



The M·A·C

The Newsletter of the
East Anglian
Cyclomotor Club

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Introduction

A club's not a club without a newsletter, is it? So, although the East Anglian Cyclomotor Club was only re-established a few weeks ago, it seemed like a good idea to send out a newsletter.

As you can see, we decided to call it "The MAC". We had thought of calling it "Buzzing" but, on balance, decided that that probably wasn't a good idea. MAC - Motor Assisted Cycle - was another name for a cyclomotor in the 1950s.

Progress

Since its launch at Kneel's Wheels last month, progress has been good. Membership forms keep coming in. We are developing a website at www.autocycle.freeserve.co.uk and it already has quite a few things on it. We've had a stab at writing some rules and there's a copy of them attached to this newsletter. They're only a first draft, so take a look at them and let us know what you think of them. Recruiting is going well too. We had 31 members on the first of this month - not bad for just three weeks. It's been surprising how quickly people have spotted the website. Membership is widespread too; we have members in Bedford, Billericay, Birmingham, Blackburn and Bristol - and that's just the 'B's.

Meetings

EACC members can be found every Tuesday evening in the *Half Moon* at Walton. That's the Walton near Felixstowe - not the one on the Naze. Don't get there too early, most members don't turn up until about half past nine.

Events

We're expecting EACC members to be out in their dozens at Dave Evans's Mince Pie Run on 6th January. This is the twenty-fifth running of this event so it's a bit special. So, here's a **Mince Pie trivia question** for you: inaugurated in 1982, the run has been held every winter ever since. Nevertheless, there was one year when there was

no run. Which year? And why? The answer is at the bottom of this column.

As usual, it starts at the Orwell Yacht Club in Ipswich, which is just down the hill from the junction of the A14 and A137. Please call Dave on 01473 687820 to tell him you'll be there - it helps with the catering if he knows how many people to expect. People start gathering at the Yacht Club from about 9:30 onwards. It's a big event; there were around 80 bikes taking part last year, so it's well worth going to.

We have a couple of other dates for your diaries: Paul Nelmes's Radar Run will be on 13th April and the Horham Bygones Run is on 15th June.

The Future

The plan for the future (if you can call it that, really we're just making up as we go along) is to work closely with Icenic CAM Magazine. They're good at writing articles, historical research, supplying manuals and all that sort of stuff, so why compete? On the other hand, we can do all the more club-like social stuff: meetings, runs, events, putting members in touch with one another, &c. For the time being, Icenic CAM is also helping us on the money side. That's just a short-term arrangement until we set up a bank account. However, before we can open a bank account there's something else we need - a treasurer. That brings us to the dreaded word...

Volunteers

They're what we need: people to do things. Apart from the treasurer, what else needs doing? Well, that's up to you. We've already said we're making this up as we go along - so why not join in with us in making things up? If there's something you think the club should be doing - and especially if it's something that you'd be willing to do - then let us know. This is your chance to shape the future of **your** club.

Answer to Mince Pie Question

The year was 2000. The 18th run was on 27 December 1999 but the 19th run was on 7 January 2001.

Spotted at Kneel's Wheels

“Spotted” will be a regular feature of The MAC where we highlight one or two machines that we’ve seen at recent events.



Here’s a bike that attracted a lot of interest at Kneel’s Wheels: Luke Booth’s Peugeot. It’s a typical French BMA (Bicyclette à Moteur Auxiliaire - the French equivalent of our autocycles) of the 1930s. Very simple and - as Mick Cook can verify - very light. Peugeot produced quite a range of these machines during the 1930s and we reckon that this one, with its spring forks and drum brakes, is near the top of the range: a P50T from 1935 to 1937.



The Garelli Como first came to these shores in July 1985. A typical ‘Europed’ with its oversized frame tube doubling as a fuel tank, the Como was a single-speed automatic 49cc machine with front and rear suspension. The Como 2, a two-speed version, came in September of the same year. Both the Como and the Como 2 were also available in De Luxe forms. The only difference was that the De Luxe had flashing indicators.

The East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

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

Membership is just £2.50 a year for UK residents (and we haven’t yet decided what to charge for members outside the UK - get in touch if you need to know).

If you’re not a member and would like to join, or if you’d like a membership form to recruit a friend, the form is available from our website... or just ask and we’ll send you one.

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If you’re sending us any money, please make the cheques payable to “Iceni CAM Magazine” because - as explained over the page - we don’t have our own account yet.

T-shirts & badges



We have some EACC ‘Preserving the Spirit’ T-shirts. They’re £9 each and we have them in M, L, XL & XXL sizes. Call Danny on 01473 659607 or email mark@mdhercules.fsnet.co.uk if you’d like one.

We’re working on a badge too. If you were at Kneel’s Wheels you might have seen the three designs we’d come up with.

The one most people preferred was this. We’re trying to have some made before Christmas and, again, Danny is the man to speak to

