

Club night, 11 April 2006

Graham Bailey

31 full, 4 associate and 7 social/guest attendances were recorded for this month's meeting. Now that is a result!! Especially in the social/guest dept, keep 'em coming you lot, 'the more the merrier'. Well done.

Dave Hammond of Peter Hammonds M/C in Cirencester was our guest speaker this evening, drawing in the crowds with an insight into some of his experiences competing in the gruelling Paris/Dakar races.

Dave gave a highly informative and interesting slide-supported talk, allowing us a brief insight into some of the nightmares associated with competing in this type of race - importantly, physical endurance.

Thanks again Dave, speakers such as yourself are very much in demand and certainly sought after. You almost have greater pulling power than me and my GS!! **[Surely Dave could pull the skin off a custard Graham?! – Ed]**

As usual the raffle was most generously supported by all, with a number of you actually taking home items of substantial value! (BEW 's steward has asked me to request that you return their property forthwith!) Seriously, extended thanks needs to go out to all of the members that

have recently provided such prizes as further contribution to the club (you know who you are).

CAPT. CANARY'S CHIRPS

Paul Cote, Ian Harrison, Richard Bingham. Nice to see you all on the night, keep it up we all value your support (now we know what you look like!).

Martin/Angie Le Fevre & Bill/Pauline Carter. A quick hello to our 'French connections' so far away but not forgotten, we all hope that everything is fine, and that we hear from you all in the not too distant future. **[Sure did - see for sale items on p.40 - Ed]**

Andy Downs. 'Hot news': a can of Autoglym bike cleaner has been spied unused, but in his garage. Is this the start of a new and clean front to Andy's biking future!!.

That's it for now folk's, ride safe, but ride with spirit.

Your esteemed Chair. ◆