

Sammy Miller's museum, 22 April

Graham Bailey

Duration: 8:30-19:30!! Distance: 250 miles. Weather: spot on. Company: Fab

Pilot/pillion

Godfrey/Gill (lead)	VFR800
Steve/Zoe mason	TDM900
Paul/Fi	Triumph 900
Pete Craddock	Goldie
Geoff Pollard	CBF1000
Alex Green	PAN
Dave Riley	VFR800 V-tec
Narjas	VFR800
Vic Martyn	Deauville
Derek James	CBF600
Brian Charlton (sweep)	KTM (with soft centres!)
Sally Charlton	650GS
Nick Twissell	Varadero
Ian Hudson	Deauville
Nick Handley	1200GS
Richard Bowden	Thunderbird
Mike Barratt	FJR1300 kettle
Graham Bailey	1200GS

'250 beautiful miles', with great company and wonderful weather to boot, and a destination that you could have spent a great deal of time at, given the choice of course!

With the briefing dealt with, and all participants suitably eager to 'burn black top',

we slipped away from BEW with

remarkable ease and efficiency for a change (thank you Brian, Mike). We

set about a course that saw the likes of Highworth, Lambourn, via the wonderful B4000, Andover, and Romsey before entering the New Forest (complete with



Classic old British oil drip tray

four legged obstacles) which became the last leg (joke!) of our journey down to Sammy's place.

Set in peaceful rural surroundings, the museum really is a place worth visiting as the facilities are second to none. Some of the exhibits are rarer than 'hens teeth', and certainly in quite pristine condition. We were lucky enough to meet the man himself, yes he was there with time to speak to all. He told us that most of the machines were renovated by himself and just one other, which made sense as his intimate knowledge of such a prized personal collection had astounded everyone who stopped to listen.



Sammy joined us for this shot

After a sumptuous lunch that had been freshly prepared, we set about the journey home via Salisbury, Devizes, Marlborough and eventually Cirencester, along an 'off beat' route that had almost the same entertainment value as the B4000 we

took on the way down. (Wonderfully fast 'n' sweeping).

On behalf of all the above, my sincere thanks to both Godfrey and Gill for putting in an awful lot of effort to ensure satisfaction on the day, indeed very much a success story, but can you top it for your NEXT run I wonder !!!!!!!

Your slave of the pen... ♦

Forest of Dean charity ride: 1 July 2007

The Forest of Dean Motor Cycle Club welcomes all Riders to join them on a charity motorcycle ride to help raise money for a local Children's Charity: the Interlinx Trust.

Interlinx helps young people within Gloucestershire who are stigmatized as a result of homelessness, abuse, terminal illness or who have a parent in prison.

Meeting is at Rank Xerox Social Club, Vantage Point, Mitcheldean. Gates will be open from 9.30am to leave at 11am.