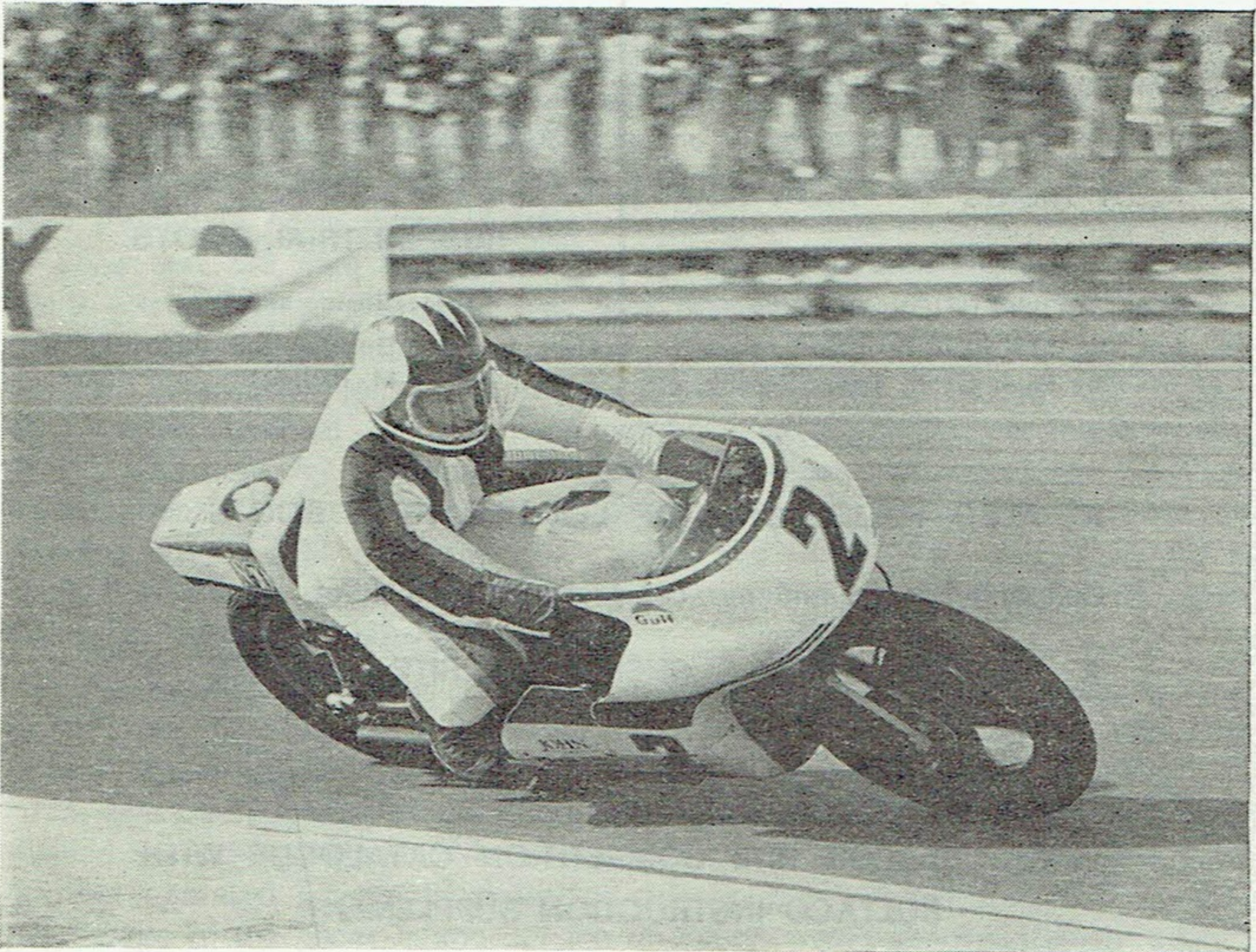


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Around the Centre

When the premier trials event in the country - the British Experts - continually falls short on the organisation stakes, it is small wonder that even long established nationals are subject to criticism as to their enjoyment. With the loss of the whole of the forest ground, many critics spouted the death of the Simon trial, but in all honesty the club have turned the event into one of equal enjoyment and a much less early number effort. The limited ground at their disposal was used to its full, probably as a result of having a separate clerk of the course for each area. On the other hand dear old Waterlooville seemed bent on making as little use of their wealth of ground as possible and we were treated to some super knuckle crunching adverse camber, mostly downhill sections that did little to impress the championship contenders for whom the event was intended. The stout tree was always in place to rescue the wrong ride and the lesser enjoyment seemed to stem from those who clouted them hardest. Imagination is, of course, the foremost factor in laying out a course and if after continual rain one does not have an alternative version then there is very little hope for any event, national or otherwise. Not making the Blackmore Vale National this year I was not able to participate in what many have said was too easy a trial, but somehow I gather the whole entry enjoyed it and the number of entries is far more likely to be sustained than the slowly decreasing Hoad - seventy two I believe this year.

The Inter-Centre Team Scramble at Banbury was without doubt the zero of the year. Depending which comic one read first, we as a centre either won it or finished fifth, and though we don't expect them to get it right first time, I feel one could expect at 8p a throw a far closer difference of opinion. Nevertheless the one profitable side of the event that has emerged was the towing out fee operated by the local tractor drivers, but whether the ACU gets any percentage of the gross takings of the operation would seem extremely doubtful. Whether it is best to run under such chaotic conditions or to NO WAY proceedings like this year's Ken Hall event is always a decision hard to take and whatever course is sought there is criticism. Having played a part in destroying many acres of farmland for the Television people I know too well what a shambles ensues, and in most cases the best solution would have been retirement to

the local dart board; at least a firm result would be achieved. To our team must go a hearty pat on the back for an all round honest effort, which almost upset the form book on a par with the glorious '55 win at Rollswood.

By the time I write again another season of good cheer will be past and a few more ulcers set in motion, so perhaps the time is ripe to look back over the year to see how, for instance, Geoff Chandler has progressed in the trials field upon his return to the Ossa concern. It would be more than fair to say that he has become a strong contender at home nationals, not so much a flash in the pan, but a continued effort up and down the country. It has been some time now since a true southerner has been in this position, and it would be nice to see his Simon form maintained in the new year and give the northern riders a run for their money. Anyone who saw the programme on the Scott trial could not help but notice our Geoff if only for being able to translate his speech, the fact that he was more off the bike than on we shall put down to sour grapes by the cameraman. Sammy Miller, too, at the Simon proved that this new machine is going to be competitive and the name Honda is sure to be around the place next year. Nothing would be more in line with the greatest M. Ali, than to see Sam go back to the Highlands and scoop the Scottish just once more thus driving home the nail for good. On the centre front Geoff Guy has emerged as the man to beat, and if progress continues there is no doubt that he will convince us of how good he says he is.

On the racer front it has been Graham Noyce's year without doubt, even if he has swapped machinery just when I said what a good deal he was getting with Don Rickman as his grease monkey (whoops! mechanic I mean). Nevertheless if he can keep clear of injury, then National honours must be on the way. No one has progressed as quickly this past year, and with the established stars reaching the 'veteran' stage, it is normally accepted that a good young 'un eventually will pass by. Let us hope so. Les Lloyd has had a favourable year with the new machines he has had and whilst perhaps not quite as quick as his centre colleague, he has nevertheless emerged from the ruck to the contender stakes at the home championship meetings, so it is fair to expect even better things to come. All the time Lew Coffin continues to trounce the centre Grass Track fraternity then little can be expected of his adversaries. Don't get me wrong, Lew is still a fantastic competitor, but it is twenty years since I first saw him dicing with the Goulds at Corhampton, and surely it is logical to have expected someone to come through the ranks in all that time and put him in at least second place. True, until his accident Bruce Carter showed all the signs and perhaps we can expect the same of Mark Sawyers, possibly the most notable one with time on his side.

I said last time that I didn't fancy the Jersey trip only for my allergy for water and if reports can be believed my apprehension was well founded! This year Longfellow appointed himself chief fire officer emptying the contents of the hotel fire canisters over, in my absence, Peter Anker, John May and a few others. Nevertheless I understand the Colin Charter Weekend was another rousing beer-up coupled with two days of trials riding to fill in the boring daytime hours. In the annals of the Centre Gazette it was recorded at the overnight stop for the 54 Team Trial, which incidentally coincided with November 5th, much diversity was caused in the early hours by our team riders enjoying high spirits. It is nice to know some parts of our sport live on.

PJM

NORTH BERKS M.C.C.

HANGOVER CUP TRIAL

Start: 11.00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1974

Permit No. U130

OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—R. Hastings; Club Stewards—K. Brown, J. Axford; Clerk of the Course—R. True; Secretary of the Meeting—Miss B. Etwell, 51 Crosslands Drive, Abingdon Oxon.

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 Southern Centre Clubs riding solo machines.
3. Entries: To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of 70p. Entries open 7th December and close 17th December. Maximum of 100 riders.
4. Course: Will be 2 laps.
5. Start: Venue will be advised with final instructions. Riders will be dispatched at 1 minute intervals.
6. Awards: Premier — Hangover Cup & Replica (to be held for 1 year) Other awards as per centre ruling.
7. Ties: Greatest number of cleans to decide.

NORTH BERKS M.C.C. TRIAL

26th December, 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
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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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CENTRE

This is the most important meeting of our year, the meeting when your officers are elected, will be held on Thursday 16th January 1975 at the Southampton & District Clubrooms, Woodside Road, Eastleigh, Hants starting at 7.30 p.m. sharp. It is hoped that all of this Centre's Clubs will make the effort to attend this meeting and if necessary to rearrange their own meetings to allow for this.

SOUTHERN CENTRE AWARDS

After the successful experiment of last year, all of this Centre's Awards for 1974 will be presented to the riders at the above A.G.M. of the Board by our President - Mr. Joe Caslake.

All but two or three of you turned up last year to receive these awards, some of which you have been waiting many months to receive, so please make the effort for the Centre once again - to help the journey home again the bar will be open.

EVENT CANCELLED

Winchester MCC Scramble —
December 26th 1974

GRASS TRACKS 1975

For the information of the many S/car riders in this branch of our sport, I can report that this Centre is to press London to leave **unchanged** the present S/car capacity and super-charger limits **but** as our contribution to increasing safety at these events 1) Scrutineering will be completely tightened up - one point to come under closer scrutiny will be the effectiveness of your ignition cut-outs 2) the **strict** adherence by clubs big and small of the safety standards regarding rope and stake sizes and run off distances. To help with the latter a leaflet with full details of these will be issued with your Permit. Clubs who still do not comply will not be allowed to start their meeting until they do.

EVENT ENTRY FORMS

Would all competitors and club Secretaries please note that **only** the correct entry form (as printed in the Southern Centre Gazette) can be accepted for an entry. Altered and incorrect forms are **not** acceptable as entries and must be returned as per Centre ruling. Please note this now to save any confusion later.

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RUMBOLD SIDECAR CUP TRIAL

Start: 11.00 a.m. THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1974 Permit No. U131

OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—A. Belenger; Club Stewards—R. Rumbold, C. Maidment; Clerk of the Course—J. Smith; Secretary of the Meeting; J. R. Hope, 66 East Borough, Wimborne, Dorset.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the General Competitions Rules and the Standing Regulations of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to all members of the Southern Centre A.C.U. riding sidecar machines only.
- Entries:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than the 16th December 1974 with a fee of £1 (including riders P.A. insurance). Entries will be acknowledged by a list of riders and final instructions. Entries received when over-subscribed shall be returned by return of post. **Please send S.A.E. for acknowledgement of Entry.**
- Course:** Consisting of two or three laps of up to 20 sections. The start will be at Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, signposted from the A31. First rider to leave at 11.00 a.m.; remainder at half minute intervals.
- Ties:** Will be decided by 1) Greatest number of cleans, 2) Furthest round clean, or 3) A special test.
- Awards:**
Best Performance — The Dick Rumbold Trophy (which remains the property of the promoting club) to be held for one year only.
Remainder in accordance with Centre ruling 936.
- General:** Any rider reported as riding in a dangerous manner or making excessive noise or nuisance may be excluded from the results.

WIMBORNE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB SIDECAR TRIAL

26th December, 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
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(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.

Passenger's Name

Passenger's Address

My status is SIDECAR Are you over 17? YES/NO

What You Should Know (continued)

NOMINATION SHEETS FOR BOARD OFFICERS IN 1975

Would all clubs make sure that their completed sheets are returned to me by the first week of January so that I may prepare the voting slips for the A.G.M.

Throughout the year, I think I have heard your "private" nominations for nearly every officer of the Board and for every Sub-Committee of the Board, with quite a few new names among them. Now is the time to ensure that your club returns the nomination sheet for your Centre Officers and that you turn up on the night to propose your own favourite for the Grass Track, Scramble etc. Sub-Committees.

CENTRE SCRUTINEERS

A change of policy by the Senior Scrutineers Panel has made it necessary for any of you who are still wanting to be tested and approved to contact Panel member Mr. Jim Rendell, 109 Sutton Way, Warminster, Wilts, who will arrange not the usual mass test, but a system whereby you will Scrutineer at four meetings with a member of the Senior Scrutineers Panel who will assess you and give you help and advice as you go along. If you are judged to be competent you will then be recommended to the main Scrutineers panel.

NEW SECRETARY

Aldermaston Nomads MCC - Mr. Graham White, 5a Hill Road, Oakley, Basingstoke, Hants.

TRIALS RIDERS PLEASE NOTE

Please read page 12 of November Gazette for rules regarding Definitions of Status.

CLOSING DATE FOR GAZETTE COPY

Closing date for January Gazette is 10th December. No copy accepted after then.

FROME VALLEY M.C. & L.C.C. TRIAL

This Trial on Sunday, 15th December will start at 10.30 a.m.

WATERLOOVILLE M.C.C.

Would all clubs please note the correct telephone number of the above club's Secretary Dennis Miles as Rowlands Castle 2578 and not as printed in the 1974 ACU Handbook. Thank you.

1975/76 CENTRE CALENDAR — EARLY RELEASE COPIES

A pre-release issue of the 1975/76 Southern Centre Calendar is now available only from Messrs. Dennis Kelly, Lewens Lane, Wimborne, Dorset or Messrs. "Trackcraft", (Graham Haswell), Blue Haze, Heath House Lane, Hedge End, Southampton. If you can drop in on either of these well known firms you will be given "free" a copy; if this is not possible you must enclose a S.A.E. for a reply - no S.A.E. - no Calendar.

The normal issue to clubs and riders will be as usual in the later part of January.

Well yet another year has nearly passed by, the time has come when we should all think of those sportsmen among us who have been injured providing our sport and would welcome a visit from old track adversaries, a time to think of positive ways of improving our Centre, our Clubs, our racing and competing in 1975 and above all, a time when we can thank our wives and girl friends for putting up with us and our sport.

From Edith and myself, a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. RODGER BROAD

X.H.G. TIGER M.C.C.

THE SAMMY MILLER TRIAL

(for Non-Experts and Veterans)

Start: 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1975

Permit No. U126

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—H. Nash; Club Stewards—B. Hewitt, E. Wort; Clerk of the Course—K. Williams; Secretary of the Meeting—N. Cutler, 23 Jewell Road, Castle Lane West, Bournemouth BH8 0JJ. Tel. Bournemouth 39056.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R.'S, the Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to registered members of the Southern Centre clubs riding solo machines and who are either Novices, Intermediates or Veterans as per Southern Centre Trials League Regulations.
- Start:** Bovington Heath, Dorset. Will be signposted from Gallows Hill, Nr. Bere Regis. First man away at 11.00 a.m.; remainder at half-minute intervals.
- Course:** Will be entirely on private land and contain a number of suitable sections. Number of sections and laps to be decided on the day.
- Entries:** To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting together with the entry fee of 75p and small S.A.E. Entries will open 7th December and close 23rd December, 1974.
- Numbers:** Will be issued at the start for a deposit of 10p, to be refunded when returned.
- Awards:**
Best Overall Performance — The Sammy Miller Trophy
1st class awards — Next best 10% overall starters
2nd class awards — Next best 10% Novice starters
All awards to be won outright.
- Ties:** To be decided by a) Greatest number of cleans, b) Furthest round clean.
- Machines:** Must be properly silenced and fitted with tyres approved by the A.C.U. for trials.
- General:** Over twelve and under seventeen year olds may enter so long as their machine is not above 250 cc. Practising as per S.R. 918. Refreshments will be available at the start but no petrol.

X.H.G. TIGER M.C.C. TRIAL

5th January, 1975

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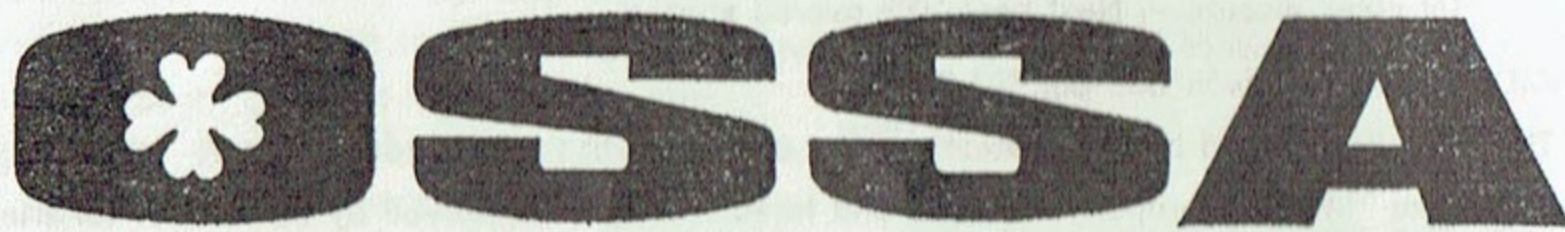
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RINGWOOD M.C. & L.C.C.

RICKMAN CUP SIDECAR TRIAL

Start: 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1975

Permit No. U136

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—M. Lane; Club Stewards—W. Dade, R. Deacon; Clerk of the Course—P. Deacon; Secretary of the Meeting—A. E. Belenger, 24 Albion Road, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 1EL.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Eligibility:** Open to members of Southern Centre Clubs driving sidecar machines only.
- 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.
- Start:** Will be signed from the Fordingbridge-Cranborne road at Alderholt, Dorset. The venue being at the rear of the 'Churchill Arms' Alderholt.
- Course:** Will be on private land. The number of laps, and the number of sections will be decided on the day.
- 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 December and not later than 7th January 1975. Minimum entry 8 outfits. Starting order will be drawn for on day.
- Ties:** Will be decided by a special test.
- Awards:**
Rickman Cup (to be held for one year) — Best Performance
Award to the Passenger of winning outfit
Award to Best four-stroke
Award to Best two-stroke
Novice Award — Best Novice
1st and 2nd class awards as per Centre ruling.
Four-stroke, two-stroke and Novice award - minimum 3 entries each class.
- General:** This venue, although very compact has many excellent sections. Competitors can be assured of a good days sport.

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

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THE PADWORTH TROPHY TIME TRIAL

(1st round of the 1975 Southern Counties Time Trial Championship)

SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1975

Permit No. U127

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—D. Kingswell; Club Stewards—B. Carter, M. Mortimer; Clerk of the Course—C. Headlong; Secretary of the Meeting—D. J. Headlong, "Woodside", Burys Bank Road, Crookham Common, Newbury, Berks RG15 3DE.

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- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to members of clubs in the Southern Centre riding solo machines.
- Entries:** To be sent to the Secretary of the meeting, opening date 7th December 1974, closing date 28th December 1974 accompanied by two S.A.E. (one 9 x 4) and a fee of 85p to be made payable to TADLEY SPORTING M.C.C. A programme, to be posted to each driver one week beforehand, shall be regarded as receipt of entry. Entries may be limited.
- Start:** 10.00 a.m. Cottrills Copse, Padworth, Berks. Signposted off A340 Tadley, Hants. (Novice start 10.00 a.m.; Expert & Intermediate start 1.30 p.m.)
- Course:** Will be approximately 1 mile in length on Private land. Novice 10 laps; Experts & Intermediate 20 laps approximately. All 8 sections per lap approximately. Riders will be started in pairs at 20 second intervals. Any rider exceeding an average speed of 24 m.p.h. will be excluded.
- Penalties:** Observation will be 1-3-5 system, fastest finisher will set standard time. One mark per minute will be lost over standard time.
- Scrutineer:** All riders must wear A.C.U. approved helmets. All machines will be thoroughly scrutineered before the start.
- Awards:**
Best performance — The Padworth Trophy
Suitable awards for Best Intermediate and Best Novice
1st and 2nd class awards.
- Ties:** Decided by a) Greatest number of cleans, b) Fastest time.
- Facilities:** Refreshments at start.

TADLEY SPORTING M.C.C. TRIAL

12th January, 1975

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 fee
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

Rights of Way Sub-Committee

Only four members of the Rights-of-Way Sub-Committee were present at Treyford on Remembrance Sunday for the now well-established annual meeting.

Proceedings opened at three o'clock with Minutes of the previous meeting, from which there were very few Matters Arising.

The Chairman then gave his report, touching briefly on what he referred to as a temporary victory with regard to restoration of vehicular rights on the U.33 road (on the downs above Kingsclere).

He mentioned the wholesale down-grading of R.U.P.P's to footpath status - a situation which had brought horse riders round to the belated realisation that they would have done well to combine forces with motorcyclists in the fight to prevent such action.

Roy Brett's report was concerned largely with the U.33 case, and he confirmed the Chairman's warning that a further traffic closure order would be sought by Hants C.C.

He expressed some anxiety occasioned by reports of a recent motorcycle "green lane run" (along the Berkshire Ridgway) in which the participants had been too numerous, too fast, and too noisy. Some control over T.R.F. activity in our Centre was urged.

Denis Kingswell had nothing to report from his area, and, in the absence of Jeremy May, there was no report from the East. However, the West was well covered by a written report from Ken Broadbery Sayer (with a pat on the back for Wilts C.C. - warmly endorsed by Denis Kingswell) for courteous co-operation.

Brian Palmer gave news from his neck of the woods, with particular reference to the British Horse Society. It was resolved that Ralph Venables should contact a local official of the B.H.S. with a view to collaboration in the fight to maintain rights of way.

Under Any Other Business, the importance of motorcycle representation on local and regional Sports Councils was stressed by Roy Brett, and the awarding of this year's Byways Trophy was discussed (see letter elsewhere in this issue).

Finally, the question of re-electing the members of this Sub-Committee annually - and of adding new members for 1975 - brought our 1974 meeting to a close at six o'clock.

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To be held at Tweseldown Race Course, Nr. Aldershot, Hants

T.T.C. No. 38

on SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1975 at 11 a.m.

Permit No. U62

OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—O. A. Roberts; Club Stewards—L. J. Archer, P. Hatt; Clerk of the Course & Secretary of the Meeting—W. G. Hall, 7 Hunts Common, Hartley Wintney, Hants.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

1. **Jurisdiction:** Held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Scramble Regulations of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.
2. **Eligibility:** Down graded Experts will not be eligible to enter for the Duckhams Junior Championship Events.
3. **Entries:** Opening Date for entries 7th December, 1974 to be made on the Official Form provided, and to reach the Hon. Secretary of the Meeting NOT LATER THAN 21st December 1974, together with an Entry Fee of £1-25 and STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR REPLY. ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED.
4. **Course:** Approximately one mile circuit over heathland.
5. **Starting:** Clutch Start, Starting Gate.
6. **Practice:** Will be controlled between 9.45 and 10.45 a.m.
7. **Silencers:** As per A.C.U. ruling.
8. **Events and Awards:**

- 1 TWESELDOWN WORKERS' CHAMPIONSHIP — 5 laps.
- 2 JUNIOR DRIVERS up to 1,000 cc. — Heats 4 laps — 6 laps.
1st £3; 2nd £2; 3rd £1.50; 4th £1; 5th 50p; 6th 50p.
- 3 EXPERT DRIVERS up to 250 cc. (Star) — 8 laps.
1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 4 EXPERT DRIVERS 340 to 750 cc. (Star) — 8 laps.
1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 5 JUNIOR DRIVERS up to 1,000 cc. — Heats 4 laps — 6 laps.
1st £3; 2nd £2; 3rd £1.50; 4th £1; 5th 50p; 6th 50p.
- 6 EXPERT DRIVERS up to 250 cc. — 8 laps.
1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 7 EXPERT DRIVERS 340 to 750 cc. — 8 laps.
1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 8 CHALLENGE TROPHY — INVITED EXPERTS — 12 laps.
1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10; 4th £5; 5th £3; 6th £2.

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9. **General:** No Free Vehicle Entry to the Scramble will be permitted unless possessing Club Competitor's Sticker (which is issued with numbers). Please display sticker to help our Officials on the gate. ONLY VEHICLES CARRYING MACHINES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PADDOCK. NO REGISTRATION NUMBER — NO RIDE.

NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB, SCRAMBLE

12th January, 1975

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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

I declare that the exhaust system fitted to my motor cycle(s) will conform to the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 16(a) and as detailed in this entry form.

Name and address (block letters)

Club Machine C.C.

Please enter me for Event Nos.

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Are you over 16? YES/NO

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

THE NEW YEAR CUP TRIAL

Start: 10.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1975 Permit No. U128

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—C. Dowding; Club Stewards—M. Moore, G. House;
Clerk of the Course—C. Feltham; Machine Examiner—C. Lane; Secretary of the Meeting—B.
Crabb, 5 Townsend, Shillingstone, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0SX.

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 Clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.C.U., riding solo machines only.
- Entries:** Will open on 7th December and close on Monday 6th January, 1975. To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of 85p together with a stamped addressed envelope. The starting order to be decided by ballot.
- Course:** The event will Start and Finish at Okeford Hill, route marked from the A357 road. The Trial will consist of 2 laps. Riders will leave at $\frac{1}{2}$ minute intervals, and will be re-started in numerical order for Lap 2.
- Awards:**
 - The New Year Cup
 - Club Cup to the best S.N.M.C.C. rider registered as a S.N.M.C.C. rider in the Trials League.
 - Club Cup to the best S.N.M.C.C. Intermediate registered as a S.N.M.C.C. rider in the Trials League.
 - Cup to the best S.N.M.C.C. Novice registered as a S.N.M.C.C. rider in the Trials League.
 - Best Club Member over 40.
 - Remainder in accordance with the Southern Centre Regulations.
- Ties:** Decided by a) Greatest number of Cleans, b) Farthest round Clean.
- Number Plates:** Will be issued at the start, a Deposit of 10p to be made, returnable when signing off.

STURMINSTER NEWTON & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C. TRIAL 19th January, 1975

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.

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

Letter to the Editor

Treyford,
Midhurst,
Sussex

Dear Sir,

The time is approaching when our Rights-of-Way Sub-Committee will be deciding the winner of this year's Byways Trophy - the annual award made to a Southern Centre club member who, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, has played the greatest part in maintaining vehicular rights on green lanes within our Centre.

The 1972 winner was Mrs. Penny Page, and last year's winner was Tony Jeffery. Who will be this year's recipient of the trophy?

This, of course, depends to a certain extent on which Southern Centre club member has done the best work with regard to rights-of-way. It also depends on which clubs take the trouble to nominate one of their members.

Nominations must be submitted no later than December 31st to Roy Brett, 139 Cavalier Road, Basing, near Basingstoke, Hants.

Such nominations should contain details of the rights-of-way activities on which the claim for consideration is based. The Byways Trophy is a handsome award, and well worth winning.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH VENABLES
(Chairman, S.C. Rights-of-Way Sub-Committee)

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MORTIMER & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

JACK ENGLEFIELD CUP TRIAL

Start: 10.30 a.m. **SUNDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1975** Permit No. U134

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—D. Carter; Club Stewards—B. Hsley, E. J. Challis; Clerk of the Course—B. A. Haines; Secretary of the Meeting—Roy Haines, 7 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, Berks. RG7 3RS

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

- Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R's, the Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
- Eligibility:** Open to all members of Southern Centre Clubs riding solo & Sidecar machines.
- Start:** 10.30 a.m. at the Pickling Yards, Mortimer, signed from the West of Mortimer Village.
- Entries:** To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting together with 2 S.A.E's. Entries will open 9th December and close 10th January and may be limited. Riding numbers for the first 50 received will be balloted. Fees - Solo 80p; Sidecar 85p.
- Course:** 1 lap of 32 or more sections, including the use of public roads, course marked with direction cards.
- Ties:** Will be decided by a) The greatest number of cleans, b) Farthest round with least loss.
- Awards:**
Solo Premier Cup — Sidecar Premier Cup and Passenger Cup
Best Intermediate Cup
Best Novice Cup
1st & 2nd Class Awards as per Southern Centre rules
- General:** Refreshments but no petrol available at the start.
- Noise:** At the scrutineer's discretion, noisy machines will be excluded, as will any competitor riding on public roads in an inconsiderate manner.

MORTIMER & DISTRICT M.C.C. TRIAL

26th January, 1975

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 EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO

SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

3rd February, 1975

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.

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

I authorise the undersigned as official team(s) of the Club.
 Signed

Address

Position in Club Entry Fee of enclosed

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Name Signed

Name Signed

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TEAM B

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WIMBORNE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

Start: 10.00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1975

Permit No. U132

OFFICIALS: Centre Stewards—D. Kingswell, J. Bowley, J. Lightfoot; Club Stewards—H. C. Wright, R. Rumbold; Clerk of the Course—C. Maidment; Secretary of the Meeting—J. R. Hope, 66 East Borough, Wimborne, Dorset.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

1. **Jurisdiction:** Held under the G.C.R's and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U. and the Southern Centre Trials League and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all Southern Centre Club members riding solo machines.
2. **Eligibility of Teams:** Clubs may enter one A or one A and one B team, each consisting of four riders. Nominated riders must be League registered members of the Club concerned and must have ridden in at least six trials of this centre of open to centre or higher status during the complete calendar year 1st January 1974 - 31st December 1974.
3. **Teams:** Substitutions of team riders and or machines are permitted if made in writing before the starting time of the trial. Any substitute rider must comply with all the above requirements. Team positions by ballot and all team entries received before the closing date for entries will be accepted. All team riders must enter individually. No late entries will be accepted.
4. **Team Awards:**
 Southern Centre Team Shield — To the team of riders making the best aggregate performance of the trial.
 The Jackson Cup — To the best B team of riders making the best aggregate performance of the trial.
 Solo and Class Awards as per S.C. Trials League rules.
5. **Entries:** Will open on the 7th December 1974 and close on Saturday, 4th January 1975. Numbers will be issued at the start. A S.A.E. would be appreciated for acknowledgement of entry. Subject to all teams being accommodated entries will be restricted to 120 riders. **All team entries must be accompanied by the appropriate 'qualification' form that will have already been circulated to the Club Secretaries.**
6. **Course:** Consisting of either one or two laps of up to 35 sections. The start will be at Corfe Mullen, Wimborne on the A31. The first rider to leave at 10.00, remainder at half minute intervals. Numbers not to be displayed on the public highway.
7. **Ties:** Will be decided by a) Greatest number of cleans, b) Furthest round clean.
8. **General:** Any rider reported as riding in a dangerous manner or making excessive noise or nuisance will be excluded from the results. Any rider riding his machine on any private land other than for the purposes of the competition, will be excluded from the results.
9. **Entry Fees:** Individual riders entry fees: 80p; Team fees: £1.
10. **Facilities:** Petrol/Refreshments.
PLEASE SEND TEAM ENTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE — Thank you.

Grass Track Stars

250 cc.	
DAVE EAGLAND	12 points
DAVE WELCH	10 points
RICHARD CAMDEN	10 points
COLIN PACKMAN	8 points

350 cc.	
BERNIE LEIGH	15 points
GRAHAM HURRY	8 points
COLIN SWEBY	7 points
PETER HOULT	7 points

500 cc.	
BERNIE LEIGH	25 points
MARK SAWYER	24 points
LEW COFFIN	19 points
BRUCE CARTER	15 points

Sidecar	
DENNIS PHILLIPS	32 points
RICHARD PEBERDY	30 points
MICK START	12 points
TERRY PHILLIPS	8 points

Scramble Stars

S/car Winners	
ROGER MARTIN	12 points
JOHN TURNER	12 points

Runner-up	
C. COWLES	10 points

250 cc.	
ROGER SNOAD	16 points
ROB TAYLOR	5 points
IVAN MILLER	4 points
GRAHAM NOYCE	4 points
BILL ALDRIDGE	4 points

500 cc.	
JOHN MAY	16 points
GRAHAM NOYCE	12 points
CRIS CLARK	12 points
ANDY ROBERTON	9 points

250 & 500 at October 27th with two more meetings to come for 1974.

Trials Stars at 12th November

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