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Foreword

Phil Armes

So we come to the end of another year and no sooner is one season all done and dusted, than we put together our plans for the next one!

Many thanks to the organisers that came along to the annual dates meeting on November 18th; and to the Trials community who got together recently to arrange their dates. The willingness to work together and be a bit flexible with regard to changing the odd date or two means that, subject to confirmation at the Competitions Committee meeting on November 26th, I will be in a position to issue the full 2016 calendar early in December, which is good news for all concerned. It's looking like another bumper year in the Eastern Centre, and good to see a round of the British Ladies/Girls Trials championship coming our way next November.

You will see in this gazette that the motocross number scheme for 2016 goes live on December 1st, but please note that Andrew Hay is looking after the numbers – and **NOT** Paul Sewter.

There is also information about officials seminars that are taking place over the next month or so. Please make every effort to attend if your licence is due to expire.

As I mentioned at the start of the column, it's the end of another terrific season, and for those of you who were clever enough to win trophies I look forward to seeing you at the annual awards evening at The Cedars Hotel in Stowmarket on January 30th.

Just leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a successful and safe new year.

Phil

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Rider's signature: Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over ☐

If applicable:

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Address:

..... **Postcode:**

Phone No.: **Email:**

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 ☐

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Braintree & DMCC
Sunday 20th December 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Beazley End

Turkey Trot Trial

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TL 769244

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45841

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	tbc	Club Steward(s):	tbc
Clerk of the Course:	J Yearly (Licence 19961)		
Child Protection P.o.C.:	S Penfold		
Secretary of the Meeting:	S Penfold, 13 Gardeners Road, Halstead, Essex CO9 2JU		
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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. Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Codham Little Park Farm, Beazley End, Braintree CM7 5JJ

Classes: Expert A & B, Inter A & B, Novice, Youth A & B, Pre-70, Twinshock

Awards: Seasonal Fayre

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 for Youth. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Braintree DMCC. Late Entries + £5

Entries Open: 21st November 2015

Entries Close: 19th December 2015

Entries accepted 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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Saturday 30th January 2016

at

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Please arrive at 7.30 for 8pm start.

Cost of tickets are £10.00 per person.

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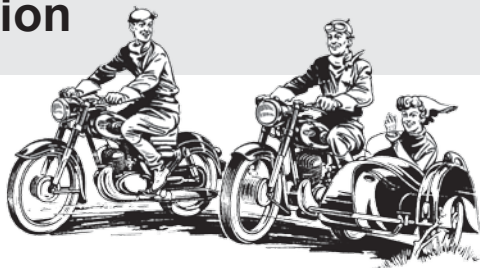
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The Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

The two recent tragic motocross fatalities – one whilst racing, the other at a practice track, does put firmly into all our minds the dangers of our sport. That is not to say most things in life do not carry some sort of hazard. I understand the majority of all

accidents occur in the comfort of our own homes – but it would be foolish not to accept riding a motorbike can bring risks and no matter how tight the rules – or how effective the safety precautions, when they are ridden fast or in combat accidents can occur. The odd thing about both Tom's and Mark's fatal occurrences is evidently neither riders crashed after involvement with anyone else. This can of course happen – the rider simply makes an error of speed or line - or his balance goes wrong – or the bike can react in a different way to his expectations – literally jumping out of his hands. It happens to all of us – and we fall off - some of us many, many, times. Most often we get straight up, laugh or swear - and duly proceed. Sometimes we do get hurt – have a period of recovery and perhaps with some caution, get back on the bike again. No doubt Tom and Mark fell off many such times – perhaps at greater speed and in more complicated a manner than in their final, fatal, tumbles. Had they have been able to get up from that one – would they have refused ever to mount a motocross bike again? I doubt it.



In my early days, as you would expect, I fell off many times and this included several crashes on the road. I shudder now to think what the results of such incidents would be with the massively increased number of vehicles now on the highways. Riding to work in snowy or frosty conditions produced the greater number of tumbles which resulted either in grazed skin or in one case, a completely saturated back where the snow had scooped up into my collar as I slid down the road – and very little sympathy when I arrived late for work. On another occasion which still brings a chill to my soul, I virtually wrote off a perfectly good Norton Dominator when – I admit it – was showing off by blasting past a Lambretta scooter. What was worse, was that the scooter rider very kindly stopped and full of concern, picked me up. One of the queerest accidents I had, took place when I was riding pillion to the famous Jim Patey. Riding in the dark, we approached a corner at Jim's accustomed cosmic pace and I knew very well we would not make it. Down we went – and in the silence of the night, staggered around enquiring of each other if we were all right. Luckily we were and then we attempted to find the bike! After feverish searching, we discovered it wedged into the hedge on its side, fully four feet from the ground. Of such incidents are the experiences and attitudes of a motorcycle rider forged.

I think most of us consider we are safer in organised sport than risking the hazards of today's congested roads. The statistics show that to be true. It is in those terribly sad but thankfully rare times in which Tom and Mark were involved which highlights that our safety can never be fully guaranteed in any human activity

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

Address: **Phone:**

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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 ☐

Sponsor/Machine Make: **Engine Size (cc)**

Triangle (Ipswich) MCC
Saturday 26th December 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Raydon

Fun Trial

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 041388

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 45842

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: E Hood (Licence 9449)
Child Protection P.o.C.: G Blackburn
Secretary of the Meeting: G Blackburn, 4 Princethorpe Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8NY

Club Steward(s): R Sayer & F Cotton

Tel: 07963 989130 email: gordon2005@ntlworld.com

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Start / Finish: Raydon Pit, Wades Lane, Raydon, Suffolk

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections.

Routes: Multi Route

Classes: All Adult & Youth A & B

Awards: None

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 £13 for Youth. Late Entries + £5. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Triangle (Ipswich) MCC Ltd

Entries Open: 4th December 2015

Entries Close: 20th December 2015

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Sunday 27th December 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
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Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 365505

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 46003

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: I Barfield (Licence 123652)
Child Protection P.o.C.: T Andrews
Secretary of the Meeting: T Andrews, 9 St Johns Meadow, Metfield, Harleston, Norfolk IP20 0LY

Club Steward(s): W Harvey & J Read

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Start / Finish: Butley, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3NZ

Course: Woodland & Sand sections.

Routes: Multi route

Classes: Pre-70, Pre-Unit, Unit, Two Stroke, Twinshock

Awards: 1st in Class

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £16.00 for Adults and £14 for Youth. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC

Entries Open: 4th December 2015

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Rider's Surname: **First Name:** D.O.B


Address: **Postcode:**

Phone No.: **Email:**

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 ☐

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Halstead & DMCC Club Notes

Kieran Doherty

This month has been very busy for the club with a very successful enduro at Wakes Colne. Those who attended I am sure you will agree it was a great event enjoyed by all. We have to thank all involved in the event. But especially Phyllis Garrod for supplying a great spread for the officials in the lunch break.

We then turned our attention to the club's AGM. It was great to see so many people attending. We would also like to pass our thanks to Chick Garrod who has joined Mark Relland as vice chairpersons.

The entry secretary is now taking membership for the 2016 season. Anyone who would like to join the club should contact Liz on 01787 374886. Or if you are renewing your membership then you can join online using the ACU online entry system.

Finally we would like to announce subject to contact we will be having the MX Nationals at Wakes Colne next season. This will see the country's best adults battling it out alongside the future British talent in the youth classes.



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Woodbridge & DMCC Club Notes

Charlie Ralph



At least ten of our club members made the trip to Weston-Super-Mare for the annual beach race, with Steve Bixby finishing 18th out of over 500 competitors. Sam Mitchell was in 65th place, and all rounder Ben Alexander was 98th.

Steve also rode well against a horde of French riders at the Margate beach race, taking an excellent 4th place.

Sam Mitchell teamed up with young Sudbury club rider, Harry Clark, to win the expert class at the Wakes Colne two man team enduro meeting, and they actually were second best on the overall results for laps completed. Aston Bird/ Carl Grantham had already tied up the Dave Barkshire series, so many congratulations to them.

Two of our club members represented the Norfolk and Suffolk team at Mildenhall in the intercentre Compass Cup. Shaun Southgate won all five of his races in the adult class, and Drew Kemp was second best in the 85cc group. Drew finished in 5th place in the 85 small wheel class in the MX Nationals, just one point adrift of 4th place in the final standings.

The pre 70/twinshock trial at Blaxhall saw twelve testing sections for the fifty five rider entry, held on a sunny Autumn day. Daniel Carter won the John Easty shield for the best Woodbridge club rider, finishing second in the pre unit class, losing 25 marks.

The intermediate John Easty award went to Andrew Pipe, who has just returned to the sport, and the youngest of the Woods family, David, was 4th best in the twinshock hard route group.

Our next trial is at Butley on December 27th, where we host the annual Laurie Bird event. Laurie will always be remembered as not only a master of the feet up game, but an excellent motocrosser.

Latest news on the mx gossip pages, is that James Cottrell is riding Kawasaki's for the Steve Dixon team in 2016. According to the press, James will contest the Euro 250's again, and the MX2 British Championships. We wish him well.

Lots of speculation about Jake #45. Watch this space, if you believe all the rumours, he could be riding the KTM's s other colour bike !

I believe that a tying the knot celebration will soon be happening too, everyone at the club wishes the reverend and his lady, every happiness in the future.

A reminder that it will soon be time to think about memberships for 2016. The ACU online system is available for membership to the club, plus, of course, with the ACU system, riders can sort their licenses etc at the same time.

The entry central online system is also available, plus by going on to the WoodbridgeMCC website, clicking onto membership, you can then download a form.

We are once again, holding costs for memberships as 2015 and 2014.

Best wishes to you all over the festive season

Charlie Ralph

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

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- I further declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am 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 accept that insurance arranged on my behalf by the organisers of events that I may enter specifically excludes liability between the participants. I understand that this form may be used in litigation as evidence that any serious injury will be principally the result of my voluntary decision to engage in a high risk activity.
- 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 confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I shall participate on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose. I confirm that I am eligible to compete on the machines for which I have entered.
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I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk. I agree that I am required to register on arrival by "signing on" at the designated place before taking part in any Practice Session/Race, Trials or Enduro.

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If applicable:

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Address: _____

Postcode:

Phone No.: Email:

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

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Address: Phone:

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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 ☐

Sponsor/Machine Make:..... Engine Size (cc)

Tear Offs

After the announcement earlier in the year regarding the ban of Tear Off's from the 1st January 2016 the ACU Motocross Committee would like to remind all riders and clubs. The ban has been imposed following a number of environmental concerns in recent years due to the increased use of Tear Off's at Off-Road events which has led to the ACU being asked to reconsider the use of Tear Off's across all Off Road Sporting events in the future.



With the increased restrictions to Land Access for Motorcycle events the Motocross Committee who are ever conscious of Environmental issues announce their decision to prohibit the use of "tear off's" in all ACU Motocross events from January 1st 2016. This will be a stipulation in the relevant Standing Regulations as printed in the 2016 Handbook.

With many events taking place on private and countryside locations, it has long been an issue with farmers and land owners who use the land for multiple purposes and for this reason the ruling will be as follows:

"Tear Off" lenses on goggles are prohibited. A system where the transparent plastic lenses are retained within the device and are not discarded is allowed."

Officials Seminars

MX Seminar for Clerk of Course/Stewards both new and renewals takes place on Saturday 16th January 2016 at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms commencing at 9am.

Please book into the seminar with Kirsty at ACU kirsty@acu.org.uk

The MX technical seminar for both new and renewals also takes place at Gt Blakenham Parish Rooms on Saturday 16th January 2016 commencing at 2.30pm.

To book your place on the technical seminar, please contact Lyn Berwick on 01394 389330 or by email lynberwick@hotmail.com

Braintree & DMCC
Wednesday 30th December 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Twinstead

Twinstead Wood Trial

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 858358

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45843

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: S Butcher (Licence 18396)
Child Protection P.o.C.: A Parker
Secretary of the Meeting: A Parker, Park Field, Beazley End, CM7 5JJ
Tel: 01371 850508

Club Steward(s): tbc

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. Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Twinstead Wood, Lorkins Lane, Twinstead, Essex

Course: Woodland.

Classes: All Adult & Youth A & B

Awards: None

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 for Youth. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Braintree DMCC

Entries Open: On the day

Entries Close: On the day

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MOTOCROSS RESERVED NUMBER SCHEME 2016

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NEW NUMBERS AVAILABLE FROM 1st FEBRUARY

The reserved number scheme has evolved over the past 4 years; last year was the first when it was compulsory to purchase a number before an entry could be made to any motocross event in the Eastern Centre. This scheme enabled the Centre, on behalf of riders to make a donations totalling £3,500 to the Essex & East Anglian Air Ambulances.

Now is the time to renew your number for 2016. If you want to ensure you keep the same number for the 2016 season, you must renew after 1st December and by 31st January 2016 at the latest. NO NUMBERS WILL BE HELD AFTER THIS DATE.

Any numbers not renewed by 31st January will be made available on a first come, first served basis. If you have not renewed your number by this date there is every possibility that you could lose it to another rider. There were in the region of 700 numbers sold for 2015 so if you don't want to lose your number, renew it NOW.

You can renew your number online at www.easternacu.org or if you prefer by using the postal form on the opposite page. The cost of reserving your number remains at £5 per season. If reserving the number online an extra 39p is added to cover the fees we are charged by PayPal. This ensures that the chosen charities (in 2016 they are East Anglian Air Ambulance, Essex Air Ambulance & ACU Benevolent Fund) do not lose out, and is still cheaper than sending the application form by post.

Numbers 1 – 50 are kept for experts only. Number 1 will be offered to the Centre Champion; in the event that the champion declines, number 1 will not be issued.

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Your Club.....

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Contact Phone Number (landline, mobile or both)

Landline (inc area code)

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Expert / Junior (delete as applicable)

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Number Scheme Coordinator
27 Tizzick Close
Norwich
Norfolk
NR5 9HB

Tel: 01603 734700

EASTERN CENTRE ACU ENDURO OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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

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- **I understand and accept that if the Supplementary Regulations state the insurance cover for this event is "Basic" there is no Personal Accident cover and Liability cover in respect of any claim made by third parties is limited to £10 million and £5 million for Medical Mal-practice.**
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Rider's Surname: **First Name:** **D.O.B**

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Numbers

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

Email address:

ACU Licence No: **Club:**

Tick Class Entered (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

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Sudbury & DMCC
Sunday 3rd January 2016

OPEN Permit EXTREME ENDURO
Sible Hedingham

Foxborough Extreme Enduro

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TL 794325

Start: 11.00am
Permit No. ACU 46005

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: A Penny
Clerk of the Course: G Hockey (Licence 18929)
Child Protection P.o.C.: S Mays
Secretary of the Meeting: G Mays, 55 Aalan Way, Colchester, Essex CO3 4LB
Tel: 01206 531768 email: g.mays@ntlworld.com

Club Steward(s): R Chaplin

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. Adult members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Nr. Halstead, Essex CO9 3AN

Course: Natural terrain and extreme sections.

Classes: Pro, Expert, Clubman, Trials

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 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Sudbury MCC Ltd.

Entries Open: 4th December 2015

Entries Close: 31st December 2015

Entries accepted 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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Norwich Viking MCC
Friday 1st January 2016

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Caddes Hill, Lyng

Jack Kersey Trial

Sign On: 9.30am
National Grid Reference: TG 066174

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45266

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: J Douglas (Licence 26600)
Child Protection P.O.C.: B Douglas
Secretary of the Meeting: B Douglas, The Old Cottage, The Moor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL

Club Steward(s): R Brookes

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JURISDICTION:

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Start / Finish: Caddes Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5QZ

Course: Banks & Roots

Routes: 5 laps of 8 sections.

Classes: All Adult & Youth Classes & Sidecars

Awards: None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £16.00 for Adults and £12 for Youth, £19.00 Sidecar. Cheques/POs to be made payable to NVGCC Ltd

Entries Open: 4th December 2015

Entries Close: On the Day

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Sudbury MCC Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Season's Greetings everyone that is Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In this month's Gazette should be the regs for our Extreme Enduro on Sunday 3rd January 2016 at Foxborough Quarry Sible Hedingham Essex. Those of you thinking of entering please do so as soon as possible because of the Christmas post. The course will have some open space so engines can cool down and faster riders can overtake plus we will be using our wristband transponders. We are thinking about medals for all finishers; don't hold me to that, also a podium presentation at the end. If you are not riding help as a marshal will be greatly appreciated and we need many marshals so if you can contact Gavin Hockey or Graham Mays way before the day and let them know.

Must also mention that our AGM is on Monday 18th January 2016 8pm at The Dolphin Bradwell near Braintree Essex so please Club members attend free food is available. One other thing is our Annual Dinner and Awards Night on Saturday 6th February 2016 at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Golf Club. I won't mention all the dates we have applied for 2016 as I write this the Dates Meeting has not taken place however I will mention the Endurothon which is hopefully Sunday 6th March.

Nice to see a Two Man Enduro at Wakes Colne once again. The Halstead Club organised the last round of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man and it was a very good event with twists and turn on and off the Moto Cross track also it reminded me of Tye Farm Great Cornard where you can see plenty of action over a long distance, good for filming. In the Championship Class Jamie & Stevie Roper were 1st, Craig Roper with Rob Blackman 2nd while in the Expert Class Alex Walton/Jamie Lagden were 5th, Phil Roper/Paul Belton 8th, Alex Rampton/Nathan Greenaway 10th Graham Mayes & Nigel Ross 11th, Jack Nicolaou with partner Tom Sargent 12th and man of the day Jeff Sharp who suffered two heart attacks last March and it took the medics 29 minutes to revive him finished 13th riding with his usual partner Tim Ford. The Clubman Class we had Matt Smith/Marc Norton 3rd, Phil Whiting/Perry Miller 4th, Les Rampton/Martin Greenaway 6th and Adam Kempster/Keith Potter 8th. There were some sub Classes Phil/Paul won the Experts Vets with Graham/Nigel 2nd and Jeff/Tim 3rd. In the Clubman Vets Les/Martin were 1st, Martin Gunton/Gavin Potter 2nd and Philip & Peter Barltrop 5th. John Austin was the only competitor in the Iron man Class and he was soaking up the applause from the crowd. It is yet to be confirmed but it looks like that Phil & Perry have finished 2nd in the Clubman Class. The Halstead Club used Mylaps transponders to record the laps and the special test and a little known fact is that electronic timing and recording has been used at all the Two Man and Solo events this year, this must be a first, 21st Century here we come!

We have invested a few thousand pounds into an electronic timing and recording system this year which has been developed by Don Blackman and for 2015 we have crawled along with it and it has been successful. In January at the Extreme Enduro a few club members used it although there was a problem with someone's wristband transponder it was proved the system work. Two week before the March Endurothon we laid out a short course and tested the system out and then used it at the Endurothon and it was a hit. Next up were the Championship events, first the Hare & Hounds no problem, then Time Card Enduro, the transponders took care of recording the riders times although the special test was timed in our usual way although the timing beam is now ready while at the Two Man the transponders took care of recording the laps of each team member and the special test. It was a doddle at the Four Man Enduro as we had used other transponders before. We hope to walk with system in 2016 and perhaps run with it in 2017.

Wymondham & DMCC
Sunday 10th January 2016

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Gt Ellingham

January Trial

Sign On: 9.30am
National Grid Reference: TM 028980

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 46006

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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. Adult & Youth members of the ACU riding solo machines.

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Course: Ditches & Banks.

Routes: Red/Blue, White & Orange

Classes: Expert A, Expert B, Inter A, Inter B, Novice, Twinshock, Pre-70, Youth A,B,C,D

Awards: None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £10.00 for Adults and £10 for Youth. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Wymondham & District MCC Ltd (Not presented for payment before 11th Jan 2016)

Entries Open: 4th December 2015

Entries Close: On the day

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13th	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Lyng	Nfk & Sfk Group Rd 7
20th	Braintree	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	
26th	Triangle (Ipswich)	Trial	OPEN	Raydon	
27th	Woodbridge	Trial	OPEN	Butley	Centre Trials C Class Rd 5
30th	Braintree	Trial	OPEN	Twinstead	

JANUARY 2016

1st	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Lyng
3rd	EFA	Trial	RES	Little Bealings
3rd	Sudbury	Enduro	OPEN	Sible Hedingham
10th	Wymondham	Trial	OPEN	Gt Ellingham
17th	Ipswich	Trial	RES	tbc

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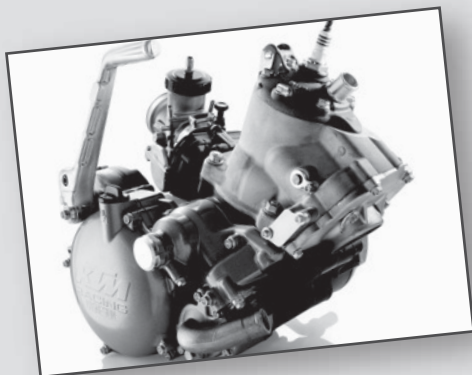
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