



Spotted at the Mince Pie Run



This time we have only one 'Spotted', but three machines, all of them Tomos A3s.

There are always a few examples of the Tomos moped at our runs, so they are overdue for a feature. These three were at the Mince Pie Run in January. The blue one is an A3 K, the red one an A3 MS and the silver—another A3 K.

TOMOS (TOvarna MOtornih koles Sežana) was founded in Yugoslavia in July 1954 to produce two-wheelers under a license agreement with the Austrian company Steyr-Daimler-Puch. In October 1954, the Yugoslav government started to build the Tomos factory in Koper, but this would not be completed until 1959 so, in the meantime, production started in 1955 in temporary premises.

To start with, Tomos made 250cc motor cycles, 125cc scooters and mopeds. The *Colibri* mopeds were like the fan-cooled Puch MS50. Mopeds formed the bulk of Tomos production and, in the early 1960s, the larger machines were dropped from the range.

The Automatic range of mopeds, styled along the lines of the Puch Maxi, was



started at the beginning of the 1970s. The A3 series began in 1973 with the opening of a new modernized and automated production line.

The A3 range was popular as utility transport in the UK, mainly thanks to the way they were sold. Tomos mopeds were sold through some of the major mail-order catalogue companies, and could also be bought in Woolworth's shops.

With the break-up of Yugoslavia in the early 1990s, Tomos remained a state owned company in Slovenia. State ownership ended in 1998 when Tomos was sold to the Slovenian company, Hidria

The A3 is regarded as the 'classic' Tomos design and, when Tomos launched its current moped, the Classic XL45, it based its styling on the old A3 models.

Yes, you can still buy a brand-new Tomos—one of the few 'proper' mopeds still made in this age of the 50cc scooter. The '45' in XL45 refers, not to its engine size, but its maximum speed: 45km/h (about 28mph) ... so a little slower than the traditional A3 because it needs to conform to the Europe-wide AM licence category.



Club News

New member

We don't normally mention all the new members that join the club, but this time we're making an exception. Kevin Mallone has recently signed-up. Kevin was one of the four original founder members of the EACC back in 1981, so that brings us up to having three of the four still belonging to the club. However, that's not the real reason for mentioning Kevin. The real reason is that it gives us the perfect excuse to reprint this 30-year-old picture of Kevin and his Cyclomaster:



Dates

We got the date of the Duloe Daffodil Dash wrong in most copies of the last edition of The MAC. Since the wrong date wasn't even a Sunday, we hope you spotted the mistake. The correct date is Sunday 22nd March.

The dates of the Peninsularis and Coprolite runs (marked as 'provisional' in the last issue) are confirmed for 12th July and 13th September.

Norfolk Notes.

We have had a good response to our regular meeting night on the second Wednesday of each month; to start things off we have been meeting at various pubs in the county. We started in November at the *Victoria Inn*, Martham where six of us met up. Five at the *Bridge Inn*, Acle for December, five again for January when we went to the *Victoria*, Hockering. Then back to Martham at the reopened *Kings Arms*, where it was good to have nine of us in my local. Attendees range from Ian who was an early member of the original EACC to new members of the club. Topics of conversation have been very varied and it very often transpires that there is a shared interest outside this hobby that brings us together.

Regular contact is maintained by e-mail with help

from Matthew 'no-ped' Hodder who has a 100% attendance record and is my Des for the away meetings, Thanks. (If anybody wants to come off the list or be added on please inform me.)

The next meeting will be at Attleborough Snooker Club, London Road, Attleborough, NR17 2BX, from 7.30pm, but as the evenings start to draw out it is hoped we will be able to visit places of interest, collections, sheds, etc, and for May, June, July, & August we will have evening runs.

New events for the club already arranged are
26th April, FBHVC Drive it Day to Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum, Flixton, near Norfolk. The museum is open from 10.00am–5.00pm, arrive as early as you like and leave as late but it would be good to have as many as possible there from 12.00–2.00

20th & 21st June, Journey Through the Ages Vintage Rally & Country Fair, Palgrave, near Norfolk. EACC Stand both days and Saturday evening run. Book in with the organisers for one or both days; Gary (ex Horham) will be on the gate to welcome us in at any time.

July 3rd, 4th & 5th, Norfolk Camping Weekend, Martham, (believe it or not) in Norfolk. (See the Calendar for more details.) No need to book, turn up for any part or all weekend.

Date to be confirmed. Grand Broadland Tour. All day event of approximately 70 miles.

Dave Watson.

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Calendar

Every Tuesday **EACC and FMCC evening meeting** at the *Half Moon*, Walton, Felixstowe, from 9:30pm ... or even later!

Wednesday 11 March **Norfolk Section monthly meeting** Attleborough Snooker Club, London Road, Attleborough, NR17 2BX, from 7.30pm. Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 22 March **West Anglian Section's Duloe Daffodil Dash** from Duloe Village Hall. Run around North Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire in the area of Grafam Water. There will be refreshment facilities from 9:00am. An informal moped-style 'bring and buy' is envisaged, so bring along items for sale or swap. Duloe is ¼ mile West of the A1 trunk road near St. For more information please contact Ralph on 01933 386841.

Wednesday 8 April **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 12 April **The 12th Radar Run and Mopedjumble** starts at Bromeswell Village Hall. A superb circuit around Bawdsey peninsula. The usual free pitches for jumble stands—call Paul on 01394 671222. Jumble opens from 9:30am, run sets off at

11am. Everyone welcome. The Radar Run has an alternative, shorter route suitable for cylemotors.

Sunday 26 April **Norfolk and Suffolk Sections' Drive It Day visit to Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum, Flixton, NR35 1NZ.** The museum is open from 10:00am to 5:00pm ... so arrive and leave at whatever times suit you ... but it would be good if as many of us as possible were there between 12:00 and 2:00pm. Hot and cold drinks, home made cakes & scones, ice creams, crisps, biscuits, etc, are available from the museum's NAAFI. For a more substantial lunch, the *Buck Inn* is immediately in front of the museum; if you're thinking of having lunch there it would be a good idea to book: 01986 892382. Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 10 May **Rotherham Roamers Ride** from Silverwood Miners Welfare & Resource Centre, Doncaster Road, Dalton, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 3ET. Meet at 10:30am for 11:00 start. Details from John Bann on 01709 855411 or mobymagic@gmail.com.

Wednesday 13 May **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 17 May **The 33rd East Anglian Run** starts at Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield (IP31 6HN). This is the oldest-established event in our calendar: the first East Anglian run in 1982 was the very first event staged by the EACC. The Village Hall will be open from 9:30am for refreshments, toilets and mopedjumble. The run sets off at 11:00 on a route of around 30 miles through country lanes and villages. The lunch stop will be at Fair Green in Diss, where there's a pub, a café, and a chip shop ... or you can picnic on the green.

Sunday 7 June **The Reservoir Dogs Moped Run** will leave from Poplar Nurseries, Coggleshall Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1HR. This is the same starting point as we used last year. The Nursery has a cafe for tea & breakfast that opens at 9:30. They have asked us to park out of the way on the grass car park at the back. Please e-mail if you are interested: reservoir.dogs@cloudbase.biz

Wednesday 10 June **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sat 20 & Sun 21 June **Club stand at Journey Through The Ages Vintage Rally** and Country Fair, Goodrich Park, Palgrave, IP22 1BA. We

expect to have a club stand on both days of the rally and a ride on the Saturday evening. Rally details and entry forms available from the rally website at www.throughtheages.co.uk Dave Watson (xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk or 07766 780134) is our coordinator for this event.

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 July **The first EACC Camping Weekend** in the Broadland village of Martham, held in conjunction with Martham Fun Carnival. Basic camping facilities are provided in the pub grounds, electric hook up available. Road runs and meals out, taking in local attractions and the Broadland scenery. Need to book, turn up and stay for as long or short as you wish. Day visitors welcome.

Friday 19:00hrs: Chip shop run through local villages and byways.

Saturday 11:00hrs: A day out; road run for all machines to a local attraction.

Saturday 18:00hrs: Short run out for meal, return for entertainment on the village green, a local band.

Sunday 10:00hrs: Breakfast run for a Full English & a walk around the local area. Returning to Martham for the afternoon carnival procession. Evening run out if sufficient interest.

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Wednesday 8 July **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 12 July 2015 **13th Peninsularis Run and Mopedjumble** from Bucklesham Village Hall. One of the major events on the cylemotoring calendar; full reception facilities and refreshments on arrival. The route is through the quiet countryside of the Felixstowe peninsula to Waldringfield *Maybush*, an idyllic spot for lunch. Please call us if you'd like to book a jumble spot in the hall or the car park (tel: 01473-659607 or mark@mdhercules.fsnet.co.uk). The jumble opens 9:30am, the run sets off at 11:00am, the jumble re-opens at 2:00pm when the run returns.

Wednesday 12 August **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Sunday 16 August **North Hertfordshire Section's Periwinkle Run:** start from Cottered Village Hall as usual, the hall will be open from 9:30am for an 11:00am start to a ride through some of the prettiest villages, lanes and roads in Hertfordshire. Stop at *Three Tuns* in Great Hormead for lunch and a chinwag. Danny will be there as usual with his spares & accessories. For information contact Peter Smith on 07977 936 123.

Wednesday 9 September **Norfolk Section monthly .** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Mince Pie Run

Two pictures from the Mince Pie Run: firstly the start at the Orwell Yacht Club and secondly the lunch stop at Shotley *Shipwreck*.



B 'Mick' Ritchie

We're sad to report the death of Mick Ritchie who passed away on Monday January 26th after a very short illness. Mick was a regular attendee at EACC events in Suffolk—not always on a moped for he sometimes came in his Lomax three-wheeler. Our condolences go out to Mick's wife, Mary.

David Watson writes: Such sad news, we didn't see him at that many runs but what a great guy, so full of life and generous with his donation to us on the Lands End to Lowestoft event. He had many interests and he would share his tales with us; I think his first love after his wife was the Lomax, a hobby they could share together, like they did when they popped in to the start of the Bromeswell event last year.

The EACC

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

Membership is just £4.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £6.50 for the rest of Europe, & £9.00 for the rest of the world). The membership form is available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

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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.



Mick (right) at the 2013 Radar Run, discussing the route with Rod Fryatt