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2016 ACU Eastern Enduro
Clubman Veteran Class winner
Photo by Anthony Ridge



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My sincere apologies for the lateness of this month's gazette. Hopefully this will not have affected the entries for any of the events that are included in this issue.

Foreword

Phil Armes



I always enjoy the Rec-Sec from Sidge, but this month I feel he has excelled himself. I was aware that JAP is (was) a British manufacturer, but did not know what the initials stood for; but that is not my reason for comment. Anyone who can do an article about an iconic British engine and include a cement mixer at 35 rpm has my total respect!!

For those of you who have technical or officials licences that are due to expire at the end of this year please note that there are seminars planned for Trials, Enduro, and Motocross in the coming two months. Further details can be found later in this gazette.

And the annual Enduro forum and awards shindig is being held on November 29th at the Limes Hotel in Stowmarket. This is usually a well attended event and well worth popping along to – especially if you have won some silverware!!!

The annual dates meeting will take place at Gt Blakenham on November 16th, and I would ask all Secretaries of Meetings/Organisers to attend so that we can sort out the calendar for 2017; and run through one or two changes which may make things easier for both organisers and the permit/gazette editor.

Look forward to seeing you all then.



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Phone No.: Email:
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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)**

Chelmsford & DAC
Sunday 20th November 2016

Open Permit TRIAL
Codham Little Park Farm, CM7 5JQ

A Class Championship Rd 7

Sign On: 9.00am

National Grid Reference: TL 738289

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 48909

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: P Collins

Club Steward(s): N Ogden A Brace

Clerk of the Course: A Foskew (Licence 25780)

Child Protection P.O.C.: D Ogden

Secretary of the Meeting: D Ogden

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: Codham Little Park Farm, Beazley End, Baintree, CM& 5JQ

Classes: All solo

Awards: None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Chelmsford & DAC.

Entries Open: 6th November 2016

Entries Close: On the day

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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Lowestoft Invaders MCC
Sunday 4th December 2016

Restricted Permit TRIAL
Trials Park, Corton NR32 5LE

The Ted Armes Trophy Trial Inc Rd 7 of the B Class Championship

Sign On: 9.00am

National Grid Reference: TM 535981

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 48910

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward: J Read
Clerk of the Course: C Grice (Licence 38892)
Child Protection P.O.C.: M Frost
Secretary of the Meeting: [REDACTED]

Club Steward(s): R Tozer S Turner

Tel: 01508 480447 email: michaeljfrust@talktalk.net

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Start / Finish: Trials Park, Woburn Farm, Stirrups Lane, Corton NR32 5LE

Course: Woodland & Rocks. **Routes:** Multi Routes

Classes: Expert, Inter A & B, Novice, Twinshock, Pre-70 & Youth A,B,C

Awards: Ted Armes Trophy for best performance of day (Adult or Youth)

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £15.00 for Adults and £13.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Lowestoft Invaders MCC Ltd. (Not paid into the bank before 5th December 2016)

Entries Open: 4th November 2016

Entries Close: 30th November 2016

No Entries on the day. All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current Licence/ Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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

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Address: **Phone:**

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

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

Motocross Seminar

A seminar for MX mc c of c /stewards (renewals and new officials) has been arranged for Sunday 15th January at the Cedars Hotel Stowmarket IP14 2AJ.

The MX seminar will begin at 9.30am. The Technical Seminar will commence at 1.30pm. Kirsty Telford at ACU Rugby will be contacting all due for renewal so please contact her at ACU HQ, or our centre secretary Lyn Berwick to book your place.

Enduro Forum

The Enduro forum and general discussion about rules etc for 2017, plus, the Dave Barkshire 2 man awards presentation; and the presentation for 2nd & 3rd places in the GH motorcycles Husqvarna solo championship awards will be held at the Limes Hotel, High Street, Needham Market, at 8pm Tuesday 29th November. Bar meals will be available and all are welcome. For more info contact Jack Hearn on 07774801205.



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Norwich Viking MCC
Sunday 11th December 2016

Open Permit TRIAL
Caddes Hill, Norfolk NR9 5AL

Tillett Cup Trial Inc Rd 7 Nfk & Sfk Group Championship

Sign On: 9.30am

National Grid Reference: TG 066174

Start: 10.30am

Permit No. ACU 47918

OFFICIALS:-

Eastern Centre Steward:

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Club Steward(s): J Douglas G Huxtable

Clerk of the Course:

R Brooks (Licence 110826)

Child Protection P.O.C.:

B Douglas

Secretary of the Meeting:

B Douglas, The Old Cottages, The Moor, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4NL
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Start / Finish: Caddes Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL **Course:** Banks & Rocks 5 laps of 8 sections.

Classes: Inter, Novice, Twinshock, Pre-70, Youth A,B,C,D,E **Awards:** None

Entries: Must be on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of £16.00 for Adult, and £12.00 for Youth. Include one 9x4 SAE. Cheques/POs to be made payable to Norwich Viking MCC Ltd.

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

Mark's Progress

Sidge Kenny

In a civilised manner, Mark Kemp has for a while, severed his relationship with Bertha, the trusty BMW motorcycle which carried him around Australia and has now been accompanied by Jenny - his partner - on a tour of New Zealand and they are now perhaps more comfortably

installed in a campervan. Bertha therefore has been extensively cleaned up, packed and dispatched to be re-united with her pilot - after being transported eastwards across the Pacific - in Chile. Meanwhile Mark and Jenny set off for their tour. As we all learned from our geography lessons in school, New Zealand consists of two islands and it was to North Island they went first, looking in at Auckland, before circulating and taking in the variety of landscape but keeping more or less to the coast. They made "90 Mile Beach" which is situated on the north west coast but to get there they had to hire a four wheeled drive vehicle - a clear indication of what used to be called here in old style trials regulations as: "colonial going!" Also at various points along the way, Mark has confessed to being relieved he is in a vehicle with a top - unrelenting rain has been a feature - yet very often quickly followed by bright sunshine and all the while the scenery has been completely eye-catching. At the time of writing they have crossed the Cook Strait and are now in South Island and visited Christchurch, which we may recall was the scene of the harrowing earthquake disasters of 2011 and 2014. Mark's excellently recorded journey with photos and clips, can be followed on www.facebook.com/RTW4TCT



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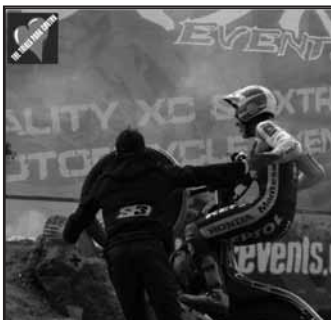
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250cc Solo		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Bird	Chris			1		1
Campos	Scott	5				5
Cook	Gary	2	2			4
Dismore	Giles			3		3
Greig	Tim	5			1	6
Harris	Luke				3	3
Irwin	Nick			2		2
Knowles	Dave	6			2	8
Little	Russell		3			3
Shipp	Adam		1			1
Still	Chris	3				3
Wenham	Rich	1				1

350cc Solo		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Keeble	Daryl		1	3		4
Mears	Dave		3			3
Ward	Chris		2			2
Wenham	Richard			2		2

500cc Solo		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Boxall	Steve				4	4
Coates	Barry			3	1	4
Cobbold	John			4		4
Cook	Harland		6			6
Copestake	Mike		2			2
Garrod	Dean			5		5
Hartley	James	2				2
Hickmott	Gareth	1				1
Herrington	Carl		4			4
Hollingsbee	John			2		2
Locke	Connor				3	3
Mear	Robert	6				6
Mears	David	4				4
Morton	Nathan		2			2
Pacey	Guy			1		1
Powell	Charley	5			5	10
Reed	Richard	3	5			8
Rowlett	Thomas		2			2
Shanes	James				6	6
Sturgeon	Martin		4			4
Locke	Connor				2	2
Yeldham	John			6		6

500cc Sidecar		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Bartlett	Natasha	2			3	5
Berwick	Daniel	4				4
Carville	Dave		3			3
Dunn	Scott	6				6
Godden	Mitch	5			5	10
Goodwin	Josh				6	6
Harvey	Shaun				4	4
Hogg	James		1	3		4
Hughes	Shaun			1		1
Kennard	Jamie			2		2
Lund	Stinus				1	1
Moorcock	Paul	1				1
Vale	Aaron	3	2		2	7

1000cc L/H Sidecar		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Cuff	Martin		3			3
Penfold	Will		2			2
Potter	G		2			2

1000cc R/H Sidecar		Event Code				
Rider		a	b	c	d	Total
Beaney	Simon		3		5	8
Brockwell	Billy				3	3
Colvin	Pete		6			6
Cossar	Mark	3			1	4
Cossar	Tom				6	6
Johnson	Paul		4	6		10
Jones	Lee			3		3
Lingwood	Shane			4		4
Measor	J		2			2
Offen	Will		5	5		10
Shaw	Pete			2		2
Shearer	Gary				4	4
Standing	Paul			1	2	3
Wilson	Robbie	1				1
Wilson	Rob	2				2

Key to events

a 500cc Sidecar Ass'n

b GW Racing

c Southend

d 500cc Sidecar Ass'n

Congratulations to Samantha Webb and Will Pawsey on their engagement, do miss you riding Sam. Reminder of upcoming events 8th January 2017 Extreme Enduro I do believe the Regs will be in the December Gazette and our Annual Dinner and Awards Night 4th February at a new venue in Essex. I am waiting for news of an arrival but probably arrive after the Gazette deadline.

Sudbury Club Notes

Roger Chaplin

The seventh and final round of the ACU Eastern Moto Cross Championship took place the other Sunday at Wattisfield Hall Suffolk organised by the Diss Motor Cycle Club We had three members scoring points on the day in the Junior Championship. However all three rode in the Premier Class with the Experts as they were some of the fastest riders in timed practice and all eyes were on 18 year old Harry Clark to see if he score enough points to finish in the top three Juniors over the series. He had three very good rides and finished 11th in race 1, 10th in race 2 and 13th in race 3 and was second best Junior rider. In his three rides Ryan McDonnell finished 17th, 33rd and 15th with 10th overall while Rick Roper finished 15th, 29th and 26th with 14th overall. Harry managed to secure third place in the series of the Junior Championship with McDonnell 38th and Roper 45th while in the Club Championship Sudbury finished 6th scoring 334 points of which Harry scored 311 and Jamie Roper in round 5 scored 23. Next year Harry will ride in the Premier Class as an Expert and it will be interesting to see how he gets on in only his third season of racing against the very top riders.

Now to the 3rd and 4th rounds of the Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championships, the third being staged by the Stowmarket Club at Kenton. In the Championship Class it was a win for Craig and Rick Roper with Sam Toy partnered by Will Kerry (Woodbridge) 2nd. In the Expert Class Graham Mays/Nigel Ross were 5th, Jeff Sharp partnered by Tim Ford (Lowestoft) 10th. In the Clubman Class Jeff Turner partner by Kevin Palmer (Norwich) were 1st, John Austin/Terry Allen 3rd, Jason Carsboults/John Roach 5th, Andy Mason/Richard Reeve 8th, Matt Smith/Marc Norton 9th with Philip Bartrop /Trevor Scott 15th. Sudbury held the 4th and final round at Tye Farm Great Cornard, the conditions and the racing were perfect on the day and it was so nice to see most of the track from the hills. In the Championship Class it was another win for Craig Roper this time partnered by Rob Blackman (Castle), 2nd Jamie Roper/Glenn Walsh, 6th Sam Toy/Will Kerry, 9th Trevor Scott/Toby Morley (Woodbridge) and 10th Ian Parker/Stevie Roper. Unofficially the 2016 Title goes to Will and Sam and the Expert Title goes to Ross Taylor/Michael Ridge (Diss & Stowmarket) who won on the day. Behind them we had 4th Dan Piper/Stephen Green, 5th Gary & Dale Gladwin, 6th Mark Green/Gareth Young, 7th Phil Roper/Paul Belton, 8th Jeff Sharp with Tim Ford and 9th Nigel Ross/Spencer Burke. In the Clubman Class it was a win for Jeff Turner/Kevin Palmer and they have won the Clubman Title subject to confirmation. Also on the day 2nd James Barker/Brett Halworth, 3rd Dean Curry/Duncan Griffin (Diss), 4th Matt Smith/Marc Norton, 6th Tom Sutton/Jamie Leach, 7th George Eustace/Tommy Clarke, 8th John Austin/Martin Baker, 9th Nathan Charrington/Michael Wood, 11th David Jones/Stuart Wells, 13th Ben Roper/Ben Marsh (Halstead), 14th Tom & Graham Mays and 15th Luke Nicholls/Will Page. Two pieces of good news it look like we have got Tye Farm again next year and it will have to be in September, might run the Dave Roper on that day, also again both the Solo and Two Man were electronically timed.

We have a winner at the Weston Beach Race it was Steve Mason okay it was the Fun Run, more on Weston next month.

ACU Eastern 2016 MC Championship

Charlie Ralph

Yet another season over, and big thanks to the clubs who hosted the seven rounds of the 2016 Eastern MX Championships. The new format, although having some teething troubles, was largely received well, especially by spectators, who witnessed some close racing and almost full line ups in all of the rounds. The points scorers in both expert and junior championships were included in last month's gazette, and big congratulations to Luke Parker and George Turner for becoming the 2016 champions. Of course, it was not just about these two, as Brad Tomlin was looking to be up for the title with Luke, until a knee injury, sustained in a practise session, ruined his chances. Evergreen Jason Morland, riding his two smoker, was very consistent all year, along with Ben Cole, who, in my opinion, was the most improved rider in the series. Brad Woodroffe only competed in six of the seven rounds, and was always battling near the front, as well as Luke Benstead, who missed the first rounds, but came back strong. Lewis Tombs raced in some of the rounds, and although on an MX2 bike, he was always up there challenging. I must also mention Declan Whittle, who was looking to be in the mix for the title until an injury at the Blaxhall round of the British Championships ruined his season.

The junior grade lads put on a great show all year, and the top five or six proved to be on the pace of some of the expert riders. The impressive George Turner led the series from round one and was never headed, although Josh Keeble, Harry Clark, Daniel Patterson, and Kane Fisher all had several race wins between them. All these youngsters will join the ranks of experts next year, and are quite capable of mixing it with the regular Eastern experts.



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We are hoping that the next influx of junior grade riders will do the same in 2017, thus steadily increasing the amount of expert riders at events, as this year, the average amount of experts per meeting has only been sixteen.

The holeshot prizes, kindly sponsored by Chambers Roofing for the past two years, has added interest to the series, and we thank John very much for his support. Apparently, his son, Jacob, is going to follow his dad into the sidecar scene next year, and he has got the best tutor in John, who was a four times British Sidecar Champion himself.

The Eastern motocross committee will shortly meet to put proposals to the competition committee for a few tweaks to the Eastern Championship for 2017. The main discussion is to improve the safety element of our sport, which, above all else, is paramount. More news on this will be announced soon, and we also hope to have news on two prospective sponsors for the future. As mentioned elsewhere in the gazette, a really big thank you to all the riders who purchased race numbers in 2016. £3510 is a fantastic sum, and will go to both Air Ambulances in our region, plus a third to the ACU benevolent fund.



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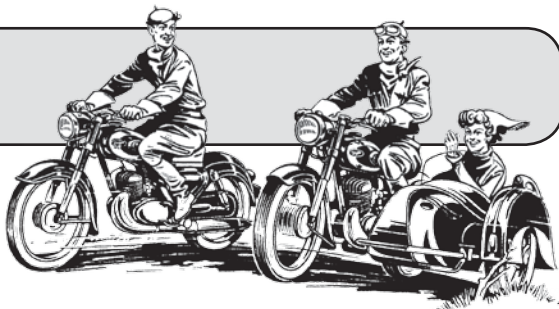
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Recollection Section

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I'm sure I am not the only one in our calling who now and again has to explain that the letters: "JAP" do not stand for any Japanese product. Usually this error comes from our younger colleagues who in truth cannot remember any time when Japan was not the leading country of origin either for motorcycles or motorcycle engines.. The confusion is perfectly forgivable but for us oldies there is a touch of sadness about it J.A.P. or the name of the founder : John Alfred Prestwich was as British as Tottenham pudding – which indeed is where his manufacturing firm bearing his name was based . They made amongst many other things, engines – many types of engine. In the speedway and grass-track world, the JAP engine was revered name and used almost universally in both sports for several decades. This partnership started in the late 1920's, though JAP had been in engine manufacture since the early 1900's and had already produced winning engines for road racing. It is said that the speedway engine was based on the rival Rudge power unit, which was at the time very successful in the new spectacle of tight circuit racing. The JAP engineers got hold of an example, stripped and closely examined it before building their own version. Wal Phillips - another famous name from our area - then rode the first JAP powered speedway bike and won first time out. From then on the engine was with consistent development, a winner and became virtually universal in the sport until the 1960's. Though even today, in the "Upright" class of Grass Track the JAP engine is still to be seen out on the circuits, doing its stuff.

Yet the fame attached to the racing engines does not do justice to the tremendous variety of engines the company produced. They also made – briefly – their own bike but their main business was in supplying engines to literally dozens of motorcycle manufacturers from the early days of the twentieth century, up to the 1950's. Engines of varying type – two stroke, four stroke – multiple cylinders – and they were particularly successful with V-twins, used also in three-wheelers and light cars. JAP produced engines for industry, lawnmowers, cultivators, generators, pumps and even light aircraft.

On a personal note, this is where the sadness comes in. In my younger days, JAP and other British marques such as Villiers, who were later to take over the Tottenham firm, were dominant in the engine manufacturing business and yet nowadays are no more than a distant memory – how on earth could it have happened? And where did the skills of those engine producers go? It is a question many of us have asked – and in my opinion, the reality of these lost industries does not stand this country particularly well when it now has to make its own way after "Brexit".

But enough of my political ruminations. I have a few JAP engines myself – none, unfortunately, of those wonderful, methanol burning, castor oil lubricated, speedway motors - but of the more humble industrial variety. This includes two versions of their tiny 32cc two-stroke, one of which is an outboard motor. However my favourite - and an engine which has worked its way into my affection, is a scruffy little Model 2A. 98cc side valve four stroke, which powers my Liner cement mixer - another old make . We use it from time-to-time for various work. Governed, it turns the mixing drum at a speed of around 35 RPM (very important that) and has proved utterly reliable. Year of manufacture? - 1949.

What's on



NOVEMBER

6th	Southend	Trial	National	Poles Wood	British Ladies & Girls
20th	Chelmsford	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (A) Rd 7
20th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
20th	Diss MCC	Enduro	National	Thetford Forest	British Championship
27th	EFA	Trial	OPEN	Thorrington	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) R5

DECEMBER

4th	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	Restricted	Trials Park, Corton	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (B) Rd 7
11th	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	Club	Lyng	Nfk & Sfk Group Championship Rd 7
18th	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Beazley End	
18th	NSJMCC	Trial	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
26th	Triangle (Ipswich)	Trial	OPEN	Raydon	
27th	NSJMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt Hockham	
27th	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Butley	ACU Eastern Trials Champs (C) R6
31st	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Twinstead	

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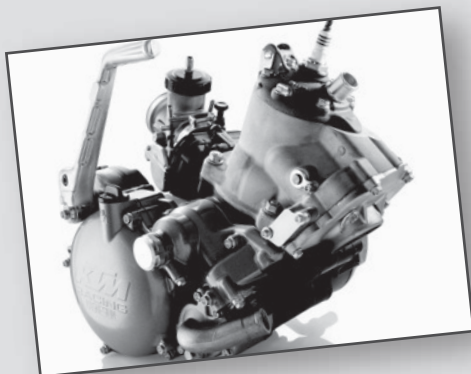
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