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The East Anglian Cyclomotor Club

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

Membership is just £3.00 a year for UK residents (and it's £5.00 for the rest of Europe, & £7.00 for the rest of the world). The membership form is available from our website... or just ask and we'll send you one.

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.

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News

Congratulations...

...to Brian Aplin. Anyone with a Raleigh or Mobylette will know the name Aplins. This Bristol-based shop is always top of the list when looking for spares for these machines. This month, Brian Aplin celebrates 50 years in the moped trade. It was on 1st June 1959 that Aplins started in this business with a pair of NSU Quickys.

Club News

Future Events

Our next event is our weekend at the Horham Bygones Rally. The main Horham Rally is on Saturday and we'll have our machines on display. We've booked a pitch for a club stand to use during the day for recruiting, jumbling, socialising and ... any thing else we can think of. Around tea-time, we'll have a shortish road run and return to Horham for some mass catering and to prop up the Community Centre bar. On Sunday morning, there will be the familiar road run. Instead of a half way stop, we'll keep going and return to Horham for lunch. We'll arrange some silly games on the field for the afternoon.

Anyone coming to the rally of Saturday should have booked and received their passes by now. The other bits: Saturday run, Saturday evening get-together and Sunday Run are pretty free and easy - pop along and take part as you please. It will, however, help if you can let us know if your going to be there on Saturday evening; then we'll know how many to cater for.

A couple of events have been added to the calendar since the last newsletter. There's another West Anglian run in September; this one's called the Great Ouse Cruise because the route keeps crossing the River Great Ouse. With splendid scenery and the famous West Anglian catering, this will be an event well worth going to.

The other new event is an informal gathering at the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway. "Informal" is the key word here. Just ride along to the railway museum. There will be steam trains running and a 'real ale' bar.

Calendar

We have meetings every Tuesday at Walton *Half Moon* (near Felixstowe) from around 9:30pm

13th/14th June EACC Big Weekend at Horham Bygones Rally, Horham Community Centre, Suffolk. Bikes on display Saturday. Runs on Saturday evening and Sunday. Camping available. Licensed bar. This event will be raising money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices.
Andrew Pattle - 01449 673943

5th July 7th **Peninsularis Run and Mopedjumble** from Bucklesham Village Hall to Waldringfield *Maybush*.
Mark Daniels: 01473 659607

2nd August Invitation to **East Anglian Microcar Club Rally** at Stonham Barns. Morning road run, bikes on display in afternoon. Tea and coffee stall, micro jumble, bring and buy stalls and a raffle plus Stonham Barns' facilities: restaurant, ice cream kiosks, shops, etc.

30th August Informal gathering at the **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway** from lunchtime onwards. This is a Steam Day at the Middy.

6th Sept **West Anglian Great Ouse Cruise**. The starting point is Thurleigh Village Hall. There'll be the usual jumble in the hall before we set off at 11:15. The 24-mile run will criss-cross the River Great Ouse and will stop at *The Bell* in Odell. Ralph Richardson: 01234 403796

13th Sept 6th **Coprolite Run & Mopedjumble** from Bucklesham Village Hall to Felixstowe Ferry *Victoria*. Jumble opens from 9:30am, Run sets off 11am. Mark Daniels: 01473 659607.

4th October EACC stand at the **Copdock Motorcycle Show**. Mark Daniels: 01473 659607 or Andrew Pattle - 01449 673943

If you want to organise an EACC event, please get in touch with Paul Efreme (OiC events). We're geared up to help you with insurance, sign-on sheets, 'day' membership sheets, certificates, machine numbers, voting slips, and anything else your event might need.

Membership

The attendance at this year's events - around 25 on wet days and twice that when it's fine - shows what an amazingly active lot you are. There's a rule-of-thumb in any successful club that you can only expect about 10% of the membership

to take part in anything. Our membership has climbed up to around 230. That means we're getting over 10% of the total membership turning up at a single event on a wet day. Looking through the membership list, over half of you will have turned up at at least one event during the year. That's quite extraordinary. Long may it continue.

Committee

We held a committee meeting at the Radar Run. As a rule, we let the club meander along its own way and only hold committee meetings when there's something important to discuss. This time it was something a bit heavyweight: a child protection policy. We had realised that, as it's legal to ride a moped at age 16, it was possible that we could have unaccompanied under-18s taking part in club events. That meant, either we had to prevent it, or think about child protection. No contest, then. Encouraging young riders is the only sensible way to go. We've agreed a Child Protection Policy and it's available from the club website. Contact the secretary if you would like a paper copy. We would particularly like to thank the FBHVC for the help they gave us in drawing up a suitable policy.

West Anglian Spring Run

by Alex Lees

The day dawned bright and sunny, the omens were good! By 08:30 Ralph was at Willington village hall and I swear that, as soon as I entered the village, I could smell the BACON, but on entering the hall the smell was overpowering. Ralph and I had one each to make sure the bacon was OK!

But enough of this pre-ambule, I think Andrew was amongst the first to arrive complete with a Lohmann-engined bicycle, 18cc of raw power! Soon all the familiar faces turned up; we were going to have a good day. Owen Gough turned up with a good selection of jumble and his wife came up trumps in the kitchen. Danny brought his jumble along, some of which he had only purchased the day before in Utrecht! Trading was brisk until the departure time and about 11:15am we were away. I was in the breakdown vehicle this time, Ralph rode my Norman Model C (you know, the one with highly polished flywheel). It took him a bit of time to adjust to 2F power (he's used to a JDL) and also the bonus of brakes that stop you. Bev Crook rode with me in the car and helped load up Luke Booth's Levis; he was the only casualty. We kept passing Andrew on the 'Slowman Lohmann' and trying to persuade him to load it aboard but he was having none of it and true to the spirit of the event, completed the course. Bravo Andrew.

On reaching Southill we retired to the *White Horse* for beverages and more food. Lots of mickey taking and friendly banter made for a really good atmosphere in the pub.

We had passed through some really pretty parts of Bedfordshire: Ickwell, Northill, Southill and Old Warden on the outward leg and we are now heading for Ireland and on to Cardington and someone had been playing about with the omens I spoke of earlier. You've guessed it, the heavens opened and the wind blew, luckily for Andrew it was in his favour. Everybody got soaked and some were seen walking around the hall in their underpants, trousers draped over radiators in an effort to dry them before heading home. More jumbling, tea and bickies and then the journey home. Another really good run, 26 riders in all with only one

breakdown. We covered our expenses and contributed £50 to EACC funds.

PS: I don't believe Dave Evans got lost, can anyone clarify this?

Spotted at the W A Spring Run...



We are the East Anglian *Cyclemotor* Club, so lets look at some more cyclemotors...

This is Keith Rutledge's Mini-Motor and was one of two cyclemotors that completed the West Anglian Spring Run. Keith, like David Whatling (whose Motamite we 'spotted' in *The MAC* last June), is one the dedicated cyclemotorists among our membership. It is the fate of the cyclemotorist to be the last to arrive at the end of any run. However, for once, Keith was not bringing up the rear on this club ride. That's because the other cyclemotor on the run was Andrew Pattle's Lohmann.

...and at the Radar Run



And here is that Lohmann - though pictured here resting along the route of the Radar Run when Andrew had stopped to take some pictures of the other riders. How, on a Lohmann, did he get far enough in front to stop and take pictures of the others? Obviously, there was some cheating going on.