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Once again some riders have been riding illegally in Thetford Forest, on Forestry Commission land, which as we all know is not only against the law, but jeopardises the use of this valuable facility for many of our events from club level through to National championships.

Foreword Phil Armes



In this instance there were three riders, two of whom have ACU competition licences, which have been suspended for a period of three months. While they may think this is harsh, I personally think they have got away lightly as the Police have made it clear that they will exercise their right to confiscate the bikes – and crush them.

So can all riders please refrain from riding in Thetford Forest, or anywhere else that riding is prohibited – not only do you face the prospect of losing your licence/bike, but you also put at risk the availability of some excellent venues that are used and enjoyed by both you and your fellow off road competitors.

There has been much debate within the Centre over the use of tear offs at motocross events. Acting on the content of an email from Gary Thompson at the ACU head office the ACU Eastern board passed a resolution (in January) to ban the use of tear offs within the 'Centre'. A subsequent email from Gary Thompson has stated that he made a mistake with his initial assurance that 'Centres' will be supported by the ACU if they chose to implement a ban, and that it is at the discretion of the event organiser/promoter. Therefore, using this latest email, and ACU standing motocross regulation para 8.2, sub para 7, as the authority, the ACU Eastern Competitions Committee have concluded that the use of tear offs at ACU Eastern events will be at the discretion of the organiser/promoter.

A proposal will be put to the ACU Eastern board, at the next board meeting on April 20th, to suspend the resolution re tear offs until such time as the ACU standing regulations ban the use of tear offs.

On a brighter note, the Norwich Vikings hosted the opening round of the Maxxis British Motocross Championship at Cadders Hill on March 20th . As usual it was a first class event, with some terrific racing and a large crowd – albeit that it was one of the coldest days I can remember at Lyng for many a year.

Over the next month every weekend is jam packed with some form of off road sport, including the Long Distance Trial at Sisted, which is always a popular event. And of course the Speedway season has started again for those who like things short, sharp, and combative!!

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Castle Colchester Open Permit TRIAL Sunday 24th April 2016 Thorrington, CO7 8HZ John Kendall Memorial Trial inc ACUE Champ B Class Rd 3

Sign On: 9.30am Start: 10.30am National Grid Reference: TM 208085 Permit No. ACU 47038

OFFICIALS:

Eastern Centre Steward: P Nash Club Steward(s): D Clampin M Deeks

Clerk of the Course: G Wakley (Licence 99784)

Child Protection P.o.C.: G Wakley

paid into bank before 25th April 2016)

Secretary of the Meeting: C Eley, 42 Abottsmead, Heybridge, Essex CM9 4PT Tel: 07770 612854 email: castletrialsentry@gmail.com

JURISDICTION:

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

Start / Finish: Poplars Chase Farm, Thorrington, CO7 8HZ

Classes: B Class Championship & All solo classes. Youth A, B, C

Awards: John Kendall Trophy to best Pre-70

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults, £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Castle Colchester MCC Ltd. (Not

Entries Open: 4th April 2016 Entries Close: 20th April 2016

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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The Regs for the Dave Roper Memorial Cross Country Event were not in last month's Gazette the reason being where it usually held at Tye Farm is not available so at last night's Committee

Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Meeting it was to decide to run it on 10th April at one of two venues apply for the permit and Regs to appear in the April Gazette. This is a problem when you have land issues so it is fingers crossed.

Round one of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship took place at Santon and once again the Diss Club put on a very good event. They had an entry of 200 with a sprinkling of National riders and of course they featured in the top of most Classes. What was Jamie Roper listening to the evening before, John Denver singing "You fill up my senses like a night in Thetford Forest" because he rode his heart out in the Championship Class finishing third behind Brad Freeman and Joe Wootton this was good start to the defence of his Title. Chris Hockey was 8th, Craig Roper 11th, Richard Roper 12th, Stevie Roper 13th and Steve Mason 18th. Alex Rampton made a good start in the Expert Class with a 2nd place with Ryan McDonnell 8th, Jack Berry 9th, Jack Arnold 10th and Kevin Silvain 14th. In the Expert Vets Gavin Hockey was 2nd, Phil Roper 3rd, Richard Walters 12th, Paul Belton 13th and Philip Waldron 15th. Our riders did well in the Clubman Class Ben Ramus 2nd, Alex Walton 4th, Lee Monger 10th, Daniel Piper 13th and Ben Roper 15th. Jason Carsboult secured 3rd place in the Clubman Vets with Jeff Turner 5th, Dean Curry 9th and Jeff Sharp 10th. It was a well deserved 10th place for Jeff as it was at this event last year he had his first heart attack. In the Clubman Super Vets Andy Mason was unusually 2nd with newcomer to the Class Graham Mays 3rd followed by Les Rampton 4th, Nigel Ross 8th, Gary Drage 9th and Chris Ginn 14th. Well done to Nick Jackson and Richard Beadle they finished 6th and 7th in the Sportsman Class.

Round 2 the following week at Iken and despite the various problems the Woodbridge Club had before the day they produced another good Enduro. How much does good riding or luck help you well Aston Bird did the good riding blew everybody away on the three Tests but had to retire later on with a puncture, such a shame. As for the luck Jamie Roper had it passing the yellow flags with three seconds to spare before penalties otherwise Chris Hockey would have taken the win in the Championship Class. Further done the field Craig Roper 5th, Steve Mason 6th and Stevie Roper 9th. In the Experts Glenn Walsh were 2nd Jack Berry 4th, Alex Rampton 6th, Kevin Silvain 11th and Nick Barrett 12th. Again Gavin Hockey was 2nd in the Expert Vets with Gareth Young 9th and Philip Waldron 12th. Ben Ramus was again 2nd in the Clubman with Alex Walton 3rd, Ben Roper 10th and Lee Monger 14th. Jeff Turner was 2nd In the Clubman Vets, Andy Peck 4th, Kevin Mole 6th, Jeff Sharp 7th, Dean Curry 8th Martin Baker 10th, Terry Allen 11th and Martin Greenaway 13th. Surprise Surprise Graham Mays won the Clubman Super Vets over Andy Mason 2nd with Les Rampton 3rd, Nigel Ross 4th, Gary Drage 5th, Chris Ginn 8th, Peter Barltrop 10th and Paul Webb 12th.

It seems I might have a blood clot in my left leg and if not treated it will be the death of me. Had an injection this morning now waiting for a phone call for a scan I should have today so fingers crossed.

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Bury St Edmunds Sunday 24th April 2016

Open Permit ENDURO Hawkedon, CO10 8LU

Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two man Enduro Champ Rd 1

Sign On: 8.00am Start: 10 00am National Grid Reference: TL 782535 Permit No. ACU 47037

Eastern Centre Steward: J Hearn Club Steward(s): B Bowers

Clerk of the Course: N Sargent (Licence 6004)

Child Protection P.o.C.: N Sargent

Secretary of the Meeting: L Sargent, Rhencullen, The Street, Wyverstone, Stowmarket IP14 4SJ

Tel: 01449 780302 email: neilandlynn5@tiscali.co.uk

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, 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: Windolphs Farm, Hawkedon, Suffolk CO10 8LU

Course: Fields, Woods & Ditches. Classes: Championship, Expert, Clubman Awards: At end of Championship

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £49.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Bury St Edmunds DMCC Ltd. (Not presented for payment before 25th April 2016)

Entries Open: 4th April 2016 Entries Close: 21st April 2016

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Norwich Viking MCC Sunday 1st May 2016

Open Permit MOTOCROSS Lyng NR9 5QZ

ACUE Championship Rd 2

Sign On: 8.00 am Practice: 10.00 am Start: 12.00pm
National Grid Reference: TG 068175 Permit No. ACU 46792

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: G Garrod 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 9HG

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JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, 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 and riding solo machines.

Course: Full GP length course 1865 metres. Undulating land & natural hillside. Primarily sand..

Classes: As per championship conditions

Awards: As per championship conditions

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 £50.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 3rd May 2016)

Entries Open: 4th April 2016 Entries Close: 23rd April 2016

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY DOGS ALLOWED BUT MUST BE ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES. 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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Well the new season is upon us, I have to start with big thanks to all the riders that entered our meeting in record time. Entries were full within just two weeks. Let's just hope it is like this at every meeting this year. Track preparations are coming on well ready for a great 1st round championship meeting on the 3rd of April.

Halstead Club Notes

Keiran Doherty

At the first round of the British championship at Lyng it was great to see Lewis Tombs back in action after being out with injury last year. Finishing with a 6th overall we hope this is a sign of things to come. We also have a rider in the MXY2 class Tommie Schofield who was looking fast out of the gate coming round in the top ten first lap both races. However incidents in both races meant it was not to be. But hopefully he will have a better result next time out.

At the Sudbury club Endurothon it was great to see so many Halstead club riders competing with Jason Morland leading the pack finishing 2nd overall. A special mention has to be to the paring of Rob and Arron Nicholl and the star mechanic Dave Nicholl. Great to see the whole family still involved in the sport.



500cc Sidecar Association Monday 2nd May 2016

Open Permit GRASS TRACK Kings Farm, Writtle CM1 3HF

East Anglian Spring Trophy

Sign On: 9.30am Practice: 11.00am Start: 1pm
National Grid Reference: TL 672049 Permit No. ACU 47245

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: G Garrod Club Steward(s): W Yeldham R Fenner

Clerk of the Course: A Foskew (Licence 25780)

Child Protection P.o.C.: A Driver Secretary of the Meeting: A Driver,

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Track Racing Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to Adult & Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence and riding solo and sidecar machines.

Course: Approx 450m.

Classes: Adult: Solo 500cc, 250cc, Uprights, Pit Bikes, Quads, 500cc Sidecars

Youth: Auto, Auto Cadets,
Junior, Intermediates, Seniors

Awards: Trophies

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 £32.00 for Adult solos, £25.00 for Youth, & £37.00 Sidecars. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to 500cc Sidecar Association. (Not paid into bank before 3rd May 2016)

Entries Open: 4th March 2016 Entries Close: 18th April 2016

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Sudbury MCC Open Permit ENDURO Sunday 8th May 2016 Foxborough Quarry, CO9 1UH GH Motorcycles Husqvarna ACUE Championship Rd 3

Sign On: 8.00 am Start: 10 00 am National Grid Reference: TL 794325 Permit No. ACU 47144

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: C Cook Club Steward(s): R Chaplin

G Hockey (Licence 18929) Clerk of the Course:

Child Protection P.o.C.: Mrs S Mays

Secretary of the Meeting: G Mays, 55 Alan Way, Colchester, CO3 4LB Tel: 01206 531768 email: g.mays@ntlworld.com

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, 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: Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, CO9 1HU Course: Open Fields & Woodland.

Classes: Championship, Expert, Clubman, Expert Vets over 40, Clubman Vets over 40, Super Vets over 50,

Sportsman

Awards: At End of Championship

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £46.00. Include two 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Sudbury MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 9th May 2016)

Entries Open: 4th April 2016

Entries Close: 5th May 2016

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Woodbridge Club Notes

Charlie Ralph

With the enduro scene almost in full swing, and the mx lads just kicking off their season, we can now come out of hibernation!

Round one of the GH sponsored Eastern enduro championships saw a big entry as usual for the efficient Diss club's meeting at Thetford Forest. With a few national riders in action, Aston Bird brought his GH Suzuki home in 6th place in the premier class.

Paul "Spud" Spurgeon was 7th in the experts vets group, with John Bishop one place behind him. Long time enduro veteran, Stephen Tuffin rode well for 6th place in the clubman's vets class. Unfortunately, Sam Arbon suffered a broken leg during the closing stages, we wish him well.

Round two was hosted by our club at Iken, a remote venue close to the Suffolk coast, and Jamie Roper and Kiwi Hockey battled all day for supremacy, with the ever popular Jay Morland finishing in 3rd place. Aston was clearly the fastest rider in the special tests, winning all three stages with comparative ease, but punctures ruined his day, causing him to retire. Toby Morley finished 11th in the Championship class, and newly promoted Ben Alexander battled on to 13th place. Apart from Aston, Tom Howe was also on the retirement list.

John Bishop had a good day with 5th in the expert vets, with Paul Spurgeon in 7th. I must mention Peter Andrews, who took his KTM to victory in the clubman's vet class.

Wilf and the gang had originally planned a longer course, but the second landowner had a change of heart just a few days prior to the meeting, but Wilf, with his usual resolve, and suffering with a dodgy leg, extended the lap on the existing land, so a huge well done to the crew. Another of our club stalwarts, Kenny Howard, has been in hospital recently for an operation. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.

Onto motocross, and several of our club members made the long trip to Preston Docks in Lancashire. Jake Nicholls gave his Hitachi Husky an outing, and was 2nd in the first pro class race, but his 11th place in race two saw him 6th overall. Shaun Southgate was the top rider in the experts MX1 cup race, taking three race wins, and Sam Mitchell, Adam Day and James Miles all had some good results in the two day meeting.

Our practise day at Blaxhall saw a full entry of riders all raring to go. Despite heavy rain on the Wednesday, the circuit had been prepped well, and on the next day, with the currant bun doing its bit as well, looked good. Apologies to those who could not get an entry, but we had to think about safety, and wanted a maximum of 45 riders per session. With four groups, it ensured plenty of riding time, and obviously a 5th group would have meant less riding for everyone. Grand prix stars, Tommy Searle and Jake Nicholls, along with local ace, James Cottrell, turned up, and put in some fast high speed laps.

Obviously the circuit got rough towards the end, but so many riders thought the track was mega. Jake was on his Husky, and although it looked so plain with no decals, the bike went just as quick. Tommy thought that the circuit was "ace, and told me that 2004 was the last time he was at Blaxhall. James is happy back on Japanese bikes, and is looking forward to the European championship rounds on his Dixon Kwacker. South Western teenager, Jamie Carpenter, made the long trip to Suffolk, and looked very quick. Certainly the kid is one to watch in the future. Loads of good pics on the Woodbridge facebook page.

It was great to see "tall" Paul Hubbard back on a bike after smashing his knee badly early last year. Paul didn't do many laps, but it was good to see the likeable Walsham butcher

News that the famous old Wakes Colne circuit is up for sale again. I sincerely hope that the Halstead club holds onto the circuit, which has seen some great events over many years. I have a race programme from 1926, which is probably when racing started at Wakes. No, I wasn't born then! But i do remember organising bus loads of up to fifty people to the great events in the 50's and 60's. At one of those events, the coach company forgot to return to the circuit to collect us, and as usual, it was all my fault! Seriously though, we cant afford the loss of another circuit in the centre, fingers crossed.



Hopefully, our annual Good Friday trial went well, news of that next month. Our first motocross race meeting is on the 17th April, and will include the over 30's NGR lads and lasses. As I write these notes, entries were coming in fast, although we would like more response from the NGR riders, as we would like to see a full line up in that class

Woodbridge & DMCC Sunday 15th May 2016 Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Blaxhall Circuit, IP17 1LG

ACUE Championship Rd 3

Sign On: 8.00 am Practice: 9.30am Start: 10.30am approx
National Grid Reference: TM 356580 Permit No. ACU 46362

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: P GranthamClub Steward(s): B Coles

Clerk of the Course: J Blyth (Licence 39574)

Child Protection P.o.C.: D Warner

Secretary of the Meeting: D Blyth, 21 Ashe Rd, Lower Hacheston, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 0PD

Tel: 07963 118917 email: blyths21@hotmail.com

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, 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 and riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Blaxhall Circuit, Blaxhall, Suffolk IP17 1LG

Course: Naturally Sandy, with man made jumps. Approx 1500 metres.

Classes: As per championship conditions Awards: As per championship conditions

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 £50.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 16th May 2016)

Entries Open: 15th April 2016 Entries Close: 10th May 2016

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Diss MCC Open Permit MOTOCROSS Sunday 22nd May 2016 Wattisfield Hall, IP22 1NX Maxxis British Sidecarcross Champs Rd 3, NGR Rd 4, & Solo Support

Sign On: 8.30 am Practice: 10.15 am Start: 12.00 pm National Grid Reference: TM 127782 Permit No. ACU 47247

OFFICIALS:

Eastern Centre Steward: ACU Appt Club Steward(s): A Waters A Taylor

Clerk of the Course: G Brace (Licence 55539)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Laura Taylor Secretary of the Meeting: Laura Taylor,

JURISDICTION:

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, 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 and sidecar machines.

Start / Finish: Wattisfield Hall, Wattisfield, Norfolk, IP22 1NX

Course: Undulating Grassland with jumps and pits.

Classes: Sidecars, NGR, Solo Allcomers Awards: Trophies & Prize Fund

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 £50.00 for solos, £65.00 for registered sidecars and £75.00 for wild cards. Late entries plus £10.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Diss MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 16th May 2016)

Entries Open: 4th April 2016 Entries Close: 16th May 2016

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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I have to say, keeping tabs on Mark Kemp's monster motorcycle ride around Australia does give me a great geography lesson on a continent I know practically nothing about. When I receive his reports, I get out a good old-fashioned atlas to see and marvel at where he has been.

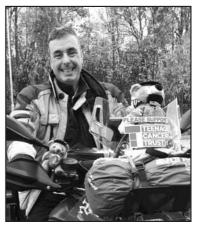
Mark's Progress

Sidge Kenny

Well - he journeyed some four hundred miles North East of Perth, and visited the comparatively large town of Kalgoorlie well known (even to me) for its open cast mining where he was mightily impressed by the vast equipment and machinery used at the mine in the area – I assume to be the famous, "Super-pit", which produces gold.

He then went down to the south coast of Western Australia at a region known as "the Nullarbor" - which is to the south of the Great Victoria desert and bordering the sea. He has gone as far eastward as "Streaky Bay" and to my amusement, I found the next bay: "Anxious Bay" was overseen by "Port Kenny" – but I digress. Mark found this coastal area more "green" than he expected and had a pleasant ride which included venturing off the main route and into the outback. At one point he came across an old station with around 60 abandoned cars from the 1980's – evidently they all needed repair but apparently it was uneconomic to bring the required parts in from civilization!

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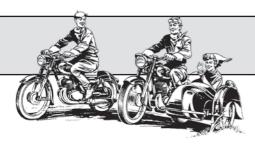
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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

Harley-Davidson motorcycles do not feature in our type of motorcycling – though a surprising number of competition riders own one as a road bike. To me, they signify so completely the United States. Large, glitzy and at times, very audible – it has never been

my inclination to own one. However ,having been given at Christmas a book on the history of the company, I read it with interest and found almost at the turn of every page, facts on the story of Harleys which left me surprised – and impressed.

As many others, I had always associated Harley Davidson with the heavy and low, V-twin engine design which is resplendent in films such as: "Easy Rider" or more accurately: "Electra Glide in Blue" Yet the truth is that over their long history, Harley Davidson have produced a varied amount of designs, including two strokes and BMW style horizontal shaft driven twins. Apart from the big Japanese manufacturers, I cannot think of any other firm - excepting perhaps, our own BSA - who have produced so many varied types of motorcycle..

At the very beginning of the 20th century, William Harley and Arthur Davidson, of Milaukee, were two young men who initially set out to make an outboard motor as both were keen fishermen. However motorcycles were emerging and with assistance of friends and family, they started business as motorcycle manufacturers in 1903. Their first machine was, somewhat along contemporary European lines, (from where they acquired their first engine drawings) with a simple single cylinder four stroke engine of 167cc.driving a belt directly to the rear wheel of a strengthened bicycle frame. This humble start indicated enough potential for the new firm to produce something stronger and more powerful. It resulted in a larger 406cc engine placed into a more specifically designed loop frame. This model duly went into production, though only two were sold in 1904. Nonetheless one of these debut machines clocked up a great milage with very little trouble by its first owner. An indication of the solidity and reliability in their engineering for which Harley and Davidson were to champion for over a century. They continued to prosper and increase production of single cylinder bikes, always undergoing thorough testing over long distances, including a successful two-day road trial event which Walter Davidson, (a brother of Arthur), won. Indeed the company's first Vee-twin was not produced until 1909 and it was not a success - only 27 being produced. Yet, perhaps aware of their rivalry with the Indian company which was to win our own Isle of Man Senior TT of 1911, Harley Davidson produced a much improved V-twin once more in that same year which performed and sold well. From then on, the V-twin layout was to be the staple factor in Harley-Davidsons motorcycle production, though many other types were also produced over the years. I think my own favourite would be the model "BA," a delightfully simple little lightweight, powered by an OHV single cylinder engine of 345cc and looking not unlike a Rudge or OK Supreme, of British heritage,

My dealings with Harleys are very few indeed. I have ridden just one - on a field and so went

very steadily! When I was road racing, I once shared a practice session with Lance Weil, who rode a Harley in domestic National race meetings. It looked a little unwieldy to me but I can assure you, on track, it passed me at a very high velocity indeed. Lance's exploits on the bike attracted great interest in followers of road racing and later when we had the USA versus Britian: "Transatlantic" meetings, I recall being at Brands Hatch to witness Cal Rayborn – who had never seen the place before, leading the Americans to a stunning win. And Cal was aboard a V-twin XR Harley.



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Tony Wright

The sad list of riders and former riders who have now passed on, continues with the recent death of Tony Wright. Tony was a leading trials rider of the 1950's and 60's era, most notably aboard an immaculately prepared, Triumph, "Tiger Cub." In those days when club teams were of prime importance in the annual Centre trials championships, he was a member of the repeatedly successful Bury St Edmunds club team, with Doug Theobald and John Banks, and finished as runner up in the Individual trials championship placings - again to Doug Theobald - in 1961 and 62, - and finished third in 1963.A quiet yet very friendly man, Tony had other interests besides the bikes - including yachting and the rearing of rare birds.



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REVIEW OF THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THE 2016 ACU EASTERN SOLO ENDURO CHAMPIONSHIP

Enduro R1&2 Review

Roger Chaplin



Diss Motor Cycle Club organised Round 1 of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/
ACU Eastern Enduro Championship in the Thetford Forest. A full entry of
200 riders including some of the top British riders and the Diss Club should be commended for securing such a large entry and putting on such a good event.

Now how did things go, well in the Championship Class Brad Freeman won the second year running, glad to see him recovered from injury, with Joe Wootton 2nd while surprisingly in 3rd place Jamie Roper who rode his heart out all day. Behind Jamie were Daryl Bolter, Luke Parker, Aston Bird, Jon Hunt, Chris Hockey and Jason Morland. In the Expert it was a win for Adam James while some of the boys from the East, Alex Rampton, Alex Barkshire, Jake Gregory, Ed Pooley, David Stevens and Ryan McDonnell were 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Mark Chapman won the Expert Veteran Class and behind him were Gavin Hockey, Phil Roper, Michael Ridge, Paul Whitehead, David Coles, Paul Spurgeon and John Bishop. In the Clubman Class Nathan Greenaway out did everyone in the Special Tests but sadly for him his bike went sick on him on the last lap but he nursed it home in 27th place. Dan Willis took advantage of this with the win in the Class followed by Ben Ramus, Katie Walker, Alex Walton, Tom Sargent and George Warren. It was nice to see Wayne Fulcher win the Clubman Veteran Class from Edward Hopkin, Jason Carsboult, Kevin Gore, Jeff Turner, Sten Pringle and Peter Andrews. Out of Centre rider Mark Houson won the Clubman Super Veteran Class from current Champion Andy Mason while riding for the first time in this Class Graham Mays was 3rd. Les Rampton, Steve Finch, Nick Airey and Clive Stevens filled the next four places. The first three in the Sportsman Class were Raymond Okoto, Malcolm Davies and Aaron Poulter.

Onto Round 2 at Iken in the wilds of Suffolk. The organisers were the Woodbridge Club and despite all the problems that beset them before the day they put on a really good show. There were three tests and Aston Bird simply trounced everyone with best times leaving the rest of the day to ride each session to take the win. Sadly not Aston punctured and had to retire which left a rejuvenated Chris Hockey and Jamie Roper to battle it out. On the last lap Chris was in with 15 seconds to spare and looked like he would win but Jamie some way behind him managed to pass the yellow flags with three seconds to spare and the win was his. Behind them were Jason Morland, Brendon Mayers, Craig Roper and Steve Mason. In the Expert Class the top six were Jake Gregory, Glenn Walsh, Alex Barkshire, Jack Berry, Ed Pooley and Alex Rampton. Mark Chapman was untouchable in the Expert Vets leaving Gavin Hockey, Michael Ridge. Paul Whitehead and John Bishop in his wake. Clubman Class top five were Kevin Palmer, Ben Ramus, Alex Walton, Angus Mann and Dan Willis. Top five in the Clubman Vets were Peter Andrews, Jeff Turner, Kevin Gore, Andy Peck and Duncan Griffin. Birthday Boy Graham Mays took the win in the Clubman Super Vets with Andy Mason, Les Rampton, Nigel Ross and Gary Drage behind him.

This is only provisional the positions as two rounds are: Championship; Roper 35, Hockey 25, Morland 22, Experts Gregory 33, Barkshire 30, Rampton 27, Expert Vets Chapman 40, Hockey 34, Ridge 28, Clubman Ramus 34, Willis 31, Walton & Palmer 28, Clubman Vets Gore, Turner & Andrews all 28, Clubman Super Vets Mays 35, Mason 34 and Rampton 28

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10th	EFA	Trial	OPEN	Gt Bromley	ACU Eastern C Class Rd 2
10th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Cornard	Cross Country
16th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Westleton	ACU Eastern C Class Rd 3
17th	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall	NGR Championship
17th	Essex & Suffolk Borde	er Trial	OPEN	Raydon	ACU Eastern A Class Rd 3
17th	Braintree & DMCC	LDT	OPEN	Sisted	
24th	Bury St Edmunds	Enduro	OPEN	Hawkedon	Dave Darkshire 2 Man Rd 1
24th	Castle Colchester	Trial	OPEN	Thorrington	ACU Eastern B Class Rd 3

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1st	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	ACU Eastern Champs Rd 2
2nd	500cc Sidecar Assoc	Grass Track	OPEN	Hylands House Che	elmsford
7th	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	
8th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
8th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU Eastern Champs Rd 3
14th	Chelmsford	Trial	tbc	Beazley End	
15th	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern Champs Rd 3
21st	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	Eastern Experts
22nd	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	NGR & British Sidecar
29th	Braintree & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Stisted	NGR & Evos
29th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Gt Ellingham	Nfk & Sfk Group Champs Rd 3
30th	Bank Holiday	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham

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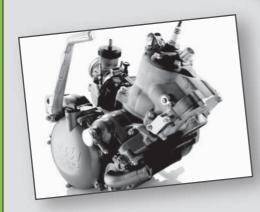
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