

# The M-A-C

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## Spotted at Copdock Show

We're going Dutch with 'Spotted' for this issue and, to start off, here's a picture of the Berini M21 on our club stand at the Copdock Bike Show in October.

There was more than one kind of Berini M21 and this is the sort that looks a lot like a Bown moped – mainly because it uses several of the frame pressings as the Bown ... and a few German mopeds too.

The M21 designation applies more to the engine. The M21 is a single-speed moped engine, and there's a similar two-speed version: the M22.

As well as this frame with a bulbous tank, earlier Berini M21s were made with a flatter sided in-frame tank design inherited from the roller drive M19. When the newer frame was introduced it became the de Luxe model while the older frame continued as the Standard version.

Both frames were used in both single-speed M21 and two-speed M22 models.



Photo: Mark Daniels

## Spotted at Heerhugowaard



Photo: Andrew Pattle

Not at one of our events, but so unusual that we had to include it, this moped was on show at the moped-jumble in Heerhugowaard in November.

It has been restored and, as yet, there are no transfers on it to say what it is. So, the only clue was the engine. That looked vaguely familiar but, on the casing, it says 'Gasquy Made in Belgium'. Ateliers Gasquy were in Herstal and specialised in die-casting; as well as these engines, they made model cars: the Belgian equivalent of Dinky Toys. Gasquy made a moped under the marque Dymax from 1951–54 ... but this isn't one of those.

It turns out that this moped is Dutch: a Royal Express, made by Motorrijwielfabriek Royal Express in Den Haag. The frame is very distinctive: a cross between a double-cradle and a monotube. There was also a model without the separate tank, which carried its fuel in the top tube of the frame.

Finally, why did the engine look familiar? It's a Cyclobloc, made under licence from Le Poulain.

## Club News

### AGM

The AGM has come and gone without any traumatic changes. Carl Harper leaves the committee and Dave Watson joins it. Dave Watson also takes over from Neil Morley as Publicity officer. There's no change to subscription rates and we had a productive discussion on financing events. All the details are in the meeting minutes, which you can get from the website or the secretary.

### Membership Forms

Our membership forms have a 'use by' date in case the subs go up. For those of you who keep a stock of forms, the new ones can be downloaded from the website. On the other hand, as the subs haven't changed, just keep on using the old ones and change the date in blue crayon.

### Significant?

2016 will see the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original founding of the EACC. Is that a significant anniversary? All the earlier ones ending in '5' are, but 35?

### Air Ambulance

Thanks to Neil Bowen, who organised a collection box on our stand at the Copdock Show, we raised £40 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

### West Midlands Section

First, we printed the wrong 'phone number in September's newsletter—and now our volunteer organiser had to withdraw for personal reasons. Let's try again ...

So: is there any interest in forming a section in the West Midlands? Lindsay Neill, who has been a regular attendee at our Anglian events, has recently moved to the West Midlands and would like to hear from other members in the area. Please contact him on 07795 055885.

### Forum

Dave Watson has got cracking straight away as Publicity Officer and created a Web Forum for our Club: It's taking off well: join in by going to <http://eacc.freeforums.net/>, or use the link from our Website, or scan the QR code.



## DVLA & FBHVC

After the epic piece in our last edition, there's not a lot to report this time: This is an extract from Bob Owen's report in the FBHVC newsletter:

*There is not a great deal new to tell you this edition, which is not to say that nothing is happening.*

*The Federation is continuing to attempt to get clarity from DVLA on the number of new initiatives and reinterpretations of which we told you in Newsletter 4-2015.*

*And we are continuing with our work in the political arena to try to get some order into what, seen from the position of the Federation, is a rather disorderly set of changes which are ill-defined, not properly explained, if explained at all, by DVLA and which are not always properly thought through.*

### Vehicle tax

I think most people realise that, since the abolition of tax discs, when you sell a vehicle, the tax or SORN expires. What DVLA has not made so obvious is that this applies, not just on selling a vehicle, but any change of keeper. For example: if a widow puts her deceased husband's bike into her own name, it will need to be re-taxed or SORNed.

### South East Moped Enthusiasts

It was good to see you all at the run and AGM. All our links have now been severed with the NACC and from now on we will be a section within the EACC only. We would like a slight change in name, to be the South East Moped Enthusiasts.

We have been compiling dates for our events next year, which are in the calendar. We hope to be a lot more proactive in our approach and hopefully you will receive items of interest and news of what our section has been up to on a regular basis.

Over the months we have been doing a bi-monthly newsletter to keep our regular active guys enthused and, in the New Year our section's latest news and reports will be on the club website in a page of our own. We promise that there will be nothing controversial contained in it!

Kind regards  
Martin & Sharon

### Norfolk Notes.

Christmas is coming so perhaps we'd better get on with working out what the Norfolk Section is going to do for the December meeting. No sitting on the lap of some old duffer dressed in red & white. No naff present brought from Poundland (other cheap shops

are available). No carol singing. That is those matters dealt with, now for more important details:

**Where:** The *Kings Arms* in Martham, local pub to two members and scenic village hostelry to anyone driving past. Good ale, good welcome, warm staff and hot food. (NR29 4PL for those not travelling via Stoke & those using SatNaff.)

**When:** December at a guess, try turning up on the second Wednesday 9/12/2015 at 7-ish.

**What:** Chat, beer, information, beer, photos, beer & food (if you need it—meals at reasonable prices).

Dave

## North Hertfordshire Section

David Osborn tried a little experiment with a run during the week ... on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September from Stotfold *Chequers*. The weather wasn't as good as it could have been: damp enough to deter some people, but those who made the effort didn't get rained upon. It looks as if there are members who'd like some mid-week runs.

## Suffolk

The Suffolk Section calendar is pretty firmly established now but, next year, **our big April event will be in March!** Yes, the Radar Run will be earlier than usual next year. This may have an effect on other sections wishing to avoid a clash of dates.

## Calendar

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

**Wednesday 9 December** **Norfolk Section meeting** at The *Kings Arms*, Martham again. Meet from 7:00pm prompt for chat, beer, information, photos, beer & food (if you need it—meals at reasonable prices). Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

**Wednesday 16 December** **South East Moped Enthusiasts Christmas Dinner** to be held at the *Horseshoe* public house, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG. The three course dinner is £23.50 a head. There are Christmas presents for all. Let's turn around what has been a bad year for us into a fine old festive bash. For reservations and menu contact Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085.

**Sunday 3 January 2016** **The 33<sup>rd</sup> Mince Pie Run** is our biggest event of the year. Meet at the Orwell Yacht Club, Wherstead Road, Ipswich, IP2 8LR for tea, coffee and mince pies. At 11:00 we will leave on a run to The *Shipwreck Bar* at Shotley. For details and directions contact David Evans on 01473 687820; please 'phone if you can, as this helps with planning the catering.

**Sunday 20 March** **The 13th Radar Run** and Mopedjumble starts at Bromeswell Village Hall. A superb circuit around Bawdsey peninsula with lots of historical interest details on the course notes. The usual free pitches for jumble stands—call Paul on 01394 671222 to allow him to set your spot in the hall. Jumble opens from 9:30am,

run sets off at 11am. The Radar Run has an alternative, shorter route suitable for cyclemotors.

**Sunday 10 April** **South East Moped Enthusiasts: The North Downs Run.** Meet at the Edenbridge Leisure Centre car park in Wellingtonia Way, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5LU. 10:30am for 11:00am start. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085.

**Sunday 24 April** **Norfolk Section's Drive It Day Ride.** No details yet but we will be riding somewhere! Contact Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or e-mail [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

**Sunday 8 May** **South East Moped Enthusiasts: The South Downs Run.** Meet at the Civic Approach car park, High Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1AR. 10:30am for 11:00am start. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085.

**Sat 18 & Sun 19 June** **Club stand at Journey Through The Ages Vintage Rally and Country Fair**, Goodrich Park, Palgrave, IP22 1BA. We were made very welcome last year and will be attending again. Dave Watson (07766 780134 or [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk)) is our co-ordinator for this event.

**Friday 1 to Sunday 3 July** **The second 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. No need to book, turn up and stay for as long or short as you wish. Day visitors welcome. Friday Chip shop run, Saturday is a day out with a road run to a local attraction returning for evening entertainment on the village green, Sunday Breakfast run for a Full English & a look around the local area returning to Martham for the afternoon carnival procession. Contact: Dave Watson on 07766 780134 or [xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xdavwat@yahoo.co.uk).

**Sunday 14 August** **North Hertfordshire Section's Periwinkle Run:** the start will be from Cottered Village Hall as usual, the hall will be open from 9:30am and we anticipate an 11:00am start. The ride takes us through some of the prettiest villages, lanes and roads in Hertfordshire. We will be stopping at *Three Tuns* in Great Hormead for lunch and a chinwag. Danny will be there as usual with his spares & accessories. If you require any particular item can you let Danny know in advance of the day as his stock is too vast to bring it all along. In 2014 we did not hold a raffle as usual and we were asked by many members why, so for 2015 we have decided to bring it back. If any members want to donate a prize could they please bring it along on the day where it would be greatly appreciated. If you require any further information please contact Peter Smith on 07977 936 123.

**Sunday 21 August** **South East Moped Enthusiasts: The Bluebell Run.** Meet at Horsted Keynes Station, Station Approach, Horsted Keynes, RH17 7BB. 10:30am for 11:00am start. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085

## Steeple Morden Run

### 24 September 2015

Luckily, we carried out the route check on the Tuesday by car, as halfway round there was a torrential downpour and doubts began about Thursday with bits of wet forecast. Well on the day we need not have worried as the 100% accurate

weather stone at *The Chequers* predicted 'DRY' see picture (everyone should have one hanging in their garden!)



I had some feedback from riders who, for various reasons were unable to take part. Leaving an intrepid five in the line-up, plus the breakdown backup, which remained unused.

The run of some 34 miles, mainly of a scenic nature on very quiet lanes and an unavoidable bit of A-road, was classic moped country. Lunch was back at *The Chequers* and the sun was still shining.



Was the midweek run a success? Well it was enjoyed by all and deemed a good route, and we'll look at the event in depth for a possible re-run in 2016

*David Osborn*

## Sywell

Thought you might like to see the attached photographs of Ralph Richardson and another EACC member (forgotten his name—Tony?—but others will recognise his Rudge) taking part in the track event at the Piston and Props event at Sywell Airport, Northamptonshire. We were there for the whole weekend and also in attendance from the EACC were Chris Saunders and Trev Livsey



The event was a great affair with bike and car clubs from all round the country and such a vast array of classic airplanes, also go karts, custom, and

dragsters; Spitfire, Hurricane and Dakota fly pasts and a fantastic 30-minute World War 1 plane battle involving triplanes as well as biplanes and solos: all for just a fiver if you were exhibiting your machine—perhaps there will be a large EACC contingent there next year.

*Matt Embleton*



## 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.