



Thunderbird Times

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Newsletter of the Mighty South London branch of the **TRIUMPH** Owners Motor Cycle Club

EXCEL Show

Our first time at this show, our stand proved a success. We signed up in excess of 60 new members, unfortunately not all for our branch. We were asked to provide 5 bikes for a 'classic' display, so we'd planned on one model from each engine size i.e. 200, 350, 500, 650 & 750. However, due to logistic problems the 750 couldn't make it so Fred stepped in at the last minute with his '64 T'bird.



All the major manufacturers were at the show, including Triumph with the full range including the new Explorer & Speed Triple.

There was also a very tasty Street Triple on an accident claims company stand. I believe it was a Jack Lilley special, done up like a classic style café racer with ally tank, mudguard and body bits.

On closer inspection, it wasn't really polished aluminium but a very good paint-job.

Twentyfive of your hard-earned pounds were required to get in to the show, a bit steep, I thought. However that did include the 'Revolution' show, impressive stunt-riding, & a little motocross circuit.

Bobs Bonnie

I went along to Carl Rosner to explain the appearance of my Bonnies wheels or rather the lack of! I told them the bike is used daily and therefore in the winter salt will attack the metal rims. I enquired about the possibility of a Warranty claim, they said it would be a difficult route to go down because it is not a defective part as such. The scenario is, in the past Triumph used to treat the wheels with lacquer at the factory, but they stopped this because of the amount of Warranty claims when the lacquer would not protect the said parts. Now bikes leave the factory with no protection against the elements, so basically it is the owner's responsibility to clean such parts as often as possible in order to keep the bike looking like new. One way around this is to have the wheels Powder Coated in whatever colour you like, I think the cost is about £50 per loose wheel. It may be the route I will have to go down. In the meantime I will try Autosol and this stuff they call Elbow Grease. The moral of the story is when the Missus asks you to do some DIY just say sorry love I must go in the garage and polish the bike!

Bob



Somerset & Dorset Branch Rally

You should have seen this in Nacelle, however... The branch's first rally, the Thruxton Treffen, will be held weekend of May 11-13th, just outside Yeovil. On-site facilities will include showers & toilets 24 hrs! The rugby club will be providing the catering, so there will be food on-site. The town centre is within walking distance (1 mile), and there are three pubs catering for food before town. It's £10 per person for the camping. There are a few B&B's nearby, let me know if you want details.

There's a bit of interest been shown from our branch, anybody interested please get back to Bob or me.

Mal

A.G.M.

No apologies for mentioning this again. Tuesday 27th March is the day, come along and have your say – and it would be nice to see new faces on the committee. How about volunteering for one of the posts? We have one change, Brian Peters is stepping down as Runs Leader, and Fred Reavell has been convinced to volunteer his services. He was caught on camera practicing for his new role....



EVENTS

March 18th - Pioneer Run
March 27th - AGM

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THE BRANCH:

**Meets at the Prince of Wales,
98 Morden Road, London SW19 3BP
(020 8542 0573) every Tuesday from 8.30 pm**

**Runs leave the pub at 8.00pm sharp,
4th Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.
Please ensure you have a full
tank of petrol.**

Last night I reached for my liquid Viagra and accidentally swigged from a bottle of Tippex.
I awoke this morning with a huge correction.