

August's Airings longer version (included in August edition of Nacelle)

This month everything that could mitigate against being in a motorcycle club has mitigated against being in a motorcycle club. Including the weather, the day-to-day inconsistencies of bike ownership, the weather, work, plus being unable to use the car as back up due to Mrs O'May annexing it.

I did though get to the main event for South Essex Triumph Owners this month that is the Treffen, but it was also the only event I got to. I will write an extended piece for next month but just to note the weekend was an absolute hoot for all concerned. The event showed much potential to really take off as one of the clubs marquee events. The highlight was probably 70/70 ride out, ably led and composed by Dave Hawke with Mr Paul Brown at the rear rounding up any strays. The only mishap of the run was when John Bond did a little impromptu off roading and got himself pinned under his bike. It took several burly lads to lift the sprint off of John, he was unhurt save for a miniscule scratch to his left leg. The bike faired less well and will need a replacement fairing. John had located and paid for one shortly after returning to base (The dog and Partridge). The bike would not start and it took much pushing and prodding to revive the wretched thing, but it did complete the 70 miles and John got his certificate along with the other 20 odd of us. John was most grateful to all for their efforts on his behalf.

I shall keep the rest of the anecdotes for my longer piece. Just to add that we will be repeating the event next year, and it will be bigger and better.

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