

Started:
Monday 9th August 2010



Ended:
Friday 13th August 2010

The National Autocycle and Cyclemotor Club

**The East Coast Pedalers "Maverick" Side to Side Run.
Ness Point, Lowestoft, Suffolk to St. David's Head,**

Keep track of the epic underpowered lunatics as they traverse the country in a side to side fashion



The Deed is Done!!!

The Schedule

DAY ONE: August 9th Ness Point , NR32 1XH to Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 3NN. A easy start to the week riding through Suffolk and Cambridgeshire villages such as Flixton, West Stow, Icklingham.

DAY TWO: August 10th Ely to Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0HS. Quite a long day on some very minor roads through the Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire countryside, lots of small villages to ride through such as Newton Bromswold, Bugbrooke, Little Kington, Wellesbourne.

DAY THREE: August 11th Stratford-upon- Avon to Hereford, HR4 0EF. A pleasant run travelling through Evesham, Pershore and Ledbury.

DAY FOUR: August 12th Hereford to St.Clears, Carmarthen SA33 4JN. Into Wales via the "Golden Valley" to Hay on Wye, Brecon, Llandovery and Carmarthen.

DAY FIVE: August 13th . St. Clears to St. Davids Head SA62 6PR. The last day, mainly following the A40 to Haverfordwest and then onto journey's end St. David's Head.

Sponsor Doc Watson as he drinks his way to Dyfed the hard way.



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Progress Report -

9th August Day 1

All arrived at Ely OK, a few problems en route,
 Doctor Watsons PC50 played up and had to have a new set of points fitted,
 Dave Wicken had a few problems with his Puch Maxi and may be Mobylette mounted tomorrow.
 No navigation problems and Terry managed to fit in two Ice Cream stops so things must be going well ! Weather perfect no rain at all, and not too hot.



10th August Day 2

A very long day 123 miles, no machine problems today, Dave Wicken was using his rigid framed Mobylette but reported no numb bum problems.

As expected we had a few navigational problems trying to avoid Northampton, fortunately Dave Wicken came to the rescue and found us a way through much to everyone's relief. We were very fortunate with the weather only encountering drizzle and a few very light showers, we encountered the first of the hills and some LPA was required by most; but Roly's PC50 was able to haul him up all the hills with no help at all! Mick Soapy Suds did a superb job meeting us at various points through the day but used his own route, he was always where he was supposed to be at the appointed time.

We had a confrontation with the boys in blue, we had to cross the VERY busy A1, and then turn left at the first roundabout a quarter of the mile down the road, some of our group spotted a handy footpath running parallel to the A1 and jumped on that after crossing the road, to avoid being collected by a 70mph juggernaut, unfortunately they were spotted by a passing squad car who made a special effort to track them down and give them a strict lecture on road safety !!

The last section of the run coming into Stratford upon Avon was most enjoyable, we had been invited to drop in on a friend in nearby Tiddington, who just happened to have a PC50 for sale! Needless to say Doctor Watson went back later and collected it in the support van. Highlight of the day for us was when we stopped in a pub in Bugbrooke, The Doctor was getting the drinks in and asked Roly what he wanted, "A COFFEE please" he replied; we had to pick Dave up off the floor !!

Dave Wicken's wife Sandy managed to book her and her son into the wrong Travelodge, but they didn't realise until hubby Dave rang her and asked why she wasn't at the Travelodge on Birmingham Road, so they quickly crossed town to join us but not until after they had made use of the facilities and had a bath each!

Should be a good day tomorrow, 60 odd miles to Hereford but we do have to cross the Malvern Hills !!!



11th August Day 3

Nice straightforward day, 61 miles to Hereford covered, reasonably straightforward navigation. Much LPA required to get to Little Malvern up the top of the Malvern Hills, in fact we all had to walk the bikes up as the gradient was so severe.

Dave Wicken who got a front wheel puncture just before Hereford and who also ran out of Petrol at the same time has come up with a new term for the NACC dictionary : - FHPA - we will leave you to decide what it stands for !

At Pershore Carl did a quick rear wheel swap on his PC50 Sidecar, the replacement wheel had a much bigger rear sprocket which helped no end in fact he got a bit further than the other machines before having to jump off and push the bike up the hill.

We met a distant cousin of Terry's in Binton see the photos !

On leaving the Travelodge at Stratford upon Avon Sandy Wicken saw us off and as she was waving us goodbye, an old boy came up to and asked her what it was all about, he thought it was a new government scheme to re-educate old codgers on traffic sense on their two wheeled machines- he was deadly serious having been confused by the official ECP Side to Side reflective jackets. We had a lovely downhill run down the Malvern Hills through Ledbury and arrived in Hereford at about 4.30.

No other machine gremlins, all the PCs are running well and Dave's Moby amazes us all with its performance, he is hoping to revert to the Puch tomorrow if he can get it running well tonight, at the moment it keeps cutting out at junctions.

Tomorrow Terry is taking charge as he has arranged for us to visit the National Cycle Museum. Not to sure how far we are going as we are in unknown territory, but it will be a fairly long day.

Look out Wales we are coming !!!



12th August Day 4

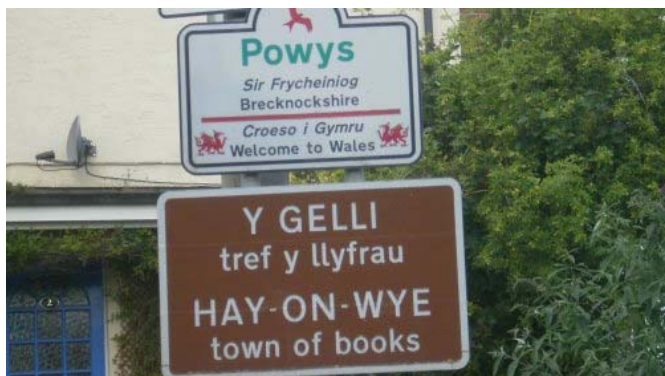
By far the best day so far, the ride into to Hay on Wye on the Welsh border took us through the Golden Valley and was a great start in what turned out to be a long day - 121 miles - Terry had arranged for us to visit the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells, this added about 30 miles to our journey and we stayed at the Museum for a couple of hours but it was well worth the extra time. The Museum was very interesting and we were made very welcome.

The detour meant that we had about 20 miles of downhill riding to rejoin our route at Llandov, the scenery was breathtaking ! everyone enjoyed the day and we arrived at St Clears tired but very satisfied. No major machine hiccups today, Doctor Watsons PC50 Exhaust nearly fell off and Carls Sidecar Mudguard worked loose, a couple of the PCs are using a little oil - not surprising considering the hard use they are getting, a slight worry whilst checking the bikes in the morning Mr Whippys front wheel spindle was finger tight but team mechanic Mark Gibb soon had the situation under control and TK reported improved handling as a result, we also slacked off the old boys front brake to improve his top speed but we didn't tell him that !!

Dave Wicken led for much of the day and his Mobylette continues to amaze us with its performance, Roly continues to plod on on what has proved to be the quickest bike of the bunch which is just as well as he is carrying the biggest load !! Marks bike is running well but is burning a bit of oil, Carls PC50 outfit is performing well and with the lower gearing just flies up the hill.

At the Travelodge we were greeted by two NACC members Stuart Metcalfe and Peter Moore who were mounted on their Power Packs and had covered over 400 miles after setting off on Sunday from Ness Point on their "Secret Side to Side" they too had enjoyed a great week and had got to St Davids earlier in the day.

Tomorrow should be a very easy day with only about 45 miles to cover to the finish at St. Davids - will we make it ? we hope so but it will be Friday 13th !!!!!



13th August Day 5

"They thought it was all over - Well it is now !"

All six Side to Siders made it safely to St David,s Had today despite it being Friday 13th. Despite us electing to make a late 10.00am departure we still set off in a fine drizzle, the start of the journey was very hectic as we had to ride on the busy A40, but we made good progress and didn't upset to many drivers as we pulled in regularly to let the faster following traffic pass, once we turned of this major road the weather improved and the traffic decreased which was just as well as we came onto our second major gradient (16%) of the week, unfortunately there was no opportunity to get any sort of run up so we all had to get off and push.

The run into St. David's was most enjoyable with spectacular views towards the coast on our left hand side, our machines caused much

interest at Whitesands Bay where we walked the mile on a footpath to get as far west as we possibly could, we celebrated there by tucking into a celebratory cake that Sandi Wicken had thoughtfully provided - a great end to a thoroughly enjoyable week in great company.

No machine problems at all today, all the bikes have performed admirably on the run and if it wasn't for the fact that we have to go to work on the Monday most of us would have happily ridden them home.

A great NACC event, everyone on the trip has contributed something to the week, a great team effort by everyone.

We are now thinking what to do next; watch this space.....







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