



THE OBSERVER

For the members of Castle Colchester MCC – **Band On The Run**

January 2015 Edition

Not much to report going in to January, really, but we do have our usual request for observers for the Phil King. Just in case you don't know, it's happening on February the 8th and please contact Gary Wakely if you can help out.

Annual General Meeting 2014

Well, we had a decent turnout with ten club members in attendance. It won't come as a great surprise that the attendees were the usual guys most of whom already hold positions as Club officials. At the risk of boring you I think it's worth stating who our 2015 Club officials are just so's you knows.

Derek Clampin remains as President. Vice President Les Johnson has been joined by Jim Cammack so now we have two VP's! It was felt that Jim's appointment is much deserved and a suitable recognition of his place within the Club. Luckily for us Gary Wakely continues in the role of Chairman. There's been a change with regard to our Club Secretary as Vanessa has called time, after helping us out for a good number of years, and Richard Norman has volunteered for the job. I'd like to point out that the group extended a collective vote of thanks to Vanessa for having fulfilled that role so effectively – and for being Secretary of the Meeting at many of our events, too.

Membership Secretary Neil Kemp continues into 2015 and Chris Eley will do the same with regard to the Club Newsletter. Mick and Andy Deeks are going to carry on with the, somewhat thankless, positions of Eastern Centre Delegates to look after our interests at Centre level. Lastly, our Directors Gary Wakely, Richard Norman and Richard Eley have been unanimously re-elected.

The Open Discussion covered a fairly wide range of Club issues but most of the time was spent in discussion of the 2015 Phil King Trial.

IMHO

Having tried reasonably hard to pass on the Newsletter to some other sucker – and met with failure – I'm going to continue into 2015 but will be going about it in a slightly different way. The plan is to try and produce a decent edition every other month and fill in the gaps with a much more basic offering. However, if there's a deluge of material offered up it'll go into extra decent quality editions.

I'd guess most of you have seen this, already, but I reckon it's worth another look.

Dougie Lampkin: Tundra Trial video.

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Stuck-in-the-muds

A sneaky bit of practising took place back in early December with five of the faithful braving a very cold wind to get in a little bike time. Neil and Dick were honing their skills in readiness for a titanic scrap in Braintree's Turkey Trot. Terry Thompson was giving the Ossa an outing while Rich Eley was happy blasting his Gasser up the banks at full revs.

However, the fun really started when it came to get away. Chris Eley's car needed a little push to get it going but Terry's van got well and truly stuck. Yes, you've guessed – it's a Transit. Luckily, Rich E had a tow rope and it took a tow from Neil and some mighty shoving from the other three to get it shifted. We really should know better – after all we're trials riders!



December Round Up

Lowestoft – Corton – 7th December

Four of the Castle guys drove up the A12 for a day at the seaside for this one. It looks to have been a fairly hard day out judging by the scores.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue Twinshock: Paul Whitehead was our lone representative, here, clocking up 59 marks.

Novice: There's a bit more Castle interest on this route with 3 members taking part. Jason finished 3rd overall with what must've been a fairly satisfying win over George (56 to 71) who was 4th overall. Harry Moore, who's a new name to me, came in 12th on 121. I believe Harry was having a day off from riding enduro.....

Braintree – Beazley End (Turkey Trot) – 21st December

This year's popular Turkey Trot didn't produce any Castle winners, unfortunately.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: Paul Whitehead was joint-first on 4 marks and losing out on the furthest-clean decider to Braintree's Wes Butcher. Rich Norman was joint 4th on 18 lost. Neil lost 28 and came in 8th. Jim clocked up 43 and a 14th place finish. George was 17th, losing 60, and Jason came in 21st on 98 dabs lost.

Novice: Castle novice riders were a bit thin on the ground with Harry Moore our lone entrant. Out of a sizeable entry of 28 Harry finished 15th.

Triangle – Raydon – 26th December

2014's latest event at the much used Raydon venue.

Yellow: No Castle riders.

Red/Blue: Tom, Paul and Richard rode, clocking up 13, 20 and 27 respectively in 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in class.

Novice: Harry Moore was again our lone entrant and came in 11th on a 70 score.

Woodbridge – Laurie Bird memorial – 28th December

The annual Christmas outing for the twin shocks...

Hard: Tom was joint winner, and came out tops on the tie breaker, with 9 marks lost. Richard Norman wasn't far behind in 4th losing 14. Looks like Neil had a tough day clocking up 51 marks and 14th place.

Braintree – Twinstead Wood – 31st December

No results out, as yet, for this one so I'll include them in the February Edition.

2014 Overall.

Unfortunately I couldn't find the inter-club league table but the individual results are available.

Tom had a good year on the super-tough Expert Class and finished 6th overall.

In the Intermediate Class Neil came in 2nd with Buck right behind in 3rd. Paul Lonergan switched to the Inters part way through the season and clocked up 14th place.

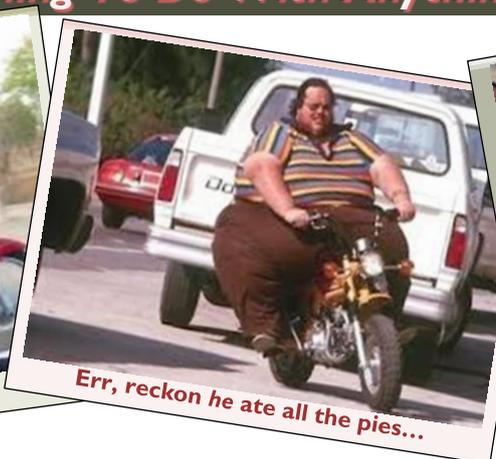
George Warren was 2nd in the Novice Class with Jason not far back in 6th, and Paul Lonergan features here too with 7th place.

2015 could be interesting as I believe there will be championships for Expert B and Inter B to keep an eye on.

Nothing To Do With Anything Much



And the dog came, too....



Err, reckon he ate all the pies...



We all love a pic of a dog on a bike....

Club Night

Club Night Diary:

First Club Night of 2015 – Tuesday January the 13th

No Club Night in February, brethren, as it'd be too close to the PKT.

March Club Night – Tuesday 10th.

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