

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

I'm going to keep this short this month - after all you will all be at the AGM to catch up on the news won't you! Those of you who never come because you are afraid that you will somehow be co-opted onto the Committee can relax - I am pleased to say that Colin Don has volunteered to take Eric Clarke's place. The AGM will be the proper venue to thank Eric for all his work on the Committee and to welcome Colin - assuming there are no other nominations of course - but Eric has worked hard for the Club and I would like to record my personal thanks to him now.

Eric was of course Competition Secretary. Malcolm finds that he is in the same position as Eric was last year, willing to help but with other commitments that prevent him from attending some of the trials. He is willing to take on the organising side of things but, as I indicated in the last newsletter when talking about the training trials, assistance from volunteers for laying out and clearing away is even more important. Please keep an eye on the website and let Bruce know if you can assist with laying out.

Finally, a big thank you to all who have assisted at recent trials, laying out or clearing away. In particular thanks to those members who have turned out to lay out or volunteered to do so when not even riding themselves.

Richard Coles

Exeter Long Distance Trial 6th & 7th Jan 2011

Pat, Alan and I set off to the start of the trial at Plusha Services A30 Launceston. On arrival filling up with fuel, signing-on and scrutineering the bikes. Setting off from the start at 21.00 in the pouring rain, high winds and the cold - just the conditions to go long distance trialling!

Heading up the A30 towards the M5, there's nothing like riding up the M5 at 50 miles an hour at midnight with horizontal rain hitting you in the face - it feels like a million needles piercing your skin. We arrived at the Haynes Museum at Sparkford for our second scrutineering - that's about 110 miles done. Still more rain and after a 40 minute break we collected our time cards and set off towards the sections that were very good. They were muddy, slippery and wet - all went well on the sections for Pat but Alan had a fail at Waterloo which was the fourth section which he had a stop at and for myself I failed section no.19 at Wooston Steep at which I had to do a restart on a really steep part of the section (because I am class B I have to do more restarts than Alan and Pat as they are in class A for British bikes).

As from dawn the rain had stopped and I had a inch of water in each boot! When we went into the services for one of our compulsory breaks I dried my socks out on the radiator and stuffed my boots with paper towels to dry them out. On leaving my feet were much drier and warmer and I also put on dry gloves that I had kept in my ruck sack. We set off for some more sections which all went well for all three of us. Time now was about 14.00 and we headed for the finish which ended up at the Trecarn Hotel, Torquay, Devon. We all three had a celebratory pint of beer as we always do when we finish a long distance trial. We signed off and got our finishing certificates, the time now was about 15.30. We filled the bikes up with petrol and headed off towards home being Bude. Alan left us part way to go back to his pad and Pat and I continued on to Bude with the weather getting colder - in fact freezing!! It was nice to get back to the Bungalow where I was staying with Pat and the girls for a nice hot bath and a large malt! For the rest of the evening we enjoyed a lovely meal out in one of the local establishments and of course sampling the tribute beer.

Thanks to Pat and Alan for making this a great trial as usual - and also thanks to Pat and Lorraine for letting us stay with them at the Bungalow in Bude. On a sadder note a few nights later at home I had my garage broken into and the GasGas Pampera which I used for this trial was stolen along with my RMX. I have now been reunited with my RMX but unfortunately not the GasGas which is still at large.

Danny Haste

RRND Awards Evening & AGM

All awards for the 2010 Championships will be given out at the Awards Evening & AGM which will be held on Thursday 17th February 2011 in the function room at the Home Cottage PH, off Redstone Hill (A25), Redhill, Surrey from 7.30pm.

Please come along for a very social evening, see the 2010 Champions receive their awards, give your views at the AGM on how the Club is being run and any ideas for improvements and enjoy the subsequent buffet being provided!

This is **your** event for **your** Club, so please come along & support your fellow riders and bring the family.

The formal Notice for the AGM part of the evening follows:

'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 Thursday 17 February 2011

at

The Home Cottage Public House, A25 Redstone Hill

7.30pm.

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

Nominations for the following positions in both Clubs and motions for the agenda of each AGM should be sent to the Club Secretary in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting. All motions must be seconded and all nominations must also be seconded and signed by the nominee. If you are unsure 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)

The Club Secretary's contact details for sending nominations & motions for the agenda are as follows:

RRND Club Secretary
Mrs Carol Dark
01737 767007
Email: cdark@ntlworld.com



Picture from January's Training Trial

Clubman's Cup

This is the Cup awarded by the membership to a member of the Committee. Members are now invited to vote for the Committee member they feel should receive this award for their work during 2010. The current joint holders are Richard Coles & Jo Jenkins. Please send your nominations to the Editor - contact details are at the end of this E News.

You may instead vote in person on the night anonymously if you wish!

The current members of the Committee for 2010 are:

Chairman: Richard Coles

Club Secretary: Carol Dark

Membership Secretary: Rob Edwards

Social Secretary: Jo Jenkins

Treasurer: Jo Jenkins

Competition Secretary: Eric Clarke (standing down at 2011 AGM)

Editor: Debbie Don

Assistant Competition Secretaries: Stuart Read & Malcolm Coles

Committee Members: David Charman, Danny Haste & Pete Jenkins.

Star Group

Our ACU Club is a member of Star Group, which is a group of clubs that take it in turns to run a trial on the second Sunday of each month and compete for Club and individual championships. As a member of RRND you will be able to enter these events and any other Open to Centre events being run, but you will require The Sporting Motorcyclist magazine for entry forms and details. You will also be required to affiliate to the ACU before you can enter events (cost £10 per year, forms available from Mem. Sec on request or ACU web site).

Several Club members rode the first Star Group trial of the year on 9 January 2011 at Hungry Hill, Aldershot. RRND gained 53 points from their efforts, meaning that we are 8th of 9 clubs at present in the championship!

The next Star Group trial is being run by the Sunbeam MCC. Entitled the Gordon Jackson Trial it is being held at Bagshot South on 13th February 2011. The contact for this trial is Chris Mawer on 07710 211913.

South Coast Trial Report

The January trial was held at Crowborough, same venue as the team trial and run by Eastbourne Club. Most of the trial involves water as the feature of the land is a stream that runs through it with a few short steep banks and rocks. I rode the Blue route and Stuart the white. Section one was average in and out the stream and over a couple of logs. Section two was again in and out of the stream, I should have cleaned this but the best I got was a one. On the expert route it was rather tricky with a very rooted bank to go up with no run up and had to be ridden as turning. Most experts balanced for ages and tried to line themselves up and then dabbed, but Stuart somehow just went in and then up without hesitating and out for clean almost riding straight up the tree trunk and leaping out.

Section 3, up and down slightly higher bank with the second decent being over lots of roots and then left turn into the stream and over lots of rocks. For me there was the option of 3 lines, wide and quick with risk of falling heavy on rocks, middle line which made decent easier but more rocks or go down tight on left which I opted for. Best I got was 1 but two 3s felt I should have done better. 4 was one of the easier section if you kept to the right line and I cleaned it 3 times. 5 was tricky, short steep bank up a slot, difficult not to dab. Turn out of the stream up slippery bank and then another tight turn in the stream out again followed by a blast across a quagmire of mud, didn't see anyone clean this bit. The experts had to jump out of the stream over an awkward tree trunk but this then gave them a good straight line through the mud.

The 6th section was one long slippery section that got worse each lap where on one attempt I gave it a bit too much to get up the slot and covered myself with muddy water as I accelerated through the water on the

approach. 7 proved Stuart's downfall. It involved going over large tree trunks at awkward angles and the last one was approached from the stream, having fived it on the first lap he tried different lines on laps 2 and 3 but still could not get over. Then on the final lap he did manage to get over and complete the section for a 3. This was also the worst section for me taking 5 each lap. The last 3 sections all involved rocks, all were cleanable but took marks from me each time. Having gone back to riding the Beta 270 I haven't got used to slowing down as it grips very well when at slower speeds. Overall it was a good trial and very enjoyable, it was not easy but the sections were rideable. Stuart finished 4th on 42 but 18 of them were on section 7. I dropped 104 which sounds a lot but 20 were on section 7, the most I dropped on any other was 14. I had good rides on most section, just need consistency now.

Antony Read

Calling all Old Rockers!

The following has been received from the BBC:

"I am trying to find people from Surrey who were 'rockers' in the early 1960s and who were in any of the South Coast resorts during some of the disturbances in that period.

I would like to interview people for a radio piece and I am particularly interested in looking at the way that the press of the time may have exaggerated the situation.

Thank you for your offer of a mention in your newsletter. I can be contacted via christopher.bennett@bbc.co.uk.

Regards

Chris Bennett"

Picture from January's Training Trial:



For Sale

2007 Beta Rev 3 250cc. Good tyres and C&S, brand new rear mudguard, £1850 no offers. Please call Antony Read on day: 01737 781609 or evenings 01293 783447.



Club Membership

Those of you who have not yet done so should now renew your RRND membership for the 2011 season. A form can be downloaded from the website www.rrnd.co.uk.

Please send your completed form and correct remittance to the Membership Secretary, Rob Edwards, at the address shown on the form, and please include an SAE. **Anyone who has not renewed will be charged as a guest rider at Club events, and will be removed from the E News circulation.**

Bike Tools

The following has been received which may be of interest:

'Hi there,

We would like to introduce ourselves. Our website is Abbots Tools (www.abbotstools.co.uk) and we sell the complete range of King Dick Tools.

King Dick has a whole range of tools including wrenches in Whitworth, AF and Metric sizes and the Director is a very keen Motorcyclist.

We ask nothing than you let your members know how to find us and also that we are willing to offer your members the following incentives. They will need to use the relevant code at check out.

Place an order to the value of £50 or over and receive a free 5m Heavy Duty Retractable Tape. Code = MC50

Place an order to the value of £100 or over and receive a free 5m Heavy Duty Retractable Tape and 2.5% discount. Code = MC100

Place an order to the value of £250 or over and receive a free 5m Heavy Duty Retractable Tape and 5% discount. Code = MC250

We respectfully ask that you share this information with your members.

Kind Regards,

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January Club Trial Results

Here are the results from the January Club Trial held at Shamley Green on 16 January 2011:

Name	Class	Machine	Champ	Tot	Points	Handicap
Luke Thomas	Expert	GasGas	Expert	4	12	184
Stuart Read	Expert	Beta	Expert	7	11	192
Eric Clarke	Expert	Beta	Expert	25	10	195
Jolyon Walters *	Expert	Sherco		42		
James Grist *	Expert	Beta		118		
Sam Brightman	U16 Blue	Sherco	Inter	45	12	190
Antony Read	O40 Blue	Beta	O40 Blue	4	12	174
Pete Jenkins	Novice Blue	Beta	O40 Blue	13	11	188
Jake Pope *	Novice Blue	GasGas		17		
Rob Edwards	O40 Blue	Beta	O40 Blue	36	10	206
Alan Stanley	Novice Blue	GasGas	Novice Blue	40	12	160
Ethan Watmore *	U16 Blue	GasGas		42		
Tony Verbeeten *	Novice Blue	Sherco		45		
Tom Charman	Novice U16	Gas Gas	Novice Blue	47	11	217
Keith Cross	Novice Blue	Scorpa	O40 Blue	100	9	190
Millie Ray *	U16 Blue	Beta	U16 Blue		12	

Red Route

Dave Charman	Novice Red	Sherco	Novice Red	19	12	184
David Cutler	O40 Red	Beta	Novice Red	20	11	180
Paul Newman	O40 Red	Beta	Novice Red	25	10	195
Rob Relton *	O40 Red	Montesa		33		
Trevor Howell	O40 Red	Sherco	Novice Red	36	9	188
Ben Edwards	U16 Red	Beta	U16 Red	40	12	195
Luke Edwards	Novice Red	Beta	Novice Red	44	8	199
Nev Lewis	Novice Red	Beta	Novice Red	58	7	218
Paul Brightman	O40 Red	Honda	Novice Red	60	6	190
T. Robinson *	Novice Red	?				
Martin Howell	O40 Red	Beta				
Stan Metcalf	O40 Red	Honda				

Yellow Route

Mike Hammond	O40 Yellow	Scorpa	O40 Yellow	38		208
Gordon Cumberland *	O40 Yellow	GasGas	O40 Yellow	52		
Bob Miles *	Yellow	Sherco	Yellow	55		
Morgan Watmore *	U16 Yellow	Yamaha	U16 Yellow			
Izzy Watmore *	U16 Yellow	Beta	U16 Yellow			
Casey Newman	U16 Yellow	GasGas	U16 Yellow			

Club Championships 2011

Here are the current standings after the Club Trial at Shamley Green on 16th January 2011:

Club Championships 2011

Championships are run over 11 rounds with best 8 scores counting

Expert

Luke Thomas	12
Stuart Read	11
Eric Clarke	10

Inter

Sam Brightman	12
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Novice Blue

Alan Stanley	12
Tom Charman	11

Over 40 Blue

Antony Read	12
Pete Jenkins	11
Rob Edwards	10
Keith Cross	9

Novice Red

Dave Charman	12
David Cutler	11
Paul Newman	10
Trevor Howell	9

Under 16 Red

Ben Edwards	12
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Handicap

Alan Stanley	25
Antony Read	24
David Cutler	23
Luke Thomas	22
Dave Charman	22
Pete Jenkins	20
Trevor Howell	20
Sam Brightman	18
Keith Cross	18
Paul Brightman	18

Next Club Trial

Details of the Club's next Trial are set out below.

Please note that unless volunteers are received to lay out all routes, it will not be possible to run some routes.

Venue	Ockley
Start	11am on 20 February 2011
Clerk	Eric Clarke
Laying Out etc	Yellow Route: Mike Hammond. All other Routes: Volunteers required. Signing on: Volunteers required.
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	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. This is an AMCA event run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at www.rrnd.co.uk (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money. If you have not renewed your membership for 2011, you will be charged as a guest rider.