



Thunderbird Times

MAY 2014

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

TOMCC National Rally

As you may have seen, this year the national rally was held in Somerset, at St. Audries Bay holiday camp, on the north Somerset coast. Five-star accommodation, gourmet dining – these could have been found somewhere else, but nevertheless it was comfortable, the food was good, and you'd be hard-pushed to beat it for value. Ten of us made the trip, so we probably weren't in with a chance to scoop the best-attended branch this time. Just as well, 'cos they didn't do trophies, except for the bikes. Voted for by the members, best pre-1990 went to an immaculate ('57?) TR6; best post-1990, best in show, & the bike you'd most like to take home all went to this Thunderbird Sport (pictured), ridden down from Yorkshire.



Two runs were organised, of 120 and 130 miles in length. Can't say anything about them, as we did our own thing, and rode around Exmoor, and down to Lynmouth.

For evening entertainment, there was a quiz, discos, and a band on Saturday. And first prize in the raffle went to one of our mob!

So a good weekend enjoyed by all, except for my bike falling off its stand. Nothing serious, but still waiting for the parts.

Club Run to the Skimmington Castle

Not surprisingly a lot of people were put off by the weather. But five of us brave, intrepid (stupid?) bikers made off from the Goat in pouring rain, negotiating large puddles along the way. I've had baths when I didn't get as wet – even to the inside of the crash helmet. We were joined at the pub by another five who'd done the sensible thing and gone by car. The ride home was slightly less wet, although it didn't make any difference by then, and the rain stopped as I was putting the bike in the garage!

Loheac Motor Manoir

Got to recommend Loheac motor museum in Brittany. As you know we have been going to Roger Nicholls Gite for years. This May, Tim and I went and Roger asked us to take a trip to Loheac not far from Rennes, going south east from St Nic Pelum. We found the village of Loheac but no sign of a motor museum. Back-tracking, we found a sign outside a Manoir. It did not look much from the outside, no visitors cars or queues outside the small entrance. Paid £8 to get in and was surprised to see a dozen or so old cars displayed plus some old bikes. At the end of the small hall were some doors, this led to the biggest surprise I've had for years, a modern museum of several huge halls filled with every type of car you want. Racers, yes, F1 F2 F3 GT, Le Mans, rally, dragsters, saloon racers. Classics, mainly French, which made a change plus many oddballs I've never heard of. Modern classics as in every model of

Maserati , Lambo, Porsche, Renault Alpine, Facel Vega etc etc. Power boat and plane displays. Then the pièce de résistance, four full size race tracks and a power boat lake. Phew!. I advise you to go to Google Earth, Loheac, France and have a look . I cannot wait to go back to Rogers just to see it again as I missed half of the exhibits. I still cannot understand how it has never been advertised and even the French do not know about it and Roger has been living there for years!. **Ron Granger**



EVENTS

June 24th Club Run. The Mucky Duck, Rudgwick RH12 3BW
June 29th Romney Marsh Show & Bike Jumble, Ham Street, Ashford Kent TN26 2JD

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Meets at the Goat,

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(Tel: 020 8648 1935) 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!

Hi Guys,

I am a Leicester Branch member you may have read my articles in Nacelle. In July I am doing a solo ride from Land's End to John O'Groats (there and back) which is over 4000km in 7 days on my Bonneville America to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. I have attached a flyer to promote my challenge with details of my Justgiving page.

I would be very grateful if you could circulate my flyer to as many of your contacts as possible so we can maximise the money raised for this great organisation.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT Regards Roy Roy Maddox rsmaddox@virginmedia.com

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SHOULD FACE
CANCER
ALONE**

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**OLD BLOKE
ON A BIKE
CHALLENGE**
4000km in 7 days
(on a motorcycle)

**Land's End to
John O'Groats**
20 July - 27 July 2014

If you have ever had a relative who had to cope with the effects of cancer (and most of us have) you will be aware of Macmillan Support for cancer victims and their relatives. What you might not know is that Macmillan has a regular weekly lottery to raise funds for their brilliant and greatly needed work. To publicise the lottery and raise funds as I enter my 60th year I am undertaking this challenge. I thank you in anticipation for your generous support. *Roy Maddox*

TAKE PRIDE
IN YOUR SUPPORT FOR
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS FLYER TO
FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO HELP
RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS GREAT
ORGANISATION.

THANK YOU