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2015 EASTERN CENTRE SOLO MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONS

EXPERT - Luke Benstead (left)

Photo: Olivia Whittle

JUNIOR - James Miles (below)

Photo: Sophie Brinkley



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Foreword

Phil Armes

The tragic accident that took the life of Tom Pattison at the Blaxhall motocross circuit on September 13th has brought home both the negative and positive aspects of the sport we all love.

We all know the dangers of motorcycle sport, and thankfully, fatal accidents are fairly rare so it hits us really hard when it does happen. It is a particularly difficult time for the family and friends of the rider, but we must not forget it is also a difficult time for the organisers, first aid, and volunteer officials, without whom we wouldn't be able to run our sport. And by all accounts, everyone at the event, including many of the Centre officials who were there in a non-officiating capacity, all worked together to handle things as thoughtfully, and efficiently as possible.

The other people affected, are of course the riders – and although very competitive on the track, the camaraderie off the track is one of the things that makes motorcycle sport so special. Tom, was by all accounts, a very popular guy in the paddock, and this was highlighted by the fact that his fellow riders not only held a tribute to him at Blythborough, but set up a just-giving page to raise £500 for his family – to date it has raised almost £6,000.00; truly amazing. RIP #183

It's that time of year when we have to start planning for 2016! I have sent out the date application forms to club secretaries for next year – so if you haven't received one please let me know and I will forward them on. As has become the practice in the last few years, I will be holding a 'dates' meeting at Gt Blakenham to try and squeeze the proverbial quart into a pint pot, and hopefully accommodate all the events that clubs wish to run. The meeting will be on November 18th at 7.30 pm.

Much has been said about the continuing decline in the number of Expert motocross riders, especially with regard to the level of entries for the Eastern Centre Motocross Championship. The Motocross sub-committee have put a lot of effort into canvassing the various interested groups, from spectators through to the riders, to look at ways of developing the Centre championship and they have issued a proposal outlining changes they would like to implement from 2016 onwards. The proposal is printed within this edition of the gazette. Please take the time to read it, and if you have any comments then please feed them back to Charlie Ralph, or any of the members of the motocross sub-committee.

And just a quick reminder that if you wish to stand for election as a centre official and/or member of a centre committee at the AGM on November 8th, your nominations need to be in to the Centre secretary by October 15th.

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EASTERN CENTRE ACU TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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 hereby declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I 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 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 confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor had an ACU Licence suspended, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.

• I/we enclose the entry fee of: £.....

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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.

Don't forget to sign

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

If applicable:

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

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Extract from NSC Article 7.14: A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

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)

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Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC

Sunday 11th October 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL

Trials Park, Corton

EC D Class Championship Rd 3

Sign On: 09.30am

National Grid Reference: TM 535981

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 45608

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc

Club Steward(s): B Wreathall

Clerk of the Course: A Arden (Licence 9250)

Child Protection P.o.C.: DL Pulham

Secretary of the Meeting: DL Pulham, 36 Chalkers Crescent, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8UL

Tel: 01502 568252 (day) 07747 033308 (eve) email: pdjtcollins@yahoo.co.uk

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 and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo and sidecar machines.

Start / Finish: The Trials Park, Corton, Suffolk NR32 5LE

Course: 10 sections on banks & rocks.

Classes: All adult & youth classes, and sidecars

Awards: First in each class - youth only

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £16.00 for solos, £20.00 sidecars, and £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC. (Not presented for payment before 12th October 2015)

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: At start

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 New Stars
Sunday 18th October 2015

RESTRICTED Permit GRASSTRACK
Speedhaven, Frettenham

Autumn Grasstrack

Sign On: 09.00am

Practice: 12.00pm

Start: 12.30pm

National Grid Reference: TG 241169

Permit No. ACU 45663

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: D Smith

Club Steward(s): M Sutton L Flint

Clerk of the Course: D Mackie (Licence 162330)

Child Protection P.o.C.: C Sutton

Secretary of the Meeting: C Sutton, Church Farm Cottages West, Heydon Rd, Oulton, Norfolk NR11 6NT

Tel: 01263 587626 email: norwichnewstars@hotmail.co.uk

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Track Racing 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 and Youth members of the Norwich New Stars Club with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Speedhaven, New Farm, Frettenham, Norfolk NR12 7NG

Course: Approx 365 metre circuit.

Classes: Youth - Auto Cadets, Cadets, Juniors, Interiors, Seniors A & B, MX65 & MX85. Adult - Fathers Race

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £30.00.

Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich New Stars.

Entries Open: 4th September 2015

Entries Close: At start

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

Email address:

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Passenger Details (if applicable)

Surname: **First Name:** **D.O.B**

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Norwich Viking MCC
Sunday 18th October 2015

OPEN Permit MOTOCROSS
Cadders Hill, Lyng

Open Motocross incl NGR Championship Rd 10

Sign On: 08.00am

Practice: 09.45am

Start: 12.30pm

National Grid Reference: TG 068175

Permit No. ACU 44876

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: A Foskew

Club Steward(s): D Kingsnorth D Mills

Clerk of the Course: A Hay (Licence 22472)

Child Protection P.O.C.: V Hay

Secretary of the Meeting: V Hay, 27 Tizzick Close, Norwich NR5 9HB

Tel: 01603 734700 email: norwichvikingmcc@gmail.com

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and the 2015 NGR Championship Conditions, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

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

Course: 1402 metres undulating land and natural hillside, primarily sand.

Classes: NGR Championship, Allcomers solo, Practice Only **Awards:** Prize money - 1st six in Premier Class

Entries: Entry for this event is via the ACU online entry system - Go To <https://members.acu.org.uk> LOGIN or REGISTER then go to 'Search for an Event'; find the event and follow process to enter.

As an option, entries may be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £45.00 NGR & Allcomers solo; £35.00 Practice Only Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd **NO late Entries accepted.**

Entries Open: 11th September 2015

Entries Close: 14th October 2015

STRICTLY NO DOGS

No 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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The insurance cover for this event will be **BASIC** (limit of liability £10M) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is **NO** Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are therefore strongly recommended to purchase such Cover - which is available through the Locktons website (www.locktonmotorsport.com) or the ACU website (www.acu.org.uk)

Happy Memories

Sidge Kenny

A large turnout of former riders – both Centre and International - spectators and families, gathered in August at the site of the former and glorious scramble circuit at Shrublands Park. Organised by the Ipswich club, the gathering featured displays, onsite facilities and a buffet, to add to the gathering of great memories.

The now –traditional: “walk round” the extensive circuit was excellently conducted by Dave Cordle, who, at the various key points of the circuit gave details of the original layout and anecdotes of former races and riders, including the full story behind the famous “five across the line” at the Trophee- Cross des Nations in 1962.

Motocross & Practice at Lyng – 18th October

The final event of the season at Lyng takes place on 18th October. A lot of riders wanted the Vikings to run their popular practice day but increased insurance costs have made this no longer viable.

We propose to run an event that incorporates both racing and multiple practice sessions. There will be the usual races for the NGR Over 30 riders and races of varied length for the Allcomers Class.

There will also be a “Practice Only” class at a lower entry fee that will have 4 untimed practice sessions but will not be eligible for any races.

This event attempts to offer riders value for money with more track time and a reduced entry fee.

Any rider without a 2015 adult motocross licence will need a day licence costing £15. The Practice Only class will be untimed and will not need to hire a transponder.

As this event will have a number of races, there will be full first aid cover and full marshal cover.

PRACTICE / QUALIFICATION

Each rider will take part in timed qualification and go out in pre-determined groups listed in the programme on the day.

There will be other untimed free practice sessions before lunch for all classes. Each session will be 10 minutes on a first come first served basis but limited to 40 on the track at any one time.

RACES

NGR Over 30 Championship riders will have 3 races of 12 minutes + 1 lap.

The fastest 40 riders from timed qualification (Premier Class) will have 2 races of 15 minutes + 2 laps & one sprint race of 8 minutes + 1 lap.

The Support Class (41st – 80th) from timed qualification, will have 3 races, one of 12 minutes + 1 lap & one of 10 minutes + 2 laps & one sprint race of 8 minutes + 1 lap.

There will be NO RACES for Practice Only Class.

For a more detailed programme visit www.norwichvikings.co.uk

Entries are available via the ACU on-line entry system at <https://members.acu.org.uk>

Entry forms can be downloaded at www.norwichvikings.co.uk and will be available in the Eastern Centre Gazette October edition, available from 4th October at www.easternacu.org
Entries will close Wednesday 14th October at 6:00pm NO LATE ENTRIES will be taken.

Spectators are welcome, cost £5 adults, children under 14 free. Refreshments will be available as usual.

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

Address: **Postcode:**

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

Email: **NGR** ☐ **Allcomers** ☐ **Practice Only** ☐

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

Sponsor /
Machine Make: **cc** **Two Stroke** ☐ **Four Stroke** ☐

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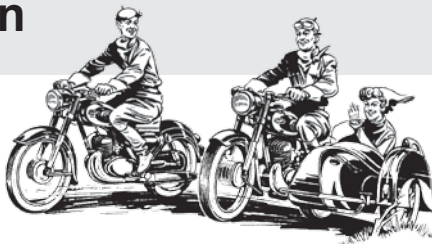
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The Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



A friend of mine retired earlier this year after almost the whole of his working career being in the motorcycle trade. I wished him well for a his coming life of leisure and then I asked him how much he felt the motorcycle business had changed over those more than fifty years. He thought for a moment and chuckled. "They've got a damn sight more money, now," he said. "Today, they rarely work on their bikes – which admittedly are better than they were and in the main, much more reliable. But they'll bring 'em in for anything nowadays, no matter how trivial. In my time, the lads would strip their engines, re-bore them and re-build them – relined their own brakes – put new tyres on –nearly everything and these were not expert competition riders, they were just the lads on the road." I could understand that. Perhaps the reason is the sophistication and technical complexity of today's bikes or a simple disinclination to get dirty hands. My friend now warmed to his subject. " - Of course you could buy a cable then for around five bob (25p) - a plug was the same price and a new tyre, Three quid. Look at prices today - its obvious there's more money about."

I was also interested to learn how the arrival of Japanese motorcycles in the 1960's, altered the trade, formerly I thought, dominated by British. This time his reply greatly surprised me. "No - it wasn't the Japs coming in to start with. There were loads of foreign bikes about long before then – especially mopeds and scooters. I think you will find the highest number of bikes ever registered on the road was in 1959 – we had not even heard of Honda or Suzuki, at that time. It was scooters: Lambrettas and Vespas, which people went for in a big way. The larger British bikes were for the real enthusiasts." Again very illuminating and now primed up, he had more to say: "What really did for the British motorbike industry in the early 1960's, was not the Japs – though they soon came and took over – earlier to that, it was the Austin Mini. You could actually buy a brand new Minivan for £350:00 – a Triumph Bonneville was £305:00 – so it was a "no-brainer" if you had a nervous girlfriend. Even the Reliant three-wheeler was dearer than the Minivan, as there was no purchase tax on vans."

This testament was a revelation to me. I was evidently wrong on the assumption which I had held for many years, that the Japanese simply elbowed the British makes out of the motorcycle dealerships of the nation. Of course around the racing circuits, Honda and Suzuki – later joined by Yamaha and Kawasaki, were making their mark in the spotlight of World championship road racing. This thrust of their motorcycle industry was partially inspired by cheap credit which allowed Japan as a nation, to quickly recover from the effect of the Second World War - and also a fertile Far East marketplace which enabled them to sell and grow and thereby enter into the highly expensive exercise of expanding into the West. But that remark about the much loved Austin (or Morris) Mini? I had indeed read somewhere that BMC lost £30:00 on every Mini they made. That 30 quid could have been all the difference between: "Bike or Van?" - perhaps allowed more sales of British bikes and additionally kept BMC, then Leyland, solvent for longer. Therefore it could be said the British motor industry, mainly based in Birmingham, had by sheer arithmetical error, shot itself in both feet – or wheels.

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- 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.
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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 ☐

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

Essex & Suffolk Border
Sunday 18th October 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Raydon Pits

EC Championship B Class Rd 8

Sign On: 09.30am
National Grid Reference: TM 041388

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45609

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: A Penny (Licence 6849)
Child Protection P.o.C.: A Penny
Secretary of the Meeting: N Fenn, 8 Old Rectory Close, Barham, Suffolk IP6 0PY

Club Steward(s): M Keeble C Keeble

Tel: 01473 839933 email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com

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Start / Finish: Raydon Pits, Wades Lane, Raydon IP7 5QP

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections - sandy hills and climbs.

Classes: All adult & youth solo classes

Awards: First in class, subject to minimum of 5 entries per class

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 £13.00 for Youth. Late Entries + £5.00 (paid to charity). Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Essex & Suffolk Border MCC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: 18th October 2015

Entries accepted on the day, + £5.00 (donated to charity). 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
Sunday 18th October 2015
Press Cup

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Trials Park, Corton
EC Championship D Class Rd 4

Sign On: 09.30am
National Grid Reference: TM 539980

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45264

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	tbc	Club Steward(s):	R Brooks
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 Mooor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL Tel: 07775 600382 (day) 01603 871811 (eve) email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk		

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Start / Finish: The Trials Park, Corton, Suffolk NR32 5LE **Course:** 5 laps of 8 sections on banks & rocks.

Classes: All adult & youth classes, and 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 solos, £19.00 sidecars, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd. (Not presented for payment before 19th October 2015)

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: At start

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Address:

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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 ☐

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

Elizabeth & Colin Smith

I have been asked by Elizabeth and Colin Smith to inform all in the Eastern Centre, that after 60 years for Bet and 40 years for Colin they have decided to retire from the Catering Business.

This has been a heart wrenching decision for them to make, but they feel this is now the right time to call it a day.

They have asked me to thank all the organisers, officials, competitors and the general public for their support over the years.

In the beginning Bet would help when the business was run by her Mother, Mrs Adams then when mum retired Colin took over and they have been a big part of our centres heritage over so many decades. Attending and not minding how small or big the meeting was.

On behalf of all in the centre I would like to thank them both for their continuous hard work and dedication to our sport, and they will be greatly missed. (They assure me they will be about most weekends)

Eastern Centre Trials Calendar 2016-2017

By the time club officials read this all clubs will have had the trials calendar forms for about two weeks, the forms need to be back with Phil Armes before October 23rd to allow a trials calendar to be compiled for review at the Trials Forum on November 5th. Please consider the following when completing the forms,

1. Please give alternative dates as this gives the best chance of avoiding date clashes, if this is not possible please state why that is not possible.
2. Please show which trials will have a route easier than the normal white route, as this will allow newcomers to the sport, and perhaps those not so new to the sport, to select suitable events. This is obviously a successful formula used by other organisations in the area to get large entries.
3. There are some changes to which classes will compete in which championship rounds in 2016, please take this into account when applying for championship rounds, and for 2016 in Class A championship rounds the Expert B class will ride a 50/50 route.

At the Trials Forum we will have vacancies on the Trials Committee for Chairman, Secretary and Stewards Coordinator, so any nominations before or on the evening would be appreciated.

Finally, last year we re-introduced the observer's award, so please make any suggestions for 2015 to any of the Trials Committee members

Clive Dopson

Chelmsford & DAC
Sunday 25th October 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Beazley End

EC Championship A Class Rd 8

Sign On: 09.00am
National Grid Reference: TL 738289

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45610

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	tbc	Club Steward(s):	N Ogden	A Brace
Clerk of the Course:	A Foskew (Licence 25780)			
Child Protection P.o.C.:	D Ogden			
Secretary of the Meeting:	D Ogden, 113 Imperial Avenue, Mayland, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 6AJ			
	Tel: 01621 742180 email: trialnick@talktalk.net			

JURISDICTION:

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Start / Finish: Codham Little Park, Beazley End, Essex CM7 5JQ

Classes: All adult & youth solo classes **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 £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Chelmsford & DAC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: 21st October 2015

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Halstead & DMCC Club Notes

Kieran Doherty

Firstly I would like to draw your attention to the regs in this addition of the gazette for the 2 man enduro at Wakes Colne. It is looking like it will fill up very quickly so don't hang about and get your entries in.

On the 6th of september at the british sidecar meeting. We had a fantastic turnout of spectators and they were not left disappointed. A full line up of NGR riders gave some excellent racing and we would like to thank you for your support.

With the centre championship coming to a close it gives us time to look through some of the great results the club members have achieved this year with some of the new members moving through the junior groups and looking very fast. The club awards winners are going to be very hard to choose.

Before I finish this month I have to highlight some of the people that have gone above and beyond again this year to but on the meetings. These include the entire Garrod family. Especially charlie who has kept the grass looking great all year and chick who spent a whole week at the track before the sidecars. Also Juliette Salmon who's tireless work sorting the the entries amongst everything else. We cannot forget Keith Weavers keeping us all in check. Even if he does loose his keys.

Next month I will be looking back at some of the great results from the year. Let's hope next year will be even better than this year.

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Woodbridge & DMCC Club Notes

Charlie Ralph



Our second evening trial at Blaxhall saw a good entry of riders, and it was refreshing to see newcomers havng a go at the feet up game.

The enduro scene has been quite busy recently, the four man team event at Foxborough saw two of our members, Damian Long and Spud Spurgeon in the winning team, with Dean Smith in the runner up team, and Sam Mitchell helping his team to third place. Shaun Southgate joined forces with Chris Bastick to win the two man team event at Wattisfield, with Toby Morley in the third placed team. Aston Bird completed the most laps, but his team mate, Carl Grantham punctured, which put them out of contention.

With series leader, Aston a non starter at the final round of the Eastern enduro championships at Butley, the title went to Jamie Roper for the third time.

Ben Alexander won the experts class on the day, finishing second in the series. Jake Morphey was 5th best expert, and Damian, Spud, John Bishop and Phil Levermore all put in good rides. Once again, Wilf, Dave, Ian and Stuart did a lot of work at Butley to ensure a good day for the riders. thanks to all who helped on the day.

Jake Nicholls put in an appearance to get some practise in, but a puncture ended his day.

Luke Benstead has practically tied up the Eastern Motocross title with three race wins at Lyng, and Shaun Southgate now holds second place after finishing second ineach race. James Miles now leads the junior series after taking third overall, and some good rides from Mark Hunt earned him second overall on the day.

Several of our club riders are scoring good points in the NGR over30's series. At Hockham, our Yorkshire member, Craig Marsden, was 3rd overall, and Andy Cattermole 5th. After the Hockham meeting, Andy was third in the series, with Jake Morphey 4th, and Craig Marsden 5th.

At Wakes Colne, Lee Keyton was our best NGR finisher with 6th overall. Jake was 7th, Craig 8th, and Andy was 10th. In the support races, Sam Arbon had a good day, taking 3rd overall in the group A races, with Sam Mitchell 4th. Harry Peake was 2nd overall in the B group.

On the same day, Shaun Southgate had two points scoring rides at Preston in the British Championships, with a 16th and 20th placing. James Cottrell had a 10th and 16th place in the MX2 class.

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

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 - I confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor had an ACU Licence suspended, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.
 - **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.**
- Premium Insurance will be assumed unless otherwise stated.

• I/we enclose the entry fee of: £.....

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Don't forget to sign

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

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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)

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

Halstead & DMCC
Sunday 25th October 2015

OPEN Permit ENDURO
Wakes Colne

Dave Barkshire Motorcycles 2 Man Championship Rd 7

Sign On: 08.00am
National Grid Reference: TL 889313

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 45611

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc**Club Steward(s):** K Weavers G Garrod
Clerk of the Course: A Taylor (Licence 38168)
Child Protection P.o.C.: A Garrod
Secretary of the Meeting: A Garrod, 10 Stowmarket Rd, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 6AB
Tel: 07717 841638

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 with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Little Loveney Hall, Wakes Colne, Essex Co6 2BH **Course:** Undulating grass terrain.

Classes: Championship, Expert, Clubman, Sportsman, Evo MX **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 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Halstead & DMCC. (Not presented for payment before 26th October 2015)

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: 25th October 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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Sudbury MCC Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Cath Penny wife of our Centre President Alan and would like to wish Alan and his family all the best for the future. I wanted to attend the funeral but had a date/fixture clash it was the same day and time as my Diabetic Eye Screening appointment.

Although the results for the last round of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/Eastern Centre Enduro Championship are provisional and are subject to change I don't believe there will be any effect of the winners of the six Classes. In the Championship Class we occupied the first five places with Jamie Roper 1st, Sam Toy 2nd, Craig Roper 3rd, Steve Mason 4th and Chris Hockey 5th. Shame Aston Bird was unable to ride however Jamie has won the Title for the third year running and will be the last Eastern Centre Enduro Champion as the word Centre will no longer exist from 2016. Dare I say 22 Titles in 27 years for Sudbury members! In the Expert Class Jack Nicolaou was 4th and Nick Barrett 9th and it is congratulations to Ben Alexander for the win on the day while Will Hughes who had already won the Title had a tyre blow out. Congratulations to Mark Chapman on winning the Expert Veteran Class Title again, he had to win on the day to retain his crown otherwise Gavin Hockey who have been Champion. Besides Gavin's second place we also had Phil Roper, Paul Davis, Gareth Young, Paul Belton and Nigel Ross in the points. Our members took the first four places in the Clubman Class consisting of Alex Rampton, Ryan McDonnell, Alex Walton and Jamie Lagden while Nathan Greenaway was 10th, Matt Smith 12th and Ben Roper 13th. These results gives Alex the Clubman Title while in the Clubman Veteran Class 1st John Austin, 2nd Phil Waldron, 4th Jason Carsboul, 13th David Meehan, 14th Peter Barltrop, 15th Philip Barltrop and oh I have forgotten Terry Allen riding under the Sudbury banner for the first time this year who finished 3rd. Congratulations to John Austin on winning the Clubman Veteran Title also to Andy Mason on winning this round of the Clubman Super Veteran Class and the 2015 Title. Also in the CSV Class 2nd Graham Mays, 3rd Gary Drage, 5th Sean McDonald, 6th Ed Kerridge, 7th Paul Webb, 8th Paul Scott and 9th Alister McFarquhar. Pete McDonnell has progressed further up the field in every round of the Sportsman Class and actually won at Butley. I do feel for Clive and Martin Stevens so far so near but it does allow me to be pleased with 4 of the 6 Titles going to Sudbury members.

We had some successes in the 3rd round of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship at Wattisfield with Alex Walton/Jamie Lagden 10th and Graham Mays/Nigel Ross 12th in the Expert Class. In the Clubman Class 2nd Perry Miller/Phil Whiting, 4th Dan Goodwin with Tom Morris (Woodbridge), 7th Adam Kempster/Keith Potter and 14th Paul Webb/Trevor Scott.

November sees the annual dates/fixtures meeting for 2016-17 and everyone trying for their events not to clash but at times this is evitable, I have had four clashes this year the first one mentioned at the beginning of this report while the other three, 1) I was a vip yes a VIP, 2) I wanted to do the Shrubland Park walk in my case limp, 3) I attended the 38th Annual Chaplin Family Gathering so I made my choices. Look out bikes thieves are starting early for Christmas Lewis Roper has had his bike stolen. Very sad about the big fire in Sudbury which was at the bottom on the Market Hill and one shop in Friars Street, one of those shops in my youth was a Clothes Outfitter and I remember my Mother buying the school uniform from there. Lastly I mention again we are running an Extreme Enduro at Sunday 3rd January 2016 and would appreciate your entry also lots of help on the day which can be chaotic.

Woodbridge & DMCC
Sunday 1st November 2015
John Easty Memorial Trial

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Blaxhall Circuit
EC Championship C Class Rd 3

Sign On: 09.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 358578

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 45613

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

Tel: 07803 270853 (day) 01379 586819 (eve) **email:** tjandrews12@sky.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 and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Blaxhall Circuit, Blaxhall IP12 2DU

Course: Gravel & Woodland 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 £15.00 for adults, and £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2015

Entries Close: 27th October 2015

No 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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Southend & DMCC
Sunday 1st November 2015

OPEN Permit TRIAL
Poles Wood

SMAC Trophy Trial inc. EC Championship D Class Rd 5

Sign On: 09.00am
National Grid Reference: TQ 555977

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 45650

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc
Clerk of the Course: P Nash (Licence 39376)
Child Protection P.o.C.: P Nash
Secretary of the Meeting: J Nash, 33 Cherry Orchard, Southminster, Essex CM0 7HE

Club Steward(s): K Bywater M Spurgeon

Tel: 07947 215648 (day) 01621 773131 (eve) email: nap148@aol.com

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Start / Finish: Poles Wood, Kelvedon Hatch CM14 5TL

Course: Woodland & Sandpit.

Classes: Expert, Intermediate, Novice, B&W, Youth, Sidecar

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 solos, £18.00 sidecars, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Southend & DMCC. (Not presented for payment before 2nd November 2015)

Entries Open: 15th October 2015

Entries Close: At start

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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Practice Permits

At a recent Board meeting, the Directors of the ACU discussed practice permits and how we could make it easier for Organisers to accept entries on the day from non-ACU Licence holders/Trials riders.

For Trials. The requirement for a Trial practice is that there needs to be a licenced Clerk of the Course appointed. There is to be no element of competition, no results issued or published and no Observers put in place. A Trials Registered rider can pay the entry fee required and participate in the practice event. Non-ACU Trials Riders will need to pay an additional fee of £2.00. There will need to be two signing on forms. One form for ACU Trials Registered Riders who are required to pay the appropriate entry fee and one form for Non-ACU Trials Riders. For Non-ACU Trials Riders, they will be required to pay the entry fee as appropriate plus an additional £2.00 to the Organisers.

For Enduro/Motocross. The requirement for an Enduro/Motocross practice is that there needs to be a licenced Clerk of the Course appointed for the practice. There will be no element of competition, no mass starts and no results issued or published. An ACU licenced holder can pay the entry fee required and participate in the practice event. Non-ACU Licenced Holders will need to pay an additional fee of £5.00. There will need to be two signing on forms. One form for ACU Licence Holders who are required to pay the appropriate entry fee and one form for Non-ACU licence holders who are required to pay the appropriate entry fee plus an additional £5.00 to the Organisers.

EASTERN CENTRE ACU TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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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)

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 ☐

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

ACU EASTERN MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

Charlie Ralph

Following many discussions over the last two years with competitors, organisers and spectators, it has become increasingly apparent that the time has come for a change.

Due to falling numbers of expert riders resulting in sometimes not even half a line-up, organisers suffer financially, and spectators are not being provided with close, exciting racing.

To this end, the motocross committee propose to modernise the championship by running the following format:

Rider status

The status of riders will be recognised as Expert, or Non-Expert

Entries

Entries to be restricted to 160 riders – therefore 4 full line-ups will compete. Entries will close when full or on the Tuesday evening at 9pm prior to the event. There will be NO late entries and NO exceptions.

Classes

There will be a 'Premier Class' of the 40 fastest riders by timed qualification irrespective of status.

NB: Both expert and non-expert riders have expressed a wish that expert status riders will qualify in their own practice group for safety reasons.

The next group of 40 riders (by timed practice) will be known as the 'Intermediate Class'

The next two groups will be known as Support A and Support B.

In the event of there not being a full 160 rider entry, Support A and Support B will be split into two equal groups.

Qualification

Qualification will consist of 5 minutes free practice (first lap to be run under waved yellow flags) followed by 10 minutes timed qualification.

Expert graded riders will be in the first practice, followed by the non-expert riders in designated groups.

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Race Programme:

Race 1	Support B	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 2	Support A	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 3	Intermediate Class	20 minutes + 1 lap
Race 4	Premier Class	20 minutes + 1 lap
Lunch Break of a minimum 30 minutes		
Race 5	Support B	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 6	Support A	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 7	Intermediate Class Sprint	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 8	Premier Class Sprint	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 9	Support B	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 10	Support A	12 minutes + 1 lap
Race 11	Intermediate Class	16 minutes + 1 lap
Race 12	Premier Class	16 minutes + 1 lap

A champion will be declared for both expert and non-expert status riders irrespective of their residency.

A 'Rookie' Champion will be declared for the rider in his/her first full year of competing in the ACU Eastern Championship.

The point scoring system remains the same but if necessary, points will be allocated down to the Intermediate Class.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the above with Charlie Ralph 01394 389330 or cralph333@live.co.uk , MX Chair, or any member of the MX Committee.

**The MX Forum is being held on Friday 23rd October 2015 at
Walsham le Willows Football Club commencing at 7.30pm.**

**The MX Committee extends a warm welcome and invites you
to attend whether you are a competitor, an organiser or just
interested.**

Eastern Fourstroke Association.
35th THUMPERS
BRITISH BIKE TRIAL

(Including round 4 of the E.C Pre 70 Championship, class C)
SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2015

Permit No: ACU 45559

Start Time: 10:00 am.

Clerk of the Course: Chris Mace (Licence 38767).

Secretary of Meeting: June Kent. 30 Clayhall Place. Acton. Sudbury. CO10 0BT
Tel: 01787 379192 mob: 07891 289645 email: june17kent@talktalk.net

- 1. 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.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY:** The Competition is open to all adult members of ACU affiliated clubs, riding solo machines of BRITISH MANUFACTURE made before 31st December 1969.
- 3. ENTRIES:** Limited to 100. Entry forms to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with 1 sae for programme (11cm x 22cm minimum), send another if you want results posted. Results will be on the club website www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk
All entrants must show their 2015 ACU trials Registration card when signing on. Entries are open now and close **Saturday, 14th November. No late entries.**
- 4. FEES:** Solo £17.00 cheques made payable to: 'EFA'.
- 5. COURSE:** Poplars Chase Farm. Station Rd. Thorrington. Colchester. Essex. CO7 8HZ.
3 laps of approx 16 sections, all on private land.
- 6. START:** Will be in order of entries received, riders away at half minute intervals.
- 7. ROUTES:** Hard: 50/50: Easy. (The 50/50 route is intended to present an increased challenge for middle ability riders not wanting/able to ride the full hard route. Each section start card will be marked by the C of C to indicate if you ride the hard or easy route through that section).
- 8. CLASSES:**
 - A. British Pre-unit construction four-strokes.
 - B. British Unit construction four-strokes.
 - C. Rigid Rear / Girder Front single or twin four-strokes.
 - D. Rigid Rear / Tele Front single or twin four-strokes.
 - E. Any British two-stroke, sprung or unsprung.
 - F. Any British 'Special' (machines that the entrant and/or machine examiner do not consider conforming to classes A to E or fail to meet the spirit of pre 70 competition).
- 9. AWARDS:** Best performance in each class on the hard route. Also classes C and D who will ride the easy route. Best in class awards subject to a minimum of 5 entries, second in class subject to a minimum of 10.
- 10. MARKING:** TSR 22 B (No-stop trial).

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

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE OF 18, DECLARATION OF PARENT/ PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:

(COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) I the parent/person with parental responsibility of the above named participant, hereinafter referred to as 'my child', accept that my child may participate in the aforementioned meeting. I declare as follows: - I have read and understood the "Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport" which appears above. I appreciate the dangers inherent in motorsport which include the risk of death or permanent disablement. The child does not suffer from any physical, medical or mental disability which would make it unsafe for him/her to participate either as a Competitor or for Practice. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that the child and I have had the opportunity to read and understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions subsequently issued and this Entry Form and that he/she will comply with them. I accept that photographs or video films may be taken of my child by officials dealing with safety issues or accident investigations. Photographs may also be taken for promotional purposes and may appear on the ACU website or in ACU publications.

Signature of Parent/person with parental responsibility: **Date:**

Address:

Extract from NSC Article 7.14: A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

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)

Machine: **C.C** **E.C Pre 70 Championship (YES / NO)**

Class Entered: (circle one) A B C D E F

Route: (circle one) Hard 50/50 Easy

Don't Just Watch – Get Involved!

Putting on motorcycle sport events doesn't happen by accident – it takes a lot of people and a good deal of time. In the Eastern Centre we have 38 affiliated clubs, 24 of whom actively organise and promote over 130 meetings during the calendar year covering Motocross, Trials, Enduro and Grasstrack.

These clubs are always looking for people to get involved and take on some of the myriad of jobs that need doing – be it helping with course preparation prior to the event, secretarial and administration duties, or being part of the team on race day covering activities like marshaling or technical inspection.

As a Centre we also need personnel to cover some centrally provided services like timekeeping, stewards, and advertising/PR activity. At present we are particularly looking to build our timekeeping team and appoint someone to take on a PR role to help raise the profile of our leading Centre championships.

Timekeeping

Nearly all Motocross events, and several Enduro events run electronic timing which requires a team of three to ensure the timely and accurate production of results – an integral and important part of any competition. We are looking to build at least two teams to cover the season and responsibilities will include:

- Pre-event preparation of timing system in conjunction with club secretaries
- Transport of timing equipment to and from the venue
- Installation and operation of the timing equipment at the event
- Issue and collection of day hire transponders
- Providing printed copies of timing documents to various officials throughout the event
- Production of results and uploading to MyLaps website
- Maintenance and cleaning of timing equipment

Each team will require a main timekeeper who is computer literate and able to work with spreadsheets, plus two assistants to administer the issue/return of the transponders, manual lap scoring, and the publication/distribution of the results.

If you would like to find out more about the timekeeping team then please contact the Centre secretary – Lyn Berwick - lynberwick@hotmail.com

PR

As a Centre we have recognised that there is a requirement to take a more pro-active approach to raising the profile of our events and championships.

In order to achieve this, and provide a consistent level of support to the individual organising clubs, there is a need to appoint a person or company to undertake pre and post event PR and Marketing activities.

If you feel that you have the skills and ideas to provide PR and Marketing support to the Eastern Centre then please contact the Chairman of the Competitions Committee, Phil Armes – permits@easternacu.org

What's on



OCTOBER

3rd	Norwich New Stars	Grass Track	Trng	Felthorpe	
4th	Castle Colchester	Trial	OPEN	Alphamstone	Centre Trials A Class Rd 6
11th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Corton	Centre Trials D Class Rd 3
11th	Ipswich	Trial	OPEN	Bramford	Centre Trials A Class Rd 7
11th	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	Rendham	
18th	Essex & Suffolk Border	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	Centre Trials B Class Rd 8
18th	Norwich Viking	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	
18th	Norwich Viking	Trial	OPEN	Corton	Centre Trials D Class Rd 4
18th	Norwich New Stars	Grass Track	RES	Frettenham	
25th	EFA	Trial	RES	Snaque Pit	
25th	Chelmsford	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	Centre Trials A Class Rd 8
25th	Halstead & DMCC	Enduro	OPEN	Wakes Colne	Dave Barkshire MCs 2 Man Rd 7

NOVEMBER

1st	Woodbridge	Trial	OPEN	Blaxhall	Centre Trials C Class Rd 3
1st	Southend	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	Centre Trials D Class Rd 5
8th		Remembrance Day	BOARD MEETING		STANWAY
15th	Diss	Enduro	National	Thetford Forest	British Championship
22nd	EFA	Trial	National	Thorrington	Centre Trials C Class Rd 4
29th	NSJMCC	Trial	RES	Gt Hockham	

DECEMBER

6th	Lowestoft	Trial	OPEN	Corton	Centre Trials B Class Rd 9
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	

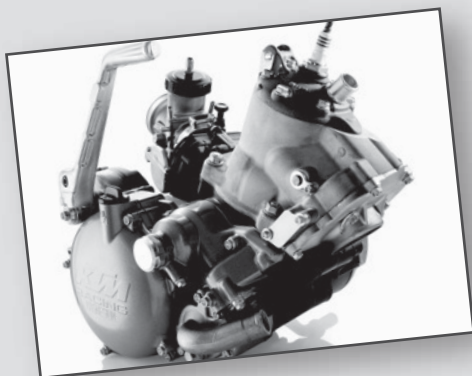
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