

Basingstoke MAG

23/09/10

Rep Keith:

Welcome: Denise, Leigh, Colin, Saffron and Strange.

Thanks to Colin Phil and Geoff for coming with me too Winchester MAG on Tuesday night.

INTER REGION BOWLING THIS WEEKEND AT BOWLPLEX.

E-MAIL'S

Counted" - Saturday 25th September 2010

With the weather set fine, if slightly cooler than of late, tomorrow's re-run of the Great Lap of London, our very own "M25 - the other way round - Still Standing & Still Being Counted", we hope you and your pals have finalised your arrangements to meet us at either Sth Mimms (10am), Clackett Lane (1pm) or Thurrock (3pm).

Tips for the ride-out

- 1) As mentioned, although dry, the temperature will be noticeably down, so please dress accordingly
- 2) Ensure you have a good meal before you ride, and, more importantly, a good swally of water - we will be selling bottles from the truck!!
- 3) Take good advantage of the stops to stretch your legs & attend to your bodily needs

Before the ride

Registering for the Ride

Please ensure you register by getting a sticker. You will be asked for a nominal, but OPTIONAL donation of £2, so, if you can, please give generously, however, it is important for us to get an accurate count, so please - GET A STICKER

The "2000 x £10" Donations to the Legal Challenge Fund

As mentioned, if we get permission to Appeal - which, remember, would constitute a second judge agreeing that the first judge MAY have got it wrong, and that we would have a good chance of success at an "Appeal" hearing - we will need to raise £20k. Hence, we are asking for 2,000 people to donate a final £10, which is another reason for the ride. However, should we NOT get permission, we want you to have the option to get your money back, or it will be donated to the Air Ambulance Service.

Therefore, for any donations of £10 or multiples thereof - please put your cheque (made payable to "Warren Djanogly - NTBPT") or cash into an envelop with your name & email address LEGIBLY written on the front. Should you just want to donate the £10, and are happy for us to use it for legal or charity, please bring cash or cheque on the day for us to collect.

Brussels

We will be announcing the date for what should prove to be a truly historic ride as the motorcycling community requests the EU Commissioners to investigate the blatant violation of EU Procurement Laws committed by WCC with regards parking enforcement contractor NSL Ltd (sold this week for £120m). If the Commissioners agree with our findings, there is a real possibility that the contracts given to NSL Ltd by over 40 Local Authorities across the UK could be rescinded. This could cast a real doubt of the validity of any PCN issued; clamp attached; or vehicle removed by NSL Ltd since March 2007. Should these be deemed as invalid, all the named Councils will therefore have an obligation to refund these upon demand.

And, in such an event, our PR machine will be in overdrive to ensure that all the Councillors in all those other Councils know to thank Mssrs Barrow, Davis, Gilchrist, Chalkley & Rowley, as it was a direct result of THEIR greed in attacking the motorcycle community that brought this to light.

Interestingly, although Danny Chalkley was the Councillor responsible when these violations were taking place, he claimed to know nothing about it. However, when we submitted an FOI request about his deputy's involvement, a certain Cllr Lindsay Hall, WCC have refused to acknowledge the FOI request. So the question is: What did Lindsay know? Anyone shed some light on this???

SO!! If you want to book your place in the main party at the discounted rate for Eurotunnel, download the form here, and put it together with a cheque or cash for £25 in a separate envelop marked "Brussels"

Hi-Viz Vests

So as not to drown you all in these, although they are fantastic advertisers for our campaign, we have a LIMITED EDITION Hi-Viz for tomorrow's run. Each vest is individually numbered and there are only 100 of them. Priced at £18, anyone buying will have their name entered in a Hall of Fame on the website. We hope to auction number 100, assuming we sell all of the other 99. Remember, all profits from bib sales go to the fund.

On the ride itself

We are once again grateful to Shoeshine from 1-Stop Instruction and his gang of "Men-In-Blue" who will be marshaling us (including me!!) around.

Please give them room to go up & down the outside and, more crucially, be aware of any signal they give you and move accordingly. To keep the group together and stretched out over the most length

of road, the marshalls aim to keep us in 2 lanes of a 4-lane road, and 1 lane of a 3-lane stretch. This will give all other traffic plenty of opportunity to pass, and thus, not get in between us. Whilst not deliberately trying to obstruct, we are restricted to the speed of our slowest riders - hence we have allowed ourselves plenty of time to get round.

That's about it - so all that's left for me to say is - see you tomorrow, and together, let's demonstrate to every other Council that may have thought about following WCC's lead to ditch those ideas immediately.

Always remember, whatever others may say about our campaign, whilst we have not YET achieved the ultimate aim ie ridding Westminster of the Bike Parking Tax, we have certainly stemmed the risk of cancer spreading....SO FAR.

And for merely that, you should give yourselves an extremely large pat on the back!

Best

Hello

The EU public consultation into proposed changes to, and harmonisation of, Periodic Vehicle Inspections, has only 3 days left to run, ending on 23rd September.

I would like to thank those of you who have already taken part and dealt with the (sometimes) rather leading questions. However, I would particularly like to thank those of you who tried to fill in the form over the weekend and informed me that it is impossible to do so.

An official complaint has been sent to the Commission and an explanation requested as to why the consultation is offline ahead of due date. Part of me would love to think they are surprised at the response from the public!

Please periodically check the consultation to see if you can fill it in.

I know this is a pain, but I would really appreciate your help with this at the eleventh hour so to speak!

> <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=roadworthiness>

In the meantime, if you are a facebook user, please go here

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=116608511726843&ref=mf>

and join the facebook campaign. According to FEMA, 100 people a day have been joining the facebook group and FEMA web traffic has tripled in the last month, so this is an issue riders feel strongly about.

<http://www.fema-online.eu/index.php?page=rwt>

Please have a look at the above to reacquaint yourself with the topic, but just to reiterate, there are various issues arising from this consultation that are of interest.

First, the timing of the public involvement- 3 weeks just isn't enough, especially if even that is being curtailed.

Second, the countries most effected don't use English as their first language, yet the consultation is only availble in English.

Third, it 'was' only available online.

Fourth, the nature of the questions makes it impossible to answer as you may desire. For example, would you like the price of the inspection increased by 15%, 20% etc, but no option to say 0%.

Finally, thanks for being on this activist list and being prepared to make a difference. If you have a group of friends who ride, please forward this email to them too.

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Kind regards

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MAG (UK) - Motorcycle Action Group

As well as giving FEMA's view on Periodic Technical Inspection, FEMA is actively campaigning against PTI see also the FEMA website <http://www.fema-online.eu/index.php?page=rwt> and the FaceBook campaign <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=116608511726843&ref=mf>

We already have a form of PTI (ie; the MoT test) so we will need to think about how we communicate our position against EU harmonisation and restriction through a super-MoT.

Do I take it you are happy for us to encourage UK riders to support the FEMA stance?

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A.O.B

Keith: Milestones next week. 7pm if you can make it, then up to MAG for our NIBBLE NIGHT.

Meeting closed.

EVENTS:

September

26th September: Basingstoke MAG Inter Region Bowling Tournament. [The Bowlplex in Basingstoke.](#)

30th September: Milestones Museum Meet. 5pm – 9pm

October

28th October: Milestones Museum Meet. 5pm – 9pm

November

Carle Nash Bike Show, NEC 27th November-5th December. £15

December

18th December: Basingstoke MAG. Christmas Children's Run and Evening Party at the Royal Oak.