

# Monkey World, 17 September

## Budge 'n Di

Destination: the world famous Monkey World in Dorset, 08:00 to 18:00ish

Pilot	Bike
Budge & Di	Blackbird
Graham Bailey	R1200GS
Dave & Lorraine Butcher	CBR600
Mike Barrett	FJR1300
Andy & Judith Tinsley	XJR1300
Narjas Medhi	VFR 800
Geoff Pollard	CBF1000
Steve & Zoë Mason	GSX750F
Alastair Lord	VFR750

0730 saw Di and I leave home in lovely sunshine; this is going to be alright. As we got closer to Gloucester things started to get a little duller. Never mind, it's not raining. But by the time we all hit the A417 to Cirencester the fog was a little on the thick side. This is going to slow us down, not a lot, just a bit.

Anyway it was great to see so many of you when we arrived at Birds

Eye Walls, and following a very quick brief it was time to go. The route south was the tried and tested one to our rendezvous with Dave & Lorraine

at Malmesbury and then on to Shaftsbury for breakfast where we arrived only 5 minutes late, so not bad considering the start.

Following a hearty breakfast we headed for our destination via Blandford, Bere Regis, past Bovington Camp to Monkey World. Once group rates had been negotiated (even though we were a couple short of the required number) and entrance fees

paid, (thanks Alastair – bet you wont complain about being a little short on cash again), we were in, and having had a word with their administration



*Budge delivers pre-ride brief*

staff a few days earlier we were able to leave any kit that we wanted in one of the payment booths that was not in use. This saved having to carry it around.



*Knuckles drag on floor: scary*

The next few hours were spent just wandering around the park checking out the ancestry, having more to eat and drink, buying souvenirs and just generally chilling.



*Should be inside the cage?*

Our return trip brought us back the same way as we went with a quick comfort stop at Warminster and then home. Hope you all had a good time, it may not have been everyone's bunch of bananas but it was a ride out none the less. **[Just about rid misself of the fleas, ta – Ed]◆**

### **Air Traffic Control 3**

Conversation between O'Hare Approach Control and United flight 329.

O'Hare: "*United 329, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound*"

United 239: "*Approach, I've always wanted to say this... I've got the little Fokker in sight!*"



*Robert Rendell caught owning (and liking!) this 1966 French VeloSolex; shall we tow it on a club run, or ask Cap'n Davey to ditch it in the Channel?!*