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Top Junior, Callum Murfitt powers his KTM to victory at the recent Blaxhall round of the ACU Eastern Motocross Championships, supported by Instanda and Stebbings Car Superstore. Photo by Rick Blyth, Image Rich Media.

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Well, I think I can honestly say that was one of the more difficult months of my life, so far! Three admissions to hospital, two via ambulance, and three different issues to deal with over a three week period: albeit that each one was a knock on

Foreword Phil Armes

from the previous one!!!! I think I spent time in most of the departments within the hospital – so it is only fair that I write a review for Trip Advisor comparing the facilities offered on each ward, and of course the standard of food..... but for the purposes of this issue of the gazette I

will confine myself to saying thank you to all that sent their best wishes and did their best to keep my spirits up; I truly have friends whose humour has not been affected by the PC

brigade!!



"What do you mean, he's back again ?!?!"

In the meantime the government stuck to their July 19th date for relaxing almost all the Covid 19 restrictions which means as a sport, we can get on with running our events pretty much as we used to do. I have reprinted within this issue the advice that was published from ACU head office on July 9th which highlights one or two points that all clubs and organisers need to take on board. It is also incumbent on each and every one of us to take some personal responsibility for our actions, and do our utmost to guard against catching and/or passing on the Covid 19 virus; just because the restrictions have been relaxed doesn't mean the virus has gone away - KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS, WEARING YOUR MASKS, AND STAYING SOCIALLY DISTANCED as appropriate.

If in any doubt about the guidance re Covid and the way forward, all the latest information and risk assessment documents are on the Centre website accessed from their own drop down menu: www.easternacu.org

Looking forward it is good to see that the Revo British Motocross Championship is once again visiting the Centre when the Woodbridge club host a round on August 8th. Recognised as the top round over the last few seasons the club has once again gone the extra mile to make sure it maintains it position in the annual calendar. So why not take a weekend off from riding and get down to Blaxhall and get some tips from the best domestic riders in the business.

And finally, my apologies for having to postpone the recent Competitions Committee and Centre Sustainability meetings, but the venues have been rebooked and I look forward to catching up with you during August so we can pool our ideas and look to the future. Full details will be circulated shortly.

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Charlie's Chat Charlie Ralph

July 6th, marked the 7th anniversary of the passing of one of the truly greatest riders of all time, the late, and sadly missed, Dave Bickers. I could fill all of the pages of the gazette, just writing about Suffolk's favourite son, but I will simply state, we will never forget Dave, and his achievements.

Diss MCC were the hosts of the first Eastern Centre meeting in July, and, as usual, the team put on a slickly run meeting. It was great to hear the buzz of the twostrokes in the Evo class which included Jake Nicholls riding a beautiful sounding 500cc Honda. It was Jake's first ride for several months as he continues to recover from a nasty shoulder injury. The guys on the pre-90 bikes

put on a great show, and although Jake was in a class of his own, Steve Bixby, Jay Morland, Brad Tomlin and Brett Fisher all treated the crowd to some closely fought races.

The NGR over 30's series races, saw a healthy full line up again, with former champ, Tim Clark, taking the overall honours. Lee Powell chased Tim hard in the first two moto's, and Richard Roper came good in race three, when the heavy shower made the circuit a little tacky. Enjoying the conditions, it was an easy win for Richard. Jake was a guest rider in the allcomers group, this time out on his Dave Thorpe's prepared Honda, taking all three race wins. Likable Luke Parker kept him honest though, and was never too far behind the national grade star.

The only downside was a leg break for young Jake Rackham though. I have also heard news that young Norfolk flyer, Bayliss Utting,has had a nasty pelvic injury whilst practising, we wish both lads a speedy recovery.

Round four of the Instada/ Stebbings sponsored Eastern championships were held at Blaxhall on the 11th of July, with several national grade riders entered, obviously to get some serious track time in readiness for the Revo British round on August 8th at Blaxhall. A good-sized crowd saw plenty of action during the 15 race programme. We saw three different winners in the premier class races, but it was Jake Nicholls who took the overall win. 14 junior riders made the cut to compete in the main races, and although they battled further down the pack, they certainly did not disgrace themselves.

The junior championship is now close at the top, with only seven points separating the series leader, Ryan Gardiner and Callum Murfitt. Ryan will join Callum and Bayliss Utting in the future as expert graded riders.

The Richard Fitch memorial meeting at Wakes Colne was held on a very hot day, at one stage it was over 30 degrees, and the Halstead gang worked tirelessly to combat the dust. Once again, Richard's parents, Gill and Chris, presented awards to the riders on the 16th anniversary of the sad death of a really fine rider. Racing was keen in all groups, which included rounds of the NGR over30's, and the South Eastern Evo series.

Steve Bixby won all three legs in the Evo class, with Brett Fisher and Jay Morland scrapping for the runner up spot. John Hinz took a couple of wins in the NGR's, and Junior Thomas and Ollie Beamish shared the spoils in the allcomers. It was Junior Thomas who is the latest recipient of the Richard Fitch trophy, just beating Beamish for the win. Teenager Daniel Sultana was third best in all of his races.

Finally, sad news of the passing of Norfolk's Derek Powley. Derek was a keen rider over many years, condolences to Linda, Arran and Ryan.





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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

The Arbuthnot trial - a unique event - is organised by the long established Salisbury Motorcycle and Light Car club, operating within the Southern Centre. Run for British made classic and vintage machines over an 80 mile variable course, which includes road and byways, the whole aura of this event is decidedly off beat in these technical times and all the more interesting perhaps because of the

story behind it. Unique fact number one, which immediately caught my eye, is the riders stop for a lunch break at the local golf club house! That's something I've never experienced in all my years. Another interesting element is that the trial is older than the club, since the first event for the Arbuthnot trophy was run in 1919.

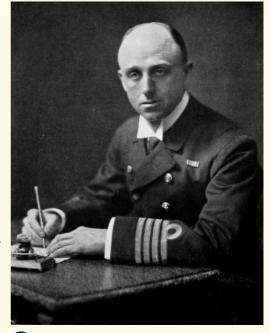
There are of course, many trials and sporting events in the name of people, famous in the sport and in that vein, I think of our own: "Phil King" trial, unique in our Centre because of its continued use of roadwork in these days of multi-route events at one site. But the background of the Arbuthnot trophy and the story of the man whose name it carries, is so unusual that I am surprised no one has made a film about it – though it would have a very sad ending.

The trial is named after Rear Admiral, Sir Robert Arbuthnot, born in 1864. He came from an aristocratic family and joined the Royal Navy in 1877 as a cadet. He progressed upwards in the Navy, which in effect was the bulldog of the world in those days. Reckoned to be a hard task-master himself, Robert Arbuthnot was evidently obsessed with keeping himself exceptionally fit and took part in

several sports, including cross-country running, boxing and rugby.

Clearly, he also liked motorbikes and well into middle-age, he took part in the second-ever T.T. Race, held in 1908, over the original I0 mile: "St Johns Course", riding a Triumph – and he finished a highly creditable third in the single cylinder class, behind Jack Marshall and Charlie Collier, of Matchless fame. Arbuthnot was also a regular trials competitor of the day and the only previous fact I knew about him was that he carried his motorcycle on board his battleship - a little piece of indulgence I rather warmed to. Did he ever ride it around the deck whilst in mid ocean, I wondered. He seems the sort of bloke who would.

(As an ex Navy man I think I could confirm that he didn't ride his bike on the ship – much of the superstructure would preclude a lap!!!! – editor)



Some more research revealed another singular fact which bizarrely involves the ACU. Arbuthnot had now risen to the lofty position of Rear Admiral and was also a senior member of the ACU. It was at a dinner held by the ACU – presumably at the old H.Q. in Pall Mall - in January 1910, that he gave a speech - not on the sport of motorbikes but on the threat posed to this country by the increasing strength of the German Navy. His words included recommendations for actions he thought should be taken. These injudicious remarks leaked out and caused a political rumpus, which resounded around the country and with the Germans demanding an apology. The whole Hoo-Ha resulted in Arbuthnot – who would not apologise – being downgraded within the Navy. It is interesting to contemplate that he had in fact given a warning of a European danger, which eventually resulted in the First World War four years later - and then to consider if the action he had proposed might have had any chance of preventing it.



Unhappily that terrible war did take place and ironically, and sadly, whilst in combat with the German Fleet at the Battle of Jutland (the only major conflict the two navies engaged in during that war) Arbuthnot, now re-instated as Rear Admiral and his Battle cruiser: HMS Defence, was blown up and Arbuthnot and his entire crew of over 900, were lost. The reports were that Arbuthnot, terrier-like went unwisely for a body of top rank German battleships and got blasted from all sides. In motorbike terms he had clearly: "gone for it at full throttle"

- And of course, going down with the ship, the Admiral and his unfortunate crew, would have been the Admiral's motorbike



The Spoken Word Charlie Ralph

Around forty years ago, I travelled to Lyng to give support to my good friend. Mark Mitchell, who, at the time was sponsored by the late Dennis Slaughter. Mark actually

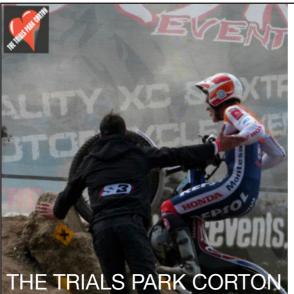
won the Eastern Centre title on two occasions, riding Slaughter bikes, along with his team mate, Ray Parker. I was putting fuel into the Maico when Dennis paid us a visit, looking glum. He said that although he was expecting a big crowd, his commentator had let him down, and he was clearly distressed.

Mark's father pointed to me and said, "Chas will do it for you". Before i could say that I had never spoken on a microphone in my life, Dennis told me to report to a person called Colin in the club's hut. I then knocked on the door of the club hut, and saw a man bending over a table, sorting out the paperwork for the event.

Colin looked up and sternly said, "what do you want?" I explained that Dennis has asked for my help to commentate, so Colin thrust a programme into my hand, and told me to climb the hill, and I would find the equipment. I remember asking if I could borrow a pen, and he gave me a cheap bic type pen, saying, "Don't forget to bring it back".

As I started my walk up the hill, Colin shouted to me, something about returning the mic. I did not take much notice, and as I walked, I had decided that I would call him Grumpy Colin in future!

On arriving at the top of the hill, I searched for the equipment, expecting to see a vehicle, or at least a table and chair, but there was nothing but cow pats and long grass. I then saw a loudspeaker perched on top of a tripod, and noticed a cable running through the grass. Following the cable, I came across a car battery with a weird attachment, laying in the grass. There was another cable running in the opposite direction, and after tracing this cable for about ten feet, lo and behold, there was a microphone on the end of it!



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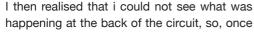
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Dennis's prediction proved correct, it was a very hot, sunny day, and large crowds gathered on the hillside. I was very nervous as I welcomed everyone, and preceded to mention a few of the riders who were about to entertain them. I could hear the bikes down below, getting ready for the first race, but from where i was positioned, I could not see them. I frantically thought that I should be announcing the start of the race, so I picked up the battery in one hand, with the mic in the other, and hurried to the brow of the hill! The elastic starting strand popped up, and the pack roared up the start straight.





again, I struggled with the battery to get back to my original position, trying to make sure that the cable did not get entwined around spectators' legs, much to the amusement of those who were watching my antics!

I then wisely decided to stay put, having to improvise as to what was happening down in the valley, hoping that I had got it right. After the first race, I asked a nearby marshal as to how I could get the results. The guy said something like, "motorbike a coming". His broad Norfolk



accent was ten times stronger than Dennis's, and I hadn't a clue what he was saying until I spotted the travelling marshal heading towards me, waving a piece of paper in his hand. Sure enough, there was a list of numbers, giving me the result so that I could inform the spectators. This was brilliant Norfolk technology!

As the day progressed, i realised that i had no food or drink, and believe me, it was a really hot day. Halfway through the programme, I spotted Dennis walking towards me, wearing his traditional suit

He was holding a coned ice cream which was dripping onto his jacket, and running down his trouser leg. He handed me what remained of the ice cream, and said, "You're doing a good job Ralph".

(It took about another five or six years for Dennis to realise that my

first name was Charlie). He turned to head back, then stopped and said, "Do you like doughnuts?" I replied that I did, so he pulled from his jacket pocket a bag of doughnuts. I thought that he was going to give me the bag, but instead, he took one very tiny ringed doughnut out of the bag and handed it to me!

The remainder of the day, as I recall, went well, and I was feeling much more confident with myself. At the end, I thanked the marshals and first aiders, and wished the crowd a safe journey home. I actually was thanked by several race fans as I walked back down the hill. I found Grumpy Colin, and handed him the pen, telling him that it must have cost a lot of money. I remembered that he gave a big smile, which I still remember to this day. As I walked away, he asked if I had brought the microphone back, then I realised as to what he was saying earlier on.



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Keep an eye out for Ralph.

he's got one of our biros!

I said sorry, leaving him muttering about having to go and get it himself.

I would like to point out that there were two sides to Colin Armes. He was a strict disciplinarian, and was a stickler for the rules, but as we became friends, I saw a jovial friendly guy, who had dedicated much of his life to motorcycle sport, including his passion of road racing, for which he played a big part nationally.

Dennis caught up to me as I walked to my car, saying, "How much do I owe you Ralph?" I told him that I did not want any payment, and had enjoyed the day. A glint came in his eye as he quickly said, "Can you do the next meeting".

As I drove away, feeling good, I then realised that I had been charged to get into the event!

Life can be tough!

Following a delay of more than a year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the 'King of Lyng' finally returned to rest at his beloved Cadders Hill.

Take a Seat....



Friends and family of the late Dennis Slaughter OBE met for a simple service to lay his ashes on the hill. A wooden bench with a commemorative brass plaque was presented by the Norwich Viking MCC, and will duly be permanently sited at the foot of the hill, where Dennis could often be seen on race days surveying his domain.







New Trials Land - ESB Trial

Essex and Suffolk Border MCC have been offered a new area of land for trials at Tattingstone, South of Ipswich and the first event will be a Saturday afternoon / evening event on 4th September

The scope of the land is limited therefore whilst entries will be accepted from all classes (with one exception, see below) the first event will be primarily aimed at Novice and Intermediate riders.

We are particularly concerned about noise disturbance to local resident's, therefore entries will not be accepted from pre 65 four stroke machines for this first event.



Essex & Suffolk Border MCC Novice & Intermediate Trial Crag Pit Farm, Suffolk IP9 2NX

Discipline: Trial Date: 4th September 2021

Sign On: 15.00 Start: 16.00

Status: Open ACU Permit No: 61406

The Essex & Suffolk Border MCC will organise Open Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued.

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: Alan Penny (Licence Number 6849)

Secretary of the Meeting: Neil Fenn Email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com Tel: 07834 691385

Child Protection Contact: Neil Fenn
Club Steward: Chris Keeble Centre Steward: t.b.c.

Event Safety Officer: Paul Fenn

ELIGIBILITY

All riders and passengers must hold a current ACU Trials Licence or Registration and be aged 16 years or over. All riders must be a member of an Eastern ACU affiliated club.

INSURANCE

The event will be covered by the ACU's premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries must be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee for all competitors is £15.00.

Opening date: 1st August 2021. Closing date: Midnight Thursday 2nd September 2021, or when maximum

entries reached

Maximum no; of entries: 45

No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served.

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will **not** be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds will be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Craq Pit Farm, Tattingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2NX - Signposted from the A137

EVENT

This is a new piece of land we want to see how it rides, therefore the event is mainly aimed at Novice and Intermediate competitors although other classes are welcomed. Event consisting of approximately 10 observed sections laid out over trees, ditch, banks and stream.

ROUTES

Two routes: Red & Blue main route. White deviation for easier route.

Results

Will be published on Eastern ACU Website and club Facebook page. No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

Expert, Inters, Twinshock A & Youth A – Red & Blue route Inter B, Novice, Twinshock B & Youth B – White Route

SIGNING ON

Saturday 4th September 2021 from 3.00PM and in accordance with ACU COVID-19 Trials Risk Assessment.

There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance.

All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re Covid - 19, after July 19th 2021, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate.

Lowestoft Invaders MCC Ted Armes Trophy Trial inc ACU - EC B Class Championship Aldeby, NR34 0BY

Discipline: Trial Date: Sunday 5th September 2021

Start Time: 10.30am Sign On: 9.30am Status: Restricted ACU Permit No: 61400

The Lowestoft Invaders MCC will organise a Restricted Invitation Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued.

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: Nick Ogden (Licence Number 38145)

Secretary of the Meeting: Ron Greengrass

Address; 58 Dell Rd, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, NR33 9NS

email: rjg@rongg58.plus.com Tel: 01502 563566 Child Protection Contact: Ron Greengrass

Club Steward: R Tozer Centre Steward: t.b.c.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to Adult & Youth members of an ACU affiliated club holding an appropriate licence or Trials Registration.

INSURANCE

The event will be covered by the ACU's Premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee is: Solo; £17.00 Youth; £17.00

Opening date: 4th August 2021 Closing date: 1st September 2021 or when full.

Maximum no. of entries: 60

No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served.

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Pond Farm, Aldeby, NR34 0BY National Grid Reference: TM465945

EVENT

Multi route sections on wooded banks and sandpit

RESULTS

Will be published on ACU Eastern website No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

B Class Championship - priority given to championship classes Inter A & B; Twinshock A, B, C: Novice; Youth A, B, C

SIGNING ON

There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance.

All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re Covid - 19, after July 19th 2021, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate.





Stowmarket & District MCC Saturday Trial Laurels Farm - Kenton

Discipline: Trial Date: 11th September 2021

Sign On: 14.00 Start Time: 14.30 Status: Restricted ACU Permit No: 61402

The Stowmarket & District MCC will organise a Restricted Invitation Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued.

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: R G Hearn (Licence Number 30283)

Club Steward: A Willis Centre Steward: tbc

Child Protection Contact: Vera Hearn Secretary of the Meeting: Vera Hearn

Address: 25 Quinton Rd. Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8BP

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ELIGIBILITY

Open to Adult & Youth members of an ACU affiliated club holding an appropriate licence or Trials Registration. All riders must be a member of an ACU Eastern affiliated club.

INSURANCE

The event will be covered by the ACU's Premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee is:

Solo: £16.00 Youth: £16.00

No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served.

Opening date: 7th August 2021 Closing date: 5th September 2021 or when full.

Maximum no. of entries: 50

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will **not** be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Laurels Farm, Kenton, Suffolk IP23 7LH

EVENT

Multi route course of mainly woodland and ditches

RESULTS

Will be published on ACU Eastern website if required No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

Expert; Inter; Twinshock; Novice; Youth

AWARDS

No Awards - Fun Trial Only

SIGNING ON

There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance.

All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re Covid - 19, after July 19th 2021, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate.

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Supplementary Regulations

Dave Barkshire Two Man Hare and Hounds Enduro.

Round five

12th September 2021 Start 10: am

Permit No. ACU 61240

Jurisdiction

Held under the National sporting code of the ACU, the current Standing Enduro and Hare and Hounds Regulations of the ACU and Eastern ACU Centre Regulations for Two Man Enduro's and any final instructions which may be issued. ACU Covid 19 restrictions may be applied.

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Secretary of the Meeting: Lynne Willis Tel: 01449 615490
Results Secretary: Don Blackman. 07387 426208

Club Steward: Jack Hearn Centre Steward: TBC.

Safety Officer: Vera Hearn

ELIGBILITY.

Adult solo – All riders must be a member of an Eastern ACU Affiliated club. All riders must hold a current ACU or SCAU LICENCE, and be aged 16 years or over.

START/FINISH: At Laurels Farm, Kenton, Suffolk. IP23 7LH

Event Course: Farm and Woodland

Timing: Electronic transponder timing. Transponders will be available for £10.00 each on the day. (Sudbury MCC wristwatch style transponders)

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Insurance: The event will be covered by the ACU's Basic insurance

Classes: Championship, Expert and Clubman- team of 2 riders- mx bikes permitted.

ENTRIES

All entries must be via the ACU on line entry system. The entry fee is £53.00. No entries on the day.

Refunds of entry. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctors Certificate is provided, in the event of cancellation refunds will be made less £6.00 to cover administration costs.

PLEASE NOTE - Entries will not be accepted until both riders have entered.

Opening Date: 3rd August 2021. Closing Date: 5th September. Max no of entries: 140.

Machines: As per Hare and Hound Regs, Lights do not have to be fitted.

Tyres: Enduro or MX are permitted.

Start: Groups of 4 in 1-minute intervals.

Penalty: Leaving the start or rider changeover area before booked in time ¼ lap per minute.

Penalties for late or early arrival at time control will be issued in the final instructions.

Refuelling: Only permitted in the Parc Ferme. Environmental mats must be used.

Lights: Optional

SIGNING ON AND MACHINE EXAMINATION

Sunday 12th September 2021 from 8.00 am. Machines must be presented to the machine examiner for examination at least 60 minutes before the start time.

All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re Covid - 19, after July 19th 2021, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate.

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Supplementary Regulations - Motocross - Adult Solos ACU Eastern MX Championship - Wattisfield Hall

Instanda and Stebbings Car Superstore - 19th September 2021. Permit No ACU 61353

1. JURISDICTION

Held under the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the Standing ACU MX Regulations, and the following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued. The event forms a Round of ACU Eastern Motocross Championships 2021 sponsored by Instanda and Stebbings Car Superstore.

2. SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

Entries Sec; Paul Hubbard, Wattisfield Hall Barn, Chapel Road, Wattisfield, Suffolk. IP22 1NX Sec of Meeting: Laura Taylor, mob no 07980 939162. Email:

3. COURSE

help @DissMCC.co.uk

The course is situated just of the A143 at Wattisfield. The post code for the track is IP22 1NX. TCC 21-037

4. Eligibility

Adult solo - All riders must hold a current ACU Adult licence, be aged 15 years or over and a member of an ACU Eastern Club. One event licences are available and must be obtained online in advance of the meeting. Machines as per the 2021 ACU Handbook.

5. OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: Ady Taylor Lic No 38168 Assist Clerk of the Course: Paul Grantham Lic No 9338 Safety Officer: **Andy Waters** Lic No 95651 Chief Technical Officer /Sound Officer TBC Malcom Stevens Chief Marshal: Chief Timekeeper Andrew Hay Club Steward **Andy Waters**

6. NUMBER OF RIDERS & DRIVERS ALLOWED

Solo 176

Prize fund: As per ACU Eastern Championship

7. ENTRIES & WITHDRAWALS

All entries must be made on made using the ACU online entry system – Go to https://members.acu.org.uk Login or register then go to 'search for event. Entries open Monday 23rd August 2021 – 7.00pm and must be received prior to the closing date of Monday 13th September 2021 with the entry fee of £50.00 for solos. Late entries will be subject to a penalty payment of £10.00. The club reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason. Withdrawals from the meeting need to be made before 5pm on Tuesday 14th September, and with a medical letter via email. Other withdrawals will only be considered if there is a list of reserves. No refunds after 14th September 5pm and the withdrawal admin fee of £10.00 applied.

In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £10.00 administration fee. (note: £3.00 is refunded to ACU on-line system the rest is to cover club costs).

<u>Transponders will be used at this meeting. If you do not have one you can hire one at a charge of £10 per day. These must be hired online in advance when you enter.</u>

8. INSURANCE

The insurance cover for this event is "Basic".

9 TECHNICAL CONTROL and SIGNING ON 8am- 9.30am

Competitors are required to produce their machines to Technical Control. When more than one motorcycle is entered, they must be present to Technical Control at the same time. No competitor will be permitted to practise or race unless the Technical Official has passed their helmet and machine.

10 SOUND CONTROL

Sound Control after a race –Any rider whose machine is above the limit (As per ACU Handbook) – whether it be one of the riders chosen at random or any other rider whose motorcycle is controlled/verified – may be penalized.

11. PRACTICE

- Practice at 10.00am
- Practice session: 5 mins free practice
- Followed straight away by 10 mins timed qualification

12. RACES and format of the meeting

There will be 12 races with each group getting a minimum of 3 races.

13. METHOD OF START

The start will be live engine, clutch type and use of start gate. See additional Covid-19 instructions attached.

No one except <u>RIDERS</u> and <u>OFFICIALS</u> shall be permitted to the area of the starting gate. Riders are allowed to groom the area behind the start gate only, provided no tools are used or outside assistance provided.

14. Instructions for paddock

- The riding in the paddock on any bike (competition/ pit bikes or minibikes) is not permitted.
- Please take any rubbish home with you. Take used tyres away with you as it is an offence not to dispose of in the correct manner and costs the club money.
- Please keep the use of pressure washers to a minimum and use of no detergents.
- No tear offs permitted cows in field.



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Wymondham & District MCC John Charley Trophy Trial inc ACU-EC A Class Championship Middleton Pit, Norfolk PE32 1NG

Discipline: Trial Date: Sunday September 26th 2021

Sign On: 9.30am Start Time: 10.30am Status: Open ACU Permit No: 61401

The Wymondham & District MCC will organise an Open Trial event for solo machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued.

OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course: Clive Dopson (Licence Number 10432)

Club Steward: R. Ayres
Secretary of the Meeting: Clive Dopson

Address: 34 Lynch Green, Hethersett, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 3JT

Email: dopson_boar@msn.com

Child Protection Contact Clive Dopson

ELIGIBILITY

Open to Adult & Youth members of an ACU affiliated club holding an appropriate licence or Trials Registration.

Insurance

The event will be covered by the ACU's Premier insurance.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU on-line entry system. The entry fee is:

Solo;....£17.00 Youth:...£17.00

No entries on the day. No postal entries. Strictly first come first served.

Opening date: 15th August 2021 Closing date: 23rd September 2021 Or when full.

Maximum no. of entries: 60

REFUND OF ENTRY

Entries will **not** be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

LOCATION AND START

Middleton Pit, Middleton Aggregates, Norfolk PE32 1NG (Signposted from A47)

National Grid Reference: TM 028980

EVENT

Multi section, multi route trial over banks, rocks, hills and tree roots

ROUTES

Yellow 50/50; Red/Blue; White;

RESULTS

Will be published on the ACU Eastern website

No paper copies will be posted.

CLASSES

Expert; Expert B; Inter; Inter B; Novice; Pre 70; Twinshock; Youth A, B, C

SIGNING ON

There will not be a physical signing on process. Competitors will register their arrival with the Secretary of The Meeting at the venue entrance.

All riders, and any people attending the event need to be aware that there are still government guidelines in place re Covid - 19, after July 19th 2021, and as such there is a personal responsibility on everyone for their own safety and a need to exercise judgement as appropriate.

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Covid 19: Stage 4 of the Roadmap

Date of Issue: 9th July 2021

The Prime Minister, hosted a press conference on Monday 5th July to set out plans for the final step of the Roadmap in England. Step 4 is expected to begin on Monday 19th July if the government's 'four tests' for easing COVID restrictions have been met. This will be confirmed on Monday 12th July following a review of the latest data. The latest data and scientific modelling suggests that cases will continue to rise as restrictions are eased, but the link to hospitalisations has been weakened because of the very successful vaccine programme.

From Step 4, Mr Johnson said that;

- all legal limits on the numbers meeting indoors and outdoors will be removed.
- · All limits on numbers of people attending concerts, theatre, and sports events will be lifted.
- The rule on the 1 metre plus rule on social distancing will end, and the legal obligation to wear a face covering, although guidance will suggest where an individual may choose to do so, especially when cases are rising, and where a person comes into contact with people they don't normally meet in enclosed places, such as obviously crowded public transport.

To continue to receive the best possible protection against COVID, all adults continue to be encouraged to get two vaccine doses. As of 4th July, over 78 million vaccine doses have now been administered in the UK and 64.4% of adults have received both doses. Step 3 was delayed by 4 weeks so every adult could be offered a vaccine and around two thirds of adults could receive a second jab, and more data could be assessed on the new Delta variant which is now dominant in the UK.

Wales. No definite date for lifting restrictions in Wales has been given. The lifting of restrictions in Wales was put on pause for four weeks on 17th June to get as many people as possible vaccinated before the next review takes place on 15th July.

Following the Prime Minister's press announcement, unless the decision to move to Step 4 is delayed, then as with UK Government policy, COVID restrictions at ACU permitted events can be removed. The following actions are recommended to Event Organisers:

- That COVID restrictions in place at ACU events are removed in accordance with Gov.UK policy after 19th July.
- Organisers/Permanent Circuits continue to liaise with Local Authorities to make them aware that events are taking
 place in their area.
- Organisers ensure that Supplementary Regulations for an event state that individuals need to take some personal
 responsibility for their own safety and exercise judgement as appropriate.
- Local Organisers may put in place control measures to protect against Covid infections, if they wish to do so, particularly if there is a spike in the rate of infection in their area. This includes Local Organisers insisting everyone wears a face mask, if they deem this an appropriate measure.
- As has been the case and remains the case, Local Organisers should discourage any rider or official who has
 contracted the virus from attending their event.

With regard the final point about riders / officials attending events who have contracted the virus, the declarations on Entry Forms and Signing-On Forms will be amended as follows and updated on the ACU Website and On Line system:

Covid Declaration when entering an event (to be added to declaration)

 I declare that should I contract coronavirus in a ten-day period prior to the event taking place, I will not travel to or participate/officiate at the event and will follow Gov.UK guidance/advice as appropriate.

Riders and Officials Signing On Sheet (to be added to declaration)

I declare that I have not tested positive or been required to self-isolate as a result of having had symptoms
related to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been infected with the virus in the last ten-day
period leading up to this event.





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