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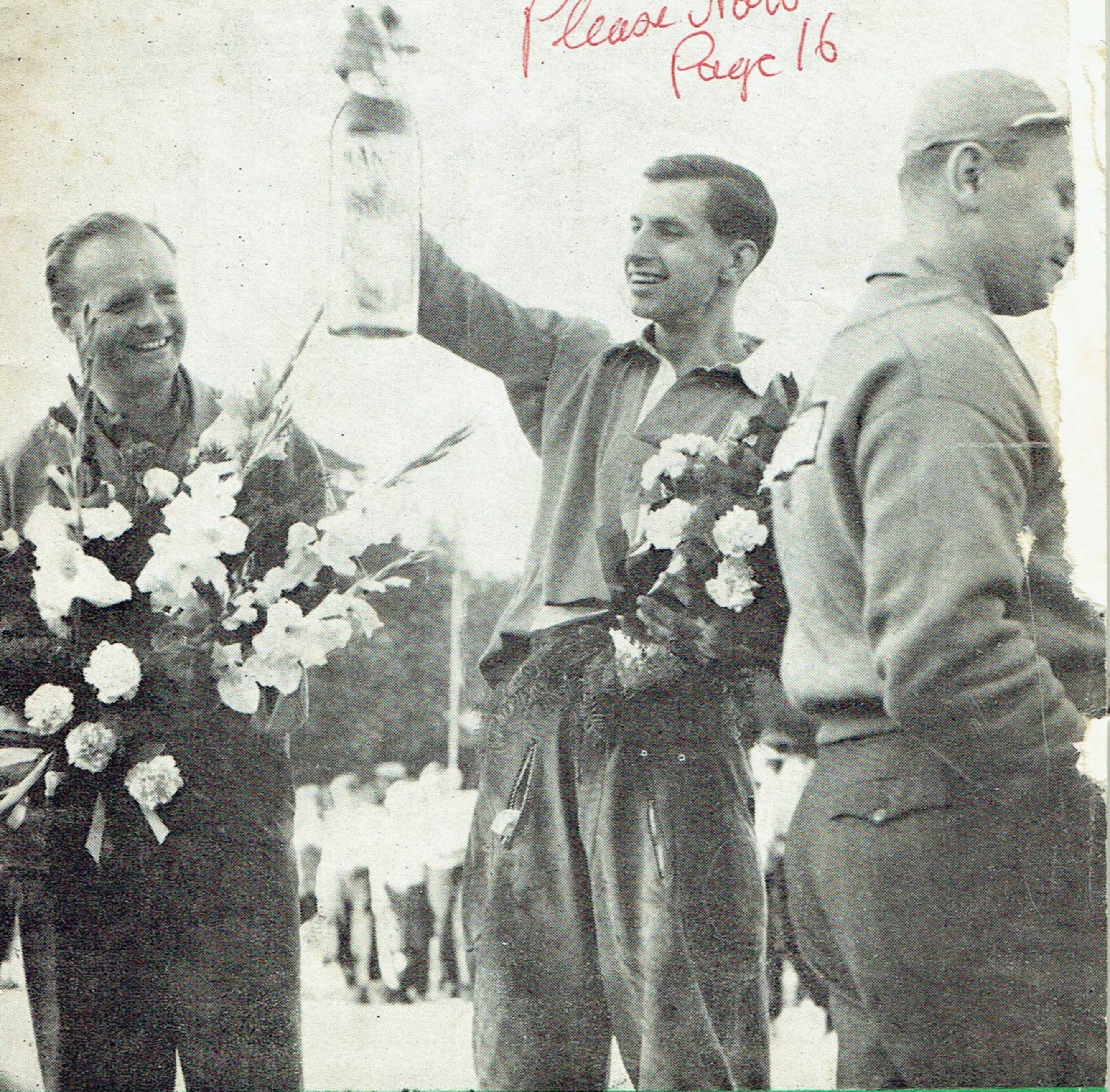
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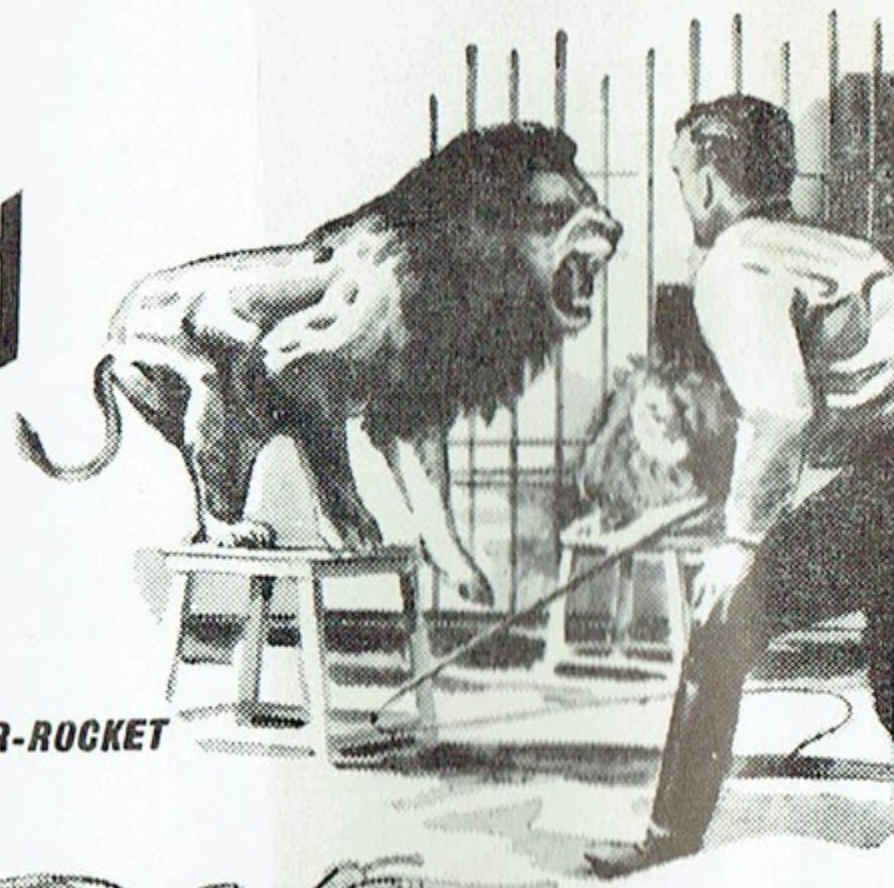
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## SPECIAL MOTO-CROSS EDITION

AN unfortunate feature of the last meeting of the A.-C.U. General Council was the omission of any reference to our British victory at the Moto-Cross Des Nations. In the Southern Centre we are proud of our team and with local boys Don Rickman, Les Archer and Ron Baines actively engaged in the expedition we feel that the least we can do is record our appreciation of their efforts.

With this in mind it is with pleasure that we introduce a selection of pictures to record the happy occasion. We like this idea of photos; they brighten up our book and it should be possible to record all our outstanding successes.

With Britain winning the International team competition and our Southern Centre team winning our National Championships, everything in the scramblers garden should be fine. But is it? What about the two letters

in this issue? Southern Centre Scrambling is in a good state. We are on top. This then is the time to look around and see which way we are going.

There are many things to be done. We pioneered the revival of sidecars, but now the boys are going along the wrong lines. Our Scramble Star competition needs some teeth to make it worth winning. Our National Scramble Star competition is in an even worse state. Our promoters can still do much to make their meetings more attractive and it isn't just prize money. There are many improvements to be made to benefit the public who foot the bill.

In this issue we have nowhere near enough space to discuss all the progress required, but a few items are thrown in for discussion and your views are welcome.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**OUR COVER**—Flowers, wine and big smiles for British Team Manager Ron Baines and ace scrambler Don Rickman. The picture captures the thrill of our victory in the 1959 Moto-Cross Des Nations at Namur, Belgium. The full photograph is on page 8.

All photographs in this issue are by:—

Gordon Francis ("Motorcycle News"),  
Lower Rixon, Sturminster Newton,

from whom copies can be obtained.

## November Board Commentary

DOWN to the western end of the axis, at Wimborne, our Vice-Pres. cum Chairman asked me if I would like to open the meeting in the absence of our president and the rest of the vices.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. Caslake, Allan, Hodges, Norris, Baines and the Henley, East Berks., South Newbury and Farnham clubs. We learned that George Allan was in hospital for an operation and the meeting asked the secretary, on our behalf, to wish him a speedy recovery. Anyone wishing to drop him a line could do so at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt, London, W.6.

Minute secretary Mitchell read the minutes and Chairman Les Smith taking over, proceeded with matters arising:—

(1) Arthur Mason said the "badge committee" had met and recommended an initial order of 1 gross; agreed.

(2) Secretary Ryall read the letter he had sent to all other centres outlining our proposals for the Birmingham Conference.

(3) International date asked for by Blackmore Vale had been approved as were all other dates applied for by centre clubs.

(4) Arrangements for the A.G.M. were the same as last year. Consensus of opinion was that Arthur Mason should be in charge of the "aftermath," on the same lines as last year.

Report of the Comps. Committee was greeted with dead silence, which the chairman accepted as approval; anyhow, no one voted against. Arising:—

(1) Stewards' reports—Gosport scramble—letter from Ray Coombes and one from the club were read; one regular competitor remarked that it was a new way to get in with a late entry (method censored lest others should copy).

(2) Suggestion that a sub-committee of one from each area should meet to discuss re-allocation of clubs to areas was left until the new year.

(3) Letter of apology finally received from the Bridgwater club over the false advertising fracas, with bags of excuses and windy verbiage.

Roll Call. Messrs. Goss, Jones, Mason, Mitchell, Ryall and Smith, and the following clubs:— Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Blackmore Vale, Bournemouth, Bridport, Fareham, Frome, Gosport, Hythe, Ringwood, Salisbury,

Southampton, S. Vikings, Sturminster, Weymouth, Wylve Valley and X.H.G. Tigers; 18 clubs represented.

Treasurer Arthur Mason gave his financial statement and moved accounts for payment, including Scramble Champs. Team expenses. He said he had been asked if clubs could contribute to the Bert Collins Trophies Fund. Yes they could, and any sum over and above that required would go to another of Bert's interests, the A.-C.U. Benevolent Fund. Agreed to keep the fund open until after the A.G.M. Scramble Star Fund; he asked clubs to send in donations, if possible, before November 30th.


There was no Gazette statement in the absence of Ron Baines, in fact there were no Gazettes out this month yet.

Report of the Emergency Committee, called to consider action to be taken by the centre regarding the break away of the West Area appeal to the General Council.

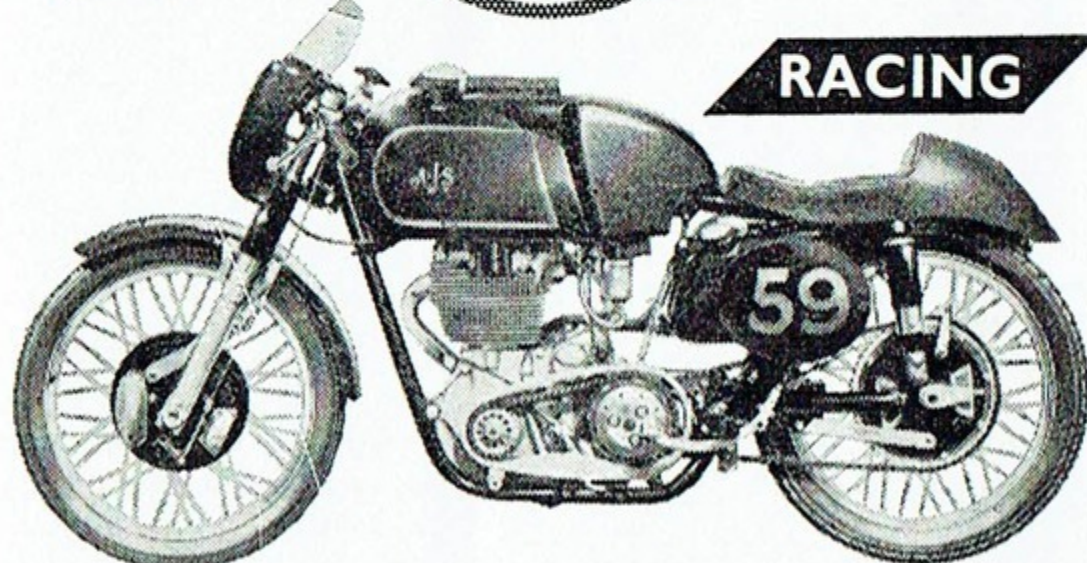
After the recess Les Smith called for "bags of hush," and called on Neville Goss to give a report on the A.-C.U. General Council. Neville responding said that the council were informed of the passing of A. J. M. Iveson and Brian Stonebridge; the chairman congratulated "our" team in the I.S.D.T. for their very good show; also the T.T. sub-committee of which he is chairman; National Rally, 1959 was also very good and would probably have a "new look" for 1960; but no mention made of our successful Moto-Cross Team. Management committee reports touched on the retirement of Sam Huggett, Benevolent Fund finances; at this point Les Smith presented a cheque representing the profit on the St. Paul Scramble organised by Frome; the announcement that leather clothing is compulsory at sprint events; B.B.C. Television Trial date, April 9th; there was a letter from that man Venables about something or other; I.S.D.T. costs would be covered by the subs. received; Chairman of Moto-Cross committee spoke of new rules, larger notices at all entrances where a gate is used, or more of them where the gates are open; all prohibited areas to be marshalled, but still no mention about the success of the British Team. Vic Anstice reported that F.I.M. move from Britain had proved costly; 1960 I.S.D.T. would be held in Austria. A sub-committee was appointed to go into T.V. events to see that the clubs get a fair do; then finally the appeal of the West Area to form a new centre, to consider which a sub-

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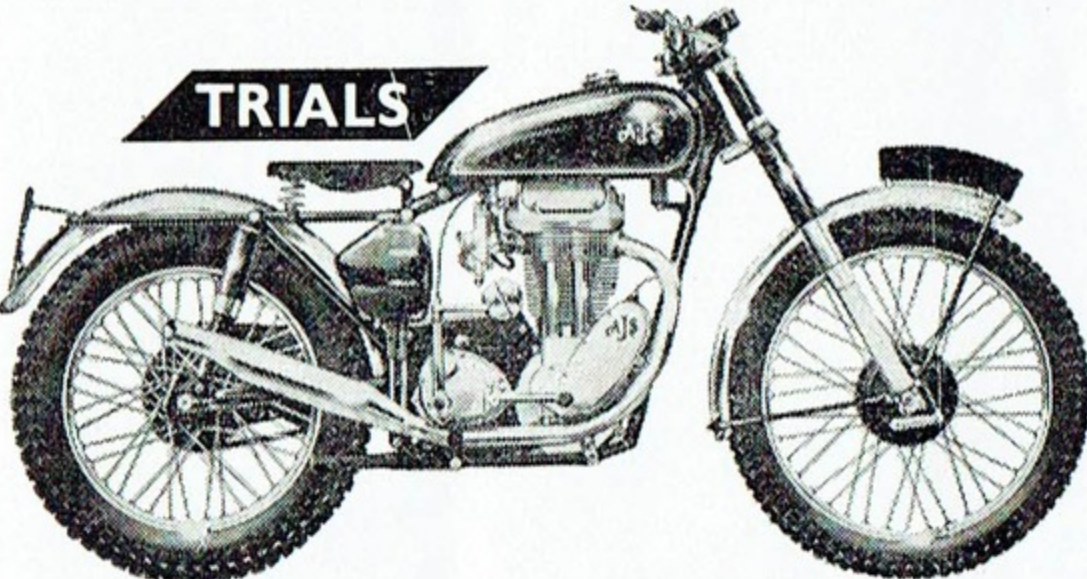


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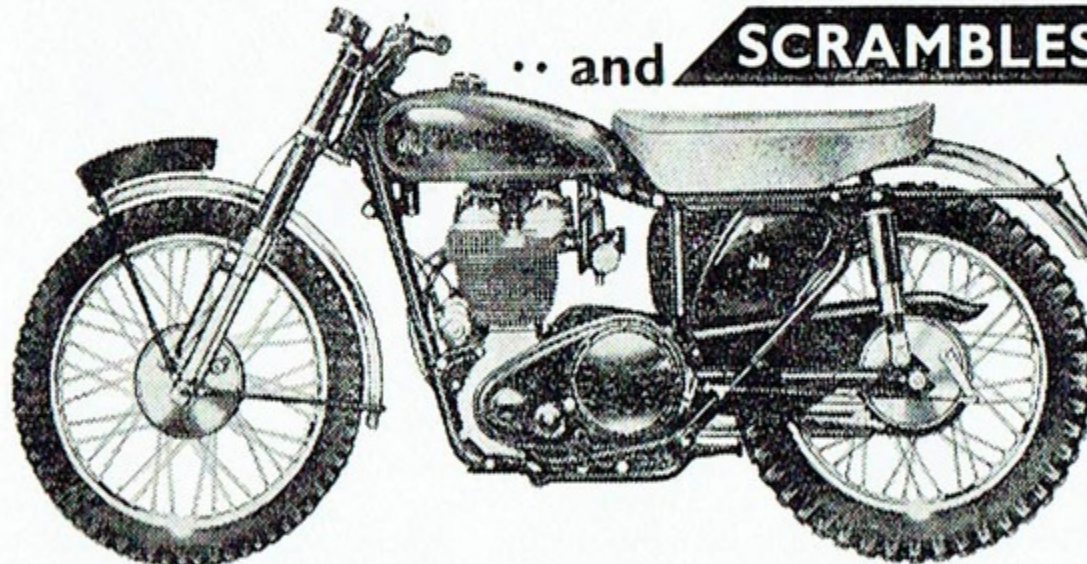
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committee was appointed to investigate; transfer of North Hants and Riley Works clubs to our centre was agreed. Thank you, Neville Goss.

Secretary reported that the drafts of the new report sheets for Stewards were out and would be circulated. He went on to read a letter from headquarters, outlining plans for a Testimonial Fund to Sam Huggett on his retirement, and it was agreed that the Centre's contribution should be 10 guineas.

The 1960 Calendar as formed by the various area committees dates meetings was now considered to iron out any problems that may have arisen. One or two alterations and additions were made, there being a little talk over the transfer of the North Hants club as they have been organising events to avoid clashing with North Area, and now they are in the North Area. Agreed to leave the dates as they are for 1960, but to try to get them to change January 22nd, 1961 to the 15th, which would be the appropriate date. The calendar, as amended, was approved for circulation. Under the Three Centres agreement it would now be sent to the South Midland and South Eastern Centres for information; the South Midland had already submitted theirs; it was examined, found not to conflict with any of our fixtures and was O.K.

Centre Team Trial—in the absence of the Lyndhurst club, Vera Lambert reported that the regs. would be in the Gazette, all arrangements were in hand, but as usual the organising club would welcome the assistance of other clubs' members to assist with the marshalling.

Inter-Centre Team Scramble — in the absence of the shy lad from the North Area, Peter Ryall reported the success of the

Centre's Team in winning the trophy for the second time, as reported in the November Gazette. It was agreed to let the team and their mechanics and managers celebrate their victory on their own, the centre to foot the bill, although the meeting was not unanimous by any means.

The Annual Meeting of the Board, not to be confused with the A.G.M., will take place at Basingstoke on December 3rd.

Letters. One from A.M.C. Owners' club asking permission to pass through centre on Whit Sunday next; O.K.

Letter from Alperton club, S.M. for a similar request; referred to North Area for approval as it will affect their territory.

Under A.O.B. Jim Rendell reported that some riders riding at an event outside the centre had not received their prize money; the secretary said he would take up the matter on their behalf and asked for full particulars.

It was reported that 2 riders had tied for the Scramble Star; O.K., let them share it and have a replica each.

Request from Jim Rendell for a Boxing Day Trial down Blackmore Vale way; agreed.

Secretary said there was some hope of settling the financial affairs of the Romsey club if clubs concerned would contact him.

Reported proposed trial through Selbourne area by our secret agent Ralph Venables; club was informed of our objection; Mr. Steel on the prowl reported no activity.

New Secretaries. Totton—C. R. Bull, 162 Payne Road, Southampton. Hythe—T. M. Gatton, 14 Bungalows, St. John Street, Hythe.

The meeting closed at 11.10 p.m.

C.R.J.

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AT the last Board it was asked if clubs could contribute to this fund, and it was agreed that all subscriptions would be welcomed, and in the event of the amount raised exceeding that required for the trophies, the balance would be paid in to another of Bert's interests, the A.-C.U. Benevolent Fund. It was also agreed that a list of subscribers would be published, but not the amounts, and that the fund should be left open until the A.G.M. Incidentally Arthur Mason has constructed a neat little box for those who want to remain anonymous. Subs. should be sent to the treasurer:— A. Mason, 2 Colenso Road, Fareham, Hants.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR 'HIM'

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## TRIALS LEAGUE

IN the short time since the issue of the November Gazette a couple of riders asked if I had received their registrations, and the answer was yes I had. Apparently the Editor, in his wisdom, or probably due to balance of pages, or something or other he talks about in this vein, omitted my League Notes for October, and thus the list of those received to date. Somehow I doubt whether this information is of general interest, so I am proposing to discontinue the practice; in any case it will save a certain amount of wear and tear on my two fingers.

I have had one or two trials results in, but there has not been much activity in the trials field this year. Are they going out of popularity except for the very crowded period in the depth of the winter season?

Riders, please carry on and send in your registrations, and if you cannot find an official card, any postcard will do as long as you put on it your name and address, club and a 2½d. stamp. Send it in to me—C. R. Jones, 2 Park Grove, Cosham, Portsmouth.

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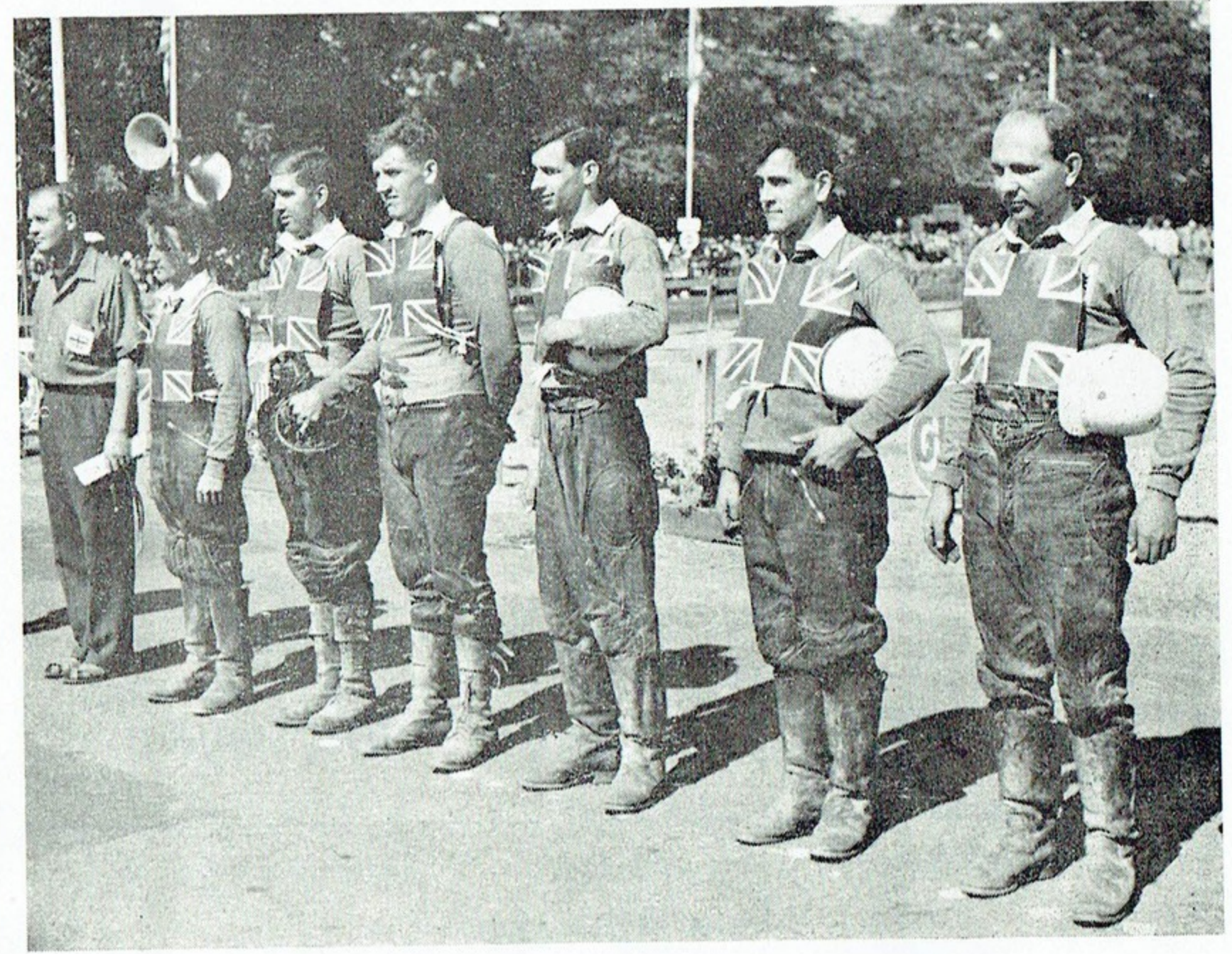
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### Above:

The full British team—Ron Baines, John Draper, Les Archer, John Burton, Don Rickman, Jeff Smith and David Curtis. The calm before the race as the boys line up for the presentation. The event was televised over Euro-Vision. The trio reaped the glory but, in fact, it was a fine team effort in which all our riders played their full part.

### Top Left: The happiest picture of 1959.

Ron Baines, Don Rickman, Jeff Smith and John Draper on the victory rostrum at the conclusion of the Moto-Cross Des Nations. The crowd yelled their appreciation of the irrepressible Smith and Draper. Don, Jeff and John were our fastest three finishers and their aggregate time headed Sweden's best by 28 seconds.

### Bottom Left:

The start/finish arena of the famous Citadelle circuit of Namur, seen from the big permanent grandstand overlooking the pits. The straw bales mark a deep sand section of the course, which is specially laid down to provide entertainment for the paying customers. The scene is the presentation of the national teams. There is criticism of the circuit, but no arena in Britain can compare with this layout.

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**South area.** T. Groome, 95 Wessex Estate, Ringwood, Hants.

**East area.** A. McKenzie, 40 Francis Road, Purbrook, Hants.

**West area.** F. J. Rendell, 109 Sutton Veny, Warminster, Wilts.

### AREA DELEGATES TO THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

**North area.** P. Hoults (Sth. Newbury) and M. E. Naylor (Reading & District).

**South area.** K. F. Nicholas (Soton. Vikings) and E. A. Belenger (Ringwood).

**East area.** C. H. Phippen (Winchester) and G. Hodges (Waterlooville).

**West area.** F. J. Rendell (Blackmore Vale) and M. Lane (Salisbury).

**Additional date** (Special application).  
22nd May Farnham & D.

Grass Track

Farnham — in aid of the  
World Refugee Year Fund.

Approved by the Centre Board at Wimborne, Dorset,  
on Thursday, 5th November, 1959.

PETER B. RYALL,  
Centre Secretary.

## SOUTHERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

Calendar for International, National, Regional Restricted and Restricted events to be organised in the Southern Centre for the period 31st January, 1960 to 31st January, 1961, including events to which the Centre may be concerned.

Date	Area	Club	Event	Venue
<b>JANUARY</b>				
31	S.	Ringwood	CENTRE TEAM TRIAL	New Forest
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
7	E.	Petersfield	Trial	East Hants.
	W.	Frome Valley	Lulworth Trophy Trial	Bovington
14	N.	Mortimer & D.	Jack Englefield Trial	Silchester
	N.			
	S.			
21	E.	Gosport & D.	Lawson Cup Trial	South Hants.
	N.	North Hants.	Scramble	Tweseldown
	W.	Blackmore Vale	Nelson Cruse Trial	Mere/Zeals
	W.			
28	N.	Sth. Newbury	Scramble	Midgham
	N.			
	S.	Southampton & D.	President's Cup Trial	West Wellow
	S.			
<b>MARCH</b>				
5 (Sat.)	E.	Triumph Owners (P'mouth)	Road Trial	South Hants.
6	E.	Aldwick 100	Trial	West Sussex
	E.			
	W.	Bridport	Dorset Trophy Trial	Bridport
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Scramble	Bulbarrow
13		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	INTER-CENTRE TEAM TRIAL	North East Centre Overton/Kingsclere
	N.	Basingstoke	Trial	Baydon
	N.	Newbury & D.	Scramble	Dundridge
	S.	Bishops Waltham	Scramble	Canterton
	S.	Lyndhurst	Committee Cup Trial	N/East Hants.
20	E.	Farnham	Trial	
	E.			
	W.	Weymouth	President's Cup Trial	Askerswell
	W.	Frome Valley	Scramble	Lulworth
27	N.	Reading Ace	March Hare Scramble	Aldworth
	N.			
	S.	Isle of Wight	Trial	Isle of Wight
	S.			
<b>APRIL</b>				
3	E.	Winchester	Scramble	Morestead
	E.			
	W.	Weymouth	Scramble	Weymouth
	W.	Blackmore Vale	Grass Track	Willoughby Hedge
	W.	X.H.G. Tigers	Tiger Trophy Trial	Cheselbourne
10		ALTON	SELBORNE SOLO TRIAL	Selborne
	N.	Mortimer	Bargepole Scramble	Beenham
	S.			
15 (Fri.)		RINGWOOD	HANTS. GRAND NATIONAL	Ringwood

Date	Area	Club	Event	Venue
<b>APRIL—continued</b>				
15 (Fri.)		Henley	Trial	East Berks.
17	E.	Petersfield	Scramble	Oxenbourne
	E.			
	W.	Bridport	Scramble	Askerswell
	W.	Wylde Valley	Sheldon Cup Trial	Warminster
18 (Mon.)		SOUTHAMPTON & D.	ROAD RACES	Thruxton
		Bishops Waltham	Scramble	Dundridge
24	N.	Sth. Newbury	Scramble	Midgham
	N.	East Berks. S/C.	Road Trial	Berkshire
	S.	Bournemouth	Grass Track	Wareham
	S.	Southampton Vikings	Novice Trial	Hardley
<b>MAY</b>				
1	E.	Andover	Speed	To be arranged
	E.			
	W.	Salisbury	Grass Track	Ansty
	W.	Frome Valley	Scramble	Lulworth
8		MORTIMER	JACKPOT SCRAMBLE	Beenham
	N.	Reading Ace	Trial	To be arranged
	S.	Ringwood	Grass Track	Poulner
	S.			
15	E.	Portsmouth M.C.R.C.	Scramble	Idsworth
	E.			
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Scramble	Bulbarrow
	W.			
22	N.	Henley	Road Trial	Berkshire
	N.	Newbury & D.	Scramble	Baydon
	S.	Bishops Waltham	Trevor Stubbs Trial	Dundridge
	S.	Southampton Vikings	Scramble	To be decided
	S.	Isle of Wight	Vectis Road Trial	Isle of Wight
29		Reading Ace	ST. PAUL TROPHY	Aldworth
<b>JUNE</b>				
5	E.	Waterlooville	Scramble	East Meon
	E.	Farnham	Road Trial	East Hants.
	W.	X.H.G. Tigers	Scramble	Chesilbourne
	W.			
6 (Mon.)		BLACKMORE VALE	INTERNATIONAL RD. RACES	Blandford
		Gosport & D.	Scramble	Sth. Hants.
12	N.	Basingstoke	Road Trial	To be decided
	N.	Maidenhead	Scramble	Waltham Pits
	S.	Bishops Waltham	Grass Track	Gorhampton
	S.			
13—17		Auto-Cycle Union	Isle of Man T.T. Races	
19	E.	Petersfield	Scramble	Oxenbourne
	E.			
	W.	Salisbury	Grass Track	Ansty
	W.			
25 (Sat.)		SOUTHAMPTON & D.	500 MILE RACE	Thruxton
26	N.	Reading & D.	Speed event	Swallowfield
	N.	North Berks.	Road Trial	Berkshire
	S.	Ringwood	Grass Track	Poulner
	S.	Lyndhurst	Novice Trial	Canterton
<b>JULY</b>				
3		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	INTER. MOTO CROSS OF G.B.	Hawkstone
	E.	Gosport	Scramble	Sth. Hants.
	W.	Aldwick 100	Road Trial	West Sussex
	W.	Blackmore Vale	Scramble	Willoughby Hedge
	W.			

Date	Area	Club	Event	Venue
<b>JULY—continued</b>				
9—10		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	NATIONAL RALLY	
10	N.	Basingstoke	Grass Track	Basingstoke
	N.			
	S.	Bournemouth	Grass Track	Wareham
	S.			
17		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	250 c.c. Coupe d'Europe	Shrubland Park
	E.			
	E.	Weymouth	Scramble	Weymouth
	W.			
24	N.	Reading Ace	Speed	To be decided
	N.			
	S.	Bishops Waltham	Grass Track	Corhampton
	S.			
31	E.	Alton	Scramble	Holybourne Down
	E.			
	W.	Bridport	Scramble	Bridport
	W.	Blackmore Vale	Allum Trial	Trent
<b>AUGUST</b>				
1 (Mon.)		SOUTHAMPTON & D.	ROAD RACES	Thruxton
		Basingstoke	Grass Track	Basingstoke
		Totton	Grass Track	Totton
		Petersfield	Scramble	Oxenbourne
7	E.	Portsmouth M.C.R.C.	Scramble	Idsworth
	E.			
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Scramble	Bulbarrow
	W.			
14	N.	Henley	Trial	To be decided
	N.	Newbury & D.	Scramble	Baydon
	S.	Ringwood	Grass Track	Poulner
	S.			
21	S.	CENTRE GRASS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS	Scramble (provisional)	To be decided
	E.	Waterlooville		To be decided
	W.	Frome Valley	Scramble	Lulworth
	W.			
28	N.	Reading Ace	Scramble	To be decided
	N.			
	S.	Southampton & D.	Scramble	Beaulieu
	S.			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
4		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	GRASS TRACK CHAMPS.	To be decided
	E.	Winchester	Scramble	Morestead
	E.	Aldwick 100	Grass Track	West Sussex
	E.	Havant	Road Trial	East Hants.
	W.	X.H.G. Tigers	Scramble	Chesilbourne
	W.			
11		CENTRE SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS		Weymouth
		Basingstoke	Grass Track	Basingstoke
18	E.	Alton	Grass Track	To be decided
	E.	Farnham	Trial	To be decided
	W.	Bridport	Scramble	Bridport
	W.	Blackmore Vale	Grass Track	Willoughby Hedge
25	N.	East Berks S/C.	Road Trial	Berkshire
	N.	Sth. Newbury	Scramble	Midgham
	S.	Ringwood	Novice Trial	Matchams
	S.	Lyndhurst	Scramble	Canterton

Date	Area	Club	Event	Venue
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
2		AUTO-CYCLE UNION	INTER-CENTRE TEAM SCRAMBLE	Glastonbury Sth. Hants.
	E.	Gosport	Scramble	Alton district
	E.	Alton	Road Trial	East Hants.
	E.	Waterlooville	Trial	Ansty
	W.	Salisbury	Grass Track	Askerswell
	W.	Weymouth	Meech Cup Trial	To be decided
9	N.	Henley	Trial	
	N.	Mortimer	Beenham Pk. Scr. Champs.	
	S.	Bournemouth	Grass Track	Wareham
	S.	Southampton Vikings	West Trophy Trial	Sth. Hants.
16		BLACKMORE VALE	D. FARQUHARSON TRIAL	Shaftesbury
	E.	Farnham	Grass Track	Farnham
	E.	Portsmouth M.C.R.C.	Scramble	Idsworth
	E.	Winchester	Trial	Morestead
23	W.			
	N.	Reading Ace	Trial	Reading
	N.			
	S.	Lyndhurst	President's Cup Trial	Canterton
	S.	Southampton & D.	Scramble	Beaulieu
30		North Hants.	Scramble	Tweseldown
		North Berks & B.H.	Trial	To be decided
		Frome Valley	Jack Deane Trial	Bovingdon
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
6		RINGWOOD	PERCE SIMON TRIAL	Ringwood
13		Remembrance Sunday		
20	E.			
	W.	Salisbury	E. Brittain Trial	Salisbury
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Scramble	Bulbarrow
27	N.	North Hants.	Scramble	Tweseldown
	N.	Newbury & D.	Trial	West Berks.
	S.	Southampton & D.	J. White Trial	Beaulieu
	S.			
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
4	E.			
	W.	Wylde Valley	Lester Cup Trial	Warminster
10 (Sat.)		WATERLOOVILLE	HOAD TROPHIES TRIAL	East Hants.
11	N.	Sth. Newbury	Trial	Hermitage
	S.	Totton	Trial	Lockerley
18	E.			
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Trial	Sturminster Newton
25		Christmas Day		
26		Boxing Day		
<b>JANUARY, 1961</b>				
1	E.			
	W.	Salisbury	Trial	Salisbury
8		CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		To be decided
15	E.	Waterlooville	Trial	East Hants.
	W.	Sturminster Newton	Peter Radwell Trial	Sturminster
22	N.	North Hants.	Scramble	Tweseldown
	S.	Bishops Waltham	Trial	Bishops Waltham
29		CENTRE TEAM TRIAL	West Area	To be decided

**STURMINSTER NEWTON & DIST. M.C. & L.C.C., TRIAL.**

**20th DECEMBER**

I have read any Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U., including in particular, those relating to trials or the Racing Regulations, whichever is applicable to the event. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the above-mentioned organising Club, the Southern Centre of the A.C.U., and the A.C.U., and their officials, representatives and agents, each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry, or my taking part in this event, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of the negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives or agents.

Entry fees .....  
 Date .....  
 Signed .....

Name and address (block letters).....

Club..... Machine..... C.C.....

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 16? YES/NO

**WATERLOOVILLE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB, TRIAL.**

**3rd JANUARY**

I have read any Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U., including in particular, those relating to trials or the Racing Regulations, whichever is applicable to the event. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the above-mentioned organising Club, the Southern Centre of the A.C.U., and the A.C.U., and their officials, representatives and agents, each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry, or my taking part in this event, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of the negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives or agents.

Entry fees .....  
 Date .....  
 Signed .....

Name and address (block letters).....

Club..... Machine..... C.C.....

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 16? YES/NO

**NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB, SCRAMBLE.**

**17th JANUARY**

I have read any Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U., including in particular, those relating to trials or the Racing Regulations, whichever is applicable to the event. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the above-mentioned organising Club, the Southern Centre of the A.C.U., and the A.C.U., and their officials, representatives and agents, each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry, or my taking part in this event, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of the negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives or agents.

Entry fees .....  
 Date .....  
 Signed .....

Name and address (block letters).....

Club..... Machine..... C.C.....

Please enter me for Events Nos.....

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 16? YES/NO

Passenger's Name .....



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## LETTERS

RE EDITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE,  
S.C. GAZETTE

Dear Sir,

At a recent S.C. Scramble a fellow club member of mine damaged his machine to the extent of £25.

Now this is not unusual for a scramble rider, but when it is caused by utter negligence on the part of another rider, then I feel it is time organisers took a hand.

The rider in this case had stopped during practice in the middle of a very fast straight. He was in this position for at least 2 minutes. Then without bothering to check behind, he decided to move to the side of the track; needless to say, he did not get there.

I feel that some disciplinary action should have been taken against him for this sort of behaviour constitutes a menace to other riders.

I don't like to think that we should have to come to this sort of thing, but it does cost a great deal for man to go scrambling, and to keep bumping into people like our friend here would indeed be heart-breaking.

Perhaps our Competitions Committee could discuss this matter at their next meeting, for I do consider it serious.

Yours faithfully,

C. G. PANTER.

107 Folkestone Road,  
Copnor, Portsmouth.

### THANKS

Dear Ron,

I shall be very grateful if you could find space to print this brief expression of my appreciation and thanks to all my friends in the Centre who have so kindly sent me their sympathy and best wishes. It would seem, following a full and comprehensive series of Clinical Tests, that an op. is not imminent. All being well therefore, I hope to be in circulation again within the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. ALLAN.

Royal Masonic Hospital,  
Ravenscourt Park,  
London, W.6.

### BOUQUETS

Dear Mr. Editor,

With yet another year drawing to a close I think the time may be opportune to hand out a few bouquets to the Clubs and members of the Centre. To Basingstoke let us say thank you for a good Grass Track Championships, and to the Vikings for their splendid efforts with the Scramble Championships. Thank you. Both these meetings proved very profitable to the centre funds. Thank you, Frome Valley, for your very noble efforts for the benefit of the benevolent fund, and to Lyndhurst for coming along and running the Centre Team Trial. To you all may I say well done, your efforts are more than appreciated.

And let us not forget our Centre teams and representatives; some came back with honour and glory and some were not quite so fortunate, but let us say to you all, thank you for giving of your best to uphold the name of the centre.

Yours, etc.,

A. R. MASON.

### FUNNY THINGS

Dear Mr. Editor,

Going around the Centre this summer I have seen some funny things going on at the start of scrambles; I have seen hands on heads, hands on hips and hands on mudguards, etc. I have a new one with engine running, sit backwards on machine, hold aloft an unfurled umbrella in one hand and a parasol in the other. I have studied these semi-clutch starts and have come to the conclusion that they are unpracticable, and very hard to supervise, as with a field of some 25 riders at least 6 marshals are required to watch that the instructions are carried out; the maximum I have seen is two and they were on the wrong side of the riders.

Perhaps in 1960 we can see the end of some of this nonsense; if you want a clutch start, well for goodness sake have the courage of your conviction and put it in the regs, and supervise the thing properly.

One word I would say on this is, make sure your course can take this type of start as on a lot of courses this is just suicide, especially for the junior races; if your course is not suitable for a clutch start, and quite a lot of courses are not, then play safe and give a dead engine start.

Yours etc.,

MORNASA.

## NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB

Open to Centre

**TWESELDOWN SCRAMBLE**

to be held at Tweseldown Race Course, Crookham, Nr. Aldershot,  
Hants.

on **SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1960**

A.-C.U. Permit No. U.451

**OFFICIALS****A.-C.U. Centre Steward:** To be appointed.**Club Stewards:** O. Tyler and J. C. Archer.**Timekeeper:** H. E. M. Kingdon.**Machine Examiners:** J. M. Heanes and C. Newman.**Paddock Marshals:** R. L. White, K. Crumplin and P. Milam.**Announcer:** L. J. Archer.**Lap Scorers:** C. Densley and F. W. Pearce.**Judge:** A. Sparks.**Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting:** W. G. Hall, 7 Hunts Common,  
Hartley Wintney, Hants.**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

**1. JURISDICTION:** Open to members of all clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre of the A.-C.U. riding Solo Motor Cycles. Held under the G.C.R.'s. of the A.-C.U. and S.S.R.'s. of the Southern Centre, and these Supplementary Regulations, also Final Instructions which shall have the force of these Regulations.

**2. ENTRIES:** To be made on the official form provided and to reach the Hon. Secretary of the Meeting **NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1959**, together with an entry fee of 10/-. The Club will pay Drivers Third Party and Personal Accident Insurance for one or all events. Drivers holding a contract personal accident insurance should quote the policy number on the entry form as indicated. All drivers must be at least 16 years of age. **ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED.**

**3. CLASSES. Senior Class:** All drivers who have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the finals of three O/C Scrambles since 1st January, 1958.

**Junior Class:** All other drivers.

**4. COURSE:** This will be approximately one mile circuit over heathland.

**5. START:** Will be astride machines, dead engines.

**6. PRACTISING:** Two practice laps will be arranged to be completed between 10 and 11 a.m.

**7. ALL DRIVERS** must report with their machines, helmet and clothing at the machine examiners table, which is situated near the paddock entrance, before practising commences.

**8. EVENTS AND AWARDS:**

1 HERBERT CHALLENGE TROPHY, up to 1,000 c.c. (open to allcomers). 8 laps: 1st 120/-; 2nd 100/-; 3rd 80/-; 4th 60/-; 5th 40/-; 6th 20/-; 7th 10/-; 8th 5/-.

2 UP TO 250 c.c., 6 laps: 1st 60/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/-; 5th 7/6; 6th 5/-.

3 JUNIOR UP TO 1,000 c.c., 6 laps: 1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-; 5th 10/-; 6th 5/-.

4 SENIOR UP TO 1,000 c.c., 6 laps: 1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-; 5th 10/-; 6th 5/-.

All heats 3 laps.

Winner of Event 1 will receive THE HERBERT CHALLENGE TROPHY (to be held for one year).

**NUMBERS:** THESE MUST BE AS REQUIRED IN S.S.R.'s.; NO DRIVER WILL BE ALLOWED TO RIDE WITH BAD NUMBERS.

## WATERLOOVILLE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

**ASHFORD CUP TRIAL**

SOLOS ONLY

**SUNDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1960**



Permit No. U.453

**OFFICIALS****Southern Centre Steward:****Club Steward:** D. Edney.**Clerk of the Course:** L. Pinhorn.**Secretary of the Meeting:** L. G. Blyth, 21 The Crescent, Purbrook, Portsmouth.**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:** The Welcome Inn, Petersfield on the Winchester road. First man will leave the start at 10.30 and the remainder at 1-min. intervals.

**3. COURSE:** Two laps of approximately 15 miles per lap in the Petersfield—East Meon—Ramsdean area. The course marking will be by direction cards only, onus of finding the correct route rests with the competitor.

**4. MARKING:** Lose 1 mark for dab.

„ 3 marks for footing.

„ 5 marks for stopping in an observed section, going off course, or missing a section.

**5. AWARDS:** Ashford Cup and Replica—Best Performance.

Marble Arch Trophy—Best Novice.

Committee Cup—Best W.M.C.C. member.

Other awards in accordance with S.C. League Rules.

**6. ENTRIES:** To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not later than Tuesday, 29th December, 1959; individual entries 6/-.

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

**8. TEAMS:** Entries will be accepted at the start, teams of three, 7/6 per team.

**9. TIES:** Will be decided by a SPECIAL TEST.

**10. 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.

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

STURMINSTER NEWTON & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C.

will hold the

## PETER RADWELL CUP TRIAL

on SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1959



AT 11.0 a.m.

Permit No. U.452

### OFFICIALS

Centre Steward:

Club Steward: C. G. Barratt.

Clerk of the Course: E. G. Wells.

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

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**1. JURISDICTION:** Held under the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U., the Southern Centre League Regulations and the following Supplementary Regulations. Open to all members of the Southern Centre.

**2. START:** The start will be in the Charlton Horethorne area, but riders will be notified of the actual start at the time of accepting their entries. The first man will leave at 11 a.m.

**3. COURSE:** Two laps of a sporting nature comprising hills and mud. Marking will be with directional arrows and cards.

**4. ENTRIES:** Entries must be made on the form provided and sent so as to reach the Secretary of the Meeting, with a fee of 6/- by Wednesday, 16th December. Team Entries will be 7/6 per team.

**5. DRIVER'S STATUS:** In accordance with Southern Centre Trials League Regulations.

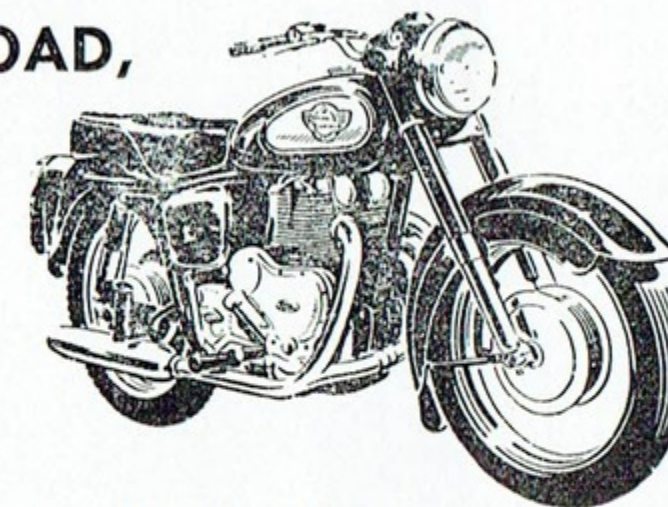
**6. AWARDS:** Peter Radwell Cup—best solo performance.  
Sidecar Cup—best Sidecar performance (Providing 6 or more entries).  
Club Cup—best performance by a Sturminster Newton Member.  
250 c.c., 350 c.c. and 500 c.c.—Class Cups.  
First, Second, Intermediate and Novice awards—in accordance with Southern Centre League Rules.  
Team award for best Team of three drivers providing there are four or more Teams.

**7.** The Club reserves the right to cancel this event should they deem it desirable.

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It is to be hoped that foreign invitations are forthcoming, but it is very doubtful; you see, Perlin had only a 500 against the two British 650's and the glitter is taken off the local boys' success.

This 650 c.c. development is wrong. Our sidecar racing should be limited to 500 c.c. If one bloke has a six-fifty, then everyone else must strain their resources to get one. A five hundred is fast enough to get anyone into trouble and you can still have a "twin" and they are easier to obtain.

A return to five hundreds will make it cheaper and less dangerous for new boys to take up the sport, and they are needed; machines of equal capacity will make for better racing and if the sidecar types develop their motors to run on petrol, then we can look forward to a greater exchange of international riders with consequent benefits to all concerned.

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Last year Ralph Venables attempted to get the rules amended to cater for sidecars and quite reasonably it was contended that the time had not yet come for "Star" recognition of sidecars on a national basis.

The time has long since come for the recognition of the "two-fifty" by the introduction of a Lightweight Star. The A.-C.U. has promoted two International 250 Grand Prix which, in itself, is evidence of the importance of 250 c.c. racing. International Moto-Cross recognises 250 and 500 racing, which is what we should do on a national basis.

At present we acknowledge 500 c.c. and 350 c.c. and points scored in the 350 event at a national meeting count, together with the points gained in the principal race (always 500) towards each individual rider's score in the "Star" competition.

Since about half the three-fifty event is made up of 250 machines, it is ridiculous that the points gained should count equally with the points gained in the bitter and closely-contested racing of the five hundred class.

The Southern Centre has its own "Star" competitions on the right basis, so let our Board press for revision of the national competition and bring it in line with the present day, and in time for the 1960 season.

## 1959 SCRAMBLE STARS

	<b>250 c.c.</b>	
M. Jackson	.. ..	47 points
R. Marsh	.. ..	30 ..
	<b>500 c.c.</b>	
I. England	} .. ..	42 points each
R. Stillo		
B. Parsons	.. ..	40 ..
	<b>SIDECAR</b>	
R. Rose	.. ..	79 points
R. Price	.. ..	32 ..

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