

The **ANDY TIERNAN** blog

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The Copdock Classic Motor Cycle Show (or Somewhere under the rainbow) Sunday 5th Oct. 2008 at Trinity Park, Ipswich.

Here we are, just after 8.00 am on the showground, just arrived & setting up the stall. The weather forecast very wet, and correct! Out comes the stall accompanied by Trevor's photographic instruction sheets, which are soon discarded in favour of a 'let's see if it fits together like this' approach. The stall is up, the roof is on, the collapsible gazebo is up (we had two gazebos, but one collapsed at Kempton park, & not in the way the manufacturers had designed) & tables are erected. We're up & running.



Andy & Jo looking happy - only light showers here. The heavy rain is yet to come.

Due to weather conditions our wonderful range of quality reproduction pre-war literature was not displayed in full, but we thought the oil cans were reasonably water proof!

Time to check out the natives next door - luckily they turned to be friendly.



Mark & Richard 'Tigerman' Berry



Rain meant customers were thin on the ground, but old friends dropped by



The show bikes were inside, along with most of the visitors.

The high standard & range of machines on display was excellent, & competition for awards fierce. All kinds of bikes, trikes, customs, combo etc. were ridden, trailered & vanned to the show.



Just a small selection from the main hall.

Andy assisted Graham Stewart, one of the judges, in a difficult job of a couple of hours of detailed examination & much deliberation - in other words they thought about it a lot!



A Harley under scrutiny.

Meanwhile the rain was getting much heavier, most suffered from the damp but ever resourceful bikers generally coped.



Doug Corder & his wet socks - Never mind Doug perhaps we'll have better weather next year.

Good old plastic bags - what will we do when we can't get them anymore.



After the main hall it was off to the club stands in the wooden sheds. There were local clubs, & local branches of larger clubs represented. Among them the Micro Car Club, East Anglian Cyclemotor Club, Greeves Riders Association, BMW club etc. etc.



A 3 wheel Raleigh Safety Seven on the Micro Car stand.



More friends -.through a rain soaked lens.

Meanwhile back with the judges, decisions were being made & rosettes attached to some very nice winning metal.



No Andy you can't fit either the Velocette Valiant or the DOT into your carrier bag.

Outside the rain had tried it's best to dampened events, but things still went on, a great stunt team in the main area, the 'Wall of Death', & Jean-Pierre Goy as well as all the trade stands.



The beer tent was pretty full.



Ever seen the Australian umbrella trick? No - neither had I, so I asked the obliging gentleman to do it again for the camera.



While preparing to leave, it was explained about this bikes 'low centre of gravity', although I could have sworn it sounded like something to do with 'depravity'. Perhaps I'll get my ears syringed!



And so the show ends, but through it all the band played on. Are the wonderful memories...of the Titanic.