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**(Submissions gratefully received)**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Didn't we have a lovely day at the S/Pit? Some clean sheets too. If we had had a shower it would have been a different kettle of fish!

As most of you know I will be standing down as from the AGM. It has been a most enjoyable job, we were in the beginning looked down on by the long coats in the Eastern Centre ACU. They made things most awkward for us to run events insisting that our members belong to another MCC before they could join the EFA but we persisted.

We have always been controversial in the way we run things. My favourite saying at c/ meetings is no need to I have already made up my mind!

I shall never forget that first night at the old small Alma pub you could not move. It hasn't been easy and I have had to some decisions which I would rather not have had to make. Anyway enough about that we were the first to bring in two routes + 50/50 route, we have also branched out to display at a few Shows.

I will not be completely disappearing from the scene and will keep popping up to do a bit of observing and answering questions on Sport 80...not!

I have made some life long friends in trials and people on the committee please please give them your support and lastly Chris good luck mate,

*Ted*

## AND THE IN-COMING CHAIRMAN

It's my pleasure to relieve Ted from some of the workload he has lived with for many years as Chairman but this is no goodbye but welcome to his new role as President for the EFA and ACMA.

I am sure we will be calling on him for a wealth of knowledge he has gained over the years. I am understanding that Ted may be involving himself with the Wednesday group at Raydon as catering manager, but suspect that Eddie may have a large part in this as cakes are involved.

So please attend the AGM to support our new president and his lovely wife into his new role and thanks for putting up with us all. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Best Regards, *Chris*



# PHOTOS BY MARK GIBB

SNAQUE PIT FEBRUARY 2023







# TOWARDS “SECTION ENDS”

My friend Geoffery Last, was without any doubt, a most unique character - who sadly passed away at far too young an age. He was an exceptional engineer who worked in the agricultural trade and many a farmer in North Essex must still miss his talents for repairing and even manufacturing machinery for their purposes.

Geoff had absolutely no interest in motorcycles or motorcycle sport. Whenever he came to my own workshop premises - very often to get me out of a muddle - he might acknowledge the occasional presence of a trials or enduro motorcycle with a brief and largely dismissive look.

“Been in the mud then?” Might be the sole acknowledgement.

One day however, I had my “speedway” moped in the premises standing modestly - all stark and basic. To my surprise, Geoff gave it a thorough inspection. I explained the reason for its comparative nudity and what it was used for. He looked closely at it while I rabbited on.

“Hmm - why don't you use front wheel drive...?”

“What?” I replied in some shock “Be far better - the front wheel would drag you round the bends better without slipping, I reckon...” I was staggered at such an idea and said so.

“Logical - makes perfect sense...” Geoff said stoically as ever; convinced his approach had engineer-

ing merit. “Look at the Mini car - front wheel drive.....”

We more or less left it at that until news of the Walton Carnival and the inclusion of Moped speedway within its major attractions. Somehow, Geoff got to hear of it. The next time we met he announced he intended to make a front wheel drive moped and compete in the meeting - more or less merely to prove his point. When I passed this piece of news to other colleagues and competitors the whole idea was given very short measure. “He'll be off on his arse, first corner” - was a typical comment.

The meeting day duly came along and we all arrived at the venue near to Walton sea-front.

How I wish cameras were more available in those far off days as, sadly I have no picture of Geoff's remarkable bike. It was, I think, based on a Norman “Nippy” but the engine had been lifted out of the lower position and now was situated above the front wheel. Geoff had also modified the engine itself - possibly a Villiers - to take a recoil starter pulled by hand. The whole thing whilst - as ever - solidly manufactured, looked decidedly top-heavy and unwieldy. Yet he had indeed made a front wheel drive racing moped. He had done exactly what he said he would do. Nonetheless there were sniggers from the other competitors.



As stated earlier, the Carnival organisers had been generous with trophies and the meeting proved a great success. Geoff – wearing an old helmet which may have been ex-army issue, “dispatch-rider” gear, had immediate teething troubles with his “front-wheel special”. The chain kept coming off and I recall he had to somehow lift the engine supports upwards to re-tension it – but thereby losing all suspension movement. Therefore he had done very few laps, either in practice or the actual racing.

The final race came up – and Geoff having been patiently sorting out his special, was permitted to take part. I must just remind readers that there was a “tote” at this meeting – money could be made on the finishing results. Those that had kept their eye on things must have been offered very favourable odds on Geoff – his special would surely never run the distance. All of us not in the race went trackside to see how he would get on.

The lights flashed and away the riders went, Geoff at the rear of the field, taking the bends with great care. The rest of the field pulled away well into lap two – then the two leaders in a very close scrap, got caught up together and both

went down! The third man – and Geoff – passed by. He could be second if he kept going! Then the unbelievable happened. The then leader’s bike rapped out the familiar sharp snaps from its exhaust, indicating a whiskered spark plug, his bike of course, slowed. A lap and a half to go.

Geoff’s riding could be best described as “serene.” He was I am sure, interested only in staying on his bike and proving his point over his odd theory. Nonetheless with the race leader being slowed, Geoff was now gradually catching him. The crowd went wild. His engine running well, his chain staying on and his helmet far too big, Geoff eased by half way through the final lap to increased cheers. He duly crossed the line in victory – and minutes later, received a trophy and a kiss from Walton’s Carnival Queen. He never rode again and I do not know what happened to the “Front Wheel Special.”

Yet I think Geoff might have unwittingly made motor racing history – for I know of no other motorcycle race being won with a machine with front wheel drive. Of course I could be proved wrong...

*Sidge*

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**ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB**  
Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association  
**Chattisham Challenge**  
PRE-70 & TWINSHOCK TRIAL  
**Sunday March 26th 2023**  
**Start 10:30 am.**



AMCA Permit No:

AMCA/CT/

Venue:

**The Water Run, Chattisham Lane,  
Hintlesham, Suffolk IP8 3PU'ish**

Clerk of the Course:

T.B.C.

Secretary of the Meeting:

T.B.A?

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 ON THE DAY  
**£20.00** adult, **£15.00** youth, **cash** no cheque's. 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.**  
Results will be posted on the EFA website at;

Entries:

Half Hour Before the Start, **entries on the day only.**

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.**

**\*A Veterans** route will be 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**, suitable for those looking for a gentle, enjoyable ride around the course, beginners and those with old, heavy, big bikes.

OBSERVERS:

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



**ENTRY FORM**

**Chattisham AMCA Trial**

**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.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Eastern Fourstroke Association

Sunday, February 19, 2023

## Snaque Pit Trial (AMCA)

No.	Name	Machine	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
<b>Hard/Red Route</b>															
<p><b>Thank you to all who put the effort in for this weekend's EFA trial at Snaque Pit. To Graham, Phil, Josh, Chris &amp; Rob for the sections, and as always all the Observers Eddie, Edie, Jackie, Aaron, Christine, Geoff, Daphne, Allie, Mick, Chris &amp; Strawb for making another successful day!</b></p>															
51	Mark Fletcher	Ariel 500	Pre-Unit	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
45	Stephen Howard	BSA 250	Unit	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Kevin Hood	Royal Enfield 250	Unit	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
52	Trevor Baker	James	2-stroke	Red	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
33	Peter Bavin	Jarrow 250 (James/Ariel)	2-Stroke	Red	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
31	Terry Thompson	BSA Bantam 185 - Rigid	2-Stroke	Red	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	5	2	34
19	Kevin Plummer	Fantic 240	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Craig Crowfoot	200 Fantic	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Andy Nunn	Honda 240	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	Steve Newman	Bultaco 340	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
40	Rob Cameron	Yamaha 320	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	11
<b>50/50 Green Route</b>															
46	John Daly	Norton 500	Pre-Unit	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
27	Andrew Prill	BSA 340	Unit	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
50	Trevor Hill	BSA Bantam 185	2-Stroke	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	12
11	Andrew Bilbow	SWM 280	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
48	Dave Smith	Fantic 156	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	5
54	Nigel Ward	Yamaha 175	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
12	Nick Radley	Fantic 240	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
42	Alan Miller	Yamaha 175	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
47	Chris Skegde	Fantic 200	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
43	Ian Barfield	Fantic 212	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	23
15	Harvey Newman	Bultaco 350	Twin shock	50/50	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	0	0	23





# WORLINGWORTH CHARITY BIKE SHOW

Worlingworth Community Centre IP13 7HX

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## KEEPING TRACK!

2023

Club Fixture List & some other classic events.

Mar 7th	EFA		AGM at Stanway Rovers around 7:30-8 CO3 0PG - <b>Send Email/Message to Ted if coming</b>
Mar 26th	EFA	AMCA	Chattisham Trial - now AMCA Trial Enter on the Day
May 28th	EFA	ACU	Bromley Trial



It is with much sadness I report the passing of Bill Calver. Bill was a good trials and Scramble rider in the 50/60s. Working most of his career at Revetts Motor cycles in Ipswich. He had a big connection with Both the Ipswich and the Stowmarket motorcycle clubs. He passed just 3 days short of his 100th Birthday. It was Bill that lent My Brother Eddie Cordle a bike to do his first trial in the early 60s.

RIP Bill.

- David Cordle