

## **Basingstoke M.A.G.**

### **Minutes**

**07/07/2011**



#### **Rep Keith:**

#### **E-mails:**

#### **Huge thanks for the Brum Demo:**

I must say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Brum Demo yesterday, especially those riders who made the huge effort to ride up from Kent, Sussex, Devon, West and North Wales, Lincoln etc. Brilliant.

I'm really pleased to say that I saw 3 French bikes too!

Thanks of course to West Midlands MAG for organising and marshalling the event. With the Police refusing to acknowledge the run and supply support, there was probably more traffic chaos than there would have been otherwise!

I'm going to upload a link tomorrow so that you can see some video footage of the 496 bikes that took part.

The weather was excellent but alas my poor Pegaso couldn't cope with the heat so I never made it to the end of the run. There are only so many times you flag someone down for a push...

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Kind regards

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#### **See yourself on film? Footage from part of the Brum Demo:**

> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USYVb2Jks7s>

#### **Death at helmet run in USA:**

Bad one:

[http://centralny.ynn.com/content/top\\_stories/548819/one-person-killed-in-motorcycle-crash/](http://centralny.ynn.com/content/top_stories/548819/one-person-killed-in-motorcycle-crash/)

#### **25th Sept day of Action:**

I hope this is clear.

Proposal:

1- On 25th Sept 2011

2- From noon, riders gather in pre arranged area.

For simplicity, ease of location and space a motorway service area would be preferred.

NOTE Some parts of the country don't have motorways so perhaps a similar area that has easy access to a main thoroughfare. Any venue that is separated by multiple traffic lights or junctions will NOT be suitable as the bikes will become separated.

3- At 13.00 bikes begin to roll onto the motorway from every meeting point in the country.

- maintaining a steady 45 ish will mean no hot engines.  
- using a dual carriageway/ m-way means no marshalls, no-one getting lost, no junctions, good press pictures.

4- The length of the run will depend on the specific area. For example a service area close to a major intersection could mean a plan to roll through that intersection, or over a bridge or any other area that is known locally to be a bottleneck.

If there is no handy bottleneck, just rolling for a few junctions will do, before perhaps returning the other way.

Maybe two sides of the country would like to meet, eg on the M62

5- Many riders will not wish to travel hundreds of miles, so the number of junctions you organise may be dependant on the distance they are apart.

6- The 'appear and disperse' element is what matters most.

Chaos will ensue almost immediately unless a road with absolutely no traffic has been chosen....

7- Even rolling on ONE lane will cause mayhem as the first trucks begin an overtake at only a few mph more than we are moving. A massive gathering of riders may need 2 lanes. 3 will cause all sorts of legal issues that we do not require to make our point.

8- Riders split and head home- no speeches, no marshalls, just press fallout and the creation of a perception that there is an organisation that is capable of causing mayhem at short notice, if the need arises.

9- With National and local press covered from Central there isn't even need to panic local reps who may not feel up to discussing the intricacies of the EU Regulation.

10- The 'NATIONAL' SIMULTANEOUS action is what will make the difference, not the size of any particular run. That is what the legislators and the press will pick up on.

11- This is part of a larger development of campaigning, so we don't need to achieve everything in one go.

12- "fast in -fast out" is what the authorities fear, even though they will already be tracking us.

13- local actions will satiate the desire I hear from the ground all the time and satisfy all those who write and say they want local actions because they haven't the time/money/inclination to trek all over the country.

14- Meeting places can be advertised once we know where they might be.

15- I repeat, we need one individual in each place to blow a whistle and get people to start their engines.

16- Sunday will not cause the mayhem Saturday might, but it will add to the perception that we are trying to communicate and not being belligerent. It will also add to the inferred threat that MAG can organise something if it needs to and if diplomacy breaks down.

PLEASE NOTE- I am meeting the chairman of the IMCO committee tomorrow, 1 to 1. There is a lot of negotiation around the Type Approval and Anti Tampering Reg at the moment and will be ongoing. This is another string in our negotiating bow. It will be possible to combine the issues of the EU REGULATION, and solidarity with the banning of old bikes and filtering in France and the introduction of Dayglo in Ireland.

These are all Euro Issues.

**'Here Come the Brides' NEW SERIES FOR SKY LIVING:**

Hello!

Sky Living are making a **BRAND NEW** series called '**HERE COME THE BRIDES**' and we're looking for outgoing couples who are looking to get married and have unique and exciting ideas about their big day, however might **not** have the budget to match, we're looking for all sorts of theme ideas from Pink Princess, Bikers / Harley Davidson, Football, Musical Theatre, Sci-fi, Movies, anything goes!

Our couples will be given a budget of **£25,000.00** to fulfil their wedding dreams. The challenge is that they will have to work with another bride to plan a joint wedding.

I've attached a flyer with further info, and would be super grateful if you could forward this email and the attachment to your contacts, members and or employees within the business. Places are limited as we're urging people to get in touch ASAP.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

Kind regards

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A.O.B.

**Cheryl:** Ask if anyone was interested in going to Faro in Portugal next year. WE WILL LOOK INTO GOING THERE.

**Colin:** 13<sup>th</sup> August. Motts are having a open day. WE HAVE THE MAG STAND SO WE ARE GOING THERE.

**Miller:** New date for the beer train is 26/11/2011. Names and money is by end of July. £12 per person.

## **2011 Events:**

### **July:**

**Basingstoke MAG** ride out to Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth. 9<sup>TH</sup> July. 9am at the Royal Oak.

**Andycap Rally.** 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July At Wells, Somerset.

**South West Bike Day.** 15<sup>th</sup> July. At Wells, Somerset

**Calne Bike Meet** 23<sup>rd</sup> July. SUNDAY. [www.calnebikes@freehostia.com](mailto:www.calnebikes@freehostia.com).

**Basingstoke MAG Ride out to Ace Café Show at Brentwood** – 31<sup>st</sup> July. Time of meet to be arranged near the date. 9.30AM at the Royal Oak.

### **August:**

**The Bull Dog Bash.** 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Popham Bike Show.** 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**Brackley Bike Festival** 21<sup>st</sup> August [www.bfom.co.uk](http://www.bfom.co.uk)

### **September:**

**Rog and Lyn Charity Run:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **November:**

**Southern Region AGM.** Held at the New Queens Head Winchester.8pm

## **2012.**

**Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM.** 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.