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EDITORIAL

Starting section five, we feel summer has arrived with a vengeance.

Our very many congratulations to Ricky Bromley on his outstanding win in the first round of the C & D National Rounds. What a great ride! Keep it up Ricky. To the rest of our riders you all did very well, you certainly didn't let the side down.

Our very many thanks to everyone concerned on the day. Our very special thanks to Roy Carey, who gave up his time to come and start the riders off and stayed all day showing great interest and presenting the awards etc. Thanks Roy.

We feel we must mention Glynis and Pip for all their hard work before and on the day. To Dick Hickmott and his helpers who set out a very demanding trial, but got it absolutely right on the day.

To Mike Wilson, who managed to get many ex-members to come back and observe. What a great job they all did, and very nice to see many old faces, and also our older lads and dads who observed. To all the riders who competed in such a sporting manner.

Last but not least to our Chairman Dave, who also did a grand job in organizing yet another K.Y.T.C. National round. Thank you everyone.

We have two new members to welcome this month. They are Paul Trevatt from Meopham riding C class. Andy Edmeads from Matfield riding A class. A very warm welcome to you and your families and we hope you enjoy your trialling year.

A very sad goodbye to Jeremy Caulderhead this month as he reaches the grand old age of seventeen. We're sure you will all join with us in wishing him 'Good Luck in Adult Trials'

We have been asked provisionally to hold another round of the North Kent Combine next February, 1991.

Land is getting so scarce that help is needed on Practise Days to try and clear some new sections. Any Mums or Dads willing to help clear some of our ground at Practise time (not in the heat, only when it's cool) would be most appreciated.

Bob Thompson, our membership secretary, would like to know if there are any members who would like the South Eastern Gazette. He would like to know as soon as possible as he has to put his order in for June. The Gazette allows our A & B riders to see what adult trials there are, and what they could ride. Please let him know as soon as possible for him to order.

If any members would like to donate a prize for our monthly raffle, it would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to Steven Foord, one of our ex-members who rode the Scottish Six Day. Hope he enjoyed it all and was successful.

Finally do not forget next month's camping weekend, let's hope the heatwave stays with us, we've heard a whisper that a big celebration is in store, somebody's 40th birthday. Guess who?

Happy and safe trailling to you all,

Carol and Sheila.

P.S. A special word of thanks to Sheila and Charmaine for all their very hard work in serving food and drink at the National. They really kept going all day, and helped to swell the coffers of the club. Thank you both very much.

Carol.

TRIAL AT ROBERTSBRIDGE

22nd APRIL, 1990.

A lovely carpet of bluebells greeted us for our April trial at this rather nice venue at Robertsbridge, a few vehicles having a rather slippery ride down the track, eh Phil?

Section 1 - Observed by Pip Bromley.

A nice section 'doable' according to Pip, set in a little valley. Reds, straightforward. Down the hill, around the trees and out. Bryan Matton and Ross Thompson cleaning here every lap. Blues, down, around the tree at the bottom, up the hill, sharp turn and across a camber, along the top of the valley and out. Whites up and down banks, fairly tight. Robbie Nutbrown and Steven Wass cleaning every lap. Experts the same route with a slight deviation, taking quite a few marks.

Section 2 - Observed by John Reid.

Reds, starting off going down the hill, quite easy. Blues, reasonable. Straight down the hill, a tight turn at the bottom, then up a muddy bank, dropping down to finish. John said it was cleanable, with nearly all the riders doing so. Whites, fairly difficult, fairly 'itsy Bitsy' Experts, quite hard. Coming down the hill, a tight turn and then a high step, up around the tree, then between tree and marker and straight drop down. B.J. Waters cleaned here 3 laps out of four, Jonathon Allen, a couple of dabs and Wayne Riorden and Adrian Howard cleaned every time. All sections quite fair.

Section 3. Observed by Dixie Dean.

Nice little compact section in the bowl. Reds in between 2 trees, flat ride with just a few trees, no problems. All cleaning it. Blues. Up a tiny bank, aig-azg between trees quite slippery and a sharp turn between 2 markers, dropping off a steep bank and straight out, catching a few out. Simon Bird, Mark Baldock, Stephen Dunk, James Hickmott, all cleaning every lap, Gary Stephens also, having some

very good rides here. Whites quite tricky. In up a steep slippery bank, tight turn left hand on a slippery camber, dropping down, left hand turn, up a steep slippery bank, left over a tree log and a simple ride out. We saw Lee Mc Roberts have a good 1 here. Experts, following whites, up a steep covered in moss bank, L. hand turn, across a camber, between 2 tight trees and over a pile of logs to finish. B.J. Waters, Jonathon Allen and Stuart Bridges, cleaned every time and Mark smith 3 out of 4 laps.

Section 4 - observed by our lovely Vanda Dean.

Very happy to see us with no 'MIKE' Reds, over a few small hills and out, very easy. Blues, up a hill, down a slippery bank, Vanda said the bigger bikes were making it but the TT's a bit dodgy.

Whites, up and down hills, bit twisty and turny and tight in a few places. Experts. The same, but with one deviation between 2 tight trees, but most making it through. Quite a good section.

Section 5. Stan Stephens. Stan said a 'just right' section.

Very mossy. If the rain held out it would be O.K. It did. Reds just up a slight bank, down and out. Blues, around the tree, down the bank, up again, down between 2 trees and out. Quite easy for blues. Whites, along across camber, down the bank, up the other side, back down into the gully, up the bank and out. Experts, very similar., whites being a bit harder than experts. Neil Thompson riding whites, had some very good rides here.

Section 6. Observed by Cathy and Kerry Bird.

Reds, in between 2 trees, around in a circle over a hump and out. Bryan Matton, Ross Thompson and Andrew Evans all cleaned here. and Andy Edmeans cleaned 2 laps out of 3. Blues down a slippery bank, over a fallen tree trunk, a slippery turn around a fallen tree stump, back up bank, around trees and out. Whites, down a bank, over fallen log, around tree roots, up through gully and out. Robbie had a nice clean ride here as did Neil Thompson. Experts, over all the logs, between 2 trees, and behind stump. Up bank across gully and through two trees and out. A lot of riders cleaning this particularly on the third lap.

Section 7 - observed by Trevor Smith - sadly Emiless Caught up with Roy Bridges here, running around being somebody's minder, he ran his little legs off all day! Red. very easy, just small loops. Blues, a turn to begin with, up a bank, tight turn and down. Whites, 2 tight loops, up banks, up and down. Experts, similar with a slippery bank in the middle. Saw Mark Smith on his posh new Beta have a lovely clean here. Trev. said marks being taken here, due to the poor quality of the observer.

Section 8 - the very happy Graham Riorden.

Tired and worn out after a week in Wales.

Reds. Very straightforward - all along the top of the section.

Blues, Graham said a 'naggery' section, if you get the meaning. Gary Stephens had a lovely ride here with just one dab. Whites and experts doing a figure of eight, the only difficult bit was a slippery step for the whites. Saw Craig Dean and Wayne Riorden have some nice rides here. Also, Harley Stephens cleaned this section every lap.

Section 9. Observed by Trevor Wass.

No reds rode this section.

Blues, in between trees, along and over a tree root, up a bank, down the hill, along the bottom of the section and out. Toby Pearce cleaned this on his second lap, and Benjamin Smith had a dab or two on his last lap. Whites, along the camber, dropping down into the gully, up and over the bank, over the other side, dropping down along the gully and out. Experts, very similar. All experts cleaning this on the first lap.

Section 10. Observed by Judy Mc Roberts. (Can't wait until the Camping weekend - has much wine in stock)

Reds. Through some branches, and up a little bank, catching some out. Blues, up the bank, causing some problems - along the top of the section, down the hill and out. Gavin Christie having some good rides here. Whites, up the bank, around tree, verry difficult, slippery and tight, down along the ridge, around stump, up the bank, across camber and out. Experts. Same route, but back up the bank and a tight turn at the top and out. No experts cleaned this on the first lap.

Section 11. Observed by Bob & Linda Thompson.

Reds, weaving along the bottom of the section over a small fallen tree and out, no problems for reds. Andrew Evans cleaned this every time. Blues, up a slippery bank at an angle, along the camber, through the bluebells and out. Stevie Dunk had a nice clean here, Stephen Craig cleaned on his last lap, saw Alex Burd have just a couple of dabs on lap 3.

Whites, same route as the experts, but missing out the shaped tree, which gave the experts agonising problems all day. No expert managed to clean this section. Coming up the bank between 2 tight trees and then through the shaped trunk, very difficult. Saw Jonathan Allen have just a dab here.

Section 12 - Dear Phil Waters.

Very difficult, but rideable for experts. White route seemed to have many variations, no one went the same way twice! Andrew Wilson cleaned on lap 3. Blues, very testing. Steep climb Reds nice and easy but needing concentration to avoid the fallen sticks.

Expert Premier to B.J. Waters. A really good ride B.J. Expert 1st class Jonathon Allen, Expert 2nd class Craig Dean. A close fought battle here for these placings. Good ride boys.

Novice Premier to Steven Wass - well done Steven.

1st class - Robbie Nutbrown. Good Ride Robbie.

2nd class - Simon Bird. Well done Simon.

3rd class - Mark Baldock C 2nd class Stephen Dunk.

Good ride boys.

Best Beginner Bryan Matton - well done.

The Team Taylor Trophy for best novice won by Steven Wass.

RIDERS REPORT.

TRIAL - ROBERTSBRIDGE.

The Robertsbridge trial, was held on a piece of land rarely used by Kent Youth, but with a log of possibilities for sections.

Everyone found the trial enjoyable with scores lower than usual.

Numbers, 10, 11 and 12 were the mark takers for experts, with No. 12 being particularly hard for most riders. Novices found 3, 4 & 10 the hardest and C's found No's 9 & 10 to be tricky.

The average scores were experts - 69, novices - 82 and C's 79.

Harley.

PRACTISE RESULTS

FEBRUARY-PETHAM

(Better late than never)

REDS.

3 Ross Thompson	46
61 Stephen Thompson	79
50 Daniel Wilson	Ret.
111 Alex Burd	Ret.

BLUES

72 M. Baldock	51
54 S. Craig	76
63 G. Stone	119

YELLOWS

30 M. Smith	80
103 R. Bromley	92
7 A. Howard	95
2 J. Tappenden	Ret.
1 L. Tappenden	Ret.
74 D. Skinner	Ret.

WHITES

52 S. Bridges	95
48 J. Wilson	104
60 N. Thompson	110
40 R. Nutbrown	111

We must apologise for no results being issued for our March practise at they have been mislaid!

PRACTICE AT MATFIELD

SUNDAY 8th APRIL

16 Riders signed on for the monthly practice at Matfield, mainly consisting of C's with the older A and B riders visiting Folkestone for a Combine trial.

In the morning due to heavy rain, all five sections had to be altered whilst the boys did their normal practicing across the now quite muddy banks of Matfield. Next lunch, when we were all entertained by a two seater desert buggy with James Hickmott and his friend in the driving seats. After this it was back to the more well known two wheeled vehicles, i.e. the afternoon trial. This was, after all of the alterations relatively simple, making the boys weave between trees or go up and down the muddy banks.

Harley Stephens won the yellows just pipping Craig Dean to the post with Andrew Mills only a few marks behind him. James Hickmott won the blues quite easily on his home ground with Toby Pearce finishing in second place losing 69.

I hope that you all enjoyed the day despite the weather. I would like to thank my dad Dixie for setting the trial and all of the observers not forgetting the boys who I think enjoyed their ride in the desert buggy after the trial as much as they did riding their own machines.

Vanda.

<u>Results.</u>			
<u>Yellows</u>		<u>Blues</u>	
45 H. Stephens	31	80 J. Hickmott	27
25 C. Dean	36	18 T. Pearce	47
A. Mills	41	55 B. Smith	50
<u>Reds</u>		12 G. Christie	61
90 L. Paine	40	56 S. Craig	68
44 M. Cross	69	63 G. Stone	69
26 A. Evans	Ret.	68 I. Smout	73
		66 K. Garwood	79
		65 G. Stephens	Ret
		111 A. Burd	Ret

REPORT ON CONFERENCE OF CLUBS

BY ROY BRIDGES

'One volunteer is worth ten pressed men' is a saying which enabled me to attend the A.C.U. conference of clubs in February as the K.Y.T.C. representative. Originally I was going as the Chairmans Assistant and possibly chauffeur, but at the eleventh hour Dave chickened out leaving me to go alone without a clue what to say or do.

As it turned out, the weather was bright and fresh on the Saturday of the conference and the trip along the M25 and M1 to Crick in Northamptonshire was pleasant without any holdups for accidents or roadworks as is the norm on these motorways.

The venue was the Post House Hotel adjacent to the M1 so it was no problem finding the place, which left me in a happy frame of mind for the ordeal ahead. I arrived at 10.15 a.m. which left me enough time for the free cup of coffee before the start time of 10.30. Most of the delegates (sounds posh) were already in the foyer chatting amongst themselves which left me feeling like a spare whotsit at a thingy. Judging by the amount of Kawasaki anoraks, most of the people were from Motocross, a fact which became more apparent later. The format of the day was firstly the 200 or so of us were to be ushered into one of the conference rooms for a welcome from the Chairman of the Yough Division Mrs. Judy Davies (a nice lady) then to be given a 30 minute talk by Gerry Coleman, the General Secretary of the A.C.U., after which we split into Motocross, Grass Track and Trials sections and went into separate rooms to discuss our own agendas. Gerry Coleman's speech surprised me as it concerned a specifit subject rather than a general talk. The actual subject was 'Protests at Events' and how to deal with them (Dick would have enjoyed this) This invited a lively discussion from the floor, needless to say nearly all of it coming from the Motocross faction

which just goes to prove what a friendly sport trials is. Terry finished his talk at 11.15 then the different sports disappeared into their own rooms to get down to some real discussion.

The agenda for the Trials consisted of short talks by Bill Smith about finance and the training division, Peter Fraith about noise testing and scrutineering, Terry Spur for safety and Roger Lindley from Bowrings the Sports Insurers. These people visiting Motocross and Grass Track as well. Nice to put faces to names.

After this, the committee consisting of the trials Chairman, Aubrey Brown from Yorkshire and the centre representatives of which Mike Woods for our centre did not turn up (I'm sure I passed his car broken down on the M25, Dave must have been sticking pins in something) went through the various events that had been held nationally and internationally during the last year, outlining problems and inviting discussion from the audience as to any improvements that could be made in the future. This brings me to the minus point of my trip. Out of all the people at the conference there were only THIRTEEN representatives from trials, and I think they represented only four clubs, Mick Andrews and Roy Carey providing the industry side of trials and Roy doing most of the talking.

Either people are happy with the way trials are run or not interested because at the end of the day, I think that trials has to stand up and be counted or will slowly be left behind by it's glamorous Motocross and Grass Track cousins.

Anyway, I found the seminar (another posh word) interesting and after a free meal courtesy of the A.C.U. I got home by 6 p.m. and didn't get told off by my wife for being late.

Any volunteers for next year?

RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTS

AFTER FOUR TRIALS

EXPERTS

'A' CLASS

4 B.C. Waters	53
34 J. Allen	43
30 M. Smith	31
70 G. Jarvis	18
52 S. Bridges	17
7 A. Howard	12
25 C. Dean	9

'A' NOVICE

88 S. Wass	62
40 R. Nutbrown	44
45 H. Stephens	38
50 N. Thompson	25
49 A. Wilson	18
11 L. Mc Roberts	14
21 J. Caulderhead	7

'C' CLASS

115 S. Bird	72
28 S. Dunk	48
80 J. Hickmott	30
79 M. Baldock	23
77 D. Gilbert	19
18 T. Pearce	8
68 I. Smout	7
63 G. Stone	7
66 K. Garwood	6
54 S. Craig	4
111 A. Burd	4
65 G. Stephens	1

'B' CLASS

121 W. Riorden	54
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'B' NOVICE

103 R. Bromley	67
44 J. Grossmith	44

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

My thanks to all who did so much to make our C & D National so enjoyable for all who took part.

During the day, very many people said how they had enjoyed it and commented on our club's commitment to youth trialling, this apparently is not found anywhere else.

In particular, they said that it was good to see older lads who were unable to take part doing observing and helping riders, they also were completely confident in their judgment as their attitude to the job was very good.

While all the fundamental requirements of the event are discussed and organised at the committee meetings, so much more is done on the incentive of individuals, and it is this that sets a Kent Youth National apart from any other National event.

Some entries were not received by Mrs. Bromley, even though they were posted, so when you post your entry, get a certificate of postage from the post office to prove you posted it in time, you can also ring the competition secretary before the closing date to make certain you are entered.

Gudy Davies, who is Chairwoman of the A.C.U. Youth Division is making a collection for Tom Woodward who has now retired from the T.M.X. If you would like to contribute to the donation the club is making please tell the caravan personnel.

Don't forget to keep in mind the next South Eastern Centre round at Sheppey, please note Owls are unable to hold their round so the number now is reduced to seven.

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In the T.M.X. at the beginning of the year, there is an advertisement for a Trials Holiday in North Cornwall on a farm, staying in a residential caravan.

Frances, my wife was so excited when she saw this in the paper, that we just had to spend a week there at the beginning of April. All joking aside, if anybody wants a holiday with a slight difference, in a nice part of the country, this is well worth a thought. The cost is reasonable £50 to £70 per week, depending on the time of the year, plus £5 for up to two bikes per week. The Caravan, whilst not five star, is nice. The trials ground K.Y.T.C. committee members would sell their souls for, being suitable for beginners up to experts, with mud, roots, rocks, climbs and water. You name it and it's got it, plus the owners of the farm, John and Gill Sabotig are really nice. John being a good trials rider, he rides a J.C.M. - still nobody's perfect.

If anybody wants to know more, see me or Stuart or give me ring.

Roy Bridges.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY 16/27	YMSA 2 Day Trial - Matlock
JUNE 3	KYTC PRACTISE - EAST FARLEIGH BARMING
3	C & D NATIONAL - WEST WILTS
10	A & B NATIONAL - BRADFORD
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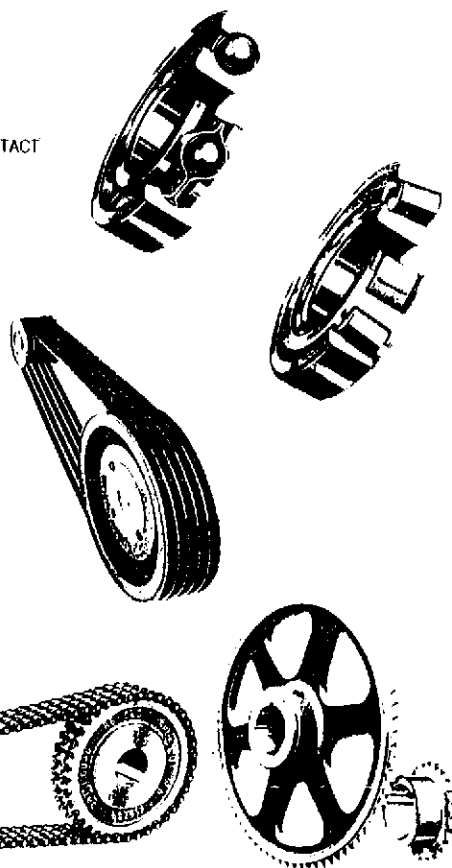
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