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(Submissions gratefully received)

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CHAIRMAN'S WHATLINGS

Good day to you all

It is great sadness to us all with the passing of Andy Spreadbridge a character known to most of us in the eastern centre I am sure he will be missed by us all .

I would like to give our condolences to his wife and family, our thoughts are with you from all of us at the Eastern Fourstroke Association.

Well on a happier note the trial at Bromley went off well and without too many mishaps.

I would like to thank all those who took part in organising cutting out and setting out and all the observers who attended again many thanks.

Well it's off to the shed to prepare for Badwell Ash looking forward to seeing you all there .

Many thanks

Chris

Upcoming Shows

Anyone who wants to show their bike at Copdock show must let Don know a month before the show as late passes cannot be obtained. The cut-off date is 13th August.

Weeting, July 14-16th - contact Ted Smith 07790567989

Langford, August 6th - contact Don Daly 01787 477045

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ANGLIA CLASSIC TRIALS CLUB

Affiliated to the Amateur Motor Cycle Association

Badwell Ash Father's Day Trial

All Trials Bikes Welcome

Sunday 18th June, Start 10:30 am.



AMCA AUTHORISATION No.: AMCA/CT
VENUE: The Pit, The Broadway, Badwell Ash
 Suffolk, IP32 3RD
CLERK OF THE COURSE: Kevin Plummer,
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING: Kevin Plummer, Bradgate House, Crown Lane, Ixworth, Bury St.
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COURSE: Approximately 4 laps of 10 or 12 sections - multi route course - all on private land.
MARKING: Will be 1,2,3,5 - Non-stop basis.
ENTRIES: OPEN to EFA Members and invited guests.
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting. Fee of **£20.00** correct cash in an envelope only, **CHEQUE'S WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. 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: www.eastern-fourstroke-association.co.uk
ENTRIES CLOSE: TBC - Please try to enter in advance so we are aware of numbers
CLASSES: Rigid, Pre-unit, Unit, 2 Stroke, Twin Shock, Mono & Youth.
ROUTE: Hard / 50/50 / Easy / Veterans
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. Instructions will be given at the start indicating these areas. Please keep to the marked route. Thank you.

***IMPORTANT INFO:** Please only use the main entrance, which is 200 yards past the pub on the Walsham-le-Willow Road - NOT the back road next to the pub.

KEEPING TRACK!

2023

Club Fixture List & some other classic events.

Jun 18th	EFA	AMCA	Badwell Ash Trial
Oct 21st	EFA		Ballingdon Grove
Nov 26th	EFA		Ian Preedy Memorial Thumpers Trial

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TOWARDS “SECTION ENDS”

Charles Mortimer, senior was an excellent chap. Perhaps better known as the parent of the former 125cc world road racing champion, Chas Mortimer (jnr), he was himself a former pre-war car and bike racer and performed successfully at the prestigious Brooklands motor racing circuit. I had heard of him mainly because of his association with the great engine tuner: Francis Beart. Both also sponsored riders and here I am speaking of the grand old days of British road racing, where Manx Nortons and 7R AJS's were in their ascendancy. Both men had racing successes on the Isle of Man, either in the T.T. or the Manx Grand Prix. Now I noticed - probably in the pages of either, “Motorcycling” or “The Motorcycle” - the leading journals of the day, that they had jointly started a: “road racing school” - sited at Brands Hatch.

By that time - the mid -sixties - I had done several season of scrambling and grass track racing but had my eyes set on becoming a road racer. It so happened that at a recent scramble hosted by the Lowestoft club at Someleyton, my gearbox had seized, causing a fair bit of expensive damage. Was this the time to swap disciplines? I decided it was. Obviously over the preceding time I had considered buying a road racing machine but even in those far-off days, racing bikes were notably expensive. It

always seems in motorcycle sport that the less you get, the more it costs! Therefore why not sign up for the, “Beart - Mortimer Racing School” to see if I could take to the sport? - which is exactly what I did. It soon became clear that Charles Mortimer was really the main personality in running the school and my application by good old-fashioned letter, was promptly yet courteously replied to by the “prospectus” of the school, or to put it more bluntly; “terms and conditions”. Who could blame him - teaching road racing is certainly not doing the: `two-times-table` - this is a potentially dangerous subject!

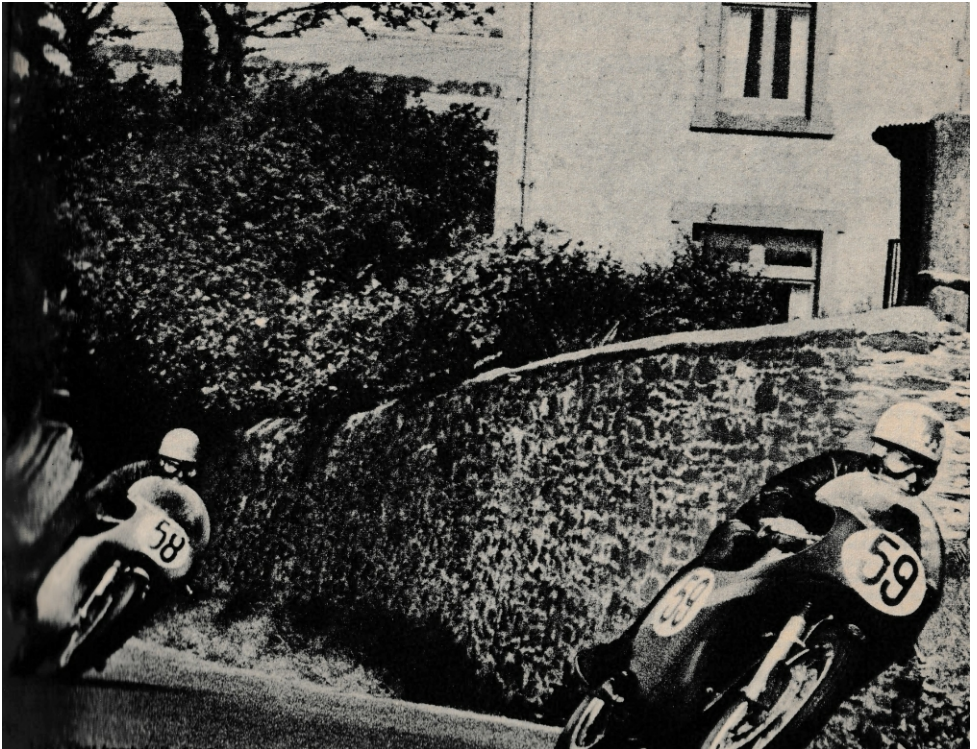
An ACU stamped helmet, boots and leathers were obviously stipulated as a `must`. I seem to recall a doctors note declaring full bodily and mental function was also required. The letter accompanying these and other terms, was to the point but also had a welcoming flavour. Helmet and boots I already had. The then widely-worn, “firemans” boots, (Cost: £2:50p) which I had used for racing on the rough, were acceptable, as was my helmet, an ACU approved Cromwell “pudding basin”- and goggles. Leather gloves, I had for road work - so this left the question of leathers. Should I now buy a new leather one-piece racing suit? The most famous in those days were the suits made by Lewis and as in decades before,

they were always in black. Again, they were expensive. A set of pukka road-racing leathers, cut to size, could easily be £30 to £40:00 – which at that time was nearly three weeks wages for me! What if I found I did not like road racing? The investment would be largely wasted. However, help was at hand. I had a very good and older friend, Jim Parks – himself a sprinter and founder member of the Vintage motorcycle club. He very kindly loaned me his suit. I have to point out that

Jim, now sadly departed, was of large, somewhat circular stature and when I tried his suit on I was very nearly hidden inside it. I have owned a few racing leathers since and yet Jim's were the most comfortable I have ever been enclosed by.

Now nicely togged up, and ready, I made the formal appointment for my first lesson at the Beart Mortimer school of racing....

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Both Francis Beart and Charles Mortimer, sponsored road racers individually and successfully. Perhaps the best example is the 1963 Senior Manx Grand Prix, where their riders, Griff Jenkins and Peter Darvill, finished first and second on 'Manx' Nortons.

Here they are at Conk-ny-mona with Jenkins leading. That's how they finished but I can't remember, who sponsored who!

Eastern Fourstroke Association

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Roger Birch Memorial Trial (ACU-EC C Class Championship)-28.05.23

No.	Name	Machine	Class	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
Twinshock																
24	Richard Palmer	Suzuki	Twin Shock	Red	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Graham Palmer	SWM	Twin Shock	Red	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Kevin Nunn	Aprilia	Twin Shock	Red	5	1	5	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0
16	Andy Nunn	Honda 240	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Robert Cameron	Yamaha Majesty	Twin Shock	Red	1	3	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
19	Steve Newman	Bullaco	Twin Shock	Red	0	5	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Mark Banham	Fantic	Twin Shock	Red	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
52	Andrew Bilbow	SWM	Twin Shock	EFA	2	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
54	Alan Miller	Yamaha	Twin Shock	EFA	2	1	3	2	5	2	3	1	3	3	1	
53	Nick Radley	Fantic	Twin Shock	EFA	5	3	1	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	
46	Charlie Grainge	Fantic	Twin Shock	EFA	3	1	2	5	3	1	5	3	3	3	5	
50	Harvey Newman	Bullaco	Twin Shock	EFA	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
80	Ray Buck	Yamaha 180	Twin Shock	White	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
77	Colin Sadler	Honda 125	Twin Shock	White	1	1	3	1	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	
85	Alan Farmer	Fantic	Twin Shock	White	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	5	3	0	0	
86	Pete Teager	Yamaha	Twin Shock	White	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
90	Paul Bilbow	fantic	Twin Shock	White	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
56	Bob Wreathall	Fantic	Twin Shock	White	2	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
94	Joseph Knight	Montesa	Twin Shock	White	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
95	Chris Page	Yamaha	Twin Shock	White	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	
84	Graham Waddelow	Fantic	Twin Shock	White	1	1	0	5	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	
91	Gary Smith	Fantic	Twin Shock	White	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
92	Nick Hodggets	Bullaco	Twin Shock	White	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
44	David Smith	Fantic	Twin Shock	White	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	
74	Sidge Kenny	Suzuki	Twin Shock	White	3	5	5	5	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	
76	Thomas Caunter	Honda 125	Youth A	White	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	

as for previous Pre 70 championship rounds it is requested that the affected numbers are identified with an asterisk (*) and the following note is added to the bottom of the results "x" by the number shows a machine that did not appear to meet the Pre-70 ACU Eastern eligibility rules as published on the ACU Eastern website, and therefore will not score centre championship points in this event. If any rider believes their machine has been incorrectly identified as not complying, in the first instance they should contact the secretary of the meeting"

Thank you to all who put the effort in for this weekend's EFA Roger Birch Memorial Trial at Bromley Grove, a superb venue (many thanks from us all to the Land owner), John B. (Sec of M), Chris Chapman (CoFC), for the sections, and as always all the Observers Strawb & Collin, Aaron, Sarah & Chris, Edlie, Daphne, Geoff, Richard, Brian & Derrick all who helped those who made the weekend possible clearing out and setting up for making another successful day!

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