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**Congratulations to
Ryan Vickers of Thetford
2018 National Superstock 600 champion**

Main photo by Amanda Leeming

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Foreword

Phil Armes



I don't want to count my chickens, or put the editorial equivalent of the commentators curse on forthcoming events, but it's looking like being a brilliant year for the Eastern Centre with riders and teams bringing back a host of silverware and titles to our region.

One success is already confirmed, with young Ryan Vickers from Thetford crowned as the National Superstock 600 champion after wrapping up the title at Silverstone recently with two rounds to spare. Riding the Mototechnics Yamaha he heads to the final round at Brands Hatch on the 14th October looking to go through the entire season unbeaten – which would be a remarkable achievement in such a ferociously competitive class.

King's Lynn Stars have had a fantastic season in both the SGB Premiership and the Knock Out Cup; heading the league table at the end of the regular season, and taking victory in the opening leg of the play off semi final at Belle Vue. They will hope to use home advantage in the second leg to make it through to the final to give them a chance of wrapping up a league and cup double over the coming weeks.

October 14th sees the final round of the Maxxis British Motocross Championship at Lyng, in Norfolk, replacing the event that was washed away by the awful weather in March. Heading the MX1 class is Ipswich's Jake Nicholls, and it would be tremendous if he can clinch the title in front of his home fans. Riding the Buildbase Honda he has already lifted one national crown, and by the time he arrives at Lyng could also be the Eastern Centre champion (after the final round on September 30th).

On more mundane issues it's that time of year when we all need to plan for next season, and I have sent out the date application forms to all clubs so that we can put together the calendar for 2019. Please make every effort to get them back to me before the 26th October so that we can have a provisional calendar prior to the AGM/Board meeting on November 11th. If you haven't received a copy of the forms please let me know and I will get them to you by return.

For those of you who need your National Motocross Clerk of the Course licence renewing the ACU will be holding a seminar on Sunday 25th November at Rugby so please make sure you have your application completed and sent in.

And finally, the ACU have announced that competition licence fees will be going up for 2109. Adult licences, and Minors aged over 13 will be £52.00; Minors 12 years and below will be £30.00; Trials Registration £12.00; and One Event licences £15.00.



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

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.

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

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- I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.
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I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk. I agree that I am required to register on arrival by "signing on" at the designated place before taking part in any Practice Session/Race, Trials or Enduro.

Don't forget to sign

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

If applicable:

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

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Address:

..... **Postcode:**

Phone No.: **Email:**

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

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

Address: **Phone:**

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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)**

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emergency:

Castle Colchester
Sunday 14th October 2018

Open Permit TRIAL
Alphamstone Pit, Essex CO9 2NY
Royal Enfield Cup inc A Class Championship Rd 8

Sign On: 9.00am
National Grid Reference: TL 871353

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 54199

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: A Penny
Clerk of the Course: R Norman (Licence 9737)
Child Protection P.O.C.: R Norman

Club Steward(s): S Tye D Clampin

Secretary of the Meeting: C Eley, 42 Abbotsmead, Heybridge, Essex CM9 4PT
Tel: 07770 612584 email: castletrialsentry@gmail.com

JURISDICTION:

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Start / Finish: Alphamstone Pit, Pebmarsh, Halstead, Essex CO9 2NY

Course: Multi lap. **Routes:** Yellow, 50/50, red/blue 50/50, white

Classes: Expert A, Expert B, Inter A, Inter B, Novice, Youth A & B **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 Adult £15.00, Youth £13.00. Cheques to be made payable to Castle Colchester MCC Ltd

Entries Open: 4th October 2018

Entries Close: 10th October 2018

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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Ipswich MCC
Sunday 21st October 2018

Open Permit TRIAL
Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4AY

The Dave Bickers Trophy Trial - B Class Championship Rd 7

Sign On: 10.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 128476

Start: 10.30am
Permit No. ACU 54677

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: C Keeble

Club Steward(s): G Timms C Smith

Clerk of the Course: D Cordle (Licence 5589)

Child Protection P.O.C.: D Cordle

Secretary of the Meeting: P Cordle, 4 Bullen Close, Bramford, Suffolk IP8 4JE
Tel: 01473 462274 (eve) email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

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

Course: 4 laps - 12 sections. **Routes:** Yellow 50/50, red/blue 50/50, white

Classes: All solo classes and Youth A & B **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: 4th October 2018

Entries Close: 19th October 2018

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

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

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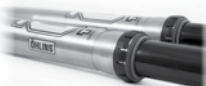
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Concussion Procedure

ACU Head Office, Rugby

During 2015 the ACU introduced a procedure for Riders who have sustained Concussion by an Injury at ACU events. But recently it has been noted that in some cases Clubs have not been notifying the ACU Head Office of rider's names that have sustained Concussion.

The Concussion Procedure came as a result of the question 'how do Organisers of ACU events find out that someone has been injured and as a result are suffering from Concussion?'

Please can we remind all clubs that it was decided that the ACU Head Office should be made aware that an individual has been injured and consequently diagnosed with concussion so that the rider can be placed on the Stop List. In all cases, please inform ACU Head Office on the Monday morning following your event of any rider who has suffered Concussion through injury and the respective discipline Secretary will inform respective Organisers.

If a competitor has been injured on a Saturday and is suffering from Concussion – and the Organiser is aware that the rider was intending to ride or is scheduled to ride somewhere else the next day, the Organiser is requested to inform the Organiser of the event being held the next day so they are aware of the rider's injuries and as such he is prevented from participating in that event. Also, in addition please inform me of any rider who has been concussed so I can do a quick search on the ACU Permit system remotely on the Saturday and then inform Organisers for events being held the next day that a rider has been concussed in case he has entered or intends to ride at their event.

The recovery time for anyone diagnosed with concussion was recently discussed at the ACU Medical Panel and are as follows:

Over 20 years: Excluded immediately for the following 48 hours, with a further 7 days (as a minimum) suspension from competition (nine days in total).

16-19 years: 12 days

15 and under: 23 days

In all cases, evidence is required that the individual is fit to participate in competition which means they will be required to produce a doctors' letter/statement. This should then be forwarded to ACU Head Office (email: licence@acu.org.uk) and the individual will be removed from the Stop List.

Again for ease, my mobile number is 07976 548375 should any Organiser need to contact me to let me know that a rider has Concussion resulting from a racing incident which other Organisers need to be made aware.

Eastern Fourstroke Association.

38th THUMPERS

BRITISH BIKE TRIAL

(Including round 5 of the E.C Pre 70 Championship, class C)

SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018

Permit No: ACU 54584

Start Time: 10:00 am.

Clerk of the Course: Chris Chapman (Licence 118091).

Eastern Centre Steward: TBA

Club Stewards: Ted Smith / Ian Preedy

Child Protection P.O.C: Heather Gulliver

Secretary of Meeting: June Kent. 30 Clayhall Place. Acton. Sudbury. CO10 0BT

Tel: 01787 379192 mob: 07891 289645 email: june17kent@talktalk.net

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU Eastern, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations.

2. ELIGIBILITY: The Competition is open to all **adult** members of ACU affiliated clubs, riding solo machines of BRITISH manufacture made before 31-12-1969.

3. ENTRIES: Entry will be available via the ACU online entry system.

Send postal entries to the Secretary of the Meeting with 1 sae for programme, send another if you want results posted. Results will be on the club website:

www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk and the ACU Eastern website.

All entrants must show their 2018 ACU trials Registration when signing on.

Entries open 1st Oct 2018 and close **Saturday, 17th November. No late entries.**

4. FEES: Solo £15.00 cheques made payable to: 'EFA'.

5. COURSE: Poplars Chase Farm. Station Rd. Thorrington. Colchester. CO7 8HZ.
3 laps of approx 16 sections, all on private land.

6. START: Will be in order of entries received, riders away at one minute intervals.

7. ROUTES: Hard (Championship A). 50/50 (Championship B). Easy. Gentlemen's.

8. CLASSES:

A. Pre Unit fourstroke.

B. Unit construction fourstroke.

C. Rigid / Girder front, single or twin fourstroke.

D. Rigid / Tele Front, single or twin fourstroke.

E. Any British two-stroke, sprung or unsprung.

F. Any British 'Special' (machines that the entrant or machine examiner do not consider conforming to classes A to E or fail to meet the spirit of pre 70 comp).

9. AWARDS: Best performance in each class on the hard route. Also classes C and D who will ride the easy route. Best in class awards subject to a minimum of 5 entries, second in class subject to a minimum of 10 entries.

10. MARKING: TSR 22 B (No-stop trial).

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

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

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

Class Entered: (circle one) A B C D E F Route: (circle one) Hard 50/50 Easy Gentlemens

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Woodbridge Club Notes

Charlie Ralph



Trials

Over 30 riders enjoyed their Saturday evening at Westleton in August. These small gatherings are encouraging new people to the sport. Our next trial is at the popular Rendlesham forest venue on Sunday 28th October, and is round four of the C Class Eastern Championships for pre 70 bikes. Riders with twinshock machines are also invited.

Enduro

The penultimate round of the GH Motorcycles Eastern championships saw over 90 riders in action at Butley, courtesy of Mr. James Greenwell. James is a great friend of the club, and as usual, we will be donating to charities of his choice. The Championship class was keenly contested, with Luke Parker of the Vikings club taking the win. Will Hughes was runner up, followed by Ben Cole, with series leader, Jason Morland, in 4th. It looks as though the final round at Thetford will be closely fought between Luke and Jason. Our club riders tried hard all day, notably Sam Mitchell, who was 12th in the premier class, Paul Spurgeon celebrating his 54th birthday three days after the meeting, was 4th in the expert vets, which was won by trials ace, Julian Harvey. Our best clubman was Lewis Holmes, who claimed 7th place, with David Woods in 11th. Harvey Mutten and Toby Morley teamed up for the two man team Kenton enduro, finishing in 2nd place, with the Woods brothers taking 3rd in the clubmans. The next Dave Barkshire two man team event is at Blaxhall on October 14th. Spud Spurgeon competed in the National Natterjack enduro, finishing 5th in the vets class on both days.

Motocross

Jake Nicholls won his first domestic title at the beginning of September, when he piloted his Buildbase Honda to a 3rd and 4th place in the pro class at the final round of the MX Nationals at Cussey Gorse. A big well done to #45 from the Woodbridge club. Steve Bixby was 3rd in the experts MX1 class, finishing 6th in the series, and one of our young members, Josh Peters, was 8th in the MX2 group, giving him 7th place in the championship. Adam Day was our best club rider at Wakes Colne with 5th overall in the allcomers, Jake Morphey rode well all day for 3rd in the NGR over 30's.

Round five of the Eastern championships saw Jake Nicholls increasing his lead in the series by winning all three moto's. It was a good day for our club lads as Shaun Southgate was 2nd overall, Luke Benstead 3rd, Adam Day 9th, and Steve Bixby 10th. It was good to see young Tom Grimshaw returning from injury, and despite a crash in race one, was 11th overall in the premier class.

Ben Alexander was again our top junior member with 6th overall, and veteran Steve Atkins had three good rides for 7th on the day. Well done to the Diss club, the circuit at Wattisfield was again prepped well, and they hosted a slick meeting as usual.

News and all results from the final round at Blaxhall will feature in the next gazette, as well as Jake's progress in the final two British championship rounds.

Our young speedway club member, Drew Kemp, is progressing well at the Foxhall stadium, and has had a super year with his parent club, Mildenhall Fen Tigers. With the season fast coming to an end, we look forward to Drew's progress next season.

No break over the winter for our busy circuit crew though, this dedicated team will, no doubt be working as usual at Blaxhall.

Woodbridge & DMCC
Sunday 28th October 2018

John Easty Memorial Trial inc C Class Championship Rd 4

Open Permit TRIAL
Rendlesham Forest, IP12 3NF

Sign On: 09.00am
National Grid Reference: TM 358578

Start: 10.00am
Permit No. ACU 53538

OFFICIALS:-

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Clerk of the Course: I Barfield (Licence 123652)

Club Steward(s): W Harvey C Mann

Child Protection P.O.C.: T Andrews

Secretary of the Meeting: T Andrews, 7 Metfield Rd., Fressingfield, Eye, Suffolk IP21 5QF
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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: Gate 4, Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, IP12 3NF

Course: Woodland Sections. **Routes:** Multi Route

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

Awards: John Easty Shields to best Woodbridge MCC club member

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £18.00 for adults, and £16.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Woodbridge & DMCC.

Entries Open: 4th October 2018

Entries Close: 24th October 2018

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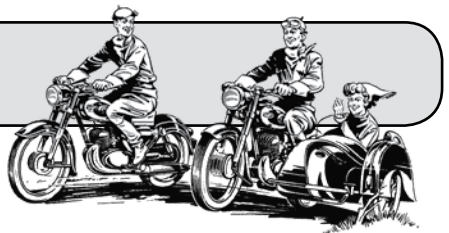
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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



The first time, I heard the word “line” used in connection with the path a motorcycle (or car) takes on the track and primarily mainly through corners, was actually in reading the reports in “The Motor Cycle”, a weekly journal in the 1950s. From a by-line of “Continental Commentary”, the road racer, Fergus Anderson, recounted his road racing exploits with detailed descriptions of his - and others - contests to get to the chequered flag first.

To explain certain racing manoeuvres – Anderson would describe the different “line” he would take on a bend or in a corner. He also used the term to describe the fastest way through a series of bends. It was so unusual that the word itself in those reports was wrapped in quotes. Over the years the word “line”, in relation to racing technique – in any aspect of motor sport - is now used all the time, without any thought to its origin.

The interesting thing about “lines” is that they are also a vital part of geometry and indeed the fastest line around regular bends or corners, such as might be found in speedway, is itself geometric. However other factors come into the equation in trying to get through a certain hazard quicker than anyone else and two dimensional geometry has sometimes to give way to a third dimension:- i.e. bumps! This is illustrated best on road circuits, such as on the Isle of Man, where T.T. Riders often have to trade the seemingly quickest line through a bend and deviate in order to avoid particularly severe bumps. At the speeds they go, it is quicker and safer to alter the line rather than hang on to a very upset motorcycle. Motocross riders also have this sort of consideration but to a much larger level. Here, it might be other factors on the circuit which spoils the quest for a perfect line – a severe adverse camber or - if it is wet - deep mud, where the correct line will vary as the race goes on. The canny lads in this sector of the sport will observe whilst walking the course before the racing starts, any alternative lines to be used when the circumstances force it. Quite often in either sport, it is what follows a corner or bend which dictates its line. The object always is to get through the combined section of the course in the quickest fashion.

Speedway with its apparent simple layout of an oval circuit, would appear to offer a virtually perfect geometrical proposition as to the fastest line through the bend. This would be to approach the bend from the outside, clip the inside at the apex and then soar away again on the outside. But rarely will that work when three other blokes are also in the desperate contest for fastest man through and getting maximum points for the win. Besides, the shale might offer better drive well off the apparent correct route.

Additionally, in the hurley- burley of any racing, the perfect line through a bend might well be adhered to but the other major factor is speed. Too much spells disaster! Good judgement is required at all levels. Yet what might we hear from a rueful rider who has had to pick himself up and get his bike straightened out ?

“ - Damn it! - I was slightly off line....”





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Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

Time has caught up with me must get these notes done before deadline. I don't have any information on Moto Cross but I hear that Stephen Green is still doing very well in Grass Track.

Round 6 of the G H Motorcycles/Husqvarna/ACU Eastern Enduro Championship was another cracker thanks to Woodbridge Motor Cycle Club. Our best rider was former Centre Champion Jamie Roper who is easing himself back into riding after his injury nearly two years ago, he finished 5th. Rick Roper was 7th, Craig Roper 8th and Ryan McDonnell 10th. There is a great battle in the Expert Class between James Barker and Jack Berry with James winning for the fourth time on the trot and unofficially James now lead Jack by one point in the Class so it is all down to the last round. George Eustace was 4th, Nathan Greenaway 6th and Lee Monger 7th. Gavin Hockey could only finish 3rd in the Expert Veteran Class, once again it was the last session lap that took penalty points off him. The other finisher we had was Phil Roper with a fifth place and Gavin is still in the Title chase. Meanwhile Phil's 15 year old son Jake secured 2nd place in the Clubman Class with George Wolfe 3rd, Joe Phillips 4th, Joe Henthorn 6th, Ben Roper 10th and James Hockey 12th. George has a chance of an overall 3rd place in the Class. Jason Carsboults had bad luck in the Clubman Veteran Class he was leading after the Special Tests but a rear wheel puncture on the last session cost him two minutes lateness and he had to be content with 6th place. Above him was Andy Pack 2nd, Dean Curry 3rd, Jeff Turner 5th while below him was Martin Gunton 7th. The Class Title is wide open and three Sudbury members have a chance of winning it. Paul Davis over from The Netherlands won the Clubman Super Veteran Class with Andy Mason 2nd, Jez Moss 4th, Graham Mays 5th, Nigel Ross 6th, Gary Drage 7th, Ed Kerridge 11th, Alister McFarquhar 13th and Eldon Jackson 14th. Andy only needs 3 points for the Class Title but if he slip up then Graham could win it.

Onto Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship round 2 organised the Diss Club another good event. In the Championship Class Jamie & Craig Roper were 4th and Rick Roper/George Eustace 6th. In the Expert Class Phil & Jake Roper were 6th with Jeff Sharp and his partner Tim Ford 7th. Joe Henthorn/Joe Phillips was 3rd in the Clubman Class with Ben Roper/Kieren Hibble 10th. What is it with Eastern Centre Clubs round 3 organised by the Stowmarket Club was another good event. James Barker and Nathan Greenaway teamed up for the first time in the Expert Class and won it from Jake & Phil Roper while Jeff Sharp with Tim Ford was 7th. In the Clubman Class Jeff Turner with partner Tom Morris were 4th, father and son Martin and Archie Gunton were 5th while Dean Curry with partner Duncan Griffin were 7th. Interesting situation in the Expert Class Phil & Jake are only four points behind the leaders and could win this Class Title.



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7th	Southend	Trial	Open	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (D) Round 1
14th	Norwich New Stars	Grass Track	Open	Frettenham	
14th	Castle Colchester	Trial	Open	Alphamstone	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Round 8
14th	Woodbridge	Enduro	Open	Blaxhall	
21st	Ipswich	Trial	Open	Bramford	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Round 7
21st	EFA	Trial	Restricted	Snaque Pit	
28th	Woodbridge	Trial	Open	Rendlesham	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Round 4
28th	Chelmsford	Trial	National	Corton	British Ladies & Girls Trials Championships

November

18th	Diss	Enduro	National	Thetford Forest	Yes - British
25th	EFA	Trial	Open	Thorrington	Thumpers - ACU Eastern Trials (C) Round 5

December

2nd	Lowestoft	Trial	Open	Corton	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Round 8
9th	Norwich Vikings	Trial	Open	Lyng	
16th	Braintree	Trial	Open	Beazley End	
16th	NSJMCC	Trial	Open	Santon Downham	
26th	Triangle	Trial	Open	Raydon	
29th	Braintree	Trial	Open	Twinstead	
30th	Woodbridge	Trial	Open	Butley	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) Round 6
30th	Sudbury	Extreme Enduro	Open	Foxborough	

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