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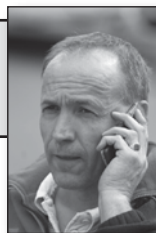
Results, Events Calendar, News, and more



It's always nice to open up with a good news story – and I'm delighted to see that Margaret Mellish has been recognised for her dedication and commitment to all things ACU by being made an Honorary Vice President of the ACU. And judging by the photo of her with ACU Chairman Brian Higgins it's good to see that the governing body didn't waste members' money on champagne and canapé's! – I believe Margaret puts on a better spread for Centre board meetings.

Foreword

Phil Armes



As a Centre we are overwhelmingly off road oriented so it's good to remember that motorcycle activity comes in many forms, and actually encompasses everyday people on everyday bikes. I have to admit that I had forgotten all about the National Rally; despite spending several cold nights with my parents in some lean to, or caravan, tucked in a layby on the outskirts of Norwich providing tea/coffee and a 'stamp' to a procession of weary motorcyclists as they navigated their way around the British Isles. So I was pleased to be reminded last week that the National Rally is still going strong, and this year will be taking place over the weekend July 2nd & 3rd. There are several check points within the Centre, and I'm sure volunteers to man them would be more than welcome, so if you would like to find out more contact our President, Alan Penny, or Steph at the ACU office at Rugby.

One area of activity that does seem to be enjoying a bit of a comeback is Saturday evening Trials. I have noticed considerably more applications for permits for this type of event over the last 12 months or so. However, most clubs seem to want to run them on an Open permit – which is fine – but means that the regs should be in the Centre gazette. As many of these evening events are fairly low key, and attract lower numbers of entries, it may be worth considering running on a Restricted permit; especially bearing in mind that some of the 'Restrictions' can offer a lot of scope!!

I mentioned in the last gazette that I would be interested in any feedback about the new format of the Centre motocross championship. To be honest I haven't received one call, but I did pop out to Lyng on May 1st to see for myself, and have a chat with several groups of riders – both Expert and Junior. They provided me with some good food for thought, which I have passed on to the Competitions Committee, and will follow up with the Motocross sub-committee to ensure that any ideas can be discussed. I also understand that one other Centre, not too far from us, has followed suit in the format of their championship too – if that is correct it would be good to talk to them as well and see if we can learn from each other.

Starting young.....

There is no doubt that the Spanish youth road racing programme started a couple of decades ago has been instrumental in their dominance of motogp over the past few years (although a certain Mr. Rossi may not agree with that last statement). The Ukrainians however seem to be taking this to the extreme. Pictured right is Tima Kuleshov. Although only 2 years old he regularly gives high speed displays on his motorcycle, and has his own website and YouTube channel.

Watch out Valentino... he's after your crown!



Woodbridge
Saturday 4th June 2016

Open Permit TRIAL
Westleton, IP17 3BD

Evening Trial

Sign On: 3.00pm
National Grid Reference: TM 444686

Start: 4.00pm
Permit No. ACU 47729

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 John's Meadow, Metfield, Harleston, Norfolk IP20 0LY

Club Steward(s): J Read P Levermore

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 ACU EASTERN, 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: Bakers Lane Pit, Westleton, Suffolk IP17 3BD

Course: Woodland & Gravel Banks.

Routes: Multi Route

Classes: Beginner to Intermediate **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 £8.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC.

Entries Open: On the day

Entries Close: On the day

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A reminder for round 4 of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship is on Sunday 19th June at Home Farm Little Hadham so please get your entries in now. If

round 3 is anything to go by there is everything to ride for as all Classes are very close. We will be using our wrist band transponders which will act as time cards although no doubt we may be issuing time cards but they will not be written on. Our light beam system for measuring the Special Tests should be in action and the results might be a little later than usual as the two systems have to be merged at the end of the day.

What a scorcher in many ways the third round of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship was. Temperature was up to 25C during the three hour session the track was bone dry and very hard although there was some mud. Of the hundred or so starters twenty seven fell by the wayside, through injuries by coming off or actual sickness due to the heat. Weather plays a very big part at Foxborough Quarry when is dry the ground is very hard and when it is very wet the going can be very slippery. All in all the day event went very well slight hiccup at the end of the first lap the receivers froze but it only took seconds to fix them and nothing was lost. A special and congratulations to Nigel Ross who won the Clubman Super Vets on the day and he tells me it was his first win in his riding career, he turned that special age last October so he thought he chance his arm in SV Class so watch out could he be a Champion this year. Graham Mays took second place while Les Rampton was 4th. Don't know what happen to Andy Mason he came into the pits with three minutes left of the session but didn't go out again so did not record a finish as he did not pass the chequered flag James Hockey on the other hand started to wait for the clock to tick the three hours but then decided with three seconds to spare to go for another lap which propelled him into 9th place instead of 12th in the Clubman Class that is his father's training. Winner of the Class was Alex Walton, Ben Ramus 3rd, Jamie Lagden 6th, Daniel Piper 8th, John Roach 10th, Mark Fenwick 13th, Matt Smith 14th and Ben Roper 15th. Mark Green back from a bad injury last year won the Clubman Vets with Dean Curry 4th, Terry Allen 5th, Jeff Turner 6th, Phil Barltrop 7th, Martin Greenaway 10th and Ed Kerridge 12th. A great win for Gavin Hockey in the Expert Vets with Gareth Young 5th. Alex Rampton won the Expert Class, Jack Nicolaou 4th and Nick Barrett 5th. A shake up in the Championship Class Chris Hockey 2nd, Jamie Roper 4th, Rick Roper 5th, Craig Roper 7th and Steve Mason 9th. How about this being up to date the results were on our Facebook page at 13.50 hours via mobile phone from the track also I had a set of results before I left the venue on a USB stick. The cake stall raised £160 for the Dave Roper Memorial Fund thanks to Bev Roper, her family, her friends and a few others.

The Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship started at Hawkendon organised by the Bury St Edmunds MCC. Course was in perfect condition although the wind was a bit bitter. Sam Toy with partner Will Kerry finished 2nd in the Championship Class while Jack Nicolaou with Will Hughes finished 5th. Graham Eastall with Dan Richardson finished 7th in the Expert Class , 11th Ian Tutton/Daniel Piper, 12th Jack Berry/Richard Walters, 13th Jeff Sharp with Tim Ford and 14th Graham Mays/Nigel Ross. It was a win in the Clubman Class for Jeff Turner partnered by Kevin Palmer, 4th Matt Smith/Marc Norton, 5th Jason Carsboulton/John Roach, 9th Dean Curry with Duncan Griffin, 13th Martin Gunton/Gavin Potter and 15th Mark & Simon Fenwick. Well done to the Bury Club loved the amended format.

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Roger Chaplin



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Braintree & DMCC
Saturday 25th June 2016

Open Permit TRIAL
Beazley End, CM7 5JJ

Saturday Night Trial

Sign On: 16.00
National Grid Reference: TL 769244

Start: 17.00
Permit No. ACU 47730

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	t.b.a.
Club Steward(s):	t.b.a.
Clerk of the Course:	J Yearly (Licence 19961)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	S Butcher
Secretary of the Meeting:	S Butcher, Rowanbank, Maldon Rd, Witham, Essex CM8 1HX Tel: 07712 766019 email: stephenbutcher1376@gmail.com

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Start / Finish: Little Codham Park, Beazeley End, Essex, CM7 5JJ

Classes: All adult solo and 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 £12.00 for Adults, and £10.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Braintree DMCC.

Entries Open: On the day

Entries Close: On the day

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Wymondham & DMCC
Saturday 2nd July 2016

Open Permit TRIAL
Gt Ellingham NR17 1AQ

July Trial

Sign On: 4.30pm
National Grid Reference: TM 028980

Start: 5.30pm
Permit No. ACU 47721

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	t.b.a.	Club Steward(s):	R Beales
Clerk of the Course:	M Neale (Licence 105861)		
Child Protection P.o.C.:	M Neale		
Secretary of the Meeting:	M Neale, 11Flixton Rd, Bungay, Suffolk NR35 1HQ		
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Start / Finish: Hill House Farm, Gt Ellingham, Norfolk NR17 1AQ

Course: Ditches & Banks.

Routes: Red/Blue, White, Orange

Classes: Expert A, Expert B, Inter A, Inter B Novice, Twinshock, Pre-65, Youth A,B,C

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 £10.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Wymondham & District MCC Ltd.

Entries Open: 20th June 2016

Entries Close: At Start

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Norfolk & Suffolk Group

Sunday 3rd July 2016

East of England Charity Trial (All profits to teenage cancer trust)

Open Permit TRIAL

Corton, NR32 5LE

Sign On: 09.00am

National Grid Reference: TM 535981

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 47593

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: t.b.a.

Club Steward(s): C Keeble

Clerk of the Course: D Cordle (Licence 5689)

Child Protection P.o.C.: D Cordle

Secretary of the Meeting: A Keeble, [REDACTED]

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

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections. Woodland & Rocks.

Routes: Multi route including beginners route

Classes: All adult solo classes inc Pre-65, Youth A/ B/ C,

Awards: None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £18.00 for solos, and £15.00 for Youth. Late entries plus £5 (to charity) Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norfolk & Suffolk Group. (Not presented for payment before 4th July 2016)

Entries Open: 4th June 2016

Entries Close: 30th June 2016

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Woodbridge Club Notes

Charlie Ralph



Hi all, glad to see our president, Wilf Harvey, back on his feet and looking good after his recent op. No doubt that he will be involved planning our two enduro events later on this year.

Moe news on these later, and I believe that the Blaxhall enduro in August will be a little bit different, with a possible four man team event.

The trial gang have arranged a Saturday afternoon/evening meeting at Westleton on June 4th, and part of the idea of these low key events is to hopefully bring people into the sport.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Norwich Vikings Lyng motocross meeting saw some great racing for round two of the Eastern championships. Steve Bixby was our top expert, with 4th overall, and the event saw the return of former champion, Aston Bird. Aston has lost none of his skill, and delighted his fans by showing that you cannot keep a good man down.

Our leading junior grade rider was Josh Keeble, who was third junior overall, which included a race win. James Cobby, Lewis Holmes and Ben Alexander all scored good points.

James Suckling was 2nd overall in the intermediate group, and Andy Cattermole won the support class.

Round three was at Blaxhall, with valuable sponsorship from Orwell truck and Vans, and once again, a good sized crowd saw some great racing. Ensuring full line ups in all groups is certainly paying off, with riders battling all the way down the leaderboard. Aston was 2nd overall on the day, behind a very fast Lewis Tombs. It was good to see Shaun Southgate back at Blaxhall. Race one saw him finishing 10th, but he made his usual fast starts in race two and three, securing a 2nd and 3rd place. Adam Day was his usual consistent self, but Steve Bixby struggled a bit with an injury.

The junior group included four National youth riders, who were getting in some useful practise for the July British championship meeting at Blaxhall, and as expected, dominated the class. In fact, they were quicker than some of our Centre experts. Daniel Patterson was our top junior with three good rides for 7th overall. James Suckling qualified for the premier class also, and was an excellent 8th overall. Josh Keeble, Aaron Holloway, James Cobby and Sam Cook all added points in the championship. Ben Alexander was in the top seven in all three intermediate races.

A reminder that all reports, championship positions, etc are always on the easternacu.org website, where Paul Sewter keeps us all informed.

Our next motocross event is the big one. Round six of the British Maxxis sponsored Championship on July 17th. Richard Blyth is already busy obtaining local sponsors and promoting the event.

Once again, Orwell truck and vans, Foxwood Ceramics, Steve Lumley are all contributing as local sponsors. We have plenty of jobs to do at Blaxhall, so if club members can spare a little time before the event, strimming grass, tidying up etc, it will really be appreciated. John Blyth is the contact if you can spare a few hours.

Jake Nicholls is getting back to form on the Hitachi Husky, scoring good points in Germany and Italy, and is on the fringe of a top ten place in the World Championship races. Go #45 !

Diss MCC
Wednesday 6th July 2016

Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Wattisfield Hall, IP22 1NX

GH Motorcycles Evening Motocross

Sign On: 4.00pm

Practice: 5.30pm

Start: 6.00pm

National Grid Reference: TM 127782

Permit No. ACU 47755

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: D Mills
Clerk of the Course: P Grantham (Licence 9938)
Child Protection P.o.C.: L Taylor
Secretary of the Meeting: L Taylor, [REDACTED]

Club Steward(s): A Waters A Taylor

JURISDICTION:

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

Course: Undulating Grassland with jumps and pits.

Classes: Allcomers Motocross Class, Allcomers Enduro Class

Awards: £1000 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. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Diss MCC Ltd.

Entries Open: 4th June 2015

Entries Close: 1st July 2016

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ACU Eastern Trials Committee

May 2016 - Clive Dopson

On 31st March the first meeting of 2016 of the Trials Committee was held at Great Blakenham, although full minutes are available on the Eastern Centre website, the following points are of significance to all trials riders and organisers.

1. Generally the appointment of Stewards in 2016 has improved, but clubs are reminded that for each 2016 A or B class championship trial they run they will need to supply a steward for another club's events.
2. The Bury club B class championship trial scheduled for 19th June will not take place.
3. Trial's organisers are reminded that lanyard cut-outs need to be checked on all sidecars as well as youth riders.
4. Any club running a trial specifically to promote the sport can apply to the permit secretary to have the permit paid for by ACU Eastern.

There is some promotional budget available (up to a maximum of £120 per event), applications to the treasurer with a proposal of how they plan to spend the money; whether it is on local advertising, some banners, or perhaps new markers/signage.

Peter Eaves

The sombre list of departed Eastern Centre stalwarts, is unhappily extended with the death of Chelmsford's Peter Eaves, who died after a long illness in May.

Peter had been a member of both Chelmsford and Braintree clubs as well as the local branch of the Vintage motorcycle club and the Eastern Fourstroke Association. A former rider in his earlier years, he remained loyal to the AMC marquee (AJS/Matchless) competing in both trials and scrambling, using bikes which he converted for either sport. He also performed in grass track as passenger to John Ruth and gave much support to John during the latter's road racing career.

Peter continued to compete for many years, more recently on Honda XI's and then observed, mainly at EFA meetings. His work with Essex County Council also embraced motorcycle interests as he was responsible for the "greenlanes" and by-ways in the county. Always cheerful and affable, even when clearly not in the best of health, Peter had a kind word for everyone who came in contact with him – which also included the written word as well, for he regularly wrote a very popular and entertaining column in the EFA "Trials and Tribulations" magazine, under the by-line of "Pedro's Patter"

At the time of writing the funeral is set for 1:30pm, on Tuesday, 7th June, at Chelmsford Crematorium. Gary Eaves and the family hope for a procession of bikes to attend the cortege. It is planned for them to gather at the Boreham interchange on the A12 (Macdonalds roundabout/Lorry park) in order to leave there at 12:45 and join the hearse at Springfield Road. Further details will be on the E.F.A. website.

Open Permit GRASS TRACK
Iken, IP12 2EX

ACU Eastern Grass Track Championships

Sign On: 09.30am

Practice: 11.00am

Start: 12.30pm

National Grid Reference: TM 421552

Permit No. ACU 47772

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: D Mills

Club Steward(s): R Wilby

R Ward

Clerk of the Course: A Foskew (Licence 25780)

Child Protection P.o.C.: G Wilby

Secretary of the Meeting: G Wilby,

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Start / Finish: Hill Farm, Iken, Suffolk IP12 2EX

Course: 500 yards approx.

Classes: 250cc, 350cc, 500cc, Uprights, 1000cc R/H Sidecar, 500cc Sidecar, Quads, MX, Youth

Awards: Prize Fund for Adult. Trophies for Youth

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £34.00 for adult solos, £38.00 for sidcar, £34.00 for Quads, and £25.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to GW Racing

Entries Open: 4th June 2016**Entries Close: 20th July 2016**

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Halstead Club Notes

Keiran Doherty

Well this month as flown by and what a month it has been. Starting at Lyng for the centre championship Brad Tomlin managed to have a fantastic day on the less preferable sand. Coming away leading the expert championship. In the junior championship the first home was Jordan Cutting closely followed by Ashly Campbell.

Moving on to Round 3 at Blaxhall the expert's race was very competitive with national riders adding to the mix. However just as in round 2 Lewis Tombs took the maximum points. However he did not have it all his own way having to pass several riders from the start. Blaxhall was defiantly the round for Halstead club riders winning 8 of the 12 races with William Raffle (Billy Billy) winning all three intermediate races. In the B group it was Thomas Pearmain who got the overall with a 3.1.1 finish. Well done to you all.

Entries for the Richard Fitch Meeting have been fantastic again filling up three weeks before the event. Once again we have lots of spot prizes donated by Chris and Gill Fitch. The final race of the meeting will be run the same as last year with the riders running to their bikes in full face gear from the finish line.

Next month will include pictures of the meeting from Paul Harding Payne.

I feel from his reports that so far, Mark's journey around Tasmania – the island set off the south of the main continent of Australia – has been the highlight so far of his great journey. He certainly clocked up many miles on his 6 week circulation - over 3,000. His current mileage overall, now approaches 10,000. Tasmania, provided Mark with many challenges including some arduous "dirt miles" which has tested his riding skills. Also the Island has great variation of climate which at times can be very cold and wet. But he enthuses greatly on the scenery – which both inland or along the coast, has provided splendid views. Another aspect he speaks highly of, is the people he has met, including fellow motorcycle-riding long distance travellers. Others, such as one Chinaman met en route, made a contribution to the Charity, right then and there!. Mark returned to the mainland at the end of April to Melbourne and from there, headed north via Bendigo. Here, he visited another gold mine and further along called in on a "Mad Max" museum before going on to a combined railway and bike museum at Peterborough. Bad weather (80mm of rain) has unfortunately prevented him from attaining a long held ambition of riding the "Oodnadatta track" – which sounds intriguing - and therefore he will have to resort to the tarmac alternative as he continues..his next objectives include Coober Pedy and Ayres Rock. Mark is riding for the Teenage Cancer Trust and can be seen on www.facebook.com/RTW4TCT

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ACU Eastern Solo Endurance Championships

Round 3 report - Roger Chaplin



Round 3 of the G H Motorcycle/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship was a bone shaker and a scorcher. The venue Foxborough Quarry Sible Hedingham Essex was bone dry except for the old muddy parts, the sun shone all day with temperatures up to 25C. Of the 100 plus entries 27 fell by the wayside through injured limbs, exhaustion and dehydration. The organisers Sudbury Motor Cycle Club had laid out a very long course in order to cater for the one session of three hours.

Jamie Roper was the leader in the Championship Class at the end of the first lap then his brother Rick soon took over. Further down the field were Jason Morland and Chris Hockey pacing themselves for the marathon session. Tom Braddock came to the fore taking the lead and extending it but Jason was having none of it, upped his pace and gradually caught and overtook Tom. The battle was for third and downwards as both Jason and Tom drew away further. Chris battle his way to third and looked like that would be where he finishes but at the closing stages Tom's chain came off and four riders passed him. Jason secured the win with Chris second, Brendon Mayers 3rd, Jamie 4th (nursing his injured finger), 5th Rick and 6th Tom. Provisional standings after three rounds Jamie 48 points, Chris and Jason 42 points and Brendon 30 points.

There was a three way scrap in the Expert Class between Jake Gregory, Ed Pooley and Alex Rampton. All three finished on 21 laps with Alex 1st, Jake 2nd and Ed 3rd. 4th, 5th and 6th were Jack Nicolaou, Nick Barrett and Ben Grice. Provisional standings are: Jake 50 points, Alex 47, Ed 36 and Alex Barkshire 30. Contest Sponsor Gavin Hockey was on a charge in the Expert Veteran Class taking the win over reigning Champion Mark Chapman with Jason Warren 3rd, Arran Nicoll 4th and Gareth Young 5th. Mark still leads the Class with 57 points, Gavin 54 and Michael Ridge 38.

There was another battle in the Clubman Class between Jamie Lagden, Kevin Palmer, Tom Sargent, Ben Ramus, Dan Willis and Alex Walton. Alex's took the win on 21 laps while the next 5 riders were on 20 laps with Dan taking 2nd, Ben 3rd, Tom 4th, Kevin 5th and Jamie 6th. Ben still leads the Class but only just on 49 points, Dan & Alex 48 points and Kevin 39 points. Mark Green back from a bad injury last year won the Clubman Veteran Class with David Stokes from Aldermaston 2nd, Peter Andrews 3rd, Dean Curry 4th and Terry Allen 5th. Peter now leads the Class by himself with 43 points, followed by Jeff Turner 38, Kevin Gore and Dean Curry on 28. What a day it was for Nigel Ross in the Clubman Super Veteran Class, having turned a half century at the end of last year he had a superb ride winning the Class and this is the first time during his riding days that he had won anything. Graham Mays was relegated to second place with Nick Airey 3rd, Les Rampton 4th and Michael Harrison 5th. Graham still leads the Class on 52 points with Les and Nigel on 41, Nick 35 and Andy Mason 34.

Two of the three Sportsman finished with Eldon Jackson 1st and Steve Parker 2nd. A first for the Sudbury Club the results were published on their Facebook Page at 1.50pm

So it is on to round 4 at Little Hadham Herts 19th June and this will be another crucial round in all the Classes and although the riders best four scores counting over the five round series it would unwise for any competitor in with a chance of winning one of the Titles to miss this round at Hadham. Wristband transponders will be used instead of time cards but you might be issued with a time card for your own use so please remember to bring along your transponders or it will cost you £10 for another one.

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Hi all, there has been two more Eastern championship meetings since my last gazette notes, so below is an update on the series.

Round two at Lyng saw the Vikings putting on a good meeting, with close racing in all groups, particularly in the premier class.

I think that by having full line ups is now justified, with riders having battles all through the packs. I also notice that the South Eastern Centre has also adapted our idea of putting the fastest juniors with the experts, as they realise that people want to see forty riders contesting each race.

Lewis Tombs was the star at Lyng, the National grade rider winning all three races on his 250 Yamaha, and local star, Declan Whittle was on great form, finishing 2nd overall. Brad Tomlin was 3rd on the day, and the likeable Halstead club rider increased his lead in the series. Former champion, Aston Bird, made an appearance, and despite crashing in the first race, showed that experience pays, with a fine 2nd place in race two.

Vikings youngster, Kane Fisher, topped the junior class, and congrats to him for having enough points to gain expert status. Kane can still compete in the junior champs for the remainder of the season if he wishes of course. The racing amongst the juniors was fast and furious, and George Turner was 2nd overall, followed by Josh Keeble. We have at least a dozen up and coming riders in the centre, which bodes well for the future of our sport.

Rond three at Blaxhall saw another good line up, and Lewis once again took three wins. Aston was 2nd overall with three good rides, and it was good to see Shaun Southgate in action.

Shaun was 3rd overall, with Luke Parker pulling a few points back to close the gap on Brad Tomlin in the series, with 4th place. National rider, Yorkshire's Nathan Dixon was very impressive with 5th overall, having two 2nd places and a dnf. Must mention Suffolk youngster, George Grigg Pettitt, the fifteen year old, trained by Carl Nunn, was 6th overall in the experts. GGP is also looking good in the Youth Nationals.

The junior group saw four national grade youth riders, getting in some practise for the July Blaxhall British Championships, and they dominated the racing in the junior class. Dylan Woodcock, in particular was the 8th quickest rider at Blaxhall, and easily won all three races. Sudbury club rider, Harry Clark, was the best of the regular Eastern juniors, with 5th overall, with George Turner 6th.

Two Woodbridge members, Daniel Patterson and James Suckling were 7th and 8th overall.

Littleport club are hosting round four at Mildenhall on June 26th.

A reminder that all results, reports, etc are available on the easternacu.org website.

Top ten current positions:

Experts		Juniors		Club Championship	
Brad Tomlin	171	George Turner	178	Halstead	342
Luke Parker	162	Kane Fisher	137	Norwich Vikings	323
Lewis Tombs	150	Harry Clark	117	Woodbridge	314
Jason Morland	132	Josh Keeble	101	East Anglian SSC	199
Declan Whittle	119	Oliver Brader	98	Diss & DMCC	162
Ben Talbot	113	Elliott Gardner	83	N&S Jnr. JMCC	133
Ben Cole	101	James Cobby	81	Sudbury & DMCC	117
Steve Bixby	97	Ashly Campbell	76	Castle (Colchester) MCC	23
Aston bird	89	Dylan Woodcock	75	Braintree DMCC	5
Brendon Mayers	82	Sean Bond	70	Lowestoft Invaders	1

2016 MX Champs

Charlie Ralph



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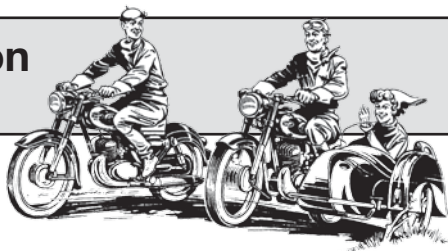
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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



Whilst I was observing at a recent trial, a rider checking out the section, turned to me before he swung aboard his bike and asked: "Have you been writing your articles in the Gazette all the while it has been going?" My brief answer was: "Not quite.." and we both laughed. I might have added: "Cheeky bu..er, do I look that old?" - but as any good observer would do, I concentrated on watching what he did in the section (Just a dab, I recall.) To be fair, my enquirer was perhaps in his late thirties and would not know of the chequered history of our "house" magazine, which began as the "Eastern Centre Gazette" and now comes out as the "Eastern ACU Gazette". It has to be admitted - as Arthur Daly would say- the Gazette has in recent years, been a: "good little earner", yet this has not always been the case.

The Eastern Centre was reformed after the second world war. The first Board meeting took place in 1946 with just a few of the surviving pre-war clubs attending. At the April Board meeting of 1947, the Chairman, Mr F.C. Collins, announced that: "...providing club support was forthcoming, he was prepared to undertake the editing and printing arrangements for the proposed Centre magazine". This offer was duly accepted and approved by the Board and the first: "Eastern Centre Gazette" (has any one got that first issue?) of eight pages and 300 copies, came out in June 1947. With the postage to the clubs of the time, the costs were:- £ 6/ 19/11½d and the sales at 3d (1¼ p) per copy - plus advertising, amounted to: £ 4/5/3d - a deficit of: £2/14/8½d. The Board hearing of this loss nonetheless approved the continuation of a second issue. Despite a greater income through advertising of £ 1/2/0d, this issue drew a greater loss of: £ 4/19/10d. There was much discussion over this and it seemed that the fledgling Centre Gazette might well be thrown out of the nest but it was eventually settled that it should keep to eight pages only and that every club be asked to donate a minimum of 10/- (50p) to keep the Gazette going. To put it in context, the entire Centre Bank balance in 1947 was just £46:00. In 1947, only eighteen clubs were affiliated and a lesser print run for the third edition of 525 copies, resulted in the first profit of 12/2d (61p). By the time the fifth edition was issued, the profit had risen to over £2:00.

However there was still turbulent times to come. The bizarre thing was that at the end of five years, the Centre had increased its bank balance five-fold with clubs literally queueing up to affiliate, yet the poor old Gazette continuously lost money to the extent that Centre funds had to be used again to prop it up. In 1952, Mr Collins retired as Editor and Keith Bullock of the Maldon club, took it on. At first sales did not improve and losses were recorded for year on year. The Centre continued to bail the Gazette out. It must be pointed out that in those days, sporting event regulations and entry forms were sent by post from organising clubs to other clubs, so at the April 1953 Board meeting, it was decided on a very tight vote that from then on, all Open-to-Centre regulations and entry forms must be printed in the Gazette. Oddly this did not at first revive the Gazette's fortunes and in January 1954, a motion to wind the Gazette up altogether, was put to the Board - and lost. Just as well for during that same year the Gazette sales began to recover - despite slack payments by several clubs. A year later, the Gazette was re-vamped and increased in size with sales now well over the 1000 mark. A new typewriter was bought for the Editor. Keith Bullock had stepped down as editor and his successor did not appear to have his acumen as Gazette finances, due mainly to slow payments by clubs, nose-dived. Again, the Centre had to refinance it and perhaps through joint exasperation, the Gazette was wound up in December 1955 and did not appear again until July 1961 - under again Keith Bullock's editorship. And from then on, it prospered, with perhaps its next most significant challenge being from the opening of the Centre website in 2002 and which from 2010, runs an on-line version. Nonetheless the Gazette has still continued to thrive - doing even better under the diligent work of its present editor: Phil Armes.

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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.**
- Premium Insurance will be assumed unless otherwise stated.

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

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Address: **Postcode:**

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

Email address:

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

Passenger Details (if applicable)

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

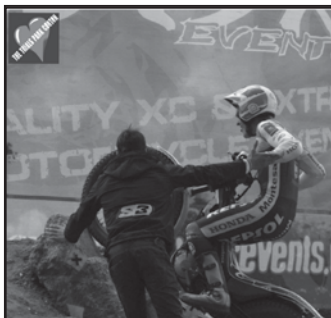
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Event: Organisers:
 Venue: Date of Event:
 Permit No: **ACU** Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)

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

Postcode:
 Address:
 Phone:

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)**

TRIALS

What's on



JUNE

4th	Woodbridge	Trial	OPEN	Westleton	Evening Trial
5th	Halstead	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	Richard Fitch Memorial MX
5th	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	Club	Lyng	
11th	Ipswich	Trial	tbc	tbc	
12th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Rendham	
19th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hadham	ACU Eastern Champs Rd 4
19th	Bury St Edmunds	Trial	OPEN	Hawkedon	ACU Eastern Champs (B) Rd 4
25th	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	Evening Trial
26th	Littleport	Motocross	OPEN	Mildenhall	ACU Eastern Champs Rd4

JULY

2nd	Wymondham & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Gt Ellingham	
3rd	Nfk & Sfk Group	Trial	OPEN	Corton	N&S Group Championship Rd 4
6th	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	Wed Evening Motocross
9th	Ipswich	Trial	tbc	tbc	
10th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
10th	tbc	Trial	OPEN	Sible Hedingham	
17th	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	International	Blaxhall	Maxxis British Championship
23rd	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Snaque Pit	
24th	Bury St Edmunds	Trial	OPEN	Hawkedon	N&S Group Championship Rd 5
30th	Diss MCC	Trial	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ACU Eastern Champs (C) Rd 3
31st	GW Racing	Grass Track	OPEN	Iken	ECC

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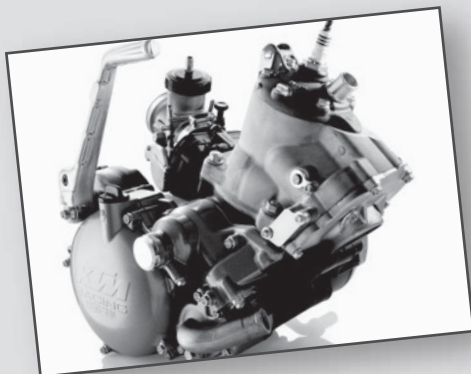
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