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Fraser Arden in action at the recent ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Championship organised by the Wymondham & District MCC

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Once again the season comes to a conclusion both at world level, and perhaps, more importantly at a local level. There are still one or two Centre championship titles to be decided, but by and large it's that time of year when the bikes are back in the workshop for a full strip down and refurbishment ready for next year, or maybe to be sold off to make way for a shiny new 'toy!'.

And of course it is also the time when the clubs and organisers sit down and plan their dates and events for the new year. On a personal level I won't be involved in the collating and/or negotiating between clubs and/or disciplines as I step down from all my positions within the Centre as of the AGM in November – more of which in the Chairman's Message further in this issue of the gazette.

But one position that does need confirming is that of Editor of this very document – the Centre Gazette. There is also a strong discussion to be had as to whether the gazette continues in its current format and is published monthly, or becomes a more magazine oriented publication in either printed, digital only, or as is current practice, both; and whether it is published less often, perhaps quarterly. My reasoning for suggesting this, is that the gazette was originally the only way to get the regs and entry forms out to riders so they could enter the relevant meetings. This has been completely overtaken by the online permit and entry system, and with the imminent launch of the new Sport 80, ACU website/online portal clubs and organisers will have no need at all to use a gazette, or indeed anything within the Centre, to organise and run their events. So the ACU has effectively demolished the Centre hierarchy and current management model in one fell swoop. It is going to be interesting to see how this all pans out in the coming months/years; although I suspect it may be some time before the new ACU portal is fully functioning as major changes like this usually take some 'bedding in!'.

I will be looking after one more gazette after this which takes me through until the end of the calendar year, and past the AGM in November when I am sure all the questions will be answered, and new people will have stepped forward to take the Centre into its second century of operation.

Foreword

Phil Armes



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**Eastern Fourstroke
Association**

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 27th November 2022

**Ian Preedy Memorial Thumpers British Bike Trial
inc ACU-EC C Class Championship**

Thorrington, Essex CO7 8HZ

National Grid Reference: TM 085211

Permit No.: ACU 64561

Sign On: 08.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

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Start / Finish:	Poplars Chase Farm, Station Rd, Thorrington, Essex CO7 8HZ
Course:	Woodland, Banks & Ditches
Routes:	Red/Blue, 50/50; White
Classes:	All pre-70 classes (solo)
Awards:	None

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: 24th October 2022

Entries Close: 18th November 2022

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Round 7

October 9th

Caddes Hill, Lyng



Parker seals the title with a brilliant hat trick

Going into the 7th and final round of the Eastern Centre Motocross Championship, Norfolk's Luke Parker had already won the series, but put on a great display to win all three moto's at his home circuit at Lyng on Sunday 9th October.

Hosted by the Norwich Vikings club, and sponsored by Stebbings Car Superstore and PP Sports Insurance, a good-sized crowd witnessed some great racing at Caddes Hill, held in warm sunshine, on a well-prepared circuit.

Following timed practise to decide the 40 strong premier class group, it was Ben Cole who led the pack, chased by Declan Whittle, Shaun Southgate, Josh Peters and Parker in the 20-minute-long race. Whittle took over at the front on lap two, with Southgate and Peters chasing hard. Parker moved into 4th place, and the crowd were treated to witness a four-way battle at the front. At the half distance, Southgate dropped out of the race with bike problems, as Parker got the better of Peters, then set about closing the gap on local ace, Whittle. Going into the final lap, the two Norfolk riders were fighting wheel to wheel, and were side by side as they plunged down Caddes Hill for the last time. With lapped riders just ahead of them, Parker took the inside line on the final corner, to take the win. Whittle could not avoid contact with a lapped rider, but recovered to take second place. Peters had a great ride for 3rd place, followed by Cole, and Bayliss Utting, who was the leading MX2 class rider. New junior champion, Joseph Leeks, had a storming ride to claim 7th, closely followed by Jake Rackham in 8th place.

In race two of the premier group, Parker and Whittle again battled for the win, with the verdict going to Parker again. Teenager Utting had a great race, holding off Peters for 3rd place. Southgate had borrowed a bike from his Herts MX sponsor, Steve Atkins, and after a sluggish start, climbed to 5th place at the finish. Leeks was again the leading junior grade rider, in 7th, with Rackham the second-best junior finisher in 10th place. Parker completed his hat trick in race three after passing early leader, Ben Cole. Southgate was getting the hang of his



borrowed bike, and fought through to 2nd place, ahead of Peters, Whittle and Cole. Will Farrow was 6th, and was the top MX2 expert rider in the series. Joseph Leeks was 7th for the third time, adding his name on the junior championship trophy.

The supporting A group saw Charlie Roper taking the overall, winning the first two races, with a 3rd place in race three, which was won by Carl Miller. Norwich Viking club members, Teddy Hyde and Josh Deadman were 2nd and 3rd in the overall standings.

In group B, Jack Whitlam won all three legs with ease. Jake Knight finished 2nd in the first two races, but a dnf in race three ruined his overall chances.

The meeting also included round eight of the popular NGR over 30's championships, and Gary Hoptrough took his Kawasaki to three wins at his local circuit. Jack Edwards was 2nd each time, with series leader, Tim Clark, third overall, with a couple of 3rds, and a 5th place.

Results

Premier Experts class overall

Luke Parker, Declan Whittle, Josh Peters, Bayliss Utting, Ben Cole, Dylan Spencer

Premier junior class

Joseph Leeks, Jake Rackham, Freddie O'Leary, Travis Frost, Joseph Hall, Jake Taylor.

Group A supports

Charlie Roper, Teddy Hyde, Josh Deadman, Lee Kirkpatrick, Carl Miller, Lloyd Goldstraw.

Group B supports

Jack Whitlam, Zachary Kneller, Olly Hollands, Andrew Webster, Jody Cutler, Andrew Rooke.

NGR Championship

Gary Hoptrough, Jack Edwards, Tim Clark, Max Wood, Shane Brown, Marc Nickerson.



A big thank you to all Eastern Centre Motocross riders for purchasing a number for the 2022 season. This year we have raised £3645 which will be shared equally between East Anglian Air Ambulance, Essex Air Ambulance & ACU Benevolent Fund.

Renewals only will open 1st December

The Stebbings Car Superstore & PP Sports Insurance ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championship



Top Twenty Riders after Final Round

Experts			
Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	49	Luke Parker	444
2	499	Benjamin Cole	339
3	411	Declan Whittle	332
4	301	Shaun Southgate	302
5	302	Brad Woodroffe	290
6	20	William Farrow	280
7	66	Lewis Tombs	194
8	712	Josh Peters	137
9	480	Callum McCaul	135
10	443	Benjamin Parry	130
11	103	Max Broadbelt	122
12	74	Thomas Murphy	109
13	731	Adam Reeve	108
14	60	Robert Nicoll	101
15	421	Bayliss Utting	97
16	374	Jamie Roper	86
17	45	Jake Nicholls	75
18	500	Callum Murfitt	73
19	365	Sam Nunn	72
20	28	Benjamin Alexander	71

Juniors			
Pos	No.	Rider	Pts
1	332	Joseph Leeks	472
2	366	Travis Frost	312
3	687	Jake Rackham	307
4	477	Connor Bunkle	280
5	75	Finley Jarvis	235
6	339	Joseph Hall	210
7	555	Freddie O'Leary	204
8	155	Thomas Batts	190
9	911	Benjamin Hayward	172
10	164	Sean Ottway	154
11	441	Joe Phillips	145
12	650	Cullen Hawkins	126
13	23	Timothy Warnes	114
14	252	James Rowsell	111
15	219	Jae Jeffries	105
16	676	Charlie Nudds	87
17	972	Bailey Jackson	72
18	757	Harrison Forde	55
19	769	Jake Brown	54
20	167	William King	50



2022 Club Championship after Final Round

Pos	Club	Expert	Junior	Total
1	Woodbrige	452	449	901
2	Norwich Viking	470	289	759
3	Halstead	342	306	648
4	Diss	0	472	472
5	Norfolk & Suffolk Jnr	136	315	451
6	Sudbury	111	155	266
7	Stowmarket	0	16	16
8	Ipswich	0	13	13
9	Colchester	0	5	5

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Southend & DMCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 4th December 2022

Open Trial inc ACU-EC A Class Championship

Poles Wood, Essex CM15 0LA

National Grid Reference: TQ 559997

Permit No.: ACU 64562

Sign On: 09.00am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward:	Alan Foskew
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Clerk of the Course:	Paul Nash (<i>Licence 39376</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Paul Nash
Secretary of the Meeting:	Julia Nash 33 Cherry Orchard, Southminster, Essex CM0 7HE <i>Tel: 01621 773131 email: nap148@aol.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Poles Wood, Ongar Rd, Kelvedon Hatch, Essex CM15 0LA
Course:	4 laps of 10 sections; Woodland & Pit
Routes:	Red/Blue ; Yellow, 50/50; White; Beginners
Classes:	As appropriate for status of event and/or championship classes
Awards:	None

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ENTRIES

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Entries Open: 1st November 2022

Entries Close: 4th December 2022

Entries on the day for non-championship classes

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ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs Round 5

Clive Dopson

Sunday 25th September saw Wymondham and District MCC Ltd host the fifth and penultimate round of the 2022 ACU Eastern Centre A Class Trials Championship. The 10-section course at Middleton Pit near Kings Lynn was to be ridden four times, half the sections were in the Carstone Quarry and half in the sand pit. The trial started with a rider briefing explaining some of the conditions for use of the pit, these had to be agreed with the site insurance company after lengthy discussions by the club.

The 42 riders set off in two groups to opposite ends of the pit, the Expert and Intermediate A riders started with the five mainly rocky sections, of these, section 3 was decisive for the Expert A, the big step being cleaned on all four laps by eventual winner Kieran Tovey, no other rider had a single clean ride, James Yearley being next best on eight marks over four laps. For Expert B riding half the hard route and half the middle route, section 4 took the most marks on the harder route on this section, both Fraser Arden and Mark Banham had two cleans each. For the Intermediates on the middle route, section 3 was the most difficult but did give some clean rides, Gary Gladwin being best on two marks lost. At the other end of the pit, the five more sandy sections were generally easier for the Experts. apart from section 10, where the use of both gullies took marks off all riders apart from Kieran Tovey, his last lap ride being especially good as many riders were watching to see how it should be done. These sections were critical for Expert B, as Mark Banham lost a three and a five through these sections to lose out on the win to Fraser Arden. These two will take the Expert B championship to the final round at Southend on December 4th. In the intermediates, Stephen Mannerings only lost one mark through these sections compared to four of Gary Gladwin, but Gary had built up enough of a lead on the rocks to win the class overall. As in Expert B, the championship goes to the final round, with the top three finishers in this event in with a chance of winning the championship.

The easy route was ridden by two championship classes, Intermediate B and Youth Novice, plus non championship Novice and Twinshock. Apart from the youth class, the other three were all won by Twinshock bikes, best Intermediate B, Richard Snowden on 3 marks on a Bultaco, best novice Steve Martin on a Fantic on 26 marks lost and, obviously, best Twinshock Bob Wreathall also on a Fantic on 31 marks lost. On this route, section 9 was the biggest mark taker, best on the day Richard Snowden dropping 2 of his 3 marks here. Best Youth Novice was Youth C Daniel Adcock, who lost 5 of his total of 6 marks on section 9, cleaning all the rocky sections on each lap. The Intermediate B championship is still close between the winner on the day Richard Snowden and third on the day, on 6 marks, Alan Day.

All the riders seemed to enjoy the event and, as previously, the club appreciate the riders who travelled to the north-west corner of the centre, but can always cater for more riders at this large venue. The club would also like to thank the observers who supported the event.

See next page for results.....



Hard Route, Expert A

Kieran Tovey, 300 Sherco, clean,
James Yearley. Gas Gas 250, 29 marks lost

50/50 Route Expert B

Fraser Arden, 250 Beta, 12 marks lost,
Mark Banham, 250 Honda, 17 marks lost

Middle Route, Intermediate A

Gary Gladwin, TRS 280, 9 marks lost,
Stephen Mannerings, Beta 200, 16 marks lost MC,
Stephen Bland, 225 Gas Gas, 16 marks lost

Easy Route, Intermediate B

Richard Snowden, 350 Bultaco, 3 marks lost,
Paul Houghton, Gas Gas 249, 5 marks lost.

Youth Novice

Daniel Adcock, 80 Beta, 6 marks lost,
Charley Kendall, 125 Vertigo 18 marks lost,

Novice

Steve Martin Fantic, 31 marks lost,
Ian Robinson, Gas Gas 250, 52 marks lost,

Twinshock

Robert Wreathall Fantic 150, 26 marks lost,
Stephen Stolady, Montesa 250, 33 marks lost.



Fraser Arden Best Expert B



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Norwich Viking MCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 11th December 2022

December Trial

Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL

National Grid Reference: TG 066174

Permit No.: ACU 64563

Sign On: 09.00am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

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Clerk of the Course: B Douglas (*Licence 70441*)
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Secretary of the Meeting: B Douglas
Tel: 01603 871811 email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk
Start / Finish: Caddes Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5AL
Course: 5 laps of 8 sections; Sandy Climbs & Tree Roots
Routes: Red/Blue, 50/50; White; Beginners
Classes: Inter; Inter B; Novice; Beginners, Twinshock; Pre-70; Youth A, B, C, D, E; Sidecar
Awards: None

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ENTRIES

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Entry fee Adult solo £18.00, Youth £15.00, Sidecar £25.00.

Entries Open: 25th November 2022

Entries Close: 10th December 2022

No Entries on the day

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



Watching the various forms of racing on TV this year, there seemed to be a lot of spectacular crashes, one of the nastiest looking involving Jason O'Halleron at Donnington during a British Superbikes round. Most of the time, the riders - thanks to their excellent modern riding kit - slide down the road or into the gravel of the run-off zones and will often promptly jump up and run over to their fallen bike in an attempt to rejoin the race. Equally as often however, his bike has suffered some damage which means: "no go" any more and it is back to the pits with the rider, fed up and understandably, demonstrates his

disappointment by various readable movements of despair. The bike, or whatever may be left of it, is left for the marshals to move away to safety, prior to collection by the recovery truck and then to be deposited at the pits for the mechanics to sort out.

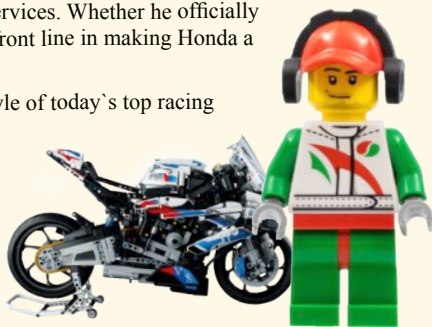
My sympathies are largely with those bike mechanics who have to look after the machines of a top or near-to-the-top rider. These are the blokes who will be near to or above the limit and when they do come unstuck, its often a big one. The men who have to put things right, get few of the plaudits and seemingly none of the prizes - but my goodness, with some performers they are in for an awful lot of work.

Three mechanics come to my mind, being almost as famous as the racers they served - though there are scores more who equally work tremendously hard to keep the wheels spinning ultra-fast on the tracks and circuits. One was actually a car mechanic, a man by the name of Alf Francis, who eventually became the spanner-man for Sir Stirling Moss in his early career. For one racer - not Moss - Alf actually spent a whole night filing the teeth of a broken and re-welded rear axle pinion to refit in preparation for the following day's race, No spares were available and it was the only option. His driver duly got to the line and started the race only to retire with some other unrelated fault. That surely, is an example of a mechanic's dedication.

Another was Arturo Magni, an Italian, and his name will mainly be associated with MV Augusta. In the 1962 Senior T. T., Mike Hailwood came into the pits with a badly slipping clutch. Magni had him going again in just twelve minutes, replacing the entire clutch assembly, which evidently involved first cutting a hole in the bike's fairing in order to gain access! As Mike roared away in a fruitless attempt to catch the eventual winner, Gary Hocking, Magni received a well deserved round of applause from the crowd in the grandstand.

My final notable mechanic, is the man who was there when the mighty Honda racing team began their conquering progress throughout the 1960's. South African, 'Nobby Clark', who was a quiet man, somewhat of an intellectual and with a command of languages which also must have oiled the wheels of communication as the Japanese team made their way around the European race circuits. Nobby was with them for many years and always there with the bikes when they were wheeled out, yet I understand it was some time before Honda actually paid him for his services. Whether he officially wielded the spanners or not, he certainly assisted in the front line in making Honda a household name.

No doubt others will point to the seemingly jet-set lifestyle of today's top racing mechanics when they literally circulate the globe to be at the various circuits for major races, But it does not really matter where you happen to be - even the most glamorous locations in the world - when your rider has thrown his 200mph projectile down the road and the race is tomorrow, one pit working area can be very much like another as you wearily pick up your tools.





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Braintree & DMCC

Open Permit Trial

Sunday 18th December 2022

Turkey Trott Trial

Codham Little Park Farm, CM7 5JJ

National Grid Reference: TL 769244

Permit No.: ACU 64564

Sign On: 9.00am

Start: 10.00am

OFFICIALS

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Child Protection P.o.C.:	W Butcher
Secretary of the Meeting:	W Butcher <i>email: wesley.butcher@atrium-uw.com</i>
Start / Finish:	Codham Little Park Farm, Beazley End, Braintree, CM7 5JJ
Course:	Woodland & Pit
Routes:	Easy & Hard
Classes:	Expert A & B, Inter A & B, Novice, Electric Youth
Awards:	Seasonal Fayre

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Entries Open: 1st November 2022

Entries Close: 16th December 2022

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At the forthcoming Centre AGM on November 13th I will be stepping down from all my positions with ACU Eastern – including the position of Chairman. As many of you will know it's been a difficult 16 months or so for me with health issues, and I don't feel that I can give the level of attention to the Centre that is required to do one, let alone the several jobs that I currently undertake. In addition, I fully believe that the coming months/years will require someone with the time and energy to steer the Centre through the changes that will be required to keep pace with the developments in digital technology, and the challenges of staying relevant given that the ACU head office is implementing a new member platform, Sport80, in the coming weeks that effectively eradicates the need for a Centre as all clubs/organisers will be encouraged to deal direct with Rugby. To quote from the latest information that was issued by head office:

Chairman's Chat

Phil Armes



"The new system will replace the existing one, giving you the ability to manage licences, Club Affiliations, and various documentation among a host of other areas. The new system will also be used to permit events and allow Clubs to take entries for events, both these aspects are due to be completed before the end of the year, plus there are some enhanced club-focussed features to support ACU clubs in collecting their own memberships and take bookings for club socials and other activities. There is also the ability to create a club website, free of charge to Clubs as part of this new offering."


It's been an interesting time for me to be Chairman, especially with the hangover from the Covid pandemic, but once again the volunteers that run the clubs and organisations within the Centre rose to the occasion and did whatever was necessary to get wheels turning and burns on bikes – I salute you all.

There have been very many people who have helped me along the way, too many to name, but I would like to place on record my gratitude to one and all, and I promise you will not have seen the last of me charging around a venue on my quad in the months/years to come!



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Date	Club	Disc.	Status	Venue	Championship
6 Nov	Essex & Suffolk Border MCC	Trial	OPEN	Raydon Pit	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs R6
19 Nov	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	tbc	Essex Oset Cup - Youth Only
20 Nov	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Santon	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs Round 7
27 Nov	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Restricted - Regional	Thorrington	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs R5
4 Dec	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs R6
11 Dec	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Cadders Hill	Norfolk & Suffolk Group Champs
18 Dec	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Beasley End	
26 Dec	Ipswich MCC	Trial	Restricted - Invitation	Raydon Pit	
27 Dec	Sudbury MCC	Extreme Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	
27 Dec	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Butley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs R6

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