

North Birmingham News

NEWSLETTER

Roger's GWR Run

(Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway)

The day started with sunny if windy conditions 14 riders signed on for the mystery tour, We left Noel's and headed down the lanes to Droitwich and then on to Bidford and the glider club (which we called at last year) for the coffee stop.

The glider club had got their competition on so there were 25 to 30 gliders waiting to take off and 4 aircraft to tow them up.

We watched all this activity with interest some of the gliders have small engines mounted behind the pilot so they can take off on their own, then they can fold the propeller up and lower the engine unit into the glider.

We then carried on to the GWR railway at Toddington via the steep hills at the back of Broadway and past the Broadway Tower

On arriving at the GWR we saw a small! tank engine pulling coaches for the visitors.



Then a huge locomotive arrived in the shape of the Southern Railways Lord Nelson 4-6-0 built in 1926 and weighing 142 tons and capable of pulling 500tons and what a lovely site it was (but I think I could hear a bit of a rattle in the connecting rod, who fancies having a go at that big end)

Also in a field the other side of the track was the MGC owners club and there cars about 50 of them (one of our party commented he didn't know they made that many) cruel!

Then as we were about to leave a Great Western Hall class Locomotive arrived Formarke Hall 4-6-0

Foremarke Hall was one of the last batch of 79xx 'Modified Hall' class engines built at Swindon Works and although every inch a Great Western thoroughbred, it was completed by British Railways in 1949. It is set to become the only survivor of the 79xx series. The only other remaining member of the class is 7927 Willington Hall, which is expected to become the donor engine for the new 'Grange' and 'County' class locomotives.

The Modified Hall class enjoyed a reputation for fast running. No 7903 distinguished itself in 1951 when, deputising for the booked 'Castle' on a Paddington-Plymouth boat train, became the first locomotive to cover the distance in less than four hours.

So after enjoying a huge piece of bread pudding I set off home in the warm afternoon sun and got home just before the heaven's opened.

So thanks again to those who turned up for what I think was a good run (I am a bit biased)

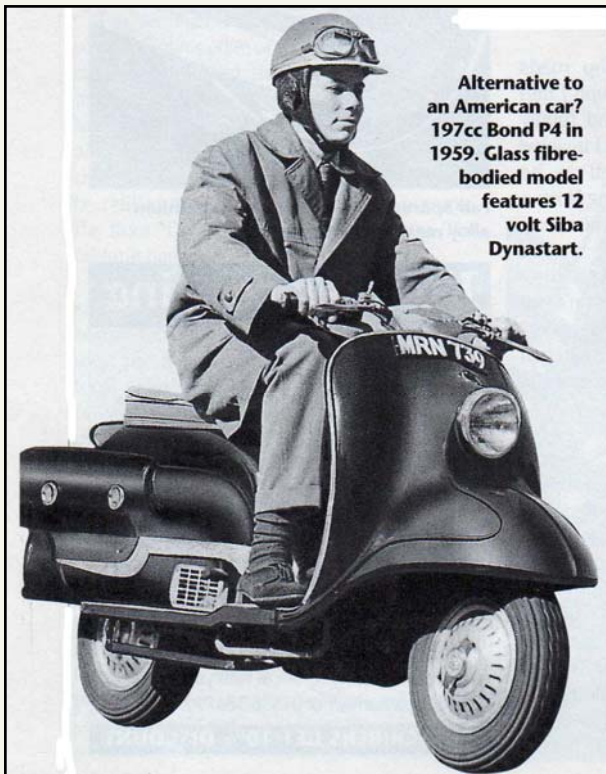


Roger



From the Archives

To remind us all of the craze in the fifties that inspired so many British Manufacturers to have ago I have found a small selection of pictures and advertisements below.



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Excelsior



Monarch SCOOTER

Issued 9-4-59

Excelsior's extra quirky styling now has much oddball appeal. This 1959 model is 147cc 3-speeder.

Model Susan Flynn tries the new all British Dayton Albatross for size at White's Hotel, London, in 1955. The 225cc Villiers powered two-stroke made its debut at the Earl's Court Show later that year.




DMW 98cc two speed Bambis on the green in the late Fifties. Chain driven, they feature single sided rear swinging arm and coil spring and neoprene cushion rod front suspension. Disc wheels are 15in.

Roger's Wrinkly Run



The forecast for the day was WET and they were not wrong! 6 riders signed on and we all thought the weather looked promising (first mistake). We set off through Stourport and some nice back roads towards Clee Hill, but the weather gradually got worse then when we arrived at the top of Clee Hill for the coffee stop I discovered my second mistake (the café is closed on Wednesdays!). The route after the café was suppose to take us DOWN farlow bank, but we decided it would be a bit foolish in view of the weather conditions (cats & dogs springs to mind)

So it was decided to head towards Ludlow and then take the road to Bridgnorth to the lunch stop, all was going well until I realized only one of the group was following me so fearing the worst we went back only to discover Trevor's Triumph had decided it wanted to be a 250 and was running on 1 cylinder but a plug swop cured the problem.

We all arrived at SVR Bridgnorth and while we had refreshments the sun came out and we watched a steam locomotive pull in and leave. My ride home across Enville common was warm and pleasant so not a bad end to the day.

Roger

Small Ads Section

Yamaha XS 1100, 1981, X reg, VMCC eligible, Good project bike, SORN at moment, £450 O.N.O. See Rob Pell. 07815 867933.

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The Enville Village Fete is running from 1-4pm on the 25th August. Anyone who has an old vehicle / motorcycle is most welcome to attend and join the other vehicles on display from 12.00 noon.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS FOR 2008

	CLUB NIGHTS
JULY 30th	Fish and Chip Supper
AUGUST 29th	Arrive on Your Bike Night
SEPTEMBER 24th	Talk by Johnny Brittain on life as a trials rider
OCTOBER 29th	Talk by Geoff Brazendale on early vehicle lighting
NOVEMBER 28th	Bring and Buy evening
DECEMBER 26th	No Meeting

CLUB RUNS

DATE	RUN	ORGANISER	Tel No
August 3rd	Breakfast Run	Rob Pell	0121-624-7674
August 17th	Picnic / Concours Run	Peter Ashen	01562-882854
September 7th	Flight of Fantasy Run	Trevor Bull	01905-778917
September 14th	Levis Cup Road Trial	Paul Harris	01902-842732
September 28th	Severn Valley Run	Bill Danks	01562-67103
October 12th	Autumn Run	Andy Briggs	0121-544-5938

