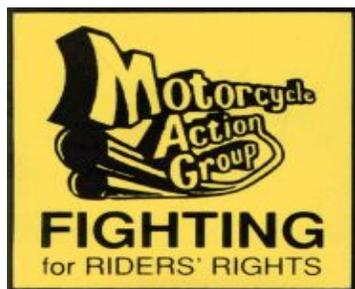


The WRAG March 2012



Western Region MAG

Trollitorial

With good reason we motorcyclists have concerns over the proposed legislations aimed at us by the bureaucratic behemoth that is the EU.

But way back in times gone by were things any different?

At one time it would have been necessary to have a chap walking in front of your vehicle with a red flag.



As for our present day obsession with potholes our precedents would not have had the luxury of tarmac, but had to contend with loose gravel and dirt road surfaces.

As for speed cameras, at least we know where they are, but in great granddads day you'd only know you'd been caught when a copper with a stop watch jumped out of the hedge waving you down.

For the majority of us we've always had to wear a helmet, but there was a time when you could have ridden as fast as you like in a flat hat or no hat at all.

So let us not forget those campaigners who have preceded us.

One campaigner, Fred Hill died in prison because he refused to wear a helmet as dictated by law. The Troll.

Proposed Fred Hill Run

At the February Regional Committee Meeting it was decided to look into the viability of putting on a Fred Hill Run within Western Region next February. Anne Gale

Proposed Activists Training

If anyone is interested in giving up a weekend of their time to help organise an Activists Weekend in this Region please email your Rep accordingly'. Suggested time – early November.

Slippit Inn Rally

The Slippit Inn Rally is now only a month away, so make sure you prebook your ticket by going to the Gloucester MAG web site, where you

can find all the details and you can book using Pay Pal.



MAG Chairperson Candidate

Hi I'm Den Powell, for those of you who come to the Slippit Inn Rally I'm the one on control with Troll and welcome's you to our rally.



I have been riding motorbikes for 20 years. Motorbikes are my passion in life. My philosophy with MAG is that it enables me to do what I love, how and when I want to. I currently ride a Honda Fury and a HD Sportster.

For a fair few years now I've been a MAG member, and the local group Rep for Gloucestershire also an active member of the Western Region MAG Committee.

In 2010 I was voted in as a Director for MAG UK. It is my belief that MAG is a grass roots organisation but in order for this to work we need the right representation at NC and Board Level.

So, why do I want to be Chair?

Being a passionate member of MAG, I think our strength as an organisation lies in the members and all the hard work we put in to make people sit up and listen to what we say, but in order for that to happen we need a strong and forthright person to lead discussions and get things done, and I hope that's where I come in. My time as a Director of MAG has taught me a lot about how MAG UK works and I've got some ideas on how to make it better and keep us as a force to be reckoned with.

If elected I feel my main strengths as Chair would be:

- Organised & Approachable
- Open and honest – what you see is what you get & Open to others opinions
- Not afraid of standing up for what I believe is right but being able to admit when I am wrong

- Ability to make tough decisions if and when I have to and to think on my feet

- A good listener and facilitator

Weston Bike Nights

The popular Weston Bike Nights resume on the 3rd May, and will run every Thursday evening through to September 27th.



As usual there will be themed nights as well as stalls.

All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal so please support this event.

Events:

March 17. Bike Awareness Day Reading

MAG: <http://www.readingmag.org.uk>

March 31. Easter Egg Run + Disco West Midlands MAG

March 31. South West Regional Meeting MAG SW Region

April 1. Salisbury MAG Spring Surprise Bike Show Salisbury MAG:

<http://salisbury.mag-uk.org/>

April 6 – 8. The Slippit Inn Rally *Glos MAG*: <http://gloucester.mag-uk.org/rally.htm>

April 6. Berkshire Egg Run Thames Vale Vultures: <http://www.tvvultures.co.uk>

April 7 – 8. Thames Valley Easter Bike Show Reading MAG:

<http://www.readingmag.org.uk>

April 7. RADMAG Annual Easter Egg Run Rushden & District MAG:

<http://rushden.mag-uk.org/view.php?type=event&id=101>

April 8. Moorlanders MCC 2012 Egg Run Moorlanders MCC:

<http://www.moorlandersmcc.co.uk>

April 13 – 15. The Dirty Donkey Wycombe MAG:

<http://www.facebook.com/events/305530972798415/>

April 14. MAG UK Annual General Conference MAG

April 15. Easter - Charity Poker Run Cardiff Mag:

http://www.getingearforcharity.cym.co/?page_id=253.cym.co

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