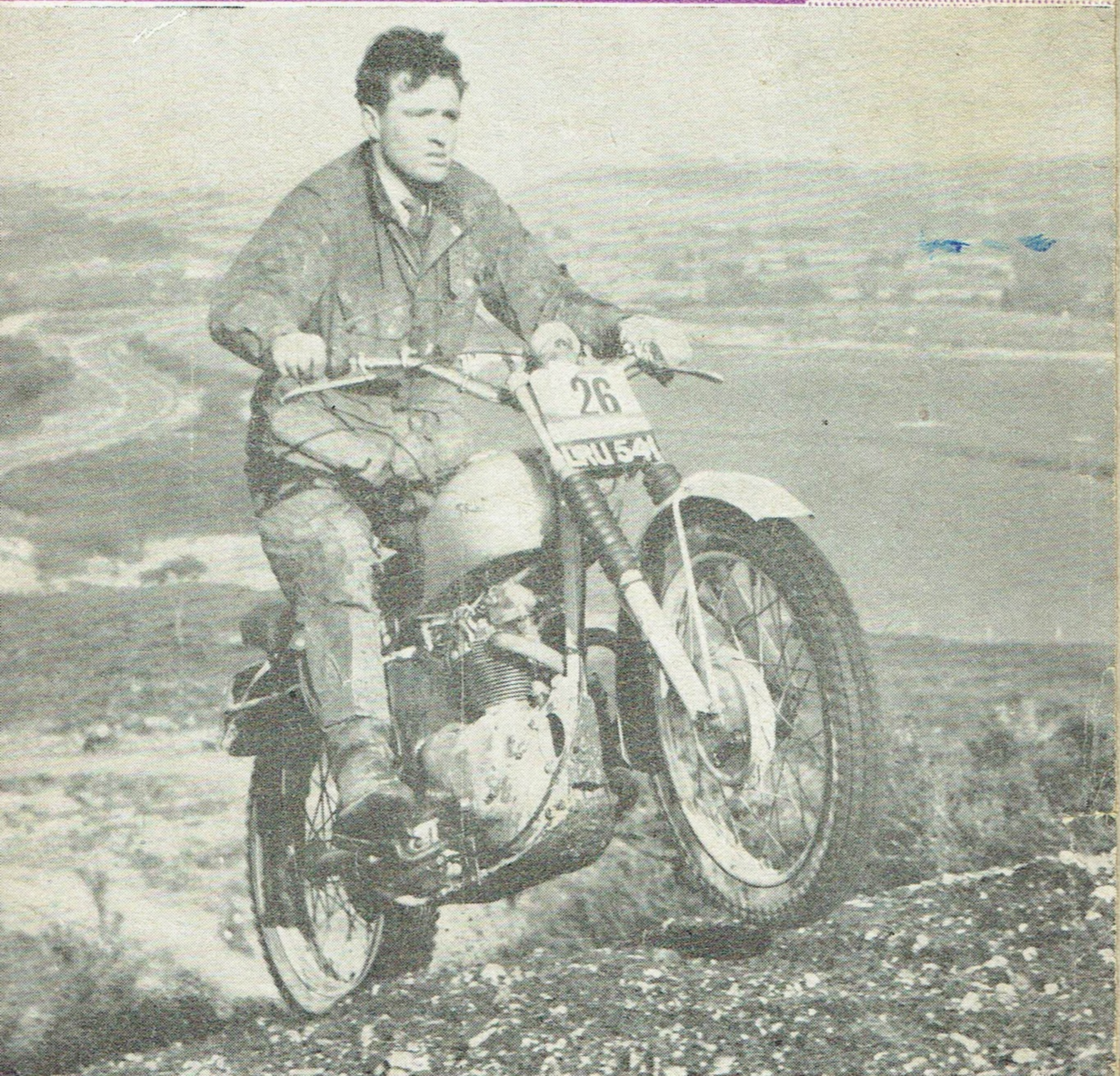


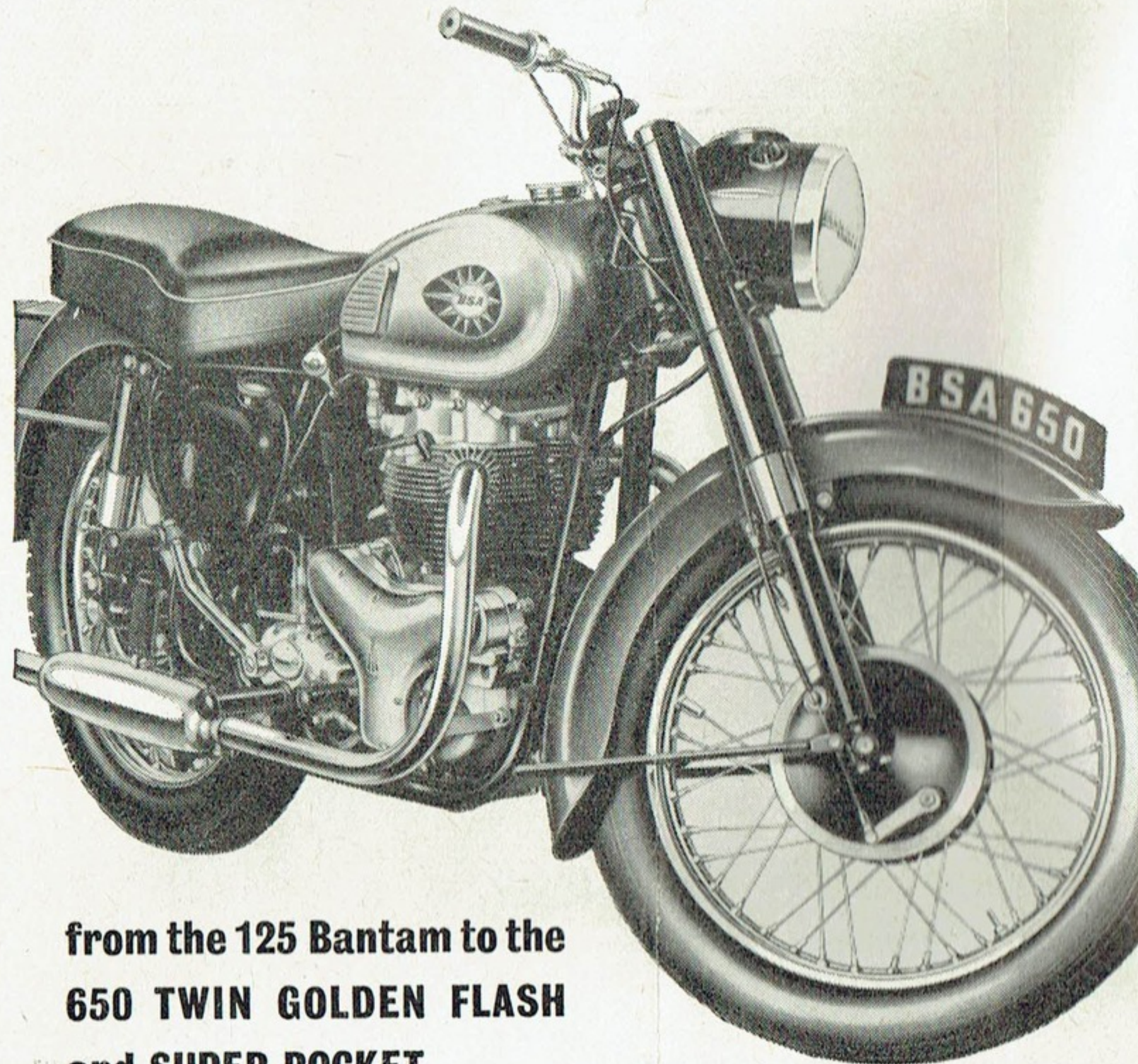
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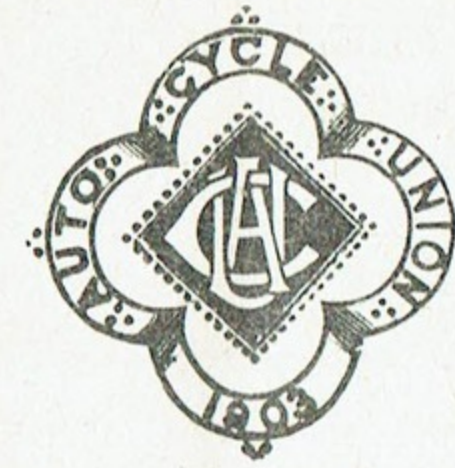
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THE A.-C.U. AND THE NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION

AN approach has been made by the National Farmers' Union to promote closer liaison between their members and clubs organising events. N.F.U. members can assist trials organisers by ensuring, for example, that cattle do not stray on to route, if they have advance information of the time, date and proposed route of the trial.

Lists of addresses of County Secretaries of the N.F.U. will be circulated to Centres so that advance information of trials can be notified to the N.F.U. in sufficient time to be included in the N.F.U. Journals.

The National Farmers' Union wish it to be known that they are not in any way against motorcycling sport, and their request for co-operation is made in an endeavour to be helpful both to trials organisers and their own members.

OUR COVER—In typical style Tony Smith (498 Triumph) storms up the notorious climb on Bovington Heath known as Gallows Hill during the recent Lulworth Castle Trophy Trial organised by Frome Valley Club.

Photo—Gordon Francis, "Motorcycle News."

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ALTERATIONS TO CENTRE CALENDAR

Add to list—September 25th—M.G./Riley Reg. Rest. Trial approved.
June 12th—South Newbury Scramble.
June 6th (Whit-Monday)—Totton M.C. & L.C.C. Grass Track.

Cancel— May 15th—Portsmouth M.C.R.C. Scramble.
April 24th—Bournemouth M.C. & C.C. Grass Track.

Board Commentary

NOT only was our honourable scribe absent from the Board meeting but when the notes were handed to him he regretted that he could not write an article for the Gazette as he had a "date" with a surgeon in the local hospital. By the time that my efforts are published we hope that he is feeling better and enjoying the freedom of the outside world—get well soon Clem!!!

As is our normal custom, after Southampton comes Wimborne according to the calendar, so off we set to the west and the comforts of the British Legion Hall, where it fell George Hodges' lot to exercise his duties as a Centre Vice-President and welcome the delegates and declare the meeting open. Apologies were received from Joe Caslake, George Allan (in London), Clem Jones (in Portsmouth), East Berks Sidecar and Vincent Owners Clubs.

Ron Mitchell was called upon to give forth with the minutes of the last meeting, and at the request of Charlie Griffin it was put on record that the Sturminster Newton Club had lodged an objection to the Gosport Scramble on 6th March being televised; this amendment having been made, the minutes were duly adopted and signed by George. The meeting was then placed in the capable hands of Les Smith.

On matters arising it was decided to raise no objection to the Stag M.C.C.'s application for the 27th March, provided their route avoided the Aldworth/Reading area. Secretary reported that he had not so far received any confirmation from the Maidenhead Club.

Next the report of the Competitions Committee was read and adopted. Charlie Bennett's application for June 12th was approved and the Secretary reported that he had dealt with Mr. A. M. Smith's letter on the Trials Star results.

Roll Call was taken and Officers Goss, Hodges, Smith, Mason, Ryall and Mitchell

reported present, together with delegates from the following Clubs—Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Blackmore Vale, Bournemouth, Bridport, Frome Valley, Gosport, Hythe, Lyndhurst, Mohawk, Ringwood, Salisbury, Southampton & D., Southampton Vikings, South Newbury, Sturminster Newton, Waterlooville, Weymouth, Wylde Valley, X.H.G. Tigers and Lulworth Cove. Arthur Mason reported that his cash book balance stood at £141 9s. 7d. and he had no accounts for payment. He raised the question of closing the Bert Collins Trophy Fund and it was agreed that it should close on the 30th April and that a notice would appear in the Gazette. The Secretary also said he would mention it in his circular letter to Clubs. The present total of the fund was not very impressive and stood at £14 10s. 4½d.

There was no report on the Gazette as the Editor was not with us, but the Secretary was pleased to announce that his secret hopes had at last been realised and that members would see that the current issue of the Gazette carried a four page tear out (for insertion in the Centre Rule Book) giving all the latest names and addresses of Club Secretaries, Centre Officials and Sub-Committees, etc. The success was unanimously acclaimed.

Our faithful reporter then rose to his feet and gave his story of what happened in London at the last A.-C.U. General Council meeting on the 4th February. As he so aptly remarked that all had been reported in the Technical Press, he was pleased to run over it again and among the points raised were the presentations made by the A.-C.U. President, Lord Brabazon of Tara, to Mr. and Mrs. Huggett, the World Championship diplomas to John Surtees and Ronnie Moore. The National awards were also made. The A.-C.U. Scramble Star had at last been sorted out and would now be awarded in the 250 c.c. and 500 c.c. classes only. Agreement had

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NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION—LIAISON WITH MOTORCYCLING CLUBS AND TRIALS

AS result of the item of A.-C.U. publicity appearing in this issue on the subject of the N.F.U. and our clubs, I have written to the five local county secretaries covered by our Centre Territory.

The notice required is a minimum of two weeks, which does not appear unreasonable, as I think it is fair to say that the majority of trials courses are finalised at least two weeks before the event. Other information required is details of the proposed course in order that the affected farmers can be notified and they will then be able to keep control of their herds accordingly. It is pointed out that this will have a two-way effect—competitors will not have the hazard of cattle on country lanes and the farmer will not have his herds worried by passing motorcycles, especially when breeding.

The addresses of the five local secretaries are given hereunder and it is earnestly requested that clubs co-operate as much as possible.

Berkshire

David Grugeon, Esq., Agricultural House, 121 Oxford Road, Reading, Berks.
(Tel.: Reading 55015-6)

Dorset

R. M. Mitchell, Esq., Agriculture House, Dorchester, Dorset. (Tel.: Dorchester 1190-1)

Hampshire

J. D. Smart, Esq., N.D.A., Northgate Place, Staple Gardens, Winchester.
(Tel.: Winchester 3257-8)

Isle of Wight

Miss E. J. Warder, 2 Castlehold Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight. (Tel.: Newport 2996)

Wiltshire

Lt.-Col. J. I. Littlewood, Agriculture House, Devizes, Wilts. (Tel.: Devizes 657-8)
P. B. RYALL, Centre Secretary.

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THE BADGER GARAGE TROPHY SCRAMBLE

50 MILE TEAM RELAY

at Bulbarrow Hill, Nr. Blandford, Dorset

on SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1960

Permit No. U.509

START 2.0 p.m.

T.T.C. No. 1029

OFFICIALS

A.-C.U. Steward: T. Gibbs.

Club Stewards: C. G. Barratt and N. G. Jacobs.

Clerk of the Course: P. Welch.

Secretary of the Meeting: A. C. Griffin, 2 Westfield, Glue Hill, Sturminster Newton,
Dorset. Phone: S.N. 3231.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. JURISDICTION: Open to all members of clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre of the A.-C.U. riding solo machines. Held under the G.C.R.'s. of the A.-C.U. and the S.S.R.'s. of the Southern Centre, and these Supplementary Regulations.

2. ENTRIES: Entries to be made on the form provided and sent to reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Saturday, May 8th, 1960, together with a fee of 7/6. ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED AND WILL CLOSE AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 8th.

3. COURSE: This will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile of grassland with sharp ascents and descents.

4. PRACTICE: Practice will be under strict control between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

5. NUMBERS: These must be as required in S.S.R.'s. There will be no three-figured numbers.

6. START: Engines will be running, driver's left hand on rear mudguard and at the rising of the flag.

7. EVENTS: Event 1—Experts Barred, 6 laps. Event 2—Experts Only, 6 laps. Event 3—The Badger Garage Trophy Team Relay Race. Open to a team of 4 from any one club and a non-riding captain. Each driver to complete 15 laps before handing over to his team mate. Final instructions will be issued at the start. Event 4—250 c.c., 6 laps. Event 5—Allcomers Scramble Star, 8 laps. Event 6—Novices only, 4 laps. Event 7—Invitation Race, 8 laps.

8. AWARDS: Events 1 and 2—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 30/-; 5th 20/-; 6th 10/-.
Event 3—Winning Team £20 and the **Badger Garage Trophy**; 2nd Team £12; 3rd Team £8; 4th Team £4.
,, 5—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 30/-; 5th 25/-; 6th 20/-; 7th 15/-; 8th 10/-; 9th 5/-.
,, 4 and 6—1st 60/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 30/-; 4th 20/-; 5th 15/-; 6th 10/-.
,, 7—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 30/-; 5th 25/-; 6th 20/-; 7th 10/-.

RINGWOOD MOTORCYCLE AND LIGHT CAR CLUB

GRASS TRACK RACING

at the Mount, Poulner, Ringwood

on SUNDAY, MAY 8th, 1960 at 2.15 p.m.

Permit No. U.503

OFFICIALS

Southern Centre Steward A.-C.U.: S. C. Dowding.

Club Stewards: Messrs. E. A. Howard and P. Deacon.

Clerk of the Course: H. W. Shutler.

Secretary of the Meeting: T. H. Groome, 26 Christchurch Road, Ringwood.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT: The Ringwood M.C. and L.C.C. will hold an Open-to-Centre Grass Track Meeting at the Mount, Poulner, Ringwood, Hants. on Sunday, 8th May, 1960 at 2.15 p.m.

2. JURISDICTION: Open to registered members of clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.-C.U., organised under Permit No. U.503 of the Southern Centre and subject to the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U., the Southern Centre Speed Regulations and the following Supplementary Regulations.

3. COURSE: Grass Track Circuit, incorporating an "S" bend; approximately 500 yards in length. Solos to run anti-clockwise; Sidecars to run clockwise.

4. LAPS: Solo and Sidecar Events—Four laps to all Heats and Finals.

5. PRACTICE: Controlled practice to take place between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; no other practice allowed; at least one lap must be done to qualify.

6. NUMBERS: Riding numbers must be prominently displayed.

7. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Including boots, stamped helmet and gloves must be worn.

8. MACHINES: Must be fitted with self-closing throttles, two efficient brakes and ball-ended control levers as A.-C.U. ruling.

9. WARNINGS: Any rider not appearing on the starting line within 2 minutes of his number being called will be excluded from the race.

10. PERMISSION: Speedway riders must produce written permission from their promoters to ride.

11. EVENTS:

1. Unlimited—Novice.
2. Up to 350 c.c.—Open.
3. From 201 to 1000 c.c.—Open.
4. From 201 to 1000 c.c.—Experts Barred.
5. From 201 to 1000 c.c.—Novice Barred.
6. Up to 1000 c.c.—Sidecar Scratch Race.
7. Up to 1000 c.c.—Sidecar Handicap Race.
8. Up to 1000 c.c.—Sidecar Handicap Race.

12. AWARDS: Event 1—1st 60/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/-.
Events 2, 3, 4, 5—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-.
Events 6, 7 and 8—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 30/-.

In the event of four entries only being received in the sidecar classes, third place will not be paid. Ten shillings to all heat winners if unplaced in finals.

13. MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM NUMBERS OF ENTRIES: Entries are limited to the first 16 sidecar drivers and the first 48 solo class. The minimum number of entries for sidecar events will be four.

SPECIAL AWARD: The Fernihough Trophy and replica to the driver making the fastest time of the day. The trophy to be held for one year, or the next meeting, whichever is the sooner.

14. DEFINITION OF RIDER'S STATUS: As of Centre ruling.

15. ENTRIES: Must be made on the Standard Entry Form provided, signed by the competitor and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not later than first post Saturday, 30th April, 1960, accompanied by a fee of 5/- (Five Shillings). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

16. GENERAL: The Club reserves the right to abandon the meeting if circumstances arise which, in the opinion of the Club, render abandonment desirable.

SOUTHAMPTON VIKINGS M.C. & L.C.C.

O.T.C. NOVICE TRIAL

SUNDAY, 24th APRIL, 1960

START 1.0 p.m.

Permit No. U.501

OFFICIALS

Southern Centre Steward: G. R. Allan.

Club Stewards: A. Chalmers and K. Hazell.

Clerk of the Course: B. W. Woolfe.

Secretary of the Meeting: K. F. Nicholas, 11 Oliver Road, Swaythling, Southampton.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s. of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations; open to Novices of the Southern Centre, riding solo machines.

2. COURSE: Start and finish; two or three laps on private property at Hardley, near Hythe; course marking by arrows and coloured cards.

3. NUMBERS: Will be allocated as entries are received.

4. MARKING: Will be 1, 3 and 5.

5. TYRES, PROTESTS AND NOVICES: In accordance with Centre Rulings.

6. ENTRIES: Must be made on the form supplied and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Friday, 22nd April. Entry fee 6/-.

7. AWARDS: THE HARDLEY CUP for the best performance.
 RUNNER-UP AWARD for the 2nd best performance.
 CLUB CUP for the best Southampton Vikings member.
 1st CLASS AWARDS to the next 10% of finishers.
 2nd CLASS AWARDS to the next 10% of finishers.
 TEAM AWARD to the best team of three.
 (Providing there are more than 4 teams entered).

8. GENERAL: Light refreshments will be available at the start. As this event is being held on private property, riders are to bear that in mind, also to keep to the marked route because of Hidden Trenches.

The Club reserves the right to cancel this event should circumstances deem it desirable, in which case entry fees will be returned.

Route to start will be marked with arrows from the Hythe-Fawley Road 3053 and the Beaulieu-Fawley road.

HENLEY AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

MARKHAM CUP TRIAL

SUNDAY, 15th APRIL, 1960



Permit No. U.498

OFFICIALS

Southern Centre Steward: C. Bennett.

Club Steward: K. J. Smith.

Clerk of the Course: R. Clark.

Secretary of the Meeting: M. Dowsett, 7 River Terrace, Henley, Oxon.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s. of the A.-C.U., the Southern Centre Trials League Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to members of Southern Centre Clubs riding Solo Machines.

2. START AND FINISH: First man will leave the Start at 10.30 and the remainder at 1-min. intervals, from the "Red House P.H.," Warren Row, Nr. Knowl Hill, half-way between Reading and Maidenhead (A.4).

3. COURSE: Two laps of approximately 20-25 miles per lap. The course marking will be by directions cards only; onus of finding the correct route rests with the competitor.

4. MARKING: Lose 1 mark for a dab.
 Lose 3 marks for footing.
 Lose 5 marks for stopping in an observed section, going off course, or missing a section.

5. AWARDS: Best performance Novice—MARKHAM CUP.
 Best Solo—SPRING CUP.
 250 c.c., 350 c.c., 500 c.c.—CAPACITY CLASS AWARDS.
 For the best performance by a Henley member—CLUB TANKARD.
 FIRST and SECOND CLASS AWARDS in accordance with Centre Rules.
 FIRST CLASS NOVICE AWARDS.
 TEAM AWARD if three or more entries.

6. ENTRIES: To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, to arrive not later than 11th April. Individual entries 6/6, team entries 7/6 per team.

7. NUMBERS: Will be notified as entries are received.

8. TIES: Will be decided by Special Test.

9. BACK MARKER: A Back Marker will leave the Start 30 mins. after the last competitor; any rider passed by him will be deemed to have retired.

10. GENERAL: Tyres and Protests in accordance with G.C.R.'s., status in accordance with S.C. Rules. The Club reserves the right to cancel or abandon the event or curtail the entry should circumstances deem it desirable.

PETERSFIELD MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

OXENBOURNE EASTER CHAMPIONSHIP SCRAMBLE

on SUNDAY, 17th APRIL, 1960

Open to Southern Centre

FIRST RACE 1.30 p.m.

Solos and Sidecars

Permit No. U.499

T.T.C. No. 710

OFFICIALS

Southern Centre Steward: K. F. Nicholas.

Club Steward: M. Dowdell.

Clerk of the Course: M. Osman.

Secretary of the Meeting: S. F. Coaten, 20 Lavant Street, Petersfield.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the General Rules of the A.-C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.

2. **COURSE:** One mile of all grassland, with fast downland straight with right and left hand turns, sharp climbs and descents.

3. **PRACTICE:** Will be controlled between 12.15 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.; each rider must complete 2 laps. All riders must sign on before starting.

4. **CLOTHING:** All drivers must wear A.-C.U. approved helmets, in sound condition, gloves, boots and protective clothing.

5. **START:** Engines running, machines out of gear, left hand on rear mudguard.

6. **SIGNING ON:** All drivers must sign on to the Secretary of the Meeting at least one hour before the event. On signing on, all drivers must present crash helmets and clothing for inspection.

7. **ALL MACHINES:** Must be equipped with two independent brakes and self-closing throttle, all clutch and brake levers shall be ball-ended and the minimum diameter of the ball must not be less than three-quarters of an inch.

8. **ENTRIES:** Entries to be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Friday, April 5th, 1960, together with the entry fee of 7/-.

9. **SUBSTITUTION:** No substitution of driver or machine will be allowed without the approval of the Clerk of the Course.

10. **POSTPONEMENT:** Organisers reserve the right to cancel any or all of the events with the approval of the Steward of the Meeting if, in their opinion, the circumstances deem it necessary.

11. **PLEASE NOTE:** Entries will be restricted to 65 Novices, 45 Experts and Intermediates.

12. **RIDING NUMBERS:** Riding numbers must be displayed as per the A.-C.U. Ruling.

13. **EVENTS AND AWARDS:**

Event 1. Lightweight Star. Up to 250 c.c. 4 laps—1st 60/-; 2nd 50/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 30/-; 5th 10/-.

.. 2. Sidecars—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-.

.. 3. Novice only—1st 60/-; 2nd 50/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 30/-; 5th 20/-.

.. 4. Experts only—1st 100/-; 2nd 80/-; 3rd 60/-; 4th 50/-; 5th 40/-; 6th 20/-.

.. 5. Experts barred—1st 70/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 50/-; 4th 40/-; 5th 30/-; 6th 15/-.

.. 6. Sidecar handicap—1st 70/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-.

.. 7. Easter championship—1st 200/-; 2nd 100/-; 3rd 80/-; 4th 60/-; 5th 40/-; 6th 20/-.

.. 8. Sidecar scratch—1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-.

.. 9. Novice barred—1st 100/-; 2nd 80/-; 3rd 70/-; 4th 50/-; 5th 30/-; 6th 15/-.

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Permit No. U.508

T.T.C. No. 1163

OFFICIALS

Southern Centre Steward: C. Griffin.

Club Stewards: L. G. Broad and M. Poore.

Clerk of the Course: T. W. Gibbs.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mrs. P. M. Gibbs, 16 High Street, Wool, Wareham, Dorset.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U., the Southern Centre Speed Regulations and the following Supplementary Regulations.

2. **COURSE:** Approximately one mile of all grass land, with fast straight with right and left hand turns, climbs and descents.

3. **PRACTICE:** Will be controlled between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.; each rider must complete two laps. All riders to sign on before starting.

4. **CLOTHING:** All drivers must wear A.-C.U. approved helmets (in sound condition), gloves, boots and protective clothing.

5. **START:** Riders to sit astride machines, engines running, left hand to be resting on top of helmet. Start by the raising of the flag.

6. **MACHINES:** Must be fitted with two efficient brakes and self-closing throttle. Clutch and brake levers must be fitted with ball-ends.

7. **RIDERS' NUMBERS:** Must be prominently displayed. No triple numbers.

8. **ENTRIES:** Entry fee of 6/- must accompany Entry Form to reach the Secretary of the Meeting by 27th April, 1960.

9. **ABANDONMENT:** The Organisers reserve the right to cancel any or all the events.

10. EVENTS & AWARDS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1. Experts Barred	60/-	40/-	20/-	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-	5/-
2. Up to 500 c.c. Open	60/-	40/-	30/-	20/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-		
3. Up to 250 c.c. Open	60/-	40/-	30/-	20/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-		
4. Solo Start Race—Allcomers	80/-	60/-	40/-	20/-	10/-	10/-	7/6	7/6	5/-	5/-
5. Up to 350 c.c. Open	60/-	40/-	30/-	20/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-		
6. Experts Only	80/-	60/-	40/-	20/-	10/-	10/-	7/6	7/6	5/-	5/-

11. **THE BOB FOSTER TROPHY:** To be awarded on an aggregate basis covering all solo races organised by the the Frome Valley Club in each of their meetings in any one year.

LETTERS

BERKSHIRE POLICE

Dear Mr. Bennett,

"Jack O'Newbury" Trial

With reference to the above, I feel I should draw your attention to one or two matters which have been brought to my notice.

(a) Many of the machines are said to have had defective silencers or **caused excessive noise by the manner in which they were driven when on the road—this, of course, is an offence under the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1955.**

(b) Almost without exception, the machines taking part were not equipped with lighting equipment, and by virtue of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Amendment) Regulations, 1959, which came into force on 7/12/59, use on a road in such a condition becomes an offence.

(c) Deposit of mud on a road, as was the case near the "Lamb" and Roebuck Wood, can become an offence, and although in this instance the mud was afterwards cleared, the danger to other road users existed for the duration of the trial.

(d) One complaint was received from a local resident regarding the noise of machines taking part in the Trial.

I am sure you will do what you can to avoid these pitfalls in future; if you would care to discuss the matter I should be pleased to meet you at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Superintendent.

County Police Station,
Newbury.

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SPECIAL TESTS

Dear Mr. Baines,

As I see the April issue of Gazette is to be devoted to trials, here is some natter about that subject and special tests in particular.

Let's have long-timed sections that really make one work, not a fast scramble course, but some good honest-to-goodness hills or mud-lanes. Do I hear cries of expense, dangerous and difficult to time? It's not expensive; I rode in the Ringwood Team Trial and the Jack Englefield Trial, both of which had long-timed sections; I made fastest time on a two-stroke in the latter and my model isn't a complete wreck yet! What if something does go? If you're not a factory baron, you just have to save up till you can ride again.

As for the people who say it is dangerous, send them back to their "kiddies' trikes"; after all, this is supposed to be a trial!

The timing problem can be overcome with a little forethought on the organizers' behalf, i.e., telephone ex W.D. landlines, the local T.A. with short-wave radio or even synchronised watches.

Let's have some fun out of it, we don't want to stop and start through a maze of lines A.B.C. and Z. or test our brakes when they are full of water.

Cheers for Mike Simpson and Mike Jackson with their plea for abolishment of taped turns and circuits around Farmer Giles's Apple Tree. Let's have big natural sections. Ringwood, Waterloo and Mortimer are 1960 clubs that are doing this. Shame on clubs such as Lyndhurst and South Newbury with their fiddling sections.

Let's have an alteration in the qualifications for Expert Status, three Novice cups and away with Intermediates; it's much too easy now—why, even I've done it!

Also away with this silly rule where an Expert has to qualify in neighbouring centres as well. Let's catch up with the Scramble Boys.

Yours sincerely,

MARK OFFORD.

Newbury, Berks.

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HANTS G.N.

Dear Sir,

In the March issue of the Southern Centre Gazette Mr. R. K. Palmer raised queries relating to the Hants Grand National, one being the spectator appeal of the event, particularly quoting the inability to see more than a fraction of the course. That is palpably untrue as every inch of the course is open and a stroll in any direction from the centre, to which all spectators and their vehicles are admitted, brings one to the ropes and perfect viewing. If one wishes to see motorcycle racing under conditions Mr. Palmer outlines, then Grass Track should be his sport. Ideally scrambles are races over trials country, and though in these days that ideal is rarely reached, I think the Matchams course, with its variety of hills, humps, mud, sand and turns, fills the bill adequately.

As for shifting the venue it would appear that your correspondent is under a misapprehension regarding the organisation. The Hants Grand National is solely a Ringwood Club effort and as such the Club runs it where it best suits themselves, riders and public. I venture to suggest that the scramble is as good as any and better than most, a statement which would appear to have been confirmed this year by virtue of the fact that

it is accorded Trade Support, and it also counts towards the 500 c.c. British Championship Grade List and the A.-C.U. Star.

Yours faithfully,

I. GUNNER,

Press Sec., Ringwood M.C. & L.C.C.

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OUR ERROR

Dear Mr. Baines,

I notice in the Southern Centre Gazette that my address is shown as 2 French's Court. This should read as 1 French's Court.

Would you please amend this in your next issue, as correspondence could easily go astray in this case.

Yours sincerely,

E. CARTER,

Hon. Secretary,

Alton & D.M.C. & L.C.C.

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BERT COLLINS TROPHY FUND

Sir,

As you will have read in previous issues of this Gazette of the late Bert Collins, I don't think it necessary for me to repeat what my predecessor has done for Motor Cycling in the Centre. I will only say this: if I can do as much for the Centre and gain the respect of the Club, etc., I shall be very pleased with myself.

The fund has now been running for 6 months. The Board, at its meeting at Wimborne on the 7th March, 1960, decided that the fund will close on the 30th April, 1960, so will all friends who would like to donate to this fund please send their donation to me at 2 Colenso Road, Fareham, Hants.

Yours,

A. R. MASON,

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BOARD COMMENTARY—continued

been reached with the National Farmers Union and all Clubs were asked to co-operate as much as possible. The election of Officers did not produce any surprises, the only alteration being with the retirement of Mr. Woodhouse, Mr. Swann was elected on to the Competitions Committee. The Court of Enquiry in which the Centre was directly concerned was next on the agenda and the findings which had already been circulated to all Councillors was adopted. Arising on the last subject, Mr. Rendell asked what action the Centre Board proposed to take as a result of this. It appeared that a number of delegates did not know the context of the report, so the Secretary was asked to read it out. Mr. Rendell asked why the Clubs concerned and their representatives had not heard officially before this meeting — he thought it a bad thing on the part of A.-C.U. Headquarters. The Chairman expressed the view that the Centre enquiry had produced some good and many new rules had come out of it and hoped that more would come in the future.

Tom Groome, on behalf of the Ringwood Club, gave his report on the Centre Team Trial of the 31st January. The balance sheet showed a little less profit than some others, but the Club has to pay for the use of their ground. The final results were not yet published as two protests had been received on the provisional results and were still in the hands of the Stewards. The question of the residential qualification be clarified for future events.

The Secretary reported that several Clubs had not yet paid their affiliation fees for 1960 and the list was read out. It was agreed that the defaulters be given one month in which to settle and that the Secretary write

to the Clubs concerned. Blandford Club had withdrawn their affiliation to the A.-C.U. on the grounds that they had now become predominantly a car club with only two motor-cycle members and were seeking affiliation to the R.A.C.

The date and venue of the next Board was confirmed—Basingstoke, 7th April, at The Station Hotel.

Correspondence. Letter from Headquarters on the subject of Southern Centre awards for the 1960 National Rally. The awards were approved but with a residential qualification being added. Bournemouth regretted that they had to cancel their Grass Track meeting on 24th April as the field would not be available to them. South Harrow Road Trial on 22nd May was approved. Totton Club's application for a Grass Track on Whit-Monday, 6th June, was also approved. Vickers Armstrongs (Weybridge) had a double-sided application for a Road Trial affecting East Hants, the first being 24th April and the second in the reverse direction on 10th July; both were given our blessing.

The Secretary read a letter from the Sturminster Newton Club objecting to the manner in which the Gosport Club had been allocated a date on the 6th March and to be televised. The Club considered that the matter had not been dealt with seriously enough and that more thought should be given to future events, especially when it proposed to approve television rights. Many speakers took the floor in support of the complaint. The Chairman pointed out that the application was approved and the procedure taken was in order according to the present Centre rules. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.

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