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Copdock Bike Show

Above: the club's award-winning display

Below: Martin Gates collects the 'Best Club Stand' award from Steve Parrish



Club Information

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

Membership is just £8.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £14.00 for the rest of Europe, & £20.00 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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Can all contributions to The MAC be in by the 15th of the month preceding publication, please? The 15th January is the deadline for the February edition.

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AGM

The minutes of the AGM are available on the website—or ask the secretary if you want to be sent a copy. There were a couple of more important decisions. Firstly, the AGM voted to increase the annual subscription fee to £8; more about this later... Secondly, Dave Watson offered to take over editing *The MAC* following Martin Wikner's resignation. Dave will start from the February edition. The AGM gave a vote of thanks to Martin as retiring editor for all his work and improvements to *The MAC*.

Copdock Show

Our Club won the prize for the best club stand at the Copdock Motorcycle Show. As usual, we had a huge variety of bikes on our stand, many of them rare beasts, but this year we were trying out a new layout for the stand. The picture inside the front cover shows Martin Gates accepting the award from Steve Parrish.

Membership Fees Increase

At the AGM on 11th of November 2018, it was agreed that we should increase membership fees in order to cover our ever-increasing costs. The increase in fees is the result of calculating exactly how much expense is incurred per member. Before the increase, we received £3.00 per e-mail member (£3.04 via PayPal). Less: the cost of club insurance @ £1.04, cost of FBHVC membership @ £0.46, and the cost of sending your membership card is £0.58 = £2.08. This left the club with just £0.92 per e-mail member. Before the increase, we received £6.00 per postal member (£6.03 via PayPal). Less: club insurance @ £1.04, FBHVC @ £0.46, stamp @ £0.58, and six issues of *The MAC* @ £1.25 = £7.50, totalling £9.58 per postal member. This leaves the club £3.58 out-of-pocket on each postal member, which clearly cannot continue.

Therefore, it was agreed to increase the membership to £8.00 for cash, cheque, or direct payment, and the new cost to members using PayPal will be £8.50. For e-mail members, the increase is to £4.00 for cash, cheque, or direct payment. The new cost to e-mail members who wish to pay using PayPal will be £4.35. These increases were implemented from 12th November.

Similarly, the PayPal fees should be included in payments made via this method for our Dating and Registration services. We are the lowest cost club for this service, but have, until now, absorbed the PayPal fees charged to us. So, the new payments will be:

for a £10.00 fee, the PayPal cost will be £10.60

for a £17 fee, the PayPal cost will be £17.80

for a £5.00 fee, the PayPal cost will be £5.40

The £10 & £5 fees remain the same if paying by cash, cheque, or direct payment. If anyone needs to pay a different amount by PayPal, the way to calculate this is to add 3.4% of the original amount, plus 20p per transaction. If in doubt, please contact me beforehand, and I can issue a PayPal invoice for the correct amount.

Our bank details for anyone wanting to pay by bank transfer are:

Account name: East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

Account number: 00848165

Sort code: 30-93-22

Please include brief details such as 'dating/registration/membership' etc.

Anyone who wishes to include a stamped addressed envelope along with their cheque payment for the return of their new membership card is most welcome to do so!

Sharon Wikner, Treasurer

New Editor

This is an interim edition of *The MAC* as the previous edition was the last edited by Martin. At the AGM, Dave Watson volunteered to take over but, with only a couple of weeks to go to finish this edition, he could only start from the next, February's, newsletter. Many of you will know Dave but, for those who don't, he will introduce himself:

Hi all,

I bought my first moped in 1996 when working as an 'Installation Inspector' (Meter man) for the old Eastern Electricity Board, shortly after I met the artist Nick Ward when changing the meter at his home. I wanted a new fuel tap for the Moby and called back on Nick who gave me a copy of *Buzzing* highlighting Aplin's and I joined the club. On a subsequent visit to Nick, I can remember

asking him what was the difference between a Cyclemotor and an Autocycle? A frenzy of purchases followed.

Fast forward to 1999 and I went to my first meeting and came away thinking what a bunch of weirdos—nobody wanted to chat. The second visit wasn't much better when I went to Horham and waited for a run to return, one rider from one direction and two from the opposite; I left without speaking to anyone. Fast forward again to 2007 when I was returning from another purchase collection I called in to an event at Norwich Show-ground where Frank Brzeski had organised a stand for the Norfolk Section, but was conspicuous by his absence. The stand was manned by Ralph Richardson and Alex Lees who spoke about a run the next week. I was hooked and the rest is history. It was always the plan to quit the hobby when I reached retirement age, but when that time was fast creeping up I was beginning to have second thoughts (I had finished work nearly 3 years early).

I did run a very successful independent Forum, and a Facebook group (MACC), but lapsed them after joining the EACC committee (publicity). I set up the EACC forum and Facebook group and was very pleased when Martin accepted the MAC editor job and progressed the newsletter to a professional printed magazine (saving Andrew loads of work as the club was rapidly expanding). It's no secret that Martin and I have not seen eye to eye recently, and I was going to resign from the committee. It was a complete shock to read in the October magazine that it was to be his last. Andrew advised of the vacancy on the website and, in conversation, I asked if there was any interest? 'Just the one, and he hasn't got back to me' was the reply. Andrew was hoping the vacancy could be filled at the AGM, so I indicated that I would be interested. Thanks to Martin Gates for the proposal and Luke's nervous twitch, I was elected.

Hopefully, you won't be reading much about me! You lot have six weeks to submit stuff and I will have just two weeks to edit it. Please send your contribution to the next newsletter to mac.editor.eacc@gmail.com (sits back and wait for the inbox to fill).

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We still meet every second Wednesday of the month at the *Farmers Arms*, Chorley Road, Bispham, near Parbold, L40 3SL from 19:30 till late-ish.

We are planning a Camping Weekend, incorporating two ride-outs, on the Saturday and Sunday of the early May bank holiday weekend. This will be at Whittingham and Goosnargh Social Club, near Preston. Some of us will be camping over the weekend, but anyone is welcome to join just for the rides on either, or both, days. There is a beer and sausage festival over the weekend and camping needs to be booked direct with the club for the beer festival; there is limited availability and camping spaces usually go by the end of January. There are more details on our Facebook page, in the events section.

Cheers

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Missing: Greg Lunken. If seen, approach with caution & Imodium. Poor Greg was a bit moby & couldn't join us, which meant that one quiz question got no answer. More of quizzes later; the usual tribe gathered at the *Two Lifeboats* in Sheringham. Two Ians and one each of Mel, Paul, John, Jamie, Dave, Chris, & Roger (Mel's brother, or Paul's brother-in-law). Good to see some of our ladies' contingent present at the meeting.

Ian de O brought along an interesting magazine: 'Scooter & Moped Mechanics', mostly Italian tin-work inside but some moped articles too in the period piece publication. Food was promptly ordered once we realised there was an early cut off for serving. The beer was good for those of us who were partaking. The chat and banter was good all around. Subjects were rich and varied; then the quiz lady arrived!

We hadn't realised that there was a pub quiz taking place in aid of the Royal British Legion. Somewhat taken aback we coughed up a quid each and took part in possibly the most odd quiz I have ever witnessed or maybe the oddest? Most quiz masters understand the questions, know the answers and can speak plainly enough to make themselves understood. Not so in this case. The lady in charge was not well-read and seldom spoke clearly but everyone seemed to cope and had a good time. We had formed three teams, and we have no idea where we came in the running, such was the organisation, but it made the event all the more fun. The winning team, none of us, and the runners-up ended having a tie-break, but even that got in a muddle. The RBL were over £70 up at the end of the evening so that has to be a result.

Back to our meeting, where we discussed runs, bikes, life & the universe. A quiz was produced from a reusable carrier bag, and we set to trying to answer the questions, or rather, they set to because I set the questions. There was some head scratching and some good clear answers. No one gave the correct answer to question 18; Greg would have known it. Top score of the night came from Dave with a good score of 14/20, others trailed behind him.

The 60-mile round journey just went to show the effort that the North Norfolk boys & girls make to meet up with us East Norfolk folk when they travel over our way. Four of us had travelled up in the Chucklebus with me as Des. John shamed

all of us by arriving on his VéloSoleX all the way from Beeston thus showing that Norfolk members do it all year around. When he left the little frog started up easily and purred away, at some point lamps were seen to be working but their reliability cannot be confirmed. We tried to convince Chris that we could meet in Norwich before the end of the year, but he was happy to come out of the city to join the rest of the bunch, so we settled on Martham *Kings Arms* for our Christmas Extravaganza. Come and join us.

Note: No Shannocks were harmed in the making of this report.

Matthew.

North East England

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Ron is interested in starting a North East section: Durham, Tyne and Wear area. We currently have around twenty members in this area; if any of you would be interested in a local ride out, forming a local group, or just receiving news of what Ron is planning, please e-mail him at ron.paterson21@gmail.com.

The 'Shires' Section

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Three members in Northamptonshire were thinking of getting a section going in their area if there was enough interest, so they have arranged an initial meeting near Wellingborough: on 28th November at the *Aviator Hotel* in Sywell. That's after this newsletter goes to the printers, but it will have taken place before you read this—so all we can say for the moment is 'watch this space'.

South East Moped Enthusiasts

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The South East Moped Enthusiasts meet on the last Wednesday of every month at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG at 8pm. A happy band of club members meets for up some food, beer and a pleasant social evening. The South East Moped Enthusiasts organise at least ten events a year: three main runs

and two displays at classic motoring events. Mike Follows also organises five mid-week runs during the summer riding season. All the South East Moped Enthusiasts activities will always be advertised and reported on in *The MAC* newsletter, also follow us on our South East Moped Enthusiasts group page on Facebook. We welcome all types of small-engined bikes to our events, though it must be pointed out that the nature of the terrain where most of our ride outs take place may require the use of a slightly more robust machine, unless of course you are extremely fit!

As we move into the winter season, obviously, there are no runs or events to look forward to—at least in the short term. However, something coming along soon is our SEME section's Christmas Dinner, which will be held on the 12th December at our usual venue: *The Horseshoe* in Warlingham. This festive evening has been well attended during the last four years. This year is no exception as we are heading for a bumper attendance if the advanced bookings are anything to go by.

Already plans are taking shape for an extremely busy 2019 with at least twelve separate events taking place, one of which will be a longer distance ride. So festive good wishes go to all in the South East as well as all club friends throughout the UK.

Martin & Sharon

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Following the Coprolite Run and completion of our 47th edition of IcenicAM Magazine, forward planning and work started immediately in preparation for the EACC stand at the Copdock Show in four weeks time. Martin Gates (NVT Easy Rider ER2), Andrew Pattle (Hercules Corvette), and myself (Malaguti Dalek) went to Dave Watson's Norfolk Broads Run on 23rd September. The turnout of this new run from Repps & Bastwick Village Hall and supported by a small Moped-jumble, obviously wasn't helped by the persistent rain, which lashed down in a biblical deluge all day, and didn't relent until we packed up and set off on homeward journey. Hopefully, the weather might be kinder to Mr Watson's event next year.

The EACC club stand at 7th October Copdock Show is a major event for the team to prepare, and we've been progressively developing the display for several years now, in producing a new raised display mount each year; this year we added our

first mount for a side-stand bike. Getting bikes into the air for a three-dimensional display gives us a big advantage over other club stands and, as the years have progressed we have now built up to nine elevated mounts, which now gives the stand a strong depth of field.

This year, we tried a new arrangement with Paul Kelling's Fantic Chopper & BSA Winged Wheel; Tim Adams's Tecnomoto, Cimatti S6 and Ducati Cucciolo; Neil Bowen's FSIE; Maurice Nightgale's Gloria; Lindsay Neill's Motobécane SP93; and Neil Morley's James 2F Superlux all on raised stands. We had a final score of 36 bikes on the day, all illuminated by Paul Daniels's various lighting sets.

This seemed to do the trick, and the EACC had been awarded 'Best Club Stand' before I'd even got to the site! Martin Gates collected the presentation on behalf of the club, and all thanks to everyone in the team who donated display bikes and worked so hard to achieve the result.

Copdock Show announced a record public attendance for the event, which raised thousands of pounds for the Air Ambulance Service and other charities.

At Kneel's Wheels Run, Moped-jumble and EACC AGM on 11th November, early showers had faded by 9.30am giving way to bright and clear skies by the time of the run. Paul Efreme (Officer in Charge) mustered the troops to stand respectfully in observance of the Remembrance Day silence at 11am, preceding the run.

Weather conditions remained clear and sunny, though wet under paw, so caution was required in wooded areas of leaf fall. Always a well attended event, some 50 vehicles completed the course, followed by club business, with scones, cream, and jam provided by Mo and Dawn for those that stayed for the AGM.

We're off to the Central Classics motorcycle and moped jumble at Houten Expo in Holland on Saturday 16th December, but the next main event in this area is Dave Evans's famous and hugely popular Mince Pie Run on 6th January 2019. This always seems to be a remarkably well-supported run considering the time of year (the record so far being some 98 riders on a particularly nice day just a few years ago), though the turnout is always fairly dependent on the weather.

See you on the road ... Danny.

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We, the Rotherham Roamers, are planning an EACC rally for the third year, following the success of the event we held in June 2018. It will be on 7, 8, & 9 June 2019 in the Rotherham, South Yorkshire area. It's also open to non-members, making an event that works well. Camping will be available, plus toilets and showers. Could anyone wishing to attend please contact me: John Bann (contact details above).

Quick Glance 2019 Calendar

6 January	Mince Pie Run
10 March	Alex's Birthday Run
6 April	Club stand at The Heritage Transport Show
7 April	North Downs Run
14 April	16 th Radar Run
28 April	Norfolk Coast and Broad Run (Drive It Day)
4 & 5 May	Lancashire Slow Riders Camping Weekend
5 May	South Downs Run
19 May	38 th East Anglian Run
7-9 June	Northern Camping Weekend
22-23 June	3 rd East to West Adventure
28 July	2 nd CARD Run
17-18 August	Lancashire Slow Riders CARD Ride weekend
18 August	Bluebell Run



Above: an NVT Easy Rider and a Hercules Corvette sheltering from the rain.

The Norfolk Broads Run

Below: at the lunch stop in Ranworth





A Puch Maxi S

Kneel's

Francis Barnett Powerbike 50 [Photo: Mark Daniels]





The start of the Run

Wheels

Along the route [Photo: Mark Gibb]





Copdock Show

Two of the bikes we displayed on raised stands: Paul Kelling's Fantic Chopper and Tim Adams's Cimatti.



A Puch MS50 and a PC50

A Lancashire Slow Riders test ride

Earlier this year, Steve Taylor and I made an epic journey to Brighton then to Crystal Palace to collect a couple of bikes; we actually chose the same day as the royal wedding, which seemed a good choice at the time until we got lost and ended up travelling through the centre of London at the peak time of day. Anyway one of the mopeds was for Steve: a Puch MS50. It turned out an excellent buy but had a slight leak on the tank, so was put away for a few weeks that turned into months before Steve was able to give it a full test ride.

One weekend in August we attended a small steam show in Pilling, Lancashire, a nice flat area and an ideal place to test ride the Puch, and an ideal opportunity for me finally to have a proper ride on my girlfriend's PC50, that I've had for a while but never really ridden, apart from on a field at the shows. Off we went down the lanes in Pilling looking for Pilling Sands, we must have taken a wrong turn as we didn't find them, but still ended up on a beach via the sea wall. Both mopeds were running great, and we were quite impressed with them on their first real run so to speak, about five miles to the beach.



Now we were full of confidence and the weather was OK, we decided to go further onto Knott End. We followed what we thought was the road; it seemed to get

narrower and narrower, but there were no other traffic or people about, and we could see Knott End in the distance, so we carried on.

The track turned into a type of footpath, it was actually the sea wall defence unbeknown to us; then we started to meet a few dog walkers, some friendly and some not so friendly. Luckily as the track got busier with dog walkers as we neared the village, we found a track off that led to a main road and into Knott End, but by this time the weather had started to change, so we headed back to the show ground.

Both the Puch and the PC (carrying 18 stone) performed exceptionally, this was a first time for me riding a pedal-assisted moped and I must learn not to pedal going around corners as Peter Moore pointed out to me.



Both these mopeds are now used on a regular basis; the PC has had a few sets of new pedals but I'm slowly getting the hang of it.



It certainly looked like a road when we started.

Paul Newton

Letters

Dear Martin

Despite having been a member of the EACC for a decade, my only involvement with the club has been *The MAC* landing on my doormat every couple of months (plus, I once had a letter printed!) One day I will attend an event and glean some information about how to fix my VéloSoleX 2200. But for now...

I read your response to Lindsay Neill's letter in the latest issue and noticed your comment that it was the last edition you would be editing. I am very disappointed. With the exception of a bit of a rant in one of your first issues (and occasional 'grocers' apostrophes'), your editorship had re-energised *The MAC*. As I said, apart from paying my subscription and receiving *The MAC*, I have no contact with the club, so I don't know the extent or content of the criticism and condemnation of your seemingly every utterance, apart from what has been published in the newsletter. I have no idea what goes on outside that forum. All I know is that as far as I am concerned the newsletter improved noticeably when you assumed the mantle of Editor, despite the absence of the occasional road tests of earlier issues.

Personally I would like you to continue as editor, but it seems bridges have already been burnt.

Kind regards,
Chris Page (4618)

Dear Andrew,

I was sorry to read in the latest MAC (no 48) that Martin Wikner has been forced to resign from the job of editor because of moaners sniping at him, although they would not allow him to publish anything in the newsletter about what they are moaning about. They are weak people. As I said in a letter in the same newsletter: there are three things they can do:

- 1, Try editing the MAC if they think they can do better;
- 2, Shut up; or
- 3, Leave the club.

The club does not need moaners; it is contra to the good of the club. There is a correct way to do things: let your opinions be known to the club and put forward your ideas.

I would like to thank Martin for his time as editor and the work he has done in transforming The MAC. As I said in my previous letter, I speak from experience, having been involved in the running of a .22 rifle club in the late '60s and early '70s.

Yours faithfully,
Lindsay Neill

A run from Battlesbridge

Hi all,

I organised a run for the VJMC & the East Anglian Cycle motor Club on Sunday 22nd July from Battlesbridge to the *Halfway House* pub, stopping on the way at Wakering Stairs (next to Foulness Island) & Shoebury East Beach, for an ice cream & comfort break.

The run through the back roads of my local area proved to be busier than I had imagined, mainly due to a cycle club going the same way as us, except for a short section; in any case, the day started well, with me giving details of where we were going, how fast (or not!) & how we would play follow my leader.

Those that came: Huggy, Viv, Robert, Graham, Tony, Doug, Meg, Clive & Ann, and me.

We all had a great day, I assume, from two of the people that went on the run, see below.

Hi Mark,

I just wanted to say that I thought you did a fantastic job of organising yesterday's bike run. We had a great day, let's do it again soon :-)

Cheers

Doug and Meg

Dear Mark,

Thanks again for an excellent ride out, we really enjoyed it. Good route, good number of people & well organised (apart from all those damn bicycles that may be talked about for years) & is the first time Rob has been on a bike for best part of three years.

Love Viv & Rob.

I await for someone to tell me they have organised a route for another ride out.

Regards,

Mark.

Calendar of Events

Sunday 6th January 2019

The 36th Mince Pie Run. Meet at the Orwell Yacht Club, Wherstead Road, Ipswich, IP2 8LR for tea, coffee, and mince pies. At 11:00 we will leave on a run to *The Shipwreck Bar* at Shotley. For details and directions contact David Evans on 01473 687820; please 'phone if you can, as this helps with planning the catering. The route map and GPX tracks for this run are available on our website.

Wednesday 30th January 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Wednesday 27th February 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Sunday 10th March 2019

Alex's Birthday Run starting from Bruisyard Village Hall (IP17 2DX). The hall will be open from approximately 9am with all the usual facilities. The run will be about 25 miles long, including a pub lunch stop before returning to the hall for a cuppa and some cake.

Wednesday 27th March 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Saturday 6th April 2019

The start of The South East Moped Enthusiasts' riding season makes for a busy weekend:

Club stand at The Heritage Transport Show at the Kent County Agricultural Society Show-ground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3JF; 10:00am–4:00pm. This has become our biggest show event of the year. Our allocated club area will be in the main hall and all owners of officially entered bikes receive two complimentary entrance tickets. So, being indoors with excellent facilities, inclement weather doesn't matter. This is an excellent event so don't miss out. For further details and entry forms contact Clive Fletcher on 01622 678011 or clann67@tiscali.co.uk. Or contact the show's organisers at www.kentshowground.co.uk/heritage-transport-show.

Sunday 7th April 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts North Downs Run. Meet at the Edenbridge Leisure Centre car park, Wellingtonia Way, Edenbridge, TN8 5LU. Run starts at 11.00am. Enjoy 38 miles of the Kent and Surrey countryside and a pleasant lunch stop at the Star Inn at Lingfield. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085.

Sunday 14th April 2019

The 16th Radar Run and Moped-jumble 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.

Wednesday 24th April 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Sunday 28th April 2019 (FBHVC Drive it Day)

The first Norfolk Coast & Broad Run. Starting at the Village Hall, Repps with Bastwick, NR29 4RB. Situated just South of Potter Heigham on the A149 Yarmouth to Cromer road and just 5 miles from the A47 at Acle. This is a village hall based event; there will be tea, coffee, bickies, and toilet facilities before and after the run. Plenty of parking for vans, cars, and trailers. The hall will be open from 9:30. It is hoped Danny from Mopedland will be there with a small selection of his vast stock. Any other stalls or jumble welcome. The ride leaves at 11:00am. Lunch stop at the Pleasure Boat Inn, Hickling. It's about a 29-mile run via the coast road. Dave Watson 07483 210625 or david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk.

Weekend 4th & 5th May 2019

Lancashire Slow Riders Camping Weekend, incorporating two ride-outs, on Saturday and Sunday over the early May bank holiday. There is a beer and sausage festival over the weekend at Whittingham and Goosnargh Social Club, near Preston, some of us will be camping over the weekend, but anyone is welcome to join just for the rides on either, or both, days. Camping needs to be booked direct with the club for the beer festival, there is limited availability and camping spaces usually go by the end of January. There are more details on the Slow Riders Facebook page, in the events section.

Sunday 5th May 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts South Downs Run. Meet at the Civic Approach car park, High Street, Uckfield, TN22 1AR; starts at 11.00am. Enjoy 34 miles of Sussex countryside with a great lunch stop at Six Bells biker-friendly pub. For more details call Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085

Sunday 19th May 2019

The 38th East Anglian Run starts at Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield (IP31 6HN). 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 moped-jumble. The run sets off at 11:15 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. Everyone welcome. This year we'll be using the 'anticlockwise' route.

Wednesday 29th May 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June 2019

The third EACC Northern Camping Weekend in the Rotherham, South Yorkshire, area. More details later; please feel free to contact John Bann: 01709 961434 or mobymagic@gmail.com.

Weekend 22nd & 23rd June 2019

The third 'East to West Side Adventure'. This will be the final run in this particular series of adventures, although we may well be back at some point in the future. The start point for this event will be from near Crimdon Pony World, Crimdon Dene, Hartlepool, Durham, TS27 4BL. We shall be setting off on this adventure at around 10:30am; we will then make our way across the country to the overnight halt at Alston. The following morning we will set off on the journey to Whitehaven in Cumbria. Those who want to follow our route should note our route instructions are up-to-date and have a more traffic-friendly ride into Whitehaven. So come and join us on this event, meet up with friends both old and new, it's more than a run, it's an adventure in some very scenic parts of the country. For more details please contact Martin & Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com.

Wednesday 26th June 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Sunday 28th July 2019

The second CARD Run starts at Iliffe Way, Stowmarket. CARD = Cyclemotors And Roller Drive. This will be a short, gently paced ride for the slower machines: cyclemotors, VéloSoleXes, etc. The shorter route will total 20 miles so will also be well within the range of most electric bikes. We'll meet in the Iliffe Way car park (there is a toilet block nearby ... and a Costa if anyone's desperate for a coffee). The run sets off at 11:00. An extended 25-mile route is available for keener riders. There will be a drink stop at the *Five Bells* in Rattlesden. Then we return to Stowmarket and the *Osier Café* at the Museum of East Anglian Life.

Wednesday 31st July 2019

The South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

Weekend 17th & 18th August 2019

Lancashire Slow Riders, CARD ride weekend. Two flat rides suitable for cyclemotor and roller-drive machines—more information later.

Sunday 18th August 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts, The Bluebell Run. Meet at Horsted Keynes station car park, Station Approach, Horsted Keynes, RH17 7BB; enjoy 38 miles of Sussex countryside skirting the South downs with a lunch stop at *The Sportsman* at Goddards Green. For more details contact Martin or Sharon on 01883 626853 or 07774 562085.

Wednesday 28th August 2019

South East Moped Enthusiasts meeting at the *Horseshoe*, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm. Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or mwikner61@gmail.com for details.

From the FBHVC

Introduction of E10 Fuel

There has for some time been a requirement, as a climate change control measure, contained in the EU Renewable Fuel Transport Obligation (RTFO) scheme. This mandates that given percentages of transport fuels must come from non fossil-fuel sources. While of course continued compliance with this requirement will be dependent on the outcome of Brexit, it is unlikely that the attitude of the UK Government to the justification of the principles of the RTFO will be altering any time soon.

Non fossil-fuel sources means bio-fuels, which in the case of petrol driven vehicles is ethanol. The feedstocks for these fuels are varied but in the UK are mainly wheat. A significant industry has built up to support this requirement.

There are defined standards for petrol with given percentages of ethanol, primarily E5 (no more than 5% ethanol) and E10 (not more than 10% ethanol). To date no supplier in the UK has offered E10 at the pumps, though it is quite common across the Channel.

The Government has recently increased the RTFO targets and is now putting pressure on the fuel supply industry to make E10 fuel available at the pumps at least on larger forecourts. The vast majority of modern vehicles have been designed to run on this fuel with no problems.

Most of our vehicles, not having been designed to deal with the properties of ethanol in fuels systems and engines, are adversely affected by ethanol in petrol, and the adverse effects are greater the higher the percentage of ethanol the petrol

contains. Up till now, no fuel supplier has offered in the UK a petrol that exceeds a percentage of 5% ethanol, known as E5.

Quite separately, a number of our members have vehicles that can only run on petrol with a higher octane rating than the standard grade (defined as 95RON [Research Octane Number]). This need has been met by the use of what DfT refers to as the Super grade of petrol (as we know the description varies brand by brand). These fuels are defined as 97RON and have actual octane ratings between 97 and 99. These fuels also meet the E5 standard, and indeed some contain less than 5% ethanol.

From the introduction of E5 fuel until the end of 2016 there was a 'protection grade' that had to be supplied, which could not exceed 5% ethanol. But it was also set at 97RON. This position basically supported all of our members, including those with higher compression/performance engines.

In its recent Consultation, DfT makes clear it actively wishes the introduction of E10 fuel on at least the larger forecourts. DfT does recognise that this will require a re-introduction of a protection grade. However, it wishes that grade to be set at 95RON and E5.

DfT is making this recommendation primarily to protect the owners of simply incompatible old vehicles, which it defines as being over 25 years old, which are generally in use, i.e. not being preserved. It wishes to protect these owners, who it perceives as being poorer, from having to pay for a high octane fuel their vehicles do not require.

The DfT is also proposing this protection grade only lasts for two years, which the Federation believes is too short to be of any use at all.

The view of the Federation is that the constraints on tankage and petrol pumps will mean that the availability of the current Super grade may well be lost, which could make some of our members' vehicles unusable.

Therefore, the Federation, while not opposing the introduction of E10 fuel as such, is arguing strongly for the protection grade to be, as before, the 97RON E5 grade. We are also arguing that the period for the protection grade continuation should be five, not two years.

Bob Owen



Battlesbridge Run

A couple of pictures from July's run in Essex [Photos: Mark Wilson]





Above: The Lancashire Slow Riders' new banner on display at the Lytham Hall steam and vintage rally where the Slow Riders displayed some of their bikes on a stand organised by the members. [Photo: Paul Newton]

Below: The Guilden Morden Run takes a break at the 355th Fighter Group Memorial in Steeple Morden [Photo: Chris Sawyer]

