

April 25th, 2010 East Anglian Transport Museum

As part of the Federation of Historic Vehicle Clubs "Drive it Day" the East Coast Pedalers Section held a Road Run to the East Anglia Transport Museum at Carlton Colville near Lowestoft.

To add a bit of a twist to the day we organised two runs; one for the Norfolk members who were to ride in from Norwich, and one for the Suffolk group who rode in from Saxmundham, we would then meet up with our North Norfolk members Barrie & Janet Brasted who had very kindly travelled up to the Museum the previous night and set up the NACC display area for us.

The Suffolk group arrived at Saxmundham at about 9.30 to be greeted by about half a dozen classic cars, no more cars arrived but the mopeds just kept coming, until we almost outnumbered the 4 wheel vehicles by 2 to 1, the organisers seemed quite amazed that we were planning to do the run on our feeble 50cc machines ! We were handed our route sheets and Terry Keable and Colin Clover were elected to lead us on our way, a recent accident meant that we had to take a diversion through Leiston so we were glad of some local knowledge, unfortunately Barry's Camino couldn't stand the pace and started to heat seize a few miles into the run, after careful consideration he and his partner Val decided to head back to the starting point and follow up in their van - we did wonder whether the oil mixture was right maybe Barry mistook the 40 :1 ratio advised and added 40cc of oil instead of the recommended 125cc, anyway later in the week Barry added some more oil and the machine behaved itself on a 10 mile blast around the Stowmarket area .

So we were now down to 9 machines, and we carried on to our first stop at Dunwich beach where we met up with the cars who had left beforehand, after some quick refreshment and some photos (mine didn't come out so I can't post any here !) we set off again to our last scheduled stop at Southwold Pier.

We caused a great deal of amusement to the Seaside visitors including some posing Superbike riders who were gobsmacked by our 2 and 3 wheel chosen forms of transport ..

Amazingly TK once again resisted the lure of the Ice Cream - the theory was that he is slimming down in preparation for the "Side to Side" Run!

Once again we set off, heading for Southwold town centre, once through the high street we veered off towards the Museum through some very scenic roads, it wasn't long before we saw the signs to Carlton Colville and we were soon at the Museum where the friendly staff gave us some free tickets to ride on the trams, trains etc and ushered us into our allocated area where we met up with the Norfolk Duo Dave Watson and Dave Arnott who had ridden in from Norwich, and Rod Fryatt who made the short trip from his Oulton Broad home. Ray Gibb had also arrived electing to travel in the comfort of a friend's car.

Barrie and Janet had everything organised and we unloaded our riding gear into their van and set up our machines in an orderly fashion for the public to view. Some time was then spent looking around the exhibits - including a Demn Dove and a Raleigh Runabout - and of course eating ! before the heavens opened for the first April Shower of the day, for some inexplicable reason Dick Layton and Trevor Seymour decided to head for home in the pouring rain, the rest of us waited for the sun to return, Terry and Colin were next to leave, Rod didn't have far to go so didn't need to rush, the rest of us left as a group the idea being to ride together until we reached Beccles when the two counties would split and head to their respective homes, this worked well and we all enjoyed a safe and enjoyable ride home with thankfully no more rain.

All in all we rode about 75 miles and we all greatly enjoyed the day. Our thanks go to the East Anglia Transport Museum for inviting us to their special day, Barrie and Janet for all their hard work over the weekend and to Dave Watson for coming up with the idea in the first place and of course thanks to all the members for once again turning up to ensure another highly successful East Coast Pedaler event.

Riders were: Dave Arnott - Victoria Vicky, Dave Watson - Puch MS50, Rod Fryatt - Mobylette, Terry Keable - Honda PC50, Colin Clover - Honda Novio, Mark Gibb - Honda C100, Brian Barley - Tomos A3M, Guy Bolton - Puch Zorplan Trike, Trevor Seymour - Honda C70, Dick Layton - Yamaha Townmate, Barry Lewis - Honda Camino, Val Dearsley - Yamaha QT50, Roly Scarce - PC50, Carl Squirrell - PC50 + Sidecar. Static exhibits: Barrie and Janet Brasted Raleighs RM11 & RM12.







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