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Foreword

Phil Armes

Judging by the number of regs in this issue of the gazette, the season is about to swing into full action. To keep yourself abreast of the year's events, and make sure you are up to speed with the latest rules and championship conditions make sure you get hold of a copy of the new Centre handbook. Most clubs have collected or received their copies, but if any club hasn't ordered any yet, or would like some more, please get in touch and I will be able to supply them.

There is a lot of extra information in this months gazette with regard to rule changes, seminars, and most importantly the issue surrounding MSA authorisation of events using Public Roads.

The ACU are working hard at the moment to engage with government departments and the MSA to sort out this thorny problem, but they need your support. The ACU are requesting that all members write to, or better still, meet with, their respective MP to bring to their attention the possibility that new regulatory changes may mean the loss of all observed Trials that use any part of the public highway. I have included the majority of a letter from ACU Gen Sec Gary Thompson in this gazette, but ultimately it is down to you to follow this up and contact your MP.

All motocross riders need to be aware that the ACU has adopted the FIM rule changes with regard to Yellow Flags – make sure you read the modified rules and understand them – it may cost you dearly with regard to your finishing position in a race – or ultimately get you excluded!

There is also information about an extended Sidecar Trials championship; and some extra events for Pre 65 motocross enthusiasts.

And don't forget – the annual Centre awards presentation takes place on February 22nd at Gt Blakenham, so if you haven't got your tickets make sure you get your order in and get along for what promises to be a great evening.

EASTERN CENTRE AWARDS EVENING

The Centre Awards Presentation Evening will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2014 at Gt. Blakenham Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

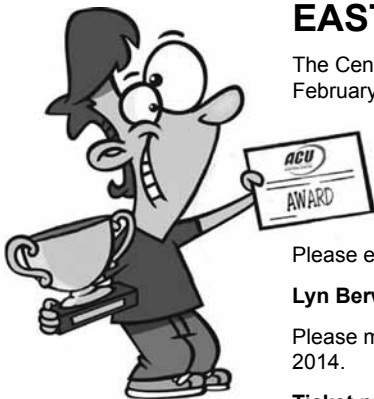
Award winners are invited to collect their awards and will receive 2 tickets free of charge. The cost for everyone else is set at £5 per ticket. These may be obtained from Lyn Berwick by telephoning 07857 601753 or 01394 389330, or by returning this page.

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Lyn Berwick, 23 Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6JD.

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 Venue: Date of Event:
 Permit No: **ACU** Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)

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- I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.
- I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU

• I/we enclose the entry fee of: £ **Don't forget to put Entry Fee here**

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

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If applicable:

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Youth A ☐ Youth B ☐ Youth C ☐ Youth D ☐ Youth E ☐ Sidecar ☐

Machine: Make: Engine Size (cc)

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name: **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

SOUTHEND & DMCC
Sunday 23rd February 2014

Open Permit TRIAL
Royal Oak Pit, Danbury, Essex

C Class Eastern Centre Championship Rd 1

Sign On: 09.30 am
National Grid Reference: TL 802052

Start: 10.30 am
Permit No. ACU 40253

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a. **Club Stewards:** D. Nuttman & D. Woolnough

Clerk of the Course: Martin Cross

Child Protection Point of Contact: Paul Nash

Secretary of the Meeting: Mrs. Margaret Spurgeon Tel: 01702 554830

Rosebank Softwater Lane, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 2NE email: margspurgeon@btinternet.com

JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo & Sidecar machines

Course: Sand Pit **Routes:** **A** – Championship **B** – Non-Championship

Classes: Pre 70, Twinshock, Sidecar plus Southend Members

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£15.00 for Adults**, and **£12.00 for Youth**, **£16.00 Sidecar**. Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Southend & DMCC**. Not paid in to the bank until 24th February 2014

Entries Open: 4th February

Entries Close: 16th February

Awards: None

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NORWICH VIKING MCC
Sunday 2nd March 2014

Open Permit TRIAL
Santon Downham

DRD Cup Trial

Sign On: 09.30 am

National Grid Reference: TL 838871

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a.

Club Stewards: R. Brooks & G. Huxtable

Clerk of the Course: Jamie Douglas (Licence 26600)

Child Protection Point of Contact: Stephen Butcher

Secretary of the Meeting: Barbara Douglas The Old Cottage, The Moor, Reepham, NR10 4NL

Tel: 01603 871811 (eve) email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

Start: 10.30 am

Permit No. ACU 40572

JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Start & Finish: Little Lodge Farm, Santon Downham, Thetford, IP27 0TX

Classes: All Adult & Youth Solo Classes

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£15.00 for Adults**, and **£12.00 for Youth**. Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Norwich Viking MCC Ltd.** Not paid into bank until 3rd March 2014

Entries Open: 4th February 2014

Entries Close: At Start

Awards: None

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ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

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Address: **Phone:**

ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

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Youth A ☐ Youth B ☐ Youth C ☐ Youth D ☐ Youth E ☐ Sidecar ☐

Machine: Make: Engine Size (cc)

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name: **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

Norwich Viking MCC Club Notes

Dave Kingsnorth

Norwich Viking MCC, scoop the jackpot, with four championship events. The NVMCC club are set for an extremely eventful and busy 2014.

On **6th April** we play host to Round 2 of the Maxxis British Motocross Championship. This will without doubt be the premier event of our 2014 calendar.

With MXGB saying, that they would consider 2014 possibly to be the most competitive and open the MX1 and MX2 class have been for many years, it promises much. There are no less than four previous champions in the MX1 line up - Simpson, Whatley, Anderson and last year's MX2 champion, Elliott Banks-Browne who has elected to go up to the elite class. Add to this the presence of Jake Nicholls, Luke Benstead, Graeme Irwin, Luke Hawkins, Shane Carless, Nathan Parker and you have a recipe for some very serious racing. And as if this is not enough, we hope that Norwich Viking star Carl Nunn will again accept a wild card entry and, if so, it will be interesting to see if he can repeat or better his 2013 performance finishing 7th overall in the elite class despite only being a "part-time" rider these days. Couple that with the challenges of the Caddes Hill circuit and it doesn't get any better.

In the MX2 class look out for Steven Lenoir on the new Husqvarna, Matiss Karro, Mel Pocock, Bryan MacKenzie and Neville Bradshaw. Also in the running will be Jason Dougan, Martin Barr, James Cottrell, Lewis Tombs, Adam Sterry, Jordan Booker, Ben Watson and Aaron Pipon who finished runner up to Carl Nunn in last year's Eastern Centre Championship. Also, how will the unknown Ryo Sato fare after finishing fourth in the 2013 Japanese Championship?

Sunday **4th May** sees NVMCC playing host to the 3rd Round of the Eastern Centre Motocross Championship, which will be run over the full GP length circuit. This was very well received last year by the riders and we are pleased to be able repeat it again this year.

Following this at our meeting on **June 29th** we have Round 3 of the British Quad Championships. It is some 6 years since the top level quads raced at Caddes Hill, and on that occasion racing was fast and furious. So much so, that it was to the detriment of the machines themselves, with more than one rider having to retire from racing with a broken machine. The quads will be supported by the NGR Over 30's and two allcomers support groups.

July 27th sees us playing host to a round of the Maxxis British Sidecar Championship. This will provide the top outfits with the opportunity to overcome the physical challenges of the Caddes Hill circuit and to Caddes Hill itself. In addition to the sidecars we will be featuring a round of the NGR Over 30 Championship + two Open Support Classes.

And finally in October, on the 19th, we will be repeating the very successful Motocross Practice Day. Does it get any better?



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Stisted Long Distance Trial

Sign On: 7.30 am

National Grid Reference: TL 810257

Start: 9.00 am

Permit No. ACU 40552

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a.

Club Stewards: t.b.a.

Clerk of the Course: Chris Cook (Licence No 38112)

Secretary of the Meeting: Mark Hughes, Vine Cottage, Tumblers Green, Stisted, Essex, CM77 8AZ.

Tel: 01376 553955 email: mark.hughes@courtneylang.com

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Start & Finish: Tumblers Green Stisted Essex CM77 8AZ

Course: Approx 80 miles using public roads, private tracks, Byways, and BOATS around the county of Essex, There will be approx.. 16 observed sections.

Special test will be of the form: Start at Line A, stop astride Line B.

Classes:

A – Pre 65; B – Pre 80 Trials (Trials Tyres); C – Pre 90 Trials (Trials Tyres); D – Post 90 Trials (Trials Tyres); E – Pre 83 Trail & Enduro; F – Pre 93 Trail & Enduro; G - Post 93 Trail & Enduro; H - Twin Cylinder; SC - Sidecar

Routes: Route directions will be by way of a road book and supplemented with Day-Glo arrows where necessary.

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£30.00 for Solos**, and **£30.00 for Sidecar**. Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Braintree & DMCC**. Not paid into the bank before 4th March 2014.

Entries Open: 7th January

Entries Close: 24th February

Awards: t.b.c.

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY. All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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Halstead & DMCC Club Notes

Is it just me or is this winter taking too long. At the time of writing this we are waiting for Wakes Colne to emerge from the water so that we can put in the new spectator bridge across the stream. I would like to thank G&B finch and Millbank for their help with the materials for the bridge.

Welcome to all of the new and returning members of the club so far if you still want to join then please ring Liz on 01787 374886. Don't leave it to late or you may not have your licence for the first meetings of the year in March.

The fixture list has still not been confirmed but the provisional calendar starts on the 20th of April with the third round of the centre championship. The next meeting will be the evening series round 1. This will be followed by the British Sidecarcross championship round 7 and the NGR on the 7th of September. We are also hoping to run a meeting in October.

Good luck to the NGR riders for this year and also to the new organisers who I am sure will continue to grow the championship.

In the EASSC winter series round 2 at Mepal the veteran's class was dominated by John Hinz taking all three wins. In the open class we also saw Jason Morland take 4th overall and Glen Bixby coming in 9th.

The trials events have been coming thick and fast with Sam Peck picking up a very promising 4th in the Ipswich club trial in Raydon. Sam also came home strong in the Braintree clubs trial at Twinstead.

Not long to go now before we will be back out on track and hopefully we won't be knee deep in mud.

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ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Passenger's Surname: **First Name:**

Address: **Phone:**

ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Class Entered (Tick required)

Expert ☐ Expert B ☐ Inter ☐ Inter B ☐ Novice ☐ Pre 70 ☐ Twinshock ☐

Youth A ☐ Youth B ☐ Youth C ☐ Youth D ☐ Youth E ☐ Sidecar ☐

Machine: Make: Engine Size (cc)

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name: **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

Threat to Observed Trials – ACU Letter

All clubs, riders and organisers should be aware of recent communication from Gary Thompson, Gen Sec of the ACU re a regulatory threat to Observation Trials in England & Wales. Basically, if we sit on our hands as usual there is a strong chance that Trials that use any part of the public highway could be lost.

Now is the time for Clubs and individual Trials riders to contact their Members of Parliament, to counter a regulatory threat to Observation Trials in England and Wales.

Some Trials Organisers may already be aware that the Motor Sport Association (MSA) are the sole agent appointed by the Department of Transport and as such has a statutory duty to the Government to ensure that any event that takes place on or uses part of the Public Highway follows the legislation as laid down in the Regulations quoted under the Statutory Instrument No 414 of 1969 and as such all ordinary motorcycle observation trial events that use public roads to link sections must have prior route Authorisation, just as for Road Trials.

Anyone organising, or taking part in an unauthorised Trial on the public highway is in breach of section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, and may be held guilty of a road traffic offence.

ACU Officials have made several attempts to remedy the situation including having meetings with the MSA and also a meeting with The Right Honourable Stephen Hammond MP – who was, when the meeting took place – the Minister for Transport. He agreed to take up the issue on our behalf and speak with the MSA.

The present Transport Minister – the Right Honourable Robert Goodwill MP has recently reported that they recognise there is little flexibility in the legislation and that Authorisations do need to be sought in these circumstances.

We have had valuable help and advice from Mr Ed Vaizey, MP for Didcot and Wantage, and he agreed that now is the time for visits and letters to MPs across the country.

Ideally, Trials Organisers who will be directly impacted need to go and see their MP locally, and all Trials riders should write to their MP as well, but all MPs should be visited at their local surgeries, whether by Organisers or riders.

We have drafted a 'Background Note' to accompany letters, and also the salient points of a 'Letter to MPs', but this needs to be personalised to the writer's circumstances, as 'form letters' do not impress MPs.

Riders and Organisers whose MPs are Mr Vaizey or Mr Goodwill (Scarborough and Whitby) should still write, but please amend the letter accordingly: Mr Vaizey is already involved, and Mr Goodwill is the new Roads Minister as well as local MP.

When you get a reply from your MP please send a copy of that, and your letter, to the ACU at the address below. If you go and see your MP please send a note about the meeting, saying when, where, who was present, and the Clubs involved.

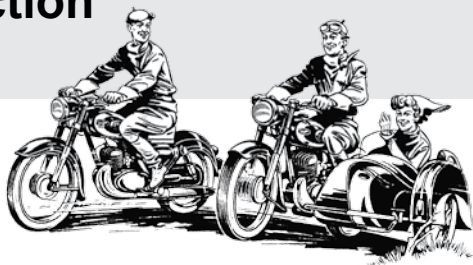
Name and address for copy letters to go to Rugby:

Gary Thompson MBE BEM
General Secretary
ACU House
Wood Street
Rugby
CV21 2YX

If you
require example letters,
or further info contact the Centre
Secretary, Lyn Berwick
lynberwick@hotmail.com

The Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



I find it a little scary to be reading from:- "The Motorcycle" of over a hundred years ago, yet I can't think why.. Priced at one old penny, this weekly journal was originally founded in 1903, I became a reader over fifty years later when it was selling at ninepence (4p)

and I was at school. I would read it surreptitiously during classes. Once, I got caught, was put in detention and the journal was confiscated and not given back. Things were very different then – as they were in 1914..

Perhaps the most surprising story of almost exactly 100 years ago, was the threat to the future of the T.T. races and the refusal of the Isle of Man government (The Tynwald) to continue to grant permission for their roads to be closed and used for the Tourist Trophy races. The reason was simple – annoyances and misbehavior by motorcyclists. Not the T.T. riders themselves, nor the organiser – as ever, the ACU – but the visitors. The report notes that visiting spectators seemed to think their arrival on the Island was an excuse to: "scorch" (the word used) So exhausts were taken off, people roared around literally frightening the horses and in promptu hill climbs and unofficial races took place in the towns. What was even more outrageous – at this time, – was a great deal of this bad behavior took place on a Sunday: in those days steadfastly observed as the "Sabbath".

It was also noted that no such complaints had accompanied the car races.. I wonder now if this is the initial reason that until quite recently, races never took place on a Sunday – which then became the notorious: "mad Sunday!" The situation was considered so serious that a special committee from Tynwald met with representatives from the ACU, the local Police and the Highways Board. The meeting was held at the House of Keys (Manx Parliament) . During the discussion one comment by a Manx member was that the Races should perhaps be: "put up with", as the visitors brought beneficial trade to the Island. I am sure Manx folk today would say "Amen to that!". However, the Committee only gave a conditional authorisation for the races to continue. Silencers had to be fitted, no speeding was allowed in Douglas or Ramsey and no motorcycles allowed on either promenade on a Sunday.. Having read this article to my wife, her wry comment was:- "nothing changes..." Indicating that at times, we are our own worst enemies...

Trials were as popular with the clubman rider in early 1914 as they are today. The name was more apt in those days however, as they were indeed a "trial" of those early primitive machines and of their rider, not only in riding skill but the ability to keep the bikes going. The North-West London MC, 1913 Boxing day trial, ran a cool 235 miles – to Gloucester and back! A Liverpool event attracted over eighty entries and had an equally impressive road route, running deep into Wales to include some of the steepest hills in Snowdonia. The London Exeter trial for both cars and bikes, had a mass entry compatible with the 2014 list. Trial competitors in those days were set a time schedule as, say, for Enduro today – plus being "observed" on hill "sections" – where, as we all know, marks could be lost – particularly in the days of single-speed belt drive, often pitted against wet conditions and primitive road surfaces.

Perhaps the most interesting personality of the time was Rear-Admiral Sir Robert Arbuthnot, who was one of the gold medal winners in the London to Exeter trial and also was an official for the ACU, "Spring Trial" of 1914. A T.T. rider as well, he was sadly to lose his life in 1916 at the sea Battle of Jutland - but his name is enshrined to this day in the Classic trial - in every sense of the term – run in his name. And surely we should all reflect a century on, for those many other riders in these early motorcycle events who were also to be lost in the various conflicts of the World War which was to come..

EASTERN CENTRE ACU TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Event: Organisers:
 Venue: Date of Event:
 Permit No: **ACU** Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)

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- I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.
- I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU

- I/we enclose the entry fee of: £..... **Don't forget to put Entry Fee here**

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature: If under 18, state date of birth*:

If applicable:

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Machine: Make: Engine Size (cc)

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name: **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

BRAINTREE & DMCC

Sunday 9th March 2014

Open Permit TRIAL

Spansey Wood, Gosfield, Essex

Spansey Wood Trial - B Class Eastern Centre Championship Rd 1

Sign On: 09.30 am

National Grid Reference: TL 798304

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a.

Club Stewards: Phil Read

Clerk of the Course: Adrian Parker (Licence No: 055033)

Child Protection Point of Contact: Stephen Butcher

Secretary of the Meeting: Stephen Butcher Rowan Bank, Maldon Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 1HX

Tel: 01376 516051 email: stephenbutcher1376@tiscali.co.uk

Start: 10.30 am

Permit No. ACU 40330

JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines

Course: Woodland

Classes: Inter A & B, Novice, Twinshock, Youth A, B, & C

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£15.00 for Adults**, and **£10.00 for Youth**. Late Entries + £5.00. Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/ POs to be made payable to **Braintree & DMCC**

Entries Open: 4th February 2014

Entries Close: 8th March 2014

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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Grass Track Seminar

There will be a Track Racing Clerk of the Course/Steward seminar at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms on Saturday 15th February. Registration is at 09:30am and it starts at 10.00am. For further info please contact Alan Foskew on 01376 517169 or alanfoskew29@btinternet.com

Centre Sidecar Trials Championship

After a number of discussions between the interested parties it has been agreed to increase the Eastern Centre Sidecar Trials Championship from two to four rounds. The current two dates in the calendar organised by the N&SJMCC, will be supplemented by two rounds organised by the Southend Club - with all four rounds to count. The dates of the championship will be:

| | | |
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| 6/4/14 | Southend | Poles Wood |
| 25/5/14 | N&SJMCC | Corton |
| 26/10/14 | Southend | Danbury |
| 2/11/14 | N&SJMCC | Westleton |

PRE 65, EVO AND Twinshock Motocross in Eastern Centre 2014

Building on last year's Eastern Centre ACU motocross events, 2014 offers another opportunity for riders of pre-1990 machines to compete at the more traditional venues of Stisted and East Hanningfield as a separate support class to the modern bikes.

Keep a look out for regulations appearing in the Gazette in the coming season. The 1 June Braintree and 15 June Chelmsford Club open meetings will include a line-up for Evo, Twinshock and Pre-65 machines.

Also under consideration is an overall "two meeting series" to award the top riders in each of the three classes over the June events.

For further details, contact either of the following:

Richard Sillett (Braintree): 01376 584092. rjsillett@yahoo.co.uk

Geoff Brace (Chelmsford): 01799 520336. geoffbrace@hotmail.co.uk

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Biking Humour

Bill and Ted were two old ex-racers living out their days in a retirement home. Both knew that their time was limited and they began to ponder on what happened in the afterlife. "I wonder if they have bike racing in Heaven" said Bill. "I don't really fancy sitting on a cloud playing a harp for all eternity." "I know" replied Ted "Let's make a pact. Whoever goes first will do their best to get a message back to the other."

Sadly Bill died a few weeks later. After a couple of days Ted awoke during the night, aware of a weight at the foot of the bed. He was amazed to see his recently departed friend sitting there.

"I promised I'd come back and let you know about Heaven. There's good news and bad news about the racing I'm afraid"

"What's the good news?" asked Ted.

"It's brilliant up there" enthused Bill "All our old mates are there, and we are all young again. Not only do they have racing, but the tracks are perfect and it never rains. All our favourite bikes are there, and they are evenly matched. If you fall off it doesn't hurt and the bikes don't get damaged.. you just get back on and go again"

"It sounds fantastic" exclaimed Ted "So what's the bad news?"

"Your on the entry list for the 250cc race this Saturday"



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Rider's Surname: **First Name:**

Address:

..... **Postcode:**

Phone Numbers

Landline (inc. area code): **Mobile:**

Email address:

ACU Licence No: **Club:**

(The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Tick Class Entered

Championship ☐ Expert ☐ Expert Vets ☐ Clubman ☐ Clubman Veteran ☐ Clubman Supervet (+50) ☐

Machine:

Make: **Capacity (cc):**

Sponsor (if applicable)

If TWO MAN, Partner's Name **SEPARATE ENTRY FORM REQUIRED**

PLEASE INDICATE WHO WILL BE RIDING FIRST

Sudbury MCC
Sunday 9th March 2014

Open Permit ENDURO
Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Essex
Foxborough Endurothon

Sign On: 7.30 am
National Grid Reference: TL 794325

Start: 9.00 am
Permit No. ACU 40331

OFFICIALS:-

| | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Eastern Centre Steward: | Jack Hean | Club Steward: Roger Chaplin |
| Clerk of the Course: | G Hockey (Licence 18929) | |
| Child Protection Point of Contact: | Mrs S. Mays | |
| Secretary of the Meeting: | G. Mays Tel: 01206 531768 email: gmays@ntlworld.com | |
| | 55 Alan Way, Colchester, Essex, CO3 4LB | |

JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the Eastern Centre of the ACU riding solo machines.

Course: Open fields, woodland and ditches. **Classes:** Championship, Expert, Clubman, Sportsman, Ironman

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£46.00**.

Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Sudbury MCC Ltd**

Entries Open: 4th February 2014

Entries Close: 7th March 2014

Transponders will be required – one per team; Available for Hire from Organisers

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Woodbridge & DMCC Club Notes

Charlie Ralph

Welcome to the new year, and hopefully, a good one.

The Laurie Bird trial in December, saw a bumper entry of almost one hundred, so thanks to all who supported the club, and remembered Laurie. It was good to see Sarah having a word with riders, and really appreciated the turn out. Her little dog, Maisie, was sporting a pink coat with Laurie's name and race number embroidered on it.

Daniel Carter rode the 48 sections without losing a single mark on his two stroke James, and is proving to be quite a star. Other club riders in the results, were, Nick Dyble, who topped the pre unit intermediate class, with Joe Stollery in 5th place. The youngest of the Woods clan, David, had a very good ride, and was third best twinshock rider, and Simon Harvey was runner up on the two stroke easy route.

In all, there were twelve interesting sections on Mr. James Greenlwell's land, and the weather was kind, so Wilf, Ian, Stuart and Trevor had their prayers answered, after putting a lot of effort in staging three choices of routes on each section.

Our club awards for 2013 were as follows, Enduro-Toby Morley(championship class), Paul Spurgeon(expert), and James Pearson(Clubmans). The grass track honours, are, Adam Shipp(250), Eddie Bales(350), Scott Ryan(uprights), and John Stafford(1000 sidecars).

Motocross awards went to, Aaron Pipon (best expert), Harvey Mutten (best junior), Jack Gatland(most improved), and James Miles(best young newcomer), who will receive the Marie Ford trophy. Daniel Carter won all three trials awards, and his dad, John, wins the John Easty intermediate award.

Other awards go to, Darren Stone(best allrounder), Ben Coles(workers cup)and the Fisher trophy goes to Trevor Andrews.

A reminder that our AGM is on Thursday 27th February, at Wickham Market FC, starting at 7. 30pm.

Our first events takes place in March, round two of the GH Eastern enduro champs on 16th at a new venue at Bawdsey, near the Suffolk coast, and our first mx at Blaxhall, on the 30th.

Yellow Flag Rule Change

Changes were made by the FIM to the Yellow Flag rules in 2013. After monitoring the rule changes through 2013 the ACU Motocross Committee have taken the decision to adopt these rules as of 2014. All riders need to take note of these rule changes and be aware that the penalties for infringement will be applied at Eastern Centre events.

The rule in the ACU Handbook states:

Yellow Waved: Great Danger, prepare to stop, no overtaking.

**A significant reduction in speed must be seen,
therefore jumps should not be attempted.**

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Make: **Capacity (cc):**

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Woodbridge & DMCC
Sunday 16th March 2014

Open Permit ENDURO
Butley, Nr Woodbridge Suffolk

GH Motorcycles Husqvarna Eastern Centre Enduro Championship Rd 2

Sign On: 8.00 am
National Grid Reference: TM 368511

Start: 9.30 am
Permit No. ACU 40477

OFFICIALS:-

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t.b.a.

Club Steward: John Read & Wilf Harvey

Clerk of the Course:

Ian Barfield (Licence 123652)

Secretary of the Meeting:

Deb Harvey 7 Haywards Fields, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 2XH

Tel: 01473 610971 (eve) email: woodbridge46@hotmail.co.uk

JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Course: Approx 8 miles of farm tracks and woodland.

Classes: Championship, Expert, Expert Veteran, Clubman, Clubman Veteran, Clubman SuperVet (+50), Sportsman

Awards: As per championship

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£45.00**.

Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Woodbridge & DMCC Ltd**.

Entries Open: 4th February 2014

Entries Close: 13th March 2014

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY. All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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Sunday 23rd March 2014

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Mepal Motopark, Mepal, Cambs.

Eastern Centre Solo Motocross Championships Round 1

Sign On: 8.00 am

Practice & Qualification: 10.00 am

Start: After timed qualification

National Grid Reference: TL 429837

Permit No. ACU 40400

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:

t.b.a.

Club Stewards: Nigel Nixon & Bill Power

Clerk of the Course:

Paul Grantham

Child Protection Point of Contact:

Andrew Hay

Secretary of the Meeting:

Andrew Hay Tel: 01603 734700

27 Tizzick Close Norwich NR5 9HB email: andrew.hay10@btinternet.com

Electronic Timing
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Course: Sandy Terrain, Man made jumps.

Classes: As per Championship Conditions

Awards: As per Championship Conditions.

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £45.00.

Include one 9x4 SAEs. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Littleport MCC. Not paid into bank before 24th March

2014. Entries also accepted via the ACU online entry system: <https://members.acu.org.uk>

Entries Open: 4th February 2014

Entries Close: 15th March 2014

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Event: Organisers:
Venue: Date of Event:
Permit No: **ACU** Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.

Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:

- I/we hereby declare that I/we have had the opportunity to read, and that I/we understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them.
- I/we further declare that I/we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I/we are competent to do so.
- I/we confirm that I/we understand the nature and type of event I/we are entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.
- I/we confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it/they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.
- I/we agree that I/we are required to register my/our arrival by "signing on" at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.
- I/we confirm that I/we are not suspended or my/our ACU Licence has not been suspended/withdrawn from any ACU competition.
- I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU
- I/we understand and accept that if Supplementary Regulations state the Insurance cover for this event is "Basic" there is no Personal Accident cover for Competitors and Liability cover in respect of any claim made by third parties is limited to £10 million and £5 million for Medical Mal-practice.**
Premium Insurance will be assumed unless clearly stated otherwise in the Regulations.

- I/we enclose the entry fee of: £

Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature: If under 18, state date of birth*:

* For riders under 18 years of age - I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:-

Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility:

Riders and Passengers under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU Competition Licence/Trials Registration must also complete a 'Parental Agreement form (Single Event)' in addition to this entry form.

Don't forget to sign

Rider's Surname: **First Name:**

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Numbers

Landline (inc. area code): **Mobile:**

Email: **Expert** ☐ **Junior** ☐ **NGR** ☐ **Sidecar** ☐

ACU Licence No: **Club:**

(The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Machine:

Make: **Capacity (cc)**

Two Stroke ☐ **Four Stroke** ☐ **Preferred Riding No. (if available)** **tick if you have purchased no.** ☐

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

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Sudbury MCC Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

I am getting these notes done early so I don't miss the deadline as my landline is ceasing with my current provider on the 10th January and the new provider takes over on the 14th January so it look like I will be off air for five days.

I see there is new sponsors for the 2 Man Team Contests this year, Dave Barkshire Motorcycles and I wish them well also thank the previous sponsor Bowers Motorcycles for their past support. It is also nice to see Gavin Hockey continuing with the Solo Contest thus being G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ Eastern Centre Solo Enduro Championship.

Well what does 2014 has in store for your Sport weather wise. Currently there is a lot of rain, bad storms and a lot of flooding; surely we will also be having the white stuff. With this in mind I hope that all our Centre Clubs events will go ahead and this brings me to the first Sudbury meeting. The Regs are in the February Gazette for our Endurothon at Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham on 9th March and I sincerely hope it will run the entire six hours. I know I have mentioned this before, the event will be electronically recorded via transponders and this is exciting times although personally I am a little nervous but feel sure with everyone's goodwill everything will be okay on the day. Five years of planning will come into fruition and if but surely successful the other Centre Clubs who are doing the recording manually will be keen to follow suit. We have already made a start last year with the timing of our 4 Man Team Enduro and this was a great success with the results almost available on the day also updates of the positions every hour, this was well received by one and all.

This is about all for this month a bit shorter than usual (thank goodness I can hear the Gazette staff saying).

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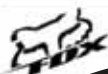
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Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility:

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Don't forget to sign

Rider's Surname: **First Name:**

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Numbers

Landline (inc. area code): **Mobile:**

Email: **Expert** ☐ **Junior** ☐ **NGR** ☐ **Sidecar** ☐

ACU Licence No: **Club:**

(The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Machine:

Make: **Capacity (cc)**

Two Stroke ☐ **Four Stroke** ☐ **Preferred Riding No. (if available)** **tick if you have purchased no.** ☐

Entrant (if different from rider)

Company / Name **Entrant's Licence No.**

Address

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Woodbridge & DMCC
Sunday 30th March 2014

Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Blaxhall Circuit, Blaxhall, Suffolk.

Sign On: 8.00 am **Practice & Qualification:** 9.30 am
National Grid Reference: TM 356580

Start: After timed qualification
Permit No. ACU 40099

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a. **Club Stewards:** Wilf Harvey & Dean Warner

Clerk of the Course: John Blyth (Licence No. 39574)

Child Protection Point of Contact: Dean Warner

Secretary of the Meeting: Debbie Blyth Tel: 07963 118917 (eve)

21 Ashe Road, Lower Hacheston, Woodbridge, IP13 0PD email: blyths21@hotmail.com

Electronic Timing
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JURISDICTION:-

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Course: Natural sandy terrain with man made jumps.

Classes: Expert, Junior & NGR

Awards: Prize money dependent on entry.

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£45.00 for Adults**. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to **Woodbridge & DMCC**. Not paid into bank until 31st March 2014. Entries also accepted via the ACU online entry system: <https://members.acu.org.uk>

Entries Open: 15th February 2014

Entries Close: 20th March 2014

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FEBRUARY

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| 2nd | N. & S. Junior | Trial | RES | Santon Downham | |
| 2nd | Castle | Trial | NAT | Alphamstone | |
| 9th | Lowestoft | Trial | RES | Aldeby | A-1 Non scoring expert first lap |
| 16th | E.F.A. | Trial | RES | Snaque Pit | |
| 23rd | Diss | Enduro | OPEN | Thetford Forest | GH MCs Husqvarna Rd 1 |
| 23rd | Southend | Trial | OPEN | Danbury | C-1 Pre-70 & Twinshock |

MARCH

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|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 2nd | Norwich Viking | Trial | OPEN | Santon Downham | |
| 2nd | Braintree | Trial | OPEN | Stisted | Long Distance Trial |
| 9th | Braintree | Trial | OPEN | Spansey Wood | B-1 Novice & Twinshock |
| 9th | Sudbury | Enduro | RES | Foxborough | |
| 16th | NSJMCC | Trial | RES | GT Ellingham | All solo & Sidecars |
| 16th | Woodbridge | Enduro | OPEN | Butley | GH MCs Husqvarna Rd 2 |
| 16th | NSJMCC | Motocross | RES | Great Hockham | |
| 23rd | Littleport | Motocross | OPEN | Mepal | ECC MX Champs Rd 1 |
| 23rd | Ipswich | Trial | RES | Bramford | B-2 Novice & Twinshock |
| 23rd | EFA | Trial | RES | Chattisham | Pre-70 & Twinshock |
| 30th | Woodbridge | Motocross | OPEN | Blaxhall | NGR Champs Rd 1 |
| 30th | Wymondham | Trial | RES | Middleton Pit | B-3 All solo adult Youth A&B |

APRIL

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|------|-----------------|------------|------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 6th | Norwich Viking | Motocross | INT | Lyng | Maxxis ACU British |
| 6th | EFA | Trial | RES | Gt Bromley | C-2 Pre-70 & Twinshock |
| 6th | Southend | Trial | OPEN | Poles Wood | All |
| 13th | Norwich Viking | Trial | OPEN | Holt | A-2 Non scoring expert first lap |
| 13th | Sudbury | Trailcross | OPEN | Gt Cornard | |
| 13th | Littleport | Motocross | OPEN | Motoland | ECC MX Champs Rd 2 |
| 18th | Woodbridge | Trial | RES | Blaxhall | C-3 Pre-70 & TwinShock |
| 19th | NSJMCC | Motocross | RES | Great Hockham | |
| 20th | NSJMCC | Motocross | RES | Great Hockham | |
| 20th | Halstead | Motocross | OPEN | Wakes Colne | ECC MX Champs Rd 3 |
| 27th | E&S Border | Trial | RES | Raydon | Nfk & Sfk Group Champ Rd 3 |
| 27th | Bury St Edmunds | Enduro | RES | Hawkendon | Dave Barkshire 2 Man Rd 1 |

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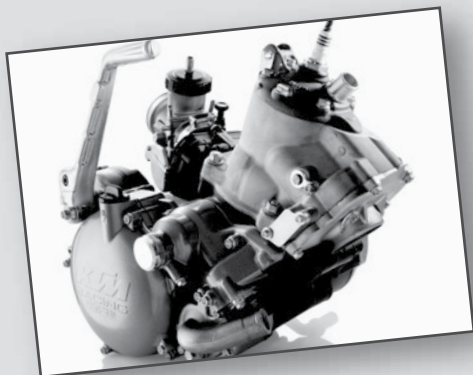
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