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Jamie Roper getting down and dirty at the second round of the ACU Eastern Enduro Championships held recently at Foxborough.
Photo by Paula Day



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Raydon Pit Revamp

Nick Ogden



The much loved and much used Raydon Pit has been the subject of a make over. Forget Gok Wan, this involved diggers, remote controlled flails, rollers and a considerable amount of hard work. Many a Michelin clad wheel has traversed the sandy climbs, dips and curves over the decades but the pit was feeling a bit tired, with the overgrown brambles restricting access to the depths of the Wades Lane site. With some forethought, planning and more than a spades worth of muscle power, the Pit has been transformed whilst keeping the integrity and heartbeat of the venue used for Eastern Centre events for over fifty years.

So what's been carried out ? The entrance road, the Bain of many a front wheel drive van has been graded to allow easier access; the areas overcome by brambles have been cleared, opening up parts of the pit to which some middle aged men exclaimed with glee " I haven't seen that since I rode as a schoolboy " This has also added some much needed additional parking areas. The razor sharp thorny bushes responsible for grazed and bloody forearms, that prevented forward progress on the winding paths have all been relegated to end their days in flames. Yes, some of the existing man made steps have been repaired and joined by others, but the character of the Raydon pit remains as it has and hopefully will do for further generations.

A massive thank you must go to all concerned, which will allow the Clerk of the Course of the organising clubs to layout new, fresh and challenging sections for years to come.

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Report by Stefan Hicks - Photos by Max Leveridge / Narna Media

On Sunday 7th of April, the Halstead & DMCC hosted the first round of the ACU Eastern centre motocross championship. Backed by sponsors, Stebbings Car Superstore and Norton Way Group, the 2024 season burst into life at the well-prepared Wakes Colne circuit.

The sunny but windy conditions made the track a completely different prospect from the start of the day compared to the end. A stacked expert class headed out for their practice/qualifying session, and it was Apico Honda rider Tom Grimshaw who edged out Sam Nunn (John Banks Honda) to head to the start gate first, ready for race 1.

The first premier class race of the day saw Shaun Southgate aboard his GH Motorcycles Yamaha take the holeshot ahead of the chasing pack, with Lewis Tombs and Tom Grimshaw close behind. Sam Nunn didn't get the best of jumps out of the gate, but certainly made up for that by making his way through traffic and onto the rear wheel of Grimshaw by the end of the first lap. Nunn then made the move on Grimshaw and Tombs, and while the top 5 were fighting amongst each other, Nunn created a comfortable gap that he could maintain to the finish. Tombs held on for second place ahead of Grimshaw in third.

In the second premier race, reigning champion Luke Parker (MPM Kawasaki) came out of the gate quickest but was unable to hold onto the lead as Nunn and Grimshaw once again came to the front and had a fantastic battle for the win in front of the eagerly anticipating spectators. The lead swapping hands multiple times before a costly mistake on the last lap from Nunn, allowed Grimshaw to power his Honda home in first place. Nunn settled for second and Tombs third.

The third and final premier class race once again saw Parker take the holeshot, and Nunn having to battle through the top 10 on the opening laps. Lewis Tombs then stormed to the front early on but was unable to match the pace of Nunn and Grimshaw, who were both on fine form all afternoon long. After another battle at the front, it was Grimshaw who again stole the race win from Nunn's hands on the penultimate lap, and in turn took the overall expert victory. Nunn took second overall and Tombs third. In the junior class, Tim Warnes took the overall win, ahead of Matthew Pope and Jamie Cox.



Support A class overall was taken by Jack Whitlam with a 2-1-10, ahead of Gareth Lane and Charlie Roper in third. Support B class was won by Edward Jary with results of 1-2-2 ahead of James Taylor in second and Ethan Hayward in third. Finally, the support C class honours was taken by Harry Sobkowiak with results of 4-1-1 ahead of second place Katie Stock and in third Sam Whittred.



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DAVE WHITEHEAD

Sad news recently to learn of the passing of Dave Whitehead.

The diminutive little charger from Grays, in Essex, had an amazingly long career in the sport of motocross, and was still enjoying the sport last year, at the age of 68.

I recall that he first started racing in 1977/78, and I believe his first ride was at Lyng.

During a span of 47 years, Dave rode many different bikes, and will be remembered for his efforts on Maico and Honda machinery.

He was upgraded to expert status three times in his career, and was also prominent racing in the NGR series for many years.

He had great pleasure of bringing his son, Ryan, into the sport, and at the recent Woodbridge practise day in March, Dave was seen watching Ryan in action.

R.I.P. Dave, as the old saying goes, " they don't make them like you anymore "

JOHN LOUIS

Sad news on the passing of speedway legend John Louis.

John passed away recently at the age of 82, and was known as one of the all time greats of speedway.

After an early career in motocross, John switched to speedway in 1969, and was immediately a natural on the shale. His record of riding for the Ipswich Witches was unsurpassed, and was a hero for those who watched him, making the Witches a formidable team. He won the British title in 1975, and was third in the World final in that same year. "Tiger John" also represented Britain in the world Cup in 1972/74 and 75, and was also prominent in the World best pairs on several occasions.

In 1984, He took over as promoter of Ipswich, where the team had many successes. His son, Chris, took over the helm as the team promoter after starting as a top youth motocross rider, and later on was promoted to expert status. However, Chris

also turned to speedway, and duly followed in his father's footsteps in becoming a top class speedway rider.

My early recollections of John was in the early to mid 1960's, when he became one of the region's top motocross riders, battling every Sunday against the likes of Pete Smith, Norman Messenger, John Pease and Freddie Mayes.

Like so many others at the time, John started to race DOT machinery, then switched to the Greeves, followed by some good results on the trusty CZ, before his switch to speedway.

I recall him on the DOT at a meeting at Bentley, when he first started in the sport. During practise, the frame cracked, and his father loaded up the bike on the trailer, then raced home to weld the split frame. They reappeared just in time to compete in the remainder of the meeting !

R.I.P. Tiger.



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ACU Eastern are seeking one or more people to train as sound testing officials for off road events in the Centre to help organisers and competitors comply with environmental standards

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At one time, in order to join the ACU via an affiliated club, as a competition rider, you first had to have a licence to ride on the road. This rule was presumably done away with when the ACU's Youth Division was introduced in the early 1970's. What that old rule indicates however, is the original ACU's original interest in road riding and road riders. A little history will be needed here. The title "ACU" stands, as we all know, for: "Auto-cycle Union" and the organisation sprung up in 1903 from the former bicycle movement – hence "Auto-cycle." Whilst right from the start, there was always trials and racing – (two elderly aunts of mine recalled seeing motorcycles being used at the former wooden bicycle racing tracks for pace-making purposes, early in the twentieth century) – the ACU's major role in overseeing motorcycle sport did not come until nearly a hundred years ago – in 1926.

Our Eastern Centre – itself just over a hundred years in existence – brought just thirteen clubs into its ranks as an affiliated territorial group covering East Anglia and over the decades, this club level increased to well over fifty. Today, according to our current handbook, we have just twenty-eight registered clubs. What I am bringing up here, is how few of these clubs now cater for road riders, who at one time would have provided the major membership. These "Clubmen" – a term which you seldom hear today, very often provided much of the vital assistance in running sports meetings and eventually providing the necessary officials on a wider Centre – or even National - basis. No one can disagree that the problem within the sport today and particularly in this Centre, is that everyone seems to want to ride and few wish to help running things. According to our fixture list, there is a great deal to run! My feeling is that the ACU has made an understandable but major error many years ago in concentrating on the sport – numbers count and our clubs – perhaps – would thrive more and for longer, if more attraction to join the ACU was given out to road riders.

This view was strengthened for me at last year's Copdock motorcycle show, where I saw clubs displaying their attachment to all sorts of causes, i.e. :- vintage military bikes, bubble cars and three-wheelers, or Rumi owners – (few show visitors probably had ever heard of Rumi) - none with any connection to the ACU. Fifty years ago, they most likely would have joined the ACU ranks as a "Non-Territorial Club". Even more indicative of this respective widening, it is now perfectly possible to compete in any sport discipline without ever riding a yard on the road. I realise many parents of young riders will be glad of that but in all its aspects our sport can be hazardous and again, it widens the gap and thins out the motorcycle community.

Why should we worry? Well as our Chairman, Chris Keeble put far more concisely than I could, in his editorial in last month's Gazette, the ACU is now seemingly beginning to sacrifice its (albeit elderly!) "children" – the Centres – by denying them vital payments which were previously made from sport events insurance sales and event permits. If this practice was allowed to carry on, the least well managed and financed Centres would drop off the perch.

Seemingly an: "every man for himself" policy which will lead to almost certain casualties and the weakening of the motorcycle movement even more. It is of course, in all our interests for the ACU to survive and thrive - but if it does so at then expense of the Centre system, I doubt it would be able to cope with the resulting workload. Zoom meetings and electronic contacts are all very well and do help but what the entire sporting motorcycle movement desperately needs is man – and girl – power to run the events and maintain the sport.

Politics is a subject most of us like to keep clear of – but sadly, unless we and our governing body properly unite both district and nationwide, it is politics which will eventually squeeze us out – most particularly for the majority which we once called "clubmen".



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ACU Eastern Solo Enduro Championships R2

Words & photos by Paula Day

Foxborough Quarry Hedingham Essex -24th March

The second round of the Eastern Centre Solo Championship didn't disappoint, with bright sunny skies and a brisk drying wind the ground was perfect for the beginning of the season considering recent rainfall. With the two notorious bogs as more difficult yet shorter options for the riders, as always it sorted the 81 competitors out and was the most influential and entertaining part of the course changing many places and championship points for those taking the wrong line and paying the price. Mechanical issues shook up final placings and saw a few surprise results and sadly retirement over the two and half hours of racing for much of the field and longer three hours for the Expert and Championship entries. The top spots were keenly fought over for points with 2 races of the 5 race series completed.



Above: Eddie Belton Opposite: Scott Chaplin

It was the first adult race for 14 year old Eddie Belton who has dominated the youth section locally for the last few years and having gained experience riding The Welsh Youth Hare & Hound Series last year, opted to compete in Clubman Class adult races this year where possible. He finished with two laps in hand over the closest competitor in his class and recorded lap times that would have sat easily in the top few places of the expert class. Certainly, one to keep an eye for the future.

With the Sudbury MCC also hosting the next Eastern Centre solo round taking place at Much Hadham Hertfordshire in June it gives competitors some time to get 2-man rounds under their belts as the series changes seasons.



Championship

- 1st Ben Cole
- 2nd Jake Roper
- 3rd Luke Parker
- 4th Chris Hockey
- 5th Jamie Roper
- 6th Adam Durkin

Expert

- 1st Barnaby Knight
- 2nd Joe Henthorn
- 3rd Tom Sargeant
- 4th Ed Pooley
- 5th Billy Sargeant
- 6th Jack Edwards

Clubman

- 1st Eddie Belton
- 2nd James Colclough
- 3rd Jake Ward
- 4th Lloyd barker
- 5th Jack Osborn
- 6th Will Jurgens

Sportsman

- 1st Keith Townsend
- 2nd Vito Anzalone
- 3rd Luke Townsend

Expert Vets

- 1st Matt Pope
- 2nd Phil Roper
- 3rd James Holt

Clubman Vets

- 1st Raymond Otaka
- 2nd Scott Chaplin
- 3rd Jason Carsbolt
- 4th Christopher Standen
- 5th Luke Rudd
- 6th Ben Hovell

Supervets

- 1st John Hilton
- 2nd Paul Belton
- 3rd Graham Mays
- 4th Matt Mcculloch
- 5th Duncan Griffin
- 6th Terry Allen

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Clubman Vet winner,
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Below:
Championship class
winner, Ben Cole

Opposite page:
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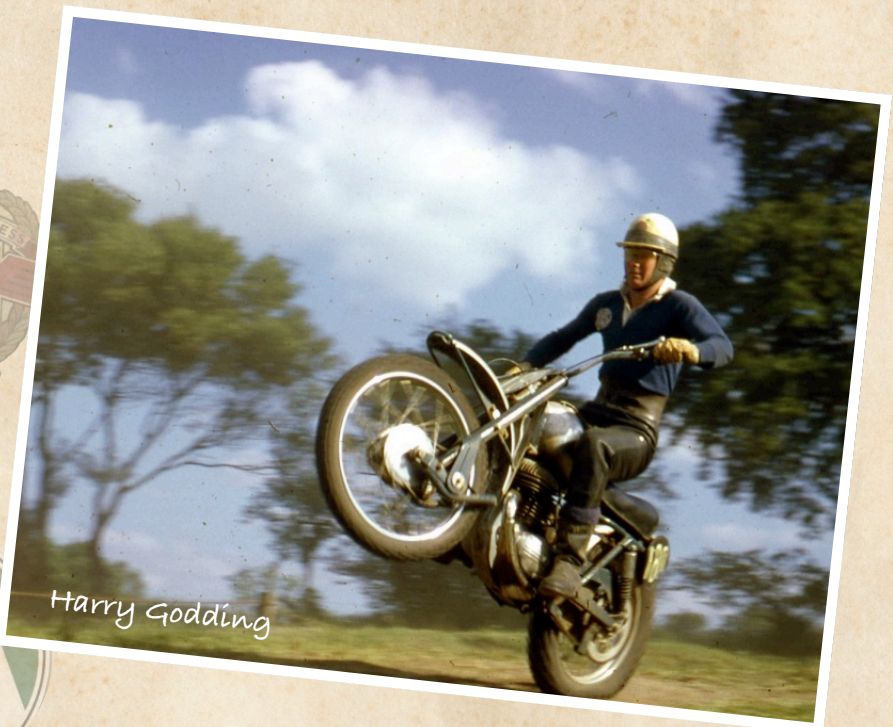
Roger Chaplin

Again, this month Alan Cocksedge colour photos are of Little Loveney Hall Wakes Colne the year being 1962 and I believe the meeting was on 24th June. The Wakes Colne course goes back over 70 years perhaps bit longer and I believe Cecil Newport was involved then. With demise of Shrubland Park in the 1960's Wakes became the premier circuit in the Eastern Centre staging top National and International Meetings. I can recall Inter Centre Team Scramble, British Championship rounds, Live Television Scrambles while International meetings include 25-09-1966 where World Champion Paul Friedrichs attended but was unable to ride, World 250cc Moto Cross round 07-07-1967 and so on.



Alan Cocksedge

A Halstead member who benefited from Cecil Newport was Albert Carter and here is his C.V. Club Delegate to the Eastern Centre ACU Board Meetings, elected onto the Centre's Competitions Committee, became its Chairman via being a Vice Chairman of the Centre Board, Team Manager for the Centre's Moto Cross Teams. Albert became Chairman of the Centre was also one of the Centre's Delegates to the ACU. He got elected onto the National Moto Cross Committee later became its Chairman, he attended on behalf of the ACU various speed events and meetings in this country and abroad (managed Great British teams), ACU Delegate to the F.I.M. (International Governing Body) got elected to its Moto Cross Committee, rose to number two of that Committee and travelled around a lot – not bad for a lad from Mount Bures where with a hop, skip and a jump could be on the Wakes Colne circuit.



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#6 Joe Johnson and #25 John Griffiths.



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**Round 2
April 14th
Blaxhall Circuit**



On Sunday the 14th of April, the Woodbridge & DMCC hosted round 2 of the ACU eastern centre motocross championship, sponsored by Stebbings Car Superstore and the Norton Way Group. A stacked Expert rider list, mixed with the bright Suffolk sunshine, had all the makings of a classic days racing in front of a bumper crowd at Blaxhall.



Main photo: Taylor Hammal

The morning's qualifying session for the Experts threw up no real surprises as Tom Grimshaw (Apico Honda) led the way from Sam Nunn (John Banks Honda) and Max Broadbelt making his first appearance in the Eastern Centre this season.

In race 1 of the Expert class, the spectators were treated with a contender for 'race of the season', as Nunn and Grimshaw traded blows at the front of the pack from the first lap to the last. With these two only split by one single point in the championship after round 1, both were keen to send a message to one another and it was Nunn that made the move stick on the last few laps to take the race win. Grimshaw had to settle for second, while Lewis Tombs carried on his good start to the season with third place. Wildcard Taylor Hammal (Tru7 Honda 250) battled to the finish line for fourth place while his team-mate, Suffolk's Jake Nicholls unfortunately had mechanical issues meaning he didn't finish the race.





Above: Chester Hyde #57 battles with Teddy Howard #428

Race 2 in the Experts was once again great viewing, as Luke Parker (MPM Kawasaki) pulled the holeshot, but was unable to hold off the Crendon Fastrack Tru7 Honda team-mates of Nicholls and Hammal, who both stormed to the front early on. With team boss Dave Thorpe watching on, these two went bar-to-bar in the fight for the race 2 honours. Sam Nunn made a costly error on the opening lap, falling out of the top 5 and by the time he retrieved his bike from the middle of the track, found himself in dead last with a lot of work to do. He did a fantastic job, by clawing his way back to finish in 10th. Home-town hero Jake Nicholls, however, gave what his fans craved for as he held off Hammal to take the race 2 win ahead of his team-mate. Grimshaw came home third and Luke Parker was fourth.

The 3rd and final Expert Race Max Broadbelt powered his Honda to an early lead. Nunn was pressuring behind in second and would've had the best seat in the house to watch Broadbelt make a heroic save when it looked like he was all but certainly going down. Nunn's pressure was rewarded as he took the lead and never looked back, securing his second win of the day. Hammal once again, battled through the top 5 and finished second, holding off Grimshaw and Nicholls, while in fifth was wildcard Dan Thornhill who had a solid last race of the day.

Taylor Hammal took 1st overall in the Experts, joint on 62 points for the afternoon with Tom Grimshaw taking 2nd. Sam Nunn was a point further back in 3rd but will be happy with the speed he showed all day long.

In the Junior Championship class (Support A), it was Chester Hyde that dominated the day

with three race wins to take the top step on the podium. Aaron Framingham took second overall with a 3-2-2 for his afternoon of results, and finally in third was Matthew Pope, as he rode consistently well for results of 4-3-4.

The Support B class honours were taken by Scott Claydon with a 2nd place, sandwiched between 2 race wins for the overall. Will Jurgens was second overall with a 2-1-2 and John Hilton third with a trio of 3rd place finishes.

Support C class was won by Shawn Graham with a 3-1-1 ahead of Finlay Woods in second with results of 5-2-3, and finally Henry Crawford in third with a 4-3-4 finish.

The Support D class was won by Luke Reeve with results of 5-1-1. Second overall was Ben Carey, level on points with Reeve but with results of 2-2-3. Finally in third was Trevor Buckley with a 3-4-4.

Report by Stefan Hicks

Photos by Max Leveridge / Narna Media

Right: Jake Nicholls



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Start: 10.30am

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The Future's Orange

MARSHALS



The Eastern Centre Marshals Club recently reached out to the ACU Motocross Commission to ask for funding towards for protective clothing (hats) for the Marshal club which supports all the Motocross events in the Eastern Centre and a number of National events.

The Motocross Commission were pleased to be able to assist with this request as part of their long-established club sport promotion scheme, where many clubs have benefited from financial assistance in many different ways over the years.

The ACU Motocross Commission would like to thanks to Keiran Doherty, Chairman of the Eastern Centre Marshals Club for co ordinating the purchase of the Protective hats and his continued efforts to raise the profile of Marshalling under the ACU.



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Sunday 26th May 2024

Castle Cadet Trial

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What 3 Words: hardening,gladiator,imprinted

Permit No.: ACU 203270

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Classes:	All Youth solo classes: A B C D E – Youth Beginner / Novice / Intermediate / Expert
Awards:	TBC

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: May 6th 2024, @ 8:00 am

Entries Close: May 23rd 2024 @ 20:00 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

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, these following Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which may be issued. Competitors will enter and ride the route suitable to their ability, governed by their legal Parent/Gaurdian.

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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

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:
..... 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:

Check specific event announcement for classes and routes being offered.



**Eastern Four
Stroke Association**

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 26th May 2024

Roger Birch Memorial Trial
inc. ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championship R2
Great Bromley, Essex CO7 7TR

What 3 Words: shuttling.fortress.sparkle

Permit No.: ACU 203269

Sign On: 8.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): TBA
Clerk of the Course: Mr Chris Mace (*Licence 38767*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Mr Chris Mace
Secretary of the Meeting: Mr Chris Canham
10 The Close, Waldingfield Rd., Sudbury,
Suffolk CO10 2QA *Tel: 07963467922*
email: chriscanham@outlook.com

Course: Woodland, streams, roots etc.
Routes: Red/Blue, 50/50 ,White
Classes: Beginner to Expert, Youth & Sidecar
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 members with an appropriate licence riding Solo machines

ENTRIES

See notes below in red box. Entry Fee £20.00. 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: May 1st 2024, @ 9:33 am

Entries Close: May 22nd 2024 @ 9:33 am

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

All Pre-65 Championship riders must enter via Sport80 (anyone having problems with Sport80 please contact the sec of meeting before the closing date).

All non championship riders can enter on the day, entry form will be on the EFA website.



Norwich Viking MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Norwich Vikings MCC Challenge Cup Trial

Little Lodge Farm, Santon Downham, Thetford

What 3 Words: stem.extent.talents

Permit No.: ACU 202601

Sign On: 9.30am

Start: 10.30am

OFFICIALS

Iub 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, Reepham Norwich
Tel: 07484220349 email: barbara.douglas@hotmail.co.uk

Course: tree roots and banks
Routes: Red/Blue, White, Orange, 50/50
Classes: Expert B, Inter, Inter B, Novice, Twinshock, Pre 70, Youth A,B,C,D,E
Awards: None
National Grid Ref: TL 831860

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 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: May 11th 2024, @ 9:00 am

Entries Close: June 1st 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

Riders sign on at van on arrival



**Southend &
DMCC**

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 23rd June 2024

ACU Eastern 'D' Class Championship R2 plus Youth Beginners Championship R1

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

What 3 Words: cars.drift.yours

Permit No.: ACU 203244

Sign On: 09:00am

Start: 10:30am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s):	Paul Owen
Clerk of the Course:	Roger Higgs (<i>Licence 79301</i>)
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 for beginners
Classes:	Beginner to Expert, Youth & Sidecar
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 & 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 a Doctor's certificate is provided. In the event of cancellation, refunds will be made less £2 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: May 1st 2024

Entries Close: June 23rd 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

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

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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
5 May	Lowestoft Invaders MCC	Trial	OPEN	Sotterley	
11 May	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	Iken	
12 May	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Alderford Farm	ACU Eastern 2-Man Enduro Champs
12 May	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs
18 May	Norwich Viking MCC	CANCELLED	Practice Day	Lyng	
19 May	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	
19 May	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Offton	Eastern Expert
19 May	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	TO BE ADVISED	
26 May	Eastern Four Stroke Assoc.	Trial	OPEN	Gt. Bromley	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs
26 May	Littleport & DMC & LCC	Motocross	OPEN	Mildenhall	NGR
2 June	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Santon Downham	
9 June	Mid Sussex MXC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	
9 June	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Hadlam	ACU Eastern Enduro Champs
9 June	Braintree & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Spansey Wood	
16 June	Norwich Viking MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Cadders Hill, Lyng	ACU Eastern Solo MX Champs
22 June	GW Racing	Grasstrack	OPEN	TO BE ADVISED	
23 June	Southend & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Poles Wood	ACU Eastern 'D' Class Championship
23 June	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	International	Blaxhall Circuit	Dirt Store British MX Champs
29 June	Wymondham & DMC	Trial	OPEN	Gt. Ellingham	
30 June	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall Circuit	
30 June	Chelmsford & DAC	Trial	National	Purls Hill	Ladies British Championship
7 July	Norwich Viking MCC	Trial	OPEN	Cadders Hill, Lyng	
10 July	Diss MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	
14 July	500cc Sidecar Assoc.	Grasstrack	OPEN	Writtle	
14 July	Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC	Motocross	OPEN	Gt. Hockham	
14 July	Castle Colchester MCC	Trial	OPEN	Purls Hill	
21 July	Halstead & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Wakes Colne	
21 July	Bury St. Edmunds & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Hawkedon	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs (not Youth Beginners)
27 July	Diss MCC	Trial	OPEN	Wattisfield Hall	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Champs plus Youth Beginners
28 July	Woodbridge & DMCC	Motocross	OPEN	Blaxhall Circuit	
28 July	New Stars Grasstrack	Grasstrack	OPEN	Ugley	



The ACU Eastern annual sustainability meeting will be at held at 7.30pm on 22nd July 2024 at Claydon and Barham Community Centre





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