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Ben Cole flying high at Wakes Colne on another glorious British Summer day.
Photo: Max Leveridge

Why the heck did I sign up for this?

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Most of the sporting events that are run in the Centre are well supported by competitors with motocross and enduro events in particular being at capacity within hours, or in some cases, minutes, of entries opening.

We have a small group of very enthusiastic organisers and administrators but unfortunately this is where the enthusiasm seems to end.

In the August Gazette I highlighted the lack of a quorum for the July Board meeting . Out of 900 members in the centre only a handful of people attended and a significant number of clubs did not even think it appropriate to send apologies , instead, they simply ignored the meeting and presumably assumed that the small team who run the Centre would carry on regardless, despite being ignored

Last month's Gazette was the first for many years which did not have a photograph on the front cover simply because nobody sent a picture for the editor to print.

This year, Eastern Centre Clubs have successfully run events at all levels including National Championship rounds but if you look at this magazine or the Centre web site you would be forgiven for thinking that at least two national championship events did not actually happen as there were no reports or results published

The Centre puts a lot of effort into arranging the fixture list each year so that, as far as possible, events do not clash and local residents are not unduly inconvenienced. The fixture list is published on the web site in real time so that changes are made instantly and everybody is aware of what is happening. However, once the list is published at the beginning of the year clubs simply ignore this arrangement and either seek to run additional events without notifying the centre or alternatively decide not to run an event that was included in the list or change a venue or even cancel an event after publishing regulations and do not think it appropriate to notify the Centre. The clubs seem to take the view that they are the only people who need to know what is happening. Seemingly, no thought is given to potential spectators or helpers who may decide to attend unannounced or indeed Centre officers who are trying to manage the list.

We have not had a Centre Secretary for almost two years and, despite many advertisements and requests for volunteers for this and other roles, the response has been almost non-existent.

Our web master has spent many hours building a database to make our administration more efficient and since the July Board meeting I have personally spent in excess of 50 hours to ensure compliance, but, at the time of writing, half of the people that I have written to have not felt it necessary to respond.

The Centre does not run itself and sporting events do not happen by magic.

The editors comments in last month's Gazette entitled Big Yellow Taxi unfortunately sum up the Centre at present and to repeat the words of Joni Mitchell once again "You don't know what you've got till it's gone"

As Chairman of the Centre and Acting Secretary of the Centre I am bound to ask – **WHY DO WE BOTHER?** and **DOES ANYBODY OUT THERE CARE IF THE SPORT CONTINUES OR NOT?**

The State of the Eastern Centre

Chris Keeble, Chairman



ACU EASTERN AGM

2PM SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024



The Annual general Meeting of ACU Eastern will be held at Claydon and Barham Community Centre and invitations will be sent out to all clubs together with nomination forms for official positions

This is an important meeting and is critical to the future of the sport in the Eastern Centre.

The centre is not an organisation with paid staff but is made up of clubs who decide what the Centre should do and their members who give their time voluntarily to keep the sport running

THE CENTRE NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF ALL CLUBS AT THIS MEETING

ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championship

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Round 5 September 8th Wakes Colne



Report by Stefan Hicks

On Sunday the 8th of September, the Halstead DMCC hosted round 5 of the ACU Eastern Centre MX championship, backed by sponsors Stebbing's car superstore and the Norton way Honda group. This was the clubs final meeting of the 2024 season, and it was sure to be one not to miss.

Lee Kirkpatrick

Photo by Max Leveridge



There was drama from the get-go in the expert qualifying session, as Sam Nunn (John Banks Honda) had some mechanical issues and would not set a single lap, meaning he would have the last choice gate pick, advantage to the rest of the pack.... In the premier class race 1, Lewis Tombs (John Banks Honda) shot out of the gate and into an early lead with fellow top 3 championship rival Luke Parker (MPM Kawasaki) a close second. Both GH Motorcycle team riders Ben Cole and Shaun Southgate would have torrid times of it on the opening laps, with Cole ending up not finishing the race. Nunn battled through the likes of Dec Whittle (Lings KTM) and Scott Aldridge but could only watch on, as the front two went bar-to-bar all race. In a drag race to the finish line, Tombs would finish first and only 0.5 of a second ahead of Parker in second and Nunn in third.

Premier class race 2 would see a much better start for Shaun Southgate as all the big hitters were towards the front early on. Joe Leeks carried on his fine 2024 form and would look comfortable with the pace of the top 10. Luke parker started to tumble out of the top 5 after a couple of mid-race mistakes and would cost him some valuable points in the championship.

Up stepped Sam Nunn to capitalise on this, and it was he who would take the race win ahead of Tombs and Southgate with Alldridge coming home in a solid 4th.

In the final Premier class race of the day, it was again Southgate and Tombs with storming starts but the pace came from behind, as Alldridge looked to throw a spanner in the works of this year's championship, breezing up to the rear wheel of Tombs and making it a three-way battle for the lead. This in turn would allow Nunn to close the gap but at first sight looked to be unable to make the pass. He then turned on the style and swiftly made 3 exquisite passes in succession and into the lead. Tombs gave everything to try and bounce back but it was too late, and Nunn would take his second win of the day, Tombs over the line in second and Alldridge would finish in third, his best result of the day.

The expert overall going to Nunn a point better off than Tombs in second and Alldridge (riding in his first Eastern Centre meeting) in third. The Junior class overall would go to Tim Warnes, in second was Jae Jeffries and Justin Whyatt in third.

In support A it was Lee Kirkpatrick who would take the honours with a 1-12-1 ahead of Joe Henthorn with a 3-1-13. In third was Jack Whitlam with a 11-7-2 finish.

The support B overall was won by Mark Relland with a 3-1-1 ahead of Mark Gardner with a 1-2-2, and Adam Pain in third with a 2-3-3.

In support C it was Richard Ingram who would win with a 1-1-3 finish ahead of Jason Ramsey with a 3-2-2 and Ethan Johnson in third with a 2-8-1.

Tombs, Parker and Southgate locked in battle

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The confidence of the brave stalwart committee deciding to go ahead with this long standing fixture at Pebmarsh in light of low entries and a poor turn out to some recent Enduro events encouraged a last minute flurry of entries to ensure a decent field competed in this fourth round of the Dave Barkshire 2 man Eastern Centre Enduro Championship.

It was a perfect late summer day with a rested course used just once a year providing fresh and inviting turf with a newly created quarry section containing sharp inclines and steep descents punctuated with a mixture of terrain including a tight wooded section and several ditch crossings testing the balance of a few followed by sweeping fast stubble straights. The temperature hotted up as the afternoon progressed and results saw some familiar faces swap positions in the top few places, but the clubman class showed the Sudbury MCC members brothers Eddie & Will Belton unbeaten in this season's series so far with another clear win 2 laps ahead of the field. They can't be beaten in this Championship series. Ryan Mackintosh & Martin Jones in second place 13 points ahead of Tom Sutton and Zak beards in third place with Paul Belton & Graham Mays 6 points behind just one ahead of Will Partridge and Hadleigh Pye in fifth place with Ethan Johnson and Stanley Delany in sixth place having completed just one round at Hawkedon in April and taking away a 2nd place giving them 17 points. With 2 more rounds there is still time for places to change with only the clear winners having completed all available races.

Expert Class to be decided with just 3 points between leaders Luke Barker & Ryan McDonnell on 68 and Albert Van Dyke and Jack Edwards on 65 Billy Sargeant who missed points in round one due to injury holds on to third place with Liam Vant on 36 points and Jake Klimowicz and Jake Ward have 28 points ahead of fifth place Sam Holroyd and Sam Nicholls on 26 chased by sixth placed Fred Stearn and Shaun Leggett on 25 points.

Championship Class sees Thomas Sargeant & Adam Durkin out in front with 62 points ahead of Ed Pooley and Ross Taylor on 55, Sudbury Members Joe Phillips & Joe Henthorn hold third place on 45 points having ridden one less round ahead of Jack Sheppard and Toby Morley with 34 points for their 2 completed rounds in 4th place so far and Jamie Roper & Will Hughes with Ben Clark & Jack Nicolaou on 20 points each from each winning the only round completed so far.

Championship

- 1st Ed Pooley & Ross Taylor
- 2nd Adam Durkin & Tom Sargeant
- 3rd Joe Henthorn & Joe Phillips -Sudbury MCC
- 4th Toby Morley & Shaun Leggett
- 5th Joe Hall & Tim Warnes
- 6th Tom Braddock & Byron Jenness

Expert

- 1st Luke Barker & Ryan McDonnell
- 2nd Jack Edwards & Albert Van Dyke
- 3rd Sam Holroyd & Sam Nicholls
- 4th Billy Sargeant & Liam Vant Sudbury MCC
- 5th Phil Roper & Fin Roper Sudbury MCC
- 6th Michael Jones & Toby Rogers

Clubman

- 1st Eddie Belton & William Belton Sudbury MCC
- 2nd Steve Master & Jonathan Masters
- 3rd Paul Hunt & Raymond Otaka
- 4th Oliver Hammond & Spencer Newland
- 5th Adam Tutton & Ian Tutton Sudbury MCC
- 6th Paul Belton & Graham Mays Sudbury MCC



Report & photo by Paula Day

ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championship

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Round 6 September 15th Blaxhall Circuit



Report by Stefan Hicks

On Sunday the 15th of September, the Woodbridge DMCC hosted their final race meeting for 2024 with round 6 of the ACU Eastern centre championship, sponsored by Stebbing's car superstore and the Norton Way Honda Group.



Expert Champion, Sam Nunn photo by Richard Blyth

A busy 12 race schedule with top Expert and fast Junior riders all gearing up for battle on one of the country's most pristine tracks. With club member Sam Nunn (John Banks Honda) leading the championship and with his closest rival and team-mate Lewis Tombs unable to race, Nunn knew that the title could be wrapped up at his home track.

In Premier class race one, Tom Grimshaw (Apico Honda) powered his 450 to the front with Nunn and the returning Jake Nicholls (Crendon Tru7 Honda) close behind. Wildcard Chris Mills was also quick out of the gate

and looked to chase down the local regulars on the first lap. Nicholls waited for the right moment to strike and flew past Grimshaw and into the lead to the delight of the crowd, while Mills made a move into third past Nunn who was having to defend from the current champion Luke Parker (MPM Kawasaki). Nicholls would then check out and go on to take the race win ahead of Grimshaw, Mills, Nunn and Parker, with Dylan Woodcock on his Honda in 6th.

Race Two in the Premier Class would see Tom Murphy gain the holeshot and lead in the opening lap, with Nicholls charging hard behind. Grimshaw and Nunn were locked in battle as Whittle (Lings KTM) was firmly in the top 5 as Chris Mills unfortunately didn't finish due to bike issues. Nicholls breezed past Murphy and would lay down a brisk pace at the front, too quick for those behind leaving him to take the chequered flag for the second time. Grimshaw again in second, Murphy home in a solid third ahead of Whittle and Nunn.

The final Premier Class race of the day, and Sam Nunn grabbed the holeshot but before he could even think about his line through the next turn, Nicholls would leap his way through into the lead and would decimate the rest of the pack from then on in. Nunn and Grimshaw again reignited their rivalry and it was latter who would move through and into second. Parker again rode well in the top five with Woodcock never too far away and Liam Bennett (Apico KTM) also showing well in the top ten. Lap after lap Nicholls would increase his lead and never put a foot



wrong, crossing the line to complete a hat-trick of race wins in impressive style. Grimshaw would again finish in second ahead of the Champion elect Sam Nunn, and Parker finish fourth ahead of Woodcock.

The overall in the Premier Class would go to Nicholls, Grimshaw in second and Nunn in third. The Junior class overall would go to James Rowsell, ahead of Harry George and Jordan Andrews in third. Junior Championship leader Tim Warnes ended the day with seventh overall and also managed to secure the 2024 Junior title.

The Support Group A victory went to Jack Whitlam with a 2-2-2 ahead of Justin Whyatt and George Foames in third overall. The Support B Group honours were taken by James Taylor with a 3-1-3 ahead of Tai Elvin-Andrews in second with a 2-3-5. In third was Aidan Weston with a 4-9-2 finish. In group C, the overall was taken by Brendon Reeve with a 1-2-1, ahead of Joseph Mulley-Forsdike in second with a 2-1-2. In third was Wayne Fulcher with a 4-4-5 finish.



Junior Champion, Tim Warnes photo by Richard Blyth



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Diss MCC Open MX

Including rounds of the NGR & South-Eastern EVO Championships



Report by Stefan Hicks

On Sunday the 22nd of September, Diss MCC hosted their final MX meeting of the year with 2 all-comer groups, as well as a round of the NGR championship and the South-eastern evos too. With the forecast predicting rain the track crew prepared the track accordingly and managed to put on a fantastic race meeting.

The allcomers groups were split depending on their best qualifying lap times, and with sponsor Evan Worby giving bonus prize money for the fastest lap in any of the qualifying or race sessions, along side GMC Interiors putting up prize money for the holeshot award, it was all to play for as the race action kicked off.

Allcomers A group race 1 would see Max Broadbelt get out of the gate quickest and control the race to the chequered flag, second was the local star Joseph Leeks (Lings Husqvarna) and in third was Joe Jones. Ollie Brader and Chester Hyde who was returning from a long injury lay off would finish inside the top 5.

Max Broadbelt

Photo by Andy Waters



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In race 2 Max Broadbelt again was dominant as Joe Leeks made two costly errors in the battle of the top 5. As the race drew to a close and the last lap flag came out it was a bizarre moment from the leader Broadbelt, who seemingly thought the chequered flag came out and pulled off track and back to the pits! This would leave the race win to Joe Jones and Joe Leeks in second, Kayden Smith (Lings Triumph) was third.

The last allcomers A race of the day would see Joe Leeks on his home track take a start-to-finish race win, defying pressure from behind by Broadbelt who would finish second and Jones was third. Chester Hyde would take his best result of the afternoon in fourth.

The overall going to Leeks, who tops off a productive 2024 season. Joe Jones would take

second overall and Chester Hyde third.

The Evan Worby sponsored fastest lap award would go to Max Broadbelt from race one with a 1:33.033.

The allcomers B group overall honours were taken by Shaun Tacey with a 2-1-1 ahead of Craig Page-Baker with a 1-3-2. In third was Sam Whitted with a 4-2-3.

In the NGR championship Aaron Hopkins would extend his points lead in the championship as he took the first race win comfortably, then going on to finish second in the next 2 races. John Hinz would finish second in the first race and then take the final 2 race wins meaning we would take the overall ahead of Hopkins.



Aaron Hopkins

Photo by Andy Waters

In the South-eastern evo group, Shane Lock would take race 1 win and was in control of race 2 before bike problems would rule him out, meaning Chris Thorpe would take race 2 win. In race 3 Ryan Matthews and Chris Thorpe would put on a bar-to-bar display at the front, and on the final lap Matthews would take lead and go on to win his first race of the day.

The Diss MCC would like to thank you for the support in 2024 and look forward to welcoming you back next year!





Recollection Section

Sidge Kenny

My wife came down the ladder from our loft
– don't ask why I did not save her the trouble
– and said: “I've found something...”

“What is it?”

“It's a trophy, a big cup – no, a bowl. It's not one of yours, they're all in a box...”

It was wrapped in a large and dusty shopping bag. A handsome silver bowl of a full 10 inch diameter. It needed a polish to work out what it was for - and who it might have originally presented it. This showed it had been presented to my own club, which, pre Second World War, was the Clacton & District Auto Club. Oddly there was no engraving of any winner of this fine award. After a good polish it looked almost new – and unused. That was odd.

Speaking now as the Centre archivist, I recalled that as many other well-established clubs in our Eastern Centre, the original Clacton club had to be revived after over seven years of wartime inactivity. At the September Centre Board meeting of 1947, the club was re-affiliated to the Centre - but with a name change to: “Clacton Eagles MCC”. In June 1953, it changed its name to the more territorial: “Clacton and District MCC” - which I joined in 1959. During the 1960's, we had run trials and grass track meetings and surely would have presented this excellent prize to someone.. Pondering on this little mystery, I had one of those stabs of faint `recollection` and had a look in the Centre records – incomplete but clear enough to explain a possible reason.. In May 1938, the Clacton club had been hauled before the Centre Board after a report from the Ipswich Club that they (Clacton) had been involved in running a “pirate” (no permit) grass track meeting in 1937. So seriously was this taken that the club was threatened with dismissal from the Centre:- “Sine Die!” (indefinitely). I have to admit -with some embarrassment - this is the only example I can find in the Centre records of of such unsavory circumstances - although I had heard this sort of thing was quite common in those days. It may well have been therefore, that this handsome bowl might have never been awarded and when the club finally folded in the late 1970's, ended up in my loft. We may now keep it out in the light for due admiration and “keep mum” about its doubtful history.

The issue of trophies and associated awards, has always been a tricky one in our, or probably, any sport. National events and their trophies such as the FA cup, the Ashes and the Derby, seem to gain importance as the years roll by. Yet the basic

reason for prizes of this manner and going back centuries, is surely to provide memorabilia of a victory – or success. With the big number sport of the present day, the honour of receiving the silverware most likely gives way to the financial rewards top players – or riders - receive. To the organisers - and here I am thinking of years ago, giving out awards and having them engraved must have been a real headache particularly in trials, where, with all the award list which from “Premier,” went down to “Novice” - engine capacity classes and then, the top 5 or 10% of finishers. In a well supported trial this could amount to a mighty list. All done on entry fees of :- 5 /- (25p) or 7/6 (37p) – these were indeed the days!

Of course it could not carry on like that and our organising clubs of today have so many more expenses and liabilities which they have to cover. But bless their hearts, they continue to run sporting meetings of all disciplines – some nowadays at the very highest level. For the clubman however, who has or had, no great ambitions to go further in motorcycle sport, a little - or big - engraved trophy is indeed a prize to value, remember, and show his kids and grandchildren.



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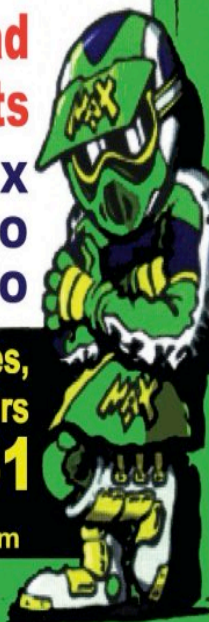


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Round 5 - Peppers Farm

Report & photos by Paula Day

Ben Cole

1st in Championship Class



Peppers Farm experienced an early shower dampening the dry stubble and ploughed farmland and the lingering low cloud greeted the competitors out on the course for the first 3 laps of this championship time card enduro. Ben Cole

This fifth round of the GH Motorcycles Championship Round had the use of Peppers Farm extensive acreage resulting in a free flowing course incorporating much natural farmland, ditches, woods, gullies and several fields either ploughed or stubble so terrain change was testing and tiring for the riders who depending on class rode between 7 and 13 laps.

With several top placed championship riders failing to finish the last few laps including Luke Parker and Expert contenders Barnaby Knight, Jack Edwards and Billy Sargeant the final results may hinge on the placings at the final race in November at the Muntjac run by Diss MCC



Eddie Belton
1st in Clubman Class

Championship

- 1st Ben Cole - Norwich Vikings
- 2nd Jamie Roper - Sudbury MCC
- 3rd Joe Phillips - Sudbury MCC
- 4th Joe Hall - Norwich Vikings
- 5th Tom Braddock - Lowestoft Invaders MCC

Expert

- 1st Jeremy Callow - Oxford Ixion MCC
- 2nd Joe Henthorn - Sudbury MCC
- 3rd Rob Armitage - Sudbury MCC
- 4th Sam Nicholls - Sudbury MCC

Clubman

- 1st Eddie Belton - Sudbury MCC
- 2nd Curt Mealham - Sidcup MCC
- 3rd James Colclough - Sudbury MCC
- 4th Stanly Delany - Sudbury MCC
- 5th Jake Ward - Diss MCC
- 6th Stuart Scott - Sudbury MCC

Sportman

- 1st Bernie Wright
- 2nd Thomas Bennett

Expert Vet

- 1st Stephen Revett - Stowmarket & DMCC

Clubman Vet

- 1st Scott Chaplin - Diss MCC
- 2nd Richard Squirrel - Stowmarket & DMCC
- 3rd Tom Morris - Diss MCC
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Sportsman Vet

- 1st John Hilton - Sudbury MCC
- 2nd Paul Belton - Sudbury MCC
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ACU Eastern Youth Solo Enduro Championship

Round 6 - Peppers Farm, 22nd September

Report & photos by Paula Day

Sudbury MCC hosted the penultimate race in the series at Peppers Farm and welcomed some new faces who certainly added to the excitement of the day.

With a cracking start and hole shot for Sudbury's own Harry Fordham, the hour long race was fiercely contended with Lucas Charles and Frankie Burn hot on the heels of the leader till just over a quarter of the way in to the race, when the Norfolk & Suffolk boys started jostling for the top places, lapping the back markers and swopping the lead on the tight twisty course.

The strong Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC contingency cleared up the podium positions, with Tommy Pope in 1st Frankie Burns in 2nd, in front of 3rd placed Joshua Wyer. Harry Fordham took 4th place from Lewis Crisell in 5th and Lucas Groves in sixth.

With the final round on 27th October there is still everything to play for.

*Photo right:
Tommy Pope*

*Results and more
photos overleaf.....*



Six of the Best

- 1st Tommy Pope – Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC
- 2nd Frankie Burns – Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC
- 3rd Joshua Wyer – Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC
- 4th Harry Fordham – Sudbury MCC
- 5th Lewis Crisell – Sudbury MCC
- 6th Lucas Groves – Norfolk & Suffolk Junior MCC



Photos on this page:

- #189 Frankie Burns
- #77 Joshua Wyer
- #20 Harry Fordham
- #61 Lewis Crisell
- # 455 Lucas Groves

Bottom pic features all the valiant finishers.





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- Course:** Eastern Centre A Class Championship round 5, Plus Joe Cordle Trial. 4 laps of 10 Multi Routed Sections of a Sand pit and Woodlands.
No Beginners Route.
- Routes:** Yellow 50/50 Red/Blue White
- Classes:** Expert, Expert B, Inters, InterB, Novice, Twinshock A, Twinshock B. Pre 70. Youth on all routes.
- Awards:** Joe Cordle Trophy to Expert Winner.

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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 £1 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: October 1st 2024

Entries Close: October 18th 2024

No Entries on the day!

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**Unfortunately No Refreshment Van Available.
Please park Sensibly.**

YOUR SPORT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ask Not What Your Centre Can Do For You - Ask What You Can Do For Your Centre**

In order for the centre to operate it needs people with diverse skills.

We have an immediate need to fill the following roles:

- Centre Secretary
 - Centre Web Master / Data Controller
 - Editor for Eastern Centre Gazette
 - People to carry out sound testing at events
 - People to operate the race timing equipment
- Training will be provided for all of these roles*

Whilst the positions listed above are those which we need to fill now there are many specialisms that we would like to fill.

The competitors in our events are amateurs and will always remain so but our organisation has to deal with all manner of outside organisations including Local Councils and other regulatory bodies as well as groups whose interests may not align with our own in addition to the general public in a professional manner.

There are about 900 members in the centre so it is highly likely that we have the skills that we need in our midst and if you can apply the skills from your day job you will probably be able to simplify and resolve specialist issues with little difficulty and demonstrate to others that the motorcycling community operates in a professional manner. Even if you are unable to resolve issues yourself you may have knowledge to understand the specialists that we need.

We are not asking for people to help with jobs that they do not have the skills for but are asking for people who can look at challenges which sometimes look obscure to the untrained eye and make them look easy to resolve.

If you have a skill and you would like to help with running our Sport please contact us for an initial discussion.

Chris Keeble

Chairman and acting Secretary – ACU Eastern
email: chairman@easternacu.org

** With apologies to the late John F Kennedy



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Woodbridge &
DMCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 27th October 2024

John Easty Memorial Trial ACUE 'C' Class Championship Rnd 4

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

What 3 Words: strumming, probing, slicer

Permit No.: ACU 204065

Sign On: 9:00am

Start: 10:00am

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: Clive Dopson
Club Steward(s): Wilf Harvey
Clerk of the Course: Ian Bafield (*Licence 6843*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of 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, Orange (small wheel youth only)
Classes: Pre-70 (Pre-unit, Unit, Twostroke), Twinshock, Youth
Awards: John Easty Shield to best W & DMCC rider
National Grid Ref: TM 358578

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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, 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: October 1st 2024, @ 8:00am
Entries Close: October 24th 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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATS - USE THEM or you may lose your ride

Toilets (Male & Female). Food outlet on site. Dogs allowed (Kept on a lead)



Essex & Suffolk
Border MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 3rd November 2024

Open Permit Trial

incorporating a round of the EACU A-Class championship

Raydon Pits, Wades Lane, Raydon

What 3 Words: meals.stars.irritated

Permit No.: ACU 204096

Sign On: 09:30hrs

Start: 10:30hrs

OFFICIALS

ACU Eastern Steward: Clive Dopson
Club Steward(s): M Keeble / A Penny
Clerk of the Course: Adam Keeble (*Licence 19039*)
Child Protection P.o.C.: CoC
Secretary of the Meeting: Neil Fenn
8 Old Rectory Close, Barham, Suffolk, IP6 0PY
Tel: 07834 691385 email: fenn_neil@hotmail.com

Course: 10 laps of 10-12 sections laid out over sand banks and trees

Routes: Red & Blue main route, with White deviation for easier route and Yellow deviation for Experts. A wobblers Green route will be provided dependent on entry.

Classes: All adult and solo classes

Awards: None

JURISDICTION

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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: October 1st 2024, @ 12:01 am

Entries Close: October 31st 2024 @ 11:59 pm

STRICTLY 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

Supplementary Regs on Sport 80



Lowestoft Invaders MCC

OPEN Permit Trial

Sunday 17th November 2024

Willingham Belter Trial

Jays Hill Lodge, Sotterley Estate, Sotterley, Beccles,
Suffolk NR34 7UH

What 3 Words: ooze.exposing.outnumber

Permit No.: ACU 204140

Sign On: 09:00 am

Start: 10:30 am

OFFICIALS

Club Steward(s): R.Tozer & C.Grice

Clerk of the Course: Thomas Jones (*Licence: 206420*)

Child Protection P.o.C.: Secretary of Meeting

Secretary of the Meeting: Ronald John Greengrass
58,Dell Road,Lowestoft,Suffolk NR33 9NS
Tel: 07708 591315 email: rjg@rongg58.plus.com

Course: Wooded Banks in pit.4 laps of 10 sections

Routes: Yellow,Red/Blue,White

Classes: Expert,Expert B,Inter A & B,Novices,P70,Twinshock and all Youth.

Awards: Secretary's Cup to Best Youth.

Nat. Grid Ref.: TM462 859

JURISDICTION

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ENTRIES

All entries will be via the ACU Online Entry System. Entry Fee Adult £20 Youth £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 £3 administration fee. This includes ACU Sport80 and Stripe Commission fees.

Entries Open: October 4th 2024, @ 9:00 am

Entries Close: November 14th 2024 @ 22.00 pm. or before if full

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

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.

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
05-Oct	Castle Colchester	Trial	Closed to Club	Raydon Pit	
06-Oct	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	Closed to Club	Snaque Pit	
13-Oct	Castle Colchester MCC	Trial	OPEN	Thorrington Pit	ACU Eastern 'B' Class Trials Champs inc. Youth Beginners
20-Oct	Braintree & DMCC	MX	OPEN	Foxborough	
20-Oct	Ipswich MCC	Trial	OPEN	Badwell Ash	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Championships
27-Oct	Sudbury MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Halstead	ACU Eastern 2-Man Enduro Championship
27-Oct	Woodbridge & DMCC	Trial	OPEN	Blaxhall	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Trials Championships
03-Nov	Essex & Suffolk Border MCC	Trial	OPEN	Raydon	ACU Eastern 'A' Class Trials Championship
10-Nov	ACU Eastern AGM	N/a	N/a	Ipswich Area t.b.a.	
17-Nov	Diss MCC	Enduro	OPEN	Thetford Forest	ACU Enduro Championship
17-Nov	Lowestoft Invaders	Trial	OPEN	Sottersley	N/A
24-Nov	Eastern Fourstroke Assoc.	Trial	OPEN	Thorrington	ACU Eastern 'C' Class Championship

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