

Enduro India



There are still places available for Enduro India's very special 10th anniversary trip next year and according to the organizers, if past trips are anything to go by, it promises to be quite an experience. Motorbike and adventure enthusiasts alike will love the tour, because not only do you get to ride the classic Royal Enfield Bullet, but you also get to ride across India's exotic Western Ghat Mountains, seen as one of the world's hottest biodiversity hotspots.

The price to take part in Enduro India 2012 is £4,995 fully inclusive. Get more info from www.enduroindia.com.

Clubs

Scythes BC would like it known that they have no issues with any past members, simple as that, and that it's no one else's business except Scythes BC as it is now. So there!

Deal and District Motor Cycle Club have now moved to The Admiral Keppel Pub, 90 Manor Road, Deal, Kent (just around the corner from their previous meeting place) and now meet there on Thursday evenings and on the second Sunday lunchtime of the month too. Check 'em out at www.ddmcc.co.uk.

The English Rose Sisterhood is a no attitude, female, side patch motorcycle club who've been riding and partying hard since 1990. They're now looking for new members (females only, please) who have full bike licences (you can prospect on a learner licence) and women in the Kent or SE London area are most welcome. For more information please see their website at www.englishrose-sisterhood.co.uk or contact Sharron on 07810 007072.



ACE CAFE STREET TRIPLE

BUILT BY JACK LILLEY LTD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ACE CAFE LONDON, THE ACE 675CR STREET TRIPLE SPECIAL IS A LIMITED EDITION SERIES OF TEN INDIVIDUALLY NUMBERED MACHINES, BASED ON TRIUMPH'S POPULAR AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL STREET TRIPLE R.

The Ace 675CR's liquid cooled 12-valve triple cylinder motor has heat-wrapped exhaust down pipes and Arrow end cans, and each bike will have bespoke Ace graphics and paintwork. In addition there are a host of German TUV compliant performance parts from LSL including adjustable rear-sets, clip-ons, grips and levers, mirrors, brake reservoirs (front and rear), tail tidy, crash protectors and, in true cafe racer style, a single, powerful seven-inch halogen 60/55 headlight.

The on-the-road price is just £12,999 and you can get more info from the Ace Cafe on www.ace-cafe-london.com or www.jacklilley.com.

ACE CAFE XMAS RIDE-OUTS

The Ace Cafe's annual Xmas Toy Run is on Sunday 11 December. It departs from the cafe at 10.30am to visit the children's wards of London hospitals, and all are welcome to bring gifts of games and toys, wrapped and labelled for age groups and gender. Please note that sweets cannot be given to children in hospital, but can be given to the nursing staff! There will be prizes for the 'Best Dressed Bike' and 'Best Dressed Rider'.

And one week later, the Paws 'n' Claws Run also leaves at 10.30am to go to the Mayhew Animal Home in Kensal Rise (NW10), which this year celebrates its 125th anniversary! Entirely funded by and dependent upon public support, the Mayhew welcomes all to bring gifts including towels and blankets (used as bedding) as well as pet food and treats for cats and dogs.

And later that evening is the cafe's annual candlelit Xmas Carol Service, from 7pm with complimentary hot, oven fresh, mince pies!

You can get more info from the Ace Cafe on www.ace-cafe-london.com.

MOOOO!

Over the weekend of the 27-29 January, Bury St Edmunds MAG are holding their annual Mad Cow Rally in aid of MAG. And for honour of the 2012 Olympics, they are having themed silly games, seeing the return of the famous space hoppers.

It's a hall-based rally with excellent camping and facilities and there will be live music both nights, a ride out (weather and hangers permitting), trade stands and a tattooist.

Tickets are still only £12 prebook or £16 on the gate, and you can get more info and tickets by ringing Herb on 01284 724273, go to www.bsamadcows.co.uk or check out B.S.E Mad Cows on Facebook. And, finally, if camping in January is not your thing, then call Tony and Karen on 01284 700144 or visit www.stedmundsguesthouse.net.

MANCHESTER BIKE SHOW

There's a new bike show at EventCity in Manchester on March 17-18.

The Manchester Bike Show will be held in three halls and will incorporate a New Bike Hall in one (including local dealers, clothing and helmets, touring holidays and all the other exhibitors you would expect to see at a new bike show), the Northern Classic Bike Show in the second (for clubs and private individuals to display their pride and joys), and the Rainy City Custom Show in the last. There will also be stunt shows and other motorcycle related entertainment, and special guests, music and indoor entertainment taking place throughout the weekend inside the halls.

For more info on the event, go to www.manchesterbikeshow.com.

SONS OF ANARCHY SEASON 3

Sons of Anarchy Season 3 was released on Blu-ray and DVD on October 10 and contains the full 13 episodes of the series as well as bonus features including extended scenes, a writer's roundtable, custom bike builds and a gag reel.

Priced at £29.99 (Blu-ray) and £24.99 (DVD), you can get it from any good DVD retailer



BRASS MONKEY RUN

The Brass Monkey is one of the UK's biggest charity runs and is the first of the year held, as it is, on January 2.

The Run, in aid of Rainbows Children's Hospices, leaves the Victoria Bikers Pub in Coalville at 1.30pm for a ride around the Charwood forest and then back to the Vic' for free soup and a roll (that's a bread roll, mind, not a bunk-up...you filthy beasts!).

There are meeting points all over the Midlands, all of which meet at noon - the National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Rd, Solihull (B92 0EJ); the Bass (Coors) Brewery, Burton on Trent (DE14 1YQ); McDonalds, Markeaton Park Island, Derby (DE22 4AA); the Japanese Water Gardens, A52, Stapleford, Nottingham (NG9 7JA); Shires Motorcycle Training, 23 Blackbird Road, Leicester (LE4 0AH); and Nightingale's Motorcycles, Lawford Road, Rugby (CV21 2EA); or you can just make your own way there.

To enter the run costs £2.50 minimum per person, all of which goes to Rainbows, and there's a free tin badge for everyone who takes part. The run will also have a police escort and support.

For more info contact the Vic' on 01530 814718 or see their website at www.vicbikerspub.co.uk.



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www.farroutpaintwork.co.uk
New custom painter who recently won 'Best Paint' at the Streetfighter Show in London.
www.harleypics.tumblr.com
New blog site by the legendary bike photographer Garry Stuart.
www.roadside-toolkits.co.uk
Excellent roadside tool kits and vintage bike signs.



Better than sex!

After Jeremy Clarkson referred to the Transfagarasan Road in Romania as possibly the best in the world (and I have to agree with him having ridden it myself), the Romanians have revealed their secret weapon - the Transalpina Road, the highest mountain road in Romania (2,145m above the sea level).

With its highest point at Urdele Pass, the road is one of the most spectacular of the Carpathian mountains and makes the connection between Transylvania and Oltenia. The road, also called 'The King's Road' by the locals, was built in 1938 under the rule of King Carol II of Romania for economic, strategic and military purposes (and later rebuilt during World War II by German troops). It was left for years in degradation until in 2010 construction work begun and now the road is 90 percent paved and stands as a dream motorcycle route for every rider. It covers over 100 kms of hairpin curves and is perfectly built, like it was designed to be used as a race track to the clouds.

If you'd like to ride it or the Transfagarasan, then contact www.visit-transylvania.co.uk.



CRUISER CLOTHING

As of September 2011 Cruiser Clothing have moved into a brand new store, giving it room to expand its range of stock available, starting with a new range of jackets and following with a brand new range of boots too.

The new shop is at 1078 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset (BH7 6DS) and it's open Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am-5pm. Ring on 01202 830487 or go to www.cruisermotorcycleclothing.co.uk.

New Royal Enfield Bullet

STYLED IN THE IMAGE OF ITS 1955 NAMESAKE, ROYAL ENFIELD'S LATEST 500CC BULLET OFFERS RIDERS CLASSIC MOTORCYCLING FROM A BRAND WITH A PEDIGREE STRETCHING BACK TO 1901, ALL FOR LESS THAN £4,000. AND WITH FRUGAL FUEL CONSUMPTION OF 80MPG RUNNING COSTS ARE EQUALLY MODEST.

Valanced steel mudguards, hand-painted gold coach-lines on the petrol tank and side panels, and winged Royal Enfield badges mean that the latest incarnation of the Bullet, which has been in continuous production since 1949, could easily be mistaken for a restored machine from the 1950s. It even runs on British-made Avon Speedmaster tyres.

Like its predecessors, it is powered by a 499cc single cylinder engine with a bore and stroke of 84mm x 90mm, however the engine is Royal Enfield's new unit construction design with five-speed gearbox and wet multiplate clutch. The traditional chrome silencer contains a catalytic converter, so the Bullet 500 meets tough Euro 3 emissions regulations too.



Brakes, suspension and electrical system have all been updated; the 280mm front disc brake provides reliable stopping power, gas filled rear shock absorbers give a smoother ride and the 12 volt electrics power the halogen headlight, indicators and starter motor. In fact the Bullet 500 is one of the few modern motorcycles to give owners a choice of both kick and electric starting.

Available through Royal Enfield's 50-strong UK dealer network, the Bullet 500 sells for £3,995 and is covered by a two year warranty. Call 01386 700907 or visit www.royal-enfield.com for details.