



The late, great Dave Bickers as you have probably never seen him before, from the newly launched biography 'Dave Bickers Unscrambled'. Read more inside.

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Eastern Centre - Democracy or Anarchy

Chris Keeble - Chairman

The Eastern Centre has existed for over 100 years and during that time members have met together to jointly agree the rules under which our sport is conducted.

When I was elected chairman at the beginning of this year I did not expect to see any new faces put themselves forward to help with running the sport and with one exception I have been proven correct.

Since the beginning of the year I have spent at least half of my time doing my best to keep the Centre operating with the support of a very small team.; I expected it to take a lot of my time and I am happy to give that time to achieve the end goal of sustaining and improving our sport .

I have appealed on many occasions now for people with any ideas to improve the sport to contact me but I have received very little input from the wider membership and clubs. Bearing in mind the poor feedback it would be logical for me to think that everybody is happy with things as they are.

Unfortunately, however, in too many instances it is becoming evident that rather than voice their opinions in the democratic way to achieve change, some people are preferring to operate as anarchists , simply disregarding the democratically decided rules and doing things their way which often seems to be the “make it up as you go along” system.

As agreed at the January board meeting I will put forward proposals for the future of the Centre at the next board meeting in July. However, no matter how many byelaws, rules , regulations, procedures and committees we put in place the future of the Centre will ultimately be decided by the willingness of the members and clubs to operate in accordance with agreed rules or follow the path of anarchy.

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As some of you are aware the ACU have a Benevolent fund, this is a registered charity and helps riders at times of hardship, it does not replace having a personal insurance cover, but can help in the short term with day to day costs.

The Ben Fund from the end of 2022 reports show that in the last 2 months of the year the Eastern Centre donated £1215.00, and over the whole of 2022 the Centre were the 5th highest donator.

However, at the start of 2023 we have in 2 months already sent in £4020.00, which is a very good start for the year.

As for helping riders out in 2022 the Ben Fund were helping just 1 person in the centre, which is now been finalised, and going into 2023 at the moment there is 1 ongoing case.

If anyone wishes to know anymore or needs to contact myself, please email me at wdmcc.mxsec@gmail.com or call me in the evening on 07963 118917.

Debbie Blyth,
Ben fund Officer for ACU Eastern Centre.



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Castle (Colchester)
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OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 16th April 2023

Royal Enfield Cup Trial 3rd Round of EC " A " Class Championship

Alphamstone Pit Near CO92NY

What 3 Words: roadblock.printing.haunt

Sign On: 9:00am

Permit No.: 200686

Start Time: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

ACU Steward: Clive Dopson

Club Stewards: Steve Tye

Clerk of the Course: Rich Eley (*License 130374*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Rich Eley

Secretary of the Meeting: Richard Norman
Green Lane Farm, Colchester Road, Weeley
Phone: 7421704255 email: rn.glfarm@gmail.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Hill Climbs, sand, routes, approx 4 laps 10sections

Routes: Up to three routes per section, Red Blue main with easier White and harder Yellow deviations

Classes: All solo classes as per championship conditions

Awards: None

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2023 ACU Eastern Trials Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations.

Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £20 adult, £15 youth. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: March 27th 2023, @ 09.00

Entries Close: April 14th 2023 @ 17:00

No Entries on the day!

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

Due to parking restrictions the entry is limited to 70 with a reserve list of 10 which will be made available if parking issues are resolved

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OPEN Permit Enduro

Sunday 23rd April 2023

ACU Eastern Two Man Enduro Championship

sponsored by

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Windolphins Farm, Hawkedon, Suffolk CO10 8LU

National Grid Reference: TL788534

What 3 Words: guarded.daydreams.easygoing

Permit No.: 200319

Sign On: 8:00am

Start Time: 10:00am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards:	Brian Bowers
Clerk of the Course:	Neil Sargent (<i>License 6004</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Neil Sargent
Secretary of the Meeting:	Laura Baker Phone: 07980 939162 email: laura@dissmcc.co.uk

DETAILS

Course Description:	Fields, headlands, woods, ditches.
Classes:	Championship. Expert. Clubman
Awards:	None

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2023 ACU Eastern Enduro Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Sport:80 Online Entry System. Entry Fee £55. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £8 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: March 27th 2023, @ 19.30

Entries Close: April 17th 2023 @ 19.30

No Entries on the day!

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included.

There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are strongly recommended to purchase such cover.

As usual, Sidge has come up trumps with his piece on Triumph bikes in the February gazette. For those who do not follow road racing, it is interesting to note that all riders competing in the Moto2 World Championships must use the Triumph 765cc engines, although the teams use their own chassis etc. Previously, the Honda 600cc engines were used for a nine-year period, until Triumph were selected as the engine choice.



The race developed three-cylinder engine has a peak power figure of more than 140ps, and the top speed recorded was at the Mugello circuit, with a remarkable 300km/h !

Each rider is allowed seven engines per season, and obviously, with all competitors using the same engine, it has become a much fairer playing field.

The other interesting news is that Triumph have been secretly developing a new motocross bike, with none other than the great Ricky Carmichael involved in the production of this project. Word has it that an all-new factory 250cc 4-stroke will be competing in the MX2 World Championships in 2024, and a 450cc version will compete in MXGP in 2025.

Sidge is spot on with his story of the American, Bud Ekins, who was the rider who jumped the fence in the Great Escape film, and although my memory is clouded nowadays, I believe that I saw Bud Ekins competing at a Bentley scramble when I was a mere toddler back in the day.

One of my all time favourite riders was John Giles, who rode the Triumph twin regularly in the Eastern Centre during the 1960/70's, and of course, he represented Great Britain in many ISDT events. Giles, who I believe, lost an eye at a grass track event in the 1960's, was still riding in pre 65 events at the age of almost 85 ! and I believe is still with us, living near the Kent/Surrey border.

Triumph twin engines were also used in the chassis of the fabulous Rickman Mettise bikes, as well as the BSA Gold star engines. Older readers will recall that thousands of these immaculate machines were used during the golden years of the 1960/70's.

Charlie Ralph





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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

I always felt it was unfortunate that a motorcycle marque with such a distinguished name and history as 'Ariel' - producer of the advanced "Square Four", or the equally progressive, "Leader" and the basis of the most famous trials bike of all time, "GOV132" - Sammy Miller's dominating machine - should have been lumbered at the near end of its existence with an almost embarrassing project as the "Ariel 3" tricycle.

The little Ariel was a real seventies development, rather like flared trousers, Telly Sevalas's lollipops - and preceded by over a decade the equally misguided, "Sinclair C5". It was a mini-motor tricycle which on first viewing, could easily be taken for a kids version in layout. A single seater, it was aimed primarily at the "shoppers" market, a section of the buying public more effectively catered for later by the Japanese. By then, the Ariel company was running under the larger but failing BSA/Triumph conglomerate and I'm sure loyal Ariel men all over the planet could not believe what was to be the trademark's last offering. It also went well along much the same path as the Sinclair 5, yet it was - in my view - a more practical way of getting someone from "A to B" - but probably not too much further.



The agonising factor about this little trike, which was intended to draw on lady riders as well as the gents, was that the concept was actually pretty clever and with more development could have worked well.. I knew of two near neighbours who bought them from new - both seeing three wheels as a safer option than two. Perhaps that was so but nevertheless, I ended up with my spanners working on both the little so and so's. It was the first time I encountered toothed (timing) belts as drive transmission. The little Ariel alas, had no British engine. It seems that one was not available at the time production was due to start, as this enterprise was a big, highly publicised project which cost BSA some £2 million. For the time it was a mighty sum which they never saw back. The power therefore, was provided by a 50cc Dutch power unit mounted behind the seat and between the rear wheels. To keep it cool there was a fan. There was only one rear driving wheel - all three being the same size. I seem to recall, a spare wheel was bolted over the engine cover. The interesting part was the front wheel and seat cranked over when a cornering, similar to a two wheeler and I have to admit, I remember being impressed with how precise and easy the handling was. Starting should surely have been electric for the ladies, but they had to pedal the thing, using a compression release and at a reasonable speed drop it and hope - and pray - the device would start. If the procedure

had to be repeated, it became too much for all but the most athletic of women – and I am sure, some of the blokes.

As I recall, the main problems of the Ariel 3, were the engine compartment suffered with the ingress of grit and wet and in heavy rain the engine would at times, cut-out. Frequent cleaning in the difficult to access engine compartment was a regular 'must' to try and gain some reliability.

Almost inevitably it seems, the Japs had a good look at this particular configuration of a tricycle layout and, after a dodgy start safety-wise, came out with something better with the alternative format of two wheels at the front – Morgan style. All mostly given 'thumbs up' by satisfied customers. So sad, for Ariel - who perhaps should receive some credit for the "tilting front end" idea, though that in itself was not entirely new.

Being of pressed steel construction, I should imagine that any survivors over these fifty years would now be suffering with advanced corrosion and quietly rotting into oblivion. Those that have survived are no doubt now valued as examples of good old British potty-ness – which actually could have been a really practical conveyance – and will, in today's crazy values of old British motor bikes – easily fetch a four-figure sum if offered on the market.

I've still got the drive belt somewhere...

EDITOR'S RECOLLECTION



I can remember the traffic wardens trundling around Norwich in the mid-70's on these awful contraptions. I don't recall any of them dressed like this though, or I may well have got a few more tickets!

Actually Ariel produced a tricycle-style machine seventy years before the naughty little 'Ariel 3'. The lay-out is surprisingly similar and my guess is that the older and bigger one - would, with updates - have been a better bet!





Southend & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 23rd April 2023

Gus & McSales Trophy Trial

Kelvedon Hatch CM15 0LA

National Grid Reference: TQ559997

What 3 Words: bucket.post.hips

Permit No.: TBA

Sign On: 09:00

Start Time: 10:30

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: Paul Nash

Clerk of the Course: Roger Higgs (*License 79301*)

Child Protection P.O.C.: Paul Nash

Secretary of the Meeting: Margaret Parker

153A North Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4ET

Phone: 01702 302852 email: slparker@blueyonder.co.uk

DETAILS

Course Description: Tree Roots, mud, logs, banks, 4 laps of 10 sections

Routes: Yellow, Red/Blue; White; Pinks

Classes: Experts, Experts-B, Intermediates, Intermediates-B, Novice, B&W, Twin Shock, Pre-65, Youth A to E.

Awards: None

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee 15.00 (12.00 youth). Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: March 24th 2023, @ 10:00 pm

Entries Close: April 23rd 2023 @ 10:30 pm

Entries allowed on the day

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

This just might work

Paul Sewter - Gazette Editor



When our new Chairman, Chris Keeble, suggested that production of the gazette should continue, at least until a vote on its continuation or otherwise could be taken at the next board meeting, there were quite a few sceptics that there would be enough support from the clubs to enable this to happen. Despite agreeing to take on the role of gazette editor, I must admit that I was by no means confident that there would be enough content to actually edit.

The first couple of months are always a little light on content due to the lack of events, so it was a very pleasant surprise to receive articles and photos from both the enduro and trials communities, in addition to the 'regulars'. If clubs continue to send event reports it will really help to make the gazette an interesting read, and don't forget that photos can help raise the profile of your club.

With the clocks now changing to herald the return of British Summertime I am hoping that this trend continues, together with reminiscences from our more mature members (yes, I do consider myself one of those now).

One thing that has been very heartening to see over the past couple of seasons is the increase of youth sport in the region, with the introduction of both trials and enduro events, in addition to the longstanding youth motocross series. I really hope we can use the gazette to help promote what is, after all, the future of our sport.

Keep that content coming, and who knows, together, we might just make this work!



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ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Championship

March 12th, Raydon - Paul Fenn



On a weekend following a week of heavy rain and snow the sun shone on us for setting up on Saturday, but a night of heavy rain followed, meaning by the time we got to the 10.30 start everyone had complete their first challenge, getting their vehicles up the slippery drive into the site, at least the rain had cleared and we had a day of excellent weather.

With a good size entry, for an event at Raydon we set out 12 sections to be covered 4 times giving a target of 240 marks to save.

Although being a sand pit venue the going was extremely slimy for first lap over which half the marks were lost, as the day progressed and the surface disturbed grip improved considerably.

We expected a series of fallen trees in section 2 to take marks from the experts, as it turned out they caused little problem but all the experts did drop a 5 at various other sections during the day.



The slimy climbs meant all classes found marks easy to lose. As with the experts marks for all classes were taken over a variety of sections, particularly section 4 where a steep climb was followed by an equally difficult drop needing control to keep within the section limit. Inters also found a problem with section 1 it consisted of a drop down over a root followed by a large fallen tree root ball.

With the exception of experts who seem unstoppable, scores were higher than planned but with changing weather, even with riders from all grades setting course out it is difficult to predict how it will ride.

Trying to cater for lesser riders we did put in an extra route, easier than novice but almost all stuck with their normal white route obviously being up for the challenge it posed.



Main class winners

Expert Kieran Tovey 18. from Jack Stiles 24

Intermediate Stephan Bland 33 from Gary Gladwin 36

Novice Daniel Thompson 47 from Dale Johnston 52 *Full results can be found on www.easternacu.org*

It's always nice to see youth riders and this event had 7 of them spread through the classes, I say well done to them for sticking with it in the difficult conditions.

Photos: #57 Alfred Eaves / #11 Neil Fenn / #1 Kieran Tovey / #8 Andy Keeble





Castle (Colchester) MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 30th April 2023

Castle Cadet Trial

Raydon Pit, Wades Lane,
Raydon, Suffolk IP7 5QN

What 3 Words: atomic.notifying.sadly

Sign On: 09:30am

Permit No.: 200506

Start Time: 10:30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards:	TBC
Clerk of the Course:	Ian Johnston (<i>License 11028</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Ian Johnston
Secretary of the Meeting:	Ian Johnston Phone: 7970678295 email: i_johnston290@hotmail.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Trial event consisting of approx. 8 observed sections. Hills/Banks/Tree Roots/Logs/Sand (Fallen Trees).

Routes: Three routes: Easy – White, Main Route – Red & Blue, Hard - Yellow

Classes: ABCDE

Awards: TBC

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines - **ELECTRIC ONLY**.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £15. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: April 3rd 2023 @ 8:00am

Entries Close: April 27th @ 8:00pm

No Entries on the day!

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

Dave Bickers Book Launch

Charlie Ralph

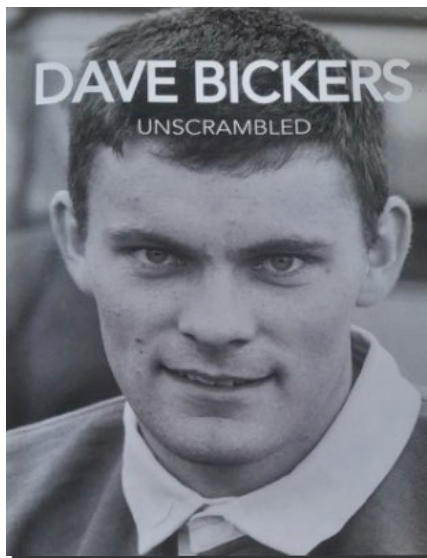
A very large gathering of people attended the launch of the new Ian Berry book, Dave Bickers Unscrambled, at Dave's former Coddendam home on Saturday March 11th.

The book is a must for all followers of the life of the extraordinary Dave Bickers. Author, Ian Berry, has spent countless months, travelling to and from his home in Portugal, meeting up with Dave's wife, Sylvia, and son Paul, and many of Dave's acquaintances over the years, to glean so much information on his life.

The former twice European and multi time British champion, passed away in 2014, aged 76. The book records Dave's early life from his schoolboy days, his great exploits on his racing career, leading up to his Bickers Action days, where he and his company did stunt work for many James Bond movies, as well as many other blockbuster films and countless TV drama series.



Ian Berry, Author, with Sylvia and Paul Bickers



The museum at Coddendam houses several of his motocross bikes, photo's, old race programmes, and lots of memorabilia, and was available on the day, courtesy of the Bickers family.

Many former riders from the 1960'/70's were present, including World champion, Neil Hudson, British champions, John Banks and Jonathan Wright, and a host of former Eastern Centre favourites, including Chris Ginn, Norman Messenger, Stuart Nunn, Dave Cordle, Trevor Harvey, Shrimp Davey, Dennis Howard, John Vallis and many more. One of Dave's former Greeves teammates, Mike Jackson, was also present. Like many others, I was very honoured to be invited to attend this special event.

You can obtain your copy of this fascinating book from:
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OPEN Permit Motocross

Sunday 30th April 2023

ACU EasternMX Championship 2023 Round 2

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Blaxhall Circuit, Blaxhall, Suffolk, IP12 2DT

National Grid Reference: TM356580

What 3 Words: strumming.probing.slicer

Permit No.: 200411

Sign On: 7.30am

Practice: 9.30am

Start Time: After timed practice

OFFICIALS

ACU Steward: Martin Beadle
Club Stewards: Ben Coles & Richard Blyth
Clerk of the Course: John Blyth (*License 39574*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Debbie Blyth
Secretary of the Meeting: Debbie Blyth
Phone: 07963 118917 email: wdmcc.mxsec@gmail.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Undulating sandy track with man made jumps
Classes: As per Championship Conditions
Awards: As per Championship Conditions

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2023 ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £60. Any rider taking part must have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern Reserved Number Scheme prior to having an entry accepted. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £10 to cover administration costs. Any rider taking part must have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern Reserved Number Scheme prior to having an entry accepted.

Entries Open: April 2nd 2023 @ 7pm **Entries Close:** April 26th 2023 @ 5pm or when full

No Entries on the day!

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are strongly recommended to purchase such cover.

Tearoffs are NOT allowed at this event

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OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 7th May 2023

Spring Trial

Jays Hill Lodge, Sotterley, Beccles NR34 7UH

National Grid Reference: TM462 859

What 3 Words: ooze.exposing.outnumber

Sign On: From 8.30am

Permit No.: 200786

Start Time: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards:

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Clerk of the Course:

Thomas Jones (*License 206420*)

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Secretary of the meeting

Secretary of the Meeting:

Ronald John Greengrass
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DETAILS

Course Description: Sand pit, wooded banks

Routes: Red/Blue, White, Beginners

Classes: Inter B, Novice, All youth, Pre 70, Twinshock

Awards: Best ride, Best youth on electric machine

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £20 Adult £15 Youth. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: April 4th 2023

Entries Close: May 4th 2023

No Entries on the day!

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Dave Nichol

Dave Nichol, who sadly passed away in early March, was one of a group of outstanding riders which saw the progress of scrambles racing along the seasons into the intensity of top-level Motocross. Yet he went much further being a long term runner on the International stage, winning a Grand Prix event at Luxembourg and uniquely winning also in the United States, taking the first ever AMA Championship in 1970.

Coming from Newport, Essex, the young Dave competed in both Eastern and South Midland Centre scrambles from the early 1960's and soon made his mark, riding a Greeves. A tall lad with a deceptively relaxed riding style, similar to that of the legendary Brian Stonebridge, Dave's talent was soon noticed by the mighty AMC combine, via Ernie Wiffin, AMC competition manager and he was given their works bikes which included the two-stroke James scramblers as well as the challenging big Matchless mounts. Dave took to both and entered into a very successful career also making his name on the media, through the popular Saturday's, BBC TV "Grandstand" coverage. He was also a frequent member of the British Moto-cross teams.

Another unique feature of his life was that his talents were clearly passed on to his son, Kurt, who had an equally auspicious career, almost securing the world title on no less than four occasions. Dave having retired from riding in the late seventies, switched to managing his son, who was aided by his father's great volume of experience.

A successful business man, Dave nonetheless could be described as making moto-cross his lifetime occupation, as in later life, he became the FIM representative for the inspection and control of Grand Prix moto-cross circuits, which world-wide, must have represented a challenging and interesting undertaking – who better to do the job? Yet presumably, none of those glamorous venues were quite like the former farmland-based Eastern Centre scrambles courses of his early riding days. A great career and a charming man.



Dave Nichol in early action on his Greeves. Bigger things were soon to come.
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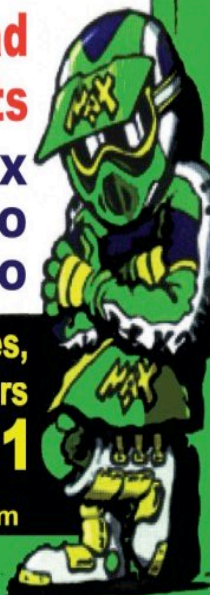


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Sudbury MCC

OPEN Permit Enduro

Sunday 7th May 2023

GH Motorcycles Eastern Centre Solo Championship Rd 4

Foxborough Quarry, Sible Hedingham, Nr. Halstead
Essex CO9 3AN

National Grid Reference: TL794325

What 3 Words: images.indicate.pizzeria

Permit No.: TBA

Sign On: 8.00am

Start Time: 9.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: Paul Belton
Clerk of the Course: Gavin Hockey (*License 18929*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Paul Belton
Secretary of the Meeting: Mr Graham Mays
55 Alan Way Colchester Essex CO3 4LB
Phone: 7906092513 email: grahammays787@gmail.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Open fields and woodland.
Classes: Championship Expert Expert Vet Clubman Clubman Vet Clubman Super Vet
Awards: At end of series

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2023 ACU Eastern Enduro Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult and Youth members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Sport:80 Online Entry System. Entry Fee £55.00. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: April 6th 2023, @ 7:00 pm

Entries Close: May 2nd 2023 @ 7:00 pm

No Entries on the day!

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The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are strongly recommended to purchase such cover.

There will be a youth one hour Hare and Hound event which will start after the adult event. A Sudbury MCC transponder will be required which will be available to purchase @ £10.00.

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Permit No.: 200416

Sign On: 8.00am

Practice: 10.00am

Start Time: 12 noon

OFFICIALS

ACU Steward: TBA

Club Stewards: Andy Waters & Paul Grantham

Clerk of the Course: Ady Taylor (*License 38168*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Claire Lockwood

Secretary of the Meeting: Paul Hubbard
Phone: 07958 269359 email: paul.hubbard125@btinternet.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Undulating grassland with jumps and pits

Classes: As per Championship Conditions

Awards: As per Championship Conditions

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2023 ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £60. Any rider taking part must have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern Reserved Number Scheme prior to having an entry accepted. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £10 to cover administration costs. Any rider taking part must have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern Reserved Number Scheme prior to having an entry accepted.

Entries Open: April 3rd 2023

Entries Close: May 2nd 2023 or before if full

No Entries on the day!

All Entrants, Riders or Passengers must be prepared to produce their current licence when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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The insurance cover for this event will be BASIC (limit of liability £10m) and Medical Malpractice insurance (limit of liability £5m) is included. There is NO Personal Accident Insurance for Competitors. Competitors are strongly recommended to purchase such cover.

Tearoffs are NOT allowed at this event



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Sunday 14th May 2023

EASTERN EXPERTS

Rook Hill Farm, Offton, Suffolk IP8 4SF

National Grid Reference: TM072493

What 3 Words:

Sign On: 9.30pm

Permit No.: 200651

Start Time: 10.30pm

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards:

G Timms

Clerk of the Course:

David Cordle (*License 5689*)

Child Protection P.o.C.:

D cordle

Secretary of the Meeting:

Patrica Cordle

4 Bullen Close

Phone: 7814530290 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

DETAILS

Course Description: 10 Multi duel routed sections in an old chalk/sand quarry in a wooded area. Last Section of the day will be a Stared Hill.

Routes: Yellow, Red/Blue, 50/50.

Classes: Experts, Expert B, Inters, Plus Novice and Experienced Youth riders who want to Ride the Red and Blue Route.

Awards: Winner

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adults £18 Youth £12. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or on presentation of a doctor's certificate. In the event of cancellation refunds may be made less £3 to cover administration costs.

Entries Open: April 10th 2023

Entries Close: May 12th 2023

No Entries on the day!

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Date	Club	Disc.	Status	Venue	Championship
Sun, 02 April	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Halstead Hills	ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro Championship
Sun, 02 April	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Badwell Ash	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Championship Round 2
Fri, 07 April	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championship Round 1
Sat, 08 April	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
Sun, 09 April	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
Sun, 16 April	Halstead & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	British Sidecar & NGR
Sun, 16 April	Castle Colchester MCC	Trial	OPEN	Alphamstone	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Championship Round 3
Sun, 23 April	Bury St Edmunds & DMCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hawkendon	ACU Eastern 2 Man Enduro Championship
Sun, 23 April	Southend MCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	
Sun, 23 April	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	International	Lyng	British Motocross Championship
Sun, 30 April	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 2
Sun, 07 May	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough Quarry	ACU Eastern Enduro Championship
Sun, 07 May	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 3
Sun, 07 May	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Sotterley	
Sun, 14 May	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	
Sun, 21 May	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
Sun, 21 May	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	East Wretham	
Sat, 27 May	GW Racing	Grass Track	OPEN	Gosbeck	
Sun, 28 May	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	International	Blaxhall	British Championship
Sun, 28 May	Eastern Fourstroke Association	Trial	Centre Restricted	Great Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championship Round 2
Sat, 03 June	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	Gosbeck	
Sun, 04 June	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 4
Sun, 11 June	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hadham	ACU Eastern Enduro Championship
Sun, 11 June	Littleport & DMC & LCC	Motocross	OPEN	Buttercup Farm Chatteris	
Sun, 11 June	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Great Spansey Wood	
Sun, 18 June	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
Sun, 25 June	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	NGR



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