

THE CLUB

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A club formed to stimulate discussion and a closer understanding between manufacturers and importers of motor cycles, scooters, mopeds, side cars and three-wheelers by meeting and riding together socially. Membership is restricted to Senior Executives of manufacturing and importing firms in the industry including both the Manufacturers and Importers of complete machines together with components, accessories etc.

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AUTUMN RUN ON 5th, 6th & 7th OCTOBER, 1979

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed a list of the Club "bits and pieces" now available to full members. The purchase of any of the items listed means an improvement in Club funds so I hope that all of you will take full advantage of this availability.

With regard to the Club Christmas cards, now is the time for you to place your orders with Ivor Davies so that we may get supplies to you in good time for Christmas. I am sure that all your trade and industry friends would be intrigued to receive a Club Christmas card and this again can only help to further the prestige of our rather exclusive club. At 10p each including envelopes, they are an extremely good buy. Please get your order to Ivor as soon as possible.

The Autumn Club Run was held on the 5th, 6th and 7th October and turned out to be one of the largest gatherings so far. Some 30 members and guests arrived at the Bell House Hotel at Beaconsfield over the weekend and by dint of some lengthy negotiations with the management, each member enjoyed single room availability. (I believe this is the first time that Norman Aubury and Bert Perigo have been parted on a Club run!)

The Hotel Manager, Mr. Herbi Wasser, struck a first too. He came with us on the run in a sidecar piloted by guest Peter Rivers-Fletcher and thoroughly enjoyed both the motor cycling and the afternoon sport.

As usual we all foregathered on the Friday evening and made our way to our own bar in the banqueting suite of the hotel, where an evening meal was enjoyed in our private dining room. On the Saturday at 9.30 a.m. some 24 machines plus one sidecar outfit and two cars departed for a run through the lanes of Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire. The coffee halt was held at the old village of Aldbury, followed by a fast run over the Dunstable Downs to the Gliding Club near Dunstable itself. The party arrived near on time at 11.30 a.m. and was greeted by the Chief Flying Instructor, Mr. M. Jeffries, who made the introductions, and gave us a short resume on both the history of gliding and the club itself. We did not know until much later that Mr. Jeffries held nearly every British gliding record, both for height and distance - a very modest man and obviously an excellent pilot.

From midday to approximately 3.30 p.m., members indulged either in eating in the Club's restaurant, drinking in the Club's bar or, would you believe it, gliding in the Club's gliders! A sweepstake was held on who would stay up the longest. Alas this fell by the wayside in view of the fact that some members opted to take a tow up to 1000 feet and others went on up to 2000 feet. It was indeed a glorious day with good visibility and whilst the wind, so we were told, was in the wrong direction, we still had flights of up to three-quarters of an hour.

The late departure meant that the afternoon section of the Club's run had to be curtailed and we made our way by the fastest "reserve" route back to the hotel for the usual pre-dinner rest before cocktails and the evening's programme. Upon arrival, we were all given a drink "on the hotel" by Herbi as a small gesture of his enjoyment of the afternoon's programme. Again, we had our own bar and the meal was once more served in our own private dining room. The range of raffle gifts was quite splendid and once more everyone in the room won a prize well worth the pound donated. The range of items on display was such that members response can only be described as terrific and I am most grateful to all who brought along or sent a prize in their absence. After dinner, three films were shown from the archives of the Shell Film Library. One was a 20 minute screening of the car racing scene in Britain just after the war and the other two films covered the Golden Jubilee of the TT in 1967 and the 1969 ISDT which was held in the Isle of Man that year.

The Sunday morning meeting saw members throwing in ideas for the Spring Run including a visit to Harry Wheatcroft's Donnington Circuit and a run the Derbyshire Dales. Other ideas were put forward for the Committee to consider and as usual, all will be revealed nearer to the date. At this early stage we cannot give you a firm date but the weekend will start on one of the following - April 11th, 18th or 25th.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all of you on behalf of your Committee a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 1980. Please do not forget the Club Christmas cards and I would urge you to write as soon as possible to Ivor with your requirements - his address is: 9, Thornby Avenue, Kenilworth, Warwicks. (phone 0926-53605).

Yours sincerely,

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