



# Thunderbird Times

November 2009

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

## The Runs

Sunday 8th November. The roads damp, the sky grey - but a few of us ventured out for a ride down to the Pub With No Name, Priors Dean, near Alton. Actually, it has a name - the White Horse, but the sign fell down and was never replaced. An enjoyable run through rural Sussex, where most of the villages had warning signs "Old People". Remarkable - how did they know we were coming? About four miles short of our destination, our leader, Tim, felt the need for refreshment far outweighed the challenge of getting to the White Horse and we ended up in The Harrow, Steep. A very nice pub as it happens, like somebody's front room, with the barrels on a sideboard behind the bar. And the locals didn't seem to be too put out by our invasion. Jim didn't make it, broken back axle on his trike, but repaired within a couple of days - wish my Bonnie was that easy to sort out. Apologies to those who were waiting for us at the White Horse.

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## Bowling

The annual fixture against Surrey branch ended in a bit of confusion. We couldn't get a print-out of the scores on their lane, so a definitive result was not forthcoming. Never mind, it's not about the winning or losing, it's about enjoying the evening, it's about playing the game, it's about having a nice evening with old friends. But WE WON. And Surrey came third!

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The following bit from the N.Z. TOMCC newsletter - I think this guy is their Vice-President.

## **MIGHTY SOUTH LONDON LIVES UP TO IT'S NAME**

Recently Georgia, myself and our two youngest, Amanda 16 and Jarrod 14, had plans to visit the UK, London to be exact. I thought it may be an opportunity for us to meet the TOMCC London crew, so I tracked down their email address and made contact. They call themselves the "Mighty South London" (MSL) chapter and are in fact the founding TOMCC chapter; on top of that they are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year 1949 - 2009.

Anyway, my email was replied to and we were promptly invited to their club night for a BBQ and drinks. Sadly, young Jarrod landed himself in hospital for 12 weeks with a clasped vertebrae; hence we postponed our trip until next year. Again I contacted the "MSL" to let them know we were unable to make it for obvious reasons.

Some weeks later a parcel arrived at home and inside was a "Limited Edition" 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tee shirt, and a MSL club sweat shirt.

I was so thrilled, what a kind gesture, it made me stop and think, there really are some great people in this great club of ours, whether it be in little old New Zealand or on the other side of the world. This experience confirms to me that TOMCC fellowship is well and truly alive. Huge thanks to Doddie Kent of the "MSL". In return I have sent a parcel over to the "Mighty South London" Chapter with a couple of our 2009 Rally Tee Shirts, several jotter pads and pens. I very much look forward to meeting them all next year.

Triumph Rules UK  
Simon Hendriks.

## EVENTS

Tuesday 1st December - Bob's Quiz Night, PoW 2000.

Thursday 3rd December - Bus trip to the Motorcycle Show, NEC.

Sunday 13th December - Run to Tadworth children's hospital, leave Rykas 1130.

Saturday 26th December - Boxing Day run, mystery tour! Red Tree (A217) 1030.

## THE CLUB:

Meets at the Princess 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, April to Sept.

Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol.

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