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(all submissions gladly accepted - keep your club alive)

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EDITORIAL

A big heart felt thank you to all and every one of you who helped out at the Thumpers. As always a variety of 'East Anglian' sections expertly laid out that rode exceptionally well in the torrential rain, many a compliment was heard from riders as a whole during the day as they passed through my and others sections of the trial. And a special thank you to all the observers, everyone who put their name down turned up and tested their waterproofs for four hours or more. Ted says he 'loves you all'. Saw several photographers at the Thumpers struggling with their equipment in the rain, if

there's any of you reading this the T&T would love to put a couple or three photo's of the day in the mag if you managed to get any.

There's a warm welcome to the club's newest member of The Revolutionary Council, Phil Smith, I'm sure he'll be a great asset to the running of the club. Ted needs all the help he can get keeping El President concentrated on the matter in hand at committee meetings!

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,



Don's audition outfit for the next edition of the BBC's Master Chief.

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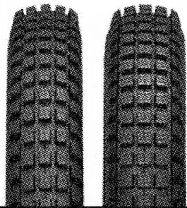
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PEDRO'S PATT

Doesn't time fly however 37 chaps found time to practice Mr Weebe was kept busy running the show, again new faces and machinery, encouraging!

Sunday 23rd, will be remembered for its wetness an inch worth! Secondly results! A 500 Ariel and 175 Bantam on 5 apiece!! Congrats to section planners albeit it wasn't laid out with 'that' weather in mind I apologies for not being aware of names but you do thanks! Also the observers, not forgotten much appreciated!! The Gullivers sect. 1 caused some muttering as did 10 but at the same times great rides put smiles on faces Matt Neale should have

been grinning ear to ear, ace scrambler James Newstead knows a bit about finding grip when required!! Congrats the both of you! Graham Brown doesn't need to kick himself too much. But I guess Gary cursed when the Cub coughed!! Good effort lads! Colin Sadler a great result from a guy who 'blows hot and cold'! Great Colin! Well done all who stayed the course you must have derived satisfaction from your better efforts. Many of you'll not of heard of a Scott (pre /post war 600cc water cooled two-stroke twin) but hey Alan Abraham muscled one round mid pack, man of the day?

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EASTERN FOURSTROKE ASSOCIATION
Restricted to members of the Eastern Fourstroke Association



LITTLE BEALINGS TRIAL
PRE-65 AND TWINSHOCK TRIAL
Sunday January 4th 2015, Start 10:30 am.

TRIAL: CLUB RESTRICTED
VENUE: Sunfield Farm, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk
POST CODE: IP13 6LT. (Nearest, trial entrance is just by the level crossing)
ACU PERMIT No: TBA
OFFICIALS:
CLUB STEWARD: TBA
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Eddie Hood (Licence No. 9449)
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 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 **£15.00** (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

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Two Greeves of the four starters finished, Gary Eaves aboard Greg Radley's took a while to locate appropriate levers to finish ahead of riding companion Oliver (the Hair) Weavers definitely on the way up with some great rides. Greg discovered his had cracked crankcases Sat. am. Luckily spares were in stock but many hours were incurred to get it to the start and Gary's efforts didn't disappoint. Doesn't one need en-

thusiasm to progress! Lone lady did very well 6th in class. Here's hoping you've dried out, recovered your composure! What's that? Enjoy the festive season, work on the fitness, mince pies, couple of pints!! Oh, we'll never mind!!

Pedro E

"New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group"
Weren't they fat enough?!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**CLUB RESTRICTED****EASTERN FOURSTROKE ASSOCIATION
LITTLE BEALINGS TRIAL****DATE 4th JANUARY 2015
ACU PERMIT No. TBA**

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.
- 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 £

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.

Rider's signature: Date: DOB (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

MOLLY'S BUCKET LIST!

We had a request of help from Mick Brown a trials riding friend in Colchester, Essex. He told us that his wife had a friend of a friend who is 70 years old and she was gradually ticking off her bucket list of things to do before the inevitable day. One of the experiences she wanted was to ride in a sidecar, a desire that had been

there are some super high performance modern sidecar outfits on the roads these days and I know 'olly' would have been happy to ride in any one of those, even though she probably could not recognise it as the type of outfit she would have seen thumping along our British roads when she was a spirited young lady.



with her for many years. As we know sidecars were heading for extinction in the sixties due to all those cheap minis and other small cars and vans. So this bucket List item looked unlikely for her. Yes

My wife Sue and me had bought a 1936 Norton model 18 and fitted a Watsonian VG21 chassis and chair to it, specifically for a 'ost before the War' style of tour in Suffolk and

Norfolk with the late Alan Abrahams. So we owned just the type of combination that Molly could identify with!

The emotive part of this story was that the arrangement for Molly to ride in our 'ost Vintage' combination was to be kept a strict secret. It was John and Dot Reed that made it all happen through the grapevine of that wondrous email system direct to me. We had been in touch many times and had a date arranged during the year. But whilst on the 2014 VMCC founders day 'elay Rally' the Norton engine broke a flywheel so it looked like (unbeknown to Molly) she was out of luck.

Trying hard to make this surprise happen we travelled around the country buying second hand spares to get the Norton up and running again. It wasn't easy to find 1936 parts but there were plenty of later bits available, some of which I had to convert and make fit.

After four months the sidecar ride was on again. But on two occasions the inclement weather caused cancellations due to the sidecar being open top and without a hood. But finally, it did happen!

On that day John and Dot Reed travelled down to Rochester from Colchester, accompanied by Molly and her husband Peter. All perfect strangers to us but we got on really



well. I had the Norton outfit parked in the drive and when Molly realised what was about to happen her excitement and anticipation exploded, visibly written across her face and heard in her voice.

ence. It gave us all great pleasure to see a lovely old lady enjoying herself like the youngster she had been in years gone by. Tears of pleasure and emotion were evident in more than one of us. Molly en-



Once Molly had been kitted out with warm clothing plus Sue's crash hat and goggles and a nice warm tartan rug to put over her legs, we were off for a 15 mile each way tour stopping for refreshments at the 12th century priory called the Friars near Maidstone. I thought the bumpy roads would give Molly a shock but this experience was accepted with glee and enthusiasm. She even offered to do the left turn hand signals for me and revelled in taking part in the driving experi-

enced the experience so much she is now pestering her husband Peter to buy a sidecar outfit of their own!

Wouldn't it be a great idea for 'all motorcycle clubs' to organise a riding day experience for those who want to try a veteran, vintage or classic bike on closed roads. Put my name on the list now please for a DBD34 experience. I promise not to speed! Anyone can drive my 1936 Norton outfit at the same time if they want.

Dave Blanchard.

34TH THUMPERS

Now we've dried out and the last lump of mud has been brushed away we've been reflecting on the 2014 Thumpers. Can't remember a sogger one, still it was forecast so we shouldn't have been surprised.

How did Matthew Neale and James Newstead get round with only a loss of 5? Must be their sort of "going". Scanning through the Results Section 10 seems to have done the most damage the scoreline followed by Section 1 for the easy route where they had to go up the same short, sharp climb as the hard route. Must have been a National for the Gentlemen as well! It was good to see some of the big old British bikes out (shame all the Triumphs were little 'uns)

There were some close scores, an odd dab saved here and there could have made a big difference in some cases. Sadly there were

an awful lot of retirements, no doubt due to water in the works, bike wise and rider wise. Still enough kept going to keep us entertained.

If there was an award for most excited rider it would have to go to Jenny Stephen on her little BSA and Man of the Meeting would be Andy Abraham on the Scott who put in some amazing rides but kept disappearing in a cloud of steam.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the pile of goodies for the bedraggled band of Observers especially the yummy Victoria Sandwich, we did "love every mouthful"

Hope to see you at Boxford but if we don't, have a Happy Christmas and Merry New Year.

Wallace and Gromit

*"I've just remembered Joe....
The Thompsons live at West
Hampstead not East Grinstead"*





ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB
Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association
THE BOXFORD BASH TRIAL
PRE-70 & TWINSHOCK TRIAL
Sunday December 14th 2014,
Start 10:30 am.



AMCA Permit No: AMCA/CT/6466
Venue: Scout HQ, The Spinney, Boxford, Suffolk, CO10 5HL
Clerk of the Course: Phil Smith
Secretary of the Meeting: Kieth Fitz-John, 124 Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9PZ. Tel: 01245 258214

Course: Approx 4 laps of 10 sections - multi route course, all on private land.
Routes: Hard / 50/50 / Easy / Veterans*
Classes: Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 stroke, Twin Shock, Youth (15 to 18),
Marking: Will be 1,2,3,5 Non-stop basis.
Entries: Will be accepted from members of the EFA and other invited riders. 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. A competitor becomes a member of the Anglia Classic Trials Club for the day of the event. **If you are a member of the AMCA please quote your membership number.** Please make cheque's payable to the **ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB** or **ACTC**. 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.anglia-classic-trials-club.co.uk / www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk

Entries Close: Half Hour Before the Start

NOTICE: **Helmets must be worn** & it is recommended that you wear other appropriate protective clothing.
Excessively noisy machines will be barred.
Competitors parking on the hard car park outside the gates must not start their machines until they are pushed well inside the Spinney.
Vehicles of any kind must not be driven on the grass field.
No Dogs.

*The new **Veterans** route will be suitable for the Old, Big and Heavy bikes and run between the beginnings and end cards with a couple of yellow gates to keep you away from trouble. It will be **open to anyone** so also suitable for those looking for a gentle, enjoyable ride around the course.

OBSERVERS: Please assist the organisers by bringing with you someone who is prepared to observe. Training given - *it's quite easy.*

ENTRY FORM***The Boxford Bash Trial*****14th December 2014**

Declaration: Motor Sport can be dangerous and may involve injury or death. You must read and agree to the following declaration and paragraphs below, which are designed to create a legally binding relationship in return for you being allowed to enter and compete.

1. I confirm that the information in this entry form and the information and my acceptance to the terms of my competition licence are correct.
2. I confirm that I understand the nature of the competition I am entering and I am competent to take part.
3. I confirm that any vehicle I use will comply with the regulations and will be safe and fit for use in the competition.
4. Before taking part in the event, I will ensure (unless prohibited) that I have inspected the venue, the track and the facilities and geographical features and that I am satisfied that it is safe for me to compete.
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.
7. Before taking part in the event, I will read and be bound by and comply with general regulations, any supplemental and final instructions issued by the AMCA, the organisers and the circuit owners and the regulatory body.
8. I will not participate whilst under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs and that if I am taking any prescribed medication, I will inform the event organiser and seek approval to participate before taking part.

Riders Signature: _____ **Date** _____

***Date of Birth (if under 18)** _____ **AMCA Membership No.** _____

Riders Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Post Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **email:** _____

Class Entered: _____ **Route:** _____ **Machine:** _____ **CC:** _____

***Parent/Guardian Declaration and Agreement:** to allow the applicant to enter the competition you must agree to the matters set out below, which are designed to create legal obligations on you. Sign below only if you agree.

I (print name) _____ I am the parent/legal guardian.

I have read the entry form and declaration completed by the applicant and confirm the answers are true.

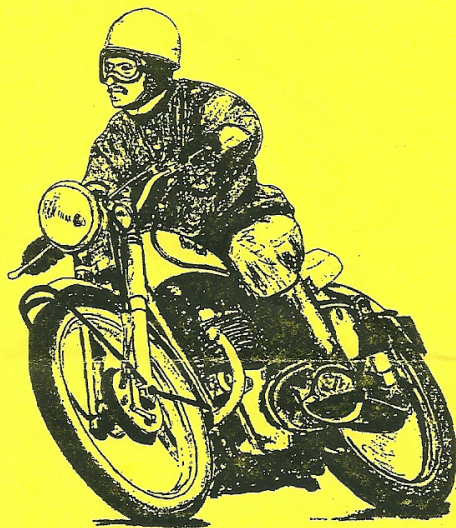
- a) I confirm that he/she is competent to take part in the event and that any vehicle which he/she will use is safe and fit for competition.
- b) I will, before allowing him/her to take part, satisfy myself that the course and the facilities are safe and will inspect same.
- c) I also AGREE that if 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.

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KEEPING TRACK!

December 2014

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

Date	Club	Authority	Venue & Event
Dec-06	Mid Anglia MCC	AMCA	Plonkaround Practice, Raydon Pit.
Dec-07	Lowestoft Inv'drs MCC	ACU	Corton, Twinshock 'B' Champ Round 8
Dec-14	ACTC	AMCA	Boxford Bash Trial, Boxford Scouts Spinny
Dec-21	Braintree & DMCC	ACU	Turkey Trott Trial, Beazley End
Dec-26	Triangle (Ipswich) MCC	ACU	Boxing Day Trial, Raydon Pit
Dec-28	Woodbridge DMCC	ACU	Butley Clumps, P70 'C' Champ Trial Round 5
Dec-31	Braintree & DMCC	ACU	Twinstead Wood Trial
Jan -04 2015	EFA	ACU	Little Bealings Trial,
Feb-8	Castle Colchester)MCC	ACU	Phil King National Trial
Feb-15 TBC	EFA	ACU	Raydon Pit Trial

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