



Thunderbird Times

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

TOMCC AGM

A few of us went up to Meriden for the annual bun-fight. No doubt it will be covered in detail in the next Nacelle, but a quick run-down of the main points – Club membership up by 10% in the last year which is pretty good... the membership secretary, Laurence Mee, has stepped down and is replaced by Shirley Reid, and Steve Jackson takes over from David Porter as Nacelle editor. Dave put in a lot of work for the new-style Nacelle. I've got to admit I wasn't too keen at first, but the current mag makes the old Nacelle look very dated. Well done, Dave. (And what about that Speed Triple on the front of the last issue?!!! I'm just checking the wife's life insurance...)

Pioneer Run

Thanks for all the support that the guys gave me at Epsom Downs at the start of this years Pioneer Run. I have very little to report because it was pretty well trouble free, in fact nothing went wrong. I got away from the start at 9.15 am had a 45 min coffee stop, and arrived on the sea front at 12 noon, so quite happy with two hours riding time. The traffic at the start seemed heavier than usual. I did however make some new valve parts for the inlet side over the past 12 months, as a result this made a vast difference to the amount of oil that deposited its self on my right leg and the rear tyre. The only job that I can see to sort before next year is to do with the pedals. Once again thanks to all.

Bernard.

Last Chance Run

We all met on a glorious morning at Godstone pond on the Sunday morning. Despite the recent fuel shortage there was an excellent turnout, about 39 bikes. A good mixture of Mighty South London, South London Classics, and British Two Stroke Club. I had taken Doddies advice and became runs leader for the day.

So we set off through the Surrey/Kent countryside. The first half of the run went well, this runs leader job ain't too bad after all, I thought. My confidence grew with every turn, that was the mistake, too confident. Sailed straight past my left turn before Edenbridge, so for all those who were unaware we did the second half back to front and for those that were aware I am not paying you anymore blackmail money.

A warm welcome as usual from the Last Chance staff and loads of food and refreshments. After a walk round to see the latest additions, a collection was held and with some previously donated money raised a staggering £1100.00. Also the Last Chance has been added to this years list of charities for Harrow School.

So a big thank you goes to everyone involved in the organising of this event and everybody that has supported it before and after my dads death. He will probably be wheeling out one of his BMWs somewhere to celebrate.

Thank you all again **Dean.**

Club Run to Sportsman, Mogador

After a wet day, thankfully the rain gave up late afternoon. Around 20 bikes were out, and were met at the Sportsman by a few wimps who'd gone by car. Fred's first effort as runs leader was well received, everything went well. The previous week we had a ride up there to book the sandwiches, and after a swift beer, Fred's Sprint wouldn't start. Fortunately Mog turned up in his van & spirited the bike away. Mr. Rosner replaced the sprag clutch the very next day, how's that for service – but it cost nearly £500!!

Finally, we say farewell to Gordon McDonald a branch member for a few years, as he is returning to New Zealand. Good luck, mate.

A site that may help with planning any touring -

<http://www.twistyride.com/Index.html#.T4c-5a0Vt5A.email>

EVENTS

May 7 th	Fleet Lions Rally. Meet Tolworth Bowl, 9am.
May 11-13	Somerset & Dorset Rally, Yeovil
May 19 th	Southern Classic Bike Show, Kempton Park
May 22 nd	Club Run to The Dog & Duck, Kingsfold RH12 3SA

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THE BRANCH:

Meets at the Prince of Wales,
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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.**