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Dave Spurgeon at the Wrabness Trial.
Photo Mick Brown.

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(all submissions gladly accepted - keep your club alive)

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PEDRO'S PATER

Going back a bit Feb 16 Raydon the venue 54 chaps threw machinery up and sometimes down the slopes resulting in Mark Fletcher winning in front of Kevin Hood settled by tie breaking both on an incredible 4 brilliant! This on hard route 50/50 was eclipsed by 'Spritely' Roger Finch just five, great young man, also on 5 Andy Tym great result on the easy route then exuberance got the better of him the 13TY flew out of his hands and across the ACU steward's car bonnet!!! Where will that 'pot' be going next year? Best of the pre-65's Doug Maggs 10 a great result after years of perseverance, now re-jetted Jason Sigourney had the measure of the Firefly to finish on 11. Haven't any 'workers' names but thanks for a good one, Tracey and Gary had results out before you went to bed, result!! Wrabness, what a lovely day Mark and co marked out a testing and rideable course then went on to show how!! If you pay attention you might learn! 13, thirteen! But hey! Dave S on the little buzzer 19 he does try! Keep at it! Greg Radley is now to be sponsored by Spec Savers then he'll revert to riding 'all' sections! Roger Finch is making the 50/50 his, topping out again on 12, you'll

have to return to the hard route, well done! Not a lot in it for Wreathall bro's Ossa mounts they do look good. John and Chris had a tussle with the 'lumps', Chris was very pleased to put it in the van! At least 3 bodies experienced a phenomenon? not previously experienced, on the third lap clogged mudguards causing front door exits in couple instances, can the scientists amongst us explain, changing damp content? As some, have noted over the years Raydon will change in a hour from riding on marbles to grippy! All knowledge gratefully absorbed! Luke Fitzjohn was very appreciative of the opportunity to ride Chris Chapman's heavywate, promises to better next time! Richard Challis improved on recent outings editor Canham sprung back from doldrums, it must have been the air, competition among the 'units' is interesting whilst Roger Gulliver soldiers on laughing most of the way, Heather please buy him a pair of wide bars! Thanks to Chris Byford-Smith, Mick Brown, 'Stumpy', Glyn Hill, Mark 'Mud' Fletcher, Brian 'Dad' Fletcher and the Davie Bros. (who gave up their rides to help the 'show 'along') also the observers as always!!

Cont'd over

Raydon practice 29 th April a disappointing day for lone organizer Gary only 15 players to tackle the four sections, there wasn't many takers, most playing on the nursery slopes and machinery fettling. Next practice Easter Saturday . Sunday 20th saw much livelier action at Marks Tey pre-65 scramble ,first of the season lovely weather, lots of grip on a course requiring attention and bravery fast requiring all the gearbox ,most of the aces were soon on the pace Dave Godley, Jim Aim, 'Lippy' Bateup, Ben Archer, Sam Appleton , James Newstead, Aaron Graves, Chris Collins, Greg Radley, Daniel / Luke / Gene Womack, in the sidecars ex-GP man Shaun Mallows, Chris Batt. Greg (Star-maker /Mettise) was also riding Jim Holt's BSA 500 Victor, and despite not being a 4 stroke rider managed some very respectable 7,8,9 placings which pleased ex-continental campaigner Jim (what a hard man he was right from the word go in the fifties on Tribsa's). Don't think Greg will convert though great to see him and 'big' Dave on those lovely AMC's on the pace I for one thoroughly enjoyed the opening of another season of a great sport and only a spectator !! Other club members enjoying we're Philip Evans, (C15) Andy Tym (AJS

Stormer) Julien Smith (Stormer) Luke Fitzjohn (Tribsa & Triumph Mettise) . One who didn't enjoy after his first two creditable rides Keith Fitzjohn (Victor) hit the deck in a first corner skirmish resulting in broken leg. We wish you well Keith! In a field including more than a few veterans was Gordon Adsett (360 CZ) who became a Greeves works rider in 50/60's trials and scrambler. Still going ! shades of Jim Aim who was up the front very neat ,tidy and quick and you can only say 'as usual'! A well organised meeting ,if you don't go you should, live a little eh! I also learned on the day that a gentleman ,I don't use the title lightly ! by the name of Joe Halsey a ace scrambler (AMC 's) 50/60's ,bike repairer by trade has died recently after several years in a home guess he was late eighties, Enjoy Bromley!

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Roger Birch Trophy Trial

CENTRE RESTRICTED
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This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the Eastern Centre, 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/we hereby declare that I/we have had the opportunity to read, and that I/we 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/we further declare that I/we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am/we are competent to do so.
- I/we confirm that I/we understand the nature and type of event we are 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.
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- I/we agree that I am/we are required to register our arrival by "signing on" at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.
- I/we enclose the entry fee of £

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, 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/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation in motorsport is entirely at my/our own risk.

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RIDER

Surname: First name(s):

Address:

Postcode: Tel:

Email:

ACU Licence/Registration No: ACU Affiliated Club :
(of which I am a member)

Class/Grade Entered: Route

MACHINE

Make: Capacity: cc Stroke: mm



EASTERN FOURSTROKE ASSOCIATION
Open to all members of the Eastern Centre ACU
Roger Birch Trophy Trial



PRE 70 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL
(Including Round 2 of the E.C. Class C P70 Championship)
Sunday April 6th 2014, Start 10:30 am.

TRIAL: CENTRE RESTRICTED
VENUE: Hall Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex
GRID REF: TM 078258
ACU PERMIT No: TBA
OFFICIALS:
CLUB STEWARD: TBA
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Brian Fletcher
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: June Kent, 30 Clayhall Place, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO 10 0BT
Tel: 01787 379192

JURISDICTION: Held under the NSC and the Standing Discipline Regulations of the ACU and the EASTERN CENTRE, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions which will have the force of these Regulations. Open to ACU affiliated members of the Eastern Centre.

COURSE: Approximately 4 laps of 10 sections - multi route course - all on private land.

MARKING: As per TSR 22B - Non-stop basis.

ENTRIES: To be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of **£14.00** (adult), **£10.00** (youth) which includes Insurance Premiums, Licence Subscription and all levies. Please make cheque's payable to the E. F. A.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Half hour before the start.

CLASSES: SOLO, Rigid, Pre-unit, Pre-70 Unit, Pre-70 2 Stroke, Twin Shock, & Youth.

ROUTE: Hard Championship/ 50/50 /Easy & Rigid

This entry form to be used only by the members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association riding the non-championship routes.



ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB
Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association



THE SNAQUE PIT TRIAL
PRE-65/70 & TWINSHOCK TRIAL
Sunday 13th April 2014, Start 10:30 am.

AMCA AUTHORISATION No.: AMCA/CT/5894
VENUE: Snaque Pit, Belchamp, Nr Sudbury, Suffolk
(Off the B1352 Mistley to Harwich Road.) Grid ref: TM 167310
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Graham Braybrook
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: Dave Kent, 30 Clayhall Place, Acton, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0BT
Tel: 01787 379192

COURSE: Approximately 3 or 4 laps of 10 or 12 sections - multi route course - all on private land.

MARKING: Will be 1,2,3,5 - Non-stop basis.

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www.anglia-classic-trials-club.co.uk / www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk

ENTRIES CLOSE: Half Hour Before the Start

CLASSES: Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock & Youth. All solo.

ROUTE: Hard / 50/50 / Easy

NOTICE: **Helmets must be worn** & it is recommended that you wear other appropriate protective clothing. Excessively noisy machines will be barred. Riding over the field and any other prohibited areas is forbidden and any rider seen doing so will be disqualified. A map will be displayed at the start showing these areas. Please keep to the marked route.

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Saturday 19th April 2014

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For further information contact:

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Email: tracey.henderson@btopenworld.com

A Notice from the Mid Anglia MCC

We wish to inform you that as of 19 April 2014 the practice session fee will increase to £9.00 per solo rider and £12.00 for sidecar crews.

This unfortunately, is due to an increase in costs per rider for the hire of Raydon Pits. Sessions in March 2014, ran at a loss and this needs to be rectified in order to continue and improve this facility for your enjoyment.

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5. I will not take part if I have any doubt about my ability or the safety of the venue.
6. I accept that the competition in motor sport may involve the risk of injury or death and I agree to take part at my own risk.
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- b) I will, before allowing him/her to take part, satisfy myself that the course and the facilities are safe and will inspect same.
- c) I also AGREE that if the applicant should sustain any injury from any cause whilst taking part in the event and as a result bring a claim for compensation against you or the organisers or officials or sponsors or entrants or owners of the venue. I WILL INDEMNIFY AND PAY BACK TO YOU any sum which you may be required to pay as a result of such a claim.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

LIFE OF A NON FACTORY DEVELOPMENT RIDER

ANOTHER EMAIL FROM DAVE BLANCHARD TO MICK BROWN

Hello Mick, Just the second instalment of getting your old Tiger 70 to blend in with me and adjust to my riding style.

I don't think I mentioned treating the bike to a new old stock Hepolite piston and rebore. This had happened before the Jack Thompson trial in December 2013.

I had it rebored to the specified clearance supplied with the Hepolite piston (packaged in 1952 no less!). This was my first mistake because it was never going to get enough running in before the trial!

Everything seemed fine on the first lap. But on the second lap when you have memorised where the sections go, you mostly ride without stopping. So now the engine does not get any relaxation or time to cool down. Quite quickly 'unwanted heat' builds up and clearances get tighter as some of the moving bits grow bigger. Half-way through the second lap I had just exited an uphill section and was travelling slowly when the bike just stopped. I thought I had a branch jammed in the rear wheel at first but quickly realised the piston had nipped up!

Letting it cool for a while I was able to rock it backwards in gear and all was free again. So I finished the day with lots of cool

down stops and lost 8 points plus a little alloy off the piston.

My next trial was the Mike Kemp Classic at Hungry Hill, a Pre-65 Championship round. It went well on the first lap then about three quarters through the second lap the piston nipped up again. Harder to free this time (bigger and longer hills) so when it finally did free, I rode back to the car park and put it on the trailer before more damage was done.

Back home a strip down ensued. It certainly wasn't seized badly so I took another thou out of the bore with a hone just for luck.

Next trial up was the 'very easy fun day out for old boys on old bikes'?????? Yes you've guessed. It was of course 'The Talmag'. "But not as we know it Jim" to quote a well known Star Trek phrase.

I had set up the Tiger as I would My Ariel. I fitted higher handlebars so that I could pull back easily to keep the weight off the front, as per the Ariel. Wrong move entirely because the Tiger is lighter, so in those very slippery conditions I did not have enough weight up front and this made the steering very skittish. I struggled with grip

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THE DAVE BICKERS TROPHY TRIAL



**In aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability,
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**Sunday 18th May, 10.30 Start,
Bromley Brook, Great Bromley.**

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31/31/2014

Dear Chris

Could you please put this notice into the Trials & Tribulations

This year the 2014 WEETING STEAM RALLY takes place on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July. If you wish to take part, by coming for the weekend or perhaps just for the day. Could you notify me by sending your name, address and telephone number so that I can forward you your tickets and be able to contact you, if required. Also, the type of bike (or bikes) you will be bringing to ride around the ring and the "Mini track" or just to show at our stand. Please let me know before the end of April 2014, as I have to let the organisers know the details, to go into the programme. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. If you have not been before why not come and join us.

Alan

throughout the first lap as did the other 55 riders who retired on the day. The 19 non starters got it right though. In the drier conditions I had ridden in before, the bike felt fine and stable. It just shows how when Hungry Hill is dissolved in water, things can change a tad!

I had fitted a Premier Concentric carburettor prior to the Talmag and got the jetting nearly right. But all that throttling, revving and wheel spinning gave me a spark plug colour that still said 'a little rich'. But it's very close and will do for the next event!

I have promised 'Burlen Amal' a report to let them know my findings and the jets I prefer.

On the other foot I have just moved the right peg back an inch to bring them both in line with my feet. This was 'fiddlier' than it sounds. Then of course I had to modify another spare kick starter lever to clear the modified footrest, but that's done now and looks OK. I had already modified both Cub brakes to fully floating shoes with benefit. The front brake arm I extended slightly for more lever-

age. I am used to a powerful front brake on the Ariel.

But during the Talmag with its slippery slopes that front brake finally bedded in and was too powerful. So the front brake plate lever has now gone back to the standard Cub length.

Whilst doing all these brake modifications I also made up a twin leading shoe backplate with fully floating shoes, just in case I couldn't get the power I am used to. This won't be needed now as the brakes are fine as is.

I am still looking out for a period trials chair or maybe just a large old fashioned one for the Ariel, so I can play at being a charioteer on wobbler's days. Yes you're correct in your thoughts! Sue won't be going in the trials chair! But I will paint a dolly bird face on a concrete block and that can be my passenger.

One question Mick if you or anybody knows. Are the 2H flywheels heavier than the tiger 70 one's? They are different part numbers, but it could be that the 2H is cast iron and the Tiger 70 is steel?

Regards Dave

TIM'S TOURS 2013

Right now you lot, time to wake the toys up again. The company are making plans to hold our first outing of 2014 on the 29th April, meeting at The Alma for a 3 o'clock get away. The run will be of the usual format i.e. hopefully a pleasant ride with a 'comfort' stop approx half way followed by a visit to a chippy at our destination (unknown at this time.) So don't forget GOT

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April 2014

Fixture list of Trials open to *Classic Bikes* in East Anglia & some further afield

Date	Club	Authority	Venue & Event
Apr-06	EFA	ACU	Roger Birch Trial, Great Bromley
Apr-06	Golden Valley	ACU	SMP Cotswold Cup, Disley, Glos.
Apr 06			Long Melford Show - contact Don Daly
Apr-13	ACTC	ACU	Snaque Pit, Trial.
April 18 (Gd Friday)	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	Blaxhall Trial
Apr-19	Mid Anglia MCC	AMCA	Plonkaround, Raydon Pit, from mid day.
Apr-20	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Scramble, Maylandsea
April 20/ 21	Red Marley	AMCA	Hill Climb & Classic Trial. Nr Stourport
April 25 (Friday)	VMCC Essex	VMCC	Byways Run, Museum of Power, Nr. Maldon
Apr 26	EFA/ACTC		Tim's Tour, The Alma 3 o'clock
Apr-26	VMCC Essex	VMCC	Bluebell Run, Museum of Power, Nr. Maldon
May 2/3	Edinburgh & DMCC	SACU	Scottish Pre-65 Two Day Trial Kinlochleven
May-04	Dabbers Trials Club	AMCA	Suffolk Trials Park, Corton, NR32 5AX
May 5 (Monday)	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Scramble, Stebbing.
May-18	ACTC	AMCA	Charity Trial, Great Bromley
May-18	Stratford-on-Avon MCC	ACU	SMP SamCooper Union Jack Trial, Blockley Glos.
May-25	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Memorial Meeting, Marks Tey.
June 7/8	Somerton Cl'sic MCC	AMCA	British Bike Trial, Priddy Nr Cheddar, Mendips
June 14	ACTC	AMCA	Summer Series, venue to be confirmed.
June 14/15			Monks Ely Show - contact Chris Chapman
June 15	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	East Anglian Grand National, Marks Tey
June 22	Ilkley & DMCC	ACU	SMP Yorkshire Dales Trial, Pateley Bridge, Yorks
June 28/29	Dabbers Trial	AMCA	Two Day Trial, Ashdon Nr Saffron Walden
June 29			Holesly Bay Show - contact Ray Gibb

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EDITORIAL

Another T&T with minimal editing this month as free time is tight. No results forthcoming from Chattisham for this edition, hope all is well Nik. It wasn't many moons ago when all results came out several weeks after the trial so for those who find it frustrating to wait a while perhaps you should offer to help.....queue the sound of wind blowing the tumble weed across the plains!
Chris.

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