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Cyclomotor Club

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The East Anglian Cyclomotor Club

is *the* club for *all* cyclomotor, autocyce 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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New format

As you can see, we've changed the newsletter round, bringing all the colour items on the same side of the paper - this is not entirely unconnected to our acquisition of a laser printer (and thanks for that go to Lindsay Neill).

Spotted at Horham...



It's not a cyclomotor, it's not an autocyce and it's not a moped, but this 1952 98cc Bown motor cycle in the club line-up was probably the machine that most club members coveted. Why? Because it's completely original. It has been stored, unused, for over 50 years. It even has the instructions and tool kit still wrapped up in the toolbox.

Although it's not for sale, that didn't stop a heated debate among club members about, if it was theirs, should they restore it or leave it exactly as it is.

...at the Penisularis Run...



When Puch made a smaller version of the Maxi, it ended up with the self-contradictory name of Mini-Maxi. This red and white model was the first version and was introduced to the UK in May 1983. The Mini Maxi Lady, available in either pink or red, replaced it in July 1985.

...and at the Microcar rally



Guy's Zorplan Shopper. A company from Essex marketed this conversion of a Puch Maxi to a three-wheeler. Their appeal must have been quite limited, making surviving examples pretty rare - in fact, Guy's is the first one we have ever seen.

Club News

AGM

The 2009 AGM will be at Coddendam Village Hall at 2:15pm on Sunday 15th November. Nominations are invited for the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and up to six committee members.

That's the official bit out of the way... early indications are that the AGM will be controversy-free. We haven't reached the end of our financial year yet but the bank account is looking healthy and the committee isn't looking for a change to the subscription rate. None of the current committee has said they want to leave – but, on the other hand, we haven't asked them! In addition to the Secretary and Treasurer, we need between one and six committee members. There are four at the moment so, if anyone is keen to join in, we can have two more without throwing any of the current lot off. The minutes of last year's AGM are on the website, and there will be copies at the meeting. If you want a copy in advance, tell the Secretary and he'll send you one.

New Section

Our newest section is in Wiltshire. To start with, there will be a monthly meeting at the *Prince of Wales*, Wootton Bassett from 7:30pm on the last Wednesday of each month. This is the same time and place as the NACC North Wiltshire Section meetings - several people in the area belong to both clubs so, not only does it make sense to share a meeting place, but we hope it will help to promote co-operation between the two clubs at the 'grass roots' level. Section contact is John Tylee, 01793 529671.

Future Events

Our next event is on 6th September and it'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 weekend after that is the Coprolite Run. This is one of the old favourites; it starts at Bucklesham and goes to Felixstowe Ferry.

Then there's the Copdock Show. Our plans for the club's stand are as ambitious as usual – Andrew and Danny are keen to hear from anyone who can help in any way whatsoever.

As stated above, the AGM is in November – but it's not just the AGM, it's Kneel's Wheels too. This follows the popular run + jumble + village hall format and is usually our biggest jumble of the year. Even though it incorporates the AGM, we still welcome non-members to come along, as we do at all our events. Of course, the actual AGM has to be members only but everything else: the jumble, the run, the tea, coffee and biscuits, is open to all.

Membership

Club membership continues to grow and has reached another milestone. The day before I wrote this, the total number of members hit the 250 mark.

Past Events

Our first weekend event was a success – in fact, all our recent events have been successes – and we had an impressive display of machines on the Saturday of Horham Bygones Rally. Ralph Richardson gets much of the credit for making it such an enjoyable event as he organised most of the catering and Sunday's Moped Gymkhana. It was a come-as-you-please weekend: some members were there the

whole time, others just popped along to the bits they fancied. As well as the display, we had a road run in the early evening of Saturday. A barbecue followed that. Ralph made breakfast on Sunday morning and then we had a longer road run, returning to the Community Centre for lunch. Finally, there was the Moped Gymkhana during Sunday afternoon. We were also raising money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. I can't tell you how much we raised individually, but the combined total from our event and the tractor run on Sunday was £1,120.

Next on the calendar was the Peninsularis Run. This is an old-established run and a firm favourite with club members – particularly for the lunch stop at Waldringfield *Maybush*, which has plenty of outside seating giving superb views across the river. Of course, all the usual suspects turned up, but there was a good number of new faces too.

The East Anglian Microcar Club invited us along to their rally at Stonham Barns in August. The turnout for this was more than three times what we were expecting! There was an interesting turn-out of machines too, including three three-wheelers. I suppose the microcar side of the event inspired this. As well as Guy's Zorplan (featured in *Spotted*, overleaf), David Whatling brought his Cyclomaster-powered CWS/Holdsworth trike and Dave Watson came with his Honda Nippi wheelchair transporter.

Calendar

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

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.

30th Sept Wiltshire Section **evening meeting** at the *Prince of Wales*, Wootton Bassett from 7:30pm. Further details from John Tylee on 01793 529671.

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

28th October Wiltshire Section **evening meeting** at the *Prince of Wales*, Wootton Bassett from 7:30pm. Further details from John Tylee on 01793 529671.

15th Nov **Kneels Wheels:** Starting from Coddendam Village Hall and following a dog-shaped route to Grundisburgh *Dog*, Kneels Wheels also incorporates a Mopedjumble and the EACC's AGM. Neil Morley: 01473 743587.

25th Nov Wiltshire Section **evening meeting** at the *Prince of Wales*, Wootton Bassett from 7:30pm. Further details from John Tylee on 01793 529671.

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.