



# THE OBSERVER

For the members of Castle Colchester MCC – **We are what we eat.**

September 2015 Edition

I think we've just avoided the ignominy of having two Post-It Note newsletters on the trot thanks to Claire Thomas sending in a piece about the recent Weeley Show and also some sidecar cross news. Many thanks for bailing me out!

Do be aware that our trial over at Pebmarsh takes place on the 13th of this month. There have already been a couple of working parties, and the sections are well under way, with the most recent efforts managing to make five sections at Overhall - so the remaining seven will be spread around the stream and ditch. My guess is that the next party will be this coming Saturday so please contact Gary Wakely if you lend a bit of muscle to the proceedings. Similarly, if you can spare some time to observe a section please give GW a call.

Report by Claire Thomas

## Weeley Show

'ON SHOW'

On Sunday 2nd August, The Thomas Family and Tom and Richard Norman attended the 3rd Essex Custom Car and Bike Show, held in Weeley. The Normans had a selection of trials bikes, from modern to classic, and Pete Thomas took his modern sidecarcross outfit, a 720cc Zabel.

The weather was beautiful all day and a late crowd made the day a real event. There were rows of classic cars and bikes, trade stands, live bands, burlesque dancers, and fair ground rides - something for everyone!

Our two crews demonstrated their bikes in the arena doing a few laps, and also with Tom demonstrating his skills. They also said a few words about their bike(s) and the club.

Unfortunately we were only contacted a few weeks before the event, which made it difficult to arrange many people or much advertising material for the club. Next year we hope to return a bit more prepared, and with more of you lot with us!! (Tea and coffee provided by the Thomas Camp!)

'BRITISH SIDECARCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP AT WAKES COLNE'

On the 6th September, the best sidecarcross crews from around the country will be travelling to Little Loveney Hall at Wakes Colne (CO6 2BH) for the penultimate round of their British Championship.

Practice is at 10am and its £10 for adults. The day will also see various solo races including the NGR championship. We currently have two teams within the top 10 in the world so if you want to see some top class sidecar motor cross head over!! (Same refreshment arrangement applies!!)

## August Trials Round Up

### Braintree – Snaque Pit – 1<sup>st</sup> August

Braintree Club laid out 9 sections for the 22 riders that turned up on a very pleasant, warm, Saturday evening. It's a shame there wasn't a larger entry as the trial deserved a bit better, really. We had 3 members in attendance, all riding the white route.

**Yellow:** No Castle riders.

**Red/Blue:** No Castle riders.

**White:** Jason cast away a solitary dab, Rich Eley lost 4 and Chris Eley had a recorded score of 3 – but hotly disputes the 2 marks shown as lost on section one....

### Ipswich – Little Bealings – 8<sup>th</sup> August

This was one of my favourite events of last year but unfortunately I couldn't make it this time. However, four Castle brethren did ride. The red/blue route combines modern and twin shock bikes so is a bit misleading, really.

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**Yellow:** Only two riders in the Expert Class with Tom finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to Julian Harvey (no disgrace in that I assure you)

**Red/Blue:** Paul Whitehead was 1<sup>st</sup> in Class with a lowly score of 9 dabs. Richard Norman rode the venerable Beamish Suzuki to a score of 60 marks and Jason was a little way back on 74.

**White:** No Castle riders.

### Chelmsford – Beazley End – 15<sup>th</sup> August

This particular Saturday evening trial continues to be popular and attracted 43 entries in the end. Our very own Rich Eley 'defected' for a while to help Nick Ogden set out the sections on the Friday. There was a severe shortage of observers and most sections operated on a 'mark yourself' honesty policy.

**Yellow:** No Castle riders.

**Red/Blue:** Chammers flew the flag on red/blue finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in class on 16 marks.

**White:** Rich Eley put his 'local knowledge' to decent effect coming home 4<sup>th</sup> on this route, dropping 11 on the way.

### Ipswich – Offton – 23<sup>rd</sup> August

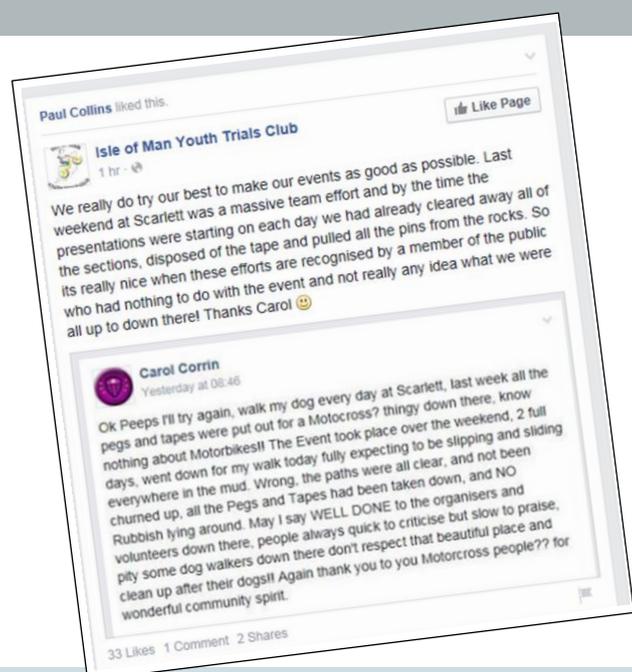
The events here have, shall we say, a bit of a reputation but Ipswich laid out a very successful trial, on a lovely hot day, and I think pretty much everyone went home happy. We had seven riders on the entry list.

**Yellow:** Chris Ryland looked very much at home on the Scorpa and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on yellow.

**Red/Blue:** As usual red/blue is where most of the action took place with Buck topping the Castle crew with 11 marks lost and sixth place in the bag. Next up was Neil in 10<sup>th</sup> on 22 marks immediately followed by Chris Eley, also on 22 marks down. Paul Lonergan finished 16<sup>th</sup> on 33 and Matt placed 21<sup>st</sup> picking up a score of 49.

**White:** Rich Eley was our sole representative and came home 3<sup>rd</sup> losing 5 in the process.

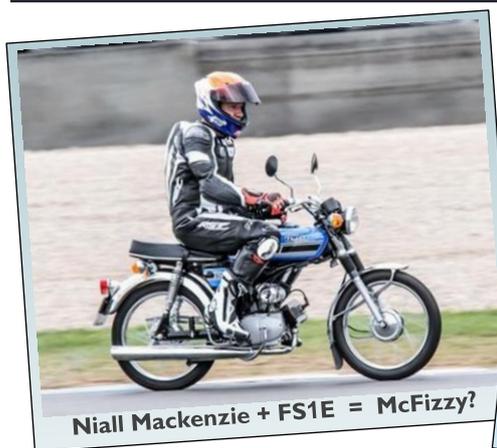
## IMHO



This was quite a heart-warming clipping that popped up on Facebook a few weeks ago. Not for the first time I'm indebted to Paul Collins for bringing an item of interest to light. Nice to see that a member of the public hasn't tarred all motorcyclist with the hooligan brush.

Speaking of hooligans, if I may, Chris Ryland was up at one of the recent Raydon practice evenings getting to grips with his new acquisition – a 300 Scorpa. The future's orange and the Montesa has now been consigned to oblivion. I'm liking the matching 'works stylee' riding gear, too.

## Nothing To Do With Anything Much



Niall Mackenzie + FS1E = McFizzy?



New energy drink from Czechoslovakia..



Yes. I know. It's a Kwacker.

## Club Night

### Club Night Diary:

September Club Night – None this month as too close to the Pebmarsh Trial

October Club Night – Tuesday 13th

The Bar, Stanway Rovers FC, New Farm Road, Colchester CO3 0PG

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