



Thunderbird Times

September 2013

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

Members BBQ

Next Tuesday 8th October, free to branch members, our end of season BBQ, 8pm at the Goat.

Motorcycle Live, NEC

We're planning on hiring a minibus again this year to go up to the Birmingham show <http://www.motorcyclelive.co.uk/> Thursday 28th November. £17, entry, £11, for us older folk. There doesn't appear to be a discount for advance booking this year. Please let me know if you're interested.

MSL Committee

We're in need of somebody to look after the regalia. Any volunteers, please??

Club Run to the Sportsman

I think we all got there, 18 bikes at the end but didn't count them at the start. A couple of cock-ups on the way. Please watch for the bike on the corner, & when it's your turn, stay there until the last man comes along.

Sprag clutches

Seemingly an occasional problem with Triumph triples. This bit from Bob...

I was speaking to Adrian, he was a fitter at Rosner's now he is in the parts dept. I mentioned the problems that some owners have had especially with pre 97 triples. He said one way of prolonging the life of the Sprag Clutch is to ensure the battery is in good condition. When you thumb the starter the sprag clutch should spring into life to enable the motor to start. The Sprag will become less effective over time if the battery is not maintained; eventually it will have to be replaced at great cost. This is just one scenario. There are probably other ways it could fail.

1. Keep battery topped-up with distilled water.
2. Ensure terminals are clean and tight.
3. When starting ensure lights are off.

Triumph cars (?)

From Thursday 5th until Monday 9th September, 5 days, I set off as a co-driver to my friend Martin in a 1982 Triumph TR7 convertible and with the hood permanently down, changing drivers every 2 hours. We drove over Thursday night to Friday evening to Nice where we stayed overnight.

On Saturday we set off through Italy and Monaco to the Stelvio Pass back in Italy. Having traversed the pass we stayed overnight in a ski resort hotel.

On Sunday morning we set off to travel 650 miles (1022km) passing through Switzerland, Luxemburg, Germany, France to arrive at a hotel in Ypres in Belgium



On Monday morning we set off for Calais and the ferry and I arrived home at 2.0pm Monday afternoon.

The reason for the run was that every 5 years Club Triumph, of which a friend up north is a member, go on what they call "Classic car 10CR" (10 Countries run).

This was the 10 year anniversary of the run my friend organised in 2003. So we went on the same time ferry and the same route. The rest of the club started Wednesday this year with about 20 cars.



There were meant to be 2 other cars with us, but 1 car a Scimitar had fire in the hold and never actually started, Triumph 2000 made it to France but started bleeding oil from the crankcase.

So the father and daughter had a hire car and met us in Nice Friday and stayed with us until Sunday morning.

Basically it was an experience not to be missed and I took the chance immediately it was offered.

It's exciting, tiring, exhilarating, nerve tingling, blowy (with the hood down permanently, which only went up when parked for the night).

Stelvio Pass road in Italy we went up 7.30pm Saturday evening. It has 48 hair pin bends and rises approx. 10,000feet approx.

Dave Lidbury

MSL on facebook

Dave Lidbury has arranged a page for members use [MSLTOMCC](#) (click the icon on the club web page)

+Post questions and comments

+Create shared docs

+Chat with everyone at once

EVENTS

Nov 26th Quiz Night

Nov 28th Motorcycle Show, NEC, Birmingham

Dec 7th Kempton Park autojumble (& Off-Road Show)

Dec 8th Tadworth Childrens Hospital Run

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