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## Greetings 1974

Although restrictions in some ways have limited our full programme for the past year, our riders have had many successes in the events in which they have competed, and to them I offer my congratulations.

They have shown the Southern Centre is still a Centre to be reckoned with.

To all interested in the sport of Motor Cycling may I wish them a very happy New Year and hope they will enjoy the events which will be organised by the Clubs in the Centre.

Mrs. Caslake concurs with these wishes also.

Mind how you go, go carefully, always.

Joe Caslake  
*President*

WATERLOOVILLE M.C.C.

WATERLOO CUP TRIAL

Start 10.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1172

OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—L. Southwell; Club Stewards—J. Mortlock, R. Thompson; Clerk of the Course—A. Rayner; Secretary of the Meeting—A. S. Agate, 52 Eastney Caravan Park, Henderson Road, Portsmouth, Hants.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- 1. Jurisdiction: Held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. Eligibility: Open to members of Southern Centre Clubs riding solo and sidecar machines. Drivers must have a current M/cycle Driving Licence.
3. Entries: Will be limited to 80 solo riders. Sidecars are unlimited. To be made on the form provided and sent together with a fee of 75p and TWO 9 x 4 Stamped Addressed Envelopes. Will open 7th January and close 11th January, 1974.
4. Course: Will be 3 or more laps on private land.
5. Start: At Pikes Pit Lime Works, north side of Butser Hill. Route marked from A3.
6. Ties: Will be decided 1. Furthest round clean. 2. Greatest number of cleans. 3. Furthest round least marks lost.
7. Marking: 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, System. 10 marks will be lost if a rider fails to attempt a section when called to do so by observer (in addition to marks lost in section). Failure to attempt any section will result in exclusion.
8. Awards: Solo Premier - Waterloo Cup. Sidecar - Premier Award. Other awards as per Southern Centre Ruling.
9. General: Machines must comply with the Road Traffic Act and will be scrutinised at the start.

WATERLOOVILLE M.C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 13th January, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....
Date .....
Signed .....
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (Block letters) .....

Club ..... Machine ..... cc. ....

Solo or Sidecar ..... Pass Name .....

Passenger's Address .....

My Status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO

Extracts from the Past by G.H.

GAZETTE JULY 1936

The Centre Speed Championship Meeting is again approaching, and the question of Awards to the winning competitors has been settled for Cash or Cups of the same value, as desired. In addition will be the Solo Championship Shield and replica for the fastest time made at that meeting, also the Speed Championship Shield to the Club whose members riding as competitors at the meeting obtain the highest points on aggregate.

Points will be allotted for First, Second and Third places in heats and finals, and cash awards will be paid to individual competitors in accordance with the number of points obtained. It is anticipated that the entry for this meeting will include all the finest riders in this Centre, and in participating in the sport they enjoy, will provide the public who make these events possible, with the best racing and riding in all events for which entries are made.

Riders should remember they have a certain obligation to the public, when their names are printed in the Programmes and should be prepared to carry out that obligation in each event.

The next meeting of the Centre Board will take place at Cadnam - The BLUE COTTAGE, on Monday July 6th, at 8 p.m. The last meeting was a great success having regard to representation of Clubs. These included the TWO new Clubs of this Centre, ITCHEN of Winchester; and the CHICHESTER Club who have now rejoined this Centre. Will Trials Secretaries please note that this Club has some good trials riders, and also stage some very good events in their district, but are at present not blessed (or otherwise) with grass track racing enthusiasts.

There are Three Tracks on offer for the Centre Speed Meeting: Cannfield, Salisbury, and Basingstoke, from which the selection will be made at the July meeting of the Board.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Referring to the question by your correspondent in the June issue of the Centre Gazette, writing under the heading of "QUO VADIS". The answer seems fairly obvious.

All these very regrettable happenings will not be completely negated - fortunately they are not yet a component part of every Grass Track Meeting - until the game is completely professional - and governed in the same manner as the sister sport, Speedway Racing.

Personally I was bred in an atmosphere of Cricket; where the fundamental tradition, in modern parlance is "You don't do that there 'ere". I grew up with an inherent interest in Motor Cycle Sport, and have seen unmistakably, the metamorphosis from the so-called sporting atmosphere to commercialism.

Fortunately perhaps, there are no traditions in the sport of Motor Cycling, which in these times of modernity, makes things not quite so difficult.

From the "HONOUR" the award list has graduated through "POTS" to Pounds, Shillings and Pence, but the administration has remained stagnant. This is one reason for the regrettable occasion referred to above.

Recognise therefore, that while riders have insisted on £-s-d - and they didn't say please - the whole sport should be put on a commercial basis.

There are Laws issued by the A.C.U. Is it reasonable, that a few public spirited

gentlemen, should out of an inherent good nature, shoulder the responsibility of applying these Laws, as officials appointed by the A.C.U.?

Under the leading officials I would include Stewards, Time-keepers, Clerks of the Course, and Pit Marshals, etc. These should all be put on a basis of financial remuneration. A roster should be kept of those eligible to serve, not necessarily those willing. You don't hear of riots and insults of officials at Speedway Matches.

When this is done, rider, management, and the public, on whom the whole movement is dependent, will get a fair show, and the riders will know the penalty of misbehaviour - I don't think they have all realised this so far.

The regret expressed by some members who are very much against accepting a fee, is hardly consistent with a negative desire to volunteer or accept the suggested Honour of Stewardship at a Grass Track Meeting, I am quite in sympathy. Officialdom is not anyone's job. The aim to be reached as Georg Allan would say, is efficiency in administration. The public pay One Shilling and Three Pence per head for this, and the sooner all concerned realise it the better.

In spite of a possible inference that I have a personal axe to grind.

I sign myself, B.S.

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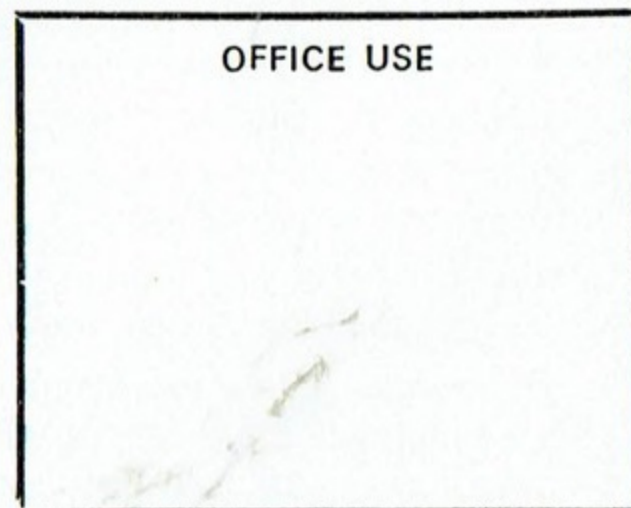
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Subscriptions must be in by 10th January to ensure February's copy.

Post to the Editor, Colin Holdstock, Southern Centre Gazette, 85/87 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants.



RINGWOOD M.C. & L.C.C.

RICKMAN CUP SIDECAR TRIAL

Start 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1974

Permit No. U1173

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—H. Bone; Club Stewards—W. Dade, R. Kendall; Clerk of the Course—P. Deacon; Secretary of the Meeting—A. E. Belenger, 24 Albion Road, Fordingbridge, Hants SO6 1EL.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- 1. Eligibility: Open to members of Southern Centre Clubs driving sidecar machines only.
2. Jurisdiction: To be held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre Trials Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. Start: This will be signed from the Fordingbridge/Cranborne road at Alderholt, Dorset. The venue is at the rear of the 'Churchill Arms'.
4. Course: The number of laps and the number of sections will be decided on the day of the event.
5. Entries: To be made on form provided and sent together with an entry fee of 80p to the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not before the 7th January and not later than the 17th January, 1974. Minimum entry 8 outfits — maximum 25.
6. Marking: As per Centre Ruling 1, 2, 3, 5. A special test will be used to decide ties.
7. Awards: Rickman Cup (to be held for one year) - Best Performance. An award to the passenger of winning outfit. Award to the next best performance. 350 Award to the best performance by machine up to 350 cc. Novice award - best performance by a Novice driver. 1st Class awards to the next best 10% starters. 2nd Class awards to the next best 10% starters. (350 and Novice awards, minimum 3 entries each class)
8. General: This venue is a small area of private land. No Section will be more than 1/4 mile from start. Parking is very limited. Please take notice of Marshals' instructions.

RINGWOOD M.C. & L.C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 20th January, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....

Date .....

Signed .....

(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)

Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (block letters) .....

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

Solo or Sidecar ..... Passenger's Name .....

Passenger's Address .....

My Status is SIDECAR

Are you over 17? YES/NO

# BOARD COMMENTARY

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Centre Board held at the Abbey Hotel was opened by Mr. J. Caslake, M.B.E. Apologies were received and the previous meeting's Minutes were signed as a true record.

The Chairman, Mr. R. Brett, then took the remainder of the meeting. He reported with regret that Mrs. G. R. Allan had died, sympathies had been extended to George Allan.

The Roll Call revealed 14 officers and 38 delegates representing 17 clubs present.

As usual there was a mountain of Correspondence, an Application for Affiliation had been received from Thames Valley (South) M.C.C. A representative was unable to be present; an Invitation will be made to the Club to attend the next Board Meeting.

The A.C.U. had decided to drop the proposed change of Centre Boundaries.

The Centre agreed to send Rodger Broad to a Conference of Centre Secretaries in London on 23rd January.

**3½% LEVIES.** Clubs registered with V.A.T. should complete duplicate forms, quoting A.C.U., V.A.T., Reg. No. 238/5704/48 or send usual Levy Form requesting a V.A.T. Invoice.

Waterlooville Club asked for another track Inspection as their course was now restricted to only 16 Sidecars as compared with the original 20 allowed on the Start line. They are to apply to A.C.U. London.

Mr. Phippen reported on the Inter-Centre Scramble Championships. He stated the Centre team had been dogged by bad luck, that the organisation was not good, particularly the lap scoring. The Chairman thanked Mr. Phippen and the team for their efforts.

The A.C.U. General Council Meeting was attended by Messrs. R. Brett, R. Broad, N. Goss, P. Ryall and K. Gale. Some points of interest were mentioned: Coloured No. Plates were being looked into; the New Pirelli Tyre has been Passed. It was proposed that all Motor Cycle Sport be stopped in view of the Fuel Crisis. Mr. Goss stated that the Southern Centre wished it to continue on private land, rather than have unofficial practice.

The F.I.M. set new noise limits. Trials 84 decibels; Moto-cross 92 decibels; to be enforced from 1st January, 1974.

A Notice of Motion was agreed by the Board that the proposal of a 5% extension on each levy should be made on each driver per meeting, to be discussed at February meeting.

Mr. Collins, the Centre rep for the T.T. Supporters Club, reported on a meeting at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham. Groups of 3 persons to form local Committees are to be set up; Mr. Smith was one volunteer. Suggestions for raising funds would be welcome - a 'Miss T.T.' being one.

The Annual Report for the Southern Centre was read by Rodger Broad. Mr. N. Goss proposed the report be approved, Mr. Lambert seconded. Mr. L. Southwell congratulated the Secretary on his report and on the good work he had done in the past very difficult year. It was proposed by Mr. J. Bussell that normal honoraria be paid to officials. Mr. L. Southwell seconded and all approved.

The Treasurer presented accounts for payment. Mr. H. Bone proposed they be paid. A draft balance for the Centre and the Gazette was then read, and accounts

## BISHOPS WALTHAM M.C.C.

### PRESIDENT'S TRIAL

Start: 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1974

Permit No. U1174

**OFFICIALS:** Southern Centre Steward—J. Bussell; Club Stewards—Mrs. F. E. Bone, K. Gale; Clerk of the Course—B. Rice; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. M. Nicholson, 41 Keynsham Rd., Bitterne, Southampton.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre Regulations, and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to all members of Southern Centre Clubs riding solo machines.
- Entries:** Will open on 7th January and close on 21st January. Entries to be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of 70p (this includes P.A. and Third Party cover) and 2 S.A.E's.
- Start:** Will be at the Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge, Bishops Waltham, Hants (signposted off the Bishops Waltham/Corhampton road). Riders will be started in pairs at minute intervals.
- Course:** Will consist of one or more laps of approx. 10 miles.
- Awards:**  
Premier - The President's Trophy.  
Other awards at per the Southern Centre ruling. With the exception of the Novice and Intermediate Premier Awards it is the Club's intention to give vouchers for all other Awards.
- Ties:** Will be decided by (a) Greatest number of cleans.  
(b) Furthest round clean.
- General:** Refreshments will be available at the Start but no Petrol.

## BISHOPS WALTHAM M.C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 27th January, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....

Date .....

Signed .....

(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)

Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (block letters) .....

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Club ..... Machine ..... c.c. ....

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE

Are you over 17? YES/NO

for Stationery and official expenses presented. Mr. Gardiner proposed payment. Mr. Hayter seconded, all approved. Mr. N. Rey proposed the adoption of the Draft Balance Sheets, it was approved unanimously. Mr. Lambert thanked the Treasurer for his work in the past year.

Mr. H. Bone, Benevolent Fund Officer reported receiving donations from Ringwood and Southampton Clubs.

The next meeting of the Board will be the Annual General Meeting, and will be held at Southampton and District Clubroom, Woodside Road, Eastleigh on 17th January, 1974 at 7.30 p.m. (Map in December Edition of S.C. Gazette).

O.A.B. Ringwood Club to change their Committee Cup Trial from 10th to 9th FEBRUARY, approval given.

X.H.G. cancelled the Sammy Miller Trial.

Gosport cancelled Lawson Cup Trial 20th January.

Ringwood applied for Open to Centre Trial on 20th January. Sturminster have no objection. Approval given.

Scramble Recorders Meeting on 2nd December at Oxford; Mr. K. Nicholas and Mr. Steel attended. 29 Juniors were upgraded and 6 Experts removed from list. An Intermediate Class was discussed but it was considered unworkable under the present system.

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Venes was unable to continue writing the Board Commentary for the Gazette. Best wishes were extended to her. A volunteer is now needed for this post. Meeting closed at 11 p.m.

C.F.H.

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## RINGWOOD M.C. & L.C.C.

### COMMITTEE CUP TRIAL

Start 10.30 a.m. SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1175

**OFFICIALS:** Southern Centre Steward—A. Lambert; Club Stewards—B. Carpenter, W. Dade; Clerk of the Course—I. E. W. Gunner; Secretary of the Meeting—E. A. Belenger, 24 Albion Road, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 1EL

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** To be held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U. and the Southern Centre Trials League Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to members of Southern Centre Clubs riding solo machines.
- Entries:** Will be taken from the 7th January, the first 70 will ballot for starting order. Entries to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting made on the form provided and posted together with a fee of 75p. Entries close 2nd February, 1974.
- Course:** The Old Sand Pits, Verwood, Dorset. Signed from B3081. Two or more laps of 10 or more sections. First driver away 10.30 a.m.; remainder at half minute intervals.
- Marking:** As per Southern Centre Ruling. 1, 2, 3, 5. Ties will be decided in favour of the driver (a) travelling furthest around the course without loss of marks, (b) the greater number of cleans.
- Awards:**  
Committee Cup (Perpetual) - Best Performance  
Brownsea Cup (Perpetual) - Best Ringwood member  
Other awards in accordance with League Regulations.
- General:** No machines other than those of competitors will be allowed to be ridden at this venue. No machines to be ridden before or after the event.

### RINGWOOD M.C. & L.C.C. TRIAL

Saturday, 9th February, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....  
Date .....  
Signed .....  
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)  
Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (block letters) .....  
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Club ..... Machine ..... cc. ....

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO

# What You Should Know

## PRESENTATION OF ALL CENTRE AWARDS

This will take place at the Annual General Meeting of this Centre, details of which appear elsewhere in this issue. ALL winners are invited to attend and receive their Awards.

## V.A.T.

The A.C.U. V.A.T. Number is as follows: 238 / 5704 / 48.

For clubs who are registered for V.A.T. and need a V.A.T. invoice for their 3% Levies etc., the recommendation is that they fill in and keep a duplicate levy card for their records or they send in their Levy card minus the V.A.T. payment clearly marked "Please raise V.A.T. invoice".

## CENTRE TEAM TRIAL 1974

This event will be organised for 1974 by the Mortimer and Tadley Clubs on 3rd February, 1974. Persons interested in helping the clubs by marshalling should contact them in the near future or write to the Secretary of the Meeting, D. J. Headlong, "Woodside", Bury's Bank Road, Crookham Common, Newbury, Berks for further details.

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FEBRUARY BOARD AGENDA

That this Centre supports the following Motion of the A.C.U. London "That a levy payable to the Union be made on the entry fees of drivers in all Competitions. The Levy shall be at the rate of 5p per driver per meeting and shall be operative from the 1st April, 1974".

**Note:** This levy will apply to ALL events down to and including Closed to Club and would seem much fairer than the proposed Licencing changes which it replaces. The A.C.U. are in urgent need of an extra £8,000 for 1974 and it is hoped that the revenue from this source will be in this region.

## 1974/75 SOUTHERN CENTRE SPORTING CALENDAR

These will now be available through your Club Secretaries and from Messrs. 'Trackcraft', G.S.W. Haswell, Precision and Production Engineering, Blue Haze, Heathhouse Lane, Hedge End, Southampton AND Messrs. Dennis Kelly Motor-Cycles, Lewens Lane, Wimborne, Dorset. Please enclose a S.A.E. when applying for your calendar.

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## ALTON & DISTRICT M.C. & C.C.

### KENCHINGTON TROPHY TRIAL

on SUNDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1974, at 11 a.m.

Permit No. U1177

**OFFICIALS:** Southern Centre Steward—J. Bussell; Club Stewards—R. Boughen, Mrs. P. Blackman; Clerk of the Course—F. Bone; Secretary of the Meeting—R. Bowden, 22 Greenacres, BORDON, Hants.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R.'S, the Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U. Trials League Regulations of the Southern Centre and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to all Clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.C.U. riding solo machines only.
- Entries:** To be sent on the form provided to the Secretary of the Meeting enclosing 2 stamped addressed envelopes. Will open 7th January and close on 8th February. Entry fee 70p Team entry 30p. Entry limited to 100, first 50 received on or after opening day will be balloted.
- Start:** Will be at Honey Lane, Selborne, Alton, Hants, routed from East Tisted on A32 Alton to Fareham road and at Greatham Junction A325 and B3006. Riders will start at half minute intervals.
- Course:** Two laps of approximately 3 miles per lap. Observed section boundaries will be defined with white marker cards and/or tape. Entirely on private land.
- Marking:** Penalty marks will be lost as per the 1, 2, 3, 5, system.
- Ties:** Will be decided by (a) the greatest number of cleans (b) the farthest round clean.
- Awards:**  
Kenchington Challenge Trophy Cup & Replica - Best Performance.  
Other awards in accordance with the Southern Centre Trials League Regulations. Awards for the best team of three, subject to a minimum of five teams.
- General:** Riding numbers and programmes will be issued at the Start. All machines must comply with the Road Traffic Act. Unofficial Riding and Practising before or after the event on the land provided for this trial is strictly forbidden. Refreshments, but no fuel, will be available at the Start.  
Members of the Army M.C.A. are eligible to ride in this event subject to a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve entries.

## ALTON & DISTRICT M.C. & C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 17th February, 1974

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Entry fees .....  
Date .....  
Signed .....  
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)  
Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (block letters) .....

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

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE

Are you over 17? YES/NO

### What You Should Know (continued)

#### COMPETITION LICENCES FOR 1974

**International:** Road Races, Moto-X, Grass Track, Speedway, Sand Racing, Sprints and Entrants **£5.50**  
 Entrants (affiliated clubs only) **£2.75**  
 Trials **£2.75**

**National:** Road Races, Moto-X, Grass Track, Speedway, Sand Racing, Sprints and Entrants **£3.30**  
 Entrants (affiliated clubs only) **£1.65**  
 Trials **£1.65**

**Other:** Road Races **£1.10**

**Vintage:** **30p**

The proposal to extend the licencing system to include Centre events has been withdrawn by London.

#### 1974 AFFILIATION FORMS

These forms should be arriving with club Secretaries about now and **must** be returned to me at the very latest

by the **end of January**. Clubs having failed to send in their forms and monies by this date can be denied the privileges of the Union. This rule will be very strictly applied this year, with **NO** exclusions. Please try and send them in at the **beginning of January**.

#### LATEST NEWS OF EVENTS

Ringwood Trial —  
 10th February moved to 9th February  
 Ringwood S/Car Only Trial —  
 Open to Centre 20th January  
 Gosport Trial —  
 20th January - cancelled

#### ST. PAUL TROPHY EVENT

The Salisbury Club have very kindly offered to run this Benevolent Fund event as a Grass Track in 1974. Our sincere thanks for their offer.  
 12th Dec., 1973 **ROGER E. BROAD**

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### BLACKMORE VALE M.C.C.

#### NELSON CRUSE CUP TRIAL

Start 10.30 a.m. SUNDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1176

**OFFICIALS:** Southern Centre Steward—P. Mellers; Club Stewards—J. Taylor, B. Woods; Clerk of the Course—J. Chilcott, E. Coombs; Machine Examiner—F. Kellow; Secretary of the Meeting—E. L. White, 110 Warminster Rd., Westbury. ('phone 2953).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

1. **Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. **Eligibility:** Open to all members of the Southern Centre A.C.U. riding Solo machines only.
3. **Entries:** Will open 17th January and close MONDAY 11th February, 1974. Entry Fee 70p together with a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. The first 60 received will be balloted and the remaining entries will be allocated in order of receipt.
4. **Course:** Will be two or more laps.
5. **Start:** Will be marked from Mere A303. Drivers will leave at half minute intervals. First man leaves at 10.31 a.m.
6. **Ties:** Will be decided by the greatest number of cleans, and if a tie still exists, the driver who travels farthest with least loss of marks will be the winner.
7. **Awards:**  
 Nelson Cruse Cup and Replica for the best performance of the day.  
 Norden Cup for the best performance by a Novice.  
 Club Cup for the best performance by a B.V.M.C.C member not gaining any other award. (Subect to six or more entries having been received).  
 Novice Cup for the best B.V.M.C.C. Novice (Subject to six or more entries being received).  
 Winners of the Club Cup must be fully paid up members of the B.V.M.C.C. and be B.V.M.C.C. registered drivers who have ridden in Southern Centre League Trials for the B.V.M.C.C. Other awards as per S.R. 936 Trials League Rules.
8. **Number Plates:** Will be issued at the start, a deposit of 10p to be made, returnable when signing off.
9. **General:** All machines **must** comply with the Road Traffic Act, engines will not be started until five minutes before the Driver's scheduled starting time, and machines must not be ridden in the vicinity after signing off.

#### BLACKMORE VALE M.C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 17th February, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....  
 Date .....  
 Signed .....  
 (To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)  
 Parent or Guardian .....

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

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Club ..... Machine ..... c.c. ....

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO



## 1974 SCRAMBLE RIDERS REGISTER

The cards for this will be available to club Secretaries at the Centre A.C.U. January 17th. Riders who send direct to the Scramble Recorder for cards must enclose a S.A.E. - if this is not done the card will not be sent.


The following Juniors are upgraded to Experts on January 1st 1974:

		points			points
Alldrige B.	Upper Beeding	26	Legg P.	Puddletown	24
Bavin P.	Diss	16	Luther F.	Lydney	20
Bubby D.	Rushden	27	Matthews A.	Redruth	15
Childs P.	Ware	21	Marsh C.	Bristol	28
Churchill G.	Sherborne	17	Miller S.	Woking	19
Eunic M.	Crookham	33	Morris P.	Bognor Regis	22
French M.	Lowestoft	17	Reed A.	Hereford	33
Gardener P.	Horsham	16	Remnant P.	Lydney	23
Grant D.	Bournemouth	26	Tizzard P.	Dorchester	25
Gravett R.	Maidenhead	23	Thomask D.	Peterchurch	24
Garrett R.	Axbridge	28	Ventress C.	Redhill	18
Harrison S.	Market Harborough	20	Wessing F.	Finsbury Park	19
Harvey R.	Ipswich	16	Wilcox B.	Hereford	16
Harris C.	Reigate	17	Young J.	Basingstoke	18
Keyton B.	Bury St. Edmunds	16			

The full list of Experts in the February Gazette.

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### NOTE TO CENTRE RIDERS

A single file path from SU 419 292 Southwest to SU 411 285 has been cleared, and the barbed wire obstruction is now removed. This means that Farley Mount can now be circumnavigated for 3/4 of its perimeter unsurfaced, by using this new track leading to the R. of Way to Berrydown Farm, the short piece of surface past Farley Church, thence from Farley Farm through Parnholt Wood to the Somborne/Hoplands stretch, then the track on the north side of Ashley Down and then the U 94 to Up Somborne and the track to Sparsholt.

Riders are requested to proceed **slowly** and **quietly** through the yards of Berrydown and Farley Farms, and also the farm at Sparsholt, and please let us know when they use this route, so that usage can be logged for future "battles" with the new Local Authority.

D. W. KINGSWELL  
S. Centre R. of Way Committee

## SOUTHERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION

The first meeting of the Southern Centre Board for the 1974 session will be held following the Annual General Meeting of the Centre at "The Southampton and District M.C.C. Headquarters", Woodside Road, EASTLEIGH, Hants on Thursday, 17th January, 1974.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December, 1973.
2. Matters Arising therefrom.
3. Urgent correspondence, if any.
4. To appoint Honorary Centre Secretary for 1974.
5. To appoint Honorary Minute Secretary for 1974.
6. To appoint Permit Secretaries for 1974.  
TRIALS: Retiring Officer Mrs. V. Lambert.  
SCRAMBLES: Retiring Officer Mr. K. F. Nicholas.  
GRASS TRACK: Retiring Officer Mrs. F. Bone.
7. To appoint members of Sub-Committees.  
TRIALS: Retiring members; J. Lightfoot, J. Bowley and F. Page.  
SCRAMBLES: Retiring members; H. G. Nash, K. F. Nicholas and C. H. Phippen.  
GRASS TRACK: Retiring members; D. J. Carter, H. Bone and F. J. Rendell.
8. To appoint five Delegates to the General Council of the Auto-Cycle Union for 1974.  
Retiring Delegates: R. C. Brett, R. E. Broad, K. G. Gale, N. E. Goss. P. B. Ryall and A. E. Lambert (1st Reserve).
9. To appoint the Centre Benevolent Fund Officer for 1974.  
Retiring Officer: H. E. Bone.
10. To appoint the Centre Awards Officer for 1974.  
Retiring Officer: F. J. Rendell.
11. To appoint the Centre Auditors for 1974.  
Present appointment held by Messrs. Joliffe & Beale.
12. To receive the report of the Competitions Committee held on the 17th December, 1973. (Items of urgency only.)
13. To receive the report of the Grass Track Forum held on 9th December, 1973. (Mr. H. Bone.)
14. To receive the application of the "Thames Valley Police M.C. (South)" for membership of the Southern Centre.
15. To receive the report of any urgent matters by the R.o.W. Sub-Committee.
16. To receive the report of the Special Finance Sub-Committee.
17. To receive a progress report of the 1974 Southern Centre Team Trial to be organised jointly by the Mortimer and Tadley Clubs.
18. To confirm the date and venue of the second meeting of the Board, as the 7th February 1974 at the Southampton and District M.C.C. H.Q., Woodside Road, EASTLEIGH, Hants. Starting at 8.00 p.m.
19. Any other business (with the Chairman's consent).

12th DECEMBER, 1973.

RODGER E. BROAD  
(Hon. Centre Secretary)

**PLEASE BRING THIS GAZETTE WITH YOU. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA ISSUED.**

## *Annual Report of the Board for 1973*

The twelve months of 1973 have proved to be full of endeavour and well loaded in work, to the good of the Sport, with a new Secretary of the Southern Centre, Rodger Broad. It was in the year that our President, J. Caslake Esq., M.B.E., attained his 80th birthday.

At the beginning of the year our farmer friends were hit with the outbreak of swine vesicular disease. In an attempt to ensure that motor-cycle sport was not to blame, and could not be accused of causing the spread of the disease, all motor-cycle sporting activities in the Southern Centre were suspended. It was not until assurances were received from the Health Authorities that no danger of the spread of the disease could be caused by motor-cycle sport did the Executive Committee, backed by the Board, give clearance for 'our sport' to continue in the Centre. The co-operation of all Clubs concerned was fantastic and very much appreciated. There was no change to the number of affiliated Clubs to the Centre, and there was no change to the fact that most of the effort comes from too few 'workers'. Land is still scarce and being lost not only to development, but also to car club activities.

Riders have again experienced difficulty in obtaining rides, and the appropriate sub-committee (Grass Track, Scramble, and Trials) have endeavoured to ease the situation by their understanding manner in handling permit issues and date changes.

All Board meetings were held at Romsey but alas the arrangements for the coming year will be made without the friendly and convenient venue of The Abbey Hotel, Romsey. Our hosts for so long Mr. and Mrs. Wineham have our grateful thanks for their understanding and patience over the years, and our good wishes for the success of their new venture. It is fortunate that the Competition Committee can continue to hold all its meetings at Romsey, but upstairs. All meetings have been well attended as have the General Council meetings in London, where the Southern Centre has been fully and well represented.

The financial position of the Centre remains in good health and our thanks must go to the Special Finance Sub-Committee and our worthy Treasurer Ken Gale. Although increases in expense rates were agreed some time ago, it cannot be allowed to pass without the comment that Centre Officials and Committee men have kept their claims to a minimum. The Gazette is also thriving and Editor Colin Holdstock is to be congratulated for his success in maintaining good issues in good time. Postal services are the only complaint, but who can take the blame for that? A new Board Commentator, Mrs. Joan Venes, has kept all readers well informed of Board Matters and follows well the traditions of past Commentators. Jem May (PJM) has made a number of issues of the Gazette and his mixture of fact and natural wit has been appreciated. The Board Minutes, compiled so well by the Minute Secretary, Mrs. Joan Steele, are circulated through the offices of the Centre Secretary, to all Club Secretaries and Centre Officials to impart information with minimum delay. The task of Minute Secretary is an unenviable task and takes concentrated time and effort and invariably gives rise to more Brickbats than thanks.

Harry Bone continues to look after the interests of the less fortunate, and continues to urge all Clubs to greater efforts to raise funds for the Benevolent Fund. He regrets, as we all do, that no money came from the St. Paul Trophy

event as no such event took place this year. It was unfortunate that Gosport Club lost their course otherwise there would have been a different tale to tell.

Due to complaints of poor service at the Top Rank Suite, Southampton, it was decided to look for another venue for the 1973 Dinner/Dance. Unfortunately no alternative venue could be found in time and it now means that we shall all have to wait until October 1974 to enjoy the social function of the year. It will be held in the Northern Area at Reading. It is hoped that the long wait will not dampen the enthusiasm.

Rights of Way matters have continued to receive attention and the Sub-Committee is still very active under the Chairmanship of Ralph Venables. Mick Brown has moved to West Bay and felt that he could no longer act as Southern Area delegate. He deserves many thanks for his past efforts in R.O.W. and it is hoped that he will be able to assist in his new home area. The first winner of the Byeways Trophy, generously and anonymously donated to the Centre, was Mrs. Penny Page, a stalwart in safeguarding the Green Roads of the Centre. Our Permit Secretaries, Mrs. Vera Lambert, Mrs. Freda Bone, and Mr. Ken Nicholas have been extremely busy, and also plagued with late applications for permits, a situation that must improve in the coming year. The number of permits issued were:

Trials: 3 Regional Restricted; 58 Open to Centre and 99 Closed to Club (All in spite of Swine Vesicular).

Scrambles: 2 Regional Restricted; 23 Open to Centre, 3 Gymkhanas, 1 Hill Climb, and 4 Moto Ball Matches.

Grass Track: 1 Regional Restricted; 28 Open to Centre; 5 Closed to Club; 1 Expert Championship; and 1 Novice Championship. This number of Grass Track permits represents the largest number issued by Freda in any season since taking office.

The Centre has done well in International and National Road Racing as such events have been most ably organised at Thruxton by the Southampton and District M/C Club. In the Scrambles field the Centre has again done exceptionally well with Newbury, Waterlooville and Mortimer organising National events, and Newbury, Ringwood and Portsmouth taking on International events.

Centre Events were organised as follows:

Centre Team Trial was organised by Wimborne, the winners being X.H.G. Tiger Club and the Individual winner was Sammy Miller.

The Centre Scramble Championship was organised for the third year running, by the ever-ready Mortimer Club; the winners being - 125 cc. Graham Noyce, 250 cc. Roger Snoad; 500 cc. Les Lloyd; Sidecar John Elliott and Andy Greenhorn and the Winchester Club winning the Kay Caslake Trophy.

The Experts Grass Track Championship was ably organised by the Bishops Waltham Club, with Dennis Lemon retaining the 250 cc. class; Colin Sweby taking the 350 cc. class and Bernie Leigh the 500 cc. class. The Sidecar event was won by Tony Smith and John Baird.

The Novice Grass Track Championship event (not a Centre Event) was organised by Wimborne Club and the winners were; 250 cc. Graham Simmonds; 350 cc. Dave Purchase; Sidecar Colin Chapman and Steve Walker. It is noted with the deepest regret that there were two fatalities in the Grass Track branch of the Sport. The two riders Brian Stewart and Gordan Hambridge will be sorely missed.

The Southern Centre has supported all Inter Centre Events. In the Trials

we finished 4th. In the Grass Track we finished 8th, and in the Scrambles we finished 5th.

The T.T. Supporters Club was formed during the year and the Centre representative is Mr. T. Collins who has attended meetings on our behalf.

An attempt to co-operate with the Junior side of Motorcycling and to ensure that there is a uniform approach to the needs of the Sport was made by the A.C.U. and Mr. George Allan and Mr. Walter Hall represented our views. This matter is continuing.

A new full Steward was made up from Trainee; that was Mr. Dennis Kingswell, a most energetic man in many branches of the Sport.

Some query was raised earlier in the year regarding the boundaries of the Centre and some tentative modification proposals were received from the A.C.U. This has been resisted and it has now been agreed that our boundaries will not change.

Noise is still a matter of concern for the Sport and although we have not heard a great deal of the 'meters' they are still about and their use will be continued. At the very least we should be able to say that when we organise events, these events will be at a reasonable noise level. In many places our sport gets bad publicity but be sure that noise is our worst enemy.

Individualistic soft headwear at Trial events are in danger of disappearing but so far the new ruling on wearing safety helmets applies to events using the public highway - once you are on the road, on goes your safety helmet. The opinion of the Centre is that riders should be able to make their choice whether to wear or not when on private ground. We shall see.

In conclusion, as previously stated, this is the first Annual Report that we compiled together, it is hoped that it will not be our last. We would wish to thank all Officers, Delegates, Competitors, Clubmen and to the ladies who support us at all times, for all the effort they have made to keep our Centre on the right track. We look forward to the coming year with confidence that the Southern Centre will be as always one of the leading promoters of the 'Sport' of motorcycling.

Signed R. C. BRETT (Chairman)  
R. E. BROAD (Hon. Secretary)

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## ESSO (FAWLEY) M.C. & C.C.

### CRAIG NOVICE TRIAL COMBINING THE RON LANE SIDECAR TRIAL

SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1974

Permit No. U1178

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—B. Coombs; Club Stewards—E. Page, B. Ward; Clerk of the Course—C. Blake; Secretary of the Meeting—A. Turner, 'Lyndale', West Road, Dibden Purlieu, Hants.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations of the A.C.U. for all trials and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to all Novice Members of the Southern Centre riding SOLO machines. Open to all Members of the Southern Centre riding SIDECAR machines.
- Entries:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting accompanied by the fee of 60p, for Novices limited to the first 75 received, and Sidecars with a minimum of 8 starters. Entries will open 7th January and close 31st January.
- Start:** Will be at Hardley, Nr. Hythe, Hants. SOLOS commencing 10 a.m. SIDECARS commencing 1 p.m.
- Course:** 2 or 3 laps of a short course on Private Property.
- Awards:** Premier SOLO Craig Novice Cup to be held for 1 year. Premier SIDECAR Ron Lane Trophy. Awards as per S.R. 936.
- General:** Practising as per S.R. 918. Refreshments will be available at the Start.

### ESSO (FAWLEY) M.C. & C.C. TRIAL

Sunday, 24th February, 1974

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.

Entry fees .....  
Date .....  
Signed .....  
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)  
Parent or Guardian .....

Name and Address (block letters) .....

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

Solo or Sidecar ..... Passenger's Name .....

Passenger's Address .....

My status is NOVICE/SIDECAR

Are you over 17? YES/NO

SOUTHERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION  
**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR CENTRE OFFICIALS FOR 1974**

President: J. Caslake, Esq., M.B.E.

Vice-Presidents: A. E. Belenger, N. E. Goss, G. Hodges, A. E. Lambert, K. F. Nicholas, F. J. Rendell, J. V. Mould.

Chairman: R. C. Brett.

Vice-Chairman: A. E. Belenger, N. E. Goss.

Treasurer: K. G. Gale.

**SOUTHERN CENTRE AUTO-CYCLE UNION**

The Annual General Meeting of the Southern Centre A.C.U. will be held at "The Southampton and District M.C.C. Headquarters", Woodside Road, EASTLEIGH, Hants on Thursday 17th January, 1974 at 7.30 p.m. SHARP!!!

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Non Attendance.
2. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 18th January, 1973.
3. To discuss Matters Arising thereon.
4. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Board for 1973. (Published in the Gazette.)
5. To receive and adopt the Financial Report and Balance Sheet (including the Gazette Account).
6. To receive list of permanent assets of Southern Centre.
7. Election of Officers of the Centre Board for 1974, from the nominations received.
8. Any Other Business (with the Chairman's consent).

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The Star Awards and all other Awards will be presented at the above meeting. It is requested that ALL AWARD WINNERS will attend and receive their Awards from our President.

NOMINATIONS FOR CENTRE OFFICIALS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CLUBS:

Aldermaston Nomads, Alton and District, Basingstoke, Farnham, Frome Valley, Mortimer, Reading Ace, Salisbury, Southampton and District, Waterloo-ville and Bishops Waltham.

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