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Lewis Bond (#218) overtakes Barnaby Bendall (#251) at the recent Evening Motocross organised by Diss MCC. Photo by Chris Carter



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Foreword

Chris Keeble



There was a meeting of the Eastern Centre Board in July which was primarily to consider Sustainability in the Centre ; that is how the Centre moves forward and remains relevant to the members.

It would have been nice to have seen more clubs represented but we are starting a journey and hopefully more clubs will join the discussions as we move forward

People may not be aware that whilst only clubs can vote at Centre Board meetings all members are welcome to attend and put forward their thoughts . If you are interested in joining a meeting then please contact the Chairman for details

The main topic of discussion was the new Centre Bye-laws . There were a few suggestions which will be considered further but generally the proposed new arrangements were considered a positive move .

By now all clubs will have received notification from head office of updates to the Sport:80 system which have been implemented to improve it for all users .

Head office have also been active with organising but face to face and zoom meetings to talk about Sport:80 and if you have not attended any I would urge you to do so as it gives an opportunity to hear from other users as well as the head office team



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Woodbridge & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Saturday 12th August 2023

Saturday Evening trial

Blaxhall Circuit, Nr Wickham Market, Suffolk. IP12 2DU

What 3 Words: strumming, probing, slicer

Permit No.: ACU 201433

Sign On: 3.00 pm

Start: 4.00 pm

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Mr W Harvey, Mr A Miller
Clerk of the Course: Mr Ian Barfield (*Licence 123652*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of Meeting
Secretary of the Meeting: Mr Trevor James Andrews
7 Metfield Road, Fressingfield, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5QF
Tel: 07803270853 email: tvjandrews@btinternet.com

Course: Multi-route, woodland and gravel sections.
Routes: Yellow, Red/Blue, White.
Classes: All solo classes except experts.
Awards: None
National Grid Ref: TM 358578

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ENTRIES

Enter on the day. Entry Fees are £15.00 for Adults and £13.00 for Youths. Cash or card payments accepted. All entrants must have a valid ACU license available for inspection when signing-on.

Entries Open: ENTER ON THE DAY ONLY

Entries Close: AT START

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Centre Board Meeting - July 23rd

'Sidge' Kenny



For what could prove to be a crucial meeting for the Centre's future, the turnout for this meeting at the Copdock and Barham Community Centre, was somewhat disappointing. Just thirteen delegates turned up, representing eleven clubs. Still without a secretary, Bev Fenn, very sportingly took on the task of 'minutes' secretary, leaving our Chairman, Chris Keeble – who has taken on both roles in the current void – to fully address his attention to guiding the meeting. One aim of the agenda was to amend the Centre bylaws to adapt to the new circumstances. This is necessary for both legal and constitutional reasons and is also needed to realign the Centre with the new face of the ACU itself. Indeed, the first item dealt with after the Chairmans opening address was the financial situation.

We are lucky to have such an able and long-serving officer in our Treasurer, Andy Hay, who, in his budgets for both Centre and disciplines can give us almost a forecast of future financial outcomes. The overall assessment indicates we have an organisation which is still financially sound but will need to review and possibly alter the way it finances itself in the future. In brief terms, the ACU itself suffered very severe financial losses during the Covid period and is therefore trying to redeem every penny it can. A prime example is that event Permits are now issued only at Rugby. The Centre therefore loses out on commission fees. The situation at the ACU head office is also still somewhat clouded by its association with "Sport 80". A question was asked at the meeting as to the exact role "Sport 80" was taking in this association. Did it extend to the sport management? It was a question no one was able to fully answer – but the Chairman did admit that a leading official from Rugby was due to attend the November Board and may reveal more of the link. The Treasurer's report and accompanying recommendations were put forward and approved.

The issue of "Hybrid" meetings was also discussed, on whether more representation would be gained by utilising Online contact such as "Zoom" or "Teams", over the current Board, "face-to-face" meetings. Many views were expressed but no overwhelming view prevailed and the next meeting in November will be a conventional one.

In seeking to review and amend the by-laws – which the Chairman described as the "building blocks" of the Centre, the position of the various committees was examined. The once all-powerful Competitions Committee has been eroded by the specialist discipline groups and there were queries over the role of the Management Committee - and the occasional requirement for a disciplinary group. Whilst there was a good deal of useful discussion, no motions were put before the meeting and therefore most of the business has been put forward to the November Board.

One rather sad notification was made in that Vera Hearn is no longer able to act as our delegate to the National Management Council at Rugby. Vera has done this task admirably for many years and her reports were always to the point and detailed. Once more, Chris has had to step in but told the meeting he expects a replacement to be found - again at the November Board meeting.

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Castle (Colchester) MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 13th August 2023

Castle Cadet Trial

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

What 3 Words: atomic.notifying.sadly

Permit No.: ACU 201496

Sign On: 09:30

Start: 10:30

OFFICIALS

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Club Steward(s): | TBC |
| Clerk of the Course: | Ian Johnston (<i>Licence 11028</i>) |
| Child Protection P.O.C.: | Ian Johnston |
| Secretary of the Meeting: | Nichola Norman 23 Kingsman Drive, Clacton On Sea. CO16 8UR Tel: 07817833094 email: pritchardn@hotmail.co.uk |
| Course: | Trial event consisting of approx. 8 observed sections, 4 Laps. Hills/Banks/Tree Roots/Logs/Sand (Fallen Trees). |
| Routes: | Four routes: Beginners (16" & Under wheels) – Green, Easy – White, Main Route – Red & Blue, Hard – Yellow |
| Classes: | A,B,C,D,E |
| Awards: | TBC |

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £15.00. 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: July 24th 2023, @ 8:00 pm

Entries Close: August 10th 2023 @ 11:00 pm

No Entries on the day!

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



Listening to the radio the other day, I heard about “worms”. Not the type that aerate the soil but those little phases of music or songs that somehow penetrate the mind and can at times, drive you nearly barmy as they keep repeating. Apparently the majority of the population also suffer with this “tick” and often have no idea from where they picked it up. Right away, my hand has to be raised. I am also a sufferer of a “worm” but this time, I do know where I first heard it – and oddly I have never it heard it since. It was back in the early 1950’s and would have been at a scramble meeting at the excellent venue of Manor farm, Bentley, Suffolk.

The song and its single line which has inhabited my brain for 70 years or so, was:- “Cross Over the Bridge” and was a distinctly American Country and Western style, folk song with a somewhat religious message. Doing some research, I find it was a hit record for American singer, Patti Page – who was a monster seller in the USA before the advent of rock and roll. The song was of course, played over the Public Address system at the meeting during the interval in the race programme. It was a part of the general entertainment which besides the racing, decorated the day. The early post-war scrambles were attended by masses of people and whole coach loads would bring in scramble fans from all over the area. In keeping them informed with the happenings, both on and off the race track, the P.A. and the commentator was – and is – essential. From memory, the jovial and chunky commentator's name at Bentley, was “George” and he sat on top of an ex-WD van with probably ex-WD amplification equipment, connecting the various “Tannoy” style loud speakers erected, around the course. George more or less directed the whole of the proceedings from introduction and programme changes, to reminding people at the end of the day that the St John Ambulance would be making a ‘blanket collection’ on the way out. George's style was cheery and he decidedly had a following. The service he represented was: “ERA” which stood for ‘Electronics, Recording and Amplification’ and were based at Pit Street Norwich. Later PA systems at scramble and grass meetings were provided by GRS of Chigwell and in more recent times, Marks Tey Radio. These often-little regarded services are as crucial as the commentators themselves in providing the information during the meeting, with description during the races, results, and during the intervals, playing the music – from which I inherited my “worm.”

In a tightly packed racing programme and most especially at major meetings, there are few key people in the whole affair – and I include the riders themselves – who work as hard as the commentator. There are instances where the task is shared but essentially the meeting is nowhere complete without the man on the microphone. His connection also to the equally essential lap scorers, has for obvious reasons to be fast and accurate. The whole relay of the results to the spectators, relies on efficiency and in these days of electronic and digital communication, the systems are expected to be and largely have been, honed to perfection.

In the odd times – and they were distinctly odd – when I did a commentary stint, the race results were quaintly dispatched to me by a plastic bucket hanging on the end of a piece of string. . Equally, I cannot recall the songs we played during the interval – if any – though I'm pretty damned sure it was not: “Cross over the bridge”





OPEN Permit Enduro

Sunday 20th August 2023

Two Man and Solo Enduro - Dave Barkshire Two Man Championship

Wattisfield Hall Farm, Chapel Lane, Wattisfield - IP22 1NX

What 3 Words: relating.competent.intersect

Permit No.: 201614

Sign On: 08.00

Start: 10.00

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Ady Taylor
Clerk of the Course: Andy Waters (*Licence 95651*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Bev Chapman
Secretary of the Meeting: Bev Chapman
As per supplementary regs
email: help@dissmcc.co.uk
Course: Grass Land and Stubble Field
Classes: As per supplementary regs
Awards: As per championship conditions
National Grid Ref: TM 008738

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Enduro 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 members with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU 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: July 24th 2023, @ 8:00 pm

Entries Close: August 9th 2023 @ 8:00 pm

No Entries on the day!

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Trials Registration when signing on, N.S.C.7.11

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OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 10th September 2023

Trial incorporating a round of the Eastern ACU 'B' Class Championship

Land Adjacent Hubbards Hall Farm,
Tattingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2LS

What 3 Words: direct.workers.scaffold

Permit No.: ACU 201607

Sign On: 09:30

Start: 10:30

OFFICIALS

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| ACU Eastern Steward: | tbc |
| Club Steward(s): | Alan Penny, Malcolm Keeble |
| Clerk of the Course: | Adam Keeble (<i>Licence 19039</i>) |
| Child Protection P.O.C.: | Clerk of Course |
| Secretary of the Meeting: | Neil Fenn 8 Old Rectory Close, Barham, Suffolk, IP6 0PY Tel: 07834 691385 email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com |
| Course: | Event consisting of approximately 10-12 observed sections laid out over banks & trees All solo classes catered for |
| Routes: | Red & Blue main route, with White deviation for easier route and Yellow deviation for Experts. A wobblers Green route may be provided, dependant on entries. |
| Classes: | B Class, as per championship conditions |
| Awards: | None |

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £18 Adult £16 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: August 1st 2023, @ 00.01am

Entries Close: September 7th 2023 @ 23.59 pm

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

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STRICTLY NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY or after the closing date will be accepted.

All competitors to report to Secretary of the Meeting at the start of the event to sign on. All riders to comply with any final instructions given prior to the start of the event.

Alan Cocksedge Photos of Eastern Centre Events

Roger Chaplin

In 2016 the Sudbury journalist Alan Cocksedge gave me nearly 100 colour photos slides of Scrambles and Grass Track meetings from 1959 to 1962 which I had digitalised. The meetings were at Cockfield, Shrubland Park, Wakes Colne and Great Cornard.

First a little about Alan who was born in Cockfield August 1942 then in 1948 came to Sudbury with his mother and grandparents. Sadly, Alan died in 2019 but wrote his own obituary from which I will quote. At the age of 16 he joined the Sudbury based Suffolk Free Press as a trainee reporter and eight years later joined the East Anglian Daily Times Chief Reporter at Sudbury. I personally have many memories of Alan which I will mention at a later time however on a Saturday in December 1969 Alan was the only Reporter to witness John Lennon and Yoko Ono being filmed at a hot air balloon ascent in Lavenham Market Place which the rest of the UK and the World found out in the EADT on the Monday. It was an exclusive for him and we in the Sudbury Motor Cycle Club years earlier had given him the title of SCOOP a previous word in journalism before exclusive.



Alan Cocksedge

The first set of photos are from Alan's place of birth Cockfield and it is a Scramble at Abbey Farm 10th May 1959 organised by the Bury St Edmunds & District Motor Cycle Club.



Dave Bickers at the Cockfield Scramble in May 1959

Summer dresses for the ladies, collar and tie for the gents, and black cars were the order of the day for spectators.

Don't forget to pack your sandwiches!

Roger Dutton (#4) battles with Colin Snell (#20)

Rope was far stronger in those days - apparently it was all that was required for total protection.





M. Hill (#35) and
R. Benyon (#268)

Track preparation was obviously
somewhat less invasive in those
days.

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Yes it was possible to get
those old bikes airborne!

Number 477 not listed in the
programme, but could possibly be J.
Allen.

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Not the easiest of places to make a
pass!

T. Folley (#409), R. Lawrence (#339), Dave Bickers
(#49) and one other do the conga through a
particularly narrow section of the track.

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Braintree & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 17th September 2023

Championship A

Purls Hill, Alderford Farm, Halstead,
Sible Headingham CO9 3HZ

Permit No.: ACU 201528

Sign On: 9 am

Start: 10 30 am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Phil Read
Clerk of the Course: John yearly (*Licence*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Stephen butcher
Secretary of the Meeting: Wesley Butcher
Tel: email: wesleyb.bdmcc@gmail.com

Course: Woodland and hills
Routes: Yellow expert /red blue inter A / 50 /50 expert b all other classes white
Classes: As per championship conditions
Awards: None

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £20 adult £10 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: August 1st 2023

Entries Close: September 14th 2023

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GH MC's Evening Motocross

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Sam Nunn, Cab Screens / Crecent 450 Yamaha qualified as the fastest rider with 1.40 second lap and then went on to win his qualifying heat, semi-final and the Grand final. Josh Peters – Jim Aim 450 KTM won his heat and the second semifinal, and then went on to finish second behind Nunn in the Grand Final. In the final Shaun Southgate - A Plumber/AJS Stiff Construction 450 Honda initially took the lead before losing it to Nunn on lap 2. Southgate then tried to regain it on lap 5 but both he and Calum Mitchell - Lexa Husqvarna 250 hit the dirt. Finishing in 3rd in the Grand final was Max Broadbelt Eastwood Racing Suspension Honda 450.

In the Consultation Final Tom Grimshaw, Chambers Racing 450 Gas Gas took the win with a 36 second lead over 2nd place rider Taylor Hampshire – Yamaha 450.



Shaun Shouthgate

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Norwich Viking MCC

OPEN Permit Motocross

Sunday 8th October 2023

ACU Eastern MX Championship 2023 Round 7

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Cadders Hill, Lyng, Norfolk NR9 5QZ

What 3 Words: survive.trash.eruptions

Permit No.: ACU 201604

Sign On: 07:45

Practice: 09:00

Start: 11:15

OFFICIALS

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| ACU Eastern Steward: | Alex Wright (187442) |
| Club Steward(s): | Richard Mant |
| Clerk of the Course: | Harold Nickerson (<i>Licence 183179</i>) |
| Child Protection P.o.C.: | Val Hay |
| Secretary of the Meeting: | Val Hay 27 Tizzick Close, Norwich NR5 9HB Tel: 07900691827 email: norwichviking.mcc@gmail.com |
| Course: | Natural hillside mainly sand. Short Circuit. |
| Classes: | Experts, Juniors, NGR Registered Riders |
| 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 with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £60.00. 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.

Entries Open: September 4th 2023, @ 8:00 pm

Entries Close: October 2nd 2023 @ 5:00 pm

No Entries on the day!

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

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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.

The riding of any motorcycles, pit bikes, mini bikes or electric bikes anywhere on site is not allowed. Dogs must be kept on a lead AT ALL TIMES everywhere on site.



Sam Nunn

Tom was really keen to ride the Grand Final but he unfortunately never qualified and the starting gate was at capacity so this was not possible. The club will modify arrangements next year to keep a couple of places back for this type of scenario to ensure close racing.

The two Non-Qualifiers Group A Races were won by Lewis Bond - 250 Gas Gas and Jenson Whitehall - Suffolk Landscape Yamaha 250.

The Non-Qualifiers Group B races were won by Robert Bond - Danger UK Yamaha 250 and Harry Sobkowiak - Kingwell - KTM 125. In both Group B races, former speedway rider Shaun Tacey Honda 450 demonstrated his sharp reactions and bike control off the line by gating first.

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Tom Grimshaw



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One of the spectator's favourites on the night to watch was former GP ace Jake Nicholls - Welk Bros 125 Gas Gas.

Competing against much larger capacity machines on what is a very fast course, he qualified 3rd quickest in practice. He was nailing it everywhere and putting a different perspective on the concept of late braking!

The club has received a lot of positive feedback from riders and spectators about the event which made for a great evening's entertainment. It's really surprising how many people came out with their families and good to see the likes of former top racers such as John Banks, Freddie Mayes etc. in the crowd. Our apologies to those that didn't get into the event with the parking field being full to capacity. We did have an additional field but the unusual high level of rainfall in the two days leading up to the event made the ground too wet to use.



Many thanks to GH Motorcycles and GB Finch for their continued support and also many thanks to all riders, support crews and spectators for respecting the environment. There was very little litter left to clear up post the event which is so different from holding meetings a few years ago!

Diss Club's final motocross of the year at Wattisfield Hall venue should be the Sunday 1st October. See you there.

All of the pictures in this report are by Chris Carter. Please check out his Facebook Page for a larger selection of pictures.





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What's on



NOTE: All dates are provisional, and subject to change.
Always check events are still on before travelling at www.easternacu.org.

| Date | Club | Disc. | Status | Venue | Championship |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5th Aug | Ipswich MCC | Trial | OPEN | Offton | |
| 5th Aug | 500cc Sidecar Assoc. | Grasstrack | CANCELLED | King's Farm, Writtle | |
| 6th Aug | 500cc Sidecar Assoc. | Grasstrack | National | King's Farm, Writtle | ACU Championship Masters Final |
| 12th Aug | Woodbridge & DMCC | Trial | Centre Restricted | Blaxhall | N/A |
| 13th Aug | Norfolk & Suffolk Jnr. MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Hockham | |
| 13th Aug | Castle Colchester | Trial | OPEN | Raydon Pit | N/A |
| 20th Aug | Diss MCC | Enduro | OPEN | Wattisfield Hall | 2 Man Enduro Championship |
| 28th Aug | GW Racing | Grasstrack | OPEN | Iken | Grasstrack Championships |
| 3rd Sept | Sudbury MCC | Enduro | OPEN | Pebmarsh | 2 Man Enduro Championship |
| 3rd Sept | Woodbridge & DMCC | Motocross | OPEN | Blaxhall | Solo MX Champs Round 5 |
| 10th Sept | Essex & Suffolk Border MCC | Trial | OPEN | Tattingstone | B' Class Trials Championship R4 |
| 17th Sept | Halstead & DMCC | Motocross | OPEN | Wakes Colne | Solo MX Championship R6 |
| 17th Sept | Lowestoft Invaders MCC | Trial | OPEN | Aldeby | |
| 17th Sept | Braintree & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Purls Hill | A' Class Trials Championship R4 |
| 24th Sept | Norfolk & Suffolk Jnr. MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Hockham | |
| 24th Sept | Wymondham & DMC | Trial | OPEN | Middleton | A' Class Trials Championship R5 |
| 1st Oct | Diss MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Wattisfield Hall | NGR |
| 1st Oct | Eastern Fourstroke Association | Trial | Closed to Club | Ballingdon Grove | |
| 1st Oct | Norwich Viking MCC | Trial | OPEN | Great Ellingham | N/A |
| 7th Oct | GW Racing | Grass Track | OPEN | Gosbeck | |
| 8th Oct | Sudbury MCC | Enduro | OPEN | Sible Hedingham | 2 Man Enduro Championship |
| 8th Oct | Norwich Viking MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Lyng | Solo MX Championship R7 |
| 8th Oct | Castle Colchester MCC | Trial | OPEN | Thorrington | B' Class Trials Championship R5 |
| 15th Oct | Woodbridge & DMCC | Enduro | OPEN | Butley | Enduro Championship |
| 15th Oct | Southend & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Poles Wood | D' Class Trials Championship Round 2 |
| 22nd Oct | Braintree & DMCC | Motocross | OPEN | Foxborough Quarry | |
| 22nd Oct | Ipswich MCC | Trial | OPEN | Badwell Ash | A' Class Trials Championship Round 6 |
| 29th Oct | Woodbridge & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Blaxhall | C' Class Trials Championship Round 4 |

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