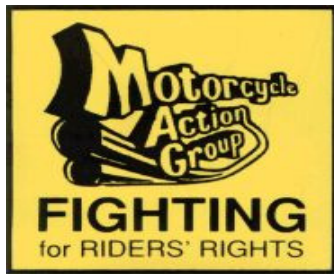


The WRAG MAY 2014



Western Region MAG

MAG AGC 2014

Being on the NC as the regions NC Liaison officer meant I had to attend the AGC in Blackpool, so along with Anne we made the what felt like a very long journey up to Blackpool crawling along the M6 which, must be the world's longest set of road works taking over 6 hours to get there on the Friday!



The AGC itself was held at, of all places, the Ashley Conservative club, where it was great to see several other Western Region members who had either camped overnight or came up on the morning, even if the Bristol MAG Reps Guzzi had electrical problems midway!

The meeting itself was very well attended with members coming from all over the country, to take part in the democratic process. The Board was quizzed over the tribunal and the events leading up to it and most members attending were happy enough with the answers, so MAG goes on.

Leon and Lembit gave a presentation as to their function and the success they have had with meetings involving the DfT, which has put MAG in a strong position to have Riders rights considered in future legislation and road safety developments.

The producer behind the single 'It means so much' by Stranger, 'Guy Stanway' gave a talk on the single and how it would benefit MAG.

Have you ordered your copy yet? Its only 79p from iTunes!



Bristol MAG's Anne Gale was awarded the Chairman's cup, and Weston MAG's Deb Rose was awarded a merit award collected on her behalf by Bill Pugsley.



In the evening those that stayed on went to the party held at Blackpool Rugby Club where Drea Knight and 50 Shades of Rock entertained everyone.

Well done North West MAG

MAG Stand at National Bike Safe 2014

The day started with a meet up in Weston with Bill Harding and Keith Hillier, the weather was dry and a bit sunny so looking to be a good day, as we got nearer to the circuit it seemed to cloud over.



Once there we decided to put up the Gazebo without instruction left from Soggy John or Debs we managed to empty the bags on to the floor, so I & Bill decided to have a fag while Keith pondered our next move. So we assembled it pretty well I thought it went fairly easy and we managed to not fall out over it, the Mag string was used to tie the banners on and it all looked very professional. We only had one concern and that was it was fine in height for Bill and me, but was a little low for Keith as he was having to duck the centre of the Gazebo which would be fine if Mag only wanted to recruit people that are less than about 5'8, so after some more fags and pondering we realised that the legs could be extended ha ha we can now recruit six foot bikers.

At this point we decided that we needed breakfast, as we have used lot brain energy in getting set up. Breakfast was really good and Keith even got a free egg for his efforts. Even thou it was fairly early there were a lot of people there, and they were still coming in.

So back to the stand, finish setting it up ready for the busy day ahead.

Well any of you that have done a stand will know that you get busy then you almost become invisible for while then busy again, and that's how the day went, however the weather had turned a bit more windy and colder but our spirits were high and we kept up the

smiles for the punters and our self's. We all took a turn to wander the site to see what was going on and watched Michael Rutter doing a track run (boy was he quick).

There was so many Police there with all types of vehicle's it was quite impressive to see some of the kit they have and where our good money goes. We did joke that as a crook you be a fool to commit a crime in Wiltshire that day however any other county would be fine because they were all bloody here.

Meanwhile on the stand we had a lot of interest in the Think Bike stickers, so much so we ran out and Bill had to go scrounge some more from somewhere else. We had a lot of interest in what we did and many took an application form, however no one signed up on the day.

The Good points: That people were interested in Mag and agreed with what we try and do, and the three of us put across the points well to people and made them at least think more about joining. The Police were very a wear of Mag and seemed to be pleased of our presents.

The Bad Points: It was surprising also how many people came up to us and asked what MAG was and what we did, because they have not heard of us. So maybe MAG HQ needs to get the word out more about us. Some even thought that the IAM fought for rider's rights.

The Funny Points: Had to be Keith telling someone about the super MOT from Europe, and happen to mention that it seemed to come from Germany and then go on about the German MOT. The women next to the person he was talking to who had nothing to do with him announces that she is German and starts to defend her country, now this women was the size of the three of us together and looked like a champion shot putter, so Bill and myself decided to back away and leave Keith to the lion. Sorry Mate!!

Things needed for Stand: More Think Bike Stickers, plastic bags, maybe so more give away bits and more up to date magazines.

However it was a good and interesting day, worth while doing, to spread the word and to make sure we are noticed at rider's events we may not be normally associated with. *Barry Bagwell*

White Tigers MCC

The White Tigers MCC has affiliated to MAG and are holding a rally on 1 - 2 August 2014 the "White Tigers MCC's 6th All Night Pussy Rally" being held at Bitton AFC Sports & Social Club, Bath Road, Bitton, Bristol, BS30 6HX.



There will be Live Bands, Rock Disco, Custom Show, Raffle, Stalls and Attractions. Camping £12 weekend, Day Pass £6. More info See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/399218680175295/>

Bristol Bike Show & Party



The Bristol Bike Show is being held on the 16th August around the streets of St Nicholas Markets followed by the After Show Party at the Saracens RFC on Cribs Causeway, tickets for the party are £6 unless you are a MAG member then they are £5.

2nd Tone Vale Tea Rally



Taunton MAG is holding their 2nd tone Vale tea Rally down near Bridgwater on the 23 – 25 May.

Events

10 May MAG awareness day **Bristol MAG** Riders of Bristol

22 May Euro Elections

23-25 May 2nd Tone Vale Tea Rally **Taunton MAG**

19 July Golden Valley Camping **Bristol MAG**

26 July Calne Bike Meet

1-2 Aug All Night Pussy Rally **White Tigers MCC**

5-7 Sept GWR Rally **Weston & North Somerset MAG**

1 May 25 Sept Weston Bike Nights every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm, Beach Lawns W-s-M **RBLR**

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