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The East Anglian Cyclomotor 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

Contact details for all club officers are on the club information sheet that you get when you join or renew your membership. Spare copies are available from the website or from the Secretary.

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T-shirts

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Events

The West Anglian Spring Run is our next event - this is a new run building on the success of last year's September West Anglian Run. After that, we're into the familiar programme with all your old favourites on the list.

Ralph Richardson suggested that we ought to have a weekend event during the year and came up with the idea of combining it with the Horham Bygones Rally. Everyone thought it was a good idea, so we're going to give it a try. Here is the plan. The main Horham Rally is on Saturday, so we'll have our machines on display there and possibly do a bit of light jumbling. Around tea-time, we'll have a shortish road run and return to Horham for some mass catering and to prop up the Community Centre bar. On Sunday morning, there will be the familiar road run except, instead of a half way stop, we'll keep going and return to Horham for lunch. We'll arrange some silly games on the field for the afternoon. Does that sound good? OK then, now the tricky bit: it will have to be a bit less anarchic than the usual EACC events. You are welcome to pick and choose when you arrive, when you leave, and which bits you take part in during the whole weekend - but we will need some idea of how many people are doing what so we know how many to cater for. Additionally, if you want to be with us during Saturday, or want to camp overnight, that has to be booked with the Horham Rally by 1st May. Hardened jumbler who would like a stand of their own will need to book that too

(for the casual 'bring and buyers' we'll book a club pitch and you can fight for a bit of space). So, please let us know that you'll be there - by either post, phone or e-mail - and, if you need a rally entry form, we'll send you one.

Calendar

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

8th March *West Anglian Spring Run and Mopedjumble* from Willington Village Hall, 5 miles east of Bedford. 23 mile run with a lunch stop at Southill *White Horse*. Refreshment facilities at the village hall from 9:00am. Informal jumble - bring along items for sale or swap. Ralph Richardson - 01234 403796

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

17th May 27th *East Anglian Run* from Great Ashfield Village Hall. New, improved route for 2009 but retaining the Gislingham *Six Bells* lunch stop. Carl Harper - 01449 736141

13th/14th June *EACC Big Weekend* at *Horham Bygones Rally*, Horham Community Centre, Suffolk. Bikes on display Saturday. Runs on Saturday evening and Sunday. Camping available. Licensed bar. This event will be raising money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Andrew Pattle - 01449 673943

5th July 7th *Peninsularis Run and Mopedjumble* from Bucklesham Village Hall to Waldringfield *Maybush*. Mark Daniels: 01473 659607

2nd August Invitation to *East Anglian Microcar Club Rally* at Stonham Barns. Morning road run, bikes on display in afternoon. Tea and coffee stall, micro jumble, bring and buy stalls and a raffle plus Stonham Barns' facilities: restaurant, ice cream kiosks, shops, etc.

13th Sept 6th *Coprolite Run & Mopedjumble* from Bucklesham Village Hall to Felixstowe Ferry *Victoria*. Mark Daniels: 01473 659607.

4th October EACC stand at the *Copdock Motorcycle Show*. Mark Daniels: 01473 659607 or Andrew Pattle - 01449 673943

If you want to organise an EACC event, please get in touch with Paul Efremer (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

Dear Andrew,

I would like to thank a few people for their efforts for the benefit of all members in the EACC over the last 12 months or so.

- 1 Dawn Fox for the sterling job she did being club treasurer in the club's first year
- 2 Neil Morley for organising the Kneel's Wheels Run
- 3 Dave Evans for the superb Mince Pie Run and for arranging the all-day breakfast at the pub stop
- 4 Mark Daniels for the even-handed way he ran the AGM after he was elected to chair the meeting
- 5 You, Andrew, for doing a good job as club secretary for the first year and continuing for the foreseeable future
- 6 And, finally, all the committee and officers of the EACC for volunteering for the jobs.

*Yours,
The Lunatic from Herts & Wolves.*

Dear Andrew,

Mince Pie Run 2009

Just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the run, have read the report and seen the pictures - EXCELLENT! Big congratulations to Dave Evans for a superbly run event and, as ever, the food was very much appreciated. Many thanks for the loan of the Zündapp, apologies for the puncture!

Looking forward to the Radar Run!!

*Best Wishes
The Polley Brothers*

Mince Pie 26

by **Mark Daniels**

We wondered whether there would be any adverse effect on the Mince Pie Run transferring back to the East Anglian Cyclomotor Club after so many years, though it didn't seem to have concerned the earlier Radar, East Anglian, Horham, Peninsularis, Coprolite, or Kneels Wheels Runs when they switched, however you never quite know till the day.

Arriving at 10am with Martin Gates, what we thought would be early, the car park of the Orwell Yacht Club was already packed! We had to drive on to the Bundwall track and find parking space in between the boats!

It was immediately apparent that counting attendance numbers barely held any significance, MPR26 was going right off the scale! The besieged catering facilities convinced me to forgo a cuppa on this occasion, time being better employed in snapping bikes for the website, however even the photography appeared to be another unending task, since as fast as I clicked off shots – more machines just kept arriving!

Much credit is due to The Coasters and Sudbury Scooter Clubs for co-ordinating a spectacular and colourful turnout of varied and impressive machinery, not just traditional Vespas and Lambys, but sporty cut-downs, modern space-frame super scoots and even a classic Heinkel Tourist. Somebody said there were 38 scooters, but who knows, there sure were lots, and they looked bright and cheery on this cold and overcast January morning.

How many attended? Well it's hard to be absolutely sure since the log ran out after completing two sign-on sheets, and other odd names were scratched onto another two scraps of paper, and still there were many more that never got to register! Andrew went round at Shotley when we arrived and counted 81 bikes, and that was while there were quite a number still out on the course at that time. David Evans reported 97 total on the check-in, so that's got to be a

new record. Now back under the auspices of the EACC, the 26th Mince Pie Run has been by far our most successful event ever.

Spotted at the Mince Pie Run...



Marcel Mizon's Corgi was reported to be running well on the Mince Pie run - especially by those riders who tried to keep up with it! It's a Mark II model with a two-speed gearbox. The separate gearbox was an optional extra on the Mark II, becoming a standard fitting on the short-lived Mark III - until the Mark IV came along with proper, built-in gears.



If you want to draw attention to your bike, paint it orange. This principle was established in the early days of the original EACC - who remembers the 'Research Dept's' orange Cyclemaster? Or the orange Batavus outfit at Sidecar Sundays? Once seen, never forgotten. Latest in an honourable line is Tris Smith's Raleigh RM4, which was spotted at the Mince Pie Run. Its striking and well-executed colour scheme elevated it from being just a Raleigh moped among a hundred other bikes to a machine that stood out from the crowd.

More Mince Pies...

Mark Daniels's report is just an extract from a much longer article. The complete thing, along with lots of pictures, is on the Icenic CAM Magazine website

www.icenicam.ukfsn.org