

## Spotted at the Radar Run

The S50 range of Simson mopeds was introduced in 1975, morphing into the S51 in 1980, and continuing until 1990 when it was replaced by the S53.

The only real difference between the S50 and the S51 is the engine. Internally, the bore and stroke changed from 40×39.5 to 38×44, marginally increasing the capacity from 49.6cc to 49.8cc. Externally, the cylinder head fins are the most obvious way of distinguishing the two engine types. There were actually two new engines: M531 with a 3-speed gearbox and M541 with 4-speeds.

This example at the Duloe Daffodil Dash is an S51N. The S51N was the base model of the range, with the 3-speed engine. 103,000 of them were made between 1980 and 1987.

While the features of this S51, like the tank shape, the externally rear springs and gaitered forks, are all typical of the S51 range, they are examples of the 'morphing' we mentioned above. The 'S51 tank' was actually introduced on the later S50B machines, while the first S51 models had the enclosed springs like the S50.



Photo: Peter Smith

## Spotted at the Daffodil Dash



Photo: Mark Daniels

This is a James autocycle—one produced during the Second World War. It's a sort of half-way stage between James's pre-war and post-war models. It has the elegant fluted petrol tank of the post-war models but retains the rear rack and rigid fork of the pre-war machines.

James was one of a few manufacturers that carried on making autocycles during World War Two. They were intended as transport for essential workers, who would need a permit from the Ministry of Transport before they could buy one. Autocycles provided mobility to war workers with the minimum use of scarce fuel resources.

James's production both before and during the war is not well documented as most of James's records were destroyed in an air raid so, one of the mysteries is why James introduced such a complicated tank pressing during the war. The most likely reason would be that a redesign was under way before the start of the war and the press tools for the tank had already been made.

Introducing the rest of the design changes would have to wait until the end of hostilities.

## Club News

### Badges

We've restocked the club's badges and, at the same time, introduced a couple of new ones: a blue and silver lapel badge and a sew-on patch in black and white.

### Norfolk Notes.

The summer programme of evening rides started in May when four riders of the apocalypse rode forth, and the apocalypse slowly took place. We had a 25% success rate at some points with three machines spluttering and coughing along but before that we had a grand ride out. The four riders were Ian Munroe [Ariel Arrow – not leader], Jamie Utting [New Hudson autocycle], Dave Watson [Peugeot Vogue], Matthew Hodder [Vespa (Douglas) Ciao]. The route took us along sunlight lanes in Broadland and took in the villages of Thurne, Fleggburgh, Thrigby, Mautby, Filby, Ormesby and ... for Dave ... Hemsby.

We enjoyed photo opportunities at Thurne and Filby before getting down to regular stops for a spluttering autocycle. Just before we reached Ormesby the Ciao coughed too and Dave's Vogue, whilst running well, would not tick over. Two of us admitted defeat and were rescued by Ian who popped home to select a three wheeler (from his fleet) with which to take us back to our respective four wheelers. We picked up our bikes and adjourned to the *Kings Arms* in Martham. Meanwhile, Dave discovered the disaster of the night, our intended chippy was shut. New battle plan at the pub: Mein Host came up trumps, relit the fryer and produced ham, egg and chips for us at 10pm. What a star!

*Matthew Hodder*

Next events for the section are

**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.

### Rotherham Roamers

Five of us left my home address to go to the start point where we were met by five more riders. After explaining the route to our destination, Derrick took the lead position, and I acted a sweep bike. We all rode in an orderly manner and got plenty of admiring

looks from other road users on our way to the Elsacar Heritage Centre.

When we arrived, we lined up our bikes (nine in all) and found that we had dropped in on a Morris Minor classic car show at this location. We all had a good wander round the cars, and the bikes attracted much attention from the public; many questions and photos were taken of our 'peds.

After a couple of hours at the show, it was time to head back, but on our run back we stopped in the next village and had our usual tippie, this in turn created more interest from people outside the pub.

Once we had drunk up and started our trusty machines, we were back at the start point in no time at all, and everyone got back safely. After a little more talk about the day's events our visitors loaded their bikes, and we wished them a safe joinery home.

They are all eager to come and join us on another run in the future, as they enjoyed the day so much, and we gave them some good old Yorkshire hospitality.

### Riders as follows:

Derek from Nottingham, 1963 JAP 34cc autocycle;  
Derek from Melton Mowbray, 1984 Puch Maxi;  
Russell from Grantham, 1981 Puch Maxi;  
Roy from Grantham, 1974 Casal 50cc;  
John, AV33 Moby;  
Derrick W, 1955 98cc New Hudson;  
Ian 1975 Honda SS50;  
Martin, 1977 Yamaha FS1-E; and  
John W on a 1984 CZ 125cc.

Special thanks to both Dereks, Roy and Russell for making the long journey to ride with us on this event ... and no breakdowns on the run: must be the Yorkshire air?

*John Bann*

### Calendar

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

**Sunday 7 June** **The Reservoir Dogs Moped Run**  
from Poplar Nurseries, Coggeshall 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. Please park out of the way on the grass car park at the back. Details: [reservoir.dogs@cloudbase.biz](mailto:reservoir.dogs@cloudbase.biz)

**Wednesday 10 June** **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.**  
Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.throughtheages.co.uk) Dave Watson ([xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk) or 07766 780134) is our co-ordinator for this event.

**Wednesday 24 June** **South East Area meeting** at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or [mwikner61@gmail.com](mailto:mwikner61@gmail.com) for details.

**Friday 3 to Sunday 5 July** **The first EACC Camping Weekend** in the Broadland village of Martham. Basic camping facilities in the pub grounds, electric hook up available. Road runs and meals out. No need to book, turn up and stay for as long or short as you wish. Day visitors welcome. Friday: Chip shop run through local villages and byways. Saturday: A day out; road run for all machines to a local attraction. then a short evening run out for meal for entertainment on the village green, a local band. Sunday: Breakfast run for a Full English & a look around the local area. Returning to Martham for the afternoon carnival procession. Evening run out if sufficient interest. Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk).

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

**Sunday 12 July** **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](mailto: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.

**Sunday 26 July** **S.E. Section River Valleys Run.** 10.30 for 11.00am start from Edenbridge Leisure Centre car park, Wellingtonia Way, Edenbridge, TN8 5LU. A 38-mile rural route along parts of the Eden and Medway valleys, lunch at a village pub along the way. Details from Mike Follows: 01732 700280 or 07887 950921.

**Sunday 26 July** **West Anglian Section's Grafham Water Gander** from Yelden Village Hall. A run up to and around Grafham Water with a lunch stop at the Grafham Water Visitor Centre ... and the usual welcome at the village hall. For information: Ralph on 01933 386841.

**Wednesday 29 July** **South East Area meeting** at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or [mwikner61@gmail.com](mailto:mwikner61@gmail.com) for details.

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

**Sunday 16 August** **North Hertfordshire Section's Periwinkle Run:** start from Cottered Village Hall, the hall will be open from 9:30am for an 11:00am start to a ride through villages, lanes and roads in Hertfordshire. Stop at *Three Tuns* in Great Horstead for lunch. For information contact Peter Smith on 07977 936 123.

**Sunday 16 August** **South East Area: The Bluebell Run** meet up at Horsted Keynes Station car park, RH17 7BB. 10:30 for a 11:00 departure. Call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 for further details.

**Wednesday 26 August** **South East Area meeting** at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or [mwikner61@gmail.com](mailto:mwikner61@gmail.com) for details.

**Sunday 6 September** **West Anglian Group Shuttleworth Shuffle** starting at Moggerhanger Village Hall, MK44 3RB. Meet from 9:30am for an 11:00 start to the ride. The run will have a half-way stop at Southill *White Horse*. For more information please contact Ralph on 01933 386841.

**Wednesday 9 September** **Norfolk Section monthly meeting.** Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

**Sunday 13 September** **Twelfth Coprolite Run & Mopedjumble** from Bucklesham Village Hall to Felixstowe *Ferry Boat Inn*. E-mail [danny@mopedland.ukfsn.org](mailto:danny@mopedland.ukfsn.org) or telephone Mark Daniels on 01473 659607. Full reception on arrival. A classic local course and twin to the Radar Run. Jumble opens 9:30am, the run sets off at 11:00am, the jumble re-opens at 2:00pm when the run returns.

**Sunday 20 September** **South East Area Club stand at The Edenbridge Motor Show.** Gabriel's Farm, Edenbridge, TN8 5PP. A static display of about 12 bikes as exhibits on our club stand. For details call Mike on 01732 700280.

**Wednesday 30 September** **South East Area meeting** at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or [mwikner61@gmail.com](mailto:mwikner61@gmail.com) for details.

## Duloe Daffodil Dash

The season opener saw 26 riders sign on for the 'Dash' on a chilly but fair morning in Duloe village. Armed with route maps and cards, all riders got away just before 11am. 30-odd route markers were installed to assist on the journey. Seemingly, within three to four miles into the 21-mile outward leg, many participants had made up their own route in a 'starburst' style formation. Nevertheless, eventually, all arrived safely at the pub stop, some saying they never saw any route signs along the way. A visit to Specsavers may be advisable! Matt Cox on a Bown motorcycle led the way; it may be rust from the Bown getting in the eyes of the following pack!

The sun shone well and all but one left the pub OK on the return leg. Mark's Garelli cried enough and returned on the trailer. Many smiles on faces showed that the majority enjoyed the jaunt although I believe a few were disappointed. Thanks for all who attended and many thanks to Owen and Lyn for their help at the hall, also Mal with washing up liquid to the rescue. Roll on summer and warm riding days to enjoy.

*Cheers  
Ralph.*

PS: credit to Matt for the artwork on the signs, shame no one saw them!

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The EACC was joined on this ride by members of the East Northants Classic Motor Cycle Club. Matt Embleton of the ENCMCC has sent this report:

22nd March saw what I guess could truly be described as our first true club ride & meet of 2015 with ten club members attending the Duloe Daffodil Dash where we were made very welcome by everyone and, unlike previous years, Ralph ensured the bacon sandwiches, tea, and coffee were still available right up to a few minutes before the off.

Around 26 tiddlers signed up for the Duloe Daffodil Dash ranging from a diesel-engined two-stroke moped to me on my C90, also joining in the ride were Paul, Rod and Trevor our other members doing their own thing after we set off. The official route took us through some great roads via Staploe, Honeydon, Colmworth, Keysoe Row, Thurleigh, etc, to lunch stop at The Chequers in Yelden—A fantastic well thought out and planned route thanks to Ralph.

As we had ridden out to the start and the fact that Yelden was on our way home, our contingent didn't complete the return leg back to Duloe but choose to ride straight home instead.

Whilst at Duloe Village Hall we couldn't help notice a "letter of complaint" regarding non-pedal assisted machines being displayed and taking part in their rides—this seemed to suggest clubs like ours were not really welcome—I raised this matter by e-mail with Andrew Pattle of the EACC and it was great to get an immediate reply that, far from confirming this impression, stated

"The EACC welcomes all to its events. Events are, after all, primarily a social event. A rough 'rule of thumb' we use at exhibitions is 'anything under 100cc'; for runs, riders of even bigger machines are welcome as long as they accept that either they'll have to ride slowly, or end up waiting outside the lunch-stop pub until it opens!"

There are some great pictures of the event, including pictures of some of our club bikes and even me entering the *Chequers* on the C90—you can also get more information about the EACC at [www.autocycle.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.autocycle.freeserve.co.uk) whose annual membership is just a few pounds a year—I am now certainly joining!

I clocked just over sixty miles on my C90 and like all attending had a thoroughly great day!

## Harvey Spencer

*December 1942–May 2015.*

Sad to report that Harvey Spencer has taken his last moped ride to the pearly gates of St. Peter's Alehouse in the sky. Harvey had an avid interest in lots of things, and been a keen restorer of the many things he collected, particularly vehicles of all sorts. Classic cars, motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, pedal cars, models... whatever it was that caught his eye; Harvey wanted to make it like new again and enthusiastically worked to an exacting standard on everything he did.

We only came into contact with each other some 10 years ago after Harvey moved from Baldock in Hertfordshire, to Grantham Lincolnshire, after which we maintained regular contact, mainly in Harvey's eternal pursuit of obscure parts for various projects.

Harvey was one of those phone callers you could always recognise instantly by his distinctive voice.

We'd ridden together on a number of EACC runs over the last few years, but now our motorcycling scene has lost one of its great characters, and many of us have lost another good friend.

*Mark Daniels.*

## 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.

### Secretary

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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

