NABD UPDATE – JULY 2014

NABD GRANTS:

At the April 2014 National Committee meeting of the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD), grants totalling £3,724.94 were awarded to help three more disabled riders to adapt bikes and/or trikes to suit their needs.

NB. There is no NABD National Committee meeting in May due to all efforts being put into the You’ve Been Nabbed rally.

At the June 2014 National Committee meeting of the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD), grants totalling £9,474.00 were awarded to help eleven more disabled riders to adapt bikes and/or trikes to suit their needs.

At the July 2014 National Committee meeting of the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD), grants totalling £4,759.99 were awarded to help six more disabled riders to adapt bikes and/or trikes to suit their needs.

That’s a grand total of £17,958.93 awarded in grants since the start of this financial year. Or, if you prefer to work to a traditional calendar, this brings the total amount of NABD adaption grants so far awarded in 2014 to £32,319.93.

YOU’VE BEEN NABBED 23:

In May 2014 we had our annual national You’ve Been Nabbed rally and I’m pleased to say once again it was a stunningly good event. Though the weather forecast could have been better, more than 2,500 people came from all over of the British Isles and beyond to help us to celebrate 23 years of the NABD.

The entrance to the event suffered somewhat as the weight of traffic and a few bursts of heavy rain began to churn it up as Friday progressed but, thanks to some excellent marshals putting in a great deal of dedication and hard work, the flow of traffic was not unduly interrupted.

Despite the sporadic showers, the atmosphere on site was superb throughout the event and the general consensus of opinion seemed to be that the line-up of entertainment on each of our three stages surpassed even our usual high standards.

On behalf of the NABD I would like to thank all of the lovely folk who came along to make YBN23 such a joyous event. And a very special thank you goes to those wonderful volunteer marshals who gave-up a goodly part of their weekend (and more) to make it all happen.
THE NABDONIA RALLY:

This event was never intended to grow into a huge fundraiser and since moving to the Swallow Falls hotel complex it has had a limit of 250 people as this is the fire limit on the nightclub venue used for the entertainment.

The rather unusual facet of this event is that it offers a choice of camping, youth hostel accommodation and hotel accommodation at varying costs, which are paid directly to the venue. The NABD event ticket is £10.00 and this gives access to the venue and the entertainment throughout the weekend.

I think it fair to say that, as far as the quality of the entertainment and the wonderful camaraderie of those who came are concerned; this year’s event was the best yet!

LEARNER/LOANER SCHEME:

The first bike pictured here is one of the three new NABD learner/loaner bikes that were sponsored by fundraising efforts of a group of NABD members and supporters in the Sheffield area. (The bike carries the signatures of all of the people involved in the fundraising project). This bike has been adapted to suit the needs of riders who have disabilities affecting his right arm.

The front brake and clutch controls are now together on the left handlebar using a K-Lever2 twin-lever unit. The throttle has also been transferred to the left handlebar. It is currently out on loan to a disabled rider with a right-arm brachial plexus injury and with the loan of this adapted machine he should be able to complete his training and test without having to pay the extra costs of having a bike adapted to do so.

The second bike pictured here is the result of The Ken Chaplin Memorial Bike Appeal to commemorate a much loved and greatly missed NABD activist who tragically died from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by his tent heater at the Dragon Rally on February 10th 2013.
This Yamaha YBR125 has now been added to the NABD Learner/Loaner fleet and will soon be adapted to suit a range of disabilities.

This latest addition completes the project to modernise the NABD learner/loaner fleet. We now have ten 125cc motorcycles in the fleet, which should provide good service for many years to come.

**NABD FUNDRAISING AT THE BMF SHOW:**

Student James Fisher snatched the £100.00 cash prize at the BMF/Zebra slow control race at the May 2014 BMF show. He beat his nearest rival by 16 seconds and then went on to beat his own record.

Two riders had notched up rides of 57 seconds on Saturday and it looked like that time was going to be unbeaten until Fisher smashed it with 1 minute 13 seconds.

Competitors paid £1 a go at the BMF show, helping to raise a total of £133.00 for the National Association of Bikers with a Disability.

David Silburn of the NABD said: “Every penny raised goes to individuals in the form of a grant up to £2000 to enable them to adapt a motorcycle so they are able enjoy the freedom and excitement that all riders enjoy.”

NABD ANNUAL AWARDS 2014:

The annual NABD awards were presented to the following people or their representatives at the You’ve Been Nabbed 23 rally. The heartfelt gratitude and profound respect of the NABD are reflected in these special awards.

The NABD Chairman’s Award: – Graham Swain (Vice Chairman)
This award is presented in recognition of outstanding individual effort in support of the NABD by National Committee members, Non-committee administrators or authorized NABD Representatives.
Graham’s efforts on behalf of the NABD since becoming the Vice Chairman have been nothing short of gargantuan. He has so often gone above and beyond the call of duty in so many aspects of the NABD that it is sometimes tempting to think there is a team of him.

The Sara Russell Award: – Darren Smith
This award is presented in recognition of outstanding individual effort in support of the NABD. Darren is a mechanic who has given-up a substantial amount of his leisure time to regularly maintain, service, and when necessary, repair the vehicles owned by the NABD including the learner/loaner bikes, the display/assessment trikes and the NABD van. (NB. NABD National Committee members, Non-committee administrators and authorized NABD Representatives cannot be nominated for this award).

The George Hampson Trophy: – The Hoggin’ the Bridge Club
This award is presented in recognition of outstanding effort by a Club, Group, Company, or event, in supporting the NABD. The Hoggin’ the Bridge Club have raised several thousand pounds for the NABD every year for a number of years. (Including £3,500.00 in November 2011; £2,000.00 in December 2012; £2,000.00 in December 2013).

DISPLAY MACHINES NEEDED FOR THE CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL AT DONNINGTON.

Do you have a bike, trike, or bike & sidecar outfit that has been adapted to suit a disability? Do you fancy a day out (or a weekend) at Donington Park Raceway on Saturday August 9th and/or Sunday August 10th?

The NABD would like to display your adapted machine at the Classic Motorcycle Festival. (Your adapted machine does not need to be a classic; all adapted machines are welcome).
The National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD) have been given the use of the carpark directly opposite the main entrance into the Donington Exhibition Centre, (this is outside the payline so you do not have to pay to get to it).

We will be there to showcase the work of the NABD and to do this effectively we need to have a large number of adapted bikes, trikes, and bike & sidecar combos., on display.

There will be NABD representatives in attendance at all times to ensure the safety of the machines on display.

Donington Racing have offered a free entry wristband to the festival to anyone who is willing to come and display their adapted machine in the NABD display area. The Classic Motorcycle Festival includes the VJMC classic show and Classic racing with the CRMC.

If you have an adapted machine you can show your support of the NABD in a very positive way by bringing it along to Donington on the 8th and/or 9th of August (free camping is available).

For further information email David Silburn via loaners@thenabd.org.uk

(The NABD is a registered charity).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN AID OF THE NABD:

Over the next few months there are several events that are raising money for the NABD.

The Hop and Barley rally (August 14th – 17th) near Burton On Trent in Staffordshire, is a wonderfully easy-going family event that is organised by David Silburn (NABD Learner/Loaners) and together with the dedicated support of members of the Unwanted MCC this event has raised thousands of pounds for the NABD over the past six years.

For more info see: www.dsbiker.com

The Underworld Rally (August 22nd – 24th) at St Michaels on Wyre, near Preston in Lancashire, is the annual rally of Avernus MCC who have adopted the NABD as their charity this year and have already provided much needed sponsorship at You’ve Been Nabbed 23.
Autumn Nabd’ness 2014 (September 5th – 7th) at Enstone Airfield, near Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire. This is a full-blown NABD event, much along the same lines as the You’ve Been Nabbed rally but, as yet, somewhat smaller. It boasts a bike & trike show sponsored by 100% Biker magazine, two stages for live entertainment, lots of live music and a huge stand-up comedy show (this year being headlined by the irrepressible Jonathan Mayor), a real ale bar, and lots of trade stands. This event needs your support this year if it is to survive the recession! I urge all NABD members and supporters to attend if they possibly can. You will not be disappointed!

For more info see: www.nabd.org.uk

A Paranormal Investigation in aid of the NABD (Saturday September 20th) at Ordsall Hall, Salford, from 9.00pm until 2.00am. This unusual fundraising event has been organised by John Lysons (NABD Public Relations) who is an inveterate paranormal enthusiast himself. Space on this ghost hunt is strictly limited but, if it proves a popular idea, he will be organising more of them.

Tickets are £25.00 per person (limited to 30 people) and will be available from the web store at www.aloneinthedarkentertainment.com

The Pict On Pissed Off Rally (October 11th – 13th) Near Bridgend, South Wales. This is a pleasantly understated rally set in enchanting woodlands with camping spread out in small glades throughout the forest. It even has a limited amount of Mongol Yurts for hire. Unfortunately the lay of most of the land does not lend itself to people with severe mobility problems but there are good facilities in the centre of the site where the main entertainment, food stalls and bar are situated.

For more information see: http://www.pictonpissedoff.com

Sponsor a Barrel of Ale at Autumn Nabd’ness 2014:

For £75.00 sponsors can have their name on barrels of ale throughout the event, they will also be included in the sponsors list and receive a laminated ‘Certificate of Sponsorship’ from the NABD. Perhaps you could propose that your club sponsors a barrel? If you are self-employed, why not sponsor a barrel yourself? If you work for a company, why not talk to your boss about it? It’s very good publicity and, as promotional expenses and charitable donations are all tax deductible, it has to feel better than handing your money over to the tax man!
For further details; e-mail office@thenabd.org.uk or telephone 0844 415 4849 and we will let you have a simple form to fill in.

NABD STALLS – OUT & ABOUT:
NABD Information/advice stands will be attending many events throughout the remainder of 2014 including:
The Leathered in Lincoln Rally 25th – 27th July
The Yorkshire Pudding Rally 1st – 3rd August
Donington Classic Motorcycle Festival 7th -10th August
The Yorkshire Rock & Bike Show 8th – 9th August
7th Hop and Barley rally 14th – 17th August
The Autumn Nabd’ness Rally 5th – 7th September
Greedy Pigs rally 19th – 21st September
The Kickback Show, Donington 29th & 31st September
Oddballs MCC summer rally 25th – 28th September
Rally in the Woods 10th – 12th October
Stafford classic bike show 24th – 26 October
NEC Classic Motorcycle show 13th – 16th November

Further events will be added to this list as they are confirmed, no doubt it will be another busy year.

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