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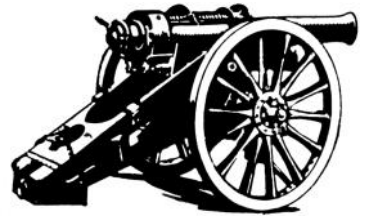
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EDITORIAL

Hello All,

Well I hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and are going to have a Happy Healthy 2025.

I do not know about you but it feels like 2024 flew in and here we are starting a new year.

The REOC is holding the International Rally in Wales this year and in the next Gun, issue 305, that comes out in February you will find the information and the Entry form for the Rally. The group that are organising the International Rally are pulling out the stops, so all you “rallyists” get your steeds ready for this special Event.



I (we) are still hoping that this Electronic Newsletter will continue but as we are not getting any input from you “dear reader”, come May we evaluate as it will be a year since the trial started. Only two more issues.

GUNS FOR CANCER

I undertook this project of scanning all the Guns from number 1 to present day for “Cancer”, I have lost a few of my closest friends to this disease and I am sure that you too will have been touched by losing someone you know to this dreadful illness. Being a Bowel Cancer survivor I am thankful for the treatment I received. As it is near Christmas perhaps you would like to have all the older GUNS to look through while sitting by the fire sipping your Wee Dram, here is your chance. Send me an email and I will send the GUNS in pdf format to you. All I ask is that the next time you go down your town and see a Cancer charity shop give a donation of your choosing

.....WHYbecause **Cancer has no boundaries!** **Doug Young**

All contributions for next issue of
the **Electronic Newsletter** to reach the Editors

By the **1st April 2025**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members applying for an REOC Machine Dating Certificate please read carefully.

Recently we have received two differing examples of MDC applications, ultimately for age related registrations, that both require an addition to the previous application process. In both cases the applications involved a non-original pairing of frame and engine.

Example 1. The applicant wrote to the DVLA K&R Department enclosing an REOC machine dating certificate (MDC). The applicant truthfully stated that the machine, although all Redditch Bullet 350, had been assembled from a thirty year old pile of parts. I certified the machine stating the genuine year of manufacture/dispatch for the frame and engine as being from different decades. Additionally I noted that no engineering was required in the implanting of the engine. If not done then an engineer's report may have been requested.

Example 2. The applicant applied to us for an MDC with an early rigid and girders machine which, although largely original, had an engine for a different year. A six year difference.

The first example, being a 'built up machine' as opposed to a rebuilt machine, will require the addition of a DVLA supplied sixteen digit frame number for the purpose of registration. Furthermore it will be required to undergo an annual MOT test, despite being well over the forty year threshold for MOT exemption.

The second example, essentially stating only an engine swap rather than being a built up machine, can legitimately utilise the original frame number and will be exempt from MOT if a V112 exemption form has been completed.

IMPORTANTLY in both cases the application will need to be accompanied by a receipt for the engine or, if not available, a covering letter explaining why no receipt is available.

On the upside; the sixteen digit DVLA supplied frame numbers were instigated to avoid the stigma of Q plate registrations.

PLEASE NOTE if you are applying for an REOC MDC and know for certain that your frame and engine is an original pairing no receipt letter is required.

John Dove
Machine Dating Officer

Letters

Hi Doug,

I am sending you an interesting photo with Alan Hitchcock at his workshop , I just received! He is wearing the official REOC One Ride t-shirt next to a 1934 225cc Model A . Best Regards Andreas Papadakis (MNS)



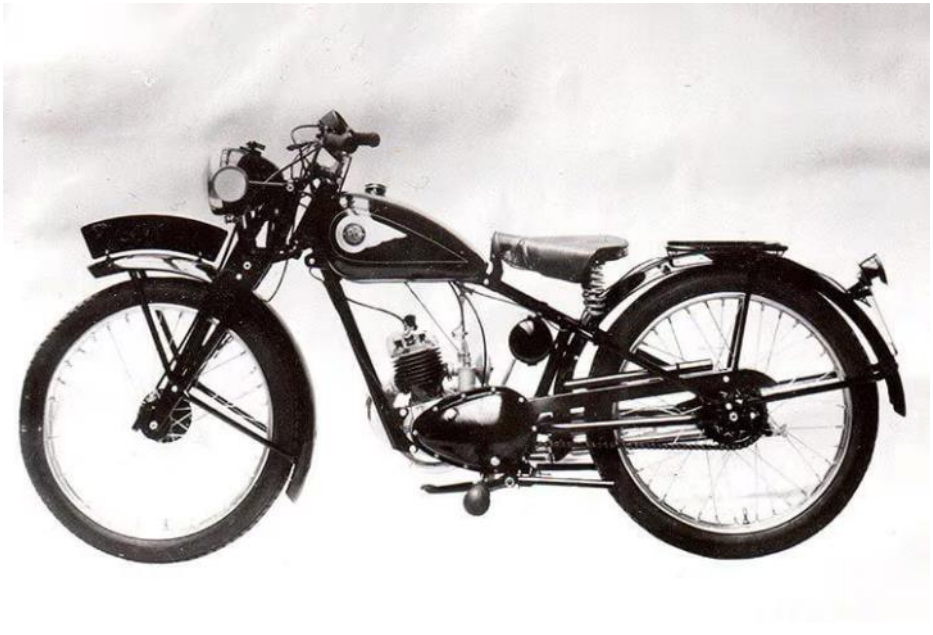
Hello Doug and Paula

Remembrance Sunday

About twenty from the South Lancashire REOC branch met up at their usual HQ, the Birch Hotel, for Remembrance Sunday. After observing the 2-minutes silence on the sidecar



radio, they rode on to the Birch Motorway Service station. Meeting up with thousands of other bikes, it was time to start the Ring of Red at 1pm. It made a massive red "poppy" all round the Manchester M60 ring road. Quite a lot of rain... but a great day out, cheered on by people watching from the motorway bridges.



The future is nearly here with a link to the past. Above is the 125cc Flying Flea so called as it was dropped by parachute in a crate for the armed forces in the 2nd world war. Below is the new Flying Flea.C6 ELECTRIC date to be announced





The Royal Enfield Owners Club are having a Club stand at the Show. If you would like to show your bike or lend a hand please contact:-

Adam Claxton Tel:- 07812 244637

www.royalenfield.org.uk

All Event Organisers please note

Dates and details of all club events must be authorised by Neil Davis, our new Social Secretary or they will not be published in The Gun or on our website. Contact Neil by email:- socialsecretary@royalenfield.org.uk or send him a message via "Contact Us" on the website

Club Calendar 2025 Official Rallies

The Scottish Rally will be held at Bonchester Bridge Caravan and Camping Park. on May 9th -11th

This year's rally is being held in conjunction with the MZ Owners Club.

Charges are as follows :-

- camping : £15 per person per night
- camping with elec. hook-up : £17 per person per night
- Motorhome/caravan pitch with elec. hook-up £23 per night - includes 1 person.

Each additional person in a motorhome or van £2 per night. On-line pre-booking a motorhome/caravan pitch is OK. Anyone arriving 'on the day' will not be denied admission, providing pitches are available. If you want to stop over on the Thursday or Sunday evenings then that can be arranged. Note...there are no local shops. The friendly and comfortable Horse & Hound Inn is a very short walk away; it has a small number of rooms available and booking on-line is welcomed. Please contact Alan Thirsk

Email constellationthirsk@gmail.com to enable us to coordinate and confirm numbers with the site.

Contact the site direct bonchesterbridge.co.uk to book vans or campervans.



2025 REOC Greek National Rally

Friday May 30th - Monday June 2nd Chryso, Delphi 330 54 Greece. Chrissa Camping Rooms & Bungalows (www.chrissacamping.gr) Tents or rooms inside the campsite Info & bookings: reoogreece@gmail.com Contact: Andreas Papadakis +30 6974805700

Wiltshire Moonrakers Rally 4—6th July 2025

Venue - **The Coopers Arms, Ball Road, Pewsey, SN9 5BL.**

Register at Email:- enfieldwilts@gmail.com Details to follow

Club Calendar 2025 Official Rallies— International Welsh Rally



The next REOC International Rally will take place over three days, August 15th/16th/17th 2025, based at Baskerville Hall, near to Hay-on-Wye, Wales.

Baskerville Hall is a stately home converted to a hotel with private rooms, dormitories, a restaurant, a pool and an extensive camping area, surrounded by over 100 acres of forests and fields, and has a lot to offer. Set in the Brecon Beacons National Park, it's a great location for some of the best riding roads in the UK. More details will be available as we get activities organised, but please see your website for brochure pages, and photographs taken during a recent visit, or go to the Baskerville Hall website. Single, twin and shared rooms are not reserved for REOC, so book early! When booking accommodation or camping, please mention the REOC event.

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Can you help

International Rally Older Enfield Experience

Do you own an older Enfield? We are appealing to members who own older machines to allow other members to have a chance to ride them. Many current members of the Club will only have ridden the more modern machines. This is an opportunity for Club members with older machines to give these people a chance to experience the joy of riding an older bike.

We hope that this may encourage members to buy their own older machines in the future thus helping to ensure the longevity of the 'classic' element of the Club.

This would take place on the main drive of Baskerville Hall at very low speeds. Riders would have to show an appropriate current driving licence, insurance and wear suitable clothing. Machines would need to be roadworthy and insured. Please contact: reoc.pro@gmail.com if you could help us provide this opportunity to keep the Enfield Owners a truly inclusive Club..



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Do you want to share information, seek technical advice or make contact with other Club members? **Royal Enfield Owners Club Est. 1977** is our own growing and successful "closed" Facebook group for Club members only, policed by Club Committee Members.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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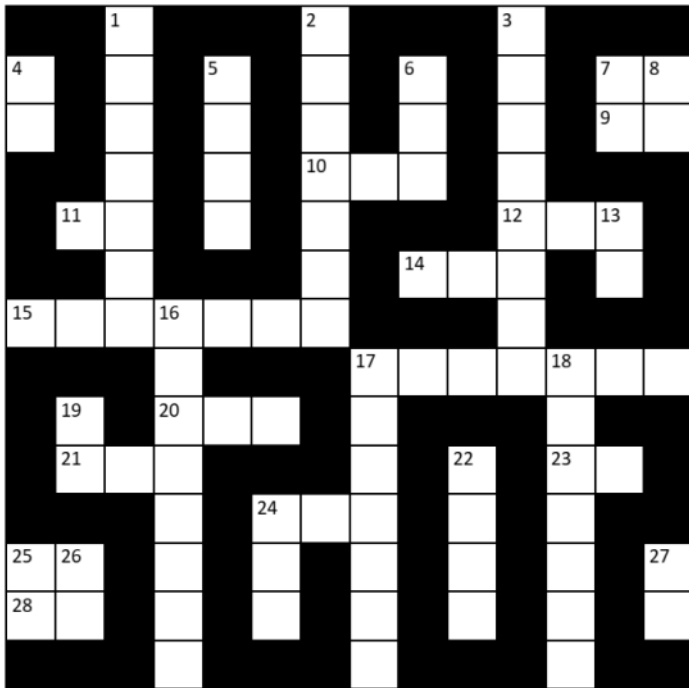
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The Crossword provided by Chris Robinson....just for fun



ACROSS

- 7 To, or not to?? (W. Shakespeare)
- 9 Symbol for chemical element argon
- 10 A small barrel, cask. A powder ???
- 11 Symbol for chemical element iron
- 12 Interceptor 650. shorter, ??? 650
- 14 Sandwich with tomato, lettuce, bacon
- 15 Former van brand, made by Vauxhall
- 17 To buffer impact. Similar to a pillow
- 20 Old cloth to wipe oil etc. from hands
- 21 Reverse Rat ..Black/sticky road surface
- 23 Abbreviation for inch
- 24 20 cwt is one what? 100 mph
- 25 Internet domain name for Honduras
- 28 Ditto, for Turkey. Treasurer (abbrev.)

Down

- 1 Royal what?!
- 2 pewter beer mug, probably 1 pint
- 3 British town, home of Royal Enfield
- 4 Sounds like half is clue number or too
- 5 Synonym for nothing, nought etc. 5,4,3,2,1,?
- 6 One of the tooth-like parts on a wheel edge
- 7 University degree before an MA
- 8 Casualty, A and E (in America)
- 13 Shorter than thank you or thanks
- 16 Specialist in hoof care/horseshoe fitting
- 17 Indian city, was Madras
- 18 Ice spikes, formed by dripping water 0.c
- 19 @
- 24 This clue number is how many dozen?
- 25 High Tension, abbreviation
- 26 Abbreviation for near
- 27 Abbreviation for our Really Excellent bikes