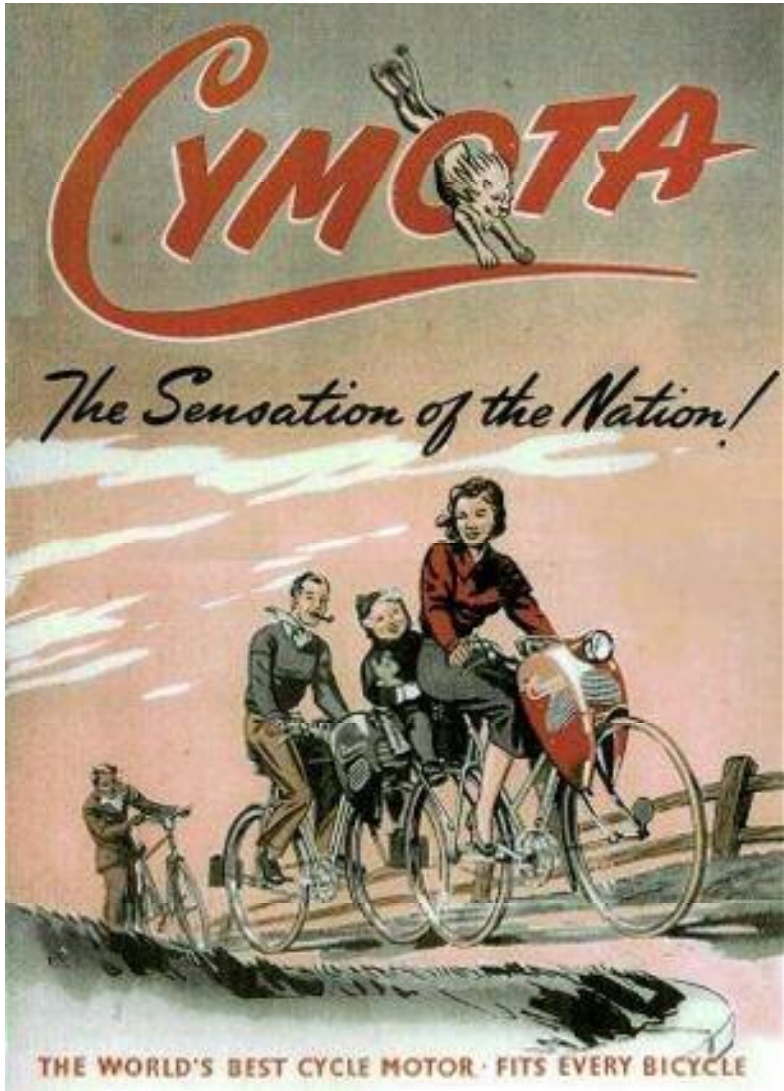


# The M·A·C

The Newsletter of the EACC

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**No 1 Mobyette AV79**

The first Moped that got your new editor started in this hobby.



**No 245 Raleigh RM6 Deluxe**

The latest addition in the big scheme of things!

# 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 its £12.00 for the rest of Europe, & £18.00 for the rest of the world). The membership forms are available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

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The club's newsletter is called The MAC and it is issued six times a year: in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Deadline for copy to be sent in is 15<sup>th</sup> of preceding month.

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Website: [www.autocycle.org.uk](http://www.autocycle.org.uk)

Forum: [eacc.freeforums.net](http://eacc.freeforums.net)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/254351421715768/>

Icenicam; <http://www.icenicam.org.uk/>

The moped archive: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~pattle/nacc/arcindex.htm>

## Note from the Treasurer

Many of our members still make payments by cheque. Could I please ask that these are checked over before sending? We have had several that have been made out to the wrong person or unsigned. All cheques should be made payable to – EACC (East Anglia Autocycle Club)

Many thanks, *Sharon Wikner* (Treasurer)

## Sections.

We have several regional sections that organise events in their areas:

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**A Nother Section:** Anybody interested in starting a new section in their area.  
Contact Mr Secretary

### *Wiltshire section: change of contact*

Hi Andrew

I have decided to step down from Wiltshire at the end of 2018

Now you have Steve who will be good at it this, it will be a good time to go.

Regards

Richard

## Section meetings.

### **Suffolk Section Every Tuesday**

EACC and FMCC meeting at the Half Moon, Walton, Felixstowe, 9:30pm ... or later.

### **Norfolk Section Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month.**

A pub somewhere in Norfolk! Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February: Cross Keys Dilham NR28 9PS  
Dave Watson 07483 210625 [david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk) to confirm.

The **Mid-Shires** section meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the [Aviator Hotel in Sywell](#) (as long as there are no conflicting functions on at the hotel). Please e-mail [Ray Paice](#) or call 07799 662203 to confirm.

The **South East Moped Enthusiasts** have regular meetings at the Horseshoe, Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9EG from 8pm on the last Wednesday of each month.

Contact Martin or Sharon Wikner on 01883 626853 or 07774562085 or [mwikner61@gmail.com](mailto:mwikner61@gmail.com) for details.

## Events

### **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.

### **Saturday 6th April 2019**

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

**The EACC South East Moped Enthusiasts Club stand at The Heritage Transport Show** at the Kent County Agricultural Society Showground, 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](mailto:clann67@tiscali.co.uk). Or contact the show's organisers at [www.kentshowground.co.uk/heritage-transport-show](http://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 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 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](mailto:david.watson9416@yahoo.co.uk).

## **Weekend 4th & 5th May 2019**

Lancashire Slow Riders Camping Weekend

### **Sunday 5th May 2019**

South East Moped Enthusiasts South Downs Run.

### **Sunday 19th May 2019**

The 38th East Anglian Run

## **Friday 7th to Sunday 9th June 2019**

The third EACC Northern Camping Weekend

## **Weekend 22nd & 23rd June 2019**

The third 'East to West Side Adventure'.

## **Sunday 28th July 2019**

The second CARD Run

## **Weekend 17th & 18th August 2019**

Lancashire Slow Riders, CARD ride weekend.

## **Sunday 18th August 2019**

South East Moped Enthusiasts, The Bluebell Run.

## **Sunday 8th September 2019**

South East Moped Enthusiasts stand at The Edenbridge Motor Show

## **Sunday 22nd September 2019**

The second Norfolk Broads Run

**Duloe Daffodil Dash.** As we go to press it looks like there will be NO more runs as we know them.

**Big Thanks** go out to **David Osborn** for keeping this popular event running the last 2 years for us. He was looking forward to stepping down and handing over to somebody more local to the area. It now appears that the hall was deemed structurally unsafe and has possibly already been demolished.

The event is to be discussed at the next Mid Shires meeting and hopefully a replacement hall/route/suitable pub can be found.

## ***South East Moped Enthusiasts - Midweek run details 2019***

### **\*Wednesday 1st May 2019.\***

'Mole Valley' run. Meet in Haroldslea Drive at the junction with Balcombe Road (B2036), Horley, Surrey, RH6 9DT. Limited on - street parking. 10.30 for 11am start. 38 miles of pleasantly rural and gently undulating Surrey and W. Sussex lanes, lunch at a hamlet pub on the way. Further details Mike Follows 01732 700280 / 07887 950921.

### **\*Wednesday 3rd July 2019\***

'Royal' run. Meet at Goldsmith Leisure Centre, main car park, off Eridge Road (A26), Crowborough, E.Sussex, TN6 2TN.

### **\*Wednesday 7th August 2019\***

'Marsh Owlers' run. Meet at Dungeness 'Old' lighthouse /RHDR station car park, Kent, TN29 9NA.

### **\*Wednesday 2nd October 2019\***

South East Moped Enthusiasts 'River Valleys' run. Meet at Edenbridge Leisure Centre car park, off Wellingtonia Way, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5LU. 10.30 for 11 am start.

# Section News

## Mid Shires

A new section has been created centralising around the Northampton area.

At the inaugural gathering 11 EACC members were present some came from as far south as just north of Luton others from near Leicester and Bedfordshire, with of course those from around the Northants.

With this catchment area in mind the section was named "Mid Shires" working on an earlier suggestion from one of the guys. During discussions the group were keen to attract even more EACC members from farther afield if they are happy to travel. Already there are another 9 people interested most who could not attend for differing reasons.

The group aims are to organise ride outs, attend shows, provide mutual help and even tool sharing. Probably the same as all other sections.

A few communal rides are already in the planning, probably starting towards the end of March, weather allowing. Also they are investigating a number of suggestions made for various steam rallies, county shows with transport interests, and classic events where we could gather as a group to show the bikes, perhaps attracting more enthusiasts to join us.

Some of the events being considered:

Earls Barton Transport Show - 24-26 August 2019

Earls Barton Monthly evening events (often attracting over a 1000 classic cars and bikes)

Stanford Hall Founders Day Lutterworth July

Stony Classic 2nd June 2019

Sywell Classics - Pistons and Props 21/22 September 2019

Bolnhurst Rally nrSharnbrook

Shelton Dean County Fair

Star and Garter Wellingborough bike events

Milton Keynes Museum Transport day

One regular ride already attended by the many of the group is the annual Duloe Daffodil Dash which next year has a new organiser.

There was a wealth of experience among the members attending, several owning multiple bikes from mopeds to much more powerful machines.

The section will now meet regularly on the 4th Wednesday of each month at:

**The Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell NN6 0BN at 8pm.**

Occasionally there are other events at this Hotel so please contact the coordinator if you plan to attend just in case of any venue or date changes.

If you are interested email: Ray at [raypaice@aol.com](mailto:raypaice@aol.com)

*Ray Paice*



## Norfolk Section.

Scheduled meetings are for the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the winter.

We agreed the venue (normally a pub) of the next meeting is to be by consensus of those present. Hopefully in the summer months we will be out and about on the bikes. Details will be posted on the Forum and on Facebook, EACC Norfolk Section or get in touch by phone or email. There will be 2 hall based runs this year Sunday 28th April and Sunday 22nd September see calendar for details. Hopefully we also attend a show or two; please get in touch with any suggestions. *Dave Watson.*

## Suffolk Section Notes

On evening December 15th Andrew and myself took the midnight ferry from Harwich to Hook of Holland, and disembarked in the early hours to drive to Houten Expo for the Central Classics motorcycle and moped jumble on 16th. Arriving well before the 10am opening, the queue was building despite the cold wind, but we chose to shelter in the van until the doors actually opened.

As usual the Expo autojumble was very busy for the first four hours, after which the heaving crowds started to thin out, so it became easier to do deals with the traders and buy stock, then straight back to the ferry in the evening for another rough overnight crossing home across the North Sea.

Disembarking the ferry at 6.30am on Sunday the 17th, we're back home before 8am, then everybody asks if you had a nice holiday?

First event of the New Year calendar was Dave Evans famous Mince Pie Run on Sunday 6th January 2019. This event also synchronises with a new edition of IcenicAM magazine, so the latest printed copies were also on sale in the clubhouse.

The weather proved relatively mild and dry for the time of year, which promoted another good attendance. We don't know the actual figure of how many vehicles were mustered in attendance at the Orwell Yacht Club starting point since they were so widely scattered across the site and throughout the car park, but there was a considerable selection of all sorts of our various small capacity machines, supported by a number of Coasters scooters, some classic and modern motorcycles + back-up vehicles.

Andrew and Mark Gibb covered the photography at the Orwell Yacht Club starting point and at points along the course, while Pete Ransom on Dazzle and myself on Dalek ran video cameras on the outward leg to the Shipwreck Bar at Shotley Marina. At the point of raising these section notes I have no idea how many vehicles registered for the run but I'd guess there were well over 60 bikes in the Marina Park, where I also shot some photos with Andrew and Mark Gibb.

During the lunch stop the weather clouded over and the estuary filled with an incoming sea-mist giving spooky views across the river of dark shapes of the giant cranes of Felixstowe Port looming high above the old lightships moored in the estuary.

By the time we left on the return run the air had turned had turned to a damp mist. Completion of the run back to the Orwell Yacht Clubhouse was welcomed by hot tea/coffee and the traditionally mince pies, except this year it seemed to be “mince pie surprise” – the surprise being that most of the mince pies were actually apple pies! It seemed the supermarket mince pie stocks mostly ran out after Christmas this year, so David improvised with apple pies instead....

The annual MPR still maintains its place as one of the most popular events on our calendar, with people seemingly keen for a ride after the festive season, whatever the weather.

Next regional event will be Mark Gibb's Alex's Birthday Run on Sunday 10th March from Bruisyard VH, but I won't be able to join you for that one because we have a wedding to attend instead. ABR had very good record turnout last year following its switch to the EACC, so is highly recommended for people fancying a ride.

Next regional big event is Paul Nelmes Radar Run on 14th April from Bromeswell Village Hall, supported by a Mopedjumble, and the next edition of IcenicAM, so this always proves a well-attended, popular and scenic run around the Bawdsey peninsula.

See you on the road ... *Danny*.

### **SouthEastMopedEnthusiasts**

The SEME Christmas dinner on the 12th December as usual was a well attended pleasant evening. Thanks for all those who came and a special thanks for those who travelled a fair distance. Looking back over 2018 all our events were well attended whether it be our two shows the three Sunday runs and the five mid week runs, our section seems well established now. So we move forward to our seasons opening weekend, this being our indoor club stand at the Heritage Transport Show at the Detling Showground held on Saturday 6th April swiftly followed by the fifth running of the North Downs Run on Sunday 7th April. Anyone wishing to display their bikes at the Transport Show please contact Clive Fletcher or Sharon for details and an application form. Every bike entered for the show receives two free admission tickets which means a considerable saving.....so it pays to display. If you are coming to the show do come and say hello and perhaps sample some of Sharon's fruit cake, what's not to loose!

*Martin Wickner*

### **Lancashire Slow Riders**

To remind anyone who is thinking of camping on the early May bank holiday at the beer and sausage festival were the Lancashire slow riders are planning an event with ride outs Sat/Sun, that camping spaces are limited and need to be booked ASAP direct with the **Whittingham and Goosnargh social club**, any more details please contact myself Paul Newton or Paul Morgan, details on our facebook page in the events section.

Thanks *Paul Newton*

## **Lancashire Slow Riders**

### **Rivington Barn Derian House Toy Run**

We attended a charity run event in aid of the Derian House, a children's Hospice.

Around 150 bikes attended the run and the Lancashire slow riders were well represented.

Weather was kind to us and the rest of the group rode at a pace to suit us 'slower' riders, and we were made very welcome.

Mike Gott even made it on his VAP, even though he is waiting on an operation on his foot that has prevented him from riding majority of this year.

Myself and Steve Taylor were some of the first ones to arrive, then Paul Morgan and a few others rolled up accompanied by a few Wirral wobblers.

Paul made a great effort and dressed his moped up in a Christmas theme and even his reindeer survived although a little deflated by the time he got home.

Great day and a well supported event and lots of donated presents for the children at the hospice.

*Paul Newton*

### **Norfolk Section December meeting.**

Good food, good humour, good company and a good time were enjoyed by all at the December meeting of the Norfolk section on 12th December, in Martham. 10 of us made it through a damp cold evening to meet up, the usual gang, 2 Ians, Dr Watson, Jon, Paul, no Ringo, Greg, Chris, Me, Jamie and Mel.

Greg provided 2 excellent quizzes which caused much head scratching and merriment. There were some tricky questions; the highest score was 20½ out of 50. Other scores were modest and no one failed to score. The mystery item, provided by Greg, was a good brain teaser as was the 'name that micro

Car' photo question.

Conversations ranged from "What machines have you purchased recently?" to "How can I get this apart?" and much more. Debate of the day was about the venue for the next meeting. No leaders were deposed and the 'Ayes' had it so we will be invading the metropolis of Dilham next month, see you at the Cross Keys. (only 250 miles from the Wirral).

*Matthew Hodder*

## **LANCASHIRE SLOW RIDERS, BOXING DAY RIDE**

The slow riders have a traditional ride out on boxing day down to the Farmers Arms in Parbold, Bispham Lancashire.

This year I even made it myself ha ha, I had arranged to meet Steve Taylor and ride down early to the venue and follow him on his recently acquired Honda C90 ZZ. I was on the Yamaha T80.

Steve had done a few test runs but found a problem with the electrics, although mechanically sound, the C90 would lose battery power and the fuse would blow, and this model does need a battery to run, unlike the C70, so he needed to make sure he wouldn't get stuck on the run.

We set off around 10.00am, on a damp misty morning, up over Parbold hill, the ice cream van was already parked up, maybe he been there all night.

We decided against having one though.

A few vintage BSA and Triumph bikes pulled over to ask us were the classic bike event was being held, we directed them and then followed on to the Farmers Arms after being satisfied the issue with the C90 was sorted.

Lots of bikes already at the farmers and we met a few more slow riders there.

After a brew and a chat, and a look round some nice old bikes, we decided on a ride to the next venue where we was promised Pie and Peas, we took the scenic route after a bit of confusion with the directions, but the weather was fine and roads reasonably quiet so it was an enjoyable ride.

Arriving at 'Heatons Bridge' pub near Southport, where a few more bikes had already arrived and quite a few more been and gone, we found a seat in the nice warm pub with open fire.

Within a few minutes we were presented with pie, chips, peas and gravy, courtesy of the landlord who welcomes bikers every year on Boxing Day.

We will certainly visit this place again and make it one of our stop offs when doing any runs around this area in future.

*Paul Newton*

## **For Sale / Wanted**

### **1965 Raleigh RM 5**

**Wanted urgently, front hub or complete wheel for the above bike. This has the swinging arm front suspension.**

**Harry Sales tel 01883 348346**

I was forwarded details of a bike for sale; seller was thinking the Reg Number would be valuable (most probably not, as not even registered). I will be contacting owner to confirm details etc.

Details of any wants' or sales must be sent in direct to:

[mac.editor.eacc@gmail.com](mailto:mac.editor.eacc@gmail.com)



A smiling Paul Morgan and his decorated bike at the start of the  
**Rivington Barn Derian House Toy Run**





Paul and Steve didn't have an ice cream on Boxing Day  
2 Autocycle's spotted at the Farmers Arms on Boxing Day







Paul Morgan's rather rare **Tomos Colibri**  
"I am a rather large guy" (his words not mine)





**Spotted on the East Anglian Run 2015**  
**The 34cc JAP powered mighty WORME (see page 23)**



## NEW YEARS DAY RIDE

### Lancashire slow riders/Preston chicken chasers.

Bit of an 'ad hoc' ride out on New Year's Day, we were weather watching, but decided the evening before it would be ok.

A great day weather wise it turned out to be.

We met up at Rivington barn, a popular venue for bikes, but can also get very busy with cars and walkers.

Met up with a few guys from another local bike group, similar to the slow riders, they are called the 'Preston Chicken Chasers' a common name in the northwest for people who ride Honda C50/70/90 range, not sure if this name 'chicken chaser' is popular uk wide, the bikes are also known as 'plaks', around here, and every household that had a biker in its family usually had one.

The guys from the 'chicken chasers' now mostly use more modern type bikes and scooters, but still have close links with the Honda Cub community.

Frank Bz joined us at Rivington, but as is Frank he was the centre of attention with the locals looking at his New Hudson, Restyle Autocycle

so we left him there, ha ha, plus he only had enough fuel to get home so he could store his bike with an empty tank for a few months, or so he told us.....

The place at Rivi started to get busy with cars so we decided to make a move, a ride over to the 'Delph Watersports Centre' was chosen then we could show the 'chicken chasers' a venue we sometimes meet for future reference, then down to the farmers at Parbold for a brew.

Another good day for a ride and the first one this year, also nice to meet up with another group of likeminded bike riders, I'm sure we will be doing a few more rides with these guys again.

*Paul Newton*

### Norfolk Section Meeting Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Cross Keys? They looked quite happy to me. January comes but once a year, so we had a meeting, 9 of us chaps and one chapess. The East & North Norfolk clans got together with a guest, Mr Utting snr, to eat drink & chat. Much happy discussion took place, 2 quizzes, pictorial guess the bike and 2 mystery objects. Many thanks to Greg Le Citroen for 1 quiz & other features. Pleasant ale was supped and good food was eaten. The pub seems a good hit so we will return there in February. Come on other Norfolk members, don't miss out, and join in the fun!

*Matthew Hodder*



## The E-bike aus Österreich

[www.re-cycle.org](http://www.re-cycle.org) or better known to many as 'Bikes to Africa', is a successful charity. Their mission is obtaining used most are suitable to be They have just shipped their



known to many as 'Bikes based near Colchester. bicycle donations of which containerised for Africa. 100,000<sup>th</sup> bike to Africa.

One of these donations received recently was a KTM Macina Action 291 electric mountain bike. It has a fault which is probably why it was donated.

Nothing special you may say, just another e-bike looking a bit robust and probably could do mountains. That is until you spot the name 'KTM' and 'Powered by Bosch' on the drive unit which is a cleverly built weathproof design into the bottom bracket as opposed to most other e-bikes, where the drive unit is in the either front or rear hub.



*The KTM Macina mountain bike*



*Bosch power unit*

Austrian manufacturer, KTM is well known for its [off-road motorcycles](#). Since the late 1990s, it has expanded into [street motorcycle](#) production and developing [sports cars](#). Then has developed e-bikes, so, we should expect something a bit different and checking the price tag when purchased it was close to £3k, so it really is!

This e-bike is probably last years model and possibly a demonstration model supplied to a large national bicycle outlet. It is a mountain bicycle style. The frame is a robustly welded constructed from alloy, using various shaped tubulars. The frame geometry is pretty standard although the cross bar is at a steeper angle front to saddle to rear hub, ideal for adventurous ladies.

For the purist cyclist, it has a host of high specification Shimano equipment to drool over. To the mountain biker, high bottom bracket, super adjustable telescopic front forks, robust 700mm rims with volume 'knobbly' tyres and hydraulic disc brakes, although the rear end is not sprung. It has a 11-speed gear

system for uphill slogging or downhill racing plus short pedal cranks to give you palpitations.

For the technocrats, the most powerful Bosch CX power unit is beyond belief. The dc motor is brushless, and it produces a staggering 70 N-m of shaft torque from a 36v 500 Ah Li-ion battery (recharge time about 5hrs) located on the down tube. Without more motor performance details, it is difficult to equate this to kW's, but there are plenty of kW's. The drive is via a single 15 tooth drive sprocket to a rear 11-42 teeth cassette and Shimano derailleur.

The control 'brain' is in the Bosch drive unit. This provides the standard safeguards such as speed limiting, correct charging voltage, continuously matching power output to demand, plus a host of other safety features.

On the handlebars is a control mode selector and a computer display. By the mode control one of 4 drive modes can be selected, also indicating battery status and riding events such as average speed. There is a USB connection for diagnostic interrogation and it appears to be privy only to Bosch e-bike dealers.



*The computer display*



*Mode controls*

At about 4 miles/hr whilst pedalling, the drive engages seamlessly propelling the bike rapidly to the statutory maximum of 15.5 mile/hr as the turbo mode power kicks in. Stick the bike in low gear (ratio 0.73) engage turbo mode motive power via the pedals and it will climb a very steep gradient. However, not fitted to this e-bike though, is an ABS system will prevent you doing wheelies or diving over the handlebars when applying the front brake, downhill. To disengage the exhilaration, apply the brakes. Another thing; this e-bike is not for the faint-hearted biker.

There are almost no charger points in Africa therefore; the destination of this superb machine will be determined by the Charity, Re-cycle.

*Barrie Holland*

## **Request for help from an Essex member.**

I wrote a while ago about getting my 1953 Garelli Mosquito cycle-motor mounted on a period bike and going through the DVLA registration process.

This culminated in my attending the first CARD run in July when the heavens opened and ruined my first outing. I found the bike very uncomfortable and quite frightening on the small country lanes!

That was enough for me to be very jealous of the moped riders whose machines seemed eminently more suitable to go on public roads.

Since then the tyre boy at my local garage had seen the bike and told me his Dad owned a farm where he said there was one of these rusting away!

He put me on to his dad who unfortunately was struck down with MS many years ago and had to sell his prize-winning dairy herd. Since then the farm has become semi-derelict, just having livery stables.

Eventually I made contact and went to see the farm where I found what turned out to be two mopeds.



Andrew identified these for me from photos as a Kerry Capitano and a Mobylette, both in very rusty condition!

The Kerry has an engine but no petrol tank, front mudguard, front/rear lights or number plate panel. The Mobylette seems to be just missing the engine, but has a number plate dating it to 1961.

I bought the Kerry as I did not expect to be able to get an engine for the other, although maybe this was the wrong choice? It has a pressed steel frame to the luggage carrier so I think it is maybe a later one, mid-60s perhaps? I am not much one for sparkling restorations so I would like to get this one in running order and registered in as near original condition as possible, at least to start with.

So if anyone can help with the missing Kerry parts, manual and/or other helpful information I would be very grateful. Also maybe for an engine for the Mobylette? I live in Wickford, Essex, and can be contacted on 01268 769463 or 07951 702293.

*Richard Rowsell*



## Velo Solex S3800 (Impex Model)

When I was 17 I inherited my late father's Trojan Power Pak bicycle. He liked it a lot and it was an odd companion to his wonderful Jaguar Mk 7M. That was many decades ago and I recall falling off and hurting my hands quite badly before moving on to one of many Lambrettas.

Last year I joined the EACC and bought my second ever moped, an Impex S3800



And wonder why I left it so long to have another moped.

Work done included 2 new wheels, tyres and tubes. Re lining the drum brake as I had a total lock up when a small part of the old linings broke away and jammed the wheel.

Hard work to lift the rear and carry the bike home, luckily a couple of hundred yards from home. If I buy another that will be regarded as a vital service item for safety.

I added a lovely Huret speedo with black face and a battery operated small horn to please the MOT tester.

Points, condenser and plug changed together with a new fuel regulator in the carb made it run very well indeed. New cables were added and the adjustment of the throttle cable and the front brake handlebar mechanism is critical to ensure good idling and the tickover correct when the brake is applied allowing the clutch to disengage properly at rest.

One mod. was to replace the fuel pipe from the tank to the carb with a copper one as the alloy one may be prone to vibration failure. Pipe fittings needed a small ream out to take the slightly larger diameter bore copper pipe.

The other alloy pipe is not subject to fuel tank vibration so was left standard.

Endless pleasure to ride across the Somerset levels. *Reg Palmer*

## The rare **Tomos Colibri** 49cc moped.

I found mine for sale a year or so ago on the internet selling site “Gumtree”.

One of two for sale due to the owner losing their dry storage.

After texting back and forward over a week I decided to go for it.

I just fancied something a little different, which the Colibri is.

I arrived at the seller's storage which was his works garage to look and buy the odd ball Tomos ..

Very little information about the moped could be found online. The “Gentleman” explained why he was selling them. He did have three Calibri's . He told me the story of them. They where first bought brand new. All registered with private number plates, all where “H” registered. The first owner had put them all inside a container, stacked up just to keep and store the registration. But had to sell them as he needed the cash, which the seller had to hand at the time, so they were moved from the container into an old dusty car garage, sitting there for a few more years till he had to sell them. Great for me. I got a nice clean bike with a few rust marks and scratches.

A Tomos moped with only 3 kilometres, yes that's right 3 kms. It had never been on the road, the fuel tank was shiny like new for a 1991 moped.

Once safely home the first job was to get a number plate made. Once fitted off I rode.

A 2 speed automatic 2 stroke moped. A bit slow changing gear but not surprising when I am a rather large guy.

But it gets there and runs nice and smooth as you would expect from a new moped engine. Now used for potting around the countryside in West Lancashire joining in the Lancashire Slow-Riders runs outs and even being put into Shows and Events the club enter. After about 12 months out on a ride with the club I happened to notice the tyre had split not just in one place! After lowering the tyre pressure I carried on the ride doing approx 40+ miles till we got back. New tyres where ordered that night . Since then only the oil has been changed a few times, never letting me down on a ride.

Now sat covered up over the winter months waiting to get back out on the roads.

Details

Tomos – Colibri – made 1991 – First time on the roads 2017.

49cc - 2 stroke – pre-mixed

Mono Shock

2 speed Automatic

Built in the former Yugoslavia.

One of only 5 that I know of in the UK. So rather rare.

*Paul Morgan* Member no. 3961

## **I think I'm a bad advert for cyclemotoring!**

Dear Dave

Welcome to the position of Editor and a big thank you to everyone who does us all a big favour by giving their time and effort to the club. As for the moaners, well, you're all a Bunch of Greasy Moped Fondlers! So there!

I've been in a fowl temper recently. I've had three punctures, a head stud pull out of the barrel on the Cairns (lost all power suddenly up a steep hill), bad guts and steaming cold. I somehow got landed with playing the organ at two churches at Christmas so I even had to limit the foul language! Bah humbug etc etc.

Anyway, new year's day dawned fine and bright(ish) so I thought I'd cheer myself up on the mighty WORME (34cc J.A.P mower engine on a push bike) which I'm currently running in after yet another engine rebuild. I set off along country lanes and my mood lifted. Ah the sweet aroma of burnt oil from the exhaust as it coated my left foot in greasy effluent! No roadwork's or temporary traffic lights permanently stuck on red, nor a single traffic cone anywhere. True, some of the roads were diabolical, with holes deep enough to reach the antipodes, but not a problem at 14 M.P.H.

On one quite wide road, the surface on the left was completely breaking –up, so I set a steady course four feet from the verge. Faster traffic passed without problems. Then, an angry blast from the horn of a dirty and battered Vauxhall Astra changed my mood somewhat.

The red mist descended. Ignoring protests from the poor 55 year old J.A.P, I unleashed the mighty Worme (oo-er, can I say that?) and caught the boulder at a junction.

Yea verily I said to him “Thou art a fornicator of low estate, and a disgusting pile of bat's vomit!” (or words to that effect) he bleated that he himself was a cyclist, but “never rode in the middle of the road.” At this juncture, possibly imagining a desire on my part to modify his somewhat malformed and inbred features, he scarpered.

Now, perhaps I'm oversensitive, but in the last month I seem to have seen more idiocy on the roads than usual. I had a Peugeot people carrier (or is that a Peegeot Purple Carrier?) nearly brush my sleeve when I was out on the Atlas, a bus pull out without signalling when I was on the Cairn's (thank God for Monitor Super-Cam brakes), seen various cyclists nearly squashed, and encountered several recent smashes at road junctions.

Any road-user should show consideration by keeping left to allow faster vehicles to pass, but why should risk damage to man and machine by riding on a surface in dangerous condition just because some twonk feels that any 2-wheeler should remain in the gutter?

So advice please:-

Options

- 1 Smile sweetly and give them a small gift labelled “to the twonk of the week”
- 2 Drag them kicking and screaming into the ditch and compel them to eat a copy of the Highway Code?
- 3 Flash your E.A.C.C. membership card, write down their details, and inform that they will be reported to “THE COMMITTEE!!!”

Regards *Derek Langdon*

*Translated from a hand written letter received from Derek into “word” hope I’ve done it justice, apologies if not.*

**A famous old cafe in wigan, very popular with bikers in the 50s/60s.**



Thanks to Paul Newton for sending in this nice old B/W photo in.

## **Castle to Castle Moped Run**

**Sunday 5th—Saturday 10th August 2018**

Based on the two runs that Carl Squirrell organised (that spawned from the 2008 Lands End to John O’Groats), where a small group plus back-up would stay at pre-booked Travelodges, this was to be the fifth event that I have organised. When we went to Caernafon and onto Angelsey a couple of the riders would have liked to visit the Castle on the way back. A plan was hatched where we would ride to Portmadog, have a day off the bikes, and take the train to Caernarfon.

### **Day 1, Sunday 5th August, Martham to Peterborough.**

Assemble at 08:00, on the road for 09:00, went to plan, and we headed towards Caister on time, for our first Castle. It wasn’t open yet (I did know that) and we stopped for a photo from the nearby lane.

We knew there was no eatery near to our Travelodge so we stopped at Wetherspoons, Whittlesey for a nice meal.

It was to be just a short run from there to Eye, Peterborough for our first night.

119 Miles done and all bikes running well.

### **Day 2, Monday 6th August, Peterborough to Shrewsbury.**

We knew this was going to be a long day! The Little Chef that was at the Travelodge has morphed into a Starbucks so we headed off early to the Morrisons at Stamford for breakfast.

Lots more riding and a later than intended meet with MH, thanks to David Wickens’s routing and leadership we eventually arrived at the Shawbirch Travelodge and a meal in the adjacent Two Henrys pub where we were joined by local man Ken Hayes.

165 miles done, not many photo opportunities and all bikes still running well.

### **Day 3, Tuesday 7th August, Shrewsbury to Porthmadog**

Breakfast in the Two Henrys and we were met again by Ken who led us out of Shrewsbury.

Then on to Portmadog Travelodge, not one of their best locations: on an industrial estate, it was a walk into town and a nice meal in The Ship pub.

A great day riding in lovely scenery and plenty of stops despite the Bown conking out with only 12 miles to go on our 130 miles for the day.

#### **Day 4, Wednesday 8th August, Porthmadog to Caernarfon.**

A day off for the bikes and a day off the bikes for us.

Everybody was up for a ride on the Welsh Mountain Railway;

Most of us visited the castle

We checked out the bus times, had a coffee or tea and scones and some decided to go back early.

Jim, Ken, and I ambled around before a meal at the Wetherspoons and catching the bus back.

Nice to have a chilled out day off the bikes.

#### **Day 5, Thursday 9th August, Porthmadog to Telford.**

A brilliant bright start to the day and a nice breakfast in the newish café on the adjacent industrial estate.

A lovely day riding in beautiful areas with lovely breaks. 97 miles done.

#### **Day 6, Friday 10th August, Telford to Spalding.**

We knew this was going to be a long day and thanks again to the other DW for plotting the route and leading us.

A long day with not many photo opportunities and the only time we had rain on our riding days.

165 Miles done.

#### **Day 7, Saturday 11th August, Spalding to Martham.**

Back on familiar territory and a much easier day to be led by me.

An easy day (no pedalling) plenty of breaks and the sun shone all day. 94 Miles done.

I have said several times that it was to be my last big ride but it appears I lie.

Just one more! A completely different take on a Coast to Coast run is being planned.

*Dave Watson*

Thanks to Andrew the full report with pictures is now in “The Moped Archive”

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~pattle/nacc/arc0681.htm>





Day 1 and our first Castle

6 riding days (770 miles) and a train ride later we are back in Norfolk.





Just 2 of the probably over 60 bikes on the Mince Pie run.

