



SOUTHAMPTON REGION NEWSLETTER No.5.

Many thanks to all those of you who attended our AGM. on the 20th. April. It was very well attended. I'd like to thank all those who took the trouble to vote, on behalf of all those who were re-elected or newly elected. Let's hope the next 12 months is as good, if not better than the last.

Foreword by PETE JENKS. (Southampton Rep.)

Hello everyone,

I may be wrong, but I imagine that Keith will be writing about the the Bike Show at Ocean Village, so I won't. I would however, like to thank all those who helped & Marshallled the Show, up to, and over the three days.

" Thankyou & well done from Southampton MAG. and from MAG.U.K. "

The run up to the 'Bike Art Exhibition' was a very good day out for all those who came, we left 'The Cricketers' at 10 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock, as most of us were still hung over from the Party the night before. We took a steady run up the Motorway, stopping on the way for well over an hour! The Exhibition itself was very good, with John and myself spending about 15-20 mins looking at each Bike. So you can imagine, it took us hours to go around the whole lot. **Much to the disgust of Fiona and Thomas.** We met 'Scruff' (Bicester Rep.) and Dee up there, there are some people who turn up wherever you are. Last year Trig, Guns, Marrs and myself pulled off the road in Luxembourg at about 2 o'clock in the morning, because we were too tired to carry on anymore. We had just got our heads down in a Hotel Foyer (because they locked & bolted the Doors when they saw us coming) and who do you think should wake us up?? You got it..... Scruff & Dee! But that's another story. Back to Bike Art, I won't tell you about the Exhibition, because if you didn't go, your obviously not to interested. Besides, you can read about it in all of the Mags. BSH. etc.

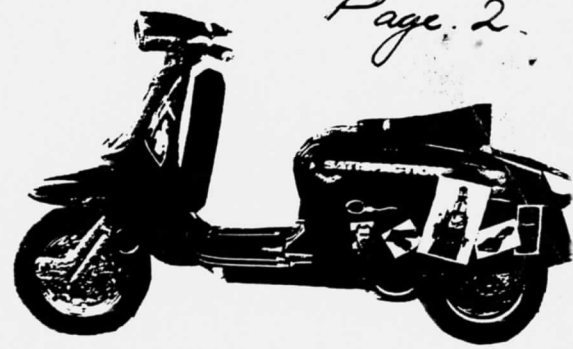
Back to Luxembourg though, "Thankyou to everyone who went, we got cold & wet and I had to leave my Bike over there, but it was worth it in the end!!! 293 against, 53 for and 4 abstentions.... we're almost certainly there, yes it was worth it!!

For the benefit of those of you who couldn't make it to our AGM. the new officers of Southampton MAG. are as follows;

REP.....YOU'VE STILL GOT ME.
DEPUTY REP.....BOB (BLOBBY) STACK.
SECRETARY.....MARIA KNELLER.
MP/MEP LIASION...BEN CURTIS.
ROAD SAFETY.....LES COUPE.
TREASURER.....LORRAINE PRETTY.
-----"-----JOANNE SMART.
CLUB LIASION....RICHARD BOYS.
SCOOTER REP.....STEVE AMES.
PRODUCTS.....VIKKI NORTON.
-----"-----FIONA JENKS.
DEALER LIASION...MICK ROBERTS.
-----"-----SCOTT TOLSON.
PRESS OFFICER....ROB QUANE.
MEMBERSHIP SEC...KEITH NEALE.

May I take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate the Officers, old and new, also thankyou to the Officers of last year who stood down.

Ride safe and dry now that Summer is here (hopefully)



***** SOUTHAMPTON SCOOTER CLUB. *****

OBAN, SCOTLAND, SCOOTER RALLY.

We had a very good journey up to Scotland, but that was because we went and cheated by going up in a Van. No, we're not softies, but with only **TWO** of our Scooters working out of four, we would have had to have four people on each Scooter!

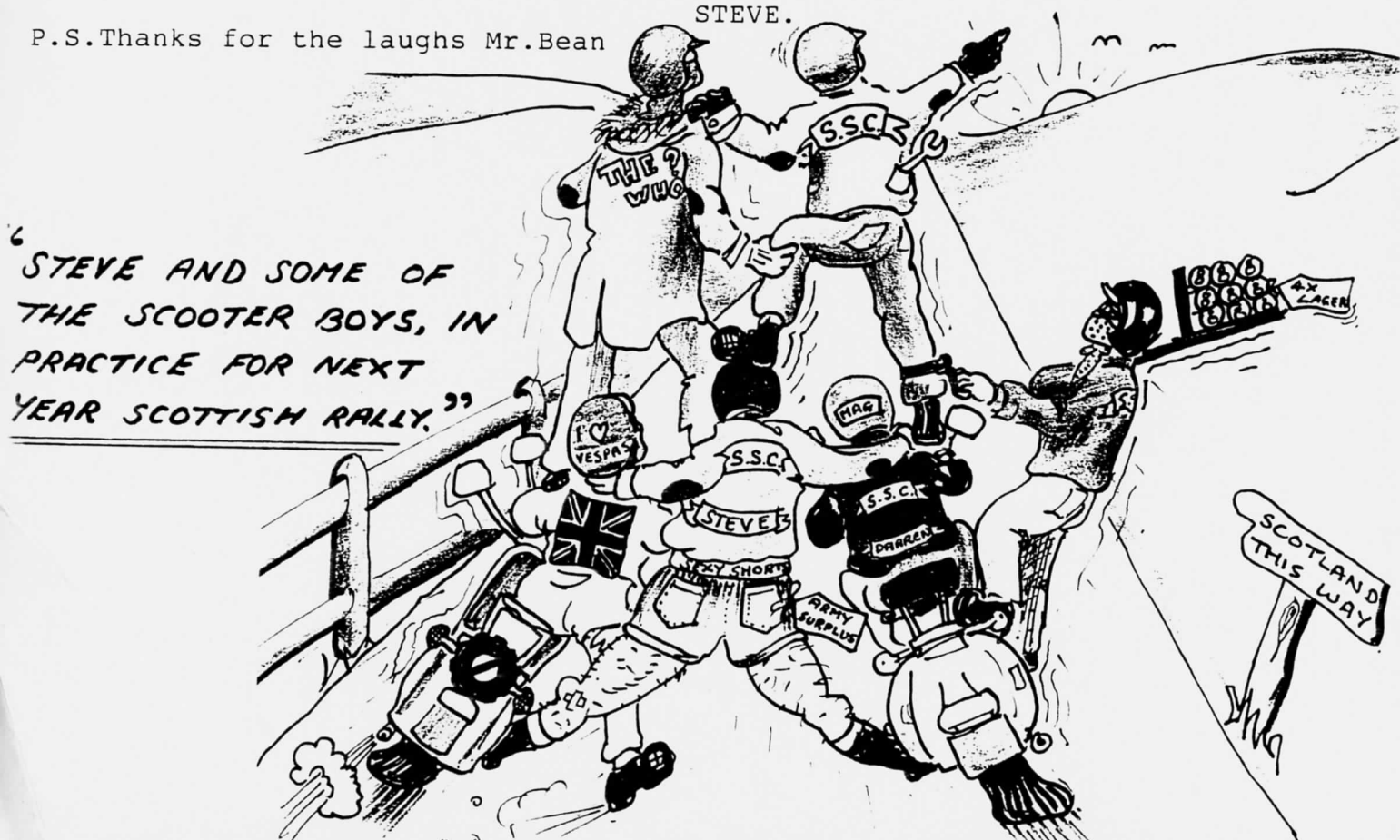
Anyway, as soon as we got to Scotland it rained, obviously, so we got the Tents up as soon as possible and hit the Pub. You can guess the rest. Numerous Pints and several Hours later, it was Saturday. After doing a quick 'recce' of the Site, we found it was perfect. A Bar on Site, Showers etc. A lot of Scooterists had arrived overnight, half on the Site and half in B & B's (B & B's?... it's a hard life in the Scooter Club.. K.N.) People arrived all day, and we reckon that about 1500 turned up.

There was quite a good Custom Show, with everything from Vintage, Custom, Street Racer, Classic and a Lambretta with a GT550 engine cramped in under the Panels, ...very nice. After looking around the Stalls trying to buy Bits, which some did, but I didn't, strange, because that was half the point in going, we hit the Pub... again. We all had something to eat and then started on the drinking. None of us remember a great deal after that, because we woke up the next day with one can of Lager left out of 75. So, on Sunday morning we were not looking forward to the the Journey home with a Hangover, but thats the price you have to pay for having an excellent Rally. Well, thats it for this month.

Thanks

STEVE.

P.S. Thanks for the laughs Mr. Bean





SOUTHAMPTON BIKE SHOW.

My stint at Ocean Village began at 12.30pm. Friday, I can't unload the Vans anymore, so I try and busy myself as best I can. Getting up to the Control Room and trying to commit the various Maps to memory, what exhibits are where what positions the Owners Clubs are going to be in etc. I'm going to be on Traffic control tomorrow so someone is bound to ask, especially about the campsite! Then off to my other job for 4hrs. and then back to O.V. at 6-o'clock for the Marshalls briefing.

Trigger tells us what's to be expected of us, the different Radio call signs, procedures for an orderly evacuation. Also not to forget that we are to be Ambassadors for Motorcycling, as many eyes will be upon us, so watch the behaviour. Also on no account let 'Blobby' anywhere near a Radio!

The 5,000 Programmes arrive and a good 'team spirit' soon builds up in the Control Room as we all set to and form an assembly line to finish off the Programmes. Sorting, folding, stapling, franking them with their own lucky number and stacking them back in their boxes. I was on stapling and had to keep on Changing hands every 20 minutes....it's a long time since I had to do that. Trigger was nominated for the short-sighted 'What Truck' Biker award (Sponsored by Circle 'K') for having the following Radio conversation;

TRIGGER: O.V.1 to O.V.2 is 'Blobby' in your vicinity.....over.

BINZY: (slightly bemused) O.V.2 to O.V.1.....eh, no...over.

They were in the same room, about 8ft apart at the time, but to be fair it was very noisy and extremely busy at the time!

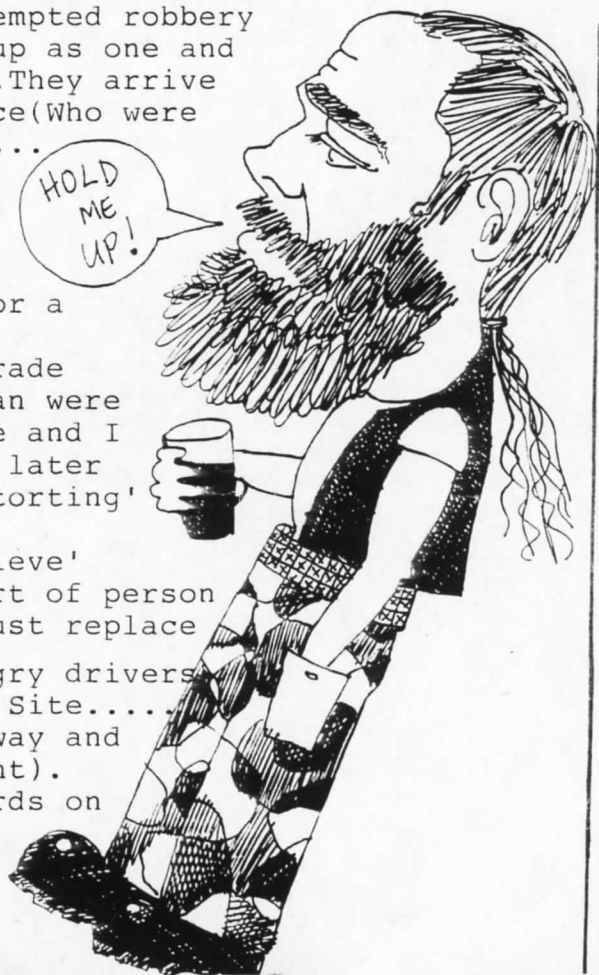
Just then we receive the call sign for an attempted robbery that is taking place. The 'Road Warriors' get up as one and rush down to the Car Park to give 'assistance'. They arrive just as the thief is being caught by the Police (who were down there all the time) I set off on my stick... and arrive just as the Judge is sentencing him to 3mths Community Service.....

I decided to call it a day at around 1.30am, shift work beckons, & I have to be up at 5am. so I put on my 'back protector' Shell, and go for a Pizza....I don't know why.

Back again at 11.30 Saturday for the Parade through town to publicise the event, as Meridian were there with their Cameras. Blobby led the Parade and I was No.1 Outrider. For those of you who saw it later on the 'Telly' and don't have the new 'non-distorting' screens.....he really is that shape.

Once that was over, I was asked to go and 'relieve' Snotty on Traffic control, but I'm not that sort of person and neither is he. So he was happy for me to just replace him.

The nexy 4hrs. had their moments, as angry drivers enquired why I was stopping them entering the Site..... (This is with a large white Ambulance 100ft. away and coming toward them, complete with flashing light). I had to keep reminding myself of Triggers words on being an Ambassador.....I'm sorry Sir.... but I think an Ambulance is a little more important than you are!!!





SOUTHAMPTON BIKE SHOW.(Continued).....

Once that panic was over we were 'deluged' with Vehicles non-stop for the next couple of hours. How do you explain quickly to a couple from Stoke on Trent where Ower is? Jumping in and out of the traffic to answer drivers questions was interesting, as I'm not exactly Mathew Le Tissier when it comes to agility... I had my feet run over three times, still at least I won't fall over in a high wind now!

Next up were the Fashion Shows, minding the Stage perimeter while our enthusiastic models went through their paces.

There is a saying in Showbusiness about never working with children or animals, the same must go for Fashion Shows. Trigger and Pete's faces were a picture as they watched Trigs boys strutting their stuff on Stage, and then Thomas doing an impromptu performance with the Girls later on. Little Jae - Jae also stole one of the Shows as he 'jigged' his bum up and down to the music, then we all clapped, he clapped himself as well. Sights to soften even the hardest of Hearts.

The 'Animals' well that's Paddy and Binzy, as usual hamming it up more often than our Pork Butcher..... but still great with it. The later shows were just slightly more 'adult'. Dangerous Dave had pointed out that my eyes were nearly closing at the earlier shows, but they certainly didn't need Matchsticks for these ones! I'll never be able to see someone lick a Lolly again without thinking about them. But it's just not possible for any 'red blooded Male' to keep watching the audience, when there's a 'One-eyed Beaver' winking at you just over your Shoulder.

The Rock Doctors were up next, and were everything we've come to expect from them, if only they could have played a while longer! The late night Cabaret was provided (as usual) by our very own 'flexible friend' Binzy 'Hold me up' Reynolds. But thankfully he didn't do any encores.

Sunday came around, and it was just as busy, Mary (Ocean Villages Rep.) estimated around 28,000 over both days, and not nearly enough Marshalls to cope with it all (Which is strange, as I send out around 200 of these every month, we must have a terrible Postal Service!)

By 3.30 I'm still selling Programmes for the 4 o'clock draw, but, to be honest my Hearts not really in it by now, and I couldn't sell a 'Band Aid' in a Leper colony. I tried telling people the ones with the 'upside down' Maps were the lucky ones, but it didn't work.

After the draw it's all hands on Deck over at the Secure Parking as it seems like everyone wants to leave at once. Only a few people lost their Tickets, but they didn't seem to mind the delay as we checked them out, they appreciated that it may be their Bike we're checking on one day.

The Show itself? I'm afraid I can't really tell you a great deal about that. I've promised myself I'm going to have a proper look around next Year. Yes they are tiring and beset with all sorts of problems from making sure the Traffic runs smooth, to re-uniting crying children with their Mums at the Hospital Radio Van. But I'm sure we'd do it all again next year.

JUST YOU TRY AND STOP US !!!

Cheers.

Keith.



THE FASHION SHOW.

by 'NESS'REYNOLDS.

You know what they say about the Duck, effortlessly gliding across the Pond, his little webbed feet are going like the Clappers underneath the Water.....well, thats what its like organising the Fashion Shows at the Southampton Bike Show.

Making something born out of chaos and confusion, look as easy as falling of a stage..Log!! Thanks to the Models and my small team of trusty, lusty helpers, I think we succeeded.

I had a lot more notice this Year, than last Years 4 weeks for the October Show, so most of the groundwork had already been done from then i.e. The Catwalk, Carpet, Changing Room set up etc. The Traders from last year, who included clothes, were happy to include more this year. I already had a list of ready, willing and extremely able Models! D.J. Steve Brown was available again, in fact he jumped at the chance to help out. He did a very good job and was very patient with us all! (We'll get those Trousers off you next Year Steve!)

The extra notice we had, meant that the Diets went into overdrive and we all switched to Kelloggs Bran flakes for a few days. But, the weight I lost, I put on again the week before the Show through worry, and then lost it again over the weekend. Nobody had time to eat,only drink (Hic!). The Marshalls did an excellent job at keeping back our hordes of admirers, Even if Beej and John Pretty did nearly come to a 'sticky end' by getting too close to two of the shy & retiring Girls!! Who needs Ear Muffs??

Rob made a valiant attempt at filming the Girls changing, for a College Documentary of course.....he was told to retract his Zoom Lense? Nice try Rob. Julies Hairpiece did the rounds, one minute it was on her Head, the next it was Binzys Beard extension (as if he didn't have enough!) and was doing a mean impression of ZZ Top. All of the Models were fantastic, so many people thought we were professionals (That's what they meant by Pro's wasn't it) Many thanks to Sue and Angie, Malu, Julie, Jo, Jenny, Romi, Emma, Devinia, Natalie, Fiona and Clare. Also thanks to Bryn, Paddy, Binz, Tim and Mark, and late entry appearances by Pete & Mark, with the Stars of the Show of course, Thomas, Jae-Jae, Wayne, Sean and Joanne. And who could forget the very reluctant Scooterboys, who were brilliant, Moonstomping to 'One step beyond'. Who could forget the Knobbly Knees contestant Steve!!

Thanks also to the background Stars, Ingrid and Jeannie, who worked their nuts off (see....no nuts!) Thanks to Clive for supplying the Stage and to Angies Dad for delivering it. And to Road Warriors MC for getting it up, (oooh er)! We had such a 'laff' doing the Shows, it was good for the Clothes Traders, good for Schooners Bar. Was it good for you ?

I reckon so!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

22nd.MAY.BMF.Rally.East of England Showground,Peterborough.
28/29th.May.The Welsh Motorcycle EXTRAVAGANZA,Builth Wells,Powys.Wales.
3/4/5th.June.THE HOT OTTERS'CHOPPER & CLASSIC.BIKE SHOW.at the Pallet
Cafe,Micheldever.All the usual Biker attractions.£5 on the gate.
29/30th.July.Rock & Blues Custom Show.Featuring Bike custom show plus;
Big Country,Ain't Lizzy and The Stranglers £12 up to the 16th JULY.
8/9/10th.July.KENT CUSTOM BIKE SHOW.Romney Marsh,Kent.All the usual.
£17 up to the 27th.June.
16th.July.The 10th.Anniversary MAG.Demo.from PORTSMOUTH TO SOUTHAMPTON.
19/20th.August.MAG's 21st.Birthday Party(See Newsletter No.4 for details)
4th.September.The Southern Region MAG.AGM.The Railway Inn,Winchester.

THIS WEDNESDAY AND EVERY WEDNESDAY.The Cricketers,Chestnut Avenue,E/leigh.
8.30pm.Start.YOUR LOCAL MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUPS MEETING.....

LOCAL GIG GUIDE.

21st.MAY.RECLUSE at the STATION.Southampton.Or THE PRODUCERS at The
RAILWAY,Winchester.22nd.MAY.Sarah Harrison Band,Contented Pig,Portsmouth.
or Terminal Blues Band,Air Balloon,Ports.or COUNTY LINE at The STATION.
23rd.MAY.MAFIA.The Contented Pig.Ports. 26th.MAY.EUPHORIA.The Roebuck.
26th.MAY.AVERAGE BLUES BAND.The Vintage Inn,Shedfield.
27th.MAY.BONE IDLE.The Station,Soton.and on the 28th.'MAFIA.
28th.MAY. 'ROCK DOCTORS'The Vintage Inn,Shedfield.
28th MAY.'RECLUSE' The Anchor & Hope.Soton.
29th.MAY.'PERFECT ALIBI'at The Cricketers.Eastleigh.
5th,JUNE.JOE TURNER & his Band,plus The Producers.Wedgewood Rooms,Ports.

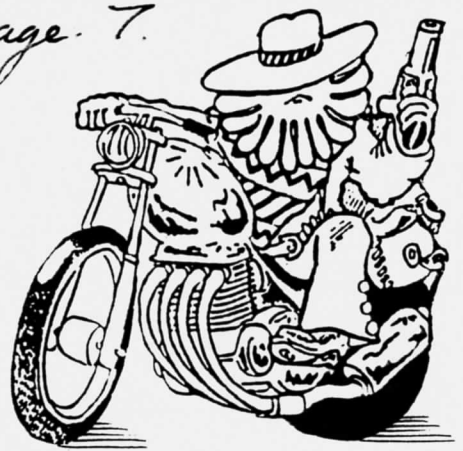
This may well be the last Newsletter in its present form(from me at any
rate)I hope you have found some of them informative,or at least enjoyed
some of my accounts of the various events.

RIDE FREE (But still keep coming to the meetings)

Cheers. Keith.



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DAISY CHAIN RUN III.

Someone up there must like us, the weather on the day was all we could have hoped for, and it certainly brought the Bikes out. There were around 200 in all. With some of the Riders entering into the 'Fistfull of Daisies' spirit of the day. Complete with Horses Heads, Foam Stetsons, Fake Arrows & Water Pistols. (God, those Policemen looked daft!). Even Binzy had a chap on each leg, and not for the first time, I hear. He used to dress up as Roadside Repairman as well, so I'm told.

The Procession moved off on time, making sure we kept to a sedate pace by putting all the 'Fashion Show' Girls at the back of the Pack. Generally the Car drivers were well behaved, quite content to sit and watch the Pageant of 200 Bikes go by. The Maternity Wards of Southampton must have been busy though with about a Dozen Drivers driving like there was a woman about to give birth on their back seat. Saab Drivers should certainly be up there with the Volvo Owners I think!

Entering the Forest was particularly enjoyable for me, because in going over the Cattle Grids several times, my Virago not only looked like a Harley, but felt like one as well. Journeys end was the 'Crown & Stirrup' Pub out in Brokenhurst, where Paddy had laid on a fine afternoons entertainment. What more could you want? Lazing about on a sunny Day, in good company, with a Beer in your Hand, listening to some of your favourite sounds from the band, 'Liquor & Poker'.

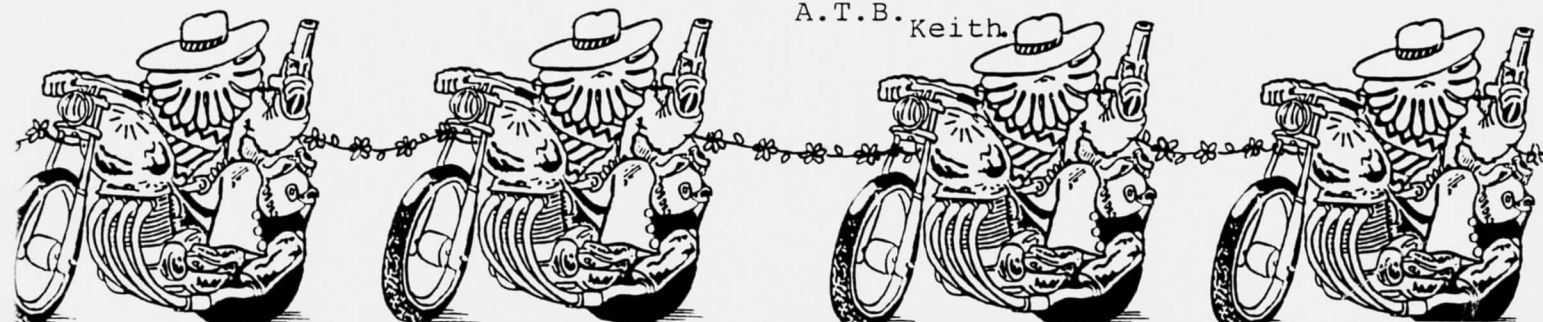
The ceasefire was broken by 'Snotty' who decided to give his Water Pistol a good workout on 'Ness', who tried to return the fire with a Ketchup bottle, but she was a bit too slow out of the Holster.

This brought back all our families 'fighting spirit'. My great, great, great Grandfather was killed at the battle of 'The Little Big Horn', he wasn't fighting with the Army though, he was camping in the field next door and went over to complain about the noise. Which happened again today as it happens, & the Band had to cut short their second set, but, nobody really minded that much it was that sort of aday. We'd had the Raffle and the Prize giving Ceremony. The guy with the Horses Head on his Bike got the 'Best Bike' Trophy, it was a strange feeling wathing a Trophy that, over the weeks of making and polishing it, I'd got to know every 'nook & cranny' watching it being given away, I hope he looks after it!

The rest of the Prizes varied from T-Shirts to a three day return trip to France.....so the lucky ones got a T-Shirt!! Everyone had a good time, and hopefully a fair amount of money will be raised for the well deserving cause, The Wessex Cancer Trust. My thanks to Paddy for organising a great afternoon,

Here's to DAISY CHAIN IV.

A.T.B. Keith.





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21.00 Fri 10 d - Time
at Cries for
Pre Euro Meet



Binzy and Vanessa Reynolds of the Motorcycle Action Group try out the new stands which have been installed by the City Council in the Arundel Towers and Albion Place car parks. The stands have been introduced as part of a pilot scheme to introduce more secure parking facilities for motor bikes.

THEIR THERE NOW.SO MAKE SURE YOU USE THEM AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE WHEN IN TOWN.

ACTUALLY THE PICTURE TELLS LIES.ITS REALLY A RIGHT PAIR OF ROGUES IF EVER I SAW THEM,TRYING TO STEAL MY VIRAGO.BINZY HAS OBVIOUSLY COME TO HIS SENSES AT LAST.