

## **Nene Valley Harley Davidson Biker's Club at Nuthampstead May 31, 2009**

**by Malcolm 'Ozzie' Osborn**

The weather was truly gorgeous, as we excitedly awaited the arrival of the Nene Valley Harley Davidson owners club, with no fewer than 97 of these fabulous machines. They were on a rally, this one was entitled *The American Dream* and was a tribute to all the young 8th AAF aircrews who came overseas then dreamed of finishing their missions and going home again. They had all met at *The Hells Angel* at Molesworth, the base was once home to the 303rd Bomb Group, then rode to the American Military Cemetery at Madingley, then on to Nuthampstead. I met them at the golf club, then led them en-masse up to the tall flag pole on the airfield. I gave a quick five minute shouted talk on the meaning of the flag pole, Robert Howard's flag, the airfields history and where we were standing. Then it was down to The Woodman for a Hog Roast beautifully cooked by Julian Clark, followed by my giving a quick slide show to forty interested bikers.

Just ninety minutes after their arrival it was time to bid them all goodbye.

What a fantastic Sunday afternoon.

Following is an annotated photo journey of their visit to Nuthampstead.

Ozzie Osborn

*Harley Davidson Biker's Rally at Nuthampstead  
On Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.*



The first of 97 bikers arrive



Ozzie waves them past



Up on the airfield Ozzie tells the bikers about Robert Howard's flag and what it represents.



Ozzie tells the airfield's history – 97 bikes, 132 people, the record for the most visitors to AAF Station 131 at one time.



See how proudly it waves



Peter Brooke and Jeff Bisselt set off for The Woodman  
'The back way'



“See you down there mate” – shades of 1944



Let's go join 'Brookie'



There were so many hungry and thirsty bikers.  
Harleys parked at the back of The Woodman.



Chow Line for the 'Hog Roast'



Julian and team find time for a smile



The jacket says it all





40 bikers came in for Ozzie's talk



A lot of interest in Peter's Harley



All too soon it was time to go home



Hey, quit monkeying around. Have a safe journey home.



Sandy relaxes – at last!



Is this 'The Lone Ranger'?