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Northern AGM. This has got to be the largest regional AGM in the UK. Unfortunately although we did not get an accurate head count there were over 50 northern members in attendance. I have included the minutes of this meeting as part of his newsletter and so will not cover it here. Just a word of thanks to everyone who turned up. There were a number of items arising from this meeting that needed further deliberation.

- TC's proposal that the region be subdivided into 3 separate areas, without dissolution of the Northern region. A formal split into three areas is not practical, if we were to draw lines then this split would have to be treated as 3 completely unrelated regions. Instead of this we have asked the exec to recognize the size of the area by giving us a larger voice. To this end the two area secs now be asked to attend national meetings.
- Billy Whizz's Honorary Members. This item was discussed at the national AGM. In order to allow honorary members there would be a requirement to change Rule 1 of the Charter. This is the rule that states that ownership of a Vulcan is a requisite to joining the club. If this rule is changed then the whole foundation of the club changes, we would no longer be an owners club but would become an MCC with all the baggage entailed. However Mork, from SEVRA, proposed a "get around". If the events outlined in Bills proposal were to arise then the club would allow the "adoption" of the affected person by another member of the club. This would then allow the affected person to remain a full member of the club under the family membership rules. Buffalo Bill then asked that this should also be considered in the case of any bereavement within the club. This work around did not require any rule change and was accepted by the club.
- Buffalo Bill brought up the issue of riders without the necessary licenses or insurance. This was discussed at the AGM. It was decided that there was very little the club could do about this, it is impractical to check documents every ride-out, and such checking could encumber the club with a mess of legal responsibilities. It was decided that as a club we would have to trust the other members to be responsible. However the view was expressed that should a member be found to be illegal they would be asked to leave the club.
- Tracy Gray has already started development of the new website. This is currently undergoing testing, there is a link to it on the members forum. If anyone has any issues with the site please contact Tracy or myself. We are trying to acquire a domain name for the region and some web hosting so that we can get rid of pop-ups etc. Hopefully this will be funded from any surplus from the AGM.

VRA (UK) AGM. This was held last week at the Dalesbridge Center nr Settle. Although the weather threatened to be diabolical it turned out nice again. Only a little rain on Friday and a quick shower on Saturday morning. A quiet night on Friday to let people catch up on all the winters news, with silly games to try and keep people amused. The meeting itself went well on Saturday morning with Chief elected as the new club President and PTR as his VP. Saturday night was incredible, Mad Dave from

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the Brickies Bike Club was DJ for the night and was superb. Not only did he entertain us all night but he donated his fee for the night to Jen Doughty and Mandy Talbots charity collection. The appreciation was not all one way though, Dave really enjoyed partying with us and is debating buying a Vulcan. I will publish the AGM minutes and the accounts for the AGM as they become available.

On the 8th September 2007 Rob Hindle (Bald Eagle) is marrying his fiancée Amanda Watson. In order to celebrate their wedding Rob and Amanda are making a weekend of it and have invited the VRA. The details are as follows:

- Arrive Friday nice cup of tea/coffee or beer awaiting your arrival, parking for bikes is on the hard standing outside The Bothy the gates are lockable and the bikes will be secured here. Set your tent up and get settled in, you can put your tent where you want in this field. The Bothy has a toilet and hot and cold water for washing, kettle, microwave and toaster for any needs you have. At this time we are trying to hire a toilet block and shower block as well (any contacts greatly appreciated)
- Friday evening over the pub for drinks, jokes, war stories and of course some food, anybody who is a veggie or requires different than the normal then please let us know.
- Sat morning the big day, over the pub for breakfast and some bowls of coffee, ride out at 1100hrs (approx 2hrs) into the moors with stops on the way. The wedding will take place at 1500hrs in one of the garden areas, bring your singing voice stand or sit for the Blessings. There will be a wet weather alternative if the weather is not doing its best. After the event there will be transport to take everyone in a couple of runs to the reception venue, where there will be food and a bar. Also we have a Ceili Band booked so bring your dancing shoes as everyone has to get up for this one. Disco into the evening then return transport back to the camp site. There will be a fire on the camp site away from the tents and you are welcome to gather round the fire until the early hours.
- Sunday will be the main pack up and over the pub for some brekkie and coffee before your trip home.

If you require any special arrangements please let us know. For those who do not want to camp, there are B&B's in Richmond which we can provide details to you if you want or hotel info. We will cater and help anyone who needs anything for this weekend to make it a success. So please come and enjoy a weekend together with friends and family, brothers and sisters and celebrate our Wedding Blessing.

Now it's your turn, we need to know numbers. Let us know when you will be arriving, if you, your partner or family (don't forget kids are welcome) are coming, how many bikes you will have and any specials you need. You can do this in one of the following ways:

e-mail: Robert.hindle@ch2m.com or Amanda.watson@ch2m.com (all lower case) Telephone: 01748 836568 / 01325 461861 evening / 07796308482 mobile

The address: The Bothy, Colburn Hall, Catterick Garrison, N.Yorks, DL9 4PE

Lets try and give Rob and Amanda a big VRA wedding that they will never forget.

Don't forget the one-nighter at Squires. This is our first attempt at one of these, so let's try and make it a success. Please let Gaz know if you are planning on going.

The 3rd VRA National Rally is planned for the 21st September 2007. Back at Newark again, but bigger and better. Apparently there may even be a bike show. I know that there were issues with the rally held there last year, but this year there are more people than ever working on your behalf to make this a success. In this region alone we have Andy Pearson arranging the ride-out, FlipFlop is working with Big Al to provide catering for the ride-out and yours truly is arranging the security. All that is needed now is your support. Tickets are now available from Bloggs or online via paypal.

If there are any clubs that you feel should be invited please let me know together with your reasons and a contact name and address. The northern region has currently asked for the Otley Tootlers, Southport Cruisers and Brickies Bike Club to be invited.

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Ride-outs

Wirral Egg Run, Stubbo claims that his computer has died and lost his write up. I'll believe him and cos I enjoyed the day so much I'll even mention it here. It was a great day out. We met up with Elvis Stubbins and his Bunny outside B&Q. Swalla again took a detour and arrived 10 minutes after everyone else. The ride itself was great, with an estimated 5000 bikes taking part. All I know is that we stopped for a pint for an hour and watched the bikes go past and past and past and past. Then rejoined to finish the ride and watched more and more bikes turn up. After the hospital we went for a bite to eat at the Basset Hound. The alarm on Klingons bike malfunctioned and had to be overridden, that meant he had to get home without turning the bike off, including a fuel stop! We should do this again next year not the alarm, but the Egg Run!

We went to Ireland again this year. The excuse being that we had to support Swalla in his attempt to retain the World Stone Throwing title. We met up at Chester services on the Saturday morning before heading off to Holyhead. Panther & Sue, Billy Whizz, Dave & Theresa, Dave & Jen, TC, Swalla and me-self. The weather was usual Irish, wet (but not as wet as 2006). Even though we got 7 VRA members through the first round of the stone throwing we got nowhere in the final. The rest of the week we spent viewing some of the 40,000 Neolithic finds on the Burren, traipsing round castles and stone-age forts and drinking. Next years trip is already in the planning stage!

What's On?

5/May/07 For 4 days <u>The Welsh National Bike Show</u> - Builth Wells Contact Tony (Big Buff)	25/May/07 For 1 days <u>Boars MCC Bridgewater</u> Contact Chief
27/May/07 For 1 days <u>Anglia Run to Framlingham Castle</u> Contact The General	30/May/07 For 1 days <u>North Western Monthly meet - Blackburn</u> Contact Nuke
3/Jun/07 For 1 days <u>SWVRA- Mega Ride Plymouth</u> Contact Shaft	8/Jun/07 For 3 days <u>Lost Knights MCC - Norfolk</u> Contact The General
8/Jun/07 For 3 days <u>BLACK HAWKS MCC - Bristol</u> Contact PTR	9/Jun/07 For 1 days <u>Basingstoke Charity Gig</u> Contact Chief
10/Jun/07 For 1 days <u>Eastbourne Lions Motorcycle Rally</u> Contact The Scribe	15/Jun/07 For 2 days <u>Double money Rally - Tywyn, Wales</u> Contact Cash
17/Jun/07 For 1 days <u>Anglia Colchester Zoo trip</u> Contact The General	22/Jun/07 For 3 days <u>PARTY ON THE MARSHES</u> Contact Mork
22/Jun/07 For 3 days <u>THE REAL CHESHIRE SHOW – Antrobus</u> Contact Mr Mess	28/Jun/07 For 4 days <u>VRA Sweden Rally</u> Contact Badges

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29/Jun/07 For 3 days <u>Anglia Party in the Sticks Summer Rally</u> Contact The General	7/Jul/07 For 1 days <u>SQUIRES 'ONE NIGHTER'</u> Contact GAZ
13/Jul/07 For 3 days <u>Return to Fearby, Not the Northern Rally 3</u> Contact Nuke	13/Jul/07 For 3 days <u>VRA Germany Rally</u> Contact Badges
14/Jul/07 For 2 days <u>R.Cs One Night Stand - Sidmouth</u> Contact Mack	14/Jul/07 For 1 days <u>Dragon Ladys Summer Bar Bee & Party</u> Contact SQUEEK
15/Jul/07 For 1 days <u>Anglia go mad at Bressingham</u> Contact The General	20/Jul/07 For 3 days <u>VRA Weekend - Watchfield Inn, Burnham-on-Sea</u> Contact Garf
27/Jul/07 For 4 days <u>'Smile on the Isle' Holiday</u> Contact Rae	3/Aug/07 For 2 days <u>Black Shuck MCC – Crowfield, Nr Ipswich</u> Contact The General
16/Aug/07 For 4 days <u>International Rally 2007 - Belgium</u> Contact Badges	19/Aug/07 For 1 days <u>Copdock bike run,pt,2</u> Contact Curly
24/Aug/07 For 3 days <u>OGRI MCC RALLY 2007</u> Contact Sid	25/Aug/07 For 1 days <u>IT'S BEEN A YEAR BBQ</u> Contact Hawk
26/Aug/07 For 1 days <u>Anglia Get the BIG Guns</u> Contact The General	3/Sep/07 For 12 days <u>Austrian Bike week</u> Contact Mack
7/Sep/07 For 2 days <u>Bald Eagle & Amanda's Wedding W/end, Catterick</u> Contact Bald Eagle	21/Sep/07 For 3 days <u>VRA UK 3rd National Rally and Show, Newark</u> Contact Big Al
7/Oct/07 For 1 days <u>Copdock Bike Show</u> Contact The General	26/Oct/07 For 3 days <u>SEVRA EURO ROADSHOW Pt 3</u> Contact The Biker

Finally

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As most of you will know Andy Pearson stood down this year from his position as regional sec. Andy has worked extremely hard over the last few years to build this region into what it is today. Personally I would like to thank Andy for all his hard work and I will try and continue the trend into the future.

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Any other contributions for this bulletin would be greatly appreciated, so if you have anything you want to let everyone know, anything I have missed or even anything to sell then please let me know.

Ride Carefully.
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Northern Region Sec