

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

I don't intend to revisit the AGM here as the Minutes will be published very shortly, but I would like to thank all those who came to what was a very sociable meeting, and to thank the outgoing Committee for their support over the last year. Check out this issue of the newsletter for a few changes to the Committee in role and membership. We all look forward with enthusiasm to the coming year.

The February trial proved challenging in more than one way! Persistent rain during the day meant care had to be taken in the sections so as not to lose too many marks on the slippery going, but perhaps the greatest challenge of the day for some was getting out of the car parking area! A big thanks to Mike Hammond here who with his Land Rover and off road tyres was instrumental in getting a fair number of vehicles back to the road. This area of land offers a great deal for future trials, and even those of us who have used the area before were surprised to see more potential as areas were not obscured by vegetation. The clearance of the parking area means that we should have more access to the wood all year round - and its rare for it to be so wet here. There is also the alternative parking in the slip road.



The beautiful blue sky today (Monday) was in stark contrast to the appalling weather over night on Saturday. I didn't cancel the training trial but only Paul Newman and his son Casey turned out. The fields were totally waterlogged and I have never seen the stream so full. In the wood it wasn't too bad and as the rain eased off during the day they had a good session.

Please be aware that the training trial will be held on the third Sunday of the month from April, and the Club trial will be on the fourth. This is to separate the Club trial from the South Coast and Star Group trials by a weekend and it should also mean that a wider choice of trials is available during the course of a month for those of you who really like to get the full use of their bikes.

Richard Coles

Club Trial 21 February 2010 at Sparticles Wood

The Club returned to Sparticles Wood after a lengthy absence from this venue.

Richard & Malcolm Coles and Colin & Matt Don spent time there the previous week cutting and clearing to enable the trial to go ahead at this venue. Colin & Matt and Richard & Malcolm also laid out on the Sunday morning, along with Pete Jenkins and Mike Hammond.



The trial was very successful, and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Certainly the sections were all 'do-able', but did take marks off everyone during the course of the day.

The main entertainment came at the end of the day, when trying to get out of the gateway! Thanks go to Mike Hammond whose Land Rover came into its own pulling out those who were stuck!



Full results are available on the website at www.rnd.co.uk, but the best on the day were as follows:

Route	1st	2nd	3rd
Expert/White	Stuart Read - 24	Scott Dark - 36	Simon Mephram - 36
Inter	Danny Haste - 40	Pat Lloyd-Jacob - 44	Antony Read - 63
Blue Under 16	Andrew Hutchinson Jnr - 56		
Blue Over 40	Pete Jenkins - 50	Andy Hutchinson Snr - 65	Colin Don - 68
Blue	Robert McKenzie - 36	Chris Roos - 51	Mark Stubberfield - 70
Red Under 16	Tom Hutchinson - 64	Grace Dark - 97	Ben Edwards - 109
Red	Richard Osborn - 44	Paul Newman - 46	Derek Tickner-Wand - 47
Yellow	James Dark - 31		

Your New Committee

Thank you to all who attended the AGM on 17th February. A good night was had by all - especially Jo Jenkins who seemed to enjoy handing out the awards just a little too much, as can be seen from the following photos!



We said goodbye to Pete Jenkins as Competition Secretary (although Pete will be remaining on the Committee to offer us his expertise), and also to Pat Lloyd-Jacob who left the Committee after a sterling 19 years service! Pat was awarded the Clubman's Cup by the membership in recognition of his work for the Club over the years and was also made an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

Eric Clarke was voted in as the new Competition Secretary, and Stuart Read and Malcolm Coles were voted in as his Assistant Competition Secretaries.

The Committee for this year therefore comprises:

Richard Coles - Chairman

Carol Dark - Club Secretary

Rob Edwards - Membership Secretary

Eric Clarke - Competition Secretary

Stuart Read & Malcolm Coles - Assistant Competition Secretaries

Jo Jenkins - Treasurer & Social Secretary

Debbie Don - Editor

Pete Jenkins, Dave Charman & Danny Haste - Committee Members.

In addition, thanks must go to Bruce Deacon for his work maintaining the Club website, Rick Parish who audits the Club accounts, Antony Read who takes responsibility for recording the Championships and working out the Handicaps, Brian Edwards who produces the results from the Club trials and Helen Smith who produces the results from the training trials.

Brian Edwards was awarded the Committee Cup, for his work on producing the results from Club trials.

Meet your Committee

This month - an introduction to Malcolm Coles:

Hi I'm Malcolm, one of the new Assistant Comp Sec's. I started riding when I was 3 but only competitively after getting a TXT GasGas when I was 10 years old. I now attempt to ride the white route on a GasGas 250 but am more involved with endurance racing for which I use a KTM, although we have had a number of different bikes this year. I will be at

most of the events this year and will be particularly involved with the training trials.

Alan Wright's Classic Off Road & Road Racing Show

On Saturday 13th February, Carol and I went to the two day Classic Off Road & Road Racing Bike Show at the International Centre, Telford, which is about a 3 hour journey away. The show is organised by Alan Wright and has been running for a few years now, although not always at the present venue. Originally it was just a one day show at an agricultural showground at the bottom of the Malvern Hills and although the scenery was great, the facilities were not nearly as good as they are now and on a cold February day that can make a big difference!

The show is mostly indoors where there are a huge variety of trade stands and bikes being exhibited as well as live radio interviews with successful riders from the past. Many people came away with bargains, others were just happy to be able to discuss technical details with the experts or manufacturers on hand. This could have been anything from frames, shocks, electronic ignition or cables to riding gear.

There were many old bikes on display which had in the past been ridden by works riders. Of particular interest to me was Martin Lampkin's black SWM which he rode in 1982 and is heavily modified.



Other bikes included the Royal Enfield that Johnny Brittain rode in the 1950s when he won a Gold Medal, the James that Olga Kevelos rode in the SSDT (currently for sale at £8000) and many others, usually with someone nearby more than willing to tell you anything you wanted to know about the bikes. A newer bike which was on display was the Greeves monoshock trials bike.

Outside was a small auto jumble. To some people this was nothing more than heaps of rusty junk! To others it was the chance to find parts they had been searching for to complete renovation projects.

Shows like this are also a good opportunity to meet up with people from different parts of the country, that you only usually see at national events. So whether or not you buy anything it is a good social event and you always end up bumping into a few local club members from our part of the country as well.

by Chris Dark

The Non Exeter Trial 2010

The long distance Exeter Trial is run by 'the Motor cycling club' in early January. Danny Haste and Alan Ross were to join me for the trial but before leaving for Cornwall I had to attend to a few breakages from the last outing - luckily this time the Triumph only needed a new rear break cable, new chain and sprockets, mod to the oil tank breather and some general tweaking and prep. As usual Danny's Suzuki needed some serious attention, (oiling the chain and checking tyre pressures) and Alan's Triumph Cheney was being fitted with some 'hot hands' grips to try to help with the freezing fingers in the early hours. We also needed to sort out some better anchorage in the 'tow-a-van' trailer so I sourced some bike chocks from a local factors, these particular ones are manufactured by Sealy Tools and although a lot cheaper than most on the market they did the job well.

Lorraine and I travelled down to our digs in Bude on the Sunday before the trial and although the journey saw temperatures of -6 all was well. We settled in on the Monday and enjoyed bright sunny weather whilst strolling along the beach. Tuesday night all hell let loose and we, as just about everyone else in the country, awoke to deep snow and below freezing temperatures. The news was of all major and minor roads blocked all across the South and after speaking to Danny and Alan it was looking like they probably would not make it and there was a serious chance that the trial might not go ahead. In the event they did make it down by Thursday only to learn, just as they arrived, that the trial was cancelled. As the course included travelling through four counties and covered over 200 miles it was not possible to guarantee that marshals or competitors could get to their positions and most of the small back roads that linked the sections were treacherous with packed ice.

Having resigned ourselves to no trial we decided to 'togg up' and sample the local area, so we headed off via the scenic (and slippery!) coast road, our destination was Davidstow, lying about 15 miles from Bude where there is a disused WWII aerodrome. It is one of the highest points in the area, right on the edge of Bodmin moor and is well known by the locals as a bit of a 'play ground'.



Having had a bit of a 'touch and go' ride on the roads it was good to head off into deep snow where you could cut your own furrow, this made staying upright a little easier. We blasted along the long runways for a while and spent some time watching the locals various antics, such as two guys piled up on a makeshift sledge being towed, (very quickly) behind a large van, there was also a hover craft and an array of 4wd vehicles finding the limit of their grip, one of which we helped push out of a very deep ditch.

After this the three of us headed deeper on to the moor where we had a swap around of the bikes; Danny was surprised how agile Alan's 750 Cheney felt until he found a deep snow hole to bury it in and then realised it was a little on the heavy side! So after blatting and laughing our way around in the Alaskan landscape for some hours we made our way back to Bude to meet the girls (our wives, just in case you get the wrong idea). That evening we enjoyed the local pub and reminisced on a great day, the cancellation of the trial was a shame but we are

now looking forward to the next one which will be the 'Landsend', held over the Easter weekend - Pete Jenkins will be making his maiden attempt on this one so I suspect there will be some interesting stories to relay in future newsletters.



NEWS FLASH

Danny's ultra reliable RMX has got engine trouble so watch this space to lean what happened next!

Pat Lloyd-Jacob

Club Trial - 21 March 2010

Venue	Blacklands Farm
Start	11am on 21 March 2010
Clerk	Eric Clarke
Course	May be either five laps of eight sections or four laps of ten sections. In both cases there will be a break after the second lap. It is preferred that riders ride the course as laps starting at whichever section they prefer and not keep riding the same section continuously.
Sections	This trial will have four routes and there will be a break after two laps when sections may be changed.
General	<p>Please note that all parents/people with parental authority are responsible for under 18 year old riders and it is required that you sign their entry forms. Under 18s do not have personal insurance cover, only third party. For safety reasons do not ride around the course alone but in small groups observing each other in the sections. Always check a section is clear before entering and no practising in the sections before or during the trial. If caught practising you may be disqualified. Helmets are optional for adults but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 18 riders MUST wear a helmet.</p> <p>This is an AMCA event run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at www.rnd.co.uk (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money

Note: anyone who has not renewed their Club membership will be charged the Guest fee at this event.

Beginner Training Trial

The next beginner Training Trial will be held on 28 March at Harts Lane, South Godstone, with a start time of 11am.

The MSM Trials & Enduro Motorcycle Insurance Scheme

We have been provided with details of a Trials & Enduro insurance scheme, which may be of interest to members.

The MSM Trials & Enduro motorcycle insurance scheme has been specially designed to provide cover that fully recognises the competition use, and yet provides road insurance all year round with a certificate of motor insurance enabling the purchase of road tax, use of the bike to attend club meetings, practice grounds or events, visit the petrol filling station etc., and yet still cover road use between the off-road stages of competitive events. It can also provide 24/7 theft cover (optional) that is NOT restricted to the garage at home, as in some other policies from well-known insurers. Please note that this insurer states they are now able to accommodate TWO motorcycles on a single third party fire & theft policy at a discounted rate subject to there being only one named rider.

Click the following link for further information:
<http://www.msminsurance.co.uk/trialsenduro.asp>

2010 Social Event of the Year!

A social evening open to all members will take place courtesy of Pete & Jo Jenkins from 8pm on Saturday 27 March 2010 at 143 Godstone Road Caterham Surrey CR3 6RF. Please bring your own drink. The cost will be £5 per head and will include a buffet and soft drinks.

The theme for this year's event is 'RRND', so come dressed as anything that starts with one of those letters e.g. Rabbit, Robot, Nurse, Doctor etc.

A great night is sure to be had! Please let Jo & Pete know if you are attending as soon as possible, so they know how many to cater for. Telephone: 01883 370045 or e-mail jo@threearchgarage.co.uk.

5% Discount offered to Club Members by Haven Trialsports

Following discussions Haven Trialsports, they have agreed to provide a discount to Club members. The following is a description from Vince Waterhouse

We've added quite a lot to the new shop site - including Gaerne, Clice, Xc-ting on the clothing side. We've also added & are still putting on more aftermarket parts.

We've also listed manufacturers original spares from Gas Gas, Sherco and Beta, as far as we know its the only UK based website to list original spares so that they can be bought online. Obviously we don't stock every single item that is listed but assuming that the info we've received from the importers is correct all the items listed are available.

As previously mentioned any Club members will receive a 5% discount on clothing and parts, which are not on special offer. Please ask your members to quote "RRNDDISC" when they checkout in the special instructions to vendors & we will adjust their payment authorisation.

We've also added a page where we will add pics/details of bikes people have for sale, Normally we'd charge a small admin of £ 10.00 to do so, assuming we don't get absolutely swamped with them, we'll do for free for the until the end of June (again they'll need to quote "RRNDDISC").

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Debbie Don