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Spotted at the Airship Run



You don't see a Hercules Corvette for ages—then three turn up at once.

Of course, this didn't happen by pure chance although there was a certain amount of coincidence in there being three Corvettes up & running, taxed & tested, and available.

Getting three Corvettes to the start was one thing, getting them all round the course was quite another. They all broke down—one of them broe down twice—and none completed the run under its own power.

However, the following weekend, all three were at the Coprolite Run and, this time, all three were successfully ridden all the way round the route.

Powered by a Lavalette engine and utilising several parts from the Phillips Panda Plus, the Corvette was produced for less than two years, being launched soon after the TI-Raleigh merger in 1960. It ceased production in 1961 after the decision to replace all TI's moped ranges with licence-built Mobylettes.



Spotted at Kneel's Wheels

This one was the head-turner at our AGM run: a Fantic Chopper.

Fantic produced the Chopper in two sizes: 125cc and 50cc; this one, as you can tell from the pedals, is the 50cc version. This is a 'sixteener special': one of the machines that the moped law was changed to outlaw n the 1970s. Being under-50cc and with pedals made it legally a moped that could be ridden at age sixteen. A contemporary road test (*Motorcycle Mechanics*, December 1972) reported that it was the most powerful moped they'd seen and was capable of just over 50mph ... or a bit more under the right conditions.

This is Paul Kelling's latest acquisition and he only collected it a few days before Kneel's Wheels. Not surprising, therefore, that it suffered from a few teething troubles on the run. What's it like to ride with that long fork? Paul's own observations mirrored those in the 1972 test: 'Handling came as a big surprise, simply because it did ... the roadholding proved better than many machines of comparable performance. Manoeuverability too, wasn't too bad, considering the 57 in, wheelbase.'

A teenager's dream from the '70s and, for most, only a dream because very few teenagers would have been able to afford one.



Club News

AGM

The AGM was uneventful: no resignations from the committee and no change to subscriptions. Alan Course was elected as an additional committee member.

The minutes of the meeting and last year's accounts are on the club's website ... or you can ask the secretary for a copy.

DVLA

The closure of DVLA local offices is almost complete, with the last few shutting down on 15 December.

We are now able to provide certified copies of original documents for V765s. However, this still involves posting documents so it's not an ideal replacement for popping down to your local DVLA office with the documents.

If you send an original card logbook with a V765, we can make a certified copy of it, post the original back to you and send the copy on to DVLA. If you'd like us to do this, we will charge an extra £6 to help cover the cost of returning the logbook by Special Delivery.

There have been other changes to DVLA procedures:

- A vehicle cannot now, under any circumstances, be licensed at the same time as a V765 application.
- Vehicles going through a V765 will be given their proper licence class straight away—no longer 'Not Licensed'. This does not affect SORN; Continuous Registration and Continuous Insurance Enforcement still only start when the first tax disc is issued.
- DVLA VIN codes are changing. These are the codes DVLA issues when a vehicle doesn't have a VIN or frame/chassis number. They used to be SABTVROxxxxxxxxxx and will now be DVLASWA397yydddnn.
- Club datings will now only be accepted for vehicles over 25 years old or where the manufacturer is unable to assist.
- Clubs that participate in the V765 scheme will be allowed to make certified copies of original documents.

Machine badges

At last, we've had the machine badges made. They are 65mm domed EACC badges with back adhesive and are £2.50 each. They're sized so you can stick them on to various makes of tax disc holders, on your bike, car, glass window, etc. Contact our Regalia man, Guy Bolton at guy.bolton@btinternet.com or call 07947-809335.

Please Contact the Secretary...

...if you are able to help with any of the club's activities.

Calendar

There's only one event left this year but next year's calendar is starting to fill up. Listed below are the ones we have dates for. North Hertfordshire Section is just running the Periwinkle Run this year, but that doesn't mean there won't be an Airship Run. The West Anglia group will be taking that one on.

Every Tuesday **EACC and FMCC**
evening meeting at the *Half Moon*, Walton, Felixstowe, around 9:30pm.

Sunday 29 December **The 31st Mince Pie Run**
 from Orwell Yacht Club, Ipswich. Meet from 9:30am - coffee, tea & mince pies will be available. The lunch stop will be at the *Shipwreck Bar*, Shotley. For details and directions contact David Evans on 01473 687820, please 'phone if you can, as this helps with planning the catering.

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Sunday 13 April **The 11th Radar Run and Mopedjumble** starts at Bromeswell Village Hall. A superb circuit around Bawdsey peninsula with lots of historical interest details on the course notes. The usual free pitches for jumble stands—call Paul on 01394 671222 to allow him to set your spot in the hall. Jumble opens from 9:30am, run sets off at 11am. Everyone welcome. The Radar Run has an alternative, shorter route suitable for cyclemotors.

Sunday 27 April **Ride it!** Every year the FBHVC has its Drive it/Ride it Day. The aim is to increase public awareness of Vintage and Classic vehicles by having as many as possible on the road for one day. There are many events—see the Federation Website at www.fbhvc.co.uk—for more details. This year there will be a DID/RID centre at Bressingham—ideally placed for many of our club's members.

Sunday 18 May **The 32nd East Anglian Run** starts at Long Thurlow Village Hall. This is the oldest-established event in our calendar: the first East Anglian run in 1982 was the very first event staged by the EACC. The Village Hall will be open from 9:30am for refreshments, toilets and mopedjumble. The run sets off at 11:00 on a route of around 30 miles through lovely country lanes and villages. The lunch stop will be at Fair Green in Diss, where there's a pub, a café, and a chip shop ... or you can picnic on the green.

Sunday 6 July **Eleventh Peninsularis Run and Mopedjumble** from Bucklesham Village Hall. A busy and atmospheric day that is one of the major events on the cyclemotoring calendar; it features full reception facilities and free refreshments on arrival. The route is a superb course through the quiet countryside of the Felixstowe peninsula, including a super riders' section between Nacton and Levington, a classic drag down a 'passing place' road to Trimley, lanes through to Falkenham, Kirton, the village of Newbourne, then more lanes on to Waldringfield

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Letter

Dear Andrew,

Would you please, through The MAC magazine, give a big thank you to all the officers & committee of the EACC over the last year?

I would also like to say thank you to all the organisers of the runs during the last 12 months; all of them are unsung heroes.

Yours faithfully

L C Neill

Team Corvette

As you'll see from 'Spotted' on page 1, we attempted to get a team of three Hercules Corvettes around the Airship Run. Danny rode his Corvette, Andrew rode Danny's 'other' Corvette and Martin rode his own. Come the start of the run, Andrew couldn't start his machine so Danny showed how it should be done ... and couldn't start it either. After a while fiddling with it, it was diagnosed as a carburettor problem which would be fixable if only we had the tools to get at it! So it was retired to the van, the other two set off and Andrew accepted a lift with Daniel to the lunch stop. About half a mile after the start, Danny's Corvette died. Being so close to the start, he elected to pedal it back. Martin's machine was still going strong.

When most of the riders had arrived at the lunch stop, we realised that Martin was not among them. The final few arrivals brought news of where he had broken down; Daniel went and fetched him and his Corvette. So none had made it even as far as the lunch stop ... except ... just then, a Corvette arrived. It was Danny; on return to the start he had persuaded his 'other' Corvette back into life and ridden it here.

However, after lunch, it refused to start. It was loaded onto the back-up trailer leaving Danny, Andrew, Martin, and Martin's Corvette all to return with Daniel. It was at this point we discovered that David had ridden off on his Berini with the keys to

Daniel's van in his pocket!

Team Corvette reconvened a week later at the Coprolite Run; all three completed the course with no traumas.

Bob Wayte

We're sad to report the death of club member Bob Wayte, who died from a heart attack on Saturday 23rd November. Before joining the EACC, Bob had been an NACC member for many years, founding the Somerset & Avon section in August 1994. Shortly after that, he organised a club stand at the January 1995 Bristol Show and would be a constant presence at the shows for many years after.

He organised the NACC's 16th Anniversary Rally in June 1997 and it was at the AGM held at that event that he joined the club's committee as Events and Publicity Officer—a role he fulfilled for almost ten years until the 2006 AGM.

The cremation will take place at West-erleigh Crematorium on Monday Dec. 9th at 13.30pm



Team Corvette try to get started at the Airship Run





Continued from page 2 *Maybush*, an idyllic spot for lunch and ale in the sunshine. Please call us if you'd like to book a jumble spot in the hall or the car park (mark@mdhercules.fsnet.co.uk or tel: 01473-659607). The jumble opens 9:30am, the run sets off at 11:00am, the jumble re-opens at 2:00pm when the run returns.

Sunday 17 August North Hertfordshire Section's Periwinkle Run from Cottered Village Hall, SG9 9QL. The route is the same as last year's, around 33 miles of views, lanes & hamlets in Hertfordshire, stopping for lunch at the *Three Tuns* Great Horstead. The Periwinkle is geographically situated to enable riders from all parts of East Anglia to take part. It is still a fair distance for some but it is well worth the effort and we look forward to seeing you all. Danny will be there with his spares; if you require anything in particular contact Danny in advance to be sure he brings it along on the day. If anyone has any mopeds or parts to sell please bring them along. There will be tea, biscuits and cakes before the start and on the return to the village hall. The hall will be open at 9:30 with the run scheduled to start at 11:00am. Details from Pete Smith on 07977 936123.

Sunday 14 September Eleventh Coprolite Run & Mopedjumble from Bucklesham Village Hall to Felixstowe Ferry Boat Inn. E-mail danny@mopedland.ukfsn.org or telephone Mark Daniels on 01473 659607. Full reception facilities and free refreshments on arrival. A fully marked and classic local course to Felixstowe Ferry, and twin to the Radar Run. Riders who completed the Bawdsey Point section of the Radar Run might be interested in the contrast of the opposite view back across the Deben estuary. A fabulous riders' course on both legs, especially as the route bursts out onto the Golf Links road for a traditional sprint to the *Ferry Boat Inn* lunch stop. Drink fine ales to

The pictures on this page show construction nearing completion on our stand at Copdock Show

the panorama of coastal boats on the estuary, stunning views, big skies, Martello towers, explore the Ferry boatyard... The jumble opens 9:30am, the run sets off at 11:00am, the jumble re-opens at 2:00pm when the run returns.

The EACC

is the club for *all* cyclemotor, autocycle and moped enthusiasts, *everywhere*.

Membership is just £4.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £6.50 for the rest of Europe, & £9.00 for the rest of the world). The membership form is available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

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Standing information

Contact details for all club officers are on the club information sheet that you get when you join or renew your membership. Spare copies are available from the website or from the Secretary.

Information Sheet Updates

- Add Alan Course to the list of committee members
- Add machine badges to the list of regalia
- Change the contact details for West Anglia section organiser Ralph Richardson to 84 Ashby Drive, RUSHDEN, NN10 9HH; 01933 386841

