

# RRND

## Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



RRND April E-News

### Chairman's Chatter

Before digital cameras came along I still took loads of photographs. Often I would sort out the poorer shots and discard them, and most of the better ones would be placed in albums and shown around. When I obtained a digital camera I took even more photographs, failed to sort out the poorer photographs, shoved them all on a hard drive and hardly ever looked at them. One day I thought, I would actually sort them, back them up on disc or external hard drive, and perhaps print the better ones. Then Malcolm started his A level photography and even more photographs were taken, put on the computer, and hardly ever looked at until the week before he needed his best photographs for his final exams - when, of course, the computer died (with five years of family photographs!).

It has been a month of failures. I won't bore you with the details but I don't suppose it totally escaped notice that I yet again failed to finish a trial. Since I have owned my current machine it has been a model of consistency and expired in one way or another at every Club trial for the last year- that's if it has been running when I got there of course. I have thoroughly enjoyed testing a variety of machines that I have been lent to finish some of the trials - thank you everyone who has lent or offered to lend their pride and joy - but I have resolved that the beast has to go. Despite apparently disembowelling itself at the last trial it "merely" ate its gear box selector spring, turned it into barbed wire and jammed it into the clutch mechanism. I am, of course, being guarded about the identity of the beast because I wish to sell it - but you might want to avoid anything listed on e bay on April 1st!



Which brings me nicely to the Lands End Trial - as I type, last minute preparations to their machines are being made by Danny Haste, Pat Lloyd-Jacobs, and Pete Jenkins. Pete was persuaded to go by the other two by the promise of better daylight and spring like weather, (April fool?). The sleet is falling outside and temperatures are dropping!

No doubt we will read all about it in the next newsletter...

**Richard Coles**

## Comp Sec's Jottings

Hello all! For those who do not know me my name is Eric Clarke and I have foolishly 'volunteered' to take over the mantle of Competition Secretary from Pete Jenkins. Pete is going to be a very tough act to follow, as Pete's version of the job included planning event dates, booking venues, arranging permits, storing the Club's trial equipment (route cards, staplers, wire pegs, bags, marker pens, etc etc ) maintaining the same (including buying replacements as well as sorting out bags full of soggy and muddy cards returned from wet trials), arranging teams to layout trials, getting to the venue first in the morning of a trial, putting up route marking outside the venue, scouting the venue for likely section locations and then putting up 'BEGINS' and 'ENDS' cards.

Pete would then either layout a route, or head back to his van and do the signing on. At the end of the trial he was often the last to leave, having gathered up all the markers etc, and often having to take down sections as well. To my mind this is about 6 jobs rather than one and I'm sure I have missed some of the other things that he does!

When I said I would take on the role I agreed that I would do the 'secretarial' side of things as I cannot dedicate the time and effort that Pete has in the past - he is too tough an act to follow! My plan is to do the event planning and booking and try and arrange teams to run each Club trial – hopefully with the help of the new and enthusiastic Assistant Comp Secs that have joined this year (Stuart Read and Malcolm Coles). Fortunately, Pete has said that he is happy to carry on storing the equipment and getting it to trials (or to whoever is laying out) which is a great help.

I am very pleased that Stuart and Malcolm have stepped forward as they are both excellent riders with Stuart being a top white route rider and Malcolm having recently progressed from blue to inter to now ride the full white route. We also have the experienced Danny Haste who needs no introduction and has laid out more trials than anyone can possibly remember. Sadly we have officially 'lost' Pat Lloyd-Jacob from this role, but I hope we can persuade Pat to help out when his long distance trial (and other) commitments permit.

My high level plan is to try and get back to running our Club trials on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, as Group events run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and thus try and give people the opportunity to ride in both without being 'out' on consecutive weekends – I know that those of us with families and other commitments can find this a problem. Also, I want to try and get dates and venues booked up well in advance so that we can publicise them on our (excellent) Club website and so that people can get the dates in their diaries.

I would also like to try and get more people involved in laying out our Club trials. We don't run National events – we run CLUB level trials for our Club members, so there is no need for anyone to feel intimidated by what is involved or reluctant in case they might not 'do it right' – its just a Club trial at the end of the day. We are simply a load of blokes (and a few lasses) messing about on motorbikes in the mud. Things have to be done properly, but with help and guidance anyone who can ride a route can lay one out.

Each Club trial that RRND runs has three or four routes, which means 3 or 4 people to lay out – for each of our 11 Club trials a year. Since I have been involved it has nearly always been the same small number of people who do this. We all had /have to start somewhere and if someone volunteers to help I would ask them to work alongside an experienced person for the first time, just to get the hang of things.

I would ask each riding member of the Club to count up how many Club trials they rode last year, and then how many they set out? If each member only laid out one Club trial route per year we would have more than enough helpers!

Some clubs have 'team' systems whereby each club member is made a member of a laying out team and each team takes it in turn to layout a trial. I think Horsham Riders operate this system and it is a condition of membership (I'm sure someone will correct me if I am wrong.) What do members think of this system, would this be preferable?

An option we are trialling is that we have asked our Webmaster (Bruce Deacon) to increase the 'Whats on' section on our web page to include 'Who is laying out' so that members can see if there is a gap for a particular event. Members could also volunteer in advance if that makes things simpler? I want to get away from the panic phone calls on a Saturday evening if no-one is available to layout a particular route. (How would people feel if we simply didn't run a class because no-one volunteered to set it out?).

Anyway, enough from me for my first attempt at filling Pete's shoes.....I hope to see you at the next Club trial. Feel free to phone or email me if you would like to discuss anything related to my jottings – or even better to volunteer to help layout a Club trial route. If you would rather chat at a trial then great – just don't do it as I ride into a section!

Cheers for now,

Eric

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## Meet Your Committee

For those who don't know me, I am Stuart, I'm 24 and I have finally followed in my Dad's footsteps and joined the Committee - not sure I will ever rival his 29 years of service but who knows here goes!

I have been riding trials for as long as I can remember and have always been involved with the Club one way or another, be it following my Dad around at comps when I was younger, or making sure I am the loudest and drunkest at the camping weekend. I ride both Club events and the South Coast rounds, and hope to start riding even more this year. I ride the expert route and will either be having an amazing ride or a really bad ride swearing at things - never anything in between!

Hopefully having been with the Club for so long I can put something back into the Club as an Assistant Competition Secretary, and working with Eric and Malcolm can put on some really good events this year.

**Stuart Read**

## 2010 ACU Traditional Trials Championship sponsored by Normandale

The ACU run a 12 round National series of events called the 'Traditional Trials Championship' and these trials are best described as being organised along the lines of trials from 20 years ago. That is to say 40 sections and a single lap of around 20-30 miles which usually incorporates a good mix of road and off-road mileage. The Championship runs classes for Pre-65 bikes, Twinshocks, air-cooled monoshock bikes and 040 and 050 riders on modern machines. Obviously, bikes have to be registered due to the road work involved – but I have to say that scrutineering is a bit lax – to say the least :-)

This year along with Steve Forrest, Mike Husband and a group of riders from the Bognor Club, I competed in Round 1 of the Championship, which was run by the Castle Colchester club and started from Cammack Commercials yard in White Colne, near Colchester. The weather leading up to the event had been snow, then cold, then rain and with the terrain being naturally muddy we knew what we were in for!

The day dawned bright and cold, as expected, but even with 130 odd riders the non-stop observing format meant that things moved along pretty quickly. In fact, although there were that many riders, there was no queueing all day which may have been due to the time limit or the fear of darkness falling before riders had finished!

The sections were all sensible, with a great course which primarily followed

field edges and disused railway embankments. What roadwork there was, was quiet country lanes. The sections were sensibly laid out, mainly muddy climbs, tree routes and small stream crossings. There were a few stoppers, which you always need to get a winner, but nothing dangerous or 'hairy'. A couple of 4th gear climbs sorted out the winners!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the trial and I would recommend this series to anyone who fancies riding something that is a bit different and in a different part of the country. The Championship ranges from Torquay on the 8th March (I think Mark Stubberfield is riding this one – so good luck Mark!) followed by Lancashire the following weekend! I am hoping to ride in the Welsh Trophy trial in April and possibly some of the others – family commitments permitting. I rode the Hillsborough round last year and that was an excellent event also – if you like rocks!

The ACU website has details of all the rounds and Championship positions for the various classes.

Eric Clarke

## **Club History - Part 2**

### **RRND in the late 1940s**

Back in January 1947 when the records I have began, the Club had a Committee of eight, namely Mr Cook (Chair), Mr Gaylor, Mr Watkins, Mr Belk, Mr Bishop, Mr Stevens, Mr Funnell and Mr Fairbairn - none of whom were ever mentioned by their first names! The Committee met every two weeks and there were quarterly as well as annual general meetings, held at the Greyhound Pub in Redhill. The Club was a member of the South Coast Group which in those days met at the Talbot Inn, Cuckfield. The social side of the Club was thriving and often sub committees were set up to arrange such events. Every decision, however small, was recorded as being proposed by and seconded by a member of the Committee including the acceptance of new members into the Club.

During the first meeting of the year the Committee were celebrating the success of a dinner dance held at the Watermill, even though the Club had suffered a loss. This was put down to the fact that the cost of 10 shillings each, which included the coach, was too cheap. Nevertheless plans were underway for the next dinner dance, this time at the British Legion Hall in February with a 5 piece band for entertainment. There would be a waltz competition with cash prizes donated by local business people, 50 shillings for the best lady in the waltz and 30 shillings for the best man. A lady named Mrs Brugel would be asked to judge the competition.

Also, an invitation had been received from the Surrey Club inviting members

to a darts match at the Barley Mow together with Leatherhead Club. These Clubs, together with OWLS were to feature heavily in the Club's social calendar during the 1940s. RRND had also agreed to help OWLS out with observers for their forthcoming Witley Mill Trial.

Another item on the agenda was the Club badge (see below). The design had been sent to several companies and quotations were awaited for both machine badges and coat badges. Also it was decided that the Club should have headed notepaper and this was being investigated. Most communication was in writing and after all events, whether they be social or competition, letters of thanks were sent to anybody and everybody who had been involved. This always included the landowners after trials.

Design of Club Badge in 1947



At this time a decision was made to purchase 50 Gazettes (now The Sporting Motorcyclist) each month from the ACU at a cost of a penny each, to be posted out to members. Affiliation to the ACU was 1 shilling and 6d. Each month the Club was growing. New members elected and passed into the Club this month were Messrs Sloman, Carter and Edwards! (Could the latter be a relative of our current membership secretary?).

As members of the South Coast Group the Club were expected to put on two group events each year, a trial and a road event. The trial was to be on 13 April 1947 and they were looking for land on which to hold it. During the late 1940s trials land was in short supply but worse than that was the petrol shortage, yet to come.

Next time.....what were brave members doing to entertain the crowds at the

Southern Earlswood Community Association and who was voted out of the Club?

1947 Club membership form

**REIGATE AND REDHILL NORTHDOWNS  
MOTOR CLUB.**  
Affiliated to the A.C.U. Members of the South Coast Group.

**Application Form for  
Membership.**

Name (Please use Block Letters) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Give name of any other Club to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you any Licence endorsements? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what for \_\_\_\_\_  
Make and Co. of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you interested in Trials \_\_\_\_\_ Racing \_\_\_\_\_ Speed Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you be taking in TRIALS, ROAD, GRASS RACING \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ENTRANCE FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM ANNUAL  
SUBSCRIPTION £. PLUS 1/6 AFFILIATION FEE TO THE A.C.U.**  
On being accepted as a member, I agree to abide by the RULES of the Club and A.C.U.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The above Form should be completed and sent with the correct contribution to the Hon. Secretary,  
*W. H. BAKER,* P. 44-PURBARRICK,  
37-HITCHING-WAY,  
REIGATE, SURREY.  
Club Discs for members Machines may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary upon the Committee's  
acceptance of this Form.

Paid for Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Dark

## Annual Ski Trip

This year, (Dan informs me), was the 20th year for the annual ski trip. This year we went to Les Arc in France. The first ever trip was in La Molina with Anthony, Dan, Paul Brightman, Ian Western, Dave and Sally Charman and many others. There were 8 participants this year - 'Downhill' Danny Haste, 'P Taker' Patrick, 'Steady (can overtake Dan)' Trevor, 'Laugh a Minute' Alan Ross, 'Blackberry' Rick, 'Big Foot' Nigel, Mark a known friend of Pat's, and myself 'Baron Von Nevski'!

The weather could not have been better, with clear skies and good skiing. We all do our own thing, from the "I will join you Dan for a suicide run", up to "I will join you Nev for a gentle run, looking at the view and regular stops for refreshments"!

The chalet was very good - this was the second time we have been there, with excellent food and continuous wine.

Some of the lads are going back during the Summer as a road run to see what it's like at that time of year.

Last year was going to be my last trip, but after a great time this year my name is in the frame for next year as I am the holder of the red cards (not too many given this year!).

If anyone wants to see Danny in action, take a look at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHeb5PxQjxY> (Very worth a look ☺)

**Neville Lewis**

## **Club Social Event 27 March 2010**

Pete and Jo Jenkins (aka the 118 118 Runners) kindly hosted a social event at their house for Club members on 27 March - the theme being to dress up as something / someone beginning with the letters R, N or D.

The Romans staged another invasion of Britain, the Red Indians were on the warpath, and the Robbers slunk around trying to be inconspicuous as they plied their trade. The Dorito tried to avoid being eaten by the Dog, whilst the Dalek and the Devil made acquaintance with Robin Hood.

Danny Haste tried to convince everyone he was a character from a film, but no-one had obviously seen it!

A very enjoyable evening, and thanks go to Jo and Pete for their hospitality.

## **Lands End Trial Preparations**

Hello everyone, here's my latest report on the Lands End Trial preparations. Two weeks to D-Day and the Tenere is MOT'ed and taxed. A ten mile test ride and it all ran well but used about a litre of oil! After much diagnostic time and oil additives, the engine's out again for the third time and the head and barrel stripped for inspection. The barrel is not too bad but the head may have a crack in it. This is going to be hard to repair in the time available.

I had a chat with Dan about other options at this late stage. His Suzuki RMX has also developed a terminal engine problem so we are both in the same boat. Dan has bought a GasGas Pampera off ebay but he does not like it and it has too many problems for me or him to confidently get it ready in time. After a visit to Fins Motorcycles with my sad engine parts, I return with a Suzuki DRZ 400 that is nearly ready to go. It now has new tyres, rear wheel bearings, new clutch, speedo and chain guard. All done by 7.30 this evening, with a full 10 minute test drive in the car park at work, as tomorrow morning we are off to Cornwall to do the trial! Dan is in a worse predicament as his GasGas has already been taken to Cornwall by Pat, but with a seized up rear calliper. He managed to get a new calliper today from Mike Husband



so he hopes to fit it down there before the start! Dan is going via Wales to pick up another engine for his RMX as it is sort of on the way to Cornwall!

Thanks all, Pete Jenkins.

## Club Championships March 2010

### Club Championships 2010

Championships are run over 12 rounds with best 8 scores counting

#### Expert

Stuart Read	36
Malcolm Coles	27
Eric Clarke	22
Scott Dark	20

#### Inter

Pat Lloyd-Jacob	35
Antony Read	31
Danny Haste	23

#### Novice Blue

Robert McKenzie	36
Keith Cross	20
Robert Edwards	11
Chris Roos	11
Mark Stubberfield	10

#### Over 40 Blue

Pete Jenkins	35
Rob Edwards	31
Mark Stubberfield	20

#### Under 16 Blue

Andrew Hutchison Jnr	12
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#### Novice Red

Luke Edwards	29
Bob Collins	23
Paul Newman	21
Paul Brightman	19
Mike Hammond	17
Richard Osborn	12

#### Under 16 Red

Ben Edwards	33
Grace Dark	23
Tom Hutchison	12

#### Pre 67

Stan Metcalf	12
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Handicap	
Ben Edwards	65
Stuart Read	60
Malcolm Coles	53
Luke Edwards	53
Mike Hammond	49
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	46
Robert McKenzie	41
Scott Dark	41
Antony Read	36
Bob Collins	35
Grace Dark	35
Samuel Brightman	34
Eric Clarke	33
Pete Jenkins	31
Rob Edwards	29

## Blacklands Farm Club Trial 21 March 2010



Some 38 riders signed on at Blacklands Farm for the March Club Trial on a day that proved to be fairly warm and sunny. The best of the riders on the day were as follows:

Route	1st	2nd	3rd
Expert	Stuart Read - 8	Thomas Moss* - 26	Eric Clarke - 39
Inter	Pat Lloyd-Jacob - 17	Danny Haste - 53 (17 cleans)	Wayne Moseley - 53 & Sam Brightman - 53 (13 cleans each)
Novice Blue	Robert McKenzie - 44		
Over 40 Blue	Rob Edwards - 24	Pete Jenkins - 39	Chris Roos - 57
Red	Gordon Adsett* - 2	Bob Collins - 21	Phil Powell - 25
Under 16 Red	Grace Dark - 56	Ben Edwards - 87	
Yellow	Mike Hammond - 80	James Dark - 90	

\* Guest Riders



## Training Trial - 28 March 2010



The overall results were as follows:

### Red Route

Richard	Osborn	6
Paul	Newman	7
Mike	Hammond	45

## Yellow Route

Julie		Thompson	18
Gordon	Cumberland*		19
Casey	Newman		45
* guest			

## Next Beginner Training Trial

This will be held on 18th April 2010 at Harts Lane, South Godstone. Start time 11am. Contact Richard Coles for further information on 0777 0543337 or by E mail at [richardguy.coles@virgin.net](mailto:richardguy.coles@virgin.net).

## Next Club Trial - 25 April 2010

Venue	Old Quarry Betchworth
Start	11am on 25 April 2010
Clerk	Eric Clarke
Laying Out	Don and Dark families
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	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. <b>Helmets are optional for adults but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 18 riders MUST wear a helmet.</b>  This is an AMCA event run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at <a href="http://www.rnd.co.uk">www.rnd.co.uk</a> (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money

## Articles for next Edition

Please ensure any articles for the next edition reach me by 1 May 2010 - contact details

below.

**Debbie Don**

## **Finally..... Mark Stubberfield**

Finally.. Mark Stubberfield has gained an entry to this years Scottish Six Day Trial at the beginning of May.

"The Scottish Six Days Trial has the additional test of reliability over long distances, with riders completing up to 100 miles each day over a combination of rough moorland, rocky tracks and public roads. Each daily route is designed by the Clerk of the Course to challenge the ability, experience, strength and stamina of each rider. To ride 100 miles and negotiate 30 sections each day for six consecutive days requires strength, expertise and exceptional reliability from both rider and machine."

The Committee hopes that your preparation is going well Mark, and we are sure that members will want to join with us to wish you an enjoyable and 'feet up' ride.

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