

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

I open with the sad news of the death from cancer of Roger Farmer. It was good to see Roger out and about at our South Coast Trial and he was full of praise for the treatment he was receiving at the Royal Marsden Hospital and upbeat about the future. Alas it was not to be and he died on the morning of the 1st September. Our thoughts and sympathy are with the Thomas family. Roger was a good friend of RRND and well known within the trials world. He will be sadly missed.

The camping weekend has come and gone and now it's all downhill to Christmas! By all accounts this was another great weekend and to prove it there are plenty of photographs on the RRND site from Paul Newman (and a few on Stuart's facebook page as well!). Many thanks to everyone who helped put the weekend together but particularly to Jo and Pete on whom the event seems to rely more and more.

The next Club trial is at Ockley and you will be able to see the benefit of the clearing that has taken place. This is on the third weekend - brought forward to allow you to visit the Youth National Round at Cowden the following weekend. This means there is no training trial this month.

Finally - apologies if you went to the Home Cottage on the 1st September and didn't find the Committee there. The next meeting was set for the 8th due to the commitments of the camping weekend.

Richard Coles

South Coast Trial 8 August 2010 at The Old Quarry Betchworth

All,

Just a brief note to say thanks to those who turned out for all your help and efforts over the weekend. Everyone seemed to enjoy their day, with the sections working well and taking marks whilst not being too difficult - even the notorious section 11.... I didn't hear any moans or groans and got lots of good feedback about everything in general.



A special thanks to Stuart and Bob C for their help both on Saturday laying out and then on Sunday with Stu taking care of sections and Bob and Sandra handling the signing on and starting duties. (Sandra also did the first aid - so thanks for that!)

Everyone also chipped in at the end and we sorted all the gear in the car park after the trial which was great and saved me an hours work when I got home!



Cheers to all and thanks again!

Eric Clarke

Roger Farmer

As mentioned by Richard above, I am sorry to have to inform members that Roger Farmer died recently following his brave fight against cancer. Most RRND members will know Roger from his time helping run 'The Old Quarry' trials centre at Betchworth or from when he was minding for his grandson, Luke Thomas, in

Club and local events.

Roger was a positive and colourful character and whenever I met him he always had time to shake hands and have a chat, with lots of stories about his younger days riding sidecar trials and grass track as well as horse racing and countless other escapades. Even in the last few months he still attended trials when he could and I am glad that my last memory of him was at our South Coast Group event at Betchworth, sitting outside in the sunshine having a cup of tea having enjoyed watching the trial.

Roger supported Luke in so many ways, driving him to trials when he was younger, helping out with the bike and drinks and advising on the sections, but he was not averse to giving Luke some forthright opinions if he felt it was warranted! He would always offer to help setting out trials and he and Luke helped me with our South Coast event last year, they also laid out evening trials for us at their land.

I have only known Roger and Luke for the last 5 years or so, since they started attending RRND trials and I think the following excerpt from my report of a very muddy and wet club trial at Faygate tip, in May 2006, summed up their relationship...."In the youth category Luke Thomas had a fantastic ride on his Sherco to lose just 23 marks on the day. If he continues to improve at this rate he will be one to watch for the future. He was still smiling even after falling into the water pit at section 5, with the water reaching up to his thigh! He did well to get out of the water hole, especially after Roger, his minder, nearly followed him in when trying to get the bike out! Maybe that's what he was really laughing about? Good to see someone was laughing at what was not one of the most enjoyable days out!"

He will be sadly missed at trials events and my condolences go to Karen, Dave and Luke Thomas and all his family.

Rogers funeral will be at Leatherhead Crematorium on Friday 17th September at 16:15pm, and afterwards at Walton Heath Golf Club. No flowers please, but donations can be made to Cancer Research or the Meningitis Trust either directly or through Karen.

Eric Clarke

RRND Camping Weekend

Friday

A miserable start to the day quickly cleared, and the sun came out to greet the campers setting up for the weekend. A nice take away dinner followed - in our case chicken burgers and chips from the chippie in Cranleigh, however, the indian takeaway being enjoyed by fellow campers smelled divine, so might go for that next year!

The evening was cold, and was passed chatting to others and relaxing.

Saturday

A beautifully warm morning meant I was sitting in the sun with a cup of tea reading by 8.30am, waiting for everyone else to get up.

More campers arrived during the course of the day, and much chatting went on

and bikes were ridden.

The evening festivities started with an excellent dinner from the cooking team, with a lovely selection of puddings to choose from.

Stuart Read then took on the mantle of entertainer - involving organising & refereeing the frog racing. An excellent job of this he did too, getting everyone involved. The placing of bets meant that everyone got really excited cheering on the person controlling the frog they had bet on.



The skills needed for racing the frogs got progressively harder as the evening went on, as they included running & the drinking of wine (for the ladies) and beer (for the men). A great competition was had in the men's relay race, in which Scott Dark and Fin Reynolds beat Stuart's team. Scott showed his drinking skills by downing his can of beer in one go to snatch the win from Stuart, and win me a little money!



The last race of the evening was made a little more exciting as the frogs were auctioned off to the highest bidders, and the winner of the race won the whole pot, so there was a considerable sum to be won. Dave Charman had prepared a special frog for this race, bearing Stuart's face!



It turned out to be a two frog race, between Antony Read & Pete Jenkins. Antony was leading, but his frog got stuck on the finishing tape and was overtaken by Pete's. A re-run ensued, in which Antony emerged victorious. 'I was robbed' said a distraught Jenkins!

Sunday

The day started with the traditional cooked breakfast, which really hit the spot. We were then treated to an airshow (courtesy of the nearby Wings n Wheels event), however, the rain came down during the Red Arrows performance, and boy did it come down for a while. Fortunately it soon stopped and the sun came out and everything was soon dry.



Wood gathering in the afternoon was followed by the traditional evening bonfire - very welcome on a chilly evening.

Monday

A short trial of three laps of six sections was laid out in the woods for people to ride, and this was followed by Monday's main event - the Bike Dressage, which was very well organised by Jo & Pete Jenkins. For those of you who were not there, this involved riding different movements at points of an arena marked out by various letters.

Some people really got into the spirit of the event - Stuart 'Pepe' Read, and Colin 'Surf' Don among others. There were three judges (including myself), to try and avoid any bias, and each movement was scored out of 10.





This was a really enjoyable event to watch, and attracted most of the campers.

All that was left then was to pack up and look forward to next year. Thanks to everyone who chipped in to make this an outstandingly enjoyable weekend.

Debbie Don

Farewell to Godzilla

I shall keep this short, or emotion will overwhelm me and the keyboard gets awfully messy with the tears and dribble! She's left me. The attentions of a younger man proved too attractive and she said she wanted to see the World and do exciting things, so she packed her spares and hitched a ride with a short dumpy bearded guy in lederhosen - to Germany! (well it wouldn't be Barnsley would it?). So beware if you are in that part of the World and you hear tell of a red haired evil bitch scaring blue nuns - it will probably be Godzilla!

(Tearfully) Richard Coles

Redtread Honda Morocco Off-Road Motorcycle Tours

We introduced you to this company in last months E News. Now, if you open the links below, you can have a look at how it all works and enter yourself into their

free competition to have a free weekends riding at their Spanish base near Malaga, plus they are offering a 10% discount for the Morocco Tours too.

This first link is all about the "Free to enter competition".....

http://www.redtreadmorocco.com/newsletters/0710_club-secretaries.html

And this one tells you all about the Morocco Tours in more detail.....

http://www.redtreadmorocco.com/newsletters/newsletter_0510.html

All information is on their website....

<http://www.redtreadhondamorocco.com>

Enduro News

A new bike has arrived in our household (new to us but probably the newest we have ever owned).

You may recall that a number of enduro bikes have come and gone in the last 15 months with Malcolm achieving the best results on an enduro converted Kawasaki 125 MX. He took a long time to get to grips with a KTM EXC 200 that replaced it and was lucky to be offered a test ride on a Yamaha YZ125 (08) for a recent REME (Army) enduro. Immediately he was comfortable on it and so the 200 has gone to be replaced with a high spec YZ125 (08) of his own. This bike has been extremely well looked after and a number of modifications have taken place for Malcolm to use the bike in the London Fire Brigade Sprint Enduro at Alton this weekend, and in the Sportsman class at the Natterjack Enduro at the end of the month. This is a two day enduro and a round of the British Championships so will be a big challenge. Full report next time!

Richard Coles

Results from Evening Trial at Sparticles Wood 11 August 2010

Only seventeen riders signed on to ride the last evening trial of the year.

The full results are available on the website www.rrnd.co.uk, but the best of the riders on the night were as follows:

Route	1st	2nd	3rd
White	Thomas Moss* - 12	Stuart Read - 27	
Blue	Pat Lloyd-Jacob - 5	Pete Jenkins - 8	Dave Charman - 37
Blue Over 40s	Danny Haste - 13 (17 cleans)	Rob Edwards - 13 (16 cleans)	Martin Howell - 42
Blue Under 16s	Tom Charman - 38		
Red	Luke Edwards - 48	David Cutler - 51	Mike Hammond - 78

Red Under 16s	Toby Smith - 19	Ben Edwards - 49	
Yellow	Jamie Chapman* - 52		

* Denotes Guest Rider

Results from Fun Trial at the Camping Weekend

Hopefully you can remember your rider number if you did not add your name to your slip! Full results on the website, but totals were as follows for those who handed in slips and completed the trial:

Rider No/Name	Total Score
18 (Oliver Brimecombe)	0
23	0
4	1
5	2
6	7
13 (Joshua)	7
10	12
15 (Aaron)	15
17 (Ashley Deacon)	17
9	20
16 (Marcus Deacon)	22
22	30
12 (Jordan)	34
14 (Keith)	35

Club Trial at Ockley 19 September 2010

Venue	Ockley
Start	11am on 19 September 2010
Clerk	Eric Clarke
Laying Out	All routes: volunteers needed!
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.
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	On the day.

Photos on Website

Bruce is trialling a new format for displaying photos on the website, and is keen to receive feedback on whether members prefer the existing or new format. Please take the time to use the link on the website at www.rnd.co.uk, and let Bruce know your preference.

Bruce has also recommended that members take a look at www.mosstrialspics.co.uk produced by Gloria Moss. It has a large number of photos relating to Trials in the South East including South Coast Group trials.

New Members

Welcome this month to:

Nick & Oliver Lawrence

Martin & Adam Dell

Kevin & Jack Barker.

Welcome back also to Rick Parish!