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## David's Page

Hi everybody. 2004 and here we again and looking forward to this years events. It looks like being a busy year and I urge all of you to dust of your motorcycles and meet up at one or two of the listed venues. Any problems or queries please call me. On the back page there is long list of shows, events and runs. Notable ones are the Kent Constabulary Museum on the 11th/12th April at the Chatham Dockyards and Hampshire



Constabulary Families Day on the 6th June which we ask everyone to attend as last years was excellent. This year we have listed the major Bikesafe shows which are run by the various Police Forces and they are having large stands at these events. We are also doing our annual trek to the Staffordshire Show ground in April and October and again we are having a large stand with a static display. Please come and visit us as the show has many other attractions such as a large autojumble. Across the water our Dutch colleagues are having some excellent events that you might consider attending such as Rescue 2004 on the 11th August and is located by the seaside. This is a major show and highly

recommended. On the weekend of the 25th/26th September they are organising the Second European Police Vehicle meet for retired vehicles and if last years, which was held in Germany was anything to go by it promises to be big and noisy. See listing for contacts and details. When contacting any event organiser can we ask you to mention our group and that you would like to display your machine.

Can I say a final thank you to all those who attended and helped at the various venues last year and hope to see you at some this year. Lets put on a good turnout this year.

Enjoy your riding, keep involved and see you soon.

*David Bragg*

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### Current Operational Motorcycles



Honda UK  
STX1300 Pan European



## HISTORIC POLICE MOTORCYCLE



**San Antonio Police Dept., Texas USA  
Honda GL1500**



**Seattle Police Dept, USA  
Harley Davidson FLHP**



**Los Angeles County Sheriff, California USA  
Kawasaki KZ1000P**





**Los Angeles Police Dept., California USA  
BMW R1150RTP**



**Los Angeles Police Dept., California USA  
Kawasaki KZ1000P**



**Funeral Procession Escort, Seattle, USA  
Harley Davidson FLHTP**





## Chatham Dockyard – April 2003



Over the weekend of the 20th/21st April we were invited by the Kent Police Museum to exhibit our bikes alongside other serving and retired emergency vehicles. The Naval Dockyards at Chatham hosted their annual Transport Show and besides the visiting vehicles they have many attractions such as a submarine which you can literally crawl through together with other ships, a destroyer and also a very large exhibition dedicated to the RNLI. There were many visitors to the site and thankfully the weather was good. Throughout the weekend, steam traction engines of all shapes and sizes paraded around the yards much to the delight of young and old. Kent Police Museum has an excellent collection of memorabilia under the care of the curator John Endicott and his colleagues. Of interest to our members is the LE Velocette and the BMW R80/7 together with their uniforms of the period. Highly recommended, this event is on again this year.



## HISTORIC POLICE MOTORCYCLES

### Classic Motorcycle Show – April 2003



Over the weekend of 26th/27th April we attended the annual Stafford Classic Motorcycle show. The stand was bigger than our usual plot and bikes were kindly provided by Andrew Boyce - 1997 Harley Davidson FLHP, David Smith - 1994 Kawasaki KZ1000P, Tim Watkin - 1985 Kawasaki KZ1000C, Paul Harcus - 1982 Moto Guzzi 850T3, Gerry Scott - 1972 Norton Interpol, Ken Owen - 1969 Triumph Saint, HGB Motorcycles - 1997 Honda ST1100P and Honda UK - Honda STX1300P, their new Police model, thanks to Mervyn Smith of Honda for the loan of the vehicle. The show started busy and carried on for the whole of the event. At certain times of the day you couldn't see the other stands for the sheer number of people. Many enquiries were made with regard to restoring and obtaining the original Police equipment, many questions were asked by the general public, the chaps did their best to answer. A good weekend was had by all although tiring. We are having our stand again this year and if you would like to come and say hello, please do.



Southern Bike Show – May 2003



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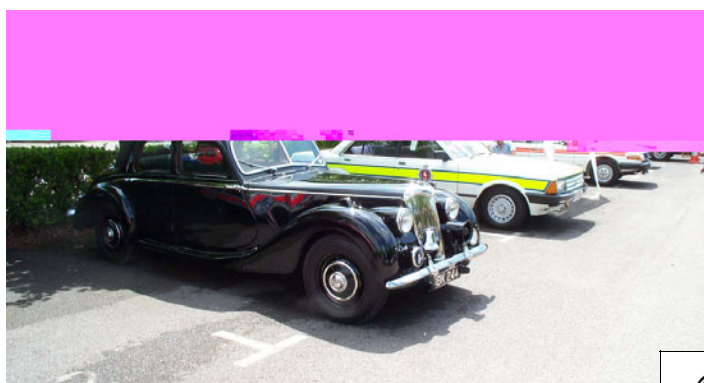
BSA A10 1966 Rutland Constabulary UK



DMW Deemster 1965 Essex Police UK



## Hampshire Constabulary Families Day - June 2003



Saturday June 7th beckoned and Hampshire Police had their annual Families Day at Police HQ, Netley. In conjunction with the PVEC (Police Vehicle Owners Club) we put on a large display of motorcycles and cars as you can see from the pictures. To see the mixture of vehicles from Greeves to Pan Europeans on the bike side and Morris Minors to a current American issue Crown Victoria on the car side was excellent. A splendid display. The weather was kind to us although Nick had erected the gazebo just in case. The whole premises opens its doors to the families and friends of the Force for one day with visits to their communication centre together with lots of displays showing how the Police operate on a daily basis. In the field behind the main building they had lots of stalls selling food and things for charity, even the Police band was playing. Because we had such a large gathering of vehicles, our organiser for this event Steve Woodward was sunning himself in New York with his wife as a present for her birthday, so he missed one of the biggest turnouts for years. This show is on again this year and we would ask that as many of you as possible turn up. It's a lot of fun and the surrounding area has many places to explore.





## RAF Northolt Families Day - June 2003



In June of 2003, the major airbase in Middlesex, RAF Northolt threw open its doors and held its annual Forces Family Open Day. The Base Commander is an avid motorcyclist and invited HGB Motorcycles and ourselves to set up a display of vehicles. Those that turned up were Robin Arnold with his BMW K100LT ex Hampshire Police, Bob Hennessy with his Greeves 24DE ex Southend Borough Police and his new Ambulance, David Smith and his Kawasaki KZ1000P in its new LAPD colours, Big Dave and his heavily chromed with every extra you could put on it Honda GL1800 and Paul H with another Honda Goldwing. As an extra bonus Roger Went displayed his LAPD Crown Victoria. The RAF put on a good display of aircraft including UK and US attack helicopters and operational fighters. Northolt's own Motorcycle Club also joined us. Other Services such as the RAF Police and the Metropolitan Police provided display vehicles also. In the early days, the airbase used to be a car and motorcycle race track and around the periphery the track is still there, so the highlight of the day was when one of the Sergeants from the Metropolitan Police decided to drive the Crown Victoria around the track. It was his dream to drive one of the American units. My was it quick, although we did have to stop for taxiing aircraft. A good day was had by all. We believe that the show is on for this year, however there are no dates, so we will let you know as soon as possible.



## Classic & Motorcycle Mechanics Show - October 2003



On the Friday as we had previously arranged, David Smith and Paul Harcus would phone as they were leaving London to tell me of their arrival time at the Stafford Show ground. I was surprised when they said that, on the way, they would be travelling to Durham to deliver a Goldwing trike to it's new owner and therefore would be late arriving at the show. Bl\*\*dy Hell "Durham" that's nearly Scotland.

Anyway, my Kawasaki C3 was loaded and I made my way to the show. Bob Hennessy was waiting and we unloaded our bit's and pieces and settled down to await the arrival of the others. Forty minutes before the building was due to close for the night Paul and Dave appeared having travelled nearly 400 miles. We just had time to unload the van and that was it, everything else would have to wait until the morning.

We got to the exhibition hall as early as we could on Saturday and all hands to the pumps as it were, we got the stand set up and open for business shortly after the show opened to the public at 9.00am. The bikes we had on display were a Kawasaki KZ1000 C3 1980 Virginia State Police (Andy Boyce), Moto Guzzi 850T3 Carabinieri, Bologna, Italy, (Paul Harcus), Greaves 24 DE, 1967 Southend on Sea Police, (Bob Hennessy), Norton Commando Interpol 1972 Lancashire Police, (Gerry Scott), Triumph 650 Saint, 1969 Liverpool Police, (Ken Owen). Sunday saw Tim Watkin arrive at the show (rode in no less) on his Kawasaki KZ1000 C3 1980 C.H.P. Bike, so a quick shuffle of the machines and his was added to the display. We also featured a selection of pictures and police equipment to add some interest, together with the infamous blue lamp on the corner of the stand. The public were quickly in to the show halls right from the word go and we had a steady stream of visitors to our stand on both days, many reminiscing about the good old days and quite a few, already owners of ex-police bikes asking for advice and history of their machines, which was admirably provided by Gerry, Bob and Ken, their combined knowledge of British bikes is legendary. Paul did good business adding machine details to his ever growing list, providing information and answering enquiries, whilst the rest of us assisted and new and interesting contact's were made.

We all had a pleasant two days', plenty of tea was drunk, many chocolate biscuits consumed and a few quid spent on odd item's that just beg to be bought. The show closed at 5pm on Sunday and the bikes and equipment were quickly packed up and we were on our way, a good job done, so here's to the next time! Thanks to Paul, Dave, Gerry, Bob, Ken and Tim without whose time and effort none of this would have been possible.

*Andy Boyce*





Lord Mayors Parade , City of London - November 2003



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BMW R60 1967 Politie, The Netherlands



BMW R80/7 1978 Metropolitan Police UK  
Special Escort Group



BMW R80/7 1979 Metropolitan Police UK



BMW R60/6 1976 City of London Police



## The Grey Area



**Place:** Northwest Motorcycle Instructional School, Renton, Washington State, USA.

**Date:** Summer 2003.

**Mission:** Take part in 40-hour law enforcement motorcycle operators training course.

After almost three decades of riding bikes I was of the opinion that I knew how to ride, that was until I attended the Northwest Motorcycle school, in Seattle. Run by Zsolt Dornay and Craig Sjolín. Zsolt is a retired police officer of 27 years, 11 of those spent as a motor officer, has acquired quite a record of achievements in law enforcement and in the art of police motorcycle instruction. Craig, a Police Officer of 9 years and a Motor Officer for the past 5, is also a certified Police Motorcycle instructor for Washington State. But more importantly, not only are they excellent teachers and riders, but a great couple of guys. Constructive criticism interlaced with humour, patience and encouragement. And that

made the four days spent on the course pass way to fast.



There were eight of us on this particular course, six Americans and two Brits. It was pre-arranged that we would all meet up at the local fire station on the Sunday evening prior to starting the actual course. This would allow everybody a chance to introduce themselves and for Zsolt and Craig too give us some idea on what would be in store for us over the next week. Also, the need to sign a few waivers was called for, apparently it's

not that uncommon for the occasional broken bone or other injury to be acquired on the course. It was therefore reassuring to know that not five minutes down the road from the actual course site was the local medical centre.



## The Grey Area



After the introductions were over it was down to the important stuff. Safety, safety and safety were the key words and it was also back to basics. Always cover the clutch. Get on and off the bike via the high side. Use all fingers on the levers. Always wear a helmet, gloves and eye protection and most importantly, no fooling around. Plus a multitude of other do's and don'ts. All that taken care of we were told to report for class at 9am the following day.

There they were, all lined up in the morning sunshine, 12 Kawasaki Police 1000s. Zsolt told us that it was "pretty much guaranteed that we would all be dropping these bikes at some point" and he wasn't wrong. If these ex-police bikes had hoped for a nice quiet retirement, then they must have been severely disappointed. Apart from the occasional dropping, it was the clutches that had the hardest time, the constant feathering of the throttle and clutch, that "Grey area". It's that area where the clutch is just biting and no more, keeping the engine around the 2000rpm mark and feathering the clutch you can do amazing things with a bike. That was our first lesson, find the "Grey area". With the front wheel up against a piece of 4x2 to hold the bike back we got the feel of what we were supposed to be looking for. Equipped with that knowledge we were taken through a range of exercises that would improve our riding ability ten fold. There were approximately twelve exercises that had to be mastered over the week, ranging from an 18ft enclosed circle called the 'Key Hole' to the 'Kink Alley', this one pattern incorporated high speed braking, lock to lock turns causing 180-degree changes in direction and slow speed weaving. Then there was the '40 Decel'. Achieve 40mph then break to a complete stop within 80 feet without locking-up either brake, trying not to run into the cones at the end, then enter a "L" shaped pattern to exit slowly. Forty doesn't sound that fast but 80 feet can pass pretty quickly when you're trying to stop in a hurry.

At the end of the week it's time to put all that hard work into practice and get that 'Certificate of Achievement in the art of Law Enforcement Motorcycle Riding'. To qualify for the certificate we are given two minutes to complete a course that involved every exercise that we had learnt. Craig showed us how it should be done using his Harley Davidson Police Road King. The Harley has a wider turning circle than the Kawasaki and as we were using Kawasaki's the cones were positioned for them. I don't think any of us had seen a bike ridden quite like that before, full lock to lock turns with footboards digging into





## The Grey Area

the asphalt. All done smoothly and precisely and under full control. Impressive is an understatement, but inspiring. Craig did the entire course in about one minute 30, it took us about one minute 45, but if you acquired penalties, which were foot down or knocking over a cone, 5 seconds added to your time and that could take you over the 2 minutes and then you get to do it all over again. If you ride out of a pattern or fall off, you can kiss that attempt good-bye too, and you had to do the whole thing



twice to get the certificate, once against the clock and the second just had to be a clear round. But just to keep you on your toes you only get six attempts to get it right, if you don't get the two clear rounds in the six, you have to start all over from the beginning, and the longer it takes, the harder it becomes. One cone can make all the difference.

One person who shall remain nameless, managed to qualify in just two goes, outstanding. Some of us took a little longer to qualify and some just had to call it a day and be sissified with the 'Certificate of Attendance'. But one thing is for sure, what Zsolt and Craig and all the other instructors who came along over the four days to help out had instilled in us was, 'Look where you want to go. Head and eye. Look, lock and lean. If you look down you're going down. Control of the clutch, throttle and brakes'. These basic rules will have a lasting affect on how we all ride in the future. As Zsolt said at the beginning, "when it all comes together, it really is J.F.M."

If you would like to be a better rider and have a great vacation at the same time, go to:

**[www.northwest-motorcycle.com](http://www.northwest-motorcycle.com)**

**HAPPY RIDING!**

***David Smith***

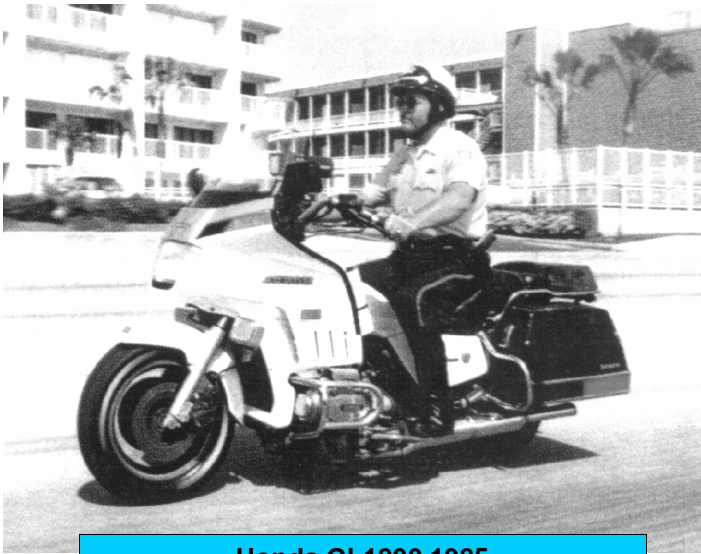




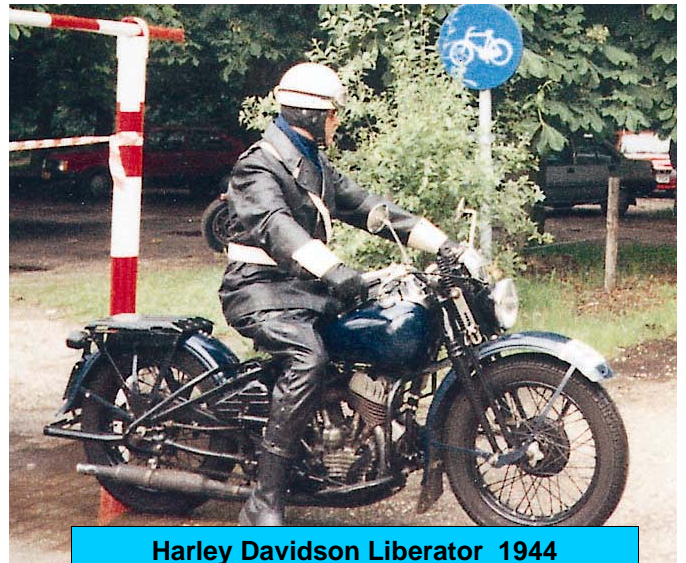
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**Honda GL1200 1985**  
**San Antonio Police Dept, Texas USA**



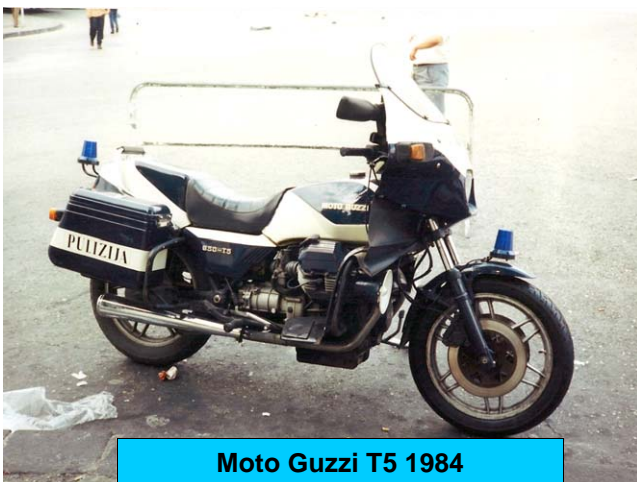
**Harley Davidson Liberator 1944**  
**Dutch Politie, The Netherlands**



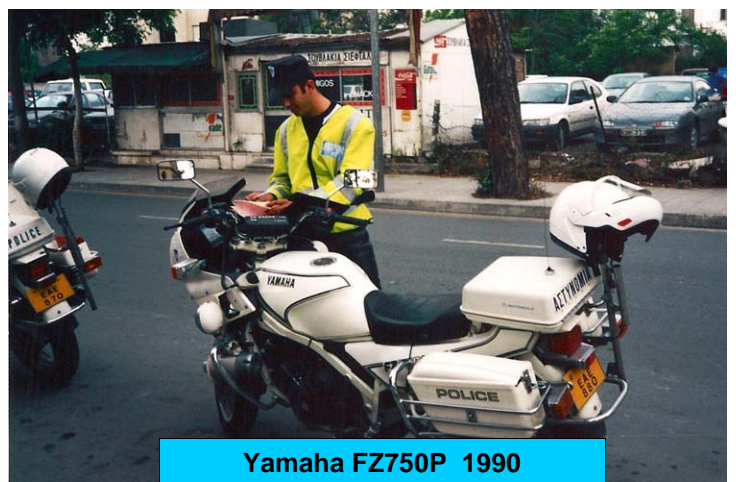
**Suzuki XV800 prototype 1991 UK**



**Yamaha XS850 prototype 1980 UK**



**Moto Guzzi T5 1984**  
**Police Dept, Malta**



**Yamaha FZ750P 1990**  
**Police Dept, Nicosia, Cyprus**

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## New Police Motorcycle - BMW K1200RSP



### FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT

Full fairing, solo seat, panniers,  
blue strobe warning lights,  
electronic siren,  
modulating headlight,  
rear fog lights, rear blue pole light,  
fire extinguisher, radio system

**Engine:** four stroke, four cylinder  
**Capacity:** 1171cc  
**Maximum Power:** 130bhp  
**Transmission:** 6 speed, shaft final  
**Wheelbase:** 1549mm  
**Weight:** 628lb (285kg)  
**Speed:** 152mph (245kph)



The BMW K1200RSP takes Police bikes to another level. Police Officers now have genuine 150mph autobahn blaster with all the Police toys and accessories to play with. The pictures show a Metropolitan Police model in battenburg livery. They are currently in service all around the world.





**Retired Police Motorcycle - Greeves 24DE**

**Engine:** two stroke, single cylinder  
**Capacity:** 247cc  
**Maximum Power:** n/a  
**Transmission:** n/a  
**Wheelbase:** n/a  
**Weight:** n/a  
**Speed:** n/a

**FEATURES AND EQUIPMENT**

Solo seat, leg shields,  
tank mounted radio,  
fire extinguisher  
optional fairing



Greeves was founded in 1952. Most of their models were competition bikes which used Villiers engines and gearboxes together with a cast aluminum frame and their own design leading link front forks. They produced some models of road machines, the most notable of which was the 'Essex Twin' using a 2T twin cylinder Villiers engine. These were supplied to the City of London Police between 1964 - 1965. The model shown above is a Greeves 24DE, engine no PRO227/4450, frame no 24DE 101. It was the original prototype and was a single cylinder two stroke. The 24DE was only made for the Police service. It was presented by Greeves to Southend on Sea Police in March 1967. Other notable users were the City of London Police and Staffordshire Constabulary, UK.



### 11th/12th April - Medway Festival of Transport

Kent Constabulary Museum, Chatham Dockyard, Kent.  
Static show. Please see attached form.  
Contact Bill Fowler 01634 823800

### 18th April - West Yorkshire Police Bikesafe

Temple Newsam, Leeds, West Yorkshire. Static show.  
Contact Sgt. Stephen Chappell 0845 6060606 x39046  
E-mail: [wyp@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:wyp@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 25th April - Charity Classic Motorcycle Run

Hove Engineerium Museum, Nevill Road, Hove, East Sussex  
Contact Clive Chappie 01273 452159

### 24th/25th April - 22nd International Classic Bike Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire  
We are having our own large stand. Come and see us.  
Contact Gerry Scott 0151 2294472

### 3rd May - Emergency Services Day

Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey.  
Static show. Contact Robin Arnold 01932 843921  
Brooklands Museum 01932 857381  
E-mail: [events@brooklandsmuseum.com](mailto:events@brooklandsmuseum.com)

### 8th May - Southern Bike Show

Kempton Park Race Course, Surrey.  
Static bike show. We are having a stand again.  
Contact David Smith 020 8361 4761  
E-mail: [davesmotorpool@lineone.net](mailto:davesmotorpool@lineone.net)

### 16th May - Furness British Motorcycle Club Show

Barrow in Furness, Cumbria. Static show.  
Contact David Bragg 0208 393 4958

### 15th / 16th May - West Mercia Police Bikesafe

Three Counties Showground, Malvern, West Mercia  
Static show. Contact Sgt. John Roberts 01905 331659  
E-mail: [westmerciapolice@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:westmerciapolice@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 16th May - West Midlands Police Bikesafe

National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham. Static show.  
Contact Sgt. 2205 Richard Breeze 0121 712 6095  
E-mail: [westmidlandspolice@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:westmidlandspolice@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 5th June - Hampshire Constabulary Families Day

Police HQ, Netley, Hampshire. Static show.  
Contact PC2113 Steve Woodward 08450 454545  
Traffic Dept., Cosham Police Station, Wayte Street,  
Cosham, Portsmouth PO6 3BS  
E-mail: [steve.woodward4@virgin.net](mailto:steve.woodward4@virgin.net)

### 6th June - 75th Anniversary Fire Brigade

Dinxperlo, The Netherlands. Static show & run.  
Contact Ron & Monique Laurier (NL) 0224 531663  
E-mail: [ron@laurier.demon.nl](mailto:ron@laurier.demon.nl)

### 19th / 20th June - All American Wheels

Asten-Heusden, The Netherlands. Static show.  
Contact Ron & Monique Laurier (NL) 0224 531663  
E-mail: [ron@laurier.demon.nl](mailto:ron@laurier.demon.nl)

### 27th June - Bromley Pageant

Norman Park, Bromley, Kent. Static show in conjunction  
with the PVEC and the Metropolitan Police Museum.  
Contact PC2113 Steve Woodward 08450 454545

### 4th July - Sussex Heritage Show

Heyshott, nr Midhurst, West Sussex. Static show.  
Contact Michael Jeavons 02392 649474

### 3rd / 4th July - Hampshire Constabulary Bikesafe

Aldershot Army Show, Aldershot, Hampshire. Static show.  
PC 1196 Mike Gear, Shirley Police Station, 390 Shirley Road,  
Shirley, Southampton, Hampshire SO15 3JG  
08450 454545 x725496

### 17th / 18th July - Friday Ad Motor Show

Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Halland, Sussex.  
Static show. Contact Classic Car Entries 01273 837700

### 18th July - Classic Car Show

Sutton High Street, Sutton, Surrey. Static show.  
Contact Roy Buchannon (Road Safety Officer) 0208 770 6463

### 18th July - Cleveland Police Bikesafe

Preston Hall & Museum, Tees, Cleveland.  
Static show. Contact PC Steve Darby (Traffic) 01642 301574  
E-mail: [clevelandpolice@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:clevelandpolice@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 24th / 25th July - Emergency Weekend

Bluebell Railway Fire Brigade, Horsted Keynes, West Sussex.  
Static show. Contact Julian Best 0870 765 7230

### 24th / 25th July - Worthing Seafront Festival

Worthing, West Sussex. Static show.  
Contact Pat Sheppard 01903 782897

### 31st July / 1st August - 999 Emergency Services Display

Western lawns. Eastbourne, Sussex. Static show.  
Contact Ff D. Stoneham, Fire Station,  
Whitley Road, Eastbourne BN22 8LA

### 11th August - Rescue 2004

Vlissingen, The Netherlands. Large emergency show.  
Contact Ron & Monique Laurier (NL) 0224 531663

### 15th August - Durham Bikewise

Durham Police Motorcycle Division,  
Ayckley Head Police HQ, Durham. Static show.  
Contact Sgt. Bob Brown 0191 3752136  
E-mail: [durham.police@bikesafe.co.uk](mailto:durham.police@bikesafe.co.uk)

### 28th / 29th / 30th August - Emergency Services Weekend

Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket  
Fire Service Preservation Group are running this.  
Contact E-mail: [stow@fspg-east-anglia.org.uk](mailto:stow@fspg-east-anglia.org.uk)

### 11th/12th September - Ambulance & Emergency Show

Drayton Park, Litchfield, Staffordshire  
Static show. Contact Organisers 01708 746199  
E-mail: [natambshow@aol.com](mailto:natambshow@aol.com)

### 18th September - Yeovilton Air Day

Royal Navy Air Station, Ilchester, Somerset. Static show.  
Entry by ticket only. Contact David Bragg 020 8393 4958

### 25th / 26th September - European Police Vehicle Meeting

Large gathering in Holland organised by the PVGNL.  
Contact the Dutch club for further details.  
Ron & Monique Laurier (NL) 0224 531663

### 16th/17th October - Classic & Motorcycle Mechanics Show

Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire.

If you would like to exhibit your motorcycle, can  
you let us know. Contact Gerry Scott 0151 2294472  
E-mail: [gerry.scott@btinternet.com](mailto:gerry.scott@btinternet.com)

If you have any more events or shows that might be of  
interest, can you send details to David Bragg  
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