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Tim's Tour Stopping off for a cuppa at
Lovely Finchingfield
Photo by Tim Bradshaw

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EDITORIAL

Two (as I understand) of our esteemed members, Ian Preedy and Peter Eaves are feeling a bit poorly, get well soon boys. It's also a happy 80th birthday to Peter, our regular contributor Pedro, who is undergoing a course of chemotherapy and as such will need to stay away from us germ ridden riders and runners for a while but I'm sure he will be back sooner than the proverbial, dolling out that dry encouragement of his from his chair as another five is marked down through his section. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Peter a happy birthday and may there be many more.

Unfortunate that the Wrabness trial has had to be cancelled but the farmer has many more game birds on the land and has asked us to postpone for this year which leaves a bit of a hole in the trials calendar for this time of year coming up to the Thumpers.

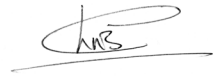
Talking of the Thumpers coming up in November I believe Lesley

(Karens understudy this year) has the regs out and these will be posted out in due course. Wonder if there'll have been any substantial rain by then - fancy that a *dusty* Thumpers!

And it could even be a *dusty* Snaque Pit trial a bit of a contrast to when it's been cancelled due to the extreme wet weather in the past - Entry form further in the T&T, get it filled in and post haste to Howard to keep that queue down and help the Secretary of the Meeting out on the day.

The club had a stand, thanks to Don Daly for organising and no thanks to me for not publicising it last month, at the recent Copdock Motorcycle Show. A couple or three members got their bikes out in the main show ring mixing it with the Pre-65 guys - Mark Gibb looked in his element but seemed a bit slower than when doing a trial!

Nuff said.



The EFA Stand at the Copdock Motorcycle Show.

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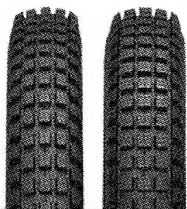
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PEDRO'S PATER

One of the Eastern centre's most prestigious speed meetings was held at High Easter on a sunny Sunday 7th Sept the European sidecar grass track final! Competitors from Holland Germany and our 3 crews, the French reserve didn't get a ride (oh dear long way to come for that!) . Racing out off the top drawer on the very best of machinery resulting in a win in the 'big one' the 500 l/h sidecars for Josh Goodwin/ Liam Brown their first time final both in their early twenties what a result this ahead of locals Nick/Abi Radley (father, daughter) what a brave girl!! Running in third place Markus Venus / Markus Heib (Germany) . You can imagine the aftermath of that fantastic performance the rest of the meeting was equally thrilling /spectacular what a great day's sport! The organising 500 sidecar association were spot on ,it all went smoothly and thankfully no injuries ,I hope they didn't lose out financially as the crowd were a little sparse.

The following week the action moved to Ugley a grass track including the British under 21 championship ,in my opinion a very under par fielding of talent with the exception of James Shanes who had finished 2nd previous Sunday and Georgie Wood. The 1000cc r/h sidecars were the real racers of the meeting Mark Cossar /Carl Blythe the aces of the day, the machinery is work of art and many many

hours of labour of dedication by lots of people still quite a family orientated scene , our local crew the Brewsters ,father Denny around since the 70's not unsuccessful ,made a return upon receiving bus pass last year (not unsuccessful) now finding you need more than pension to campaign a outfit! Son Mark a willing partner to a lost cause.! The minuscule circuit laid on a bank created problems for most ,adverse cambers and 'all that'? I left half time, that says it all, but at least the ice cream van showed!!

Recently a past grass track sidecar exponent Eric Hodkinson (76) past away, Eric was limited by health problems initially campaigning the inevitable Triumph powered 'lump' then a Vincent which made appearances at Snetterton also. Obviously an expensive exercise for a working lad , moved to a ongoing love of things vintage becoming very knowledgeable and capable hands rebuilding and enjoying many hours riding British roads in company of like minded folk ,he and his long term wife Pauline masterminded many VMCC events camping rallies easily recognised by beard and the pipe a character who will be missed by many. Funeral is at Chelmsford Crem .7th Oct. 12-30pm no dark clothes.

On Sat.13th many acknowledged Dave Bickers life very full life where did the penergy and determination ,skill come from? We were lucky to have been party to some or it! The family did him proud , great

to wander around his bikes exchanging experiences invariable with laughter the weather was a bonus , organization good,many notabilities ,goodly turn out of members on bikes appreciatted I'm sure . The 'T' shirt sale made £1300 for local charity, well done all!

Sun. 21st had me on the ropes at Maylandsea pre-65 classic scramble, however before we go forward I have to go back a bit! ,the Gosfield scramble! I omitted to tell that Jullian Smith won a race, this rare occasion wasn't for the lack of trying over the years and I have rather unfairly been chastising him of late about 'fast starter' Andy Tym giving him Stormer advice. However a Greeves has appeared and I wish him success go Julian Go! The Stormer was on loan at Maylandsea to novice (and late starter in the scene) Roger Digby who didn't disgrace despite a spectacular removable of ropes stakes all with a big smile and much energy, if he persists he'll move up the results. Again Greg rode his heart out to put Nick Archer in place in the '250,'s literally by inches fantastic racing yet again!! Big Dave Godley doesn't make the starts on his little one but loves the challenge! Demon Richard Wreathall, I'll rephrase that ,Demon Dot rider Richard seemed to enjoyed the long lappery and undulating terrain ,another unusual entry is the early Maico of Peter Griffith quite purposeful looking ,I can't remember them in their time ,I suspect not too many were imported. The third rare entrant a Cotton 'Cobra' all the

way from I,O,W Stephen Baldwin mounted ,again a fair few names new to our 'patch' more the merrier eh! Again thro' the programme real hard fast racing twixt the Womacks, Graves, Bateups and the 'Norfolk Flyer' James Newstead. We missed out on Terry's dulcet tones ,however if you are sociably minded have a word with him regarding his New Year party and get behind him ! OK!

Hope you enjoyed the Copdock show and supported Donal in a appropriate manner, assistance will be required for setting up this month's trials please put some time aside. Be lucky!

Pedro E

FOR SALE

Triumph Bonnie 865cc 2007 silver, 30k miles (careful ones) mot on SORN, surplus to requirements £2900. **Honda 125 xl ish** no docs, built from parts for learner pit use, good £300. **Suzuki Beamish 250** average condition, no docs phone for price! **Suzuki X7** rolling chassis been growing in garden for 20 yrs £20. **Heavyweight bench vice** (just what you needed yesterday!) £30. **1cwt of Honda 125** engine/gearbox parts CB, XL, SL, TL, one lot £80 (if these are turned every 9 months they are known to multiply!!)

Peter Eaves 01245-353297.

TIM'S TOUR

On the 30th August 8 bikes and 11 of us departed from The Alma at around 3:10pm.

We rode through Marks Tey and Great Tey joining the A1124 beside Chappel viaduct then we turned off at White Colne and through Colne Engaine, after heading towards Little Maplestead. It was after Colne Engaine when I realised that I took an unintentional road that I didn't know existed. It was single track with weeds growing down the middle, but we were fortunate that we didn't encounter any traffic until the end.

Continuing we passed by the lovely round church at Little Maplestead and eventually joined the Sudbury/Heddingham road, we then took the opportunity to ride through Castle Heddingham with its quaint alleyway like streets. Great Yeldham next then Toppesfield and Gainsford End, after which our 'comfort stop' at Finchingfield. After parting company with Glyn Hill and his father troublesome Honda, Roger 'G' made a 'beeline' for a tea shop where we enjoyed welcome refreshment (thanks Rog).

We then mounted up again after an anxious comment from one of our party "I'm hungry, how far is it before fish & chips?" (don't worry Neil I won't tell!)

We then continued through Great Bardfield to Rayne, where I

got lost, which resulted in a tour of an industrial estate and reaching our destination with directions provided by a helpful couple walking their dog.

The cuisine consumed at the chippy adjacent to Tescos at Notley was enjoyed by everyone and here endeth another of our escapades.

Arrangements for the next Tim's Tour are:-

**11th October
Leave chairman Ted's 'Plaice' at
11:00am for lunch at Shotley.**

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SNAQUE PIT TRIAL

PRE-70 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL

Sunday October 19th 2014, Start 10:30 am.

TRIAL: CLOSED TO CLUB
VENUE: Snaque Pit, Belchamp Essex
ACU PERMIT No: TBA
CLUB STEWARD: TBA
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Brian Fletcher
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: Howard Plush, 56 Torquay Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 7NX
Tel: 01245 604957

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 members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association riding Pre-65 solo machines, twinshock machines and EFA Youth members only.

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 Eastern Fourstroke Association (EFA) If you require the results to be posted to you please supply a S. A. E. Alternatively results will be posted on the EFA website at; www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk

ENTRIES CLOSE: Half Hour Before the Start

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

ROUTE: Hard / 50/50 / Easy



Mark Gibb, Ariel, at the Copdock Motorcycle Show, closely followed by Chris Cook and A.N.Other on Mark Wilsons Triumph sidecar outfit.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

EASTERN FOURSTROKE ASSOCIATION

SNAQUE PIT TRIAL

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DATE 19th OCTOBER 2014
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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.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose.
- I/we 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 it/they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.
- 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 £

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

Rider's signature: Date: DOB (if under 18)

For riders under 18 years of age - I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:

Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility:

Riders under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU Competition Licence/Trials Registration must also complete a Parental Agreement form (Single Event) in addition to this entry form.

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



Chris Huxable 'Enjoying himself' at the recently televised Gosfield
Pre-65 Scramble
Photograph Tim Bradshaw



The 'Old Masters' at Dave Bickers Tribute Day
Photograph Tim Bradshaw

TIM'S TOUR GALLERY



“Always ask a
father for help”

Photograph
Tim Bradshaw

“Alan, what did
you put in my
drink?”

Photograph
Tim Bradshaw



Roger being
‘mum’

Photograph
Tim Bradshaw

2014 BEAMISH

“3 WHEELS ON OUR WAGON”

A little bit of background - The Beamish Trophy Trial is run by South Durham Vintage Motorcycle Club. It covers over 100 miles of northern dales in Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland and has a number of off-road sections and tracks, some of which were used in the old Travers Trophy Trial. There are also some checkpoints, manned by an enthusiastic bunch of marshals, who try and get you to answer some questions (mostly motorcycling)

When we entered the event back in January it seemed an awful long way off but all of a sudden the third weekend of September was here and we were loading up the old veedub van and pointing her northwards. We arrived at The Royal Oak, in the village of Cornsray Colliery around teatime. Dick Hobart and Peter Sigournay were staying here as well and after we'd checked in we piled into Peter's car and went off to The New Board Inn which was the event HQ for the weekend to see who else was around. Although there was a larger Eastern Centre presence this year the only familiar faces we found were Norman Blakemore, Dave Field and Peter Forrest from the Maldon British Owners Club.

Sunday dawned sunny and warm, we were an early number

and set off at 10 past 9 for a day around the north east countryside.

At the first Checkpoint high on the moors where snow poles line the road we caught up with Mark Wilson/Chris Cook on their Triumph Outfit and Don Daly on his Norton solo. Apparently the clutch was slipping on the outfit and they weren't best pleased. They followed us for a while, through the Westgate Ford Checkpoint and along the Middlehope Trail where we came up behind a scooter wobbling along. Whether it was the sound of two Triumph Outfits and a Norton Solo coming up behind or arm pump at trying to keep the scooter in a straight line we don't know but it wasn't long before it wobbled off into the stone wall which ran beside the track and out of our way.

Next Checkpoint was at Raise Head and as we had previous experience of careering down this track somewhat out of control we decided to take the tarmac alternative but the others were keen to give it a go so they carried on and we met up again at the Fuel Stop, all still in one piece.

Kilhope Lead Mining Museum was our next port of call where coffee, rolls and other goodies were available to help us on our way (as

well as more questions we couldn't answer, never mind)

We queued up to cross the A689 and have a go at the Haggis Bank Section which we'd got up clean the two previous years however on this occasion we had an extra obstacle to negotiate in the form of a certain Mr. Don Daly who was stuck right in the way. We managed to get going again and cleaned the rest of the section out to the top. A marshal came to Don's rescue and he footed his way out as well.

Next stop was a village called Allenheads and the lunch - yippee. After a cooling pint and something to eat we set off again to the fuel stop and our last drop of petrol. Our driver was keen to tackle the Raise Head track this time as it was uphill going back so must be easier than coming down !!! It was a bit of a struggle and divorce proceedings were considered at one point but eventually we made it to the end and carried on to the Bewdley Hill Top Checkpoint and a bit of a breather. Peter Forrest caught up with us here. He was pleased his BSA was still going, and was grinning from ear to ear. He followed us to the next track/section which was the softly named Velvet Path (Peter calls it Crushed Concrete Path 'cos it's so rocky!) We went first and managed to keep going, waiting for Peter at the end where the track joined the tarmac road. All we had to do then was the last 27 miles of roadwork through the lovely farmland and villages back

to The New Board Inn for a welcome meal and pint or two.

Haven't seen any results yet but they're a minor detail, it's just a crackin' event.

Wallace & Gromit

Overheard a conversation by some old boys at the airfield last Thursday discussing the problem of forgetfulness in old age, when one old boy declared that he was looking into buying one of the new super fast stair lifts, so he could get up stairs before he forgot what he was going up there for.



John Daly, Norton, taking the inside line at the Copdock Motorcycle Show.



Mark Gibb practicing 'getting between the sections' at the Copdock Motorcycle Show.

KEEPING TRACK! October 2014

Fixture list of Classic Trials in East Anglia & some further afield

Date	Club	Authority	Venue & Event
Oct-11	EFA		Tims Tour from Teds at 11 to Shotley for lunch
Oct-12	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Scramble, Marks Tey.
Oct-19	EFA	ACU	Snaque Pit, Trial
Oct-19	Sth. Birmingham MC	ACU	SMP Greensmith Memorial Trial, Bridgenorth.
Oct-25	Mid Anglia MCC	AMCA	Plonkaround, Raydon Pit from 12 noon.
Oct-26	Clocks Go Back		
Nov-02	Woodbridge & DMCC	ACU	Rendlesham, Trial P70 'C' Champ's Rnd 3
Nov-02	Pre-65 MXC	AMCA	Christmas Cracker Scramble, Marks Tey.
Nov-15	Ringwood MC&LCC	ACU	SMP Perce Simon Trial, Ringwood. Hants.
Nov-16	North Berks. MCC	ACU	SMP Downland Trophy Trial, W. Hagbourne.
Nov-23	EFA	ACU	Eastern Thumpers National Trial, Thorrington.

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Chairman Ted, BVS Bantam, coming up the outside to take one of the 'slower' Pre-65 boys. Or it might have been the other way round and he was just about to be mugged (three time a lap I think it was ;-)

At the Copdock Motorcycle Show.

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