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## BOARD COMMENTARY

Through the gathering gloom to Romsey, to find that our usual car park had been enclosed, and we had to go further afield to find a spot, and walk back in the rain.

Absentees who were sorry were Messrs. Allan, Bennett (poor old Charlie), Hodges, and Norris; also the Sturminster Club.

Mrs. Steele battled against latecomers finding chairs, to read the minutes, which our president, Joe Caslake, duly signed, and then handed over to our chairman, Les Smith. Arising: (1) Stag application to secede from the South Midland Centre had been agreed by them; the A.-C.U. also acknowledged our agreement to take them into this Centre. (2) Sturminster Newton Grass Track, October 13th, was cancelled, as the track had been ploughed up and no alternative was available. (3) List of International, National and Reg. Res. applied for was read out; also notice was given of Reg. Res. events to which riders of this Centre had been invited.

Messrs. Caslake, Baines, Mason, Goss, Rendell, Jones, Smith, Ryall, and Mrs. Steele. Later Arthur Lambert (I was in Dorchester at 8 o'clock) answered the Roll Call. And these clubs:— Aldermaston, Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Blackmore

Vale, Esso, Gosport, Kiwi, Mortimer, North Berks, North Hants, Portsmouth Racing, Reading Ace, Ringwood, Southampton Vikings, Southampton, South Newbury, Weymouth, Waterlooville, Winchester, Wimborne, X.H.G. Tigers, missed one, Bishops Waltham.

Correspondence: South Reading re their Three Musketeers Trial; permission for use of territory; we agreed.

Auto-Cycle Union asking for volunteers to organise the Clubman's Races; National Grass Track; Inter-centre Scramble, dated September 27th, replies wanted by October 9th. Ridiculously short notice; Ringwood delegate opined it was just to conform with the rules, and the events were already allocated. Secretary agreed to write and tell them so.

West London re trial on Weavers Down, 24th November; last-minute request for permission; in the spirit of St. Paul, charity and all that, we agreed.

North Hants re Scramble at Tweseldown, February 9th, 1964; date approved.

Velocette Owners Club in Reading, Berks; notice of formation of Southern Centre Branch.

**OUR COVER**—Mike Jackson is such a casual character that it is nice to catch him concentrating. This rare moment occurred at a recent P.M.C.R.C. Scramble.

Photo—Cecil Bailey.

Arthur Mason gave his financial report. We noted that the funds had taken an awful wallop, from the cost of the Centre Handbook(?) presumably. Ron Baines gave his little chat on Gazette finances; no Wally Hall, no discussion. Gazettes missed the post last night, so not out yet.

Gosport's Notice of Motion re pooling of T.V. facility fees was moved by Mr. Everett. He pointed out that the organising club would already receive expenses, extra gate money, etc. This brought Neville Goss up fighting with facts and figures, winter-time meetings, small gates, large prize lists, very small profit. Several other members spoke against, and the motion was thrown out, only 2 voting for the proposition — Gosport delegates.

Report, Centre Scramble; Mr. Steele thanked all marshals and other clubs' members who came along and helped. He had received several letters of appreciation from riders — no accidents, beautiful day; farmer had cut a track through his corn to facilitate access. Report received with thanks to Alton for a good job, and a request for the secretary to write and thank the farmer for his co-operation. Winners: Solo, D. E. Rickman; Sidecar, Price Bros.; 250, R. Snoad.

After the recess, we agreed date and place of A.G.M., January 12th at Minstead. In answer to "what about entertainment?" there was a request for the cycle races.

Arthur Mason said he would see George Hodges and see what he could do.

Report: St. Paul Trophy. Kiwi said they were very satisfied with the results, no accidents, fine weather, thanked all who came along and helped. Benevolent Fund should benefit by about £200. Mr. Steele said Kiwi did a good job, and it was a splendid course.

Date and place of next meeting, November 7th, Romsey.

Any other business: Les Smith said, getting back to T.V. Scrambles, that Neville Goss had gone to considerable trouble to get information on the future of such events during the coming year; there are 11 scheduled, various areas being named. We had a T.V. Sub-committee, and he suggested that any clubs interested should put in an application and the committee would allocate, bearing in mind their suitability. North Hants suggested this was the only way, and the meeting agreed. Date deadline, Saturday, October 12th. Secretary to notify all clubs.

Area Dates Meetings: convening secretaries to call clubs together on or after October 14th, by which time they will have in their hands all the information regarding Nat. Inter., Nat. Reg. Res. etc. events, and the dates agreed by the A.-C.U.

Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

C.R.J.

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## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

In 1938 we held our Centre Team Trial after the end(?) of the trials season, and so it happened that the Waterloo Club had the task of finding a suitable course during the summer months. And it was certainly good enough to sort out the winners. The Shield was won by a newly-formed club in the Centre — Fareham, whilst the Solo star was also a new name — Ken Edwards.

There was a terrific row going on about competition tyres, due to protests from the authorities about the mud being brought out on to the roads from sections, so this Centre decided, as an experiment, to ban the "knobbles" for at least one season; a decision that the A.-C.U. itself eventually brought into force.

It has often been said that events are a contest between competitors and organisers; true, but in more ways than one. Grass meetings were chiefly in the news; crafty riders used bored-out barrels to get a few more c.c.'s; one chap grafted what amounted to a 500 cylinder on to a 350 engine; in another case the winner blew up his engine in a heat, and rode another machine in the final. Of course, the best detectives were the other riders — they soon spotted the culprits, and banged in protests, so that machine

examination in the pits became quite commonplace.

Another sign of the times was multiple entries of one machine, two impecunious lads would fettle a goodish machine, and both ride it. Besides being against the G.C.R., they eventually both qualified for a final, and that was that.

The Centre Grass Track Championships were organised by the Blackmore Vale Club at Cannfield, surely the finest track there ever was in this Centre. It was a B.V. benefit: the club won the Shield, R. C. Stainer and J. Surtees won the Solo and Sidecar Championships respectively, and, just to rub it in, the 350 and 600 championships went to J. Leonard.

Les Smith's remarks, a few months ago, about running trials without competition numbers is not a new idea; the Chichester Club did just that in 1938; it was not too successful. Remembering that entries in those days used to average about 20 to 30, someone suggested using the letters of the alphabet but pointed out that a competitor bearing the letter W might be stopped by one of those ice cream men.

C.R.J.

## THE TRIALS LEAGUE

By the very kind co-operation of Vera Lambert, I have been able to get a sight of the Basingstoke result sheet of last March (writing to the secretary of the meeting and asking Ron Mitchell having produced no results whatever) and completed my records for the last season. Marks shown are only for riders who registered last year; many marks are lost by not registering, so if you ride at all and want to help your club, fill in the card and post to me at once. An ordinary P.C. with your (legible) name and address, club, and signature will do. Send it to C. R. Jones, 2 Park Grove, Cosham, Portsmouth.

Now for the scoring: Bishops Waltham

135 points; Southampton Vikings 120; Waterloo 84; Southampton 64; X.H.G. Tigers 62; Ringwood 56; Farnham 48; North Berks 47; Basingstoke and Portsmouth Racing 32; Andover 21; Winchester 15; Alton 14; Weymouth 9; Esso, Mortimer, and Aldwick 100 8 each; Blackmore Vale 7; Lyndhurst and Kiwi 6; Totton 4; Petersfield 3; Isle of Wight 2; North Hants, South Newbury, and Frome 1 each. No other clubs had any registered members.

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## PRIORY TROPHY TRIAL

SUNDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1963

Permit No. U.1149

START 11.30 a.m.

### OFFICIALS

Centre Steward: J. F. Davies.

Club Stewards: L. Hoare and A. N. Other.

Clerk of the Course: D. Smart.

Secretary of the Meeting: E. R. Walker, 84 Florence Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**1. JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to members of Southern Centre clubs riding solo or sidecar machines.

**2. ENTRIES:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by 20th November, 1963. Solos limited to first 120 received. Sidecar Class subject to minimum entry of 6. Entry fee 7/6d. per driver, returnable only if meeting abandoned. Team entries 7/6d., accepted at Start.

**3. START:** The Car Park, Gallows Hill on the Bere Regis to Wool Road, Dorset. Drivers will start at 1-minute intervals and will stop after the first lap and be restarted by Official Starter.

**4. COURSE:** Two laps of a short course which must be strictly adhered to as marked, as the land as been planted by the Forestry Commission.

**5. TIES:** Will be decided by furthest round clean.

**6. AWARDS:** Premier—PRIORY TROPHY.  
Sidecar—PRIORY CUP.  
Best X.H.G. Member—CLUB CUP.  
Best X.H.G. Novice—ATTREE CUP.  
Other awards in accordance with League Rules.

**7. GENERAL:** Programme and Final Instructions and Refreshments available at Start. No petrol at Start.

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## ERNIE GOODRIDGE TRIAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1963

Start 10.30 a.m.

Permit No. U.1142

### OFFICIALS

**Southern Centre Steward:** To be appointed.

**Club Stewards:** D. Duffner and K. Hinvest.

**Clerk of the Course:** E. Bardell.

**Secretary of the Meeting:** Mrs. S. A. Hinvest, 21 Castle Malwood Lodge, Minstead, Nr. Lyndhurst, Hants.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of clubs of the Southern Centre A.-C.U. riding SOLO machines.
3. **ENTRIES:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by 2nd December, 1963, accompanied by fee of 6/-. Numbers will be issued at start.
4. **START:** Will be at Hardley, Nr. Hythe, Hants.
5. **COURSE:** 2 or 3 laps of a short course on private property.
6. **AWARDS:** Premier—THE ERNIE GOODRIDGE CUP (to be held for 1 year).  
Replica given.  
CLASS AWARDS 250 and over 250.  
1st and 2nd CLASS, INTERMEDIATE and NOVICE.  
BEST CLUB MEMBER.  
Awards as per S.R.936.
7. **GENERAL:** Practising as per S.R.918. Refreshments will be available at start.

SOUTH NEWBURY MOTOR CLUB



## "JACK O' NEWBURY TRIAL"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1963

START 10.30 a.m.

Permit No. U.1151

### OFFICIALS

**Centre Steward:** To be appointed.

**Club Stewards:** J. E. R. Nicholls and R. Hastings.

**Clerk of the Course:** J. E. R. Nicholls.

**Secretary of the Meeting:** C. Bennet, 125 Dene Way, Donnington, Newbury, Berks.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U., and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of the Southern Centre A.-C.U. riding Solo and Sidecar machines.
3. **ENTRIES:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by the 1st December, 1963, with fee of 7s. 6d., returnable only in the case of abandonment. Numbers will be issued at the start.
4. **START AND FINISH:** Will be at the Gravel Pits, Bennetts Copse, Cold Ash Road, Bucklebury. 158 Map Ref. 528-695.
5. **COURSE:** 1 lap, approximately 20 miles in three different parts.
6. **AWARDS:** Premier—JACK O' NEWBURY CUP & REPLICA (hold 1 year).  
CLASS AWARDS—250/350/500 c.c. (6 minimum entries).  
1st and 2nd CLASS.  
SIDECAR PREMIER CUP & REPLICA (hold for 1 year).  
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TEAM AWARD.  
OTHER AWARDS as per S.R. 936.

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# WINTER SCRAMBLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1963

at Sherfield English Cross Roads  
(Romsey to Salisbury Road A.27)

First Race 12.30 p.m.

Permit No. U.1141

T.C.C. 397

### OFFICIALS

- Centre Steward: H. Bone.
- Club Stewards: K. Hazell and J. Gibbons.
- Clerk of the Course: A. Welch.
- Secretary of the Meeting: K. F. Nicholas, 11 Oliver Road, Swaythling, Southampton.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the General Competition Rules, the Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U. for all Scrambles and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all registered members of clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.-C.U. riding solos and sidecars.
3. **COURSE:** Approximately 1/4 mile of rough grassland.
4. **ENTRIES:** To be made on the official form and sent with the entry fee, Solos 10/-, Sidecars 12/6d., to the Secretary of the Meeting; open November 9th, close November 18th. Entries will be restricted at the discretion of the organisers.
5. **EVENTS:**
  1. Unlimited Junior.
  2. 250 Star.
  3. Unlimited Experts.
  4. Sidecar Star.
  5. 500 Star, Experts and Invited Juniors.
  6. Sidecar Scratch.



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

# THE PRESIDENT'S CUP TRIAL

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1963

Start at 11.0 a.m.

Permit No. U.1146

### OFFICIALS

- Centre Steward: To be appointed.
- Club Steward: G. Francis.
- Clerk of the Course: R. Brain.
- Secretary of the Meeting: J. C. Lane, 4 Shaftesbury View, Ham, Gillingham, Dorset.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U., and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of clubs of the Southern Centre A.-C.U., riding SOLO machines.
3. **ENTRIES:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting before the 7th December, accompanied by fee of 7/6d., returnable only in the case of abandonment. Numbers sent by return.
4. **START:** Will be in the Sturminster Newton area. Riders notified with return of numbers.
5. **COURSE:** 2 laps, approximately 20 miles per lap.
6. **AWARDS:** Premier—THE PRESIDENT'S CUP.  
CLUB CUP.  
1st and 2nd CLASS AWARDS as per Centre ruling.
7. **GENERAL:** Riders are requested to drive carefully and as quietly as possible in built-up areas. Refreshments at Start.
8. **BACK MARKER:** Will leave 15 minutes after the last competitor. Any rider being passed by him will be deemed to have retired.

### STURMINSTER NEWTON & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C., TRIAL. 15th December

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and 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 my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

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