

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

I am on the North Norfolk coast, where the breaking news seems to be that swingeing Govt cut backs will see the end of the local mountain rescue team and television should be introduced to this part of the Country by the next World Cup.

I reckon I have found the perfect area for me to retire to with Godzilla (the GasGas- not a pet name for my wife!) as with barely a hill in sight, the push back to the car park shouldn't be too bad and the way I am riding hopefully the sections would be a bit easier.

Thanks to all who cleared at the Hookwoods trial - it was nice to have plenty of volunteers. This can still be a problem from time to time and we will be reintroducing the board to identify clearers at the start of the trial.

Thanks to all who have laid out the last few trials - but it would be nice to give them a rest. If you fancy a go let Eric know- assistance/guidance can be given.

In this newsletter you will find a bit more information about the July Club trial and training session. This is not intended to be a major event on the lines of the August Bank Holiday Camping Weekend, but a working party/social event with a bonus. Remember -we need to know if you are coming.

Richard Coles

75th Anniversary Camping Weekend at Ockley

This event will be taking place over the weekend of 24th/25th July 2010 at Ockley near Dorking, and, as previously communicated, we have booked Sam Connor to carry out training on the Saturday.

Sam is an accomplished rider who finished in the World top ten a few years ago and in fact won the Scottish Six Days Trial in 2006. He is also a nice bloke and a very good instructor and everyone I have spoken to who has attended his training sessions have always said how good they were and how much they got out of them. This includes younger riders, novices, experts and over 40 riders. We still have a few places left for the training sessions, but these are limited as Sam restricts the numbers to ensure that everyone gets a more personal level of tuition. So if you would like to take part - let us know - **NOW!** We intend to run two sessions, one in the morning for schoolboy/novice level and one in the afternoon for more advanced riders.

Please let Debbie know if you would like to book a session with Sam so that we can finalise the rider lists, and thus costs. It is no good just turning up on the day and hoping to take part - you must book in advance! E mail Debbie at

debbie.don1@btinternet.com or call her on 01737 243537.

The RRND Committee have agreed to part subsidise the cost of this training and thus (depending on final numbers) the cost is likely to work out at around £20 - £25 per rider / session, which is fantastic value for this level of tuition.

On the Saturday there will also be a clearing session and then free riding for those riders not taking part in the tuition (obviously this will be carried out away from those undertaking tuition) and everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring suitable 'implements', saws, shears etc. The more we can clear then the more scope we have at this lovely piece of land.

There will be overnight camping permitted at the venue and toilets are being provided for the Saturday night. Whilst there will be no 'formal' Club activity on the Saturday evening, I'm sure there will be plenty of 'unofficial' activities!

Sunday will be our July Club trial round, at the same venue - so why not attend both days and get a bit of practise in before the event!

In order that we can forewarn the landowner (and book sufficient toilets!) please can you let Debbie know if you intend coming for one or both days and if you plan to camp overnight.

Thanks in advance, and lets hope the sun shines all weekend!

Cheers,

Eric Clarke

Quaife Team Trophy

In previous editions of E News, we have mentioned the Quaife Team Trial held at Crowborough. This year, we entered two teams for this event, held on 6th June. Teams consist of an Expert, an Inter and a Novice, and all ride the same route.

The teams and their results were as follows:

RRND ACES: The Aces came 11th out of 20 teams entered:

Scott Dark Expert 13

Chris Dark Inter 9

Pete Jenkins Novice 63

Total Score = 85



RRND1: This team followed closely behind, coming 12th out of 20 teams entered:

Malcolm Coles Expert 17

Mike Husband Inter 34

Rob McKenzie Novice 36

Total Score = 87.



The winning team had a combined score of 40 marks lost.

Well done to the teams, and we look forward to entering more teams next year!

Evening Trial at Sparticles Wood - 16 June 2010

A perfect evening weather wise, saw a good turn out of riders for this years' first Club evening trial at Sparticles Wood.

On arriving at the venue in the afternoon to set out, the foliage was above waist height, so Richard, Colin and Malcolm set to, to try and clear enough access and sections. This proved for Colin with his hedge cutter, so exhausting, that he was too tired to then ride!

The ladies prepared the BBQ for after the event (thanks Jo and Carol), and it seems a

good time was had by all. Certainly, comments have been received about how much this venue is liked, and it can only improve with use.



Best of the riders on the night were as follows, (But remember - these scores do not count towards the Club Championships):

Route/Class	1st	2nd	3rd
White	Stuart Read 24	Scott Dark 31	Malcolm Coles 48
Inter	Darren Hawney 25	Simon Mepham 53	
Novice Blue	Samuel Brightman & Robert McKenzie - both 12 (with 16 cleans)	Philip Tickner-Wand 19	Tom Charman 20
Blue Over 40	Steve Armistead* 17	Rob Edwards 25	Pete Jenkins 31
Red	David Charman 8	Paul Newman 8	Martin Howell 19
Red Under 16	Ethan Whatmore 6	Andrew Hutchinson Jnr 15	Toby Smith 21
Yellow	Jamie Smith 7	James Dark 13	Brian Walpole 15

Training Trial - 20 June 2010

At the time of writing, no results have been published for this training trial, but judging from

the photos (see website), a glorious sunny day was enjoyed by the participants.

Club Trial at Hookwoods - 27 June 2010

This trial was laid out by the Dark and Don families on the Saturday before the event.

It is very hard at this venue, which is used for Nationals and other 'high end' trials, to strike the right balance for a Club level trial - particularly as we are restricted to the land on this left side, when the land the other side is more 'natural' and may be easier to lay out for a trial of Club level.

Whilst the results are not yet available, some comments have been received about how hard some of the routes were, with people dropping down a route, but comments have also been received that some of the routes, (the white route for example), were just right, and did stretch the riders a little. Obviously, not everyone can be pleased! Thanks to the Darks and the Dons for investing their weekend into running this trial - particularly since the signing on equipment was stored in Pete's van, and he was in France.....! A bit of ingenuity saved the day and enabled the trial to run.

It was a pity that not more riders turned out at this usually very popular venue, but despite the trial starting an hour earlier than usual so people could get home to watch the football, it seems a lot of people preferred to stay home and watch the build up to the muppets trying (and I mean trying) to kick a ball around a pitch - I'm sure they wished they had come to the trial instead now!

Results will be published on the website as soon as they are available.

BikeSafe Course

Back last summer, Rick Parish produced a very good article regarding the Surrey BikeSafe courses, and I promised that I would write a piece about Matt's and my experience of the course run by the Met Police. After a little nagging from my wife(!), I have now put pen to paper!

Matt and I attended a course in July 2009 - booked and paid for online, costing £30 each. This was money extremely well spent! We met up with our assessors at the Met Police Sports Club at The Warren in Hayes. All the assessors are Met Police Motorcyclists and all seemed to have their own road bikes (some more than one!), as well as riding for the Police.

On arrival, our bikes were inspected to ensure roadworthy, and our documents were checked to ensure all was in order.

We then had a short classroom session with a couple of case studies of actual accidents and some input as to the causes. Tea & biscuits followed, then out on the first ride of the day which was the urban ride through Orpington town centre. We were matched up with riders on similar capacity bikes, in pairs, with a Police assessor.

A stop followed with a debrief of the morning ride and lunch at Frankie & Benny's (paid for by Met Police). Then it was out for the afternoon ride through the highways and byways of deepest Kent. This was far more enjoyable with regular stops for the Police riders to point out good & bad elements of your riding.

Upon return to The Warren, there was a final debrief and a written assessment given to

each rider, together with a certificate which can be shown to insurers to gain a discount.

My assessment seemed to contain more than Matt's(!), although my assessor did say that my town ride was safe, good positioning and filtering when safe, and that there was good improvement in positioning through my afternoon ride. I needed to work on maintaining position all around the bend until able to see the exit, and watching for the vanishing point and trying to avoid braking on entry.

Matt's simply said "Trust me! Control those gears and ride better."

All in all this was a really useful and enjoyable day, and we though excellent value for money. I would definitely attend another course in future, as it would pick up on any bad habits creeping into my riding.

Earlier this year, Rick Parish (who co-ordinates the Surrey BikeSafe Scheme), gave a talk with video etc at a local pub in Betchworth. This was well attended by Club members and I am sure all who attended found it both interesting, funny in parts and useful for safe riding in many differing road conditions. Several discussions ensued and the time just flew by - thanks Rick for an enjoyable and informative evening.

Matt and I are contemplating further motorcycle training with the I.A.M. (more insurance discounts!)

Rick has previously advised that if enough interest, he will arrange a BikeSafe day just for Club members - it is well worth doing for anyone considering it.

Colin Don

bmf Membership

The Club is now a member of the bmf (British Motorcycling Federation). The aims of the bmf are to pursue, promote & protect the rights of motorcyclists.

As part of our membership, we receive a special public liability insurance package for Club officials and members.

All Club members are affiliate members of the bmf, and entitled to the benefits such as:

Save 15% on the standard NCI Biker Rescue standard rates
Travel insurance
bmf Visa card
Discount stays at Express by Holiday Inn
Tyre discounts
Preferential rates for your bike insurance with Nci
10% off at [V Customs](#).

If you would like a membership card, with the discount code you will need to access the above benefits, pick one up at one of the next few trials, or please contact our Club Secretary, Carol Dark, on 01737 767007 or E Mail cdark@ntlworld.com.

Nuts on a bike!

Take a look at the following link sent in by Stuart Read:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqLLxr7w2y8>

Stolen Bikes

The following has been received from an Eastern Centre rider:

I hope you can help, I have had both my 05 Montesa 4RT (RED) and my 04 GASGAS 280 (RED, BLACK & SILVER) stolen, I would appreciate you sending this info around in the hope that someone spots them.

Regards

Gary Smith



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World Trials Round

I attended the British round of the World Trials Championship held on the slopes of Ben Nevis. This area is familiar to all SSDT enthusiasts as it always has some Six Day sections there, but not like these!

Some sections were at car park level, some more were manufactured arena style adjacent to the grandstand, with the remainder in the streams that make their way down from the summit, still some snow there. These high level sections were accessible via the gondolas used by winter skiers or summer mountain bikers.

Mountain section:



A new rule we hadn't encountered before was that the riders could not walk through the sections! Inspections were by a taped corridor alongside.

It goes without saying that the World riders were truly amazing. We saw Toni Bou have 2 fives on Sunday with uncharacteristic lapses of concentration. The stand out moment of the weekend was to see Fujigas on the stadium section 15. This featured jumping off a 10ft high ramp across a 15ft gap to land on a perilously small landing area, which was also 10 ft in the air! Not a problem for Fujigas, he leapt the gap, bounced off the 2nd rock with his front wheel high in the air, straight onto the 3rd rock. The crowd stood as one in appreciation.

This was a brilliant trial and for Fujigas to have a 2nd lap of 5 marks lost shows he is back in top form.

Section15: Michael Brown



Bob Collins

Forthcoming Events:

7 July - Evening Trial and BBQ at Sparticles Wood - Start 6pm

18 July - Beginner Training Trial Harts Lane South Godstone. Start 11am

24/25 July - Camping Weekend at Ockley incorporating Sam Connor training sessions on Saturday & Club trial on Sunday.

See website at www.rrnd.co.uk for details.

And finally.....

Welcome to new Members:

David Cutler

Tony & Nathan Richardson.