



Newsletter

September 2015

Last club night run

Leaving the Legion in Oldmeldrum at 7.30 for Jaffs Bar in Dunecht we headed for Kemnay, taking the left fork just after the golf course passing through Craigearn and onwards towards Castle Fraser eventually arriving at the B977 Lyne of Skene road where we turned right and then left at the junction of the A944 which is where Jaffs Bar is situated.

We had a good turnout of around 8 bikes, Jaffs Bar staff were welcoming and there was sufficient free tables for us all to sit at.

Martin, Dan and I were the last to leave around 9.30, it was dark by then and drizzling but the ride home was good, I do not often get to ride in the dark and was pleased at how good the headlight is on the Commander, nothing like being in a car of course but good enough when riding sensibly.

Winter Fettleing

As the autumn and winter months are just around the corner, it is the time of year that those of us with classic bikes start thinking about putting the bikes away ready for the good weather next year.

An oily rag preservation is usually good enough, ensuring that the bike is generally clean as a starting point WD40 sprayed sensibly gets into all the nooks and crannies is good for keeping corrosion at bay, some remove the plugs and squirt a little oil into the cylinder(s) and also oil the rear chain if fitted, some also drain the fuel tank and remove the battery, much is personal preference.

Clearly safety is paramount so I would suggest to keep that in mind when putting your bike away for the winter ensuring that when the good weather comes brakes and lights etc. are all in good working order.

My Norton 650SS is my second bike and is almost at all times in a state of preservation so not much work to do here, the Norton Rotary Commander is the bike I ride the most and with a European Tour next year taking in Holland, Germany, Italy, France and Spain when my wife Sandra and I will stop off at Rimini in Italy for the Norton International Rally will require the Commander to be on top form.

NEXT MEETING:

6th October AGM Oldmeldrum British Legion 7 to 7.30

Keeping her cool, the bike that is not Sandra! Will be a major job as rotaries tend to run hot at the best of times, I also intend overhauling the gearbox this winter.

When Norton developed the rotary models they raided the parts bins of other manufacturers hence why the Commander has Yamaha forks and instruments, Vauxhall Nova rear lights and a gearbox "borrowed" from a Triumph T150V, it is a 5 speed gearbox and gets worked hard owing to the serious amount of torque the rotary engine produces, the gearbox is noisy and occasionally misses a gear so it is time for a good overhaul, parts are still available so all being well it will be a straight forward job, I hope!

My last adventure(s) for 2015 will be the SCMCC Autumn Classic Gathering
Sep 20, 2015 from 11:00
The Four Seasons Hotel, St Fillans

Peebles Autojumble
Oct 4, 2015
Drill Hall, Peebles

TVNOC Autumn meeting
Oct 25, 2015
Tullybanocher café, Comrie

6th October AGM

The 2015 annual general meeting of the GCMCC will be held in the Oldmeldrum British Legion 7 to 7.30 pm.

There is a packed agenda and anyone wanting to be involved with how the club is run should attend the meeting, the election of office bearers will be of particular interest as both myself as

Chairperson and Bob Prodger as Treasurer will not be seeking re-election.

This will be my last newsletter; since starting in November 2013 to date I have written 23 newsletters. I have enjoyed writing up our adventures and newsworthy items, apologies for boring you all with information about Norton Motorcycles and the Norton Owners Club rally's I attended.

I hope you have enjoyed the newsletters as I pass on the job of keeping you all informed of club matters to the next lucky newsletter author.

Safe Riding
Tony

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