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## UKBEG Emma Radford Buell Festival - Saturday 19th July 2008

The UK Buell Enthusiasts Group's main event is held at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby, near Spilsby. Web site: [www.lincsaviation.co.uk](http://www.lincsaviation.co.uk)  
This years event takes place on Saturday 19th July. It will be our fifth event held at this location dedicated to the memory of one of our members, Emma Jane Radford, who passed away 22-04-04, aged just 26.

We first used the Aviation Centre for our main event in 2002 and Emma attended this and the following one in 2003 – where the picture on the right was taken. Other than close family and friends, many people didn't realise that Emma had Cystic Fibrosis. It was a great shock to us when Emma passed away. Despite feeling unwell, but never showing it, she always made the effort to ride her Buell to this and other events. Admission to this years event is £6.00 per person (but 'Girls on Buells' get in free) – which includes a donation to the Papworth Cystic Fibrosis unit which looked after Emma. In 2007 we raised a creditable £1,100.00.

In addition to approximately 150 Buells, there'll be Italian bikes from Aprilia, Cagiva, Ducati, Morini and Moto Guzzi. British bikes will include Brough Superior, Hesketh and Vincent. The event will include a Lancaster bomber taxi-run and a Spitfire flying display. If you like Rolls Royce V12 Merlin engines at full chat and red-blooded V-twin motorcycles, then get yourself to East Kirkby on Saturday 19th July and share in the fun...

The event starts at 10.30 am with the Lancaster bomber display at 1.30 PM and the Spitfire display (weather permitting) at approximately 2.30 PM. Buell UK have kindly agreed to support the event and will have their mobile events unit there with various promotional items. They will also have a fleet of current Buell models available for escorted test rides, which will be conducted by ACU qualified instructors. If you wish to have a test ride you must produce a full motorcycle licence.



## 1125R Recall Announced 13th June 2008

Recall No. 0834: Buell is recalling 1,579 model year 2008 1125R motorcycles. These vehicles can experience 5th gear galling on the clutch shaft due to lack of lubrication. This condition can allow the gear to seize to the shaft, resulting in rear wheel lock-up. This could result in a crash, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

[www.ukbeg.com](http://www.ukbeg.com)

Visit the Groups web site for all the latest up to date information. In addition to a social forum and general chat you'll find a specific section that covers all Buell technical questions. There's a wealth of knowledge that has been built up over a period of 10 years and all of it is easy to access. Both tube-framed and XB models have their own sections that cover all known faults and popular modifications. This aspect is one of the main strengths of our web site. The 'Events & Rides' forum is the place to visit for news about what's happening and where. This section details our more formal Buell events (which are also shown within this newsletter) and locally based runs and meets which may just have 2 or 3 days notice.

We welcome new members on the web site – but even if you don't want to post a message you're quite welcome to browse all the content.



Dealers will inspect and repair the affected motorcycles free of charge.

PHOTO: 'NORM'



## Buell XB12R Firebolt. Owner: 'Woz'.

Forum member 'Woz' (Warren) attended the UKBEG Buell Day at the Sammy Miller motorcycle museum on the 25th May 2008 and his XB12R Firebolt created quite a lot of interest.

Warren's Buell is a 2004 model, has a daylight only MOT and had covered 12,700 miles at the time of the event. One of the most striking features of the bike are the clean uncluttered lines and those purposeful looking Kawasaki ZX6RR front forks. As neat as the rest of the bike is, it's those front forks and brakes which immediately catch the eye.



### Main technical features:

Kawasaki ZX6RR front forks.

Promach race yokes – built to give the same rake and trail of the original XB12R.

Braking of Italy 9 spoke 'OZ' front wheel kit c/w integral carriers and wave discs.

Twin ISR endurance 6 pot calipers and carbon pads.

ISR radial front brake master cylinder and clutch lever.

Venhill braided lines.

Short Race subframe.

Aluminium race can c/w stainless inlet and outlet tubes, built by Warren.

K&N air filter and Techlusion TFI unit.

Rizoma rear reservoir and rear pulley.

Fibreglass race front nose fairing, front fender and long belly pan for oil capture in the event of a spill.

Kopotech one piece air box cover/seat unit.

All bodywork painted in Candy Fire Red over a metalflake microglow base, with very subtle stripes and the race number 78 on the front fairing.

Carbon mirrors.

Cut down Streamline carbon rear hugger.

Cut down double bubble black screen.

Track day Rennsport tyres.

## Buell XB12X (08) Ulysses. Owners Update - Chris Jessop.



As of 22-06-08 my 8 month old Ulysses has now covered 8,250 miles. The bike hasn't let me down once and continues to be a totally reliable and trustworthy workhorse – in all sorts of weather conditions. Other than a Maz Matsell engine breather modification, the engine intake and exhaust is still standard. I've resisted the temptation (so far) to chase a bit more power and torque because the bike runs so beautifully with the standard fuel injection set-up. Even in standard 'restricted' form it has plenty of power for real-world riding.

My only gripes about the bike have been the low quality standard fasteners and the poor finish on the standard muffler – it now looks like something dredged up from the bottom of the North Sea and really lets the bike down. I have a warranty claim in for a properly coated replacement and this should prove more durable.

I've replaced most of the original corroded fasteners with stainless steel versions. There's still a few more to do but the bike looks a lot better now. See list below for which sizes are required:

### 1203cc BUELL THUNDERSTORM (2008 SPEC) ENGINE FASTENERS

#### 'THUNDERSTORM COVER' RIGHT HAND SIDE OF ENGINE - STANDARD BLACK JAPANNED

4 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1" LONG (9 TO 12.4NM)  
3 OFF 1/4"UNC X 3" LONG (9 TO 12.4NM)  
7 OFF 1/4" X 7/16" SMALL OD WASHERS

#### RIGHT HAND CASE - STANDARD BLACK JAPANNED

4 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1" LONG (9 TO 12.4NM)  
4 OFF 1/4" X 7/16" SMALL OD WASHERS

#### PRIMARY CHAINCASE - STANDARD BLACK JAPANNED

13 OFF 1/4"UNC X 2" LONG (9 TO 12.4NM)  
13 OFF 1/4" X 7/16" SMALL OD WASHERS

#### BASE OF PUSHROD TOWERS - STANDARD BLACK JAPANNED

8 OFF 3/16"UNC X 3/4" LONG (4 PER TOWER)  
8 OFF 3/16" WASHERS (4 PER TOWER)

#### OIL COOLER PLASTIC 'AIR SCOOP'

2 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1/2" LONG  
2 OFF 1/4" X 7/16" SMALL OD WASHERS

#### OIL COOLER FRONT MOUNT

2 OFF 1/4"UNC X 3/4" LONG (10NM)  
2 OFF 1/4" X 7/16" SMALL OD WASHERS

#### HANDGUARDS - LEFT AND RIGHT

4 OFF M5 X 16 (2 EACH SIDE)  
4 OFF M5 WASHERS (2 EACH SIDE)

#### LEFT HAND SWITCH BLOCK

2 OFF M5 X 25

#### RIGHT HAND SWITCH BLOCK

1 OFF M5 X 25  
1 OFF M5 X 40

#### LEFT HAND MIRROR MOUNT CLAMP

1 OFF M6 X 20 (8NM)

#### RIGHT HAND MIRROR/FRONT BRAKE RESERVOIR MOUNT CLAMP

2 OFF M6 X 20 (8NM)

#### FRONT FORK LOWER PINCH BOLTS

4 OFF 5/16"UNC X 1" LONG (27 TO 30NM) (2 PER FORK)

#### FRONT FORK UPPER PINCH BOLTS

2 OFF 3/8"UNC X 1" LONG (31 TO 34NM) (1 PER FORK)

#### STEERING STEM PINCH BOLT

1 OFF 5/16"UNC X 1" LONG (27 TO 30NM)

#### HANDLEBAR CLAMP BOLTS

4 OFF 5/16"UNC X 1" LONG (14 TO 16NM)  
(TIGHTEN FRONT BOLTS TO CORRECT TORQUE FIRST AND THEN THE REAR BOLTS)

#### FOOTREST MOUNTING BRACKETS - LEFT AND RIGHT

6 OFF 1/4"UNC X 3/4" LONG (15 TO 16NM) (3 EACH SIDE)

#### REDUNDANT FAIRING SUPPORT BRACKET - FRONT OF STEERING HEAD/FRAME, BEHIND HEADLIGHTS

2 OFF M8 X 70 C/W 4 OFF M8 WASHERS AND  
2 OFF M8 NYLOCK NUTS.  
(THESE REPLACE THE STANDARD 5/16"UNC X 3" LONG BOLTS)

#### REAR OF FRONT MUDGUARD

4 OFF 1/4"UNC X 3/4" LONG (2 EACH SIDE)  
4 OFF 1/4" X 5/8" LARGE OD WASHERS (2 EACH SIDE)  
THE STANDARD FRONT TORX T27 FASTENERS ARE STAINLESS AND HAVE A SHOULDER ON THEM.

#### UNDER ENGINE CHIN SPOILER

THE STANDARD TORX T27 FASTENERS ARE STAINLESS AND HAVE A SHOULDER ON THEM.

#### RIGHT HAND FRONT PULLEY COVER

1 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1 1/2" LONG  
1 OFF 1/4" X 7/8" LARGE OD WASHER  
2 OFF 1/4"UNC X 3/4" LONG  
2 OFF 1/4" X 5/8" LARGE OD WASHERS

#### REAR HUGGER

3 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1/2" LONG (HEX HEAD)  
2 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1/2" LONG (SKT HEAD CAP)  
5 OFF 1/4" X 5/8" LARGE OD WASHERS

#### BOTTOM BELT GUARD

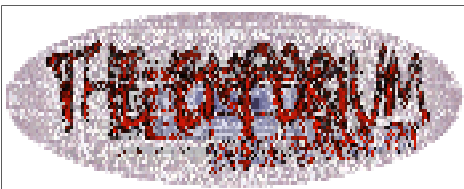
2 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1/2" LONG  
2 OFF 1/4" X 5/8" LARGE OD WASHERS

#### ENGINE COOLING AIR SCOOPS - LEFT AND RIGHT

6 OFF 1/4"UNC X 1/2" LONG (3 EACH SIDE)  
6 OFF 1/4" X 5/8" LARGE OD WASHERS (3 EACH SIDE)

NOTE: THE UNDER SEAT AREA USES A MIXTURE OF 1/4"UNC FASTENERS BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STANDARD LENGTHS ARE. MY BIKE HAS TOURATECH PANNIER BRACKETS FITTED SO USES NON STANDARD FASTENERS.





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**Contact: Maz Matsell for all your Buell repair & service requirements.**

## Event Report - Buell Weekend - Belgium - 10th/11th May 2008

After an invite appeared within the UKBEG events forum, Jane and I attended the Buell Day in Belgium with fellow UKBEG members and enjoyed glorious weather. In addition to approximately 50 tube framed and fuel framed Buells there were a couple of 'classic' models. They belonged to Martin and Dris of Twin Power in Holland. The RR1000 is a 1988 model and is number 50 of 50 that were produced and has only 241 miles on the clock. The tail section is signed by Erik Buell and the bike is almost totally original. It uses a XR1000 engine and Dell-Orto carburetors. The red S2 Thunderbolt is a 1994 model with only 2458 miles on the clock. It is one of two S2's that Martin and Dris own, the other is a yellow version. They also have a 1989 RR1200 which is number 38 of 65 that were produced. A brilliant Buell weekend – thanks to everyone who helped with the running of it.



## UK Buell Enthusiasts Group Events Diary 2008

There's a full program of UKBEG Buell events and meets taking place in 2008. The **Events Diary**, within our web site [www.ukbeg.com](http://www.ukbeg.com), shows up to date information and contains hyperlinks to the different locations shown below. Please contact Chris Jessop for further details about any of these events. Tel: 01924 518224 evenings .

March 16th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Day	Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey.
March 22nd	Saturday	<b>UKBEG</b> 10th Anniversary	Black Bear HD/Buell, Newmarket, Suffolk.
March 23rd	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> 10th Anniversary	Ride Out to Snetterton BSB Preview.
March 29th/30th	Saturday/Sunday	<b>Buell @ Bikesafe</b>	London Bikesafe Event.
April 6th	Sunday	<b>Harleyworld Buell Day/Photo Shoot</b>	Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
April 7th	Monday	<b>Buell Ride Out Tour</b>	Lysley Arms, Chippenham, Wiltshire.
April 13th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Meet	RAF Cosford, Shropshire.
April 27th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> ride out to an American Auto Meet	Swinderby, Lincolnshire.
May 10th/11th	Saturday/Sunday	<b>Buell Weekend</b>	Belgium
May 13th/18th	Tue to Sun	<b>UKBEG</b> NW200 Trip	Northern Ireland.
May 16th/18th	Fri to Sun	<b>Buell @ BMF Show</b>	Peterborough.
May 20th	Tuesday	<b>Buell Experience Day</b>	Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire.
May 24th	Saturday	<b>UKBEG</b> visit to Santa Pod	Euro Drag Racing Champs, Wellingborough,
Northants.			
May 25th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Day	Sammy Miller Museum, Hampshire.
June 1st	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Meet	The Falkirk Wheel, Scotland.
June 3rd	Tuesday	<b>Buell Experience Day</b>	Mallory Park, Leicestershire.
June 8th	Sunday	<b>Buell Ride Out Tour</b>	Devils Bridge, Cumbria.
June 9th	Monday	<b>Buell Ride Out Tour</b>	Flyde Coast Bike Meet, Lytham, Lancashire.
June 13th/15th	Fri to Sun	<b>UKBEG</b> Cumbria Weekend	Kirkstone Pass Area.
June 21st/22nd	Saturday/Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Weekend/BBQ	Dockgate 20 HD/Buell, Southampton.
July 2nd to 6th	Wed to Sun	<b>Buell Motorcycles 25th Anniversary</b>	Wisconsin, USA.
<b>July 19th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>UKBEG Main Event</b>	<b>Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre,</b>
		<b>Emma Radford Buell Festival</b>	<b>East Kirkby, near Spilsby.</b>
July 26th/27th	Saturday/Sunday	Adam's Birthday Bash	Oswestry, Shropshire.
August 9th/10th	Saturday/Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Classic Racing Weekend	Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire.
August (dates TBC)	Fri to Sun	<b>Buell Motorcycles 25th Anniversary</b>	UK Location TBC.
August 19th	Tuesday	<b>Buell Experience Day</b>	Cadwell Park, Lincolnshire.
August 22nd	Friday	<b>Buell Experience Day</b>	Mallory Park, Leicestershire.
August 24th	Sunday	<b>Buell Ride Out Tour</b>	Boxhill, Surrey.
August 22nd/26th	Fri to Tues	<b>UKBEG</b> Germany Weekend	Eifel Mountains/Mosel Valley/Nurburgring.
September 7th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Meet	Llanberis, Snowdonia.
September 21st	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Meet	Haynes Museum, Sparkford, Somerset.
October 5th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Stand	Copdock Motorcycle Show, Suffolk.
October 19th	Sunday	<b>UKBEG</b> Buell Meet	Haverthwaite Railway, Cumbria.