

# RRND

## Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



### Chairman's Chatter

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you were able to enjoy Christmas with friends and family and that the winter weather did not spoil your plans.

The newsletter has been well received and has received favourable comment from most members. I say most because its flexible format now allows us to receive and publish members' views and this issue contains a letter from Neville who clearly has doubts. Neville is well qualified to have an opinion as a former member of the Committee and editor of the Club's newsletter. However the matter has been long debated by the Committee and has received far more praise than negative comment and I do not intend to revisit the debate. I would stress again that anyone who cannot receive the newsletter by e mail will be sent a printed edition.

Neville concludes his letter with a tongue in cheek comment about renewing membership online. Well, on the Christmas Sunday Malcolm rode as an RRND member in the Witley Enduro. There were 360 riders. Entry was online, payment could be made online. An entry list was immediately created and could be viewed by all. The programme came out - online, with rider numbers. Riders were electronically tagged, and best of all - results were on line by the time we had driven home from Weavers Down! Bring it on - no doubt Rob is already working on online payment of your membership!

The Club AGM approaches. No doubt there will be some comment and questions about changes over the past year. If you have a point to make please try and be there. Better still, if you wish to see the Club thrive and develop further consider joining the Committee or offering your services in some capacity in the coming year.

We are sorry that we were not able to offer the traditional mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Trial, but conflicting commitments meant that we had no-one to run it. As always, volunteers are welcomed!

Richard Coles

### Letter from a rider at our Star Group Trial in December 09

Hi

I rode at last Sunday's trial and would like to thank everyone involved for a great day. I have been riding for a number of years and can honestly say that the observers you had are by far the best I have ever met. Normally they are quite stern, however, your observers were full of encouragement and appeared to actually want to be there. Please pass this on to all concerned and I look forward to meeting up with you all again in the New Year.

Wishing you all a happy New Year.

Kind regards

Neil Martin



Photos from our Star Group Trial in December 09



## Star Group Trial Results

Full results from our round of the Star Group are available on our website at [www.rnd.co.uk](http://www.rnd.co.uk). The best of the riders on the day were as follows:

Expert: Mark Budgen 33ml

Inter: Jim Howell 17ml N Hains 32ml

Novice: S Fishwick 5ml John Bragg 21ml

Sportsman: Derek Bentley 18ml Neville Lewis 30ml (most cleans)

Pre 67B: Roy Enticknapp 0ml Paul Casling 0ml

Over 40 John Dismore 1ml Tim Paddock 13ml

Over 50: R Broughton 0ml Jim Scott 0ml Pete Hains 0ml

Twinshock: Neil Sinclair 1ml Martin Kemp & Mark Always 2ml each - joint second

Youth Inter: C Woodward 26ml

**Thanks once again to everyone who organised, observed and helped at this very**

successful event.



## Club History - from the beginning...

A couple of months ago I took over as Club Secretary and with this position I became the 'keeper' of the books recording the minutes of the Club's meetings, dating back to 1947.

Although neatly written in fountain pen, it took a while for me to decipher the handwriting style, but once used to it, I scanned through the monthly minutes and found that I wanted to read on and discover the outcome of the various issues.

As I worked my way through the book however, I came across three separate sheets of notes all written at different times, giving a time line of the Club going back as far as 1918. Some older members may already know of the history of the Club but for the sake of the more recent members, I thought it would be good to share this with you.

The Club was originally named the North Downs Motor Club and was founded around 1918. During the mid 1920s the Club disbanded but was reformed by Mr Belk on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1935 as a social club, meeting regularly at the Black Horse and running trials and speedway meetings.

The first trial was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1936 and was called the October Trial. Entry for members was 1 shilling and 6 pence and for non-members 2 shillings. There were 30 entries and it was won by a Mr J Tatham on a 490cc Norton sidecar.

By 1938 membership had risen to 40 and the Club became affiliated to the ACU and competed in the South Coast events. In this year the Club's HQ moved to Bunce's Tea Room at Reigate Heath and then to the Greyhound in Redhill.

In early 1939 Mrs Lucy Carrick (the Vice Chairman's wife) presented the first ever cup for the best all round clubman and also the first Annual Dinner was held at the Warwick Hotel, Redhill. Membership was now over 50.

The Club continued to meet regularly throughout the War although sometimes there were only 5 present due to Home Guard duties etc. In January 1940 Club subscription was reduced to 2 shillings and 6 pence for the duration of the War and members in the Forces were made Honorary Members. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1946 the Club's name was changed to **Reigate and Redhill North Downs** and a Club badge designed.

By 1947 the Committee were trying hard to rebuild the Club as members were demobbed and returned. A decision was made to hold a trial as a group event and it was called the Dobraveni Cup incorporating the Hulme Cup for best sidecar. A year later a scramble was held at Brands Hatch and that same year Don Barrett joined the Club.

Next time.....RRND in the 1940s.

**Carol Dark**

## **A word of warning for us all..**

Charlie Harris, a former Greeves and Montesa Works rider, and a well known RRND rider, is still having fun travelling the continental MX circuit. He was stranded in a French petrol station with a trailer and couple of bikes, when his car keys broke in the ignition. On calling his insurers, he was told "Sorry Sir, that's not covered...." Moral: CHECK YOUR POLICIES!

**Thanks to Bruce Clarke for making us aware of this insurance loop hole.**

## **Competition Secretary Vacancy**

As advised last month, Pete Jenkins wishes to stand down as Competition Secretary. The good news is that he will, however, remain an active member of the Committee and offer his expertise to whoever takes over the position.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the Chairman, Richard Coles on 01737 822312 or e mail to [richardguy.coles@virgin.net](mailto:richardguy.coles@virgin.net).

It may be possible to split this role between two people, with one dealing with the administration side (booking land and dealing with the ACU/AMCA paperwork), and one dealing with setting out trials and acting as Clerk of the Course etc. Anyone interested in finding out what is involved can contact Pete to discuss on 01883 370045 or e mail [pete@threearchgarage.co.uk](mailto:pete@threearchgarage.co.uk).

## **2009 Enduro Competitions**

In spring last year Malcolm entered the Surrey Police Enduro. He rode a Yamaha WR250 (having rejected a Honda XR250) and we learnt that despite all the pipes, the switches, and the settings, modern 4 strokes still do not kick start into life instantly. There followed a brief ownership of a Gasgas EC200 but the bike that proved best for Malcolm was a KTM SX125. This is a motocross bike and needed some slight adaption to meet ACU regulations. Lights were added, a flywheel weight to aid tractability, and FIM approved enduro tyres. The carburetion had been set for short circuits and some experimentation was required before we got it right and the bike ran without fouling plugs.



Malcolm entered eight events during the year. On the fourth event, a time card enduro, Malcolm was on time but unplaced. The last four events have resulted in one DNF (ignition problem in atrocious going) and a gold medal in the other three including a runner up to premier, and a fifth place out of a class of 160 in the Boxing Day Enduro.

So what is an enduro? The ACU describe it as a long distance timed trial of endurance and reliability, not including observed sections. As stated the event can be a traditional time card event or the very popular "Hare and Hound" format. In the time card format a rider is given a schedule to maintain, and needs to ride at a pace so as to allow for refuelling and maintenance. If the rider is early or late they lose points on that check which cannot be made up and they need to adjust their timing to meet the next check on the schedule given. A special test will be ridden to perform a tie break. With this format a minor mechanical problem may be resolved with only a small amount of time penalties. Different classes will be given different schedules but all ride the same route.

A Hare and Hounds event is basically a race with the fastest rider in each class who completes the most distance in a given time (normally 3 hours) setting standard time and slower riders being placed accordingly. Any mechanical problem has a serious effect on results. Again all riders use the same course.

Most riders enter on purpose built competition enduro machines, with a few on converted motocross bikes or trail bikes. The majority of events in the South East are run under ACU regulations, and as with trials a licence is required, although the cost is £40. A rider who requires both an ACU trials licence and an enduro licence pays just the higher enduro licence fee. Entry fees are also higher than for trials, normally £35-45 per day, reflecting the much greater land and organisation costs. Most events require electronic timing and each rider has a transponder. Limited land in the Southeast means events are multi-lap affairs with laps varying between 4 and 10 miles.

Malcolm was 16 years old when he rode his first event (the youngest you can be) and is achieving great results. His achievements cannot compare though with the legendary rider Jeff Smith, who at the age of 16 rode a Norton Dominator from Birmingham to Varese in Northern Italy, competed over 6 days covering 1600 kilometres in the International Six Days Trial (now ISDE), achieved a gold medal, and rode it back again! He was too young for International Competition but such was his achievement that this was ignored by the FIM President!

Over the years a number of RRND members have competed with great success in enduros. Hopefully we may in time read some of their stories in this news letter. Jo Beard is another member of RRND who currently rides and was well placed in the Southeast Combine Championship until a serious foot injury prevented him from riding the last two events. The injury was as a result of trials riding!



If any members wish to know more about enduros please ask, or join us at an event to get a feel of things.

**Richard Coles**

## Diary Dates 2010

All dates/venues are provisional, and you should check the website at [www.rrnd.co.uk](http://www.rrnd.co.uk) for updates.

10 Jan 2010	Star Group Pete Simmons Trial (Kingston & District MCC) Bagshot Heath South D1 Test Track. NOW CANCELLED
10 Jan 2010	South Coast Group Trial (EDMCC) Hourne Farm Crowborough
17 Jan 2010	Club Trial Ockley 11am
31 Jan 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Lane South Godstone 11am
14 Feb 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
14 Feb 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Bognor & Carshalton) Sharpthorne
21 Feb 2010	Club Trial Sparticles Wood 11am
WED 17 Feb 2010	Club AGM Home Cottage PH Redhill (A25)
28 Feb 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Lane South Godstone 11am
14 Mar 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
14 Mar 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Bognor Club) Miscombe
21 Mar 2010	Club Trial Blacklands Farm 11am
MARCH	SOCIAL EVENT - FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW
28 Mar 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
11 Apr 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
11 Apr 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Bognor Club) Elsted
18 Apr 2010	Club Trial TBA
25 Apr 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
9 May 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
9 May 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Horsham Riders) Rome Woods NO ENTRIES ON DAY
16 May 2010	Club Trial TBA
30 May 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am

6 Jun 2010	Kent & Sussex Camden Cup and Quaife Trophy Team Trial at Crowborough. We would like to enter several teams, so please consider putting yourself forward to ride
6 Jun 2010	National Trial - Greybeards (Sunbeam Club) at Stedham
13 Jun 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
13 Jun 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Crawley Club) Birchanger Wood
20 Jun 2010	Club Trial TBA
27 Jun 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
11 July 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
11 July 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Brighton Club) Ifold Nr Lewes
18 Jul 2010	Club Trial TBA
SAT 31 Jul 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
8 Aug 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
8 Aug 2010	South Coast Group Trial (RRND) Old Quarry Betchworth. <b>Volunteers to observe required!</b>
15 Aug 2010	Club Trial TBA
AUGUST 2010	NO TRAINING TRIAL
27-30 Aug 2010	Club Camping Weekend
12 Sept 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
12 Sept 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Southern Trials Club) Steepmarsh
19 Sept 2010	Club Trial TBA
26 Sept 2010	KENT YOUTH (NATIONAL) BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AT COWDEN. Great spectating!
26 Sept 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
10 Oct 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
10 Oct 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Eastbourne Club) TBA
17 Oct 2010	Club Trial TBA
31 Oct 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
7 Nov 2010	Star Group Trial TBA
7 Nov 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Eastbourne Club) TBA
21 Nov 2010	Club Trial TBA
28 Nov 2010	Beginner Training Trial Harts Land South Godstone 11am
12 Dec 2010	Star Group Trial RRND Club Old Quarry Betchworth. OBSERVERS WILL BE REQUIRED - PLEASE VOLUNTEER!
12 Dec 2010	South Coast Group Trial (Brighton Club) Faygate
DECEMBER 2010	NO TRAINING TRIAL

## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motor Club and Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.

To be held on Wednesday February 17th 2010 at The Home Cottage Public House, Redstone Hill, Redhill, Surrey (off A25) 7.30 - 8.00pm start.

Please arrive early so the meeting can start on time. It will be held in the function room at the back of the Pub.

Nominations for the following positions in both Clubs and motions for the agenda of each AGM should be sent to the Club's Secretary in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting. All motions must be seconded and signed by the nominee. If



you are not sure of the procedure please contact a member of the existing Committee.

**Committee Positions:**

**Chairman**

**Club Secretary**

**Membership Secretary**

**Social Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Competition Secretary**

**Editor**

**Assistant Competition Secretary (2)**

**Committee Member (3)**

**Please try and come along - awards for the 2009 Championships and Handicaps will be given out, food will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to socialise with other Club members.**

## **Letter to the Committee**

### **Newsletter**

"The new news letter only available via the internet is this progress or not?"

Many years ago when I was editor having taken over from either Bill Edwards or Wilf Cooper it was just a photocopied information sheet with some articles of interest and did the job. After me was Bruce and Margaret Clarke who improved the news letter and introduced some colour pics, Bruce was very good at this, then it was taken over by Dave Wooster and produced a totally professional all colour all singing and dancing magazine but unfortunately it was so good Dave ran out of time to complete a news letter every month, so now its in the hands of Debbie.

The main question I would like to ask is the e mail edition as good as a photocopied booklet that you can read at breakfast or anywhere. Clubs such as Bognor, Horsham riders produce a info booklet sent to members and it works.

Our December news letter came with a membership reminder so are we going to have a reminder by e mail and then pay by credit card?

Just a thought when we organise a group trial why not send out the entry by a mail then the program by a mail and then the results the same way or just have a virtual trial saves even buying bike

Neville" (Lewis)



## Membership Renewal

You are invited to renew your Club membership for another year. Membership forms are available to print out from the website at [www.rrnd.co.uk](http://www.rrnd.co.uk)- click on "Joining the RRND" on the left hand side of the page. Please send your completed form and cheque for the correct amount to Rob Edwards, the Membership Secretary, as soon as possible. You can contact Rob on 01293 873806 or by e mail to [edwards802717182@btinternet.com](mailto:edwards802717182@btinternet.com).

## January 2010 Club Trial - 17 Jan 2010

Venue	Ockley (Directions available on website: <a href="http://www.rrnd.co.uk">www.rrnd.co.uk</a> )
Start	11am on 17 January 2010
Clerk	Peter Jenkins
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. <b>Helmets are optional for adults but you are strongly advised to wear one. All under 18 riders MUST wear a helmet.</b></p> <p>This is an AMCA event run by Reigate &amp; Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at <a href="http://www.rrnd.co.uk">www.rrnd.co.uk</a> (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money

## Deadline for articles for E News

Please send all articles for publication to the Editor, Debbie Don, by 1 February 2010 for the next edition. Contact details can be found at the end of this E News.

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