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Alex Snow on his way to victory in the final round of the ACU Eastern Enduro Championship.

Photo: Michael Bennett



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A New Start for the Eastern Centre Gazette

Chris Keeble - Chairman

The printed paper version of the Eastern Centre Gazette was first published in 1947 and was circulated through affiliated clubs to their members as one of few methods of distributing information regarding our sport.

For many years the only way that competitors could enter for events was by purchasing the Gazette which contained the supplementary regulations for forthcoming events together with entry forms, filling in a form and sending it by post to the organising club; at one time there was much controversy when some people attempted to enter events using photocopies of entry forms rather than pages torn from the magazine

In 2014 the Gazette was also made available free of charge on the Eastern Centre web site.

During its lifetime the format of the Gazette has changed dramatically from a simple publication printed in black and white to the current full colour magazine of which the Centre should be very proud.

With the advent of electronic communications, social media and the ACU Sport 80 system the role of the Gazette as a means of communicating information has become less relevant.

Regrettably therefore this edition of the Gazette will be the last one in its current paper format

However this gives an excellent opportunity for a reincarnation of the Gazette which will be published monthly and be the mouthpiece of ACU Eastern and its clubs

The new electronic version of the Gazette will be available to everybody free of charge regardless of whether they are members of ACU Eastern clubs or simply interested in our sport and will be delivered directly into their email inbox.

It is intended to have the existing mix of official announcements, articles, announcements of events and advertisements plus input from clubs or individual members

At present there are over 500 members who have signed up for the news alert system that is part of the ACU Eastern web site and, these people will automatically receive the new electronic Gazette. All other people will shortly be able to subscribe for free at www.easternacu.org.

It would be remiss not to record our thanks here, to all of the people who have been involved in the producing the magazine over the years and to Paul Sewter, the last editor of the paper editions who has been very active in adapting the publication to its new format.

I hope that the membership will support the new electronic Gazette in the same way that generations of people supported the paper editions.

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An "Old School" Secretary and Sport 80

Ron Greengrass



When I took on the job of Secretary of Lowestoft Invaders MCC in 1970 my first job at the beginning of a New Year was to list in triplicate the members of the club. One copy went to the Centre Secretary and the second to the ACU accompanied by a cheque to cover the affiliation of the members at £1 per head. I'm told that this was increased later but I don't remember that. In those days a typical cheque would have been about £120.

Then some lunatic at the ACU introduced a "sliding scale" of fees which exists to this day. For our present-day membership of 50 we pay a miserly £10 and a club of 100 members pays £20. Think of all the revenue lost to the ACU in the meantime and the ACU "had no money". Sport 80 was thus visited on us. In November 2022 the ACU announced that their website had been moved to a platform called Sport 80 which was "a world-renowned provider of sports management systems" though nobody had ever heard of it. Further: "The new ACU Members system uses futureproof technology that is fully supported, user-friendly, and brings new administrative efficiencies". I question this.

The ACU also announced at the same time that there would be "small" increases in the cost of Competition licences and Trial Registrations. Small increases they were not. Licences increased to £70 (an increase of 33%) and Trial Registrations to £20 (100%). For 2025 there will be further increases.



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I must admit that I had difficulties in dealing with Sport 80 as Secretary of the Meeting for our events-these difficulties were mainly due to the terminology used as I take the words used to mean what I understood them to mean as an “old school” scholar. In fact I believe that software so-called engineers are illiterate. Anyway, I have had more aggravation in the last 2 years than I had in the previous 50. As Secretary of the Meeting at our events I need to obtain information from the entries list given by the Sport 80 system for the purposes of allocating riding numbers etc.in short; for the administration of the event. In this the initial system worked quite well. The entry list gave the riders details and entries were listed as either “approved” or “awaiting approval” so new entries could be noted. Then the system was changed.

At present entries are listed on pages containing 20 entries but stupidly in alphabetical order. To whose benefit is this? As far as I am aware no discipline starts riders in alphabetical order and as entries are received daily the lists constantly change and this makes it difficult to find new entries. Unless I have missed a trick the only recourse is to note the given total of entries and scroll through the pages in the hope of recognising new names. The total number is not always reliable. Our trial in August listed youth rider Leo Piggott’s entry as “complete” to be followed immediately by Leo Piggott’s entry as “incomplete”. This was counted as 2 entries although it is obviously the same boy and the situation was caused by mother receiving no confirmation of his first entry. It would be more helpful if entries were listed chronologically so that later entries are at the bottom of the page. A puzzling matter is some riders being listed as “unaffiliated” where my understanding is that club membership is a pre-requisite to having a Licence or Trial Registration .

My other dealing with Sport 80 is applying for a permit as I leave the setting up of the online entry for our events to my colleague Thomas Jones. In applying for a permit I resent having to give dates a**e about face and how ridiculous is it to give opening and closing dates and times to the nearest minute? There are no cities in Suffolk so I resent having to type in Lowestoft in the “required field” of “city” in order for the system to work. This should be removed as it requires me to type in what is essentially a falsehood.

ACU Eastern Enduro Championships - Final Round

Richard Norman



Sunday 17 November saw Diss MCC run the Muntjac Enduro, the final round of the 2024 ACU Eastern Enduro Championship. Sunday's weather was perfect with the forest tracks drier than for many years. The event is always popular with a full 200 entries again this year. Alex Snow

The first championship riders were away at 9:00am riding a short loop through the forest to the first special test of the day. With 28 championship riders, including top British as well as centre

championship riders all eyes were on the timing screens to see who would lead the pack. As the dust settled it was Alex Snow, Alex Snow Off Road GasGas, who was the only rider under 4 minutes, by a mere 2/100 second. He was closely followed by Sam Hughes, 250 FIR KTM, 9/100 second back with multiple world enduro champion Steve Holcombe in third just a quarter of a second behind Hughes. Ben Cole, 450 GH Mcs Husqvarna made a strong start slotting in fourth, just half a second behind Holcombe followed by Charlie Chater, 250 Yamaha Off Road Experience Yam rounding out the top five, with less than 3 seconds separating the top five. Cole's ACUE Championship rival, Luke Parker, 450 RWT/Matt Pope Kawasaki made a small but costly mistake and was ninth on the leaderboard, some 9 seconds down on Snow.

An hour later the championship riders were back to find a well run-in test and Holcombe topped the times with a 3 minute 46 time, some 14 seconds quicker than test one. However, Snow was not going to let Holcombe out of his sights and he clocked 3 minutes 49 to remain in contention. Parker showed his true speed clocking in third, four seconds behind Snow. Eastern Centre MX champion, Sam Nunn, 450 John Banks Honda, having walked the test multiple times before the start, showed great form slotting in fourth followed by Sam Hughes with six seconds covering the top five. Cole made a small mistake right near the end of this test slotting in seventh, but still almost 3 seconds ahead of Parker over the two tests.

Lap three saw the top three order repeated. Holcombe 1.4 seconds ahead of Snow with Parker 4 seconds behind Snow. Sam Hughes was three quarters of a second behind Parker with Cole a second and a half behind Hughes. Parker was now half a second behind Cole and the battle for the centre championship was intensifying.



Luke Meredith
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For their fourth lap championship riders would face 2 back-to-back tests and the support crews were out in force to catch the action. This time Snow got the best run just a quarter of a second ahead of Holcombe. Parker maintained his form slotting in third, six seconds behind Holcombe with Sam Hughes a second back and Nunn two seconds behind Hughes. Cole again slotted in seventh. Parker was now five seconds ahead of Cole. The final test would be critical for both riders.

Test five saw Holcombe blitz the opposition, posting a 3 minute 44, over 11 seconds up on Sam Nunn with Snow nearly 2.5 seconds behind. Former British MX star Jake Nicholls, 400 Honda showed his speed, 0.7 seconds behind Snow. Ben Clark, 300 Beta UK was the best of the local championship runners in fifth, 1.5 seconds behind Nicholls.

After the five tests Holcombe was nearly 18 seconds ahead of Snow, and Sam Hughes was third, twenty seconds behind Snow with Nunn in fourth, 3 seconds down on Hughes.

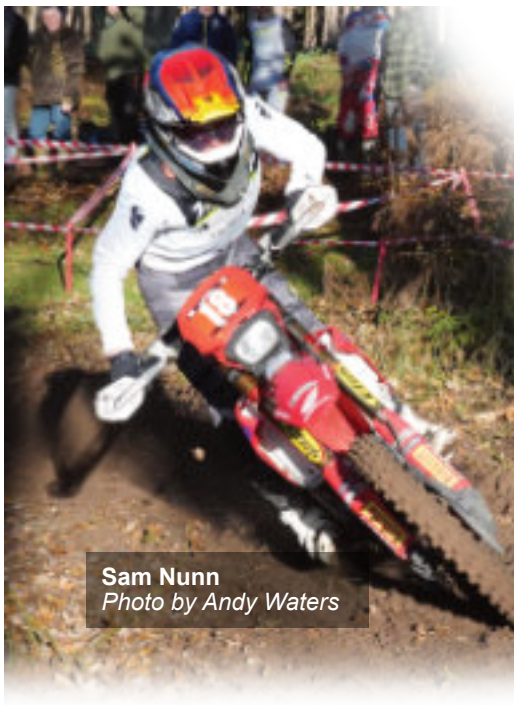
So where were the Eastern Centre Championship contenders? On this final test, Cole slotted in seventh, but Parker again had an issue, stalling on the test, dropping him to ninth. Crucially this meant Cole was nearly 3 seconds ahead, Cole in fifth and Parker sixth overall.

The championship riders still had two laps of the course to complete with a last lap allowance of 33 minutes. The event was riding faster than clerk of the course, Andy Waters anticipated, and four riders clocked in 2 minutes early, Snow, Sam Hughes, Ben Clark and Sam Boyd with a further 10 riders a minute early. However, Holcombe had a brake issue and had to retire on his last lap meaning Alex Snow took the victory from Sam Hughes and Sam Nunn with Cole in fourth and Parker fifth.

Ben Cole, 450 GH Mcs Husqvarna had secured his first ACU Eastern Enduro Championship victory and with support crews gathered around, he celebrated with a beer!!! Multiple ACUE Enduro Champion Luke Parker slotted in second and third went to Ben Clark followed by rising stars, Jake Roper in fourth and Joe Phillips in fifth.



Sam Hughes
Photo by Paul Flack



Sam Nunn
Photo by Andy Waters

In the Expert class Luke Meredith, 300 DK/JSM Beta riding for Manchester 17 MCC dominated proceedings winning all 3 tests.

David Rushton, 450 AR Motors Husqvarna was second overall, some 22 seconds behind Meredith with Roan Delaney, 250 Carbon Comps KTM a further three seconds back.
Luke Meredith

With a strong national field of experts Barnaby Knight, 450 UMR/Elson Honda was best of the East Anglian contingent, finishing in fifth with Jack Edwards 300 Edwards Husqvarna in fourteenth followed by Expert Championship leader, Joe Henthorn, 350 Husqvarna in fifteenth. Unofficially this puts Henthorn as the ACUE Expert Champion followed by Knight.

In the Expert Vets again the tests decided the overall results with James Jackman, 450 Motoward RFX Yamaha taking victory by just under 4 seconds from Andrew Lawton with Tim Warnes, 250 RWT/Matt Pope Kawasaki, finishing third and best East Anglian some six seconds back from Lawton. Phil Roper 350 ID Decals/Indigo Ross KTM finished fifth giving him the unofficial ACUE Expert Vets Championship win.

In the Clubman class Kit Szabo 250 Carbon Coms KTM riding for Croydon MC was the overall winner and was fastest on both tests. He was followed by young East Anglian Stanly Delany 250 Blackwell GasGas with Alex Christopher, 450 SDG KTM in third.

Despite not being old enough to ride the long course Santon and Muntjac forest events, unofficially Ed Belton is the ACUE Clubman Champion with three wins at the previous championship rounds

In the Clubman Veteran class Raymond Otoka 200 Bikeshed Beta, riding for Diss MCC took the win by a second and a half from Spencer



Raymond Otoka
Photo by Paul Flack

Newland 350 HMS KTM with Scott Chaplin 350 JC CRT GasGas in third securing the centre Clubman Vet Championship.

Finally, in the ever-popular Clubman Super Vets with an entry of 43 riders, John Hilton, 300 Fab Weld KTM again dominated the class winning by over 17 seconds and again winning the Centre Championship for the Super Vets. Darren Osborne, 249 Crescent/GYTR Yamaha was second, some 17 seconds back with Gareth Lodge, 250 KTM in third.

Thanks to the ever-enthusiastic Diss MCC organising team led by Andy Waters, the Muntjac was again a very successful event and made a fitting end to the ACU Eastern Championship for 2024. As ever we need to thank GH Motorcycles and G+B Finch for supporting the event and GH Motorcycles/Husqvarna for sponsoring the centre championship. Also, thanks to iD Decals for providing the riding numbers for the Championship series. Finally, thanks to Forestry England for our continued use of the forest, and of course to everyone that helped and supported the event. I'm sure Gavin Hockey and the GH team will have been pleased to see Ben Cole their GH man win the centre championship this year. Congratulations must go to all the winners.

Last but not least, don't forget Diss MCC's Santon Enduro set for 23 February 2025. As ever this event is rideable in any condition and is likely to fill up fast – so don't miss out. The 2025 season will soon be upon us.

Kit Szabo
Photo by Andy Waters



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

In the past 8 years diesel, petrol and beer have all risen by over 30%, but cost of reserving your number for 2025 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.

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Since its introduction this scheme has enabled the ACU Eastern, on behalf of riders, to make donations of more than £40,000 to the chosen charities.

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Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



The first Eastern Centre Gazette was published on the 1st of July 1947. This was barely a year after the reformation of the Eastern Centre, with just 11 clubs, following the end of the Second World War. The man behind the Centre publishing its own journal specifically to greater unify the clubs and invite correspondence and information between them, was the then Centre Chairman: Frank Collins, who represented the Norwich Vikings club and had been a senior Centre official before the War. . As ever with such projects, there was the question of initial costs in getting the journal out to hopefully attract more clubs to rejoin the ACU and the Centre. However, there was just over £11:00 in the Centre's entire funds and Frank had his detractors over the idea. Nonetheless he convinced the Board it was worth having a go and see what the reaction would be. They agreed to issue the new Gazette at a "temporary" price of 3p per copy – about the same price of a newspaper. To begin with, the response was enthusiastic, giving the journal a full content, including a 'first hand' - if rather late! - report from the International Six-Days Trial (now Enduro) held in Germany before the outbreak of the War in 1939 and six - more recent - club introductions with their news. Results from the May 1947, "scramble" (Motocross) meeting at Wakes Colne, was also featured and old-timers like me will remember Monty Banks, who was runner up in both the Junior (350cc) and 'All-Comers' races.

Just as in today's Gazette, forthcoming events were featured as well as an introductory Editorial from Frank Collins himself, who hoped the journal would "take off." As was to be expected in a completely new enterprise, there were no dealers – or anyone else's - adverts though oddly, there was one: "small advert", at one old penny a word, from a Mr Fawkes, who was looking for a 3.50 x 19 rear tyre.. The Ipswich club also took a larger space to advertise their coming: "Motorcycle Grand National" scramble for early August :- "On the finest and fastest Scramble Course in the Eastern Counties!" The actual venue was not mentioned but surely, that had to be Shrubland Park.

The initial response from the small but ever growing batch of Eastern Centre clubs was encouraging and reports and articles as well as the money-making adverts, came rolling in. It should be understood that for a period after the War, petrol rationing was still in place and to add to club difficulties, the ACU, the same year, imposed a 2.5% levy on all events where money was taken from the public. i.e. entrance to meetings, programmes and car parking.. This affected clubs running scrambles (motocross) and grass track events most particularly. The levy came under critical comment by the Centre clubs – one has to wonder, "What's new?"

Frank Collins having proved that an Eastern Centre journal could be a valuable asset to the Centre, stood down as Editor in 1951. He had served the sport as a whole for over twenty-five years and seemingly left a vibrant journal.

Nevertheless, rising costs of production and distribution began to put a strain on Centre finances which gave the subsequent Editor: Keith Bullock, of the Maldon club, a headache right from the start. By then the circulation of the Gazette had reached over 1100 copies per month but the losses were around £12:00 per month which dragged seriously on the

Centre finances of just under £200 for the full year. An interesting statistic is the stamps needed to send out those 1100 copies cost around: £1/15d (£1:75) The losses increased the following year and by now, the Gazette – which everyone loved - but no one evidently wanted to pay for, was under a large shadow.

The Gazette shortfall increased to such a state that the Centre Board decided in April 1956, to cease its publication. However, a Mr Holroyd of the Ipswich club, had the perhaps obvious idea of making it compulsory for every sporting entry form to be published in the Gazette. Yet, this was unbelievably voted down - and it was not until April 1961 that the Gazette re-appeared - complete with sporting events entry forms. The little ruse promptly generated the essential sales to the ever growing list of Competition riders. Nonetheless, the Gazette had its ups and downs financially and it was not until the 2000's that it sold sufficient numbers with consistent advertisers to make creditable profits. Several editors came and went and I put a list of honour below in respect to them all.

Our Centre Gazette came from being a worrying loss-maker to eventually generating tens of thousands of Pounds. Over time, Electronic media has risen up to take dominance in our communications and for a while the Gazette actually financed that – to such an extent that it has again suffered financially itself. Like a big greedy cuckoo, it is indeed the media upstart which will now survive, though I suggest the best days of the Eastern Centre and possibly motorcycle sport itself, were chronicled by the printed Eastern Centre Gazette. Nonetheless at the recent Centre AGM and Board meeting, it was decided the Gazette should cease in its printed form after an over 70 year span. Sad perhaps - but times move on....



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Signing off after 48 years!

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NB: Our President: Alan Penny, took on his first role as a Centre official when he became Gazette Treasurer in 1966!

The cover of the first ever Gazette....

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Not On My Watch (or so I thought)

Paul Sewter

Although I first became a member of the Norwich Viking MCC back in 1973, and have been webmaster of the Centre's website for approximately 20 years, I was first involved in the production of the Eastern Centre Gazette due to the closure of Printing Services (Norwich) Ltd. If my memory serves me correctly (which is not necessarily a given) it was early this century that Eric Potter closed his doors for the last time, and Colin Armes began the search for a new printer capable of handling the onerous task of getting the gazette into print on time every month. I reminded him that ex-road-race marshal and motorcycle enthusiast, Simon Laskey, had started his own print business, and the long association between the Centre and Catton Print began. Little did I know at the time that within a few years I would be sitting at a desk in Catton Print, preparing the Gazette for production from Colin's files.

When illness prevented Colin from sitting at the computer to edit the Gazette I stepped in "temporarily" to help him out, with him remaining as the Editor. Unfortunately Colin did not recover, and following his sad passing the mantle of Editor was taken on by his son, former Centre Chairman, Phil, with me continuing to prepare the artwork for print.

The growth of digital printing meant it soon became cheaper to print in full colour on digital presses than conventional litho printing in mono, and so it was that in January 2020 the first ever full colour Eastern Centre Gazette, complete with a tribute to the recently-departed Dennis Slaughter OBE, was printed. The bright new future we had planned for the Gazette was brought to an abrupt halt by the Covid-19 lockdown. Despite a drastically reduced calendar, the Gazette still dropped on subscribers' doormats, albeit bi-monthly. Once events began to run again we set about trying to build it into a publication the Centre could be proud of. The new full-colour format was met with much enthusiasm, and a regular flow of photos and reports of events, both past and present, began to be received, as monthly publication resumed.

The decision by the ACU Head Office to enforce clubs to get their permits direct via the newly-introduced Sport80, and competitors to enter events via the same system, negated the requirement for riders to use the printed regs and forms in the Gazette to secure entries for events. It was suggested that this sounded the death-knell for the Gazette and, after a few of the larger clubs ceased to offer it to their members, this became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Perhaps because of the work I had put into the Gazette, my belief in it as an important historical record of events in the



Centre, and a large part of my working life spent in design for print, I felt it had to continue. I knew there were many people who had given years of service to the Centre and, now not as active as they once were, looked forward to their monthly read.

The end of the Gazette? Not on my watch!

However, it seems that the Gazette was not the only casualty of the ACU reorganisation. The loyalty (or perhaps, dependence) of the Clubs on the Centre seems to have quickly dissipated. Where not so long ago candidates had to be voted onto committees, and a dedicated band of volunteers were ready to take on tasks to ensure the smooth running of the Centre, there now remain an ever-decreasing band of hardy, or perhaps foolish, individuals taking on ever more tasks to try and keep the Centre alive and able to serve the Clubs that make up its membership. Although I resigned from all my roles in the Centre, the lack of anyone coming forward as replacements meant I would be placing an intolerable burden on the few left behind. The Gazette requires a lot of work in a very tight timeframe each month - time which is becoming increasingly difficult to find. I therefore decided that, in order to continue to provide the Centre with a website, and many other admin and design-related tasks, I would have to pass the reigns of the Gazette on to someone else. Unfortunately, as with so many other roles that need filling, nobody was available to take the job on. This means that, at least for the time-being, the Gazette in printed form will cease production. There is still obviously a need for a vehicle that enables the Centre and Clubs to communicate with members, and we are working very hard to implement this. With the support of the Clubs and membership we CAN keep the Centre alive and ready to support the sport. Without it, I fear the printed Gazette will not be the only thing you lose.

As I sign off for the final time I feel I must express my thanks to those who have supported me in my role as Editor, and without whose regular contributions the Gazette would have ceased long ago. So thanks in no particular order go to 'Sidge' Kenny, Roger Chaplin, & Paula Day for regular content, Richard Blyth, Andy Waters, Narna Media and other suppliers of the photographs that made the Gazette so much more than just a newsletter. I am also in awe of those who came before. How on earth they managed to get the Gazette out on time, and distributed around the region, in a time before the technologies and transport systems we now enjoy is truly heroic. Mention must also go to the many loyal advertisers, whose financial support enabled the gazette to flourish for many years. Finally, a massive debt of gratitude is owed by the Centre to Ron Greengrass, who handled the advertising sales, finances and distribution of the Gazette for as long as I can remember.

I am sure I will have omitted the mention of some people, for which I apologise. As with many other tasks that magically get done, there are people who beaver away in the background without us ever knowing who they are. For the sake of the sport, let us hope they continue to do so.





Braintree & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Turkey Trot Trial 24

Beazley End, CM7 5JQ

What 3 Words: no information from club

Permit No.: ACU 204394

Sign On: 08:00

Start: 10:30

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s):	Phil Read and Chris Cook
Clerk of the Course:	John Yearly
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Richard Penfold
Secretary of the Meeting:	Richard Penfold 108 Ilex Close, Colchester, Essex , CO2 9QE Tel: 07446079550 email: richardpenfold2395@gmail.com
Course:	3 Laps, 13 Sections farmland, woods, muddy banks and rocks
Routes:	Yellow, Red and Blue, White
Classes:	Expert, ExpertB, Inter, InterB, Novice, Twinshock, Youth A and B
Awards:	Awards are for top 2 in each class

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £20.
Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: November 29th 2024

Entries Close: December 19th 2024

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



OPEN Permit Trial

Thursday 26th December 2024

Ipswich MC & LCC

Boxing day Trial

Raydon Pits

What 3 Words: bins.marked,exactly

Permit No.: ACU 204343

Sign On: 09.30

Start: 10.15

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): G Timms

Clerk of the Course: David Cordle (*Licence 5689*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: David Cordle

Secretary of the Meeting: Mrs P Cordle.
4 Bullen Close, Bramford, Suffolk. IP8 4JE
Tel: 07814530290 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

Course: The course will be 4 laps of 10 multi routed sections in sand pit and wooded area. There will be no Beginners route.

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

Classes: All solo Classes Welcome
Youth welcome who can ride one of the main Routes.

Awards: To best ride of the Day.

National Grid Ref: TM041388

JURISDICTION

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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 a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: December 1st 2024, @ 12:00 am

Entries Close: December 22nd 2024 @ 12:00 am

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

On Arrival please Park Sensibly. Then Sign In at the official Van.
If any one can supply an Observer that would be Great. Postal Entry's will
*be accepted as long as they arrive before the closing date.



Woodbridge &
DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 29th December 2024

Laurie Bird Memorial Trial ACUE 'C' Championship Round 6

Blaxhall Circuit, near Wickham Market, IP12 2DU

What 3 Words: strumming, probing, slicer

Permit No.: ACU 204297

Sign On: 8:30am

Start: 10:00am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Wilf Harvey
Clerk of the Course: Ian Barfield (*Licence 6843*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of the meeting
Secretary of the Meeting: Stuart Barfield
 76 Woodbridge Road, Rushmere st Andrew, IP4 5RA
Tel: 07783673655 email: wdmcc.trials@gmail.com

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections. Woodland and gravel terrain
Routes: Yellow, Red/Blue, White and Orange (small wheel youth only)
Classes: Pre-70 (Pre-unit, Unit, Twostroke), Twinshock, Youth
Awards: Laurie Bird Cup to best Woodbridge % DMCC rider
National Grid Ref: TM 358578

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2024 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 machines

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adult £20, Youth £17. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: December 1st 2024, @ 08:00 am

Entries Close: December 27th 2024 @ 10:00 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

Toilets (male & female). Food outlet on site. Dogs allowed (kept on a lead)



Norwich Viking MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Jack Kersey Trophy trial

Caddes Hill, Lyng

What 3 Words: nets/tutorial/tinny

Permit No.: ACU 203773

Sign On: 9.30am

Practice:

Start: 11am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): James Douglas
Clerk of the Course: Barbara Douglas (*Licence 70441*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Barbara Douglas
Secretary of the Meeting: Barbara Douglas
The Old Cottages, The Moor
Tel: 07484220349 email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

Course: Tree roots and banks, 10 sections 4 laps
Routes: Red, White, Orange plus 50/50
Classes: Expert B, Inter, Inter B, Novice, Twinshock, Pre 65, Youth A, B,C,D,E
Awards: None
National Grid Ref: TG066174

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 a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: December 9th 2024, @ 9am

Entries Close: December 31st 2024 @ 12pm

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

Sign on in hut



Wymondham & DMC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 12th January 2025

January Trial

Hill House Farm, Great Ellingham, marked from A47

What 3 Words: pushing.circus.blinking

Permit No.: ACU 204332

Sign On: 09.30

Start: 10.30

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s):	R Ayres
Clerk of the Course:	Clive Dopson (<i>Licence 10432</i>)
Child Protection P.o.C.:	Clive Dopson
Secretary of the Meeting:	Darrel Glover 33 Barley Way, Attleborough Norfolk Tel: 0799055406 email: drgbodyshop@tiscali.co.uk
Course:	Mud, banks and roots 4 laps of approximately 10 sections
Routes:	Red/Blue,50/50,White and orange
Classes:	All adult plus youth
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 with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adults £20, Youths £5. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: December 12th 2024, @ 12.00 am

Entries Close: January 8th 2025 @ 23.55 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

Please only enter venue via arrowed route

ACU EASTERN - TRIALS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Event: Organisers:
Venue: Date of Event:
Permit No: **ACU** Course Lic/Cert No. (where Applicable)

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued for the meeting. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook.

Entry declaration: I/we the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof:

- I declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them.
- I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.
- I confirm that I am not currently suspended from ACU permitted competition or on the ACU Stop List as a result of incurring a Concussion injury.
- I accept that insurance arranged on my behalf by the organisers of events that I may enter specifically excludes liability between the participants. I understand that this form may be used in litigation as evidence that any serious injury will be principally the result of my voluntary decision to engage in a high risk activity.
- I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course.
- I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU.
- I confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I shall participate on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose. I confirm that I am eligible to compete on the machines for which I have entered.
- I confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.
- I accept responsibility for any items borrowed from the Organiser during the course of the event. These items include but are not restricted to (safety clothing, transponders, accessories). I understand that I am liable for the cost or replacement of any items lost or not returned and non-payment or non-replacement of items borrowed may affect my entry into subsequent events.
- I confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor had an ACU Licence suspended, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.

• I/we enclose the entry fee of: £.....

Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

Contact and phone no. in the event of an emergency.

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I understand that by taking part in this event I am exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, any event organiser, any circuit owner, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk. I agree that I am required to register on arrival by "signing on" at the designated place before taking part in any Practice Session/Race, Trials or Enduro.

Don't forget to sign

Rider's signature: Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over
If applicable:

Passenger's signature: Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE OF 18, DECLARATION OF PARENT, PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:

(COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) I the parent/person with parental responsibility of the above named participant, hereinafter referred to as 'my child', accept that my child may participate in the aforementioned meeting.

I declare as follows: - I have read and understood the "Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport" which appears above. I appreciate the dangers inherent in motorsport which include the risk of death or permanent disablement. The child does not suffer from any physical, medical or mental disability which would make it unsafe for him/her to participate either as a Competitor or for Practice. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that the child and I have had the opportunity to read and understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions subsequently issued and this Entry Form and that he/she will comply with them. I accept that photographs or video films may be taken of my child by officials dealing with safety issues or accident investigations. Photographs may also be taken for promotional purposes and may appear on the ACU website or in ACU publications.

Extract from NSC Article 7.14: A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

Rider's Surname: **First Name:** D.O.B
Address:
.....
.....
Phone No.: **Email:**

ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Passenger's Surname: **First Name:**

Address: **Phone:**

ACU Licence No: **Club:** (The ACU affiliated club to which you belong)

Class Entered (Tick required)

Expert Expert B Inter Inter B Novice Pre 70 Twinshock
Youth A Youth B Youth C Youth D Youth E Sidecar

Sponsor/Machine Make: **Engine Size (cc)**

Indicate your preferred route: Yellow 50/50 Red/Blue 50/50 White Beginners

Check specific event announcement for classes and routes being offered.

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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	Discipline	Status	Venue	Championship
1-Dec	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Cadders Hill, Lyng	
8-Dec	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class Championship
22-Dec	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Codham Hall	
26-Dec	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Raydon	
29-Dec	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Butley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Championship
1-Jan	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Cadders Hill, Lyng	
5-Jan	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Closed to Club	Little Bealings	
12-Jan	Wymondham & DMC	Trial	OPEN	Gt. Ellingham	
26-Jan	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Aldeby	
2-Feb	Castle (Colchester) MCC	Trial	OPEN	Pebmarsh	Phil King National
23-Feb	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Theftod Forest	



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