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East Anglian rider, Matthew Neale, wrestles his Ariel 500 through a section on his way to a superb third place in the recent Talmag Trial.

Photo by Chris Canham

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2024 Talmag Trial

Richard Snowden



Sunday 28 January 2024 saw the Territorial Army (London) MCC run their annual Talmag trial. The Talmag has been run since 1946 on MoD land at Hungry Hill, Aldershot and since the mid 1970's the event has been solely for machines made in Europe before 1965. Three routes were offered with two laps of 15 sections. One for girder fork machines, sidecars and clubmen, a middle route and a more challenging route which looked to be strictly for the experts. In addition to the 30 sections competitors had to ride a special test which would be used as a tie break.

ACUE had good representation with 30 East Anglians in the programme out of the 196 solos and 18 sidecars. As well as the 200 plus competitors there were hundreds of spectators, not a regular sight at trials.

Seventeen riders faced the hard route and national runner Phil Wiffen (400 Matchless) was a clear victor losing a mere 10 marks understating the severity of the route. Matthew Neale (500 Ariel) was in great form and finished third on 35. Chris Collins (500 Ariel) was next best East Anglian finishing sixth on 52 with Paul Whitehead (500 Triumph) ninth on 63 and Clive Dopson finishing thirteenth on his 500 Rigid Norton on 79. Clive has been riding the Talmag since 1975 and feels the hard route which was only introduced in 2020 has become too challenging with significantly more difficult sections than in previous years. The programme states that bunny hops, tacking etc. will be deemed a stop and therefore incur a five mark penalty as the Talmag is a no stop trial. However, with some of the extremely tight turns I think it would have been all but impossible to get around some of these sections without hopping.

The middle route is the most competitive with 102 entrants and proved a very rideable trial with 2 riders clean and 14 riders losing less than 5. This has been the pattern at the Talmag for many years and the special test time is needed to resolve many ties.

In the up to 300cc class ACUE rider Jim Cammack (200 Triumph) was fifth with a loss of 7 followed by former East Anglian, Hamish Eadie (200 Triumph) on 11 finishing eighth, with Alan Lucas (250 BSA) in thirteenth.

In the over 300cc class ACUE expert Roger Higgs (500 Ariel) finished clean but was beaten on the test so finished second. Richard Snowden (350 Ariel) was seventh on 2 with Elliot Ryan (350 BSA) better known as ACUE sidcar champion in ninth on 4. To demonstrate how competitive this class is, John Lea (500 Royal Enfield) lost 11 and finished seventeenth while Trevor Baker (410 Matchless) also on 11 was twenty first. John Lea clearly used his road race experience to set the second fastest test time of the mid route riders - just 0.2 seconds slower than the fastest rider.



Also riding the middle route were 13 riders on machines with no rear suspension. Darrel Glover was our only campaigner in this group and he battled the only 350 flat twin Douglas in the trial round for a loss of 43.

On the clubman route Paul Mac Houghton was best of the ACUE riders finishing fifteenth on his original 1961 199 Tiger Cub, losing 11 marks.

In the sidcar class East Anglian Robert Chapman was in the chair with Karl Jarvis driving (500 Triumph) and the pair finished sixth losing 18, with former East Anglian Mark Kemp and his ever-smiling wife Fiona (500 Ariel) finishing seventh on 23.

Richard Snowden - reflections as a first-time rider of the Talmag. And not just the Talmag - it was also my first event on a four stroke - a beautifully prepared 350 Ariel. If only it had electric start!!!

Sitting waiting for my start time there was a real mixture of excitement and trepidation, but this passed after the first section went OK. It was then a case of getting on with the trial and being very aware that it is traditionally a very low scoring event. The sections on our middle route were well set for the Pre 65 machines with limited lock and ground clearance. There were several really big hills which were exhausting to walk but were good to ride. If only Hungry Hill was in East Anglia!!!

Only 30 sections and a special test but the sections were all long with several tricky bits so despite the low score I was knackered at the end. Do I have to mention the special test - let's just say speed isn't my thing. I reckon about 70th fastest!!!! I rode it clean but that's not the point apparently!



Anyway, congratulations to all the ACUE riders that managed to finish the event. It's a real celebration of these bygone four stroke machines so maybe we'll see even more ACUE riders enter the 2025 Talmag.





RESULTS

Winner & East Anglian Finishers

Hard Route

- 1st Phil Wiffen (410 Matchless) 10
- 3rd Matthew Neale (500 Ariel) 35
- 6th Chris Collins (500 Ariel) 52
- 13th Clive Dopson (500 Norton) 79

Easier Route

- 1st Lee Bruton (500 Ariel) 0
- 15th Paul Houghton (200 Triumph) 11
- 31st Stephen Stolady (200 Triumph) 56

Sidecars (also riding easier route)

- 1st Kev Nolan/Harvey Allaway (500 Triumph) 1
- 6th Karl Jarvis/Robert Chapman (500 Triumph) 18
- 7th Mark Kemp/Fiona Kemp (500 Ariel) 23

Middle Route

Under 300cc

- 1st Elliott Tickner (220 Triumph) 1
- 5th Jim Cammack (200 Triumph) 7
- 8th Hamish Eadie (200 Triumph) 11
- 13th Alan Lucas (250 BSA) 33

Over 300cc (no rear suspension)

- 1st Steven Allen (350 Matchless) 1
- 11th Darrel Glover 350 Douglas 43

Over 300cc (with rear suspension)

- 1st Martin Gilbert (350 Triumph) 0 (S.T. 37.9)
- 2nd Roger Higgs (500 Ariel) 0 (S.T. 39.2)
- 7th Richard Snowden (350 Ariel) 2
- 9th Elliott Ryan (350 BSA) 4
- 17th John Lea (500 Royal Enfield) 11
- 21st Trevor Baker (410 Matchless) 11
- 23rd Brad Woods (350 BSA) 12
- 27th Andy Stevens (350 Royal Enfield) 14
- 29th William Rhodes (350 BSA) 15
- 31st Bob Clarke (350 BSA) 25
- 42nd Joe Stollery (350 Royal Enfield) 65

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ACU Eastern Enduro Championship Awards Night

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The Limes Hotel in Needham Market proved to be a popular venue as the biking community of the Eastern Centre turned out for a lively forum followed by the annual awards ceremony for the 120 plus members who turned out collected awards and contributed during the evening.

With various rule changes and updates dealt with, it was discussed how we can encourage more of our younger grass roots riders to enrol to race and enjoy the sport as the youth series is officially taken on board, Sudbury MCC who have been pioneers for bringing on younger riders and will hold 6 of the 7 events in addition to Bury MCC hosting a round at Hawkenden in April. With 7 Youth events confirmed for the 2024 season with a popular prize giving **ceremony** after each race for each section all kindly Sponsored by GH Motorcycles and GB Finch the interest so far is promising.

It is hoped with careful calendar planning the clashes of Motocross and Enduro will be fewer and the familiar faces in the top ranks of Motocross will again grace the top spots in the 2 man series sponsored by Dave Barkshire Motorcycles, which sadly suffered with lower entries last year resulting in the cancellation of a couple of events. It was discussed how we can encourage riders to enter as a fun event to do with friends who may normally just do track days as a step up in addition to the serious competitors chasing the points in a championship class, this will hopefully reverse the falling entries for some of the dates and keep the 2 man Championship series afloat.

Thanks were paid to the hardworking committee members who keep the eastern centre up to date & ensure smooth running of an action-packed calendar as we look forward to a new season.

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3rd Adam Kempster
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3rd Lewis Holmes
2nd Danial Hills
1st Billy Sargeant

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3rd Paul Spurgeon
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1st James Yearley

Championship

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2nd Ben Clark
1st Luke Parker

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1st Will Hughes Jamie Roper

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James Yearly



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Nieve Holmes

Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny



An avowed “shed man” - and unsociable with it, I rarely go out for any gatherings but just before Christmas. my wife and I were invited out to – as it turned out – a very nice and jolly dinner.

During the meal, a woman, perhaps in her late forties, asked me if I was still riding motorbikes? I replied I was. I added I had been actively in motorcycle sport for over sixty years. It all went quiet. “You look alright on it..” Another then remarked: “....motorbike riders usually walk around with a limp – if they are still here at all...”

It was of course a very half-hearted joke which we have all heard. Feebly, I replied I had been lucky. “But you know how to fall off and not hurt yourselves, don't you?” The lady then enquired. “Do we?” I replied, not thinking she was serious. “ Well, - my Dad did dispatch riding when he was called up for National Service – they were given training on how to fall off their motorbikes properly....”

I nearly blew my soup all over the table. That was news to me. I could not envisage blokes in khaki, mounted on the venerable and heavy old BSA M21's or Norton 16H's, being deposited gracefully and without hurt from prangs which can develop in so many ways. I had a vision of these young trainees sailing over the handlebars and landing like a gym-vaulter on their feet - and then turning 90 degrees to give their dear old Sergeant a smart salute. I rather more felt that these rookies would more likely be given plentiful instructions on how to AVOID parting from their bike.

Yet in all the vast literature on the subject of motorbikes – either in sport or on the road, the question of falling off them is scarcely mentioned in my experience – let alone dealt with. I can recall one example however, from the 1960's. In their book: “The Art of Motorcycle Racing” - co written by Murray Walker and Mike Hailwood, the business of what to do in a crash is indeed dealt with. Many – including myself – regard Hailwood as the greatest ever road racer but in his early days he could hardly stay aboard – he was indeed, a most experienced ‘crasher’. Yet the discipline of road racing is not at all comparable with off-road incidents or even those suffered on the highway. As Hailwood observed, in road racing when you fall off the bike you often slide along the tarmac. This is where you might – might – be able to determine your destiny. He emphasised that being hit by your own bike was something to be avoided – should you be able to do so. Sadly, most often it isn't, or indeed possible to do anything at all. In off-road sport, being just that much slower, sliding or doing anything about it, is hardly an option. In trials, falling off is often a basis for merriment – especially with your fellow competitors and spectators.

Then there is the yarn about someone losing control of his bike at speed, coolly decides to “bale out.” In all of my sixty five years in the sport, I have yet to meet anyone who actually did so. We usually fight onboard to the end – sometimes we get away with it – sometimes we don't.



It is very rare for anyone to accuse me of being diplomatic, or having an excess of empathy, but Sidge's assertion that he cannot recall anyone ever voluntarily deciding to 'bale out' reminded me of an incident that took place back in the mid '70s when I was marshalling at Snetterton. Being early in the season, there was the usual abundance of immaculately prepared bikes, with their proud owners resplendent in orange jackets, signifying their novice status.



We were stationed on Riches corner at the end of the starting straight. After a few laps of practice I looked toward the start line only to see a novice rider on a fully-faired machine hammering along the grass beside the track. Although slowing, it was quite obvious that there was no way he was going to reduce his speed sufficiently to make the turn if he did not get back on the grey stuff. Just as it appeared he may have got away with it, much to our amazement, he stood up on the pegs and jumped off the side of the bike, which then cartwheeled along the armco barrier, destroying itself in the process.

Although visibly shaken, the rider thankfully sustained no serious injuries. Sadly his machine, a Commando-engined special that had obviously had a serious amount of time and money spent on it, had not fared so well. In addition to the usual damage one would expect from such a tumble even the cast mag-alloy wheels and engine casings were wrecked. Indeed, it was hard to see anything that was salvageable, apart from perhaps the barrels, heads and some internal engine components. Once we had checked the track was clear of debris, and ensured that the detached fuel tank was safe (even though it had split and shed its contents on the thankfully damp grass, I turned my attention to the rider, who was now sitting on top of the bank mentally calculating the repair bill.

I asked him what happened and he told me that as he passed the start line he was trying to read his pit board, and in doing so veered onto the grass. "I thought I had got away with it until I saw the marker boards. I wasn't going to hit those concrete posts, so I baled out".

I thought it was probably best not to point out they were polystyrene!

Paul Sewter



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Alan Cocksedge Photos of Eastern Centre Events Pt. 7

Roger Chaplin

In this month's Gazette Alan Cocksedge colour photos are from 27th May 1962 the newly named Suffolk Grand National and Donald Steed Trophy Scramble at Tye Farm Great Cornard organised by the Sudbury & District Motor Cycle & Light Car Club. Another 'Grand' title created by Secretary of the Meeting and Clerk of the Course 19-year-old Barry Chaplin who was in the same Class as Alan at Junior School. Amongst the nearly 200 entries Barry once again secure Dave Bickers plus the DOT works Team Pat Lamper, Alan Clough and John Griffiths. Alan once again drafted me a press release which I typed out 40 copies and sent them to media outlets and this time the BBC sent along a cameraman from the national Sport View programme and the racing was shown at the end of the programme with the closing credits over them. I have a photo of the BBC cameraman filming a finish of a race with Albert Carter and myself in shot, this photo appeared 30 years later on the front cover of the Gazette July 1992.

The meeting went very well with a 6,000 attendance. Freddie Mayes won the final of the Suffolk Grand National from John Griffiths and Alan Clough winning the prestige Donald Steed Trophy (the first Scramble/MX rider to do so). Dave Bickers won the Allcomers up to 350cc Final while in the Junior up to 350cc Final two riders who would go on to international fame 1st Dave Nicoll and 4th John Banks.

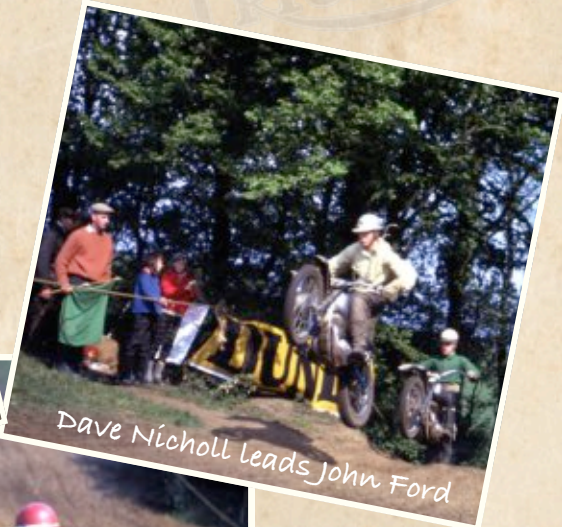
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Kieran Doherty



On the 18th of February around twenty five marshals from the Eastern Centre Marshals Club headed to The Bunbury Arms, Great Barton for a pre-season meal. Lots of chat about the season ahead begun as a list of fixtures was given out.

The marshals club have been working hard over the winter working on our aim to encourage new and younger people to take up marshalling. Part of this has been to increase the social side of marshalling with meals and BBQ's being planned for the year.

We have also been working on gaining some sponsorship which has included a grant from the ACU Motocross Committee for Bump caps and some other sponsors for our new hi-vis. Keep an eye out for these at events this year.

During the meal a special presentation was made to one of our members, Malcolm Stevens was awarded the piss-taker of the year, a fitting achievement I'm sure you will agree.



If you are interested in marshalling at events or want to know more about the role. Then please get in touch or speak to one of our members at the events.

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Don't forget to put Entry Fee here

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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:
 Postcode:

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

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

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OPEN Permit Trial

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Castle (Colchester) MCC

Castle Cadet Trial

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

What 3 Words: hardening.gladiator.imprinted

Permit No.: ACU 202807

Sign On: 09:30am

Start: 10:30am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): to be confirmed
Clerk of the Course: Ian Johnston (*Licence 11028*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Ian Johnston
Secretary of the Meeting: Nichola Norman
23 Kingsman Drive, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 8UR
Tel: 07817 833094 email: pritchardn@hotmail.co.uk

Course: The Castle Colchester MCC Ltd will organise an Open Trial event for YOUTH solo riding Electric or Petrol-powered machines to be held under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU.

Routes: Beginners – Green, Easy – White, Main Route – Red & Blue, Hard – Yellow

Classes: Youth Beginner, Youth Novice, Youth Intermediate, Youth Expert

Awards: To be confirmed

National Grid Ref: TM043389

JURISDICTION

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

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee £15.00. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or 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: February 12th 2024, @ 8:00 am

Entries Close: February 29th 2024 @ 8:00 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Youth Trial event consisting of approx. 8 observed sections. Hills/Banks/Tree Roots/ Logs/Sand (Fallen Trees). All Youth solo classes: A B C D E -Beginner/Novice/ Intermediate/Expert Riders will enter and ride the route suitable to their ability, governed by their legal Parent/Guardian.



Braintree & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 17th March 2024

Eastern Centre Trials Championship 'A' Class Round 2

Purls Hill, Silbe Hedingham, CO9 3HZ

Permit No.: t.b.a.

Sign On: 08:00am

Start: 10:30am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): TBC

Clerk of the Course: John Yearly (*Licence TBC*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Chris Cook

Secretary of the Meeting: Richard Penfold
108 Ilex Close, Colchester CO2 9QE
Tel: 07446 079550 email: richardpenfold2395@gmail.com

Course: Ditches, Roots, Big Hills

Routes: Yellow, 50/50 , RedBlue and White

Classes: Exp, ExpB, Inter, InterB, Novice, Youth A and B, Twinshock

Awards: None

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 £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: February 19th 2024, @ 5:42 pm

Entries Close: March 14th 2024 @ 5:42 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride



Wymondham & DMC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 24th March 2024

Eastern Centre Trials Championship 'B' Class Round 1

Middleton Pit PE32 1NG marked from A47

What 3 Words: confusion.trips.witty

Permit No.: ACU 202727

Sign On: 09.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): R Ayres
Clerk of the Course: Peter Yarham (*Licence 10873*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of Meeting
Secretary of the Meeting: Peter Yarham
44 Sandy Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 9EZ
Tel: 07891971430 email: yarham44@hotmail.com

Course: Rocks, hills and sand, 4 laps of 10 sections

Routes: Red/Blue; 50/50;White

Classes: As per championship conditions,
plus all solo adult classes appropriate to routes

Awards: None

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 Sport:80 Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adult £20, Youth £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: March 1st 2024, @ 12:00 am

Entries Close: March 20th 2024 @ 11:59 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Additional conditions for use of the venue will be included in the final instructions e-mailed to all entrants via Sport;80



Woodbridge & DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Friday 29th March 2024

Good Friday Trial ACUE 'C' Class Championship Rnd 1

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

What 3 Words: strumming, probing, slicer

Permit No.: ACU 202725

Sign On: 9.00 am

Start: 10.00 am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): Mr W Harvey
Clerk of the Course: Mr Ian Barfield (*Licence 6843*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of Meeting
Secretary of the Meeting: Mr Ian Barfield
 1 Abbotsbury Close, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP12 9SD
Tel: 07926 379749 (messages only please)
email: wdmcc.trials@gmail.com

Course: 4 laps of 10 sections. Woodland and gravel terrain.
Routes: Yellow, Red/Blue, White, Orange (small wheel youth only)
Classes: Pre-70; Pre-Unit, Unit, Two-Stroke & Twin-Shock.
Awards: Margaret & Kenny Shield to best W & D MCC 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 £ 20.00 Youth £ 17.00. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, withdrawn prior to the event or an explanation of non-starting is provided within 48 hours of the event start. In the event of cancellation refunds will be made less £ 3.00 ACU administration charge.

Entries Open: March 4th 2024, @ 9:00 am
Entries Close: March 26th 2024 @ 6.00 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Toilets (male & female) on site. Food outlet on site.
Dogs allowed (Please keep under control)



Woodbridge & DMCC

OPEN Permit Motocross

Sunday 14th April 2024

ACU Eastern MX Championship Rnd 2

sponsored by

Stebbing's Car Superstore & Norton Way Honda

Blaxhall Circuit, Farnham Road, Blaxhall, IP17 1LG

What 3 Words: strumming, probing, slicer

Permit No.: t.b.c.

Sign On: 7.30am

Practice: 9:30am

Start: 11:30am approx

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: John Nickerson

Club Steward(s): Dean Warner

Clerk of the Course: John Blyth (*Licence 39574*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Debbie Blyth

Secretary of the Meeting: Debbie Blyth 21 Ashe Road Tel: 07963 118917

email: wdmcc.mxsec@gmail.com

Course: Sandy track with man made jumps and features.

Classes: As per Championship Rules

Awards: As per Championship Rules

National Grid Ref: TM356580

JURISDICTION

Held under the NSC and the Standing Motocross Regulations of the ACU and ACU EASTERN, the 2024 ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Conditions, the Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of the Regulations. Open to Adult members with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines.

ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Sport:80 Online Entry System. Entry Fee £62. Any rider taking part must have purchased a race number from the ACU Eastern Reserved Number Scheme prior to having an entry accepted. Entries will not be refunded unless the entry is refused, or a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £10 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees. 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: March 18th 2024, @ 19:00

Entries Close: April 8th 2024 @ 19:00

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

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.

Gates will open Saturday at 4pm, and close at 9.30pm and reopen at 7am Sunday Morning. THE USE OF TEAR OFFS AT WOODBRIDGE CLUB EVENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MATS AT THIS MEETING WILL BE ENFORCED, THIS ALSO INCLUDES UNDER GENERATORS AND PRESSURE WASHES. DOG MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES. The riding in the paddock and circuit of pit bikes, minibikes, push bikes and battery assisted bikes are all not permitted in any circumstances



Ipswich MC & LCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 14th April 2024

Eastern Centre Trials Championship 'B' Round 2 (Suffolk Mardle Trial)

The Pit . The Broadway, Badwell Ash, Suffolk. IP31 3DR

What 3 Words: rider.dash.worlds.

Permit No.: ACU 202876

Sign On: 10:00am

Start: 10:30 am

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, Ipswich, IP8 4JE
Tel: 07814530290 email: the.cordles@talktalk.net

Course: Sand pit with wooded areas, 4 laps of 10 Multi routed sections.
Routes: Yellow. 50/50 . Red Blue. 50/50. White
Classes: Eastern B class championship
Awards: Mardle trophy to best Expert.
National Grid Ref: 99914-693359

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 £20 Adults £10 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: March 10th 2024, @ 12:15 am

Entries Close: April 11th 2024 @ 11:45 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Please follow the signs to the event, do not follow Sat Nav when you get close, and park sensibly. There will be no Beginners route at this trial.
Experts will be riding for the Mardle trophy.

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 |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 March | Eastern ACU | Grasstrack | n/a | TBC | Seminar |
| 2 March | Castle Colchester | Trial | OPEN | Raydon Pit | N/A |
| 3 March | Norwich Viking MCC | Trial | OPEN | East Wretham | |
| 10 March | Norfolk & Suffolk Jun. MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Hockham | |
| 10 March | Southend & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Poles Wood | ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs |
| 17 March | Braintree & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Purls Hill | ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs |
| 23 March | Woodbridge & DMCC | Practice Day | OPEN | Blaxhall Circuit | |
| 24 March | Sudbury MCC | Enduro | OPEN | Foxborough | ACU Eastern Enduro Champs |
| 24 March | Wymondham & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Middleton | ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs |
| 29 March | Woodbridge & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | TO BE ADVISED | ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs |
| 30/31 Mar | Norfolk & Suffolk Jun. MCC | Motocross | OPEN | Gt. Hockham | |
| 7 April | Halstead & DMCC | Motocross | OPEN | Wakes Colne | ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs |
| 7 April | Eastern Four Stroke Assoc. | Trial | Closed to Club | Chattisham | |
| 14 April | Woodbridge & DMCC | Motocross | OPEN | Blaxhall Circuit | ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs |
| 14 April | Ipswich MCC | Trial | OPEN | Badwell Ash | ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs |
| 20 April | Bury St. Edmunds & DMCC | Trial | OPEN | Hawkendon | Fun Trial |
| 21 April | Bury St. Edmunds & DMCC | Enduro | OPEN | Hawkendon | ACU Eastern 2-Man Enduro Champs |
| 21 April | Gest Hastings MXC | Motocross | OPEN | Wakes Colne | |
| 21 April | Castle Colchester MCC | Trial | OPEN | Alphamstone | ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Champs |
| 28 April | Essex & Suffolk Border MCC | Trial | OPEN | Raydon Pit | ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs |
| 28 April | Norwich Viking MCC | Motocross | International | Lyng | Dirt Store British MX Champs |

The next meeting of the Centre Board will be at 7.30pm on 11th March 2024 at Claydon and Barham Community Centre



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