



The M·A·C

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East Anglian
Cyclomotor Club

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News

AGM

Our first AGM was on Sunday 16th November at Coddendam Village Hall, following the Kneel's Wheels Run. The first thing we had to decide upon was the Club's rules. These were agreed - the only change being to raise the annual subscription to £3.00. As that's the only difference, it's not really worth sending everyone another copy. If you do need a new copy, the rules are available on the club website or on request from the secretary. A committee was elected - see overleaf for who the committee members are. It was also agreed that we'd join the FBHVC and that should have happened by the time you read this. Finally, it was agreed that there should be some sort of finance available so that event organisers won't be out-of-pocket. It has been left to the new committee to decide how to make that work. Like the rules, the AGM minutes are available on the website or from the secretary.

Events

Club runs have continued to go well. We've been very lucky with the weather this year, considering how bad it's been generally. The Essex Run is the only one to be hit by bad weather - not that it stopped those who took part from having a good time. It rained again for Copdock Show, but our stand was indoors so we were all right! Attendance at the show was much lower than normal but we were just as busy as normal on the club stand because every came indoors whenever rain started falling! Kneel's Wheels was another wet day, but the rain stopped just before the run was scheduled to start and it was dry for the rest of the day.

Our next event is the massive Mince Pie Run in January and that will be followed by the Radar Run in April.

Calendar

We have meetings every Tuesday at Walton *Half Moon* (near Felixstowe) from around 9:30pm

4th Jan EACC 26th Mince Pie Run from the Orwell Yacht Club, Ipswich. Meet there from 9:30am - coffee, tea, mince pies & soup will be available. The lunch stop will be at the *Shipwreck Bar*, Shotley and it's hoped that the £5 All Day Breakfast deal will be available again.

5th April EACC Radar Run and Mopedjumble at Bromeswell Village Hall. Jumble starts 9:30, run sets off at 11:00. Paul Nelmes - 01394 671222

14th June Horham Bygones Run, Horham Community Centre, Suffolk. This event will be raising money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Andrew Pattle - 01449 673943

If you want to organise an EACC event, please get in touch with Paul Efrema (Oic events). We're geared up to help you with insurance, sign-on sheets, 'day' membership sheets, certificates, machine numbers, voting slips, and anything else your event might need.

Letters

Hi crew,

Could you please pass on my thanks to Ralph and Alex and everyone else involved, for running this superb event? It was my first event and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was great to meet so many like-minded enthusiasts with some truly unique vehicles buzzing along the countryside. I understand that they are planning an event in the Spring and am looking forward to it.

Any chance of a regular local meet in Beds/Cambs area? The local scooter (Vespa/Lambretta) group meet every Sun morning at Bedford's Piazza. There is plenty of off road parking and an excellent cafe there. How about a monthly meet there?

*Regards
Remo Ruta*

Dear Andrew,

I am a recent member of MAC but a member without a machine - just an avid interest.

Looking through the recent communication it occurs to me that a 'For Sale' item could be extremely useful for those wishing to actually purchase a suitable machine or even an engine eg: Power Pak, Mini-Motor, Cyclemaster wheel etc, to fit onto a cycle.

*Many thanks,
Derek Kingston*

Many EACC members use the adverts section of the Icen CAM Magazine and Website... but that's no reason why we shouldn't have them here too. They'll have to be just text - no pictures - because there's not a lot of spare space in the newsletter. So, if you want to advertise any Sales or Wants, send your ad in to the secretary.

Dear Andrew,

Many thanks to all who came along to the first West Anglian run. It was really pleasing to see such a good turnout (32 riders). I think the weather helped a lot, as for helpers may I thank particularly Mal and Mrs Gough for sterling work in the kitchen, both before and after the road run. Thanks to Owen Gough for setting up his stall prior to attending another event. Thank you to everyone for their generosity of contributions towards the cost of the event. I hope everyone enjoyed tea, coffee, bacon rolls and cake. Proceeds boosted EACC funds by £25+.

Ralph Richardson

Bill Smith, who lives in Harlow, Essex, would like to meet with any other EACC members in his area - give Bill a call on 01279 433452

Spotted at the Copro-lite Run...



A double bill from the Coprolite Run. On the right is Luke Booth's McKenzie. The McKenzie was an autocycle from the 1920s with a Hobart engine. Luke's is single-speed but a 2-speed version was also available.

The other machine is, at first glance, a Berini M13 on a Pluvier cycle... but it's not. The cycle is a Hercules. Maybe someone took all the bits off a Pluvier and transferred them to the Hercules when the original frame broke? The strangeness doesn't stop there because the Berini engine is badged as a "Melesetto", supplied by Otto Benda in Prague. This is one of three cyclemotors recently acquired by Dave Watson. The others were a BSA Winged Wheel in the proper BSA frame and a Cyclemaster on a Humber bike - complete with the distinctive duplex tube fork and 'running man' chain wheel. Like the Berini, these two also showed evidence of having spent time in Eastern Europe.

...and at Kneel's Wheels



Continuing our Eastern European theme, this moped was on sale - and sold - in the moped jumble at the Kneel's Wheels Run in November. It is a Simson SR-2 dating from 1960. We're told that these have become quite common in mainland Europe since German unification but few have made it to the UK so it's still an unusual find over here.

The East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

is *the* club for *all* cyclemotor, autocycle and moped enthusiasts, *everywhere*.

Membership is just £3.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £5.00 for the rest of Europe, & £7.00 for the rest of the world). The membership form is available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

Standing information

This is the last time we'll repeat this information in *The MAC* (so don't lose it!) Instead, we'll send out an information sheet with your membership card. That'll give us a bit more room in future newsletters.

Committee

The club is run by a committee consisting of the Secretary, the Treasurer and one to six additional committee members.

The current committee members are: Andrew Pattle (secretary), Mark Daniels (treasurer), Paul Efreme, David Evans, Carl Harper and Neil Morley.

The minutes of committee meetings are available on request to the secretary, or from the club's website.

Spares

Alan Course is our spares man. Alan doesn't hold any stocks of spares - he's just good at finding out who does. So, whatever you need, ask Alan.

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If you're sending us any cheques, please make them payable to "East Anglian Cyclemotor Club".

Badges and T-shirts

Mark Daniels, our treasurer, does these. Enamel and embroidered badges are £2.50 each. T-shirts are £9 and we've all sizes from M to XXL.

Events

Paul Efreme is "Officer in Charge" of events and the man to talk to if you want organise a run.

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An information sheet on how to run an event is available on the club's website.

Secretary

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