



Dan Lawry & Jak Watson battle through the mud
at the recent British Sidecar Championship round
at Wakes Colne Photo: Andy Waters

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Respect Our Helpers



We are only four months into the year but unfortunately we have already had two instances of competitors using social media to post inappropriate comments about people who are working as volunteers to arrange events.

Please remember that people give up a lot of their time to make sure that events are organised and run for the enjoyment of everybody involved and without them there would not be any events to ride at

If competitors have a grievance there is a laid down procedure for them to be heard and if a grievance is valid then it will be upheld.

Equally there are rules that prohibit inappropriate comments made on social media and both the Centre and head office will take action where it is warranted

However, neither the Centre nor head office want to be put in a position where disciplinary is necessary

Please remember that all volunteers are giving their time for the love of the sport and treat them with respect then everybody can enjoy the events

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Norwich Viking MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 21st May 2023

Challenge Cup Trial

East Wretham, Thetford, IP24 1SQ

National Grid Reference: TL 921926

What 3 Words: king/collected/business

Sign On: 9.30am

Permit No.: 200787

Start Time: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: James Douglas
Clerk of the Course: Barbara Douglas (*License 70441*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Barbara Douglas
Secretary of the Meeting: Barbara Douglas
The Old Cottages, The Moor Phone: 7484220349
email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

DETAILS

Course Description: banks and tree roots
Routes: Red/Blue, White, Beginners, 50/50
Classes: Expert B, Inter, Inter B, Novice, Beginners, Twinshock, Youth A,B,C,D & 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 £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: May 7th 2023, @ 9:00 am

Entries Close: May 20th 2023 @ 12:00 pm

No Entries on the day!

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Norfolk & Suffolk
Junior MCC

OPEN Permit Motocross

Sunday 21st May 2023

NSJMCC Round 4

Wakes Colne

What 3 Words: no info

Permit No.: 200945

Sign On: 8-9am

Practice: 10am

Start Time: Straight after practice

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: John Palfrey & Donna Secker

Clerk of the Course: Chelsea Secker (*License 176256*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Tracey Hales

Secretary of the Meeting: Chelsea Secker

Walnut Tree Shades, Rode Lane, NR16 1NW

Phone: 7475565588 email: chelseasecker@btinternet.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Mud Motocross Track

Classes: Auto, 65, Small Wheel, Big Wheel, Schoolboy 125 & 250, Adult

Awards: Top 10 in each youth group (Top 5 in schoolboy groups)

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Varies from £35- £60 . Cancellations must be made by 12 midday on 18th May to be considered for a refund.

Entries Open: Members - April 20th 2023, @ 7:00 pm
Non-Members - April 27th 2023, @ 7:00 pm

Entries Close: May 19th 2023 @ 12:00 am

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.

No Tearoffs permitted.

Competitors must have their own transponders as the club has none available to hire.

Trials Committee Notes

Clive Dopson

Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Committee Call March 2nd 2023

On March 2nd the Eastern Centre Trials Committee had its first call of the year. These notes do not cover all the discussions, the other subjects are in the complete call minutes issued in the normal way.

1. Starting in 2023, as agreed at the 2022 Trials Forum, the ACU-EC Youth Trials championship will move to B Class championship rounds, Youth Expert on Red/Blue route, Youth Intermediate on the 50/50 route and Youth Novice on White route. This allows all youth riders to select whichever route, and therefore the section severity, they wish to ride, it is the responsibility of the youth rider's parent or guardian at the event to ensure the rider is capable of riding the route selected.
2. With regard to trials rider grading within ACU-EC
 - a. Movement between A and B grade is at the rider's choice, but in a calendar year if a rider scores points at A level, they cannot subsequently score at B level in the same year.
 - b. For each year the Intermediate A champion is promoted to Expert starting in the following year.
 - c. For each year the Novice champion is promoted to Intermediate starting in the following year, also any Novice who wins three or more Best Novice awards in a year in trials above closed to club with 5 or more novice riders will also be promoted to Intermediate.
 - d. Any rider can inform the trials committee they want to self-promote to the next grade, this can be done at any time by informing the Trials Committee at dopson_boar@msn.com.
 - e. Any Expert rider can request to be demoted to Intermediate by asking the Trials Committee, this can happen on an annual basis, any applications for demotion in 2024 to be made before July 1st 2023 to the Trials Committee at dopson_boar@msn.com.
 - f. Any Expert who is demoted cannot score Intermediate ACU-EC championship points, club championship points or win Intermediate awards for two years, for example for any rider demoted for 2024 this will apply for 2024 and 2025.
3. Clerks of Course are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure all requirements of the TSRs are met.
4. It was agreed that the Trials Committee and Comps Committee will work together to support any requests to encourage Youth only trials, e.g., by reducing costs or simplifying event organisation.
5. Clubs are reminded of the decision from the 2022 Trials Forum, to start in 2023 for ACU-EC Trials Championship rounds, one number to be fitted on the front of the machine and one fitted to the rear of the rider's helmet.
6. Clubs are requested to supply any reports of trials for the gazette and/or the website, all contributions will be appreciated, especially those with photographs.

Clive Dopson 19/4/23

Secretary ACUE Trials Committee, (members P Nash, D Cordle, E Hood, K Hood, P Fenn, R Snowden, M Neale, J Newstead, A Foskew, A Barrell, N Ogden)

Noted since the call.

A, the Trials Committee were approached to clarify the observing rules for the ACU-EC Pre 70 Trials Championship for the benefit of officials, observers and riders.

According to the current ACU-EC Trials Conditions, ACU-EC Pre 70 Trials Championship rounds are run to the current ACU NON-STOP rules, a failure (or 5) is considered to have occurred if (amongst other reasons), the machine ceases to move in a forward direction. Although this does not penalise the hopping of front, rear of both wheels it does mean if hopping occurs whilst the machine is not travelling in the direction of the section then this should be scored as a 5.

B Riders should be made aware or reminded of the following rules in the ACU National Sporting Code

NSC article 11.01.6 specifies that "any proceeding or act prejudicial to the interests of, any part or body of the ACU, or of the sport of motorcycling generally" is an offence that may be subject to disciplinary action.

NSC article 11.01.8 specifies "The use of Social Media to propagate foul, abusive or offensive language, profane activity or fraudulent comments against any Rider, Official or member of the ACU (including its affiliated Centres/Clubs/Promoters) or deemed to bring the ACU into disrepute by any accessible Social Media outlet (eg. Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Texts, Webshots, Instagrams, Public Forums) or any other Social Network sites is not permitted"

Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



Early this month of May, the greater majority of the population, will have been absorbed by the ceremony and festivities surrounding the coronation of King Charles the Third. While we in the Eastern Centre have made no special plans for an event or special celebration - the King himself, having evidently sought a more 'economic'

Coronation from that granted to his mother seventy years ago. Accordingly, I thought I would just look in the archives to see how - if at all - we recognised that great national event of 1953. Step forward the excellent Southend

Motorcycle Club! On the Saturday after the Coronation, June 8th, they ran the titled: "Coronation Scramble," in aid of the Benfleet Coronation Fund and held at the quaintly named: "Salvation Army Colony" fields at Hadleigh, Essex. This was open to all clubs in the Centre and the description of the course was given in the regulations as: "...rough, undulating grassland and is of a safe but fast nature. The course will be clearly marked and any short-cutting (!) will entail disqualification."

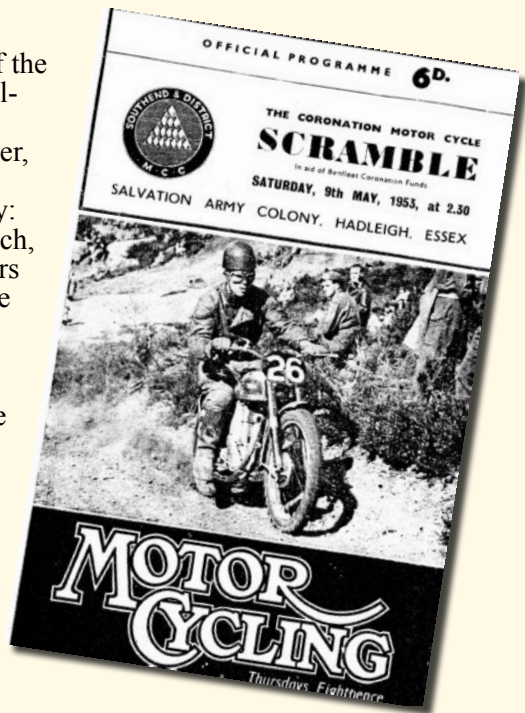
I feel that description was somewhat modest, since I was lucky enough to ride this circuit a decade later at their popular Whit Monday meetings and I felt it was one of the most varied and interesting scramble tracks in the Centre. Ridden as found - no 'technicalities' added. By my time of my competing there were most decidedly ropes in abundance to completely eliminate any chance of "course cutting..."

In these days of higher pressure and neo-professionalism within the sport of motocross, it is interesting to note the financial details. Prize money was divided amongst the three capacity classes

(250cc -350cc -500cc) - with an added: "handicap unlimited" final. For each of the bigger classes, the winner would receive 100 shillings (£5:00) with steps of payment made down to fifth place, 10/- (50p) Heat winners were to be paid at 10/- a win. Pretty good rewards for time where I would guess the average wage would be £10:00 - or less. The actual entry cost for this meeting is well worthy of note:- 7/6d ! (35p) Which is light years away from today's financial commitment to a meeting by competitors. I wonder how all that compares with equivalent events today. I imagine most of today's motocross riders are substantially out of pocket if they are not supported or sponsored.

The Southend regulations also stipulated that machines must have two working brakes and a self-closing throttle - this last being a comparative recent ruling at the time and I suspect, based on speedway requirements. The starts were also of an older - almost quaint - variety, though to an extent, they offered greater interest for the spectators and tested both the riders athletic ability and their bike's ability to start. Standing ten yards behind the machine riders were faced with a; "dead engine start" to get going - though one, "pusher" per rider was allowed!

Sixty three riders were on the 10 race programme and included some top men of the time. Principal amongst these was the well-remembered Jack Hubbard on his two Matchless machines, as well as Keith Potter, similarly mounted. Of that number, I can only recognise one rider still with us today: staunch Ipswich Triangle man, Tony Crouch, riding a DOT. Together with fourteen riders representing the Southend club itself, there were riders from clubs no longer in existence, such as Planet, Briggs MCC, Tigers (Grays) and Hornchurch and District MCC. And - very interesting since their factory was only down the road, a solitary Greeves machine - ridden by Frank Byford. Could this have been one of their debut outings into the Sport? If so, we can only count it as a shame there are no Greeves "works" bikes - or indeed any Greeves works at all - around for this later Coronation year...



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ACU Eastern Enduro Awards Evening

Paula Day

As the 2023 Eastern Centre season gets into full swing, we look back at the recent awards ceremony in Needham market and the decorated class and award winners from 2022.

With a healthy turnout there was a great crowd to acknowledge the winners and runners up across the vast range of achievements our Eastern Centre members had notched up over the year. As a region we fielded representatives in national BEC events and internationally at Romanics and the ISDE, where Will Hughes, Luke Parker and Ben Clark picked up special awards in addition to other multiple trophies across the evening demonstrating their commitment and passion for the sport.

The event was made possible with the huge support of our sponsors Dave Barkshire of Dave Barkshire Motorcycles and Gavin Hockey of GH Motorcycles who were both on hand to present awards across the evening and huge thanks to Neil Sargent and Debra Harvey doing all the heavy lifting for the night with Jack & Vera Hearn and our new chairman Chris Keeble on hand to help the proceedings.

Dave Barkshire Motorcycles Two Man Championship

CLUBMAN

1st: Dale Brinkley / Oliver Brinkley

2nd: Lloyd Barker / Wayne Barker

3rd: Graham Mays / Nigel Ross

EXPERT

1st: Archie Gunton / Barnaby Knight

2nd: Chris Ballard / Paul Spurgeon

3rd: Ed Pooley / Adam Saunders

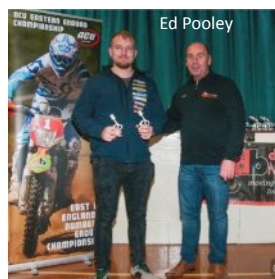
CHAMPIONSHIP

1st: Toby Morley / Jack Sheppard

2nd: Joe Henthorn / Will Hughes

3rd: Adam Durkin / Tom Sargent





ISDE Presentation

Braintree & DMCC - ISDE 8th Club Team. Best British Team

Mark Hughes / Luke Parker / Ben Clark / Will Hughes

British Enduro Championship Presentation

British Championship E2 1st Adam Durkin British Championship Expert 1st Ben Clark



GH Motorcycles Eastern ACU Enduro Championship

SUPERVET OVER 50

- 1st: John Hilton
- 2nd: Jeremy Moss
- 3rd: Graham Mays

CLUBMAN OVER 40

- 1st: Spencer Newland
- 2nd: Ray Otoka
- 3rd: Jason Green

CLUBMAN

- 1st: Robert Armitage
- 2nd: Jonathan Finch
- 3rd: Lloyd Barker

EXPERT OVER 40

- 1st: Phil Roper
- 2nd: Paul Spurgeon
- 3rd: Julian Harvey

EXPERT

- 1st: Joe Hall
- 2nd: Adam Durkin
- 3rd: James Yearley



CHAMPIONSHIP

1st: Luke Parker

2nd: Ben Cole

3rd: Jake Roper + 2022 Rookie Winner Award



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Eastern Four Stroke
Association

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 28th May 2023

Eastern Centre Trials Championship 'C' Class Round 2

Hall Farm, Great Bromley

What 3 Words: example.thudded.litigate

Permit No.: 200782

Sign On: 9.00am

Start Time: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: tba
Clerk of the Course: Mr Chris Chapman (*License 118097*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Mr John Beasley
Secretary of the Meeting: Mr John Beasley
44 Broomknoll, East Bergholt
Phone: 01206 791360 / 07487 712396
email: john.e.beasley@icloud.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Tree roots streams ditches. 4 laps 10 sections
Routes: Red /Blue, 50/50 white
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 members of the ACU with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £20.00. 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: May 1st 2023

Entries Close: May 24th 2023

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OPEN Permit Motocross

Sunday 4th June 2023

ACU Eastern MX Championship 2023 Round 4

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What 3 Words: survive.trash.eruptions

Permit No.: 200661

Sign On: 07:30

Practice: 09:00

Start Time: 11:00

OFFICIALS

ACU Steward: Alan Foskew (25780)
Club Stewards: Richard Mant
Clerk of the Course: Harold Nickerson (*License 183179*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Val Hay
Secretary of the Meeting: Val Hay 27 Tizzick Close, Norwich
Phone: 7900691827 email: norwichviking.mcc@gmail.com

DETAILS

Course Description: Primarily Sand & Hillside - Full length GP Circuit approx. 1865 metres
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 £60.00..
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 £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: May 9th 2023, @ 7:00 pm

Entries Close: May 29th 2023 @ 5:00 pm

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.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. No tear-offs allowed at this venue.



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Sunday 4th June 2023

Essex Oset Cup Round 2 (ELECTRIC ONLY)

Poplars Chase Farm, Station Road, Thorrington,
Colchester, Essex CO7 8HZ

What 3 Words: dentures.spun.takeovers

Permit No.: 201026

Sign On: 9:30am onwards

Start Time: 10:30am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards: TBC

Clerk of the Course: Ian Johnstone (*License 11028*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Ian Johnstone

Secretary of the Meeting: Nichola Norman Phone: 07817 833094

DETAILS

Course Description: 8 observed sections. 3-4 Laps
Hills / Banks / Tree Roots / Ditches / Stream / Logs (Fallen Trees).

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

Classes: All Youth solo classes: A B C D E

Awards: No information given

JURISDICTION

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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: May 12th 2023

Entries Close: June 1st 2023 or before if full

No Entries on the day!

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Braintree & DMCC

Centre Restricted Permit Trial

Sunday 11th June 2023

Spansey Wood Trial

Russels Farm, Halstead, Essex CO107LZ

What 3 Words: spelling.bitters.sues

Permit No.: 200859

Sign On: 9am

Start Time: 10.30 am

OFFICIALS

Club Stewards:	Phil Read
Clerk of the Course:	Stephen Butcher (License 18396)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Stephen Butcher
Secretary of the Meeting:	Adrian Parker
	Phone: email: adrian@belletrailers.co.uk

DETAILS

Course Description: Woodland and ditches

Routes: Red/Blue Inter, Expert / White Novice, Twinshock, Youth A / Pink Youth A,B,C

Classes: All classes except D & E

Awards: None

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee adult £20 youth £10. 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: May 1st 2023 @ 7am

Entries Close: June 8th 2023 @ 11pm

No Entries on the day!

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NOTE: All dates are provisional, and subject to change.
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Date	Club	Disc.	Status	Venue	Championship
7 th May	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough Quarry	ACU Eastern Enduro Championship
7 th May	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 3
7 th May	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Sotterley	
14 th May	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	
21 st May	Norfolk & Suffolk Jnr. MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	
21 st May	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	East Wretham	
27 th May	GW Racing	Grass Track	OPEN	Gosbeck	
28 th May	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	International	Blaxhall	British Championship
28 th May	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Centre Restricted	Great Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championship Round 2
3 rd June	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	Gosbeck	
4 th June	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs Round 4
11 th June	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hadham	ACU Eastern Enduro Championship
11th June	Littleport & DMC & LCC	Motocross	OPEN	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
11 th June	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Great Spansey Wood	
18 th Jun	Norfolk & Suffolk Jnr. MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
25 th June	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Lyng	NGR



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