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Joe Stollery and Alfred Eaves at the Laurie Bird Memorial Trial

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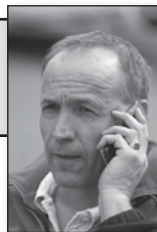
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As I'm sure many other people are, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Derek Yorke; one of the first sidecar racers that I can remember at the head of the pack at Snetterton, and it always brings back memories of those three wheel warriors clad all in black with the passenger performing heroics to keep the outfits something like stable. But I was particularly struck by the photo that was sent in of Derek on his Grass Track machine (see later in the gazette) – and the fact that he is wearing a set of overalls; not sure he would get through scrutineering with those in this modern age!!

Foreword

Phil Armes



For those of you that regularly visit the Centre website you will notice that it is going through something of an overhaul. Paul is currently going through a major exercise to integrate some of the social media platforms that are favoured by the clubs with the Centre website so that the club news is relevant and in real time. It also offers the clubs the opportunity to make sure that their info can be updated by themselves, and thereby more accessible which hopefully will keep the site relevant for some time to come.

This one is an early shout, but once again the national rally will be visiting our Centre and there is a requirement to man the various checkpoints and provide the odd bit sustenance! If you are able to give up a few hours over the weekend of July 1st/2nd then please contact Alan Penny on 01473 658768 or apenny@nwsitd.f9.co.uk who will be able to provide details of how you can help.

And I will take one more opportunity to remind you that the 2016 awards evening will be held at The Cedars Hotel in Stowmarket on February 11th. Even if you are not receiving an award it is a great night out and the opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues for a good natter over a pint or two – so get in touch with Centre secretary, Lyn Berwick, and snap up a ticket or three! Although it has to be said that tickets sales have gone well so you need to get in touch sharpish to be certain of your place at the Centre's big do!

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

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

Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

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

If applicable:

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Address: **Postcode:**

Phone No.: **Email:**

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

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

Address: **Phone:**

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

Class Entered (Tick required)

Expert ☐ Expert B ☐ Inter ☐ Inter B ☐ Novice ☐ Pre 70 ☐ Twinshock ☐
 Youth A ☐ Youth B ☐ Youth C ☐ Youth D ☐ Youth E ☐ Sidecar ☐

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

Southend & DMCC
Sunday 19th February 2017

Open Permit TRIAL
Poles Wood, Essex CM14 5TL
Open Trial inc ACUEC D Class Rd 1

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TQ 561995

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 49587

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:	R Wreathall	Club Steward(s):	M Cross	D Spurgeon
Clerk of the Course:	P Nash (Licence 39376)			
Child Protection P.O.C.:	P Nash			
Secretary of the Meeting:	Mrs J Nash, 33 Cherry Orchard, Southminster, Essex CM0 7HE			
	Tel: 07947 215648 (day) 01621 773131 (eve) email: nap148@aol.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 riding solo and sidecar machines.

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

Course: Wood & Sand Pit. **Routes:** Beginners Route included

Classes: All solo, electric, 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 Adult solo, £20.00 Sidecar, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Southend & DMCC.

Entries Open: 4th February 2017

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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Foxborough Endurothon

Sign On: 7.30am

National Grid Reference: TL 794325

Start: 9.00am

Permit No. ACU 49652

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: C Cook

Club Steward(s): R Chaplin

Clerk of the Course: G Hockey (Licence 18929)

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

Secretary of the Meeting: G. Mays, 55 Alan Way Colchester Essex CO3 4LB

Tel: 01206 531768 email: gmays@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. Adult members of the ACU riding solo machines.

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

Course: Natural terrain covering open fields, ditches, and woodland. Lap length approx 3 miles..

Classes: Championship, Expert, Clubman, Sportsman, Ironman

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 £48.00. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Sudbury MCC Ltd.

Entries Open: 4th February 2017

Entries Close: 4th March 2017

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 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.

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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 Supernet (+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

Mark's Progress

Sidge Kenny

Two factors come to mind as Mark goes into 2017 on his great expedition. The first being the massive amount he is covering on his BMW – “Bertha”. Already on his South American leg, he has gone from landing in Santiago in Chile to riding into Argentina, then literally all the way southward as it is possible to go in the

Americas via Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. I do not know the exact mileage but it must amount to a loop of three thousand miles or so as he swung round northwards and headed up the east coast of Argentina with the objective of getting to see the famous Dakar rally which started from Asuncion just in Paraguay, on the first of January.. Actually 9on New Years day, Mark was still slightly to the south at Corrientes in Argentina but he got on to the Dakar rally route a day or two later. His report of disappointment at Toby Price's retirement through a crash, reflected the fact that Mark was there to witness Toby's record making fifth win at the Finke rally, last year back in Australia.

The prodigious mileage apart, the second factor of any traveller must be to savour the sights and features of any country he might pass through – including the wildlife. Here Mark has stated that his best naturalist experience so far was at Peninsular Verdes on the Atlantic coast of Patagonia watching the Mallagenes penguins from a distance of just one metre. To say he was entertained by their antics, would be an understatement.. Yet perhaps his most extraordinary report of this ride was the observation that on the long ride down Chile to the extreme south, the fierce winds – which he had been warned about – were so strong that he wore a set of tyres 9out on one side only! No doubt our lad overcame this problem by employing some body lean in good trials fashion.

Don't forget to catch up on his further progress on www.facebook.com/RTW/TCT and also to look up in the “Just Giving” web-site for the opportunity to contribute to the charity: “Teenage Cancer Trust”



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A Parker,

Entries Close: 11th March 2017

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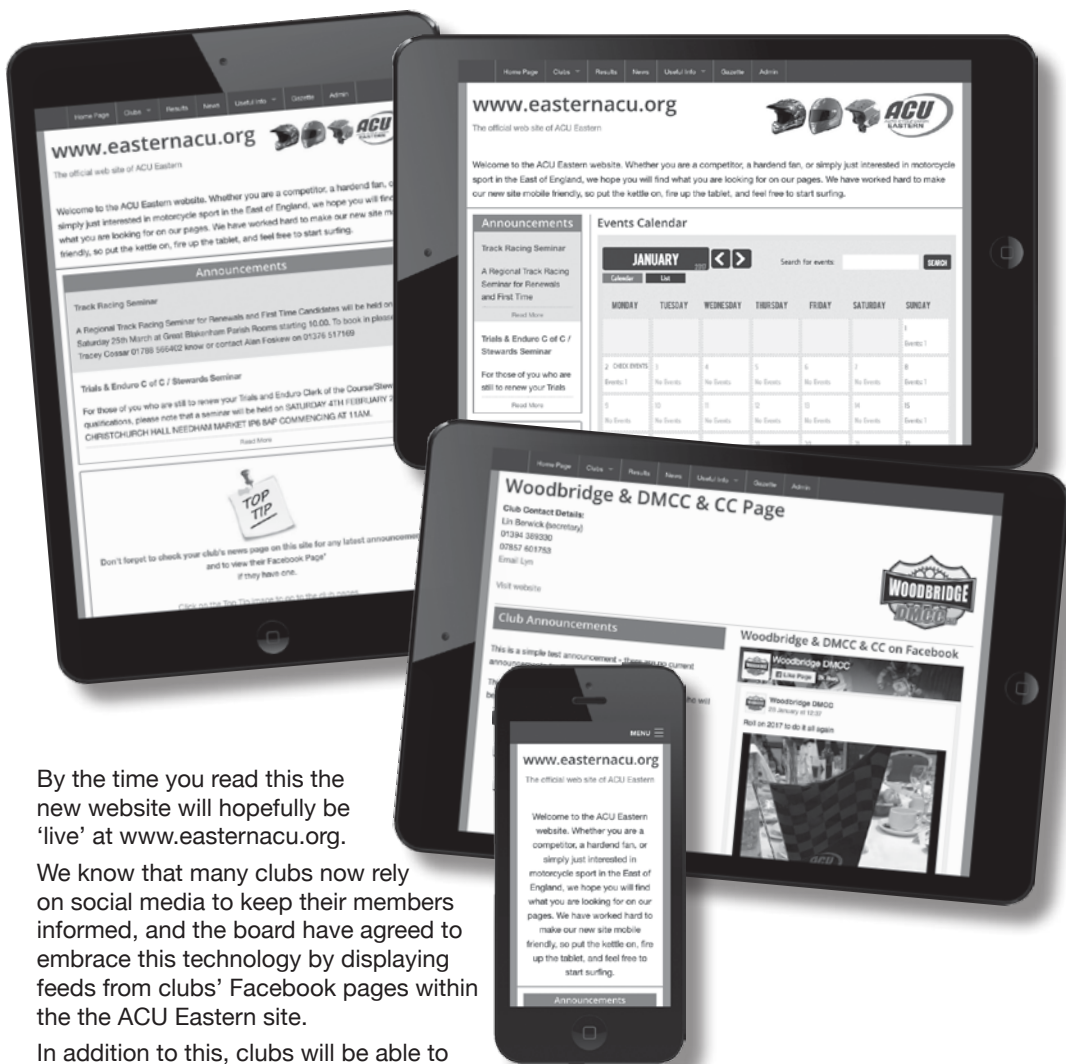
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Class Entered (Tick required)

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

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

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



By the time you read this the new website will hopefully be 'live' at www.easternacu.org.

We know that many clubs now rely on social media to keep their members informed, and the board have agreed to embrace this technology by displaying feeds from clubs' Facebook pages within the the ACU Eastern site.

In addition to this, clubs will be able to add content to their own dedicated page within the site, including the option to simply drag-and-drop files to the site, thus speeding up the process of getting information such as provisional results to competitors.

With an increasing number of users accessing the site with smartphones and tablets, it has been completely redesigned to respond to the various devices. Much of the historical content from the old site is being replicated on the new one, but it will take a little while to recode everything.

We know the webmaster has already spent a great deal of time and effort on this update, with many of the features having been implemented by request, so we hope that clubs will make use of their dedicated pages. This is not a replacement or competition for their existing social media pages, but an additional way to promote the club and get information to those who may not use sites such as Facebook.

All club announcements are created using feeds, so they can be automatically posted to other sites, or streamed to those who subscribe to RSS streams.

Happy New Year to One & All

I'm Paul H-Payne and I have taken over the Halstead reports in the gazette from Kieran who has stood down to concentrate on his other roles in the club and other outside activities. I am sure many of you have seen me at meetings with my camera's and have my dodgy pics hopefully displayed next to your MX Trophies on your mantel piece.

We have another year's use of the Loveney Hall track but once again at the end of 2017 the club & owners will be in discussion on the 2018 & future years.

Our club MX riders had a successful year with Jason Morland finishing second overall In the Eastern Centre Championship, proving at the ripe old age of thirty plus he can still mix it with the young guns on a two stroke.

Halstead rider Brad Tomlin, whilst fighting tooth & nail with the eventual well deserved 2016 champion Norwich Viking rider Luke Parker, suffered an injury and his hopes diminished but he still finished third overall. Lewis Tombs was 6th & Brendon Mayers 9th.

In the Junior Intermediate Championship Halstead rider Ashley Campbell finished a credible seventh overall.

Jason Morland also competed in the Eastern Centre Enduro Solo Championship where he was the series overall Winner in a closely fought battle with Sudbury stalwart Jamie Roper, and Brendon Mayers was 4th.

The Two man Enduro championship saw Halstead pair Brendon Mayers & Joe Marsh finish 6th overall.

Moving on to 2017 we presently have just the three meetings and we start with Round one of the Eastern Centre Championship at Little Loveney Hall Wakes Colne on the 16th Apr.

The Richard Fitch Trophy memorial meeting has been put back to 9th July, and on the 3rd September we welcome the top British sidecar riders to Little Loveney Hall - this is a meeting not to be missed !

Halstead Notes

Paul H-Payne

Regional Track Racing Seminar

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Address:

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Phone No.: **Email:**

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

Ipswich MCC
Sunday 19th March 2076

Open Permit TRIAL
Papermill Lane, Bramford

Mardle Trial inc ACUE Championship A Class Rd 2

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.30am

National Grid Reference: TM 128476

Permit No. ACU 49654

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: P Fenn

Club Steward(s): G Timms

C Smith

Clerk of the Course: D Cordle (Licence 5689)

Child Protection P.O.C.: D Cordle

Secretary of the Meeting: D Cordle, 4 Bullen Close, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4JE

Tel: 01473 462274 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

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 riding solo machines.

Start / Finish: Papermill Lane, Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4BY

Course: 3 or 4 laps of up to 15 sections. **Routes:** Multi

Classes: All classes. A Class Champ. Youth A,B, & C **Awards:** To winner

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 Ipswich MCC

Entries Open: 15th February 2017

Entries Close: 17th March 2017

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Woodbridge Club Notes

Charlie Ralph

Somewhat belatedly, our Laurie Bird memorial trial attracted 82 riders at Butley at the end of December. Included was the final round of the C class Eastern championships, and once again the club was blessed with fine weather. Thanks to all the riders for supporting the club and made the effort to remember Laurie, who is still sadly missed by all. Several of our club riders were among the awards, Daniel Carter was again in fine form on his Triumph, tying with the stylish Chris Collins in the unit class, and once again winning the Laurie Bird trophy. Nick Dyble topped the pre unit intermediate group, making his journey from Kings Lynn worth while, and Joe Stollery dropped only six marks on the easy route to finish in second place. For a change, Paul Woods outshone his two sons to win the twinshock inter class, although to be fair, both David and Andrew were competing on the hard route. Mark Teager, Matt Dye and others, all had good rides on the day. Star of the day was Joe Stollery's six year old grandson, Alfred Eaves, who completed the trial on his little electric bike, still wearing Christmas tinsel on his crash helmet ! Special thanks to all the observers, and the gang for setting up the sections, and grateful thanks to landowner, Mr. James Greenwell.

The Sudbury club ran their extreme enduro at Foxborough early in January, and once again, although tough, all riders enjoyed the day. Well done to our club's Toby Morley, who took his Husky to second place in the expert group.

John and Debbie Blyth and the gang are putting in lots of hours at Blaxhall, in readiness for another season. The marshalls will be glad to know that a new cabin with kitchen etc will replace the old shabby cabin, and another container for storage will be welcomed. Some parts of the circuit has been widened, and spectators will see fresh fencing around parts of the circuit. Riders will get a chance to sample the track when we put on our practise day on Saturday 18th March. Enduro riders will also be welcomed, but a reminder that all competitors must have an ACU license. On the subject of motocross, a reminder that riders need to purchase a race number for 2017 to compete in race meetings. The cost is only £5 for the year, and all monies go to the various Air Ambulances, as well as the ACU riders benevolent fund. Several of our members have sorted out their rides for the new season, and it's good to see that the region's dealers are helping out lots of riders in the Centre. This includes Lings, GH Motorcycles, Steve Atkins at Herts MX, Jim Aim and Danny Mayhew at Southside, and several more.

Local ace, Jake Nicholls, is going on the GP trail again this year, and is still with Roger McGhee's Hitachi team, who is reverting back to the KTM, after a year on the Husqvarna sister bike. The MXGP series is looking more like MotoGP, with a stacked entry of factory machinery, and at least 20 former grand prix winners, so getting points in the 18 round series will not be easy, but we wish Jake all the very best and will be rooting for him.

Apparently, James Cottrell is winding down his ambitions this year, Hopefully we will see James in action as much as possible, and I believe that he is stepping up to ride a 350 bike. Injuries has hampered his career quite a bit, but on his day, he has been a leading mX2 rider in the UK for some time. Luke Benstead has signed with Gavin Hockey/GB Finch for 2017, and will campaign a 450 Husky in the British championships and the Eastern premier class series. The popular Cambridgeshire rider will be trying to win back the Eastern title. There will be more news on our club riders in due course.

Sad to hear that one of our long standing stalwarts, Mr. Jeff Burrell, is in hospital at present. Jeff recently had his 95th birthday, and we all wish him well.

Finally, our AGM takes place on Thursday 23rd February at Wickham Market FC starting at 7.30 pm, all members are welcome.



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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.

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

Address: **Postcode:**

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

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

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

Sponsor /
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Preferred Riding No. (if available) tick have purchased this no. in the Centre's Reserved Number Scheme

Note: For electronically timed meetings all riders MUST purchase a reserved number for the season from www.easternacu.org

This section for meetings using electronic timing only (see event regs)

Please tick box if you will be hiring a transponder for this event ☐

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Woodbridge & DMCC
Saturday 18th March 2017

Open Permit MOTOCROSS
Blaxhall Circuit, Blaxhall, Suffolk IP12 2DU
Practice Day

Sign On: 8.00am

National Grid Reference: TM 356580

Start: 9.00am

Permit No. ACU 48921

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: ACU Appt

Club Steward(s): C Ralph

Clerk of the Course: J Blyth (Licence 39574), R Blyth (153582) **Asst CofC:** B Coles (167065)

Child Protection P.o.C.: D Blyth

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

Tel: 07963 118917 (eve) 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. Adult members of the ACU riding solo machines.

Course: Natural sandy terrain with man made jumps.

Classes: Allcomers **Awards:** None

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 £30.00 (ACU Licence holders), or £35.00 (Non ACU Licence Holders). Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC Ltd

Entries Open: 15th February 2017

Entries Close: 14th March 2017

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Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

First up is March 5th our annual Endurothon and I believe the Regs are this edition hopefully also online, this is a good six hours of fun. Another thing we also have online via ACU is membership renewal WOW what next for us? Belated birthday

greetings to one of the Centre's Life Vice Presidents Derek Clampin who was 90 last December also to my eldest brother Chas aka Tony who was 80 in January. Back in the mid 1960s and into the 1970s we were lucky to have Margarette Keyse, wife of Pat as Secretary and she produced detailed minutes of meeting which I have some of, she was a qualified shorthand typist one of the best. When she retired she did a lot of voluntary work amongst the organisations she help was St Gregory Church and the Citizens Advice Bureau and a few weeks ago the CAB has named their new home in Sudbury 'Keyse House' which is a well deserved honour but knowing Margarette she wouldn't wanted all this fuss. I like to wish Paul Harding Payne all the best in his full blown role as Press Officer for the Halstead Club also hope Halstead find a new Secretary soon.

Despite all the planning, hard work before, on the day and afterwards Clubs do for their events there is usually one thing we all need is the right weather. Well the gods were on our side for our third Extreme Enduro we had blue skies, the sun shone and the car parking area did not cut up. There were 45 starters with riders from the Bristol/Bath area and the South East. Conditions were perfect on the day which is a reward to all of those who had worked tirelessly on the preparations. The 2016 British Extreme Enduro Champion was hoping to ride but could not make it but we had the number 2 Charlie Frost making his debut on the Sherco. The start was a downhill run to the bikes for the two hour slog and please to say many spectators turned up to enjoy the proceedings. I have seen a lot of photos not only from the usual snappers who follow the Sport also there were several from various camera clubs etc. I have also seen a few videos which reminds me I have produced five myself for the 2017 event and I found out recently that my video number three for 2015 has had over 10,000 views and the total for all my 2015 extreme videos is over 18,000 views. I am please to say that all the media publications and websites that I sent a report and photos have been used 100%, I think that is a first for me perhaps now is the time to retire. Briefly who did what, on the first lap Charlie Frost got stuck in a bog which put him down among the Clubman, Ben Wibberley was the early leader in the Pro Class and was unlucky just before the two hours were up, his chain came off and wrapped around his wheel so had to retire. Charlie won the Pro Class followed by a trio of Ropers, 2nd Jamie, 3rd Stevie and 4th Craig while Jason Morland riding in his first Extreme was 5th and Brendan Mayers 6th. Mark Kirby won the Expert Class with Toby Morley 2nd and Chris Cook 3rd. Fred Adams has a great ride in the Clubman Class to win it, he did 14 laps same as Jamie Roper in the Pro Class and one less than Charlie Frost. Second were Dawson Marriott and 3rd Keith Maude. In the Trials Class Paul Nash had to settle for 2nd place behind the winner Ben Grice.

Congratulations to the Braintree Club in starting a Trials Academy for youngsters, must not forget Paul Ranson who has already set up the Ranson Racing Team and there is our own Team Dave Roper and within the two or so years we have seven youngsters who will be able to ride in the Adult Classes.



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The sport of sidecar racing in this region (Centre) sadly lost a great campaigner in January with the passing of Derek Yorke. Few riders – either on solo or sidecar – can have achieved such a successful and lengthy career as he enjoyed and who won many titles both in and out of the Centre.

Derek Yorke

A founder member of the Eastern Sporting Sidecar Association in 1954, Derek was already a top-flight sidecar performer in grass track racing. Initially riding for the Chelmsford A.C, he secured a hat-trick of Centre grass-track sidecar championship wins from 1954 to 56, and took two further titles in 1958/9. Whilst still performing on the grass in the 1960's, he turned his attention to road-racing – again on three wheels.

A mechanic by trade he worked alongside the late E.E.("Dusty") Miller at Chelmsford but later went on to form his own business: "Essex Wheels", specialising in spoked wheel repairs and manufacture. He operated from Sible Hedingham and many an Eastern Centre rider and racer would have availed themselves of his specialist service.

It follows that Derek's skills would pass to modifying his own machinery for three-wheeled racing and indeed one of his winning grass track combinations was the "Trudge," indicating a mixture of Triumph, JAP, and Rudge. Derek continued his long spell in road racing, including many appearances at the T.T. where he achieved a commendable run of finishes over the gruelling circuit. In 1960, he was part of the ESSA team to win the team prize at the T.T, and in the 1973 event, along with Roger Dutton and Mike Potter, the team won both 500cc and 750cc team awards.

Derek mainly rode Norton or Triumph powered machines in his road racing but during an era which saw many developments in sidecar racing and varied from the ultra-low "kneelers", to literal three-wheeled cars, he tended to favour the conventional "sitter" layout. He retired from his business in 2011, passing it to Mark Clements but had already found another occupation – somewhat distant from high speed sidecar performing – by taking up the in the mouth organ where he featured in a four-piece harmonica group and played as entertainment at a Centre Board prize-giving ceremony in 2005.

His health deteriorated over a period of time and he died at Colchester hospital just a few days short of his 89th birthday. – the funeral arrangements at the time of writing are to be announced..



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(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.

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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:**

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Address: **Phone:**

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Class Entered (Tick required)

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

Eastern Four Stroke Association
Sunday 9th April 2017

Open Permit TRIAL
Gt Bromley, Essex CO7 7TP

Roger Birch Memorial Trial inc Class C Champ Rd 1

Sign On: 9.00am

National Grid Reference: TM 083262

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 49660

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: tbc

Club Steward(s): tbc

Clerk of the Course: C Mace (Licence 38707)

Child Protection P.O.C.: J Kent

Secretary of the Meeting: J Kent, 30 Clayhall Place, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0BT

Tel: 01787 379192 email: june17kent@talktalk.net

JURISDICTION:

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Start / Finish: Hall Farm, Hall Rd, Gt Bromley, Essex CO7 7TP

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Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults and £10 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to EFA.

Entries Open: 6th March 2017

Entries Close: 4th April 2017

Entries Accepted on the day (non champ class only). 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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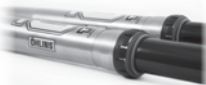
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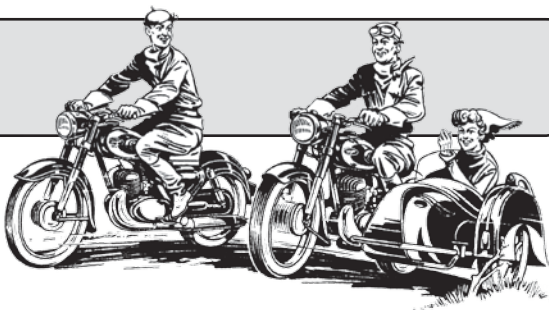
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Recollection Section

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I was just a little too young to be called up for National Service when it was abolished in 1960. I was fully expecting to have to do my two year's worth of military exercise and was rather hoping I might join a signals unit and perhaps become a dispatch rider. It did not happen and therefore I had to get into motorcycle sport without the nation's "sponsorship". The fact is that our sport, most particularly the off-road versions, had a strong military foundation. Indeed the discipline of Enduro has evolved from the old, "Long distance " trials, where a rider had to convey his check card all the way from start to finish – just as the old army: "Don R" dispatch riders would have to run messages and orders from point to point – mercifully nowadays, without being under gunfire. Trials is however the prime example; the early motorcycles were soon seen as a rapid way of getting messages and information around the battle areas long before radio contact was possible, yet the conditions of warfare meant that cross country riding prowess was vital in any rider who was issued with a motorbike. Therefore the training frequently involved "trials" which developed machine control – very often competitively – and would also progress to the need to deal with mechanical emergencies en-route, such as dealing with a punctured tyre or a chain which jumped the sprockets. Again, there is a parallel to be drawn between Army training and the special tests employed in the International Six days trials.

I did nonetheless get to compete with army riders on army bikes in trials in the early 1960's – mostly at the Castle events held at Friday woods Colchester, this venue being on MOD land. Even then it was clear how much trials motorcycles had developed away from the army versions – some of which, like the low and heavy BSA, and Nortons still featured girder forks and were not at all suited to the sections of the day. I felt very sorry for the army lads who struggled nonetheless to get these monsters around a course which most riders today would consider laughably easy. The machine which came closer to the then modern designs, was the 350cc, G3L Matchless – it was lighter and possessed proper telescopic forks and with just a little modification would have been a competitive mount. It seemed to me a long while nonetheless for the British Army to catch up on the correct specification for their motorcycles. Later, Armstrongs and Bombadiers came along and they were very much better and clearly based on more current designs.

This did not prevent Service riders from competing on the proper "civilian" bikes, along with us and I recall an incident at a Welsh Two-Day trial (now Enduro) which started at the famous lakeside at Llandrindod Wells. It was I think, a team from either the Royal Navy or Marines, who competed on high specification BSA's and one of their number was alongside myself – also mounted on a BSA - at the start, which was from dead engines and away, side-by-side, at minute intervals. The service riders seemed to be accompanied by loads of mechanics and appeared wonderfully prepared, fit and clearly destined to give a very good account of themselves in the trial. Therefore it was in some surprise that I started away ahead of my rival and did not see him at all during the long days contest. Leaving my bike in the "Parc Ferme" at the end of the day, I asked my mates what had happened to this seemingly competitive and well prepared rider. My question was met with grins all round. "His kick-starter fell off when he tried to start his bke..."

I do hope the poor chap was not placed on a charge.

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What's on



FEBRUARY

5th	Castle Colchester	Trial	National	Pebmarsh	
12th	Lowestoft Invaders	Trial	Restricted	Aldeby	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 1
12th	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Raydon	
19th	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (D) Rd 1
26th	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Thetford Forest	ACU East'n Solo Enduro Champ Rd 1

MARCH

5th	Norwich Viking	Trial	Open	Santon Downham	
5th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACUEC
12th	Braintree	Trial	Open	Spanseys Wood	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 1
18th	Woodbridge	Motocross Practice Day		Blaxhall	
19th	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Chattisham	
19th	Ipswich	Trial	Open	Bramford	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 2
25th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Gt Hockham	
26th	NSJMCC	Motocross	Open	Gt Hockham	

APRIL

2nd	Braintree	Long Distance Trial	Open	Stisted	
2nd	Wymondham	Trial	Open	Middleton	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 2
2nd	Woodbridge	Motocross	Open	Blaxhall	NGR Championships
9th	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	
9th	EFA	Trial	Open	Gt Bromley	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Rd 1
9th	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Straits Mill	DB Motorcycles 2 Man Enduro Rd 1
9th	Norwich Viking MCC	MX	International	Lyng	Maxxis ACU British Championships
14th	Woodbridge	Trial	Open	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Rd 2
16th	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	GT	Open	Hylands House	
16th	Halstead	Motocross	Open	Wakes Colne	Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern MX Rd 1
23rd	Castle Colchester	Trial	Open	Thorrington	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 3
23rd	Norwich New Stars	GT	Restricted	Frettenham	
23rd	Littleport	Motocross	Open	Mildenhall	Bickers Lifting ACU Eastern MX Rd 2
30th	Woodbridge	Enduro	Open	Iken	B Motorcycles 2 Man Enduro Rd 2
30th	Norwich Viking	Trial	Open	Corton	

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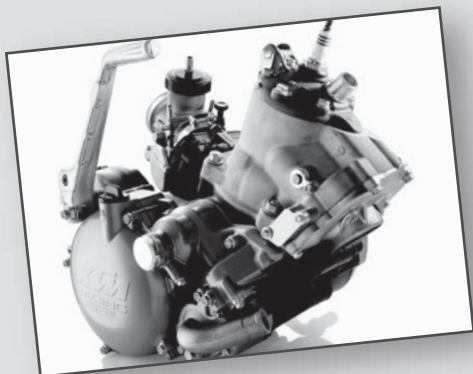
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