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THE JOLLY BOYS' OUTING 2023



The Jolly Boys pictured cruising the strip during their trip to the Costa brava International Classic two day, Twinshock and Pre 65 trial which took place at Sant Feliu near Girona in Spain in November.
Riding were Richard "Buck" Rodgers, Gary Baker, Richard and Tom Norman, Alan Brown, Hamish Eadie.
Supporting and team car. Terry Thompson, Neil Kemp.

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Muntjac Enduro

Report by Richard Snowden

Photos by Jemma Sargeant & Paul Flack



Sunday 19 November saw Diss MCC run the GH Motorcycle/G&B Finch sponsored Muntjac Enduro in Thetford Forest. It was the seventh and final round of the 2023 ACU Eastern Enduro Championship with some 200 riders entered for this forest enduro.

There had been a lot of rain overnight on Friday night and the forecast was for heavy rain during the event so check times were checked and reviewed by clerk of the course, Andy Waters to seek to set a challenging but achievable event for all classes.

The event started at 9:00am and within 5 minutes the championship riders were ready to ride the first of their 5 special tests. With very damp conditions and lots of fallen leaves it was left to 2022 ACUE Enduro Champion Luke Parker (350 Matt Pope GASGAS) to find the lines and, despite a big moment near the start of the test, he set the first time of the day. He's nursing a knee injury, but his time didn't disappoint, he set a stunning 240

second time which was not beaten. As his rivals came through it was Ben Cole (450 GH Husqvarna) who got closest with 244 seconds from Ben Clark (300 Beta UK) on 251 seconds. Steve Holcombe, 2023 World Enduro Champion, was in the mix screaming the 125 Beta into fourth place with 252 seconds with two MX stars, Jake Nicholls (350 GASGAS) on 253, just ahead of Sam Nunn (450 GASGAS) on 256 seconds.

Could Parker maintain his initial form? As each of the five tests were ridden he made it clear that he absolutely could. He topped all five tests including the two back to back tests, four and five, with Holcombe getting closest on the fourth test just under half a second behind Parker. Nicholls was just over 0.6 seconds adrift on the fifth and final test. Cole maintained his second position until tests four and five where he dropped to third fastest. With Holcombe wringing more and more speed out of his 125, he just managed to slot into second overall after the five tests, almost 22 seconds behind Parker but just over a second ahead of Cole. With Nicholls getting faster each test he slotted into fourth some 3 seconds behind Cole with Nunn rounding out the top five.

The last two 14 mile laps would see the championship contenders faced with first a 36 minute then a 34 minute lap. The forecast rain hadn't materialised and the crowd at the finish watched in eager anticipation as the scheduled time for the final lap got nearer. The first man out of the trees was Ben Clark who was two minutes early. Cole was next, but not far behind was Holcombe who was also 2 minutes early but around 8 seconds faster than Clark. Parker was next and a minute



Luke Parker
Muntjac Winner & 2023 Champion

early so the win and the 2023 ACU Eastern Enduro Championship was his. That's his fifth ACUE Enduro Championship win, and for the last two years he's also been the ACUE Expert MX Champion – a fantastic achievement.

Eight championship riders stayed clean on their final lap and Holcombe feels that the last 14 mile lap should be run as a special test – that would be a challenge!!! He hopes to return for the Santon which would be great to see.

In the expert class, Luke Meredith (300 DK Offroad GASGAS) dominated with test times that would have slotted him into eighth in the championship class. Steven Cooper (250 Dynamic Water Solutions KTM) was second, almost thirty seconds back with Sam Boyd (200 Beta UK) in third, some seven seconds back with Jack Probert (250 ET James Sherco) and Andrew Bull (250 ET James GASGAS) rounding out the top five. After three tests Endaf Lloyd Hughes (125 Future Moto Yamaha) and Ricky Mair (125 Beta) were tied in sixth place with their combined test times exactly the same to a hundredth of a second.

The expert class included a significant number of experienced national experts and it was left to James Yearley (300 Big Bear Cider Mill Beta) to fly the flag for East Anglia in eighth position after three tests with Lewis Bond (250 GASGAS) next in twelfth.

Experts needed to complete their final lap in 35 minutes and five riders went clean. Meredith was again the fastest, the only expert to do the lap in 34 minutes, the championship target time. Copper and Boyd went clean so maintained their second and third places. Mair stayed clean and moved up to fourth and Matthew Hockenhull (350 Merge Decals KTM) was the last rider to stay on time moving him up from tenth on the tests to fifth overall. Yearley lost two minutes on his last lap so dropped to fourteenth leaving Bond as the best ACU Eastern expert finishing in eleventh overall.

In the Expert Over 40's Julian Harvey (125 KTM) multiple ACU Eastern Trials Champion, was the clear winner –fastest on all three tests and on time at the final time control. Jonathan Pearson was some 16 seconds behind Harvey on the tests but stayed clean and held on to second. Again, five riders stayed clean on their final lap. Karl Greenall (250 D3 KTM) was third, followed by Shane Tasker (250 KTM) with John Shirt (350 JSM GASGAS), the current British Enduro Over 40 Champion in fifth. Shirt was second after his first test but tests two and three were not as quick dropping him to fifth, but he was the only Expert Over 40 to clock in a minute early and retained fifth overall.

In the clubman class, Woodbridge club member, Lewis Holmes (350 KTM) was fastest after his two tests, just 0.19 second ahead of James Wren (250 Wren Brickwork GASGAS) with Sudbury's Billy Sargeant (250 Team Dave Roper Yamaha) in third. With yet another five riders staying on time on their last lap Wren took the win from Lee Corbett (250 KTM) with Edward Elkin (300 Beta) in third. Sargeant was the best of the ACU Eastern riders, dropping a minute on the final lap and placing in sixth which means he takes the ACU Eastern Clubman Championship win.

In the clubman over 40's Daniel Rose (350 KTM) was the winner having already secured the ACU Eastern Clubman Over 40 Championship before the Muntjac. He was fastest after the two tests from Matt Willis (450 KTM) and Christian Drane (450 GASGAS). Rose was the only rider in his class to stay on time with Willis and Drane maintaining second and third as the fastest riders losing two minutes.



Steve Holcombe
2023 World Enduro Champion



Julian Harvey
Expert Vet Winner

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Finally, in the Clubman Over 50's John Hilton (300 KTM) again dominated the class. He was fastest on the tests by some six seconds from Diss club rider, Mark Chapman (250 KTM) who was making a rare return to the woods, racing for his local event. Hilton was the only rider in his class to stay on time with Chapman fastest of the three riders losing a minute. Darren Osborne (249 Yamaha) rounded out the top three in this, the second largest class at the event.

As ever we'd like to express our sincere thanks to the organising team, all marshals and helpers, before, during and after the event without whom we could not put on the event. Also our grateful thanks go to Forestry England for their support and of course, use of the forest, to GH Motorcycles and G & B Finch for their continued sponsorship and to the first aid team, Raynet and 4x4 Response for their support.

With another successful Muntjac completed Andy Waters and the Diss team are quickly tidying up and levelling the forest tracks and as soon as this is completed we will start work in earnest for the Santon Enduro, our first event in 2024.

Entries open in early January for the event on 25 February 2024 – **hope to see you all there!!!**

Final standings for all classes of the 2023 championships can be found from page 14 onwards



**C of C Andy Waters
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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

During my rare visits to London, one of the sights which decidedly caught my eye was the progress of the motorbike courier riders. These were the lads – and occasional lassies - who conveyed small items – packages and other little commercial necessities, around the traffic-choked capital. It was evident that speed of delivery was essential and here a nimble, well-handling motorbike was supreme.

The way the riders would weave in and around the traffic, was to me, as fascinating to witness as any of the city's historical attractions or luxury shop-filled avenues; displaying a different kind of motorcycling, with precious little glamour, particularly in bad weather, and bringing out such riding skills which, in the 'proper' sports scene would have surely repaid the contestant with trophies, awards and much more cash. Moreover, he or she would have received the admiration of ticket-paying spectators and with first aid in close attendance – whereas these ad-hoc performers would merely get sworn at by bus and taxi drivers and have to take their own chances if they came unstuck.

I recall watching one rider with his bag around his shoulders, wheelie-ing all the way from one set of traffic lights to another – dangerous stuff if you like but I could not resist comparing his antics to that of a young wartime Spitfire pilot doing a Victory roll. Not at all to be recommended, but: - “ Bu--er it! - this is me and I'm at my work...!”

More than forty years ago, I benefited from the skill and comradeship of one of these motorcycle couriers. It was essential that I present myself to the Russian (Soviet) embassy at midday (don't ask why!) and again, in deference to the traffic, I went up to the Capital on my 500 Yamaha. I had prepared for the trip by writing out the route and streets – my target was Kensington Palace Gardens – on a card taped to my fuel tank. Alas, heavy rain on the way up reduced the card to an unreadable little pulp. Desperate now and totally lost, I was waiting at the inevitable lights, when a courier swept up alongside on a Honda CX 500. He nodded at me from a rain-dripping helmet.

“Kensington Palace Gardens mate?” I screamed. He nodded again and before he slapped the Honda in gear to rip off from the lights, indicated me to get behind him. O-M-G!! We broke nearly every rule in the highway code!! Weaving in and out of the traffic lanes, ducking and diving literally and always heading the line at the traffic lights. It was as much as I could do to keep with him. Then with a flick of his hand, he indicated a left hand turn – followed by thumb up – and he was gone. Kensington Palace Gardens. All these years later : ‘I owe you one mate and I sincerely hope you survived to enjoy a less hectic old age.’

Talking recently to two former courier riders, I understand that in London at any rate, they are now a largely disbanded breed. It seems with the development of digital communication, their extraordinary services are no longer required and such similar work as remains is accomplished on bicycles. I'm still impressed - yet now have to wonder if these more athletic carriers, in order to get through that ever dense morass of grinding traffic, have to resort to riding on the pavements and go adversely up the one-way streets. No matter - it is one way to make a living and certainly cheaper on the fuel - but with increasing traffic, electric or not, and despite the congestion charge, it is still a hazardous way to make a living. Keep the congestion to the streets – not down in your lungs.

Just like Sidge, I had the opportunity to witness at first hand the skill/bravery/insanity (*delete as applicable*) of the motorcycle couriers of London in the early eighties. Working near Heathrow Airport but living near Edmonton meant I entered the twice daily 'devil take the hindmost competition' that was the North Circular Road. This was shortly before the opening of the M25 so the traffic and associated road rage was intense, with many car drivers seemingly taking a pass by a motorcycle as a personal attack on their manhood. After a few days I decided that if I wanted to survive I needed to tag on to one of these 'experts' and learn a few tricks of the trade. BIG MISTAKE!

As I slipped in behind one of these trainee GP stars I figured that the gap in our abilities would be more than made up for by the nimbleness and speed of my 400 Four compared with his ubiquitous CX500 'slug'. Despite the white lines and randomly placed patches of diesel being made all the more treacherous by a light drizzle I was pretty pleased with my progress as we split the lanes and out-dragged the tin-tops at each junction. Approaching the elevated section over Finchley in a cross wind we caught up with three articulated lorries side by side across the full width of the road. I watched with a mixture of admiration and horror as, without even reducing his speed, this absolute nutter tucked his elbows in closer to his body and shot between the trailers as the gap opened and closed with the swaying of their loads. It was at this point I decided that discretion was indeed the better part of valor, and watched him disappear into the distance.

Paul Sewter



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Alan Cocksedge Photos of Eastern Centre Events Pt. 5

Roger Chaplin

In this edition of the Gazette Alan Cocksedge colour photos are of the Sudbury & District Motor Cycle & Light Car Club Grass Track meeting on 30th July 1961. This was on a field at Tye Farm Great Cornard alongside the A134 Sudbury to Colchester Road and Farmer and Club President Donald Steed supervised the hilly field with special fertilizer being put down to make the grass grow thick with it to be rolled and harrowed to make fast and exciting racing. Donald was an Expert and Authority on grass, who himself competed in the 1930's in Grass Track Meetings also for this event he had a Trophy made in Hatton Gardens London with handles in the shape of mermaids. The winner on the day was British Champion Alf Hagon.

18-year-old Barry Chaplin was again Secretary of the Meeting and I was again Assistant to the Starter Albert Carter and at the beginning of each race I stood in the middle of the track with outstretched arms red flag in one and green flag in the other lining up the riders. I was 29 days away from my 16th birthday, I don't think it would be allowed today for a 15-year-old to do this. There was joy in the Chaplin family when eldest brother Chas won the non-winners race.

The original Final Account Book shows Income £135 12s 6d with Expenditure £164 14s 8d showing a loss of £29 2s 2d which resulted in no more Grass Track meetings being stage by the Club. It took to the 21st century for the 1961 field as I call it to be used again in September 2018 for a Dave Roper Memorial event.

Enjoy Alan's wonderful photos. In the photo of a start of a race (below) are Albert Carter with flag #478 D Burns (from New Zealand), #54 Jackie Sewell, #5 Jack Hubbard, #107 M Crabb, #35 Alf Hagon, #598 D Castle, #15 Ian Towns, #415 W Acker, #113 M Leggett and #61 B 'Curly' Gladwell.



Alan Cocksedge



Alf Hagon (#35)



Jackie Sewell (#54)





B. "Curly" Gladwell (#61)



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EXPERT

NAME	SANTON	IKEN	FOXBOROUGH	FOXBOROUGH	HADHAM	BUTLEY	MUNTJAC	DROPPED	TOTAL
James Yearley	2	20	20	20	20	20	7	2	107
Joe Henthorn		11	15	13	17	11	3		70
Jack Edwards		15	17	11	10	10	4		67
Toby Morley		13		15		13	5		46
Steven Cooper	15						20		35
Ross Taylor	6	17	11						34
Toby Rogers		4		10	11	6	2		33
Rob Armitage			9	9	7	5			30
Lewis Bond		5				15	10		30
Johnny Finch		2		8	9	7			26
Tom Sargent		8		17					25
Jack Probert	7						17		24
Byron Jenness						17	6		23
Joe Chambers	10						13		23
Sion Evans	20								20
Rob Aldridge		9	10						19
Barnaby Knight		10					9		19
David Rushton	8						11		19
Andrew Bull	4						15		19
Brett Pocock	17								17
Stevie Roper					15				15
Shaun Leggett					13				13
Ian Parker			13						13
Callum Hughes	13								13
Ross Danby	11								11
Ryan Crisp		3		7			0		10
Adam James	9								9
Oliver Ray						9			9
Ben Ramus						8	1		9
Daniel Cooper	1						8		9
Ian Tutton					8				8
Gareth Lane			8						8
Finley Jarvis		7							7
Rob Blackman		6							6
Luke Tucker	5								5
Matthew Cummings						4			4
Miles Dolphon	3								3
Darren Mayhew						3			3

CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME	SANTON	IKEN	FOXBOROUGH	FOXBOROUGH	HADHAM	BUTLEY	MUNTJAC	DROPPED	TOTAL
Luke Parker	20	20	17	0	20	20	20		117
Ben Clark	11	15	20	20	15	0	13		94
Ben Cole	15	10			17	15	17		74
Jake Nicholls		17		11	11	17	15		71
William Hughes	5	13	13	4	13	13	8	4	65
Jake Roper	2	9	4	15	5	11	11	2	55
Jamie Roper	3		15	17	10				45
Chris Hockey	6	7	11		9				33
Joe Hall		6	7		8	10			31
Jack Nicolaou			5	7	7	9			28
Lewis Tombs	17						10		27
Craig Roper	1	11		13					25
Joe Phillips		4	9			8	4		25
Nieve Holmes		5	6	6		7			24
George Eustace			8	5	6		3		22
Adam Durkin					9	6	6		21
Jack Shepherd		2		10			7		19
Richard Ely	8						9		17
Douglas Lote	4	8	3						15
Charlie Chater	13								13
Sam Davies	10								10
Jack Berry			10						10
Tom Minta	9								9
Oliver Brader						9			9
Eddie Cracker					8				8
Phil Burton		3					5		8
Myles Saunders	7								7
Dan Willis	0	1							1

EXPERT VET

NAME	SANTON	IKEN	FOXBOROUGH	FOXBOROUGH	HADHAM	BUTLEY	MUNTJAC	DROPPED	TOTAL
Julian Harvey	17	20		20	15	20	20		112
Phil Roper	13		20	17	20	15	15		100
Paul Spurgeon	8	15	17	15	13	13	9	8	82
John Shirt	20						17		37
Darren Nicolaou	5					11	13		29
Jason Naruszewucz		17					10		27
Tim Warnes	6					17			23
Matt French	9						11		20
Stephen Revett					17				17
Andrew Reeves	15								15
Chris Tett	11								11
Kevin Silvain					11				11
Adam Ranson	10								10
Dave Coles	7								7
Spencer Newland	4								4
Julian Holmes	3								3
Keith Readman	2								2
Philip Waldron	1								1

CLUBMAN

NAME	SANTON	IKEN	FOXBOROUGH	FOXBOROUGH	HADHAM	BUTLEY	MUNTJAC	DROPPED	TOTAL
Billy Sargeant		13	15	15	11	17	13		84
Daniel Hills		8	6	13	20	15	6		68
Lewis Holmes	8	9				20	9		46
Frazer Lawrence		1	17	10	9		8		45
Adam Tutton			13	6	15	8			42
James Colclough			9	11	7	9			36
James Wren	15						20		35
Lloyd Barker		7	7		17				31
Lee Clifford		17	11						28
Charlie Aldridge			20	8					28
Scott Chaplin		2	3		13	10			28
William Belton					10	13	4		27
Lee Corbett	10						17		27
Tristan Hales	9	15		1					25
Freddie Davis	11						11		22
Josh Womack		3	10		8				21
Joseph Blacker			1	7	6	7			21
Daryl Pyart				20			1		21
Endaf Lloyd Hughes	20								20
Ryan Osborn		20							20
Eliot Berken	4						15		19
Ryan Rowlands	17								17
James Foxley				17					17
Max Hale		10	5						15
Brad Armstrong	5						10		15
Callum Clark			8			6			14
Daniel Allred	13								13
Aaron Richardson				9	4				13
Steven Cornwall	6	5							11
Oliver Brinkley		11							11
Glen Walsh						11			11
Fraser Arden			2	4	2	1			9
Jonathan Masters						5	3		8
Ben Allred	1						7		8
Reilly Dennison	7								7
Bryce Hagger		6							6
David Woods	2					4			6
James Arden				5					5
Nick Bird					5				5
Ethan Johnson					3		2		5
Chris Wright		4							4
Will Davies			4						4
Joel Tett	3								3
Matthew Valentine				3					3
Tai Elvin-Andrews						3			3
Zak Beards				2					2
Charlie Starsmoore						2			2
James Nixon					1				1

CLUBMAN VET

NAME	SANTON	IKEN	FOXBOROUGH	FOXBOROUGH	HADHAM	BUTLEY	MUNTJAC	DROPPED	TOTAL
Daniel Rose	20	20	17	20	20	20	20	17	120
Keith Maude	9	11	20	15					55
Adam Kempster	6	13			17	10	9		55
Jason Carsboults		10	15	13		15			53
Carl Lawrence	5	6	13	11		9	8		52
Christian Drain		17				17	17		51
Raymond Otoka				17			15		32
Alan Morris		15					11		26
Paul Scott	7					8	10		25
Luke Rudd	11						13		24
Tom Morris		8				13			21
Nicholas Barrett	17								17
Paul Downing	15								15
Ludivut Lucan	13								13
Clive Osborne						11			11
Graham Charlton	10								10
Lee Silvain				10					10
Bradley Leech	4	5							9
Chris Ballard		9							9
Jason Green	8								8
Jason Green		7							7
Peter Huxtable	3								3



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John Hilton	20	20		20	13	20	20		113
Jez Moss	17	17	15	11		17	17		94
Paul Belton	7		11	17	20	15	13		83
Graham Mays	6	13	17		17	9	10		72
Andrew Arden		11	13	13	11	6	6		60
Gene Womack	13	15		10	10		11		59
Wayne Barker	5	3		15	15	8			46
Murray Shotter	4	9	20	9					42
Keith Potter		4		8	9	4	3		28
Sydney Richardson						13	15		28
Richard Squirrell		10				11			21
Richard Allred		8					8		16
Paul Davis						7	9		16
Neil Bowker	15								15
Graham Lazzari	9					5			14
Simon Beken	11								11
Andrew Price		7					4		11
Edward Hopkin	10								10
Clive Smith						10			10
Stephen Prior	2						7		9
Gavin Hockey	8								8
Dean Curry		5							5
Steven Finch	3								3
Thomas Beales						3			3
Jeff Sharp		2							2
Richard Walters	1								1
Richard Keeble		1							1

Sad loss of Dick Hobart

Old time trials riders and followers will be saddened to hear of the death of Richard (Dick) Hobart in late November. A member of the former Chelmsford Auto club, Dick stood strongly against the advance of the lightweight two-strokes in the early 1960's trials meetings by doggedly and successfully continuing to use his larger AJS. This was at the time that taped: "tight- turns" became more of a feature of trials and where a larger and heavier bike could be a something of a handicap.

A friendly and approachable character with a wry and dry sense of humour, Dick still campaigned for the recognition and upkeep of the British motorcycle by joining the Vintage Motorcycle Club and was a member in the Eastern branch (section) of the organisation.

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OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 28th January 2024

The Richard Greensides Trophy Trial

Pond Farm, Aldeby NR34 0BY

What 3 Words: reshaping.feels.ranches

Permit No.: ACU 202281

Sign On: 9.00 am

Start: 10.30 am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): C.Grice & R.Tozer
Clerk of the Course: Mr.T.Jones (*Licence 206420*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of Meeting
Secretary of the Meeting: Ronald John Greengrass
58,Dell Road, Lowestoft NR33 9NS
Tel: 07708 591315 email: rjg@rongg58.plus.com

Course: Wooded banks 4 laps of 10 sections

Routes: Yellow Red/Blue White Beginners

Classes: Expert, Expert B, Intermediate, Novice, Twinshock, Pre70, All Youth

Awards: The Richard Greensides Trophy for Best Performance

National Grid Ref: TM465945

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 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: January 4th 2024, @ 9.00am

Entries Close: January 24th 2024 @ 9.00pm

No Entries on the day!

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OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 11th February 2024

ACU Eastern 'D' Class Trials Championship Round 1

Poles Wood, Kelvedon Hatch, Ongar Road,
Brentwood, CM15 0LA

What 3 Words: cars.drift.yours

Permit No.: ACU 202381

Sign On: 09:00

Start: 10:30

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Paul Owen
Clerk of the Course: Roger Higgs (*Licence 79301*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Paul Nash
Secretary of the Meeting: Julia Nash
33 Cherry Orchard, Southminster, Essex CM0 7HE
Tel: 07947 215648 or 07973 358408
email: nap148@aol.com

Course: Woodland, banks, logs and tree roots; 4 laps / 10 sections

Routes: Yellow, Red & Blue, White and Pink

Classes: Beginner to Expert, Youth and Sidecar

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 with an appropriate licence riding Solo & Sidecar machines

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adult £20, S/c £25, Yth £10-£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: January 1st 2024

Entries Close: February 11th 2024

Entries allowed 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

Solo: TSR22-A. STOP PERMITTED / Sidecar: TSR22-B. NON-STOP



Motocross Reserved Number Scheme

Renewals Only - available from Noon on Monday 4th Dec.

Now is the time to renew your number for 2024. If you want to ensure you keep the same number for the 2024 season, you must renew it by 31st January 2024 at the latest. **NO NUMBERS WILL BE HELD AFTER THIS DATE.**

Any numbers not renewed by 31st January will be made available on a first come, first served basis. If you have not renewed your number by this date, there is every possibility that you could lose it to another rider. There were about 700 numbers sold in each of the last 5 years so if you don't want to lose your number, renew it NOW.

You can renew your number online at www.easternacu.org

The cost of reserving your number for 2024 remains unchanged at £5.50 per season. This ensures that the chosen charities (East Anglian Air Ambulance, Essex Air Ambulance & ACU Benevolent Fund) receive just over £5 per transaction.

Numbers 1 -20 are kept for experts only. Number 1 is reserved for the Centre Champion.

Since its introduction this scheme has enabled the ACU Eastern, on behalf of riders, to make donations of more than £37,500 to the chosen charities.

NEW NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 5th FEBRUARY

EXPERT NATIONAL / BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RIDERS ONLY

Any expert graded rider who is registered for an ACU National Motocross Championship may, where able to do so, purchase their registered number - even if it has already been purchased by a junior graded rider. If you wish to take up this option, please contact the reserved number co-ordinator direct: 07766 904655 - DO NOT attempt to do it online. The timing system will correctly calculate championship points and positions where riders compete in separate classes (expert / junior)



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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
Jan 1, 2024	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Lyng	
Jan 7, 2024	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Closed to Club	Little Bealings	
Jan 14, 2024	Wymondham & DMC	Trial	OPEN	Great Ellingham	
Jan 28, 2024	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Aldeby	
Feb 4, 2024	Castle Colchester MCC	Trial	National	Pebmarsh	
Feb 11, 2024	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	
Feb 18, 2024	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Closed to Club	Raydon	
Feb 25, 2024	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Thetford Forest	
Mar 3, 2024	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	East Wretham	
Mar 10, 2024	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Hockham	
Mar 10, 2024	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs
Mar 17, 2024	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Purls Hill	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs
Mar 23, 2024	Woodbridge & DMCC	Practice Day	OPEN	Blaxhall Circuit	
Mar 24, 2024	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Foxborough	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs
Mar 24, 2024	Wymondham & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Middleton	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs
Mar 29, 2024	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	TO BE ADVISED	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs
Mar 30, 2024	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt. Hockham	
Mar 31, 2024	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt. Hockham	

2023 TRIALS AWARDS EVENING

The Trials Committee has arranged the annual awards evening for 2023 winners on Saturday 20 January 2024 at Stowupland Community Centre, 3 Church Rd, Stowupland, Stowmarket, IP14 4BG starting at 7:30pm.

Observers, riders and trials fans are all invited to attend to help us celebrate the various winners, past and present.

There's a licensed bar and we'll provide nibbles so do come along and have a chat and a drink with friends - an evening to have a good old Suffolk mardle and bring your wallets - we'll be having another raffle to cover the costs of the venue.

Any queries speak (or email):

- David Cordle (the.cordles@talktalk.net)
- Kevin Plummer (kevin.plummer50@icloud.com)
- Richard Snowden (ansrsnowden@icloud.com).

It would be very helpful if you could let us know by email if you are able to attend to help us to confirm numbers.



Look forward to seeing you on 20th January!!!



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