

600 MONSTER

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After suffering a brachial Plexus injury through a motor cycle accident 5 years ago. Last year I decided to get another bike so I bought a damaged Ducati 600 Monster. It took me two months to repair, as well as a fancy paint job, which took a lot of time and patience, and the right hand conversion, which wasn't as hard to do as I first thought. I took the switches from the left side and fitted them onto the right side, this meant that the switches actually fitted upside-down this was not a problem apart from when you put the right indicator on, the left one came on, to over come this I just swapped the indicator wires round.

The clutch lever was not as simple, the clutch and reservoir where as one, and there was no room to fit them on the right hand side. So I acquired a Ducati 916 lever this was smaller and it had a separate reservoir, which could be mounted anywhere on the handlebars. After riding it for a few months I became more and more confident, the only tricky part was potholes and tight left hand bends.

I wrote to the NABD and they were kind enough to offer me a grant for a steering damper for which I am immensely grateful, the damper consisted of 6 bolts and it took about ten minutes to fit. I am now more confident and a lot safer.

The NABD's help has been much appreciated. (This grant of £245.33 was sponsored by donations in memory of Richard Early)



South Lancashire

There's not a lot to say that hasn't already been said about Rossendale but what a good day to see a town freely given over to the biking fraternity. Lots of (*surprise, surprise*) bikes, babes, bits and of course beer, The NABD stall was there, (*even if it was a tad hard to find*). Hopefully this year we will have a better pitch (hint, hint). We had a mixed crew on the stall. Byrnie (Treasurer), Kel (Byrnie's wife), Ed the Duck and ducklet (Damien, Ed's son), Myself and my long suffering other half Ann. We had a good day, talked to millions of people (*well, it felt like millions*). We even bent the ear of the Mayor and his wife for a while.

Steady Eddy from Town Hall MCC (Eccles) gave us a whopping donation of £200, (*nice one Eddy*).

Moving on to the "Open Day" which was held at the Guzzling Goose, Ashton under Lyne, on the 11th Nov 2001. Good cheap food was laid on courtesy of Ivy & Phil. Entertainment was by the comedian Johnny Harper (*a man not to be missed, he's worked the National Rally as well*). The Cuddly toy tombola at 50p a go sold out and everyone was a winner. The raffle went well, Pauline from the Witchwood public house (another N.A.B.D pub) donated a couple of bottles of bubbly (*cheers*). Fred from Bike and Bits (Ashton) donated a set of Bike Gloves (*Ta*). Soft Toy donations, too many names to remember but thanks ladies, and some idiot donated a bottle of whisky (*The idiot being this rep - Byrnie*) which all in all made a good day for everyone involved of which the roll as such was: Byrnie and Kel, Ed The Duck and Anne and me (*surprise, surprise*), same old team. Thanks to all involved, we raised approximately £120.00.

North Wales

On Friday 11th January, I was invited to a memorial bash at he Mason Arms, for Russ Joyce, who sadly passed away on 30th December 2001 aged 56.

A few bands got together - Twisted & Friends (which

Pete Murray

Last on this bit, is a big thank you to Phil and Ivy at the Guzzling Goose for providing the room, food and comedian, plus the fact they have helped raised over £200.00 in our donation tins.

I won't dwell on the Manchester Motorcycle Show at G. Mex. for too long (sighs of relief) The usual crew were there again, but a big thank you to the two Ann's, Kel, and Rose for their sterling efforts selling the Trolls Raffle prize tickets. Bob Sirrett (one of the inventors of the Kliktronic) paid us a visit for a while, a very nice man, well worth talking too, so if you bump into him chat a while. (The only bummer of the weekend was low-life scumbag burgling Ann's home in Wolverhampton while they were at the G.Mex).

Also Thanks to Karen & Hannah, Ed Fitzpatrick and Ed the Duck for their unerring work on the G-Mex helmet park, which is a really great fundraiser.

Well not much more to say, but start planning for the National Rally in May at York.

We are still needing Marshals, every bit of work you can do takes the pressure off the rest of us a bit, and is always appreciated.

So you don't need an excuse to come to a good party, but if you do, just tell them all 'You've Been N.A.B.D'. I look forward to seeing you all at York Dragway.

RIDE FREE AND SAFE

Richie Fay

With a raffle and the bands donating £120.

A collection was also held. A grand total for the night of £661.36 was raised. Many thanks to Andy (Denbigh), Linda and Elfyn (Mason Arms), and all the friendly people