

# The Riyadh Group of British Bikers

## (The scary antidote to Golf Syndrome)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November saw the inaugural meeting of the All New Special Interest Group of the RGBB. After discussions among the RGBB membership, usually after refreshments at the various business and social events, the well known teenage delinquent, Chris Maybury, was cajoled into gathering together other like-minded reprobates into forming a new (anti)Social Interest Group.

The new SIG is strictly non-business and exclusively for existing RGBB Members and families who share an interest in motorcycling, both on and off road.

The Board has given (sort of) approval, strictly on the understanding that becoming a member of the new sub(normal) group must not be the reason to join the RGBB which must remain as a business focused entity.



Pictured right:  
Biker Chicks pose on David Riley's excellent collection of ex-police bikes.  
Below:  
The inaugural meeting

noted that the modern bikes do not drip oil all over the ground.

It is early days yet but plans are afoot to provide social early morning ride-outs to local places of interest, off-road dirt bike activities, factory and museum visits and if it can be arranged, a visit to the Saudi Aviation Club to look at the flying and try to climb in some of the planes. Participation in sky



Recent years have seen a positive increase in motorcycling in KSA, to the extent that the various Manufactures have been attracted enough to invest in new showrooms and service facilities. Notable names include BMW, Harley Davidson, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Yamaha and the relatively unknown manufacturer from Austria, KTM. So far, attempts by the UKTI office have not persuaded the British company Triumph, to have a go here.

diving will be strictly at the respective member's own risk. Miss "wet T-shirt" or tattoo contests may not be appropriate.

The rumour that the group will be holding grass track racing, motocross or trials in HMA's garden is unfounded due to the perceived problem with the DQ security in permitting so many noisy bikes into the area.

For the first meeting and photo-shoot, David Riley, renowned for his slick hair style, persuaded his management to permit the group to be hosted at the Al-Rabie Saudi Dairy Company's factory, situated in Riyadh's Second Industrial City. It was a beautiful setting with real grass and trees providing shade and essential hard standing for the bikes. It should be

Currently there are eleven signed-up RGBB members within the new group and nine attended the first meeting along with five of their Biker Chicks.

Paid up RGBB members who are interested to join the new group should contact Chris Maybury (chris@sese2000.net) in the first instance to register. Membership is not conditional on owning a bike but persons without a genuine "interest" will be identified by the other members and probably sorted out in a dark alley.

Well that's one new group up and running, now let's see what the golfers can come up with.



Pictured left :  
Chris Maybury, back in 1965 on his 1926 Ariel. Just to compare how different things are today, Chris was participating in a Time Trial where the average speed had to be maintained at 24mph and done without a speedo!