



TENTERDEN TRIALS CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2014

This month amongst the usual reports and list of forthcoming events we have a number of special mentions to make. It's always nice to hear about club members good news and this month we have been blessed with a double helping.

Firstly, please find below a note from our member Scott Wilson, who until recently had been keeping his bike trial career under close wraps. Scott has very kindly sent us a little update of his recent achievements which we would like to share with the club.

Just thought I would share some member news with you and send something over as I have just come back from 3 weeks at the Biketrial world championship where I've had my best season by Finishing 9th Overall in the Elite class, so am the World No.9 in 2014 :)

It must have been riding the Man of Kent trial that gave me that extra edge before I left

Next week I'm off to the UCI mountainbike and trials world championship In Lillehammer, Norway and then 2 weeks after that I'll be back in Czech for the European championship!

There is a full report up on my website www.scott-wilson.co.uk and also a gallery of pictures on there. If you would like, feel free to share anything on the website, facebook page or newsletter. You can use any of the pictures you want too.

Thanks a lot, hope to see you soon, Scott

Wedding Bells

Last week Emma Morphett announced her engagement to her partner Henry. On behalf of the club we would like to wish her many congratulations and best wishes for a long happy life together. I hope the old man starts saving soon as weddings don't come cheap nowadays !

Emma, just remember "Marriage" isn't just a word, it's a sentence !!

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members and hope to see you soon at the forthcoming events. Alex Camier, Hayden Knaggs, Dave Mills, Keith Masters & George Siggery.

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Rashers Trial report

This was the 2nd running of the Rasher Memorial Trial and we faced every possible element on Sunday. After battling with the weather at Clay Hill earlier this year we were hoping for a little more luck last weekend. With heavy rain forecasted the sections were laid out by Dave, Duncan and Pete Southcott the day before and car park was made ready for the Sunday.

Luckily the weather did not deter the riders coming on the day and was a great surprise to see so many brave the elements. This also included the observers who always seem to take the full brunt of conditions and after struggling to fill every section at our last event this time we had more volunteers than sections which was terrific.

Very soon after we started we temporarily shut section 3 after 2 riders got stung after disturbing a wasp nest which was not apparent the previous day when setting out. After a quick change of route we managed to open the section once again. This section was changed further on the Novice route after the ditch dug out and filled with water after the upstream dam broke after the heavy rain, the previous day this ditch was bone dry.

With Val Luck making her debut as the secretary and chief scorer, we used the punch card system at this event so that we could calculate the results on the day announce the winners, this really was a baptism of fire with the punch card system. Tenterdens very own Pete Southcott won the Easy Route class, which should have be renamed as the less hard route and Dave Strank won the hard route. I am so pleased to have a home win and especially for Pete as he put in so much effort in helping set out the trial and collecting the BBQ etc.

Having now sourced a club toilet which will be used at all out events, we erected the tent in the wind and slowly watch it crumble and flatten as Bertha took over. Eventually we needed to dismantle the tent before it disappeared towards Tenterden. Shortly after young Tori Moore needed the loo . She asked her Dad where the loo was, not knowing that I've taken the tent down, he sent her to find it in t he field. Having found the thunder box with no tent, she went about her business in front of the entire world.

Despite all the events of the day and trying to keep everything on the ground the day seemed to be enjoyed by most, although the scores were a little higher than planned.

We had intended to have a BBQ afterwards but the conditions, although much brighter, were not suitable to try and light a match. In fact the BBQ drum had about 6 inches of water inside so it was more like a waster based fondue. Around 25 riders and observers stayed behind for the presentation and Norma Moore presented the awards and a slice of a beautifully baked chocolate cake for all to enjoy.

Once again the trial was a great tribute to our much missed Rasher, I'm sure he was having a good laugh at our expense getting wet, muddy and chasing toilets around the field. Our thanks go to all the observers, our new trials secretary Val Luck and our very generous land owner Mr Pilcher and his Family.

Weald of Kent " Murray Brush Trophy" Trial

Firstly, let's take a look back in time with an extract taken from the Newsletter that was published soon after Murrays passing. The report was written by Tim Homewood.

Murray.

I am sure that everyone in the Tenterden club and indeed the world of trials will have been saddened by the death of Murray Brush and will feel for Brenda and the family on their loss. People other than me are more qualified to document all of his many successes over the years but perhaps a few of my memories from years gone by will help us all remember the young Murray as well.

1957 would of been the year that the teenage girls of Woodchurch became more interested in trials riding than in skiffle music the hula hoop or luminous ankle socks. If there was a trial running through Cole wood then a gaggle of young ladies would be galloping from section to section to get a glimpse of the handsome young man on the James. A cigarette in the mouth was considered the height of sophistication in those politically incorrect days and it was probably Murrays fault that most of the local girls took to smoking woodbines behind the bike sheds at the youth club!

The boxing day trial that year was held at Gribble Bridge and Murray finished third behind Dave Mitchell and Stan Milton , and the following Easter at Clay Hill he was runner up behind Stan. The rest as they say is history and there was not many times that he finished second behind anyone after that.

By the summer of 1958 Murray was equipped with a Hitchcock Cub and a Morris Minor pick up (complete with canvas tilt) and Thursday nights were practice nights at Cole wood with his great friend and mentor Stan Milton and young ginger setting out the sections which had to be ridden clean three times by both of them before they were allowed on to the next one.

The Tenterden club held many different events in those days with scrambles at Stone Quarry and hill climbs at Ramsden farm and Stone cliff and Murray and Brenda have spent some memorable hours during this last summer re-living old times at the Ferry Inn where they used to retire to after such events all those years ago. Stan Milton is now of course old Stan, Lilian is not in the best of health and young ginger is now old baldie but we brought back those early years as if they were yesterday.

Murray fought his illness with the determination that made him the rider that he was and leaves behind him a family that he was justifiably proud of and a family that were and will remain proud of him.

He also left many happy memories for the rest of us. A very good rider and a very very good man.

The Weald of Kent "Murray Brush Trophy" Trial will be held at the Harbourne Land Venue just off the A28 between Tenterden and High Halden. We will run the event with 4 routes including a Beginner route. The event will be complete run by the Brush Family with Andy acting as Clerk, ably assisted by brothers Richard and Dave, and Sister Jo will act at the secretary for the trial.

Please send your entries in asap so the carpark attendant can set out a correctly sized parking area this year !!

Naturally we will looking for observers on the day, we really struggled at the Man of Kent and we don't want to be in that situation again. Please let me know if you're willing to observe or able to bring someone along to help out.

Ice bucket challenge

I'm sure you've all been nominated by now, I know myself and Keith both were by Mario recently and both have now fulfilled the challenge. I believe that my nomination was Pete Southcott but I am yet to see his video clip as evidence. Please complete your challenge as requested and feel free to nominate others within the club.

Clerk of the course

There is a new Clerk of the Course seminar being planned for 22nd November. The venue will be Eastling Village Hall (Nr Sittingbourne ME13 0BA). If anyone that either missed the last seminar or wishes to take part in this please let me know asap. I know Keith Francis will be renewing his so you won't be alone.

Saturday Afternoon Practice trial – Date TBC

It appears Colin Millen will very kindly allow us to use his land once again and a practice trial followed by a BBQ. Last time Pete and Colin set out around 8 sections and we will not be marking or observing the trial. Please bring along a burger and we can get the BBQ burning and have a beer or 2 after.

More details and dates to follow.

The Venue address is – Checksfield Farm, Tenterden, TN30 7DN

Club Aggregates and EKTC Championship

We are missing the results from the May Combine at Elmstead, if anyone has a copy could they please send it to me or scan/email them to me so we can update the aggregates.

Website

The launch of our new website www.tenterdenmcc.co.uk has gone well. We are now starting to update with regs, results and there is a new calendar option which we are updating on a monthly basis.

Again, if anyone rides a trial where either myself or Keith are not present please do a quick report or email me the results so that we can update the website.

Practice Trials at Hook Woods Trials Centre on 4th Saturday each month 2014

A perfect opportunity to bring in new people to Motorcycle Trials Riding. Open to Youth & Adult - Total beginners and Sidecars are welcome with 5 routes available to suit all abilities of riding.

Gate open at 10.00am - sign on until 1.00pm, Refreshments and Toilet facilities on site

Have a go - for anybody who has a friend or member of family who would like to try riding a bike there will be a section of the field made available free of charge. This is subject to the signing of a disclaimer form and the wearing of a suitable helmet and protective clothing.

Local clubs are invited to provide details of themselves (including membership forms) and these details will be displayed at the signing on point. The Practice Trials are all about local clubs that wish to support them. Clubs can incorporate a small conducted trial of their own within the duration of the day if they so wish.

Practice Trials at Hook Wood on 4th Saturday each month 2014. As follows

August 23rd, September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd, December 27th

Costs - Beginners will be FOC, All other adult riders £15 for the day, Juniors £10

Beginners and Wobblers

For those that are not aware, anyone wanting to ride in the beginners and wobblers events run by North Kent Trials Combine are allowed to do so. These are great events for anyone wanting to just practice and ride alongside other guys of similar ability without the pressure of competition.

Upcoming Events (all 10.30am starts)

14th September – Sittingbourne MCC - Extra Combine Trial and Club Championship round – Norwood Manor Farm, ME9 0TN – 4 routes inc beginner

21st September - Wickham MCC – Open Harvest Trial SE Championship round – Whitepost Farm, Cowden – 4 routes inc Elite but no Beginner route

28th September – Gravesend Eagles MCC – Watling Tyres Non Expert Trial – Rotherfield Station, TN6 3QT – 2 routes, Inter and Novice

5th October – Tenterden MCC – Murray Brush Trial – Harbourne Lane, St Michaels – Jo Curd will be secretary, 4 routes inc Beginner

12th October – EKTC Trial

See SE Website for all details

Regs for above can be found in Jan 2014 "The Sporting Motorcyclist"

A full list of trials in the south east for 2014 for all levels can be found at

<http://www.southeasttrialscombine.org.uk/>

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Membership forms can be downloaded from our website www.tenterdenmcc.co.uk or by getting in contact with Dave and he can email you through a copy.

There are lots of useful links on the site to help set up in trials and to maintain your bike. Along with these there are a number of sites that also contain lots of information about the sport both locally and nationally.

For more information about our centre, Beginners Trials and the Practice Trials at Hook Woods visit ...

www.SouthEastTrialsCombine.org.uk