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CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Secretary's Ramblings: So, I whizz to Bridlington to see Dad, and the SV650 is going well. It is pretty scruffy though and many of the plastic fasteners are missing or broken. Nevertheless, it rides pretty good and I'm getting a move on. Arrive at red lights in Malton and the back brake has gone AWOL! Just to make my day, I am just 5 miles from destination and the most horrendous rainstorm hits me – water is bouncing everywhere and the leather trousers soak it up nicely and water runs off the tank and under my jacket. Anyway, I got to Brid and back without any problems. Need the right side panel off to check the brake fluid – bugger, won't come off. I can't get the side panels off because bolts are corroded in-situ. Notice big crack in the plastic near the tail, obviously previous users have bent the sidepanel outwards to top up the brake reservoir. I have to do the same – which I hate doing – and then have to use an impact driver on the reservoir cap screws! How bad can it get! Anyhow, the fluid level looks ok so spend some time pumping new fluid through, hoping it was just old shitty stuff (air?) in there. Since then have been to Brid and the back brake is just fine. (Dad is doing ok too!). I will have to drill the tail unit mounting bolts out sometime, when I get organised after the impending house move.

Forthcoming Events (latest additions in Bold).

Committee Mtg: Weds 2 Nov @ 8pm
General Club Mtg: Weds 9 Nov

19-27 Nov NEC
19 Nov Scorton Autojumble
19 Nov NEC MCN Live Opens
19/20 Nov The Terrible Trio hit the NEC. Local bars treble stock holdings.
20 Nov Newark Autojumble
24 Nov Coach Trip to NEC (TBC)
11 Dec Newark Autojumble
10 Dec Christmas Party @ Eaglescliffe Golf Club. 12 noon for 1230 start.
17 Dec Scorton Autojumble

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7/8 Jan Carole Nash Winter Classic Show. Winthorpe, Newark. NG24 2NY
21/23 Apr Fat Skeleton Blues and Bikes Weekend, Cadbourne Parva, Lincs. Call Tony on 01507 527835 or Ron on 07737613786

1/2 July National Road Rally. Sponsored by the BMF and the ACU
11-13 Aug BMF Dambuster Rally. Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre. Lincs, LN4 4PL
14 Oct BMF AGM @ The McCleugh Arms, Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway

The Club Website. www.yarmmotorcycleclub.co.uk. The Club's website has been created by Allan Wren. Yours inputs would be most welcome. Send in your pictures, articles of interest, forthcoming events, and items for sale and wanted. Allan is the site moderator; he has the final responsibility for what appears on the site.

BMF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DEAL CONTINUED FOR 2016

The BMF. Why not join the BMF as an individual member and save yourself and the Club money? Strengthen the membership base of the BMF and give it more clout in working for riders' rights. Convert to Full Membership at a £5 reduction in the normal fee AND make £5 for the Club. The joining fee will be £21, reduced from £26, and the club will receive a payback of £5 for every member recruited. The payback to the club will be in the form of a credit note to be cashed in exchange for part of their affiliation fee for the forthcoming year. Speak to the Club Secretary for details and Application forms.

Club Logo Shirts. Shirts with the Club Logo are available from Elizabeth Embroidery, Stockton. All shirts are of excellent quality and in a range of colours. The Tee Shirt is available in a micro-fibre type material. For further details and ordering see Allan Coverdale. **You can also take your own garments to have the club logo embroidered by Elizabeth's Embroidery, Stockton on Tees. Tel: 01642 674 973.**

Club Badges. Allan Coverdale has Club Badges available at £8 each. These are quality items and will improve the appearance of your jacket/whatever!

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Scooters on MCM Bike Videos – Take note Bill! To see lots of stunning video action visit the Motorcycle Monthly website: morebikes.co.uk. See some 2-wheeled joy – search for 'scooter junction'. Content is updated on a regular basis.

BMF 2016 AGM. The AGM was held at the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – a jolly good ride from home via Lincolnshire – some 462 miles round trip on the Kawasaki 500S. Anyhow, a brief description of the business discussed follows:

Chairman's Report. With Brexit on the cards the BMF will maintain its strong presence on FEMA as it will be the only method of having a political input regarding the design of bikes for the European market. Currently the BMF provides 50% of the Board of FEMA and it is the aim to maintain that level.

While the BMF has long maintained co-operation with the ACU and MCIA nationally and, internationally, via FEMA, with the FIM and ACEM the BMF has not made any formal attempt to liaise with our main fellow UK organisation – the MAG. However, in many areas we have the same aspirations and have now issued a joint statement to the government concerning lane dividers – commonly known as Orcas or Armadillos - for cyclists. Basically they are a danger to powered two-wheel riders and pedestrians and are not wanted on our roads!

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) concerns the electronic communication of information and control of interconnected vehicles, road furniture and related systems. Fortunately Anna Zee, Political and Technical Services director for the BMF, is the Riders Rights representative on the European ITS Committee as well as being the FEMA Chairman – therefore the BMF is the advisory body to the EU Commission for developing the standards for ITS.

Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ) are spreading across Europe. London's Mayor, Sadiq Khan, has proposed a ULEZ within the A406 and A205 area. Bikes manufactured before 2007 will be required to pay the same as cars - £12.50 per day! So a Honda CG 125 filtering through a traffic jam will pay the same as the Ford Fiesta stuck in the same jam.

The BMF no longer promotes large events – remember the Peterborough Shows? Nevertheless smaller events, for example this year Merlins and Motorbikes, the Dambusters Rally and the Scottish Rally, have all had the backing of the BMF. The aim will be to add to smaller rallies for those who like a more traditional camping weekend with music and real beer.

Political Technical and Services. Some improvements are on the way for the current rider licensing scheme. In addition some improvements in the CBT system are on their way – registered training schools and standards testing - and the DVSA is looking to introduce a route to a full licence via training rather than testing.

The BMF is concerned about the future regarding driverless cars. Currently there is no confidence that systems on such vehicles can detect motorcycles. Officially it has been stated that tests have not been carried out, but it is believed that tests have been undertaken but that the systems do not work. The Department of Transport, USA, has produced a road safety plan which puts a strong emphasis on autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles but excludes motorcycles. The American Motorcycle Association is spitting feathers over this!

Recently a paper has been presented at the Institut fur Zweiradsicherheit in Cologne which documents testing of detection systems. The conclusion? "All systems perform poorly at detecting motorcycles. There are genuine reasons for concern."

Membership. Currently the membership stands at 6026 Individuals and 280 Affiliated clubs. While in conjunction the BMF finances are better than they have been for years, another 1,000 Individual members would put the BMF on a sound footing and ensure that the campaign for riders rights – some as mentioned above – can go on. For 2017 it was agreed that, after 15 years of no change, the individual membership fee would increase by £2 to £28 (£34 for joint) and that Club Affiliation fees would remain unchanged.

Insurance. The BMF Insurance scheme, run in partnership with Adrian Flux and managed by BikeSure, is proving to be successful by attracting new members and revenue. Bikesure can now be found on price comparison sites.

BMF Regalia. The BMF, in cooperation with Total Clothing, has a wide range of regalia for sale via its Shop on the bmf.co.uk website. Total Clothing can make any item with a club badge/logo.

Finally..... a number of posts are coming vacant in the BMF. In particular, an Administration Director and a Membership Services Director are required. Anyone out there with some time on their hands is most welcome to apply. Also a Financial Director is required as the current incumbent is standing down in the near future. Why not show you care about Riders Rights and actually do something for the cause?

CLOTHING FOR SALE

by a friend from the same Tai Chai Class:

Rukka Water Proofs. One-piece. Size 52. Jacket, Trousers Spats and Glove-covers. Two-tone grey. As new: £100.

Wolf Leathers. Jacket 46 inches (117 cms). Excellent condition. Trousers Bib and Brace type. 36 inches. The set for £100

Akito Cobra Cordura Jacket. Brand New. Nnt worn. Black. Size Medium. Also Nitro Cordura Trousers. Black. Size Small. Jacket and Trousers = £100.

Motorcycle Helmet by MDS. Worn twice. (Boxed). Size Large. £25.

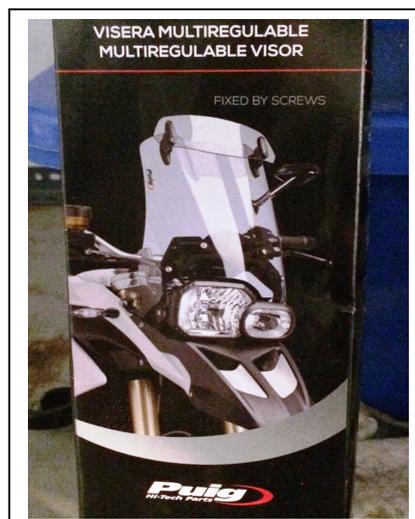
Boots by Frank Thomas. Black. Size 9. £15

Gloves by Frank Thomas. Black. Size Large. £5

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Choose Your Car Colour Carefully! A recent study in Australia analysed 850,000 accidents over a 20-year period and found that black cars were 12 percent more likely to be involved in a crash than white cars, rising to 47 percent around dawn and dusk. Other research shows that black cars are more likely to be stolen.

FOR SALE:
Puig screen/wind deflector, universal fitting as new with instructions boxed. £35.
Contact Tony Simpson
07732231371.



Some Science from BBC Focus magazine:

The Perfect Nap (for Oldies?). The ideal napping time is six to seven hours after waking; around 2pm for most people. This is far enough from bedtime not to interfere with your sleep pattern. It may sound counter-intuitive, but try downing an espresso before taking your 20 minute snooze. The caffeine will enter the brain just as you are waking up, giving your energy levels a boost. A good technique when undertaking a long journey.

Food Tastes Better when eaten off a round, white plate with heavy cutlery, says Gastrophysicist Professor Charles Spence. Seven hundred volunteers were played music while eating takeaway. Indian food was rated more highly when Indie music was played, whereas Thai and Japanese food tasted better with jazz. Justin Beiber's music consistently lowered the enjoyment of almost every food group (seriously!).



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Call Adam at Car Care if you are after parts for your vehicle. A discount will be offered to club members, equivalent to 'Cost Price plus 10%'. You must show a valid (current) club membership card to get the discount.

Computers. Want a computer with a fast processor and lots of RAM for around £90. Contact Paul Lowther on 07595-346286. Paul can also do repairs and upgrades.

Local Bike Meets:

- Tuesday Route 59 Café at Hambleton, Bolton Abbey, BD23 6AF.
The Pit Stop, Stockton, 1825 Bowesfield Way.
- Wednesday: The Manor Café, Bellerby near Leyburn. DL8
Squire's Café, near Sherburn in Elmet. LS25 3LX
- Thursday: Whistle Stop Café, Whitby.YO21 1YN
Stephen Billau & Sons Bike Night. Every Thursday 6pm to 9pm at the Destination Café in the Darlington Shop. Normal shopping facilities also open.
- Saturday: Squire's Café, nr Sherburn in Elmet.
- Sunday: Hartside Cafe, Alston, Cumbria. CA9 3BW

Other places:

- Filling Station Café, 150 yards from A66 Roundabout at Keswick.CA12 5PR
- Hot Tram Roll, Keswick central, CA12 5DF
- Cocketts Hotel, Market Place, Hawes
- Seaways Café, Fridaythorpe. YO25 9RX
- The Rose and Crown Hotel, Bainbridge, Leyburn. DL8 3EE
- The Buck Inn, Chop Gate, Bilsdale. TS9 7JL
- The Penny Garth Café, Hawes. Open 7 days a week 'til 4pm – 'til 9pm weekends
- Tomlinsons Café and Bunkhouse, Rothbury, NE65 7SF
- Wilf 's Café, Staveley, Kendal. LA5 9LR
- Orton Scar Café, Orton, Penrith. CA10 3RQ. 5 mins from J38 on Tebay–Appleby Rd
- Café 1618, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QG
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Wearing Gloves to be Compulsory – in France. From 20 November it will be compulsory for motorcycle and scooter riders to wear gloves. The law will actually apply to riders and passengers and will include tricycles, quads and mopeds. I guess the medics are fed up of searching for fingers in the aftermath of an incident.

THE END GAME. Mick and Paddy were fishing on the Irish shoreline when Mick pulled out a cigar. Finding he had no matches, he asked Paddy for a light. 'Ya, sure, I tink I haff a lighter,' Paddy replied and then reaching into his tackle box, he pulled out a Bic lighter 10 inches long. 'My God, man!' exclaimed Mick, taking the huge Bic lighter in his hands. 'Where'd yew git dat monster?' 'Well,' replied Paddy, 'I got it from my Genie.' 'You haff a fecking Genie?' Mick asked. 'Ya, sure. it's right here in my tackle box,' says Paddy. 'Could I see him?' Paddy opens his tackle box and sure enough, out pops the Genie. Addressing the Genie, Mick says, 'Hey dere! I'm a good pal of your master. Will you grant me one wish?' 'Yes, I will,' says the Genie. So Mick asks the Genie for a million bucks. The Genie disappears back into the tackle box leaving Mick sitting there waiting for his million bucks. Shortly,

the Irish sky darkens and is filled with the sound of a million ducks flying directly overhead. Over the roar of the one million ducks Mick yells at Paddy, 'What the hell? I asked for a million bucks, not a million ducks!' Paddy answers, 'Ya, I forgot to tell yew dat da Genie is hard of hearing. Do yew really tink I asked for a 10 inch Bic?'

Once upon a time there was a king who wanted to go fishing. He called the royal weather forecaster and inquired as to the weather forecast for the next few hours. The weatherman assured him that there was no chance of rain in the coming days. So the king went fishing with his wife, the queen. On the way he met a farmer on his donkey. Upon seeing the king the farmer said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace at once, because in just a short time, I expect huge rainfall in this area". The king, polite and considerate, replied, "I appreciate your thoughtfulness, but I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an extensively educated and experienced professional. And besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him and I will continue on my way." So the entourage continued on its way. However, a short time later, torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked. Their servants chuckled upon seeing them in such a shameful condition. Furious, the king returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the professional. Then he summoned the farmer and offered him the prestigious and high paying role of royal forecaster. The farmer said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain." So the king hired the donkey. And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential positions. And the practice continues to this day...

Jim tied the knot with his long-time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it is time that you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs." Jim gets a horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?" "For a minute there you were sounding like my ex-wife." "Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!" "I wasn't!!!!!!!"

Some Biker Sayings:

Only bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out of car windows.

NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in a rearview mirror.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees that you will ride alone.

Bikes don't leak oil, they just mark their territory.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shop.

If you don't ride in the rain – you don't ride.

Work to ride – Ride to work.

A motorcycle can't sing on the streets of a city.

Keep your bike in good repair; motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

If you ride like there is no tomorrow, there won't be.

Grey-haired bikers don't get that way from pure luck.

If the countryside seems boring, stop, get off your bike, and go sit in the ditch long enough to appreciate what was here before the asphalt came.

Don't make a reputation you'll have to live down or run away from later.

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Consciousness: That annoying time between beers.

And it's 'Goodnight' from him. Please call me if you would like something putting in the newsletter. There is no deadline...you either make the next issue or you don't! My contact details:
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