



# Kent Youth Trials Club

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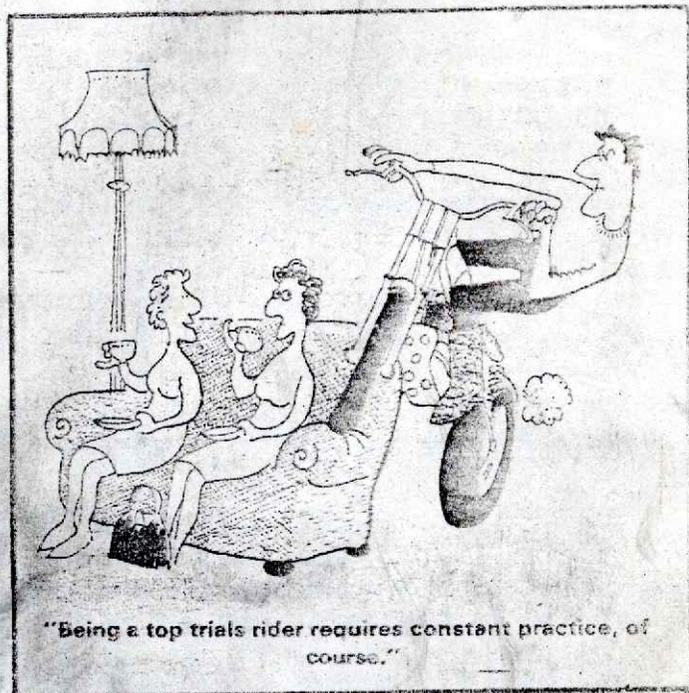
## NEW - COMPETITION

The cartoon on this page came from "Motor Cycle" - the caption, though true, is not the most amusing.

Here's your chance to write a new caption - the most amusing and appropriate for K.Y.T.C.

Send your free entry form on page two and you have the chance of winning Graham Forsdyke's Book "Off Road Motor Cycle Sport".

Closing date for entries will be 28th February, 1977 and the result will be published in the March Newsletter.



We think you will agree that has been probably the hardest and most energy-sapping trial you have done with us. We must congratulate you all on doing so well. We don't think we have ever seen any of you ride with so much determination and will to win. Do not be deterred by the amount of marks that were lost - this just reflects on how difficult the trial was.

If we use this land again for a Trial please do not use it to practice unilaterally. Land is very difficult to acquire and if we do not keep the landowners happy it is so easy to lose. It's up to you boys - its your Club. No land - no trials. So, please, if you are told not to do anything by a Committee Members - don't do it.

It was programmed as a Wet Trial, we hope you all enjoyed it. We did. Hope to see you all at the next Trial.

Your ever sadistic Competition Secretaries

Bob and Don

Keep your feet up

Reminders

Never Leave Tribes.

Always load bikes at completion of trial - no more riding when the trial is finished.

Make sure your numbers are clear and securely fixed -

Observers have to see them.

SHOP

Olive Banks has kindly agreed to organise a shop so that you can part with your pocket money or parents' hard earned cash on Sundays at Trials and Practices instead of having to wait until Monday. The Shop will be selling things like the Club's superb orange and black sew-on badges (40p), Club Pencils for budding observers or the very young to scribble 5,3,2,1,0 on the loo wall, the 1977 A.C.U. Handbook which mentions KYTC in two places and, hopefully, stick-on and sew-on letters and numbers and a host (eventually) of other things not available at your local off-licence !!. All profits go to swell the Club funds. Any suggestions ?.

N.B. This is not yet in the Guinness Book of Records, but did you know that it takes 680 club cloth badges to make a single bedcover ( 34 lines of 20 ) and would cost £272 - anyone thinking of ordering for a bedcover please give Olive two months notice and you will get a special discount.

The Riding Committee Members

There are three riding members on the Committee ( see page 5 for list ) and they are coming to meetings so that all riders have representation in the management of the Club. The riding members vote in the same way as adult Committee members. As the Club grows bigger it becomes very important that the Committee knows what the membership wants - one way is for you to let the Riders on the Committee know what you want. The Committee wants to hear your ideas and suggestions - remember that this Club only exists so that you can enjoy trials motorcycling- the organisation of Trials is the most important function of the Committee - so please let the Committee know your thoughts.

There are two other Committee members who have been known to ride - they are Don and Bob - and it is these two who are usually responsible for the sections you ride. They go out the day before and lay out the sections and they ride them to make sure it is possible for you to ride them. There is no truth in the rumour that they get 5 on every section they try for you; only on some. Anyway they put a lot of effort into laying out sections for a Trial so at the end before you go home go and tell them what you thought of the sections - if you enjoyed the Trial you might even thank them for giving up their Saturday for you to ride on Sunday. And if you hated every section you rode then consider giving up trials and joining the scramblers instead. 'Cos if you don't enjoy a Trial then you're wasting your time. KYTC is all about enjoying yourself at Trials.

### Knitting Patterns

Yes, you are still in the KYTC Newsletter. A long time ago someone said there would be a knitting pattern for something to be knitted in the Club colours and with the Club emblem. Will the author of this pattern please make it available to the Editor so that mums can start knitting and so that other non-knitter mums can buy the pullovers, scarves, gloves, etc from the KYTC Shop.

Club gear - Sammy Miller now advertises overalls in the club colours (orange and black). You can find his advertisements in Motor Cycle News.

Practices - Several turned up for the Club practices over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd February at Tibbs Court and Lodge Lees. Many thanks to Trevor Tibbs for displaying the practices at Tibbs Court and to our new friend Miss Green for looking after us at Lodge Lees.

Handwriting - This document is a copy of a report on a vehicle outside the family - it is not a classified document requiring security clearance so there's no need to lock it up.

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE"

<u>Full name</u> Robert Brian Fricker	<u>Date of Birth</u> 29th March, 1965
<u>Hair colour</u> Brown	<u>Eyes</u> Green
<u>Trophies</u> None	<u>Sisters</u> One
<u>Hats</u> Dog and Tropical fish	<u>Dislikes</u> Fish and Chips
<u>Hobbies</u> Motorcycling, shooting	<u>Favourite drink</u> Coke
<u>Favourite Food</u> Chicken, eggs	<u>Favourite Book</u> "Ride It" - Don Smith
<u>Favourite Pop Star</u> Status Quo	<u>Fav. T/v Prog.</u> Starsky & Hutch
<u>Favourite T/V Star</u> John Wayne	<u>Career</u> Banking
<u>Favourite Car</u> Maserati Bora	<u>Fav. Road Bike</u> Yamaha 500
<u>Fav. Trial Bike</u> Yamaha TY175	<u>Helmet law</u> in favour
<u>First trial</u> E.S.T.C.	<u>How long riding</u> 10 months
<u>Fav. Trials Rider</u> Mick Andrews	<u>First bike</u> Yamaha TY80
<u>Most embarrassing moment</u> When trousers split	
<u>Do you like girls ?</u> "They're all right, I s'pose "	
<u>What would be an added advantage to the Club ?</u> More land to ride on	
<u>Question for next victim</u> - how many countries have you visited ?	



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1977 Annual Report

1977 Annual 'Rider of the Year' awards

There will be Annual "Rider of the Year" awards in each class and for both Novices and Experts. It is expected that these awards will take the form of a Shield or big Cup which will remain the property of the Club, but will be held by the Winner for the following year so that he can show it off and be the envy of all his mates. The winner would also get for keeps a smaller replica.

How can you win one of these awards?.. Read on...

The principles for deciding the winners have already been agreed by the Committee. Each rider will be allotted points for (a) his place within his class at each trial, (b) starting or entering a trial and (c) finishing a trial. For example if there are nineteen riders at a trial in one class the top rider would gain nineteen points, the second eighteen, third seventeen and so on until the last who would get one point. In addition a rider who starts would get  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points and a rider who finishes would get another  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points. So, in this example, even if you came last in your class but finished the course you would get twenty out of the maximum possible for that trial of 38 points. The awards will probably be based on your best ten results of the year so you can afford to have a couple of trials off to go on holiday or have a broken leg or skive off to revise for OSE or some other frivolous excuse. The idea is that the annual awards will be won by those riders who are loyal to the club and put up a good performance throughout the year.

The Committee is still working hard on the final details of the system and may even appeal for funds to buy a mini-computer to do the results or buy headache pills for Bob !.

Awards for February Trial

The awards for the Trial on 13th February, 1977 were donated by a generous member who has asked that his name be kept secret - anonymous - thank you very much for this kind Valentine.

Awards for future Trials

It costs about £25 to buy and engrave ten awards for a Trial. Members of the Committee are always glad to hear from someone willing to donate awards - it doesn't have to be all the awards - even one award is very much appreciated. Long live donations !.



THE ICE CREAM or THE SPRING CREAM

To be sung to 'A Policeman's Lot' with subject & melody to Gilbert  
Chilcote.....

Verse 1

When a riders not engaged in his enjoyment  
Of bobbing through patches of through holes  
His capacity for innocent enjoyment (echo) 'cent enjoyment  
Is just as great as any other tykes  
Our feelings with difficulty we smother  
When observatory duties to be done  
COH take one consideration with another  
An observers life is not an 'appy one (echo) 'appy one

Chorus

With observatory duties to be done (echo) to be done  
An observers life is not an 'appy one (echo) 'appy one

Verse 2

When the winds ablowing and the rains agurgling  
When the muds upto your ears and mine (echo) agurgling  
We loves to hear the bikes a burbling (echo) a burbling  
And helps 'em down from yonder forest pine  
When the riders finished jumping on his mother  
He loves to sit a churning in the mud (echo) his mother  
COH take one consideration with another  
An observers life is not an 'appy one (echo) 'appy one

by De Fin It Ly ANON

NB from Editor we might just make next month's Competition guessing the  
the author of this delightful song. Clues might be:  
Initials for Policeman is one of the family  
Was it written with an HB pencil ?.

## FAMOUS NAMES

You've all heard of Chris Lurcock - remember he took last year's 'Rider of the Year' Award in Class "A". Not to be outdone his Dad, Bob Lurcock, has been cornering the Motor Cycle Press this year. Congratulations Bob on coming out 'Best Novice' at the Barham Cup Trial on 9th January, 1977 and also on getting a First Class Award in the OWLS TRIAL on 30th January, 1977.

All together now ... didn't he do well ?.....

## KYBC National Trial on 4th September, 1977

The Gravesend Eagles kindly gave us permission to apply to the owners for the use of Peters Pit at Woulham for our National Trial on 4th September, 1977. This is a fine site with numerous excellent sections including a challenging graded climb and we are very grateful to the Gravesend Eagles for allowing us to use their land for this important event - it will be the first KYBC National Event. We are hoping to run this Trial for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors with possibly 150 entries in all. Maybe next year we can really put Kent on the map with a National Championship Event.

## Land at LANE still not big enough. F.A.M.O.

As the Club grows so does the need for more land. The Committee will always be pleased to hear of land suitable for a Club Trial. We must be careful not to think about land already in use by the Club unless they offer us the use of the land. Also we must be careful not to offer our facilities to other

1977 Committee

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## Forthcoming Events

- 6th March - Practice - Lodge Lees - 11.00am - 3.00pm
- 20th March - TRIAL - Boxley - 10.30am
- 3rd April - Practice
- 17th April - Trial
- 8th May - Practice - but this could be a special one !.
- 15th May - Trial
- 12th June - Practice
- 19th June - Trial
- 26th June - ESTC invite us to Trial at the Royal Oak Firs, Danbury
- 17th July - Practice
- 24th July - TRIAL - Tibbs Court
- 14th Aug - Practice
- 21st Aug - Trial
- 4th Sept - HYTC NATIONAL TRIAL at Peters Pit, Woulgham
- 11th Sept - Practice
- 18th Sept - Trial
- 9th Oct - Practice
- 16th Oct - Trial
- 13th Nov - Practice
- 20th Nov - ESRC/NISS Annual Trial
- 27th Nov - Practice
- 4th Dec - Trial
- 17th Dec - Christmas Party
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- 15th Jan - Practice
- 22nd Jan - Trial
- 29th Jan - Annual General Meeting

In the last letter mention was made of the condition of the 5th January meeting which was scheduled for Lodge 1000. The fact that an explanation would be given at a later date, this is the letter that was given to the committee and the members of the club.

At the 10th December 1977 three more members of the club were present at the meeting with the 1000 members. The fact that the noise made by these pigs - noise it did not upset your raising. However, the noise of the pigs did upset the pigs and therefore the pig-farmer complained to the land-owner and he, in turn, complained to the club. Probably you are thinking what we thought at the time - how could motor-bike noise upset pigs? The answer is that the pig-farmer breeds pigs and relies on them for his living - little pigs feed on their mother's milk - if mother gets upset it can reduce her milk yield on the piglets could get excited and trample over each other and cause injury.

As a result of this complaint some Committee members had a meeting on 9th January, 1977 went down to Lodge Lees to meet the landowner and the pig-farmer to try to sort out the problem. The pig-farmer at this meeting complained again about the noise of the pigs and also pointed out that the little time by his noise is caused as a public bye-way and therefore unregistered and unlicensed vehicles and riders should not use it. He also mentioned that a young rider was seen urinating in the hedge of his front garden. It was clear that the club would have to keep the pig-farmer happy if we were to use the woods again. The land-owner himself at this meeting showed us the exact area that could be used by the club, but it became clear that the main problem at Lodge Lees would be car-parking for sufficient cars to hold a full club trial.

At the time of writing this problem is still with us and until it is resolved we will use Lodge Lees only for practice or for a trial of perhaps thirty entries.

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The Club has a new committee - many of the old faces are still there, in fact all of last year's 'faithfuls' are with this year's Committee and we welcome three new committee members - Sandra Cuckow, who worked hard last year with Maureen Simcock to calculate the results - Peter Coulter and Alan Coulter are new to the Committee. Peter takes over as Membership Secretary and the Coulter family will be editing the Newsletter. Bob Simcock ( and Maureen ) have taken over the paper-work side of Competitions, while Don Cuckow will have responsibility for the Course and will have the title 'Clerk of the Course' - you can still call him Don ( or any other obscenity that comes to mind as you take five ).

By the time you read this Newsletter the Committee changes and re-organisation will be well under way, but please remember that any Committee Member will be happy to listen to your problem or answer your questions.

Newsletter

For several months past the Newsletter has been edited and produced by Doreen Simmonds, our General Secretary, and we must all thank her for the devoted effort which has gone into this task - I even heard of a rider who won't read anything apart from KYTC Newsletters !. Letters, donations, thank yous and suggestions can still be sent to Doreen at her new address and she will still have more than enough to do looking after the Committee. Contributions for the Newsletter, however, should be sent to Peter or Alan Coulter. We expect that future Newsletters will be available at each Trial - those of you who do not get one at a Trial should keep the Editor supplied with stamped and self-addressed envelopes.

WANTED & FOR SALE

Somebody wanted a KYTC BICO and we were going to make an appropriate insertion in this issue - however the bit of paper was lost so please anyone who wants to buy or sell a Yamaha BICO please let the Editor know so that he might put buyers and sellers in touch.

Keep riding for the joy of it ..... Editor  
Newspaper Editor