



**Southern Sporting
Motor Cycle Club**

CONTACT

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Dates for your diary

- Sunday 1st October Pioneer Run for Vintage Motorcycles 11am meet Box Hill
- SSMCC Committee Meeting Wed 4th October, The Adelaide Pub Teddington
- NEC Motorbike Show Friday 24th November
- TBC Saturday 16 December – Xmas Dinner

Editor's Comments

Another hectic month at work this month and a couple of last minute diary challenges finds me starting to write contact on the 28th Sept. Whoever came up with the idea of going back to school to do an apprenticeship post 50 must need their head read.....oh yeah that was me.....but it's done now, i'm officially a part time student again!



Talking about going back to my youth, my newest bike addition, a burgundy CB750 F2N, continues to frustrate. I owned the same bike back in 1995 and whilst not the most exciting bike in the world I really enjoyed its relaxed easy going retro nature.

So I picked it up a few months back now and it starts off running fine and you set off with a big smile on your face only to find within a few miles it turns into a bag of spanners. No power misfiring and cutting out only firing on two and petrol everywhere.

So after getting the carbs cleaned balanced and fettled and a general overhaul all seemed well it started off running fine and you set off with a big smile on your face only to find within a few miles it turns into a bag of spanners, no power misfiring and cutting out..... hold on i've got de ja vu!

Round two and the petrol tap inner workings have now been changed which i'm told should do the job. Shame we couldn't get the refurb kit tracked down when the main work was done. So the tank will go back on this week and hopefully with

a fair wind and crossed fingers it will start off running fine with a big smile on my face and stay that way 🙌

Editor
Chris

Other Stuff

So this made me smile reading this story..... never too late, courtesy of MCN

Classic racer: 97-year-old grandfather sets new record as oldest competitive motorcycle rider

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A motorcycle riding grandad from New Zealand is proving that age is just a number by setting a new world record for the oldest competitive motorcycle racer.

Leslie Harris took part in the 43rd Classic Motorcycle Festival at Pukekohe Park circuit just three weeks before his 98th birthday aboard his 175cc BSA Bantam racer, competing alongside his eldest son Rod, 64, and granddaughter Olivia, aged 21 years.

“His passion is racing his BSA Bantam classic motorbikes at whatever racing event he can enter,” Leslie’s son, Tim, said. “He is busy modifying his bike in preparation for the next event and to suit his aging and shrinking frame.”



Harris first took part in a motorcycle race back in 1953 and plans to enter the 44th Classic Festival, due to take place in February 2024 at Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon, in Feilding, NZ.

Back to the record, the family trio all took part in the Regularity race, with the aim of achieving the most consistent lap times around the track. It’s an event that Les won back in 2019 aged 93.

Having undergone a hip replacement shortly after, Leslie returned for the 2020 event, but was injured in a starter roller incident before the race – resulting in him breaking six ribs.



Following two years of Covid restrictions, 2023 was his first chance to return – racing alongside his family for the first time and bagging a fourth place finish.

“It was very important to Les to be able to ride the track and compete for a trophy he had won at a previous event,” Tim added.

Other Stuff....

Just a reminder

Friday 24th November NEC bike show.

Adult tickets are £23 & parking £10.95 in advance.

No mention of group discounts on website, but I have a contact number & will investigate further. I am happy to organise a group booking of 10+, so, should you be interested, please let me know.

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Other Stuff....

Not quite a star in a reasonably priced car.....

Send me your history if you have a moment editor@ssmcc.co.uk

No takers this month so courtesy of We Buy Any Bike.com Jan 2022, have a read of some celebs who enjoy two wheels from time to time.

1. Tom Cruise

Tom rides motorbikes in many of his action films, but he loves them in real life too. The films include Mission Impossible II on a Speed Triple and T595 Daytona. More recently he was the talk of the town after doing some great riding in Edge of Tomorrow. Tom does his own riding, no stuntman required here!

Tom is probably one of the most famous Celebrity Bikers on this list. He's been said to have a pretty decent collection of vintage motorcycles in his garage, and can often be seen cruising on his Vyrus.

2. Bear Grylls

Bear Grylls is a hardcore survivalist and adventurer, not so much known for being a motorcyclist but is one. He's owned a load of 125s, 1000s and most recently a Triumph Tiger. He's been quoted saying "I started riding when I was 16 and I was immediately hooked".

3. Pink

The American pop rock singer Pink is a big fan of riding, both on and off screen. Married to the former motocrosser Carey Hart, wheels were never too far out of reach. She often attended his races and even proposed to him on a pitboard during a race! She has been seen on a few bikes but most commonly her Hinckley Triumph T100 Bonneville.

4. Ewan McGregor

Ewan is a massive name in the biking community. Especially adventure riding after his famous travel TV series called Long Way Round and Long Way Down with his good friend Charley Boorman. Although Ewan loves adventure riding. He also has a place in his heart for classic bikes and is brand ambassador for Moto Guzzi.

5. Richard Hammond

One of the three ex Top Gear – now Grand Tour presenters, Richard Hammond clearly has a love of engines! He has been a lifelong bike fan, starting on a MTX50 at just 16 years old and moving up through the ranks. His list of bikes include an XL100, CBX750F, ZZ-R600 and CBR1000F. Hammonds personal collection of bikes is huge, collecting everything from a 1927 Sunbeam to Ducati 916.

6. Brad Pitt

Brad Pitt has been a long time rider, the Fight Club actor owns a load of bikes including an Ecosse Titanium and an addition of a World War II Nazi model, worth around \$400k.. Brad has owned and ridden too many bikes to mention but was seen riding a big BMW 1200GS in April 2017.

7. Angelina Jolie

Angelina is less known as a rider, but is indeed a biker in her personal time. She can be seen in films riding, such as Salt when she was on a beautiful Triumph Street Triple R and ripping it up in her Lara Croft days as well. She's had a few bikes such as a BMW F650GS and an MV Agusta.

8. Ryan Gosling

Ryan often rides in Los Angeles on his awesome custom dirt bike, he shows off his skills on two wheels in quite a few films. Most recently Ryan acted in The Place Beyond the Pines, in which he rode his bike everywhere and even in a robbery getaway – sources say there was a stunt rider involved but Ryan did the bulk of the riding himself.

9. David Beckham

Ex England football captain has made quite a name for himself in the biking world. He's often seen on a variety of cruisers including chopped Harleys and a range of Triumphs. Becks has always been a household name but really paved the way in the biking community after his 2014 BBC documentary 'Into the Unknown' using specifically modified T100 Bonneville to adventure around Brazil!

10. Bradley Cooper

Once the 'World Sexist Man' (according to a poll conducted by America's People magazine back in 2011) is a big rider. He's been seen in LA riding a load of different bikes, most recently is red Thruxton. It's said he loves this bike so much he actually hires one out when shooting in different locations around the world.

11. Alanis Morissette

Alanis is indeed a biker! She has been seen on a couple of bikes but in the last few months was seen on a stunning Ducati Monster in Los Angeles.

12. Hugh Laurie

Hugh is most famous for his brilliant performances in Blackadder and Fry and Laurie. Out of all the Celebrity Bikers he's a long time rider. Seen on a load of bikes, such as Yamaha XJR1300s, Honda CBR600RRs but has been said to have a big love for the Hinckley Bonneville.

13. Cher

If you didn't already know, Cher is a big fan of leather and zippers when performing..! But not only stage, it seems only natural that she would ride a black *Harley-Davidson* full of silver studs and leather. She was last seen riding in the Happy Harley Days/Rejoice on Rodeo parade in Los Angeles.

14. George Clooney

Yes, Hollywood heartthrob Clooney is a biker. Clooney rides a range of different Harley's. Probably the most talked about is his customised Bonneville. This bike has yellow cam covers, leather studded panniers and a racing seat hump. Like it or not, the man has his own style!

15. John Travolta

Travolta owns a lot of bikes. He's been riding since a young age and has always swayed towards cruisers. In an interview with Collider he said "I've ridden a bike since I was 18.

It was the first transportation when I came to Hollywood because it was inexpensive and easy for me.” Travolta owns a Harley, which was said to spur on his film Wild Hogs.

TT or CBT

🍵 or ☕

It all sounds very motorcycle orientated but the Teatime Teaser (TT) or Coffee Break Teaser (CBT), dependent on your preference, is nothing more than some mild amusement while you sip on you chosen brew, and maybe enjoy a slice of 🍰.

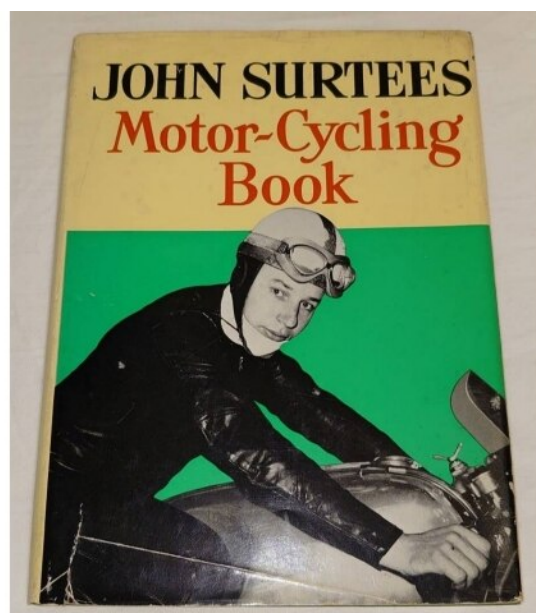
Nothing to tax you this month, just sit back, have a sip on your preferred beverage and enjoy some truly awful jokes.

- Adam's girlfriend, Ruth, fell off the back of his motorcycle. He just rode on. Ruthless!
- What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahaha
- What's the most musical part of a bike? The Drum brake
- Why was the tomato rushing to buy himself a motorcycle? Because he wanted to ketchup with his friends.
- Why did the motorcycle stay at home? It was two-tired.
- I got a new motorcycle for my wife. It was a great trade.
- I used to be a motorcycle courier. Man those things are heavy



The John Surtees Motorcycling Book - Quote of the month

So whilst clearing out my late Dads flat I came across The John Surtees' Motor-Cycling Book, awarded to him as a Merit Prize from The Abbotsford County Secondary School For Boys. He was never a biker but clearly I was interested to have a read. 15 shillings its says, whatever that is!



Some road

month

safety advice this

“Where should your main area of concentration be when riding? On the road ahead is the correct answer..... I would add here ‘outside farm gateways’ I once gave a large pig the fright of its life as it was coming out into a country lane - How that porker missed being bacon I shall never know.”

I always thought it was sheep that generally got collected by motorbike riders.....

Wednesday evenings from 8pm in the Adelaide Public House, Teddington.

Saturday mornings Sam's café, Nelson Road in Whitton. If there's a big rugby match on at Twickenham Stadium when we usually reconvene at Power Mill Lane café so it's worth getting hold of one of the team to get confirmation.

24/7 We have a Club page so please "follow" both and make sure your views are heard.



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BMF (British Motorcycle Federation). The affiliate membership is worth mentioning when you next seek an insurance renewal or similar.

