area!!! We stopped at the next garage only to find the whole of the Southern area HOG, queuing for said loo!

Once we had gathered up all our lost riders (Snowy & Mini-Me, you know who you are!!), we set off towards the New Forest. I managed to find a route around Lyndhurst (Always a big traffic jam getting into the town) by riding through a village called Emery Down, which appeared to be in the process of being eaten by a heard of cows!! Eventually we arrived safely at Sammy Millers.

Lunch was consumed, a few of us took a wander around the museum, some of us sat on tractors (Snowy & Mini-Me, again!!)...oh, and me! The rest of the group just enjoyed the sunshine.

The journey back was slightly more direct, with various members peeling off as we got closer to home.

I believe everyone had a good time, I certainly did, so I look forward to seeing you all on the next run to Stratford-upon-Avon, on the 10th of June.

Stunt Club Captain

Spannerus Grossus, Socket Set & Hammer, MoT & Side parting.

(note from Captain – it was a very, very flash car and had glamorous celebs in it – well that's what they said they were.)

June Caption Competition



'Steve was amazed and slightly scared at the effect of the new Lynx under arm deodorant'

July – Best of the rest.



Open for comment – send to my email

Dates for your Diary

04 & 05 June	Queens's jubilee.
10 June	Stratford on Avon, to go or not to go that is the question.
30 June	Sat BMF Rally section set up 12noon, see Rob Wood.
01 July	BBQ at Seaford, always a good event. There will be a cost. See Mick or Heather for the amount and booking! It may rain on this day. The event will still take place but people may go in cars?
22 July	Trout Inn Lechlaide, Nice run out to a pub by the river.
26 July	Olympics start?
28 & 29 July	Road cycle race on both days' roads closed in Surrey!
01 August	Wednesday No Adelaide Pub cycle racing road closed. Why not go to the Red Lion in Shepperton by the river.
12 August	Bathampton
02 September	Gaydons
08 September	Saturday set up of trial Frensham.
09 September	Sunday Run trial all club members needed please!!
23 September	Winchester.
14 October	Arundel.
04 November	Llast run out to Brighton.



