

## East Coast Pedalers East Coast Pedalers Breck Farm Report June 5th / 6th 2010

The second Breck Farm Camping Weekend held at Breck Farm Camp Site was very well attended and we had several members who travelled a long way to see what us East Coast Pedalers get up to.

The drama started on Friday night when we had a phone call to say that John Dainty who had come down from Durham had broken the drivebelt on his Ariel 3 and could we find a replacement ? A few phone calls and we had one organised for delivery the following day - mind you as events turned out some of us wished that we hadn't been able to find one !

When the locals arrived on Saturday morning there were already many people there with their machines on display. Including our long distance travellers John, Harvey and Gill Spencer, Chris Saunders & Luke Booth who had camped Friday night along with Norfolk members Dave Arnott and Barrie and Janet Brasted. Our routemaster Keith Ashby arrived mid afternoon, unfortunately his normally reliable New Hudson had expired a few days earlier so he had booked the "Track Spare" Novio for the weekend, after a few minutes tuition on the intricacies of Japanese machinery he felt confident enough to lead us out on the Saturday "Slowped " run, as expected some weird and wonderful machines lined up for the off including: Luke's Bernadi Buzz,

Dave Watson's Cyclemate ( a Cyclemaster engine in a Norman frame), Dave Arnott's Moby AV32, Mark Gibb on the Breck Farm Honda Express which was donated to us last year, John on the Ariel 3 with replacement belt fitted, and myself on "Le Mobchop" along with some more conventional machines such as Ray Gibb's Motobecane, Chris's James Autocycle, Barries Puch X50, Harvey' Raleigh RM8 Runabout, Gill's PC50.

Keith led us out and we succesfully crossed the busy road just outside the campsite, and then the problems began ! Dave's Cyclemate played up and he disappeared down a downhill sideroad in an effort to get it started and was never seen again ! Next John's Ariel 3 stopped and took some persuading to get running again so a few of us got left behind, undaunted after a few minutes changing plugs and cleaning carburettor jets we got underway hoping to catch up the leading pack before the scheduled first stop at a very nice moated castle, we found our way there ok and had a good look around and were just about to leave when Keith and the others drew in ! apparently we had taken a shorter route hence our early arrival !

Eventually we again left as one group - minus Dave Watson of course - but again the Ariel 3 played up and I was summoned to get on it and make it go, John jumped onto the Mobchop and after much pedalling I persuaded the Ariel to get going,

Mark also had problems with the Express which was smoking a lot but going nowhere fast, a large screwdriver was poked up its rear orifice and suddenly the Japanese horsepower was unleashed, Barrie had a few problems with the Puch but eventually that joined in the fun too, at the first opportunity I jumped off the Ariel 3 and John reluctantly took over the controls, but it played up throughout the run and I spent most of the run hanging the rear end of the tempermental 3 wheeler out on every corner as it only seemed to want to run flat out despite Dave's best efforts at keeping the jets clear, anyway John enjoyed himself riding the Mobchop despite it's lack of rear suspension.

Eventually we made it back to the campsite to be greeted by Dave Watson who had returned there to get on his other machine - a New Hudson Autocycle - but that too played up so eventually he just gave up.... 15 miles in 3 hours ..... must be a record !!!

Quote of the weekend from Mark Gibb "That was how NACC runs used to be " *We just looked at him and walked off !!!*

Dave Arnott had organised a superb campfire and barbecue and thankfully we were able to enjoy better weather this year and a good time was had by everyone and we all laughed at what had happened on the first slowped run and hoped that with a bit more planning we can do it again next year.

A large group of Harley riders pitched up next to us and we were expecting scenes reminiscent of the 60s Mods and Rockers riots on Brighton Beach in the 70s and half expected our bikes to end up on their campfire, but they were very friendly and mosy of them were asleep in their tents by 10.00pm !!!!

Sunday dawned bright and Sunny and other members started to arrive, Brian Hastings with his lovely Bown Autocycle was an early arrival, closely followed by Barry and Val on their Honda Camino and Yamaha QT50, day member Gary Garrett joined us on a Suzuki B100P. A plan was formed to ensure that we wouldn't get split up and once again Keith led us out, some machine swapping had been arranged as this was going to be a 30mile run, John wisely decided against using the Ariel 3 and blagged another outing on the Mobchop, Dave Watson rode Mark's Honda PC50, Dave Arnott was on his more modern Mobylette, Luke was on a Bantam engined BSA Beadle (A BSA Bagel ?), Mark was on a Mobylette, Ray on his NSU Quickly, whilst I had already arranged to use Roly's (Who couldn't make the event) PC50.

Keith had devised a superb route taking in Blicking Hall ( we visited both the front and rear entrances) and other places of interest,

Lunch was taken at Aldborough and then purely by chance we were invited to view a private collection of machines owned by the inventor of the Sidewinder leaning sidecar, we only encountered a brief shower and thankfully there were no machine problems, we did lose Barrie and Gary after they decided to head back early but we all returned safely back to the campsite.

All in all a superb weekend, our visitors all enjoyed the weekend and we hope to se them at future events.

Our thanks to Dave and Keith for organising everything for us all, and to everyone that turned up to support the event. Spare a thought for Mick "Soapy" Sudds though; he turned up at the campsite ten minutes after we had set off, spent a couple hours looking for us on the coastal roads (which we used last year ) and then gave up and rode hope and got drenched in the pouring rain !!!!!



AV32 first club run



Chris and Dave keeping warm



Dave's Norman cyclemate



Familiar view of Ariel carb



fettling mobchop



Honda Express



Luke clutch adjusting



Old Norfolk ruin



Spencers Raleigh RM8

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