

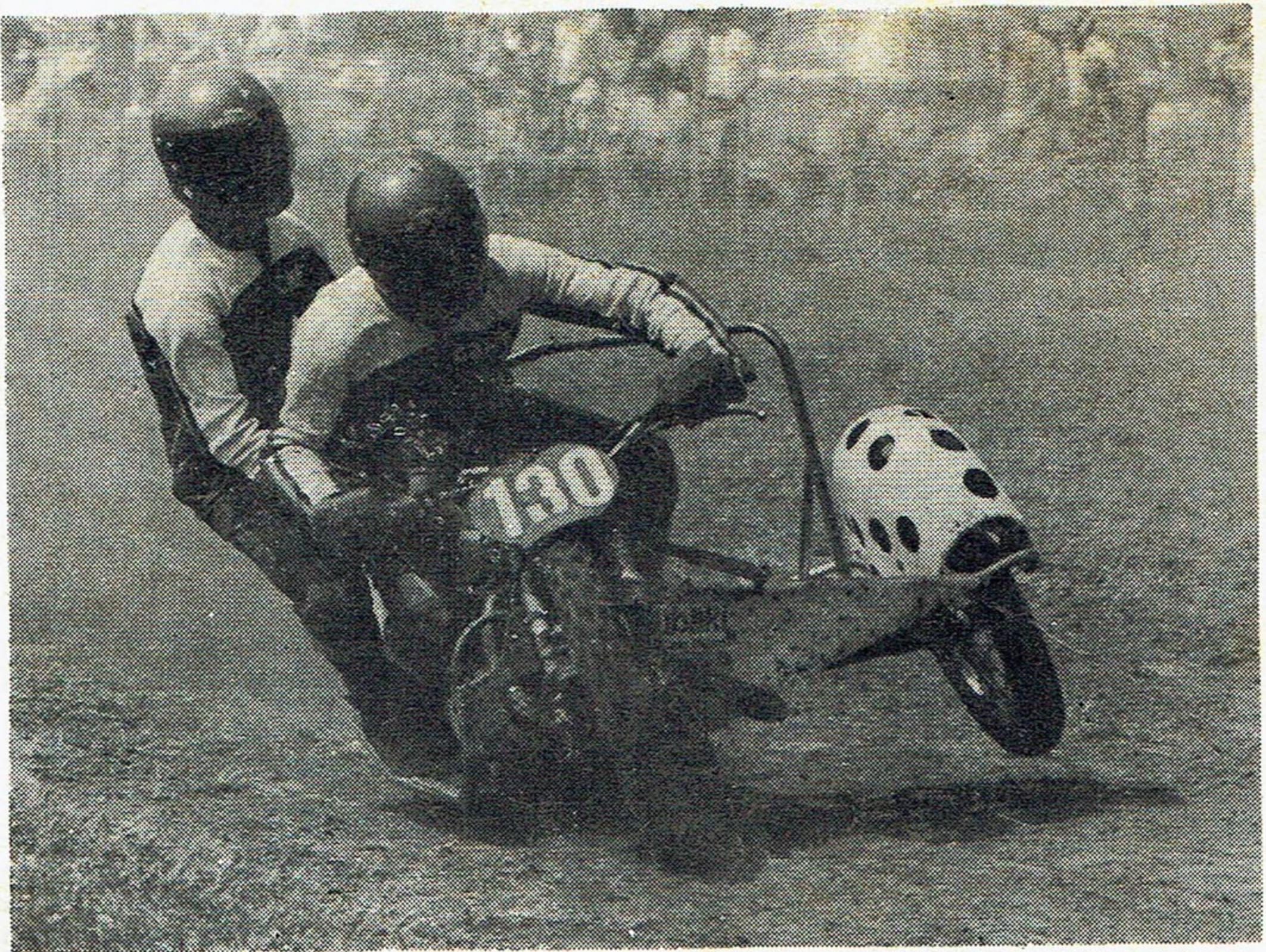


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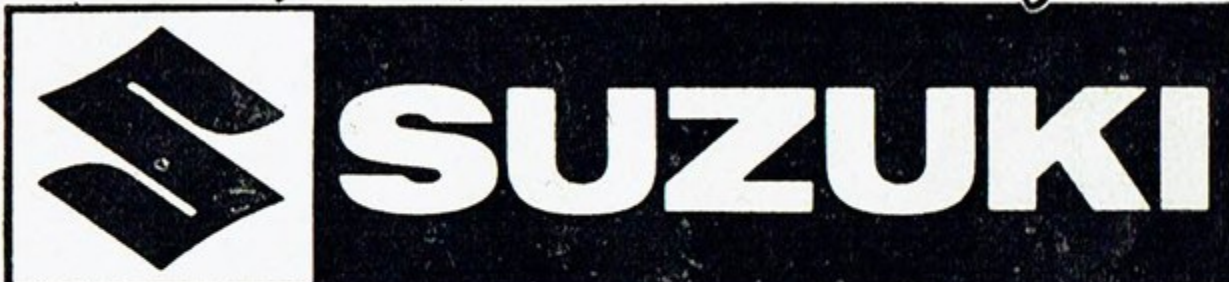
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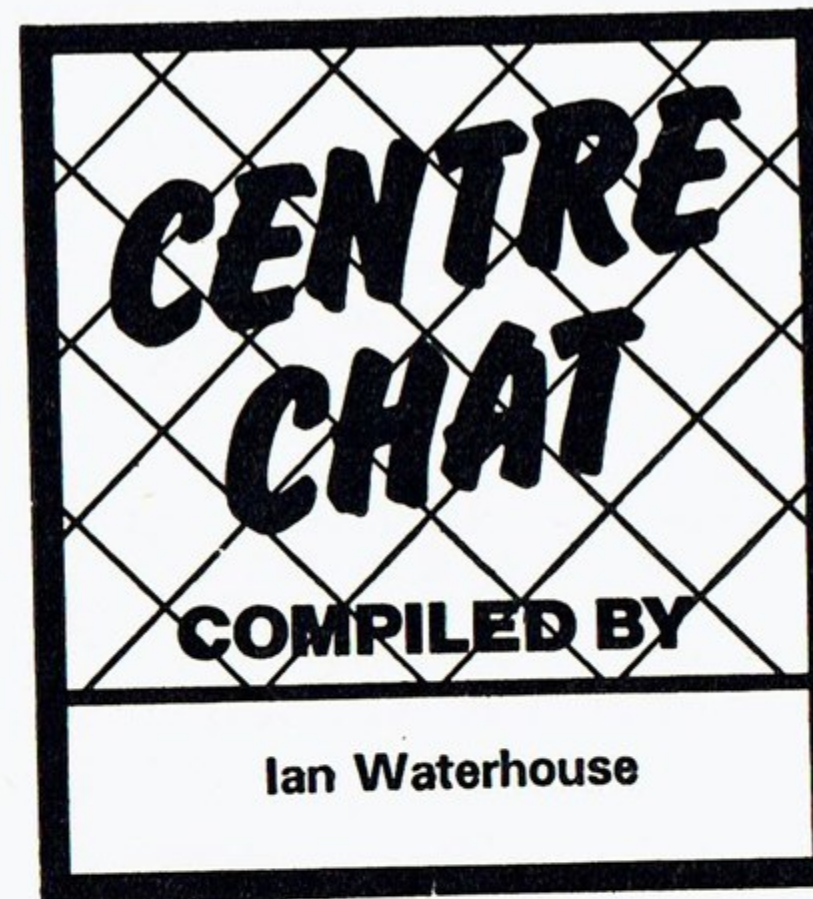
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The nightmare of a last-minute cancellation of a big event paid an unwelcome visit to the West of England club last month, and to see the droves of huge bike transporters trailing back from the cancelled Patchquick Motocross, it provoked the thought that the sheer size of these wagons has made "car" parking the least of the organiser's worries. If some of those would-be winners who trudged back to base without even getting as far as the paddock area were cursing their luck, they might also spare a curse for the "Spirit of the 70's" which started the whole crazy, ego-boosting

business: if you can't turn heads on the track, turn 'em in the paddock with a 6-wheel, 10-ton turbo diesel with the gripping power of an ice cube.

Since then, any motocrosser who has turned up to a National meeting in anything less than a 20-foot motorhome is in danger of being laughed off the park. I would not mind betting that the volume of rain needed to cancel a motocross these days is less than half that of ten years ago. What sense is there in an event being cancelled - at great cost to everyone - because the masters of the knobby tyre could not grip their way to the parking lot? The spectators in their cars might well encounter few problems.

Dare I suggest some brave organizer puts a 1-ton weight restriction in the next set of Reg's! Or even a prize for the smallest transporter!

Ian Waterhouse



New Regulations Form Makes Life Easier!

Event organisers and club secretaries will shortly be receiving copies of a new standard regulation form to help them draft regulations for permits.

No longer will you have to type out all the time consuming disclaimers, and standard paragraphs, simply fill in the blanks on the standard form and the job is virtually done.

The same form will do for Trials, MX, Grasstrack and Enduros, simply ignore the bits that are not relevant to you.

Would all secretaries please ensure that the event organiser, or the person who applies for the permit is given this new form so that we can get it into use as soon as possible.

STOP PRESS - THE PATCHQUICK

Following a meeting between Devonport and W.O.E. clubs, the Patchquick will now be run on May 19th at the same venue and Devonport scramble will be held on Bank Holiday Monday - May 27th.

NATIONAL SPRINT ASSOCIATION

49 Beverley Avenue,
Sidcup,
Kent. DA15 8HF

7.3.85

Dear Editor,

In the September issue of this Gazette, you were kind enough to publish an article on Sprinting in general, and our meeting at Westonzoyland in particular: I would like to take this opportunity to add some comment and bring you up to date on this year's plans.

First of all I would like, on behalf of the Southern section of the NSA, to put on record our appreciation of the help given to us by the various officials of the Centre, and the Stewards over the period we have been running the Zoyland events. When we took over the venue from the Hillclimb section of the NSA, it was the first time any of us had been involved in the organisation of an event. Without the assistance of the late Mr. Baker, and Mr. Ashford as Steward, I doubt if we could have got the meeting underway at all. Also deserving of our thanks for their assistance are the local St. John's Ambulance who have yet to let us down in any way.

As you pointed out in the article, we do suffer somewhat from a lack of 'bodies' - most of the people involved in the organising are riders, the rest are married to riders! While we've never been really stuck for startline crew or marshalls, we would more than welcome a few more volunteers - they won't just be handed a flag; they'll be signed on as marshals first! Seriously though, if anyone would like a day's entertainment for an hour or two's help they need only turn up and ask for Tom. Alternatively, we would also welcome more riders: the meetings ran on the break-even point last year, and another

five or ten riders would go a long way to ensuring the venue's future. Sprinting has become somewhat isolated in recent years, with the NSA providing a large number of events which attract only the band of committed sprinters such as myself.

In the late fifties and sixties the situation was somewhat different with a whole host of clubs organising just one or two sprints each year. The dedicated sprinters had plenty of events, and each club got good support from its own members - who in turn probably got in a varied seasons sport in sprints, hillclimbs, even road races without having to spend too much on travelling. It is our hope that by holding two or three meetings in the south-west every year, we will attract support not only from riders but also from the local clubs - we'd be only too glad to hand over to someone else and just come to Zoyland to ride.

To encourage participation by local riders, we run two competitions aimed at the non-specialist sprinter: a trophy, generously presented by RIDERS of Bridgwater, is awarded annually for the best performance by a local rider - that is within a 30 mile radius or entering as a member of a South Western Centre Club; and the Barden Trophy is awarded annually for the best performance over an eighth of a mile - this is decided on comparison of best eighth and quarter times for each rider, and in fact tends to favour the slower machines. This year both awards went to a local 'non-sprinter', Dave Lowman from Hemyock, Devon on his Triton and a road going Yamaha respectively.

If anyone fancies having a go, the requirements are pretty simple: you need a machine of some form, anything that's reasonably safe will do (for safe read ball-end levers, self closing throttle and working brakes!) plus you need the inevitable ACU license - but as there is no requirement for a medical for sprinting, even a trials license will do. You will also need a set of leathers, or leather jacket and jeans, and riding boots, in reasonable condition; and from this year a crash helmet to BS 2495 77 inc amend 5, that is the ACU's new 'gold standard'. All the South Western Centre Clubs are, of course, invited to our events, as are members of the Morgan Threewheeler Club, Vincent O.C. and Vintage M.C.C. - so if you know someone, spread the word.

Enough of this rambling - the real point of this letter is to let everybody know about this year's dates. They are: Saturday and Sunday, 11th & 12 May and 10th & 11th August. Details can be obtained from Mrs. Janet Weeks at the above address, who will also be happy to supply details about our other events and the NSA in general. The Southern section will also be running two events at Long Marston, near Stratford-on-Avon, which may be of interest to some of the southwestern people; and of course the Hillclimb section of the NSA will be running a full calendar of events, many in this area.

Yours sincerely, Tom Weeks

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ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S TRIAL

Sunday, April 28th at 11 am

Permit No. EO1259

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—W. Ellis; Club Stewards—B. Staddon and B. Endacott; Clerk of the Course—R. J. Melhuish; Machine Examiner—J. Born; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. I. Mackie, 16 Old Tiverton Road, Crediton. Phone Crediton 2660.

JURISDICTION: Held under the GCR's of the ACU and Standing Trials Regulations of the SW Centre and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all paid-up members of Clubs in the SW Centre.

ENTRIES: To be made on the form below and reach the Secretary not later than Saturday, April 21st 1985. Entry fee £2.25. Please enclose SAE. Numbers will be issued in reverse order of receipt, and will not be advised. Current ACU Licence and Club Membership cards MUST be produced at time of machine examination.

START & FINISH: Ashton Mills, Ashton. Marked from the B3193 Chudleigh to Dunsford Road.

AWARDS: President's Trophy (to be held for one year) with replica for best performance (Solo), Runner-up award. First Class Award to next best 10% of remaining starters. Second Class Awards to next best 10% of remaining starters. Non-Experts Award. Novice Award. Best Performance by a sidecar. Runner-up Award. Best Senior Schoolboy and R/U - Intermediate - Junior. Subject to min. 4 riders per Class. No Rider may win more than one award.

NON-STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence in writing to the Secretary of the Meeting within seven days after the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

Crediton Trial

Permit No. EO1259

April 28th, 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including the owners or lessees of the land used for this 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.

I declare that the exhaust system fitted to my motor cycle(s) will conform to the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 16a.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 18 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent, since the indemnity would not be valid in law if signed by a minor.

I am insured for Trials.

NAME

ADDRESS

..... Club Licence No.

Machine cc Signature

Passenger's Address

Pass. Signature Date Phone

Signature of parent/Guardian (if under 18) Senior Non-Exp./Novice. Yes/No

Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

Torrige & District Motor Cycle Club

ALSCOTT CUP TRIAL

Sunday, May 12th 1985 at 10.30 am

Permit No. EO1254

**To count towards Centre Trials Championship and
The SI Higgins Aggregate Cup**

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—K. R. Lee; Club Stewards—R. Chapman, A. Evenden & N. Mayes; Machine Examiner—R. Higgins; Clerk of the Course—R. Higgins; Secretary of the Meeting—Alan Pearce, 35 Fitzford Cottages, Tavistock 5329.

JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R. of the ACU the Standing Trials Regulations of the ACU, the Standing Trials Regulations of the S. Western Centre and any final instructions issued at the start. Open to all paid-up members of clubs in the S.W. Centre riding solo machines.

START: Browsentor Farm, Peter Tavy, Devon. First man at 10.30 am. Marked from Tavistock-Okehampton Road A386.

THE COURSE: 3 laps of approx. 20 sections. There will be a time check immediately before the last section and any rider not reaching this point within 5 hours of his start time will be debited 1 mark for every two minutes late. Maximum three quarters of an hour, penalty exclusion. This regulation will be enforced.

ENTRIES: To reach the secretary of the meeting, with the fee, not later than Monday, May 5th. Entry fee £2.00. Numbers in reverse order of receipt, enclose SAE for results please.

AWARDS:
 Alscott Cup for best performance of the day.
 Runner-up award.
 First Class awards to next best 10% of starters.
 Second Class awards to next best 10% of starters.
 Non/Expert award.
 Novice award.
 Best up to 200cc - Lockett Cup.
 Best Senior S/Boys.

NON-STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not take part must send a satisfactory reason for absence to the Secretary IN WRITING within seven days of the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

Torrige Trial

Permit No. EO1254

May 12th 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including the owners or lessees of the land used for this 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.

I declare that the exhaust system fitted to my motor cycle(s) will conform to the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 16a.

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I am insured for Trials.

NAME

ADDRESS

..... Club Licence No.

Machine cc Signature

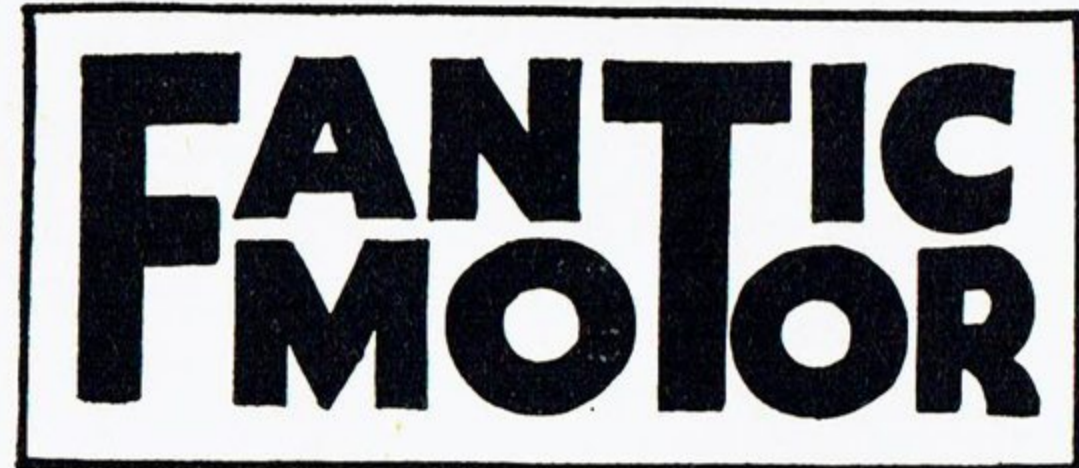
Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Date..... Phone..... Non-Exp./Novice Yes/No

Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

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Monday, May 27th at 1.30 pm

Permit No. EO1253

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—B. Edwards; Club Stewards—C. Sydenham and I. Pridham; Clerk of the Course—A. Dodderidge; Machine Examiner—J. Wenmoth; Secretary of the Meeting—M. Triggs, Park Cottage, Frogmore. Telephone: Frogmore 228.

JURISDICTION: Held under the GCR the Standing Scramble Regulations of the ACU and these supplementary regulations. Open to paid-up members of clubs in the S.W. Centre of the ACU riding solo machines.

VENUE: Stowford Grange Farm, Lewdown nr. Launceston.

MACHINERY & CLOTHING: Must be presented to the Scrutineer before commencement of practice and must comply with ACU regulations.

ENTRIES: Must be made on the form below and must reach the Secretary of the Meeting before Wednesday, May 1st.

ENTRY FEE: £4.50 plus £1 payable on admission to the meeting. Please send SAE for reply.

METHOD OF START: Elastic Gate.

POSTPONEMENT: The club reserves the right to alter, postpone or cancel the meeting according to circumstances.

ACU LICENCES: Must be produced. No licence, no ride. Also proof of membership as shown on entry forms.

NON STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary within seven days of the event taking place. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

EVENTS & AWARDS:

1. Juniors Unlimited	£6	4	3	2	1	50p				
2. 1st Leg of S.W. Masters	£35	25	15	12	10	8	6	4	3	2
3. Junior Non-Qualifiers	£6	4	3	2	1	50p				
4. Up to 250cc	£6	4	3	2	1	50p				
5. 2nd Leg of S.W. Masters	£35	25	15	12	10	8	6	4	3	2
6. Unlimited Open	£12	8	5	4	3	2				

NOTE. Ballot for Marshals, 20 riders will be balloted to provide Marshals.

Devonport Scramble

Permit No. EO1253

May, 27th 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this my entry I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including 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.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 18 years of age must be countersigned by a parent or guardian signifying consent, since the indemnity would not be valid in law if signed by a minor.

Identification: ACU ruling 1972. I understand that before competing in this event I must wear an identity disc giving full name and date of birth. (Blood group also recommended).

Name..... Licence No.....

Address

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

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

Passenger's address..... Pass. Sig.....

Please enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone No.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18) My Status is Expert/Junior Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

Additional riding numbers in the South Western Centre.

3.	J. Wynne—Bridgwater.	127.	M. Sobey—Launceston.
5.	S. Siade—Wellington.	129.	
6.	C. Flashman—Gunnislake.	130.	
7.	B. Dingle—Jersey.	131.	N. Spence—Torquay.
9.	S. Goodfellow—Barnstaple.	132.	D. Cholwill—Holsworthy.
11.	K. Edwards—Paignton.	133.	
19.	S. Bailey—Exeter.	134.	J. Spence—Torquay.
36.	M. Gieadhill—Braunton.	135.	
37.	H. Gapper—Yeovil.	136.	
39.	H. Vincent—Warminster.	137.	
41.	A. Deer—Wiveliscombe.	138.	
42.	R. Peaster—Bridgwater.	139.	
43.	G. Rogers—Exeter.	140.	
45.	R. Llewellyn—Tiverton.	142.	
46.	J. Hawkins—St. Austell.	143.	
49.	C. Knox—Torquay.	144.	
50.	H. Cridge—Chard.	145.	
57.	I. Rideout—Bristol.	146.	G. Roberts—Wellington.
58.	B. Withers—Wells.	147.	
60.	P. Feltham—Gillingham.	149.	
74.	M. Kingdon—South Molton.	151.	
83.	R. French—Street.	152.	
84.	A. Annear—St. Blazey.	153.	N. Keenan—Barnstaple.
85.	T. Preston—Poole.	154.	
86.	A. Williams—Yeovil.	157.	
87.	A. Maddox—Barnstaple.	159.	
88.	R. Garret—Axbridge.	161.	P. Studley—Beaminster.
89.	R. Pranie—Exeter.	162.	
91.	T. Fooks—Bridgwater.	163.	K. Giles—South Petherton.
96.	G. Stephens—Exeter.	164.	to 170. FREE
97.	G. Martin—Shaftesbury.	170.	A. Parr—Tiverton.
101.	A. Wellings—Bridgwater.	176.	
104.	A. Packer—Morthoe.	179.	
105.	P. Vosey—Exeter.	181.	
106.	A. Payne—Tiverton.	182.	
107.	A. Luscombe—Newton Abbot.	184.	
108.	D. Knowles—Tiverton.	185.	
110.	W. Studley—Beaminster.	186.	D. Redmore—Ilfracombe.
111.	S. Butler—Weston-s-Mare.	187.	
113.		188.	
115.		190.	
116.		191.	C. L. Hutchings—Honiton.
117.	D. Watson—Dawlish.	192.	
118.		193.	D. Howells—Liskeard.
119.	R. Edwards—Congresbury.	195.	
121.	C. Butler—Weston-s-Mare.	196.	C. George—Bodmin.
122.	A. Jones—Exeter.	197.	
123.	B. James—Bradford Abbas.	198.	G. Linham—Street.
124.	C. Morgans—Weymouth.	199.	M. Lynch—Minehead.
125.		200.	J. Miller—Bridgwater.

No. 58 G. Burton has now retired and his number is taken by B. Withers. The book is now closed and no more will be granted. All numbers with no name have not been applied for.

Torrige and District Motor Cycle Club

SCRAMBLE

Sunday, 26th May 1985 at 2 pm Permit No. EO1250 TTC 83/464

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—J. Courtney; Club Stewards—R. Chapman and A. Ackland; Clerk of the Course—J. Pearson.

SCRUTINEERS: E. Pratley and T. Osborne; Secretary of the Meeting—Mr. J. Kelly, 5 Goose Green, Torrington, Devon EX38 7BP. Telephone: Torrington 23902.

JURISDICTION: This event will be held under the GCR and Standing Scramble Regulations of the ACU together with these supplementary regulations, and is open to all paid-up members of Clubs in the S.W. Centre riding solo machines.

VENUE: Waggadon Farm, Torrington. Route marked from Town.

ENTRIES: Must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting together with the correct entry fee of £4 with entry and £1 at Gate (Total £5). Entries open on the 7th April and close on the 30th April, 1985. Please send s.a.e for reply.

EVENTS AND AWARDS:

Junior heats.

1.	Junior Group 'A' M/Cross 1st Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
2.	Junior Group 'B' M/Cross 1st Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
3.	Experts M/Cross 1st Leg	£6	5	4	3	2	1
4.	Junior Group 'A' M/Cross 2nd Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
5.	Junior Group 'B' M/Cross 2nd Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
6.	Experts M/Cross 2nd Leg	£6	5	4	3	2	1
7.	Junior Group 'A' M/Cross 3rd Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
8.	Junior Group 'B' M/Cross 3rd Leg	£4	3	2	1	1	1
9.	Experts M/Cross 3rd Leg	£6	5	4	3	2	1

Any ties in M/Cross will be decided by highest position in 3rd Leg. Overall Junior Group 'A' £12 10 8 6 4 2. Overall Junior Group 'B' £12 10 8 6 4 2. Overall Experts £40 30 20 15 10 5. Event 1 will count towards the Tony Raymond cup for the best Torrige Junior over the three Meetings to be held in 1985. Event 8 will count towards the A.G. Ackland Cup for the best overall rider over the three meetings held by the club in 1985. All Junior Group 'A' races will count towards upgrading points.

PRACTISING: Between 1200 and 1300 hrs. Times to be allocated in programmes.

ABANDONMENT: The Organisers reserve the right to alter or postpone this Meeting.

NON STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event, and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary of the Meeting within seven days after the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

Torrige Scramble

Permit No. EO1250

26th May 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this my entry I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including 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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Name..... Licence No.....

Address

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

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

Passenger's address..... Pass. Sig.....

Please enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone No.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18) My Status is Expert/Junior Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to tell you of the immense problems likely to be caused to us by the new ruling in which every rider in an Open to Centre event has to purchase a Gazette to enter any event.

As you are aware, we are geographically very close to both the Southern and Wessex Centre Borders, thus drawing a large proportion of non-South-west Centre residents to our events.

We are due to run six Open to Centre Trials in 1985 and Open to Centre Grass Tracks. In both factions of the sport we rely heavily on out of Centre residents to make up the bulk of our entries. We are very worried that riders will boycott our Open to Centre events rather than have to 'fork-out' for a Gazette. As regard to the Trials, we perceive a lot of ill feeling when riders turn up on the day for a ride only to be told that they can only enter on a Gazette form. As for Grass Track riders, who is going to buy a Gazette for three Grass Track meetings per year?

We would like to propose that the ruling be postponed until the beginning of 1986, alternatively our only option is to down-grade our events to Closed to Club status.

I am hoping this matter can be discussed at the forthcoming Competitions meeting.

Having made the observations, we are not knocking the South Western Centre Gazette. It is a publication to be extremely proud of.

Yours sincerely, A. F. Douch (Mrs)

Secretary, Somerton & District M.C. & L.C.C.

THE EDITOR REPLIES:

I have taken the step of publishing the letter from the Somerton Club, although it was addressed primarily to the competitions committee, as the Gazette is the ideal medium for information.

I will answer the points in the order that they have been raised:

1. It has always been the case that open to centre events were published in the Gazette and that entry form was the only one acceptable. The practice of duplicating or photocopying reg's robs the Centre of funds and inevitably forces up the cost for all other competitors.

2. It has also been the practice, where necessary, to buy 'run-on' copies of the proper entry form from the Gazette printers for about £5 for 100, this service is still available, and in fact three clubs this month have done just that. This should not be used to 'dodge' the system but to supplement the entry.

3. Regarding the Open to Centre Trials riders turning up on the day, the Centre rules specifically state that entries must be in by the closing date and a list sent to the Centre Steward in advance of the event.

4. The motion at the Centre AGM that all competitors must bring with them the Gazette form was defeated and so is not in force.

5. As for Grasstrack riders not wishing to buy a Gazette for three meetings, I regret the fact that grasstrack appears to be in decline, but the cost of entry really cannot be the root cause of the problem, and if Somerton buy the 'run-on' of the regulation forms as previously mentioned, the problem will be resolved.

In conclusion, I can only presume that Mrs. Douch has regrettably been given inaccurate information and I hope by publishing this reply any confusion will be cleared up.—Editor

Tiverton Motor Club

THE CLIFF TARR MEMORIAL GRASSTRACK - Bank Holiday Monday

Monday, 27th May at 2.30 pm

Permit No. EO1261

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—A. G. Ackland; Club Stewards—Mr. Clive Stoneman; Mr. D. Hill; Clerk of the Course—Mr. Colin Stoneman; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. C. A. Pearce, Church Cottage, Willand Old Village, Cullompton, Devon. Tel: Cullompton 38087. Scrutineers—Mr. S. Pearce, Mr. T. Compton.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Tiverton Motor Club will present a Grasstrack Meeting for Solos and Sidecars on 27th May, 1985 at 2.30 pm.

JURISDICTION: Held under the GCR and Standing Grasstrack Regulations of the ACU and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all paid up members of clubs affiliated to the SW Centre of the ACU.

ENTRIES: Must reach the Secretary of the Meeting by Saturday, 11th May 1985. The promoters reserve the right to refuse entry. Entries must be made on the form below and sent with part entry fee as follows: Solos £2.50, Sidecars £4.75. Balance £1.50 each competitor to be paid as admission to venue. S.A.E. with entry please.

EVENTS & AWARDS:

1. Sidecar Junior only	£8	6	4	2	1
2. Solo Junior only	£8	6	4	2	1
3. Unlimited Sidecar open	£10	6	4	2	1
4. Unlimited Solo open	£10	6	4	2	1
5. 250cc solo	£9	7	5	2	1
6. Sidecar Experts only	£13	8	5	2	1
7. Solo Experts only	£13	8	5	2	1
8. Unlimited sidecar open	£10	6	4	2	1
9. Unlimited solo open	£10	6	4	2	1

Events 3 and 4 to count towards SW Championship, Event 4, W. R. Turner trophy. Event 3 Marc Adam Trophy for Driver, and W. Heal Trophy for passenger. Event 2, W. & R. Pearce trophy, Event 8 Cliff Tarr Memorial trophy.

MACHINES: Must be kept at all times within the Competition paddock except when racing and must comply with ACU regulations.

NON STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary of the Meeting within seven days after the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

VENUE: Brendon Hill Farm, Watchet, Somerset. (Bampton-Watchet Road B3190).

COURSE: Approximately 450-500 yds. Solos, anti-clockwise, sidecars clockwise. Speedway riders must have their promoters permission.

CLOTHING: Must comply with ACU regulations.

ABANDONMENT: The organisers reserve the right to postpone, alter or cancel any part of or the meeting itself, if circumstances make it necessary.

Tiverton Grass Track

Permit No. EO1261

May, 27th 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this my entry I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including 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.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 18 years of age must be countersigned by a parent or guardian signifying consent, since the indemnity would not be valid in law if signed by a minor.

Identification: ACU ruling 1972. I understand that before competing in this event I must wear an identity disc giving full name and date of birth. (Blood group also recommended).

Name..... Licence No.....

Address

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

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

Passenger's address..... Pass. Sig.....

Please enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone No.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18) My Status is Expert/Junior Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

South Western Centre Auto-Cycle Union FIXTURE LIST '85

APRIL

Good Friday, 5th	SOMERTON, Grasstrack - C WEST OF ENGLAND, Trial - INV
Saturday, 6th	MORETONHAMPSTEAD, Trial - C, Youth TAUNTON, Trial - C, Pre 65 only
Easter Sunday, 7th	EXMOOR, Trial - OTC LYN, Trial - C Pre-65 only
Easter Monday, 8th	WEST OF ENGLAND, Scramble - OTC TORRIDGE, Trial - C EXMOOR, Trial - OTC, Pre-65 only
Friday, 12th	CENTRE DINNER & DANCE
Saturday, 13th	SOMERTON, Trial - C DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY, Trial - C TAUNTON, Scramble - OTC OTTER VALE, Trial - C, Youth S/C, Pre 65 DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY, Trial - C
Sunday, 14th	
Saturday, 20th	SOMERTON, Trial - OTC, Youth, Pre-65, Novice, Veteran and Trail
Sunday, 21st	DEVONPORT, Scramble - OTC DARTMOUTH, Trial - C, Youth TIVERTON, Trial - C, Pre-65 only
Saturday, 27th	SOMERTON, Trial - C, Youth & Novice DEVONPORT, Trial - C, Youth
Sunday, 28th	OTTER VALE, Scramble, OTC CREDITON, Trial - OTC, S/C, Youth
Tuesday, 30th	CENTRE BOARD MEETING
MAY	
Saturday, 4th	YEO VALE, Timed Trial - C
Sunday, 5th	TAUNTON, Trial - C
Bank Holiday Monday, 6th	TIVERTON, Scramble - OTC
Saturday, 11th	SOMERTON, Scramble - C BROADHEMBURY, Trial - Inv Youth, Pre-65, Trail
Sunday, 12th	SOMERTON, Scramble - OTC TORRIDGE, Trial - OTC Championship EXMOOR, Trial - C, Youth, S/C, Pre-65
Saturday, 18th	
Sunday, 19th	PATCHQUICK OTTER VALE, Trial - C, Youth, S/C, Pre-65
Saturday, 25th	YEO VALE, Trial - C TAUNTON, Trial - C (Experts only)
Sunday, 26th	LYN, Trial - NAT TORRIDGE, Scramble - OTC SOMERTON, Trial - C, Youth & Novice only
Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 27th	EXMOOR, Trial - NAT (British Sidecar Championship) TIVERTON, Grasstrack - OTC LYN, Trial - INV DEVONPORT, Scramble - OTC

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SCRAMBLE

Including round for the S.W. Centre Championship

Sunday, June 9th 1985 at 2 pm Permit No. EO1258 TTC 73/874

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—A. Dunn; Club Stewards—A. Ridd & R. J. Melhuish; Scrutineers—L. Delve, S. Bailey and B. Down; Starter—H. Parkhouse; Clerk of the Course—B. Staddon; Assistant Clerk of the Course—A. Folland; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. S. Staddon, 338, Pinhoe Road, Exeter, Phone Exeter 67142.

JURISDICTIONS: Held under the GCR & Standing Scramble Regulations of the ACU together with these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all paid-up Members of Clubs in the South West Centre riding solo machines.

VENUE: Sutton Farm, New Buildings, Crediton. The Course is about 3 miles north of Exeter - Barnstaple Road (A377) at Copplestone. The Route to the course will be marked from Copplestone and from Morchard Road.

ENTRIES: Must be made on the form below, and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with part Entry fee of £3.50, (further £1 payable at the gate). Entries open April 10th and close May 23rd 1985. Please send SAE.

EVENTS & AWARDS:

1. Juniors only (S.W. Championship)	£10	7	5	4	3	2
2. Experts only (S.W. Championship)	£15	12	10	7	4	3
3. Experts only	£15	12	10	7	4	3
4. Juniors Group A	£10	7	5	4	3	2
5. Juniors Group B	£10	7	5	4	3	2
6. Juniors Group C	£10	7	5	4	3	2
7. Experts only	£15	12	10	7	4	3
8. First 13 from A, B, C	£12	9	6	4	3	2
9. Juniors Invitation for riders lower than 13th in Group A, B, C.	£4	3	2	1		

PRACTISING: From 11.45 to 12.45 pm. Every rider must complete at least one practice lap.
ABANDONMENT: The Club reserves the right to alter, cancel or postpone the meeting or any part thereof.

GENERAL: Machines and Clothing must comply with ACU Regulations and will be inspected. ACU Licences and Club Membership Cards MUST be shown at time of Scrutineering.

NON-STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary of the Meeting within seven days after the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

Crediton Scramble

Permit No. EO1258

9th June 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this my entry I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including 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.

It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 18 years of age must be countersigned by a parent or guardian signifying consent, since the indemnity would not be valid in law if signed by a minor.

Identification: ACU ruling 1972. I understand that before competing in this event I must wear an identity disc giving full name and date of birth. (Blood group also recommended).

Name..... Licence No.....

Address

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

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

Passenger's address..... Pass. Sig.....

Please enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone No.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18) My Status is Expert/Junior

Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.



Presentation of awards which has become a feature of recent Tiverton Motorcycle Club Dinners.

Pictured are schoolboy, sidecar, solo and PRE 65 winners. Copies of this photograph and others are available from Trevor Compton.

THE PATCHQUICK

West of England Club offer their apologies for the cancellation of the Patchquick due to car parking problems caused by the weather.

Contrary to some peoples suggestions that it was only drizzling on the day, it had rained very hard on the previous two or three days and Sundays rain was the final straw.

Those who complained, would still have complained if they had had to be towed out of the field in the ensuing melée to leave.

As Wilf Ellis says, "You just can't win".

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Broadhembury and District Motor Club CASTROL MOTO CROSS

Sunday, June 16th 1985 at 2 pm Permit No. EO1260 TTC 77/175

OFFICIALS: ACU Steward—A. G. Ackland; Club Stewards—R. Jee and R. Steele; Clerk of the Course—A. Dunn; Scrutineers—B. R. Edwards and T. Baker; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. G. Edwards, Moor House, Ashill, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3NN. Tel: Craddock (0884) 40078.

JURISDICTION: Held under the GCR of the ACU, the Standing Scramble Regulations of the ACU and these supplementary regulations. Open to paid-up members of S.W. Centre Clubs riding solo machines.

VENUE: Wrangway Cross. Off A38 1 mile west of Wellington. Leave the M5 at junction 26.

EVENTS & AWARDS: Event 1 - SW Centre Junior Team League. Events 2, 6 and 10 Experts Moto Cross; Events 3, 7 and 11 - Junior Moto Cross; Events 4, 8 & 12 - Junior Moto Cross (non-qualifiers); Events 5, 9 and 13 - Experts Moto Cross (non-qualifiers).

Prize Money:-

Expert Qualifiers - each leg	£10	8	6	4			
Expert Qualifiers - overall	£30	20	16	12	10	8	6 4
Expert Non-Qualifiers - each leg	£4	3	2	1			
Expert Non-Qualifiers - overall	£10	8	6	5	4	3	1
Junior Qualifiers - each leg	£4	3	2	1			
Junior Qualifiers - overall	£10	8	6	5	4	3	1
Junior Non-Qualifiers - each leg	£4	3	2	1			
Junior Non-Qualifiers - overall	£8	5	4	3	2	1	1

Events 5, 9 and 13 may be dropped if insufficient entries are received. Events 2, 3, 4 & 6 count towards the Ken Kallaway Memorial Trophy. Entries will be limited.

ENTRIES: Must be made on the form below and reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Friday, May 31st. Entries open on Tuesday, April 9th. Part entry fee of £4.50 with entry plus £1.00 at gate £(5.50). Please enclose sae for reply.

MX RESULTS: Points awarded as follows:- 1st - 1 point; 2nd - 2 points and so on. Ties will be decided by the highest placings in the third leg. To be eligible for an overall position a competitor must take part in all three legs using the same machine and engine.

MARSHALS: Riders will be balloted to find the required number of marshals and will be notified before the meeting if their number is drawn. A rider unable to supply a marshal will not be permitted to ride.

PRACTICE and QUALIFYING HEATS: Between 12 noon on the day of the event. Competitors must complete at least one practice lap. No machine to be started before 11.45 am and no machine to be running in the pit box.

START: Elastic Gate or Flag.

NON-STARTERS: Anyone who enters for this event and does not compete must send a satisfactory reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary of the Meeting within seven days after the event. Verbal excuses will not be accepted.

Broadhembury Moto Cross Permit No. EO1260 June 16th 1985

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the General Competition Rules of the ACU. In consequence of the acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the ACU, and the ACU (including the owners or lessees of the land used for this 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.

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..... Licence No.....

Address

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

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

Passenger's address..... Pass. Sig.....

Please enter me for Events No. Racing No. preferred.....

Signature..... Date..... Phone No.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)My Status is Expert/Junior

Competitors will be required to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form and hold a current Competition Licence.

SUPER TRIKES

HAVE THEY THE SPARK TO CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION?

Since the advent of big time sport on T.V. we have become a Nation of armchair sportsmen. Content to 'spectate' from the comfort of our homes rather than brave the elements to watch it live.

Also with the explosion of myriad activities to occupy the casual spectator poor old motorcycle sport has taken a real nosedive in terms of spectator appeal. Only the really big events attract anything that could be called a crowd, and the more novel the event the better the 'punter' seems to like it. You've only to look at the Weston Beach race to see that. So what is the answer? Well I think trike racing or A.T.V. riding is definately worth a second look!

I know that it had a brief flirtation with World of Sport some months back, that perhaps is best forgotten, but the word on everyones lips at Weston was TRIKES.

The public at large are looking for something different to watch and Trikes may be just that something which catches the imagination and brings them back to the glamour and excitement of motorcycle racing.

Although in its infancy at present, you cannot tell me that the might of Japan has sunk millions of yen into production without a glimmer of attracting publicity for these interesting machines, and although the ACU cannot really make up its mind how to classify them yet, if they don't embrace the A.T.V.'s soon the AMCA surely will.

I don't know how many riders? drivers perhaps, there are Nationwide but it's growing every week and some notable riders are having big successes, not least of which is our own ex-grasstrack racer Neil Farnish.

If a club in the South West was to offer them an event, and T.S.W. could be persuaded to give it some T.V. coverage then I really think we could have a major spectator revival on our hands.

At present they are mainly used on MX circuits or sand races, but could they be grasstracked I wonder? giving this ailing sport a major shot in the arm. I think there would be a lot to be gained by getting in now while things are still relatively parochial and I'm sure in the West Country we have several entrepreneurs who could get things going in a big way.

FANCY HAVING A GO

Meanwhile if you feel like having a go the following information culled from several magazines may be of interest.

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Clothing requirements are the same as for motocross. You will need: approved helmet, goggles, gloves, approved race shirt, race pants and leather motocross boots. With careful buying you should be able to get yourself kitted out for under £150.

Join an ACU affiliated club and get a national motocross licence (£13). You will need a medical certificate from your doctor to apply for your licence.

Trikes are extremely hard wearing and with a little maintenance they will cost little in parts. Unlike most other forms of motorised sport a set of tyres will easily last you a whole season. You do not need flat-trak tyres but they do perform better on hard track and they too will last for a season. If you replace the rings and air filter a couple of times in a season the motor will last and a good quality oil helps. The only other machine expenses will be crash damage items such as: levers, handlebars, cables and in extreme cases plastic guards and the like.

SUPER TRIKES

FORTHCOMING CLOSED EVENTS

Club: SOMERTON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE & L.C.C.

Date: Saturday, 11th May, 1985

Type: Spring Sporting Scramble

Classes: Pre 65 invitation, Experts & Juniors.

Venue: Etsome Dairy Farm, Somerton, Somerset.

Start time: 2.30 pm.

Secretary: Mrs. S. Pattison. *Telephone:* Wincanton (0963) 33001.

Club: SOMERTON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE & L.C.C.

Date: Good Friday, April 5th 1985

Type: Grasstrack.

Classes: Junior Solo, Junior Sidecar, Expert Solo, Expert Sidecar,
up to 350cc Solo, Allcomers Solo.

Venue: Sharpham Park Farm, Walton, Near Street, Somerset.

Start time: 2.00 p.m.

Secretary: Mrs. S. Pattison. *Telephone:* Wincanton 33001.

Club: MORETONHAMPSTEAD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

Date: Easter Saturday, 6th April 1985.

Type: Trial.

Classes: Adults - Youth Solos only.

Venue: Howton Woods near Moretonhampstead.

Start time: 2 pm close at start.

Secretary: John Mitchell. *Telephone:* Colaton Raleigh 68084.

Club: OTTER VALE MOTOR CLUB

Date: Sunday, 14th April 1985.

Type: Trial.

Classes: Solo, Pre 65, Trail Bike, Sidecar, Youth Division all classes.

Venue: Moneyacre, Farway, near Honiton, Devon.

Start time: 11.00 am.

Secretary: Mrs. B. Pulman. *Telephone:* Honiton 41821.

Club: DARTMOUTH & DISTRICT M/C & L/C CLUB LTD

Date: April 21st

Type: Closed to Club Trial.

Classes: Adults - Youth.

Venue: Grattons Farm, Littlehempston, nr. Totnes.

Start time: 12.00 noon.

Secretary: Mrs. A. Life. *Telephone:* Totnes 862756.

FORTHCOMING CLOSED EVENTS

Club: TIVERTON MOTOR CYCLING CLUB

Date: April 21st.

Type: Pre 65 Trial Devon & Somerset.

Classes: Pre 65 only.

Venue: Nethercott Farm, Oakford, Bampton.

Start time: 11 am.

Secretary: S. Compton. *Telephone:* Bampton 31565.

Club: DEVONPORT & DISTRICT M.C.C. LTD

Date: Saturday, April 27th

Type: Saturday Series Trial.

Venue: To be announced.

Start time: 4.30 p.m.

Secretary: Mrs. K. Swann, 8, Townswell Close, Trematon, Saltash,
Cornwall. *Telephone:* Saltash 4886.

Club: YEO VALE MOTOR CYCLING CLUB LTD

Date: 4th May 1985

Type: Evening Timed Trial.

Venue: Weston Farm, East Chinnock, Yeovil.

Start time: 2.30 pm

Secretary: R. K. Harvey. *Telephone:* West Coker 3372.

Club: TORRIDGE & DISTRICT M.C.C.

Date: 2nd June 1985.

Type: Enduro Solo only.

Venue: Woodlands Estate, Tavistock.

Start time: 10 am

Secretary: Mrs. C. Higgins, 21 Oak Road, Bishopsmead, Tavistock.

Telephone: Tavistock 4065.

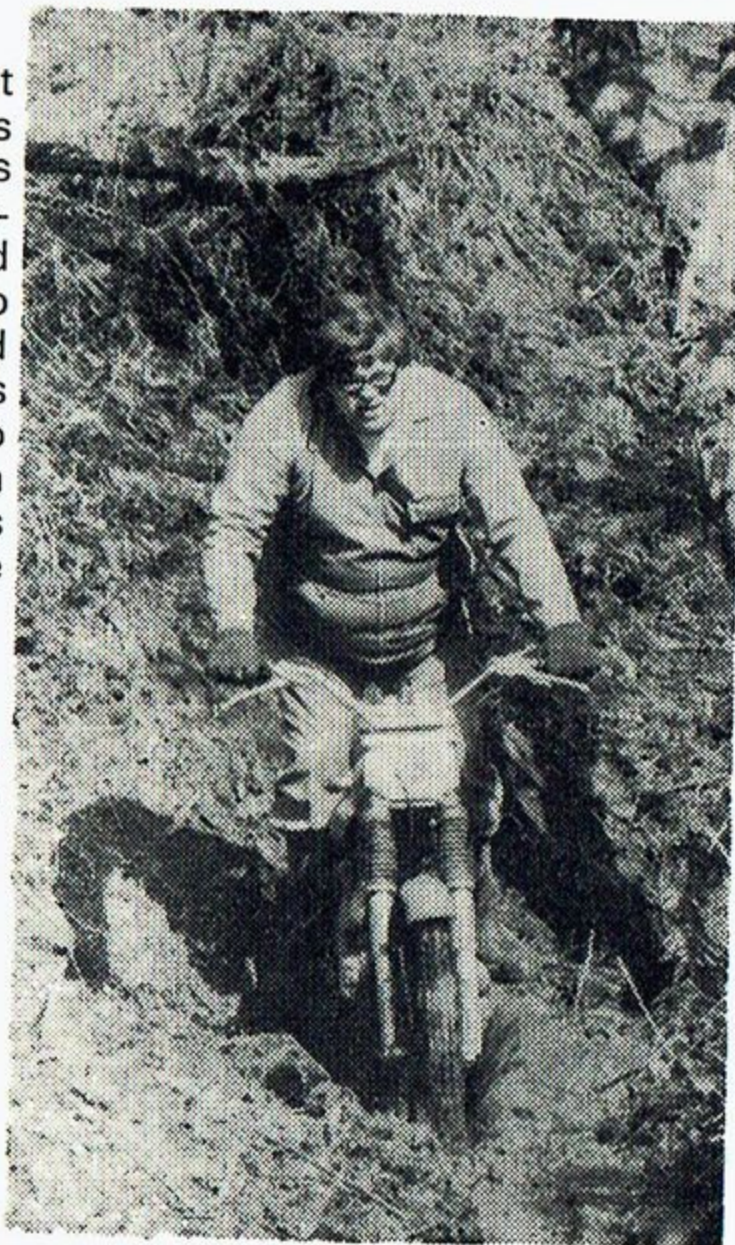
CLASSIC THREE DAYS AT EASTER

The big event this month, at least in PRE 65 circles is the Exmoor Classic Three days, held over the Easter holidays and masterminded by the Classic Trials Association.

The Trial which was inaugurated last year has established itself quickly as a Blue Ribbioned event following praise from Ralph Venables and Deryk Wyld, both well respected trials commentators.

Masterminded by Minehead restaurant owner Bob Davis ably assisted by entry's secretary Neil Arnold the organisation is very professional with temporary membership to Minehead football club included in the entry fee, this gives access to excellent social facilities for riders and spectators, secure parking for machines and power washing facilities are also provided. Results are compiled by a computer each evening with the results displayed at the start of each of the remaining two days.

The final placings will be worked out at the venue on the last day and the awards presented.

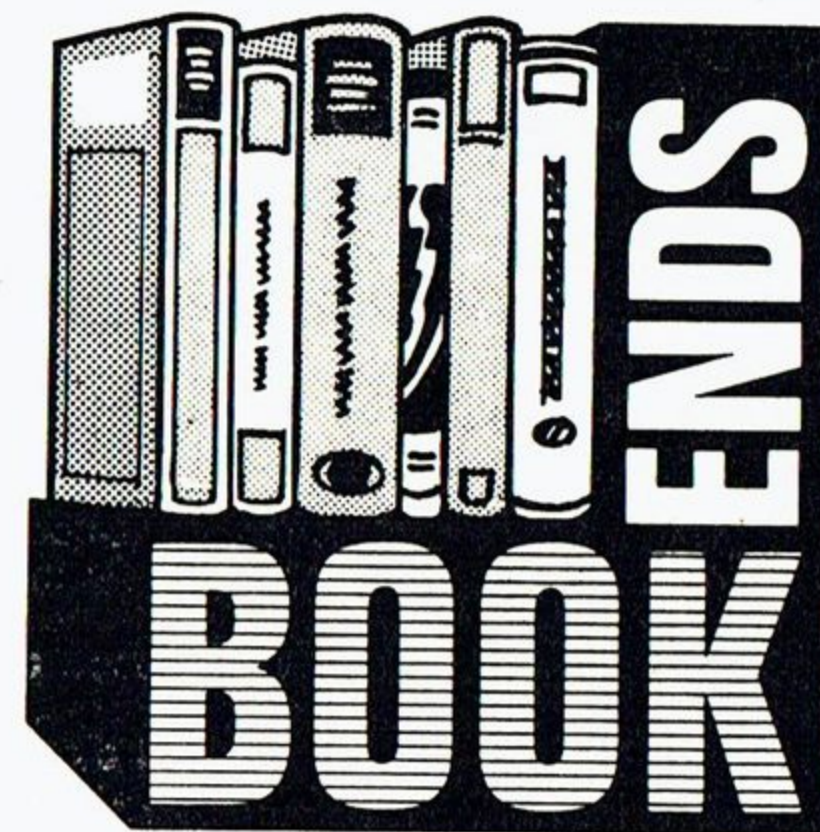


*The unforgettable Deryk Wyld
of T.M.X.*

Like all trials of this type, it will be good fun to ride in, and to spectate at, and the club would welcome volunteers for observing. With some top class PRE 65 riders from Yorkshire, the Midlands and the South East, plus our own local favourites it promises to be a feast of fourstroke frolics.

Venues are as follows:

- Day 1 Saturday, April 6th - Roebuck Farm - Crowcombe off A358 Taunton to Minehead road. Start at 2.00 pm.
- Day 2 Sunday, April 7th - Shalla Ford Farm - Barbrook - Nr. Lynton - Start at 11.00 am.
- Day 3 Monday, April 8th - Blagdon Hill Farm - Nr. Brompton Regis - Start at 10.30 am.



THE ROLLS-ROYCE OF MOTORCYCLES

Here is a book which someone had to write, the story of the most distinguished marque in motorcycling history. The author has had the great good fortune to have the official co-operation of the Brough Works and of the late George Brough himself. He has had personal knowledge of Brough machines since the day when, as a very young and impecunious engineer, he spent his savings on an overhead 680. Today he has a brace of very fine side-valve thousands.

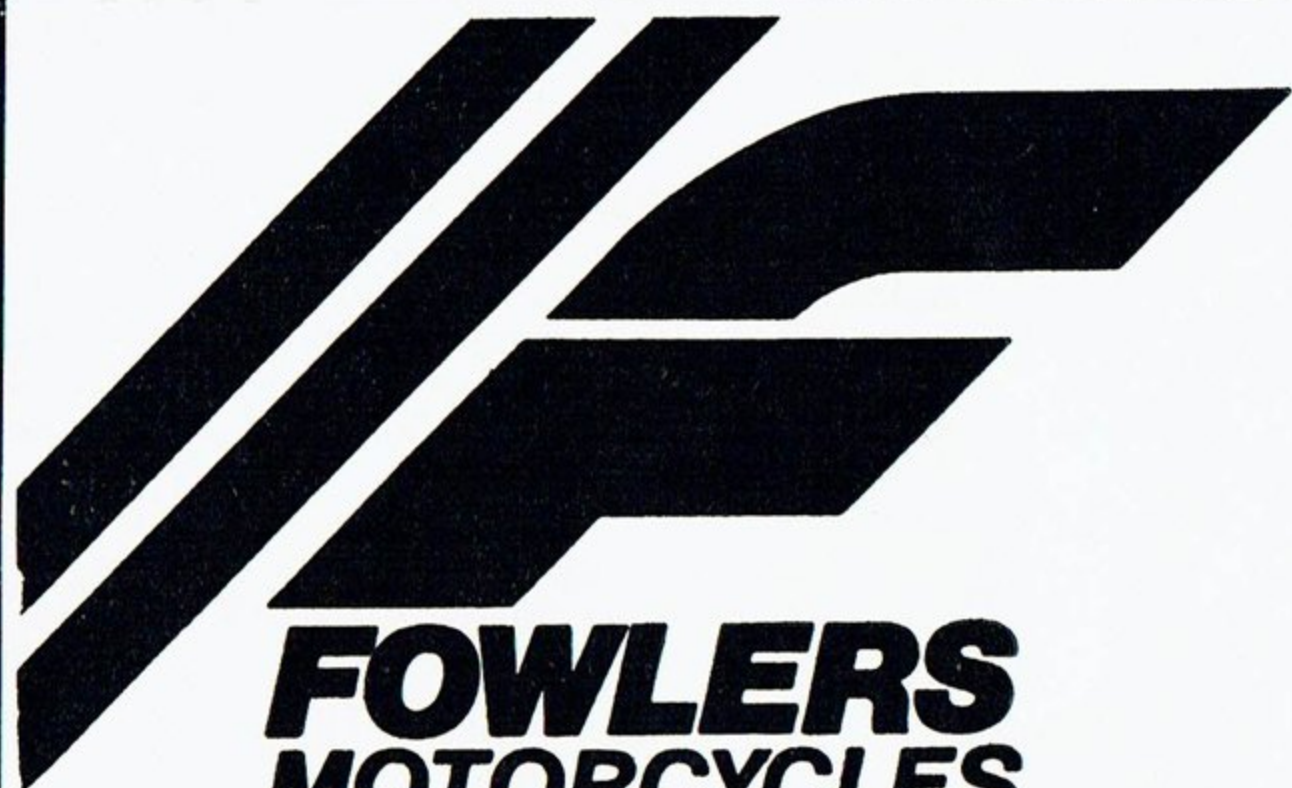
This book, is a scholarly piece of engineering history and gives a clear picture of the design and development of quality motor cycles in the twenties and thirties.

The development of the Brough Superior and its racing and trials career were inseparable and this aspect of "Brough History" right up to the last attempt on the World's Speed Record in 1960 forms a substantial part of the text.



The most celebrated owner of Brough Superiors, was, perhaps, T. E. Lawrence and there are references to his friendship and correspondence with George Brough and some interesting extracts from the British Legion Journal, later included in The Mint. There are 99 illustrations, 192 pages of text, and 8 appendices covering patents, dimensions and power curves of engines, the more important successes, and the text of two motorcycle instruction books.

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GUESS THE RIDER COMPETITION?

The February picture foxed everyone, or at least no correct entries were received, the answers are: West of England open to centre trial 1935.

The hotel which lent its ground was the Manor House Hotel, drivers were Dennis Mansell and Harold Tozer both on Nortons, and the man with the golf club was Freddie Hawkin.

March competition. Once again, not many entries but that man Mike Thyer does it again the answers being: Taunton club team 1966 Centre Team Trial at South Molton, Steven Haworth 250 Greeves, Dave Chick 199 Triumph. Dave Munt, Cotton, and Bill Bartnell 250 Greeves. Mike goes on to say that Dave Chicks bike was a Lee Thomas special!

Bill Hartnell sent in the pic, so if Mike and Bill get together, the £5 can change hands.

This months photo is from Ralph Venables and we would like to know:

1. The name of the rider;
2. The bike;
3. The event and date.



SOMERTON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE AND LIGHT CAR CLUB

The Club is certainly getting busy with three trials coming during April.

The first is being held on Saturday, 13th April, Closed to Club Timed Trial, open to Experts, Non-experts, Novices and Schoolboys A Class, with classes for trail and scramble machines.

The following Saturday, 20th, it is an Open to Centre, regs being in the March Gazette. Open to Schoolboys, Novices, Veteran, Pre-65 and Trial solos only.

The third will be held on Saturday, 27th, Closed to Club for Schoolboys and Novices only and will be held at Etsome Farm, Somerton.

Entries for Juniors at our May 12th Scramble are full but entries are available for the Closed to Club scramble to be held the day before (11th).

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The March 'Guess the Rider' competition brought a few Taunton clubmen up with a jolt - what a fine display of well maintained machinery!, with the counties of Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Wiltshire represented on the registration plates. No prizes for guessing who was the rugby player in the picture!

Watch out for the venue for our May 5th Closed trial. This in the schedule for a bit of nostalgia. Not only do we propose a conducted event for those who cannot use the tarmac, but for those lucky lads who can tax the bike for a month and use some of the very cheap 'new deal' trials insurance come and have a ride in an 'old style' trial on a good long lap with plenty of green lanes and some sections just to keep you on your metal. We expect to see a good entry of those over 40 and you can come with the bike in the shed - no need to do a deal on some upgraded machinery for this trial - as it will be just like the Edwards Trial was in the late 60's! This of course is part of the Club's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Watch the press for venue.

With great sadness we report the death of our Chairman's father, who passed away only a few days after his wife. We extend our sympathy to George's family in their sad loss.

D.C.

DARTMOUTH & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB

I am very pleased to report a successful Dinner and Dance. The change of venue seems to have been much appreciated. The meal was good and most who attended had a go on the dance floor. It was good to see friends from Devenport and West of England clubs joining us for the evening, also the riders who collected their awards, which were presented by our Junior Team Manager, Jack Nicholls.

It looks like the Centre Dinner will be our next excuse for a knees-up. Hope to see you there.

Subs are overdue! £3.25 to P. M. Trott, Robricia, Denup Road, Totnes.

Details of our next closed to club trial are in this Gazette.

The scramble season is about to take off. I would like to wish our Junior League Team members: David Williams, Ray Hooper, Gary Down and Simon Johnson, all the very best and trust their band of supporters will be around with all the help and encouragement they deserve.

Pat

WEST OF ENGLAND MOTOR CLUB

IMPORTANT—Change of venue

Owing to circumstances beyond our control we are forced to change the venue of our Good Friday Trial to Bottor Rock Farm, Hennock.. The route to this event will be signposted from Chudleigh Knighton Heath on the Bovey Tracey Road. The start time will be 11 a.m. We are also pleased to announce that we shall be catering for schoolboys at this event as a result of the many requests we received for this facility last year.

At the time of these notes going to press we are still awaiting confirmation of the rearranged date for the Patchquick Motocross, this will be advised in the national and local press just as soon as it is known.

We should like to express our very grateful thanks to the many people who helped us get the course ready for this event, we would also extend our apologies to those of you who travelled to the event only to find that we had been forced to postpone. This was due to a freak rainstorm in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The Easter Monday Moto Cross will still be held at Whiteway Barton as previously advertised.

L.K.

Typed by Matthew Kitto (aged 11)



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BROADHEMBURY & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

Firstly, my apologies for the lack of notes last month but we had a very quiet time and there was nothing much to write about. However all that soon changed, with two events within a fortnight of each other.

Firstly we had the Enduro, which took place despite the bitter cold weather and frozen ground. Fortunately we were able to transfer the start and finish area to lower ground which kept us out of the wind, and luckily very few riders were hurt falling on the frozen ground. Our grateful thanks to everyone who braved the cold to help out on the day, especially the Higgins family, who have given us their time and expertise manning the stop watches on the special test every year. Thanks to the Landowners and to Philip and Paul and their helpers, for all the hard work put in weeks beforehand to get the course ready. The event was again a success and we hope we can repeat it next year.

Two weeks later we ran our Championship Trial in the same area on Smeatharpe Aerodrome and again thanks to the observers. The weather was a little kinder to us (the ground had at least thawed out,) but there was still a very cold wind blowing. Overnight rain made the sections very slippery but by all accounts most riders enjoyed the event.

Our next trial will be a closed to club event and will take place at the Scramble course at Wrangway, nr. Wellington, on Saturday, May 11th. The event will get under way at 2.30 p.m. All classes will be catered for. Anyone who can give a hand marking out the sections would be most welcome. Please ring Rowland Steele on Tiverton 820981.

Good luck for the coming season to our Junior League Team of Nick Gill, Sean Slade, Kevin Winter and Jonathan Wynn. The first round is set at the West of England event on Easter Monday.

Congratulations to Philip and Ilene Hodges on the birth of a daughter, born just one week before the Enduro.

Greta

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TIVERTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB

There were some major changes at February's A.G.M., the Club is in the process of changing to a Limited company to safeguard the officials and committee in the event of claim, beyond the Club or individuals assets.

The name has also been changed, to 'Tiverton Motorcycle Club', the inclusion of the word motorcycle is to reflect the amount of 'bike activities compared to car events. However the Club will continue to run treasure hunts and other four wheeled ventures.

The committee stay largely as before, but we welcome three new members, moto cross riders Andy Parr and Alan Payne and pre-65 trials rider Brian Rowlands. The addition of two extra moto cross enthusiasts to the committee helps the overall balance, and the MX side is now very strong, a welcome move and we wish them success with the two scrambles we intend to run this year.

The Dinner Dance on March 8th was very well attended with about 125 people present. A large contingent from Taunton and Exmoor Clubs helped swell the numbers and helped the evening go with a swing. Our thanks to Adrian Ackland for proposing a toast to the Club, and to his wife Gladys for presenting all the awards.

The Twyford cup trial held on March 10th was well supported and the challenging course drew praise from several of the competitors. Tim Martyn and Ian Baker tied on 17 marks lost with the verdict going to Tim on the greater number of cleans. The sidecar class was won by Kevin and Julian Delbridge from Charlie Shopland and Nick Simpson, it was good to see John Holt and Terry Millard, both ex-grasstrack stars competing in the sidecar class, let's hope we see them again at our trials.

Finally, our Scramble is now on May 6th at Cadleigh and a good entry is building up, and at the end of May our grasstrack on the 27th will again be held at Brendon Hill Farm, near Watchet, courtesy of Mr. Scott.

Our April pre-65 trial at Nethercott Farm is on the 21st at 11 o'clock and we would welcome any observers to help control the old bangers!

Trevor & Suzie

EXMOOR MOTOR CLUB

After an enjoyable trial at Broford farm with a good entry including 23 pre-65's and 5 sidecars. Our next trial is the OTC on April 7th, which will be at Nurcott farm, Luxborough. It will be held entirely on private land with an 11 o'clock start. Marshalls will be most welcome as at all trials.

The following day, April 8th, Exmoor M.C. will host it's section of the Classic Trials Associations, Three Day Trial at Lee Farm, Blagdon.

To finish this month on a sorry note, Exmoor M.C. will not be holding it's scramble on May 6th.

T. Townsend

MORETONHAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

We have had two events since my last notes. First of all our February Open to Centre Trial which was held at Drewson Woods in perfect weather and was enjoyed by all the sixty odd starters. I know the trial finished early, but I think this was because the sections went with a swing, but no section was cleaned by more than about ten riders and only three managed to keep under fifty marks. The winner was Tim Martyn with a good ride, followed by Ian Baker. The best non-expert was C. Wells and best novice Tim Life.

On Friday evening we held our Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Awards. There was very little change in the Officials for 1985 and the Club was able to pass over a good working balance for the coming year, thanks to the good stewardship of the Committee and Officers. We rounded off the evening with refreshments thanks to the ladies and sat down to a video show provided by Brian Higgins, which was much enjoyed by some forty members. If any club wants to put on a good show of motor-cycle events I recommend that they get in touch with Brian.

Our next event is a closed to club trial at Beetor on Easter Saturday afternoon for adults and schoolboys.

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CREDITON MOTOR CLUB

Our open to centre trial on April 28th is to be held at Lower Ashton Mill and starts at 11.00 a.m. Included are Solo Sidecars and Schoolboys, and will count towards the Championship. Mrs Mackie on Crediton 2660 is the Secretary to contact.

We had a very pleasant evening at the Newton St. Cyres Social Club playing skittles. Unfortunately we lost but it was a close thing, only four pins in it.

Our Chairman, Bob Melliush and committee member John Born, have entered the London Marathon this year. We wish them luck. There are in fact 8 past and present members of Crediton Club running in the race. We wish them all good luck. It must prove how fit our members are.

Good luck also to our Junior League team for 1985. We didn't do very well last year but we shall be trying again this year.

Sylvia

DEVONPORT & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LIMITED

We begin with an apology for any inconvenience, upset or whatever you call it when you get things wrong, over our Presentation Evening. As most of you will now know, it was postponed as far as the Presentations were concerned because it coincided with the Moretonhampstead A.G.M. and Presentation Evening, which we know is a 'good do'. I'm sure you all enjoyed yourselves there!

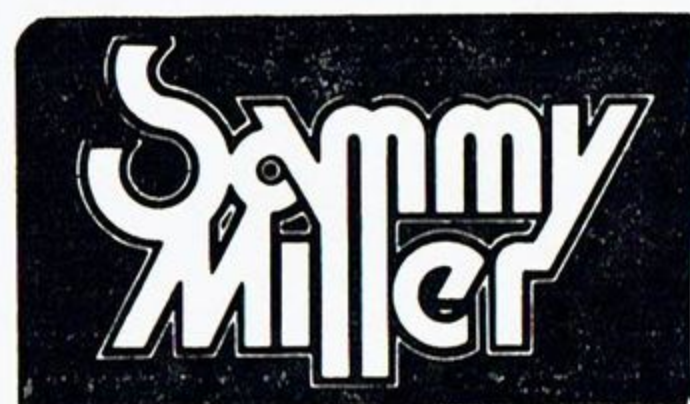
However, we have been fortunate enough to persuade Mick Andrews (yes, 'the') to come down and run a Trials School on June 1st and 2nd, and he has kindly agreed to attend and present the Trophies at Plymouth Argam Rugby Club on Saturday, June 1st. So, although it may be a long wait, we hope you'll think it will be worth it with Mick doing the honours. Many thanks to Colin Sydenham for the 'inspired' thinking and to Ruff for the social arrangements. We would like to wish our Club member, Alan Puckrose, lots of luck in his attempts at this year's Scottish.

Our next event is the Closed to Club, including Youth on Saturday, 27th April. This Series will be run on the same lines as last year, i.e. A series of 5 Saturday evening Trials, more fun than hard work, the best 4 results to count towards the Trophies - Consistency is the name of the game.

We require 'working parties' for our Scramble track at Lewdown on Good Friday (11 a.m.) and April 20th (2 p.m.). The track has been re-vamped, and is now longer, faster and has three new jumps, which we are sure will delight riders and spectators alike, but there is quite a lot of tidying up to do, and the course will have to be 'tested'. Check these dates in view of the new scramble date, see regs.

We also still have about a dozen seats left for the trip to Switzerland for the 500c.c. Swiss Moto Cross Grand Prix on August 25th. The coach leaves Plymouth at 6.00 p.m. Friday, 23rd and returns on Tuesday, 27th at approx. 11 a.m. Tickets are £110 each which includes two nights hotel accommodation with Continental breakfast. For further details phone 'Ruff' Dodderidge on Plymouth 872060.

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OTTER VALE MOTOR CLUB

No events have been held to report on this month but there are two forthcoming. The first is the Inter-Club Team Trial to be held on Sunday, 17th March, for the first time ever since this event was run the Club cannot enter an expert team. A team was chosen, but owing to rider departure from the district, another no machine arrived on time, another riding for a different club, left us with one rider, so no team, but we did manage to put in a Non-Expert team.

The next big event is the Youth National Trial on the 24th March, report of this in next months issue.

April is the start of our Scramble season, with the first one at Wingate Hill on Sunday, 28th April. This will include a round of the 'Haynes Fourstroke Championship', plus all the other races.

The next closed to club trial is on Sunday, 14th April, this will include Pre-65's, Sidecars and Schoolboys. The venue for this trial is Monyacre Corner, Farway.

This trial for the pre-65 bikes is a round of the South West Classic Trials Association Championship, so a good entry should be forthcoming.

While on the subject of pre-65 machines, I have been given information that Dick Comer is acquiring a machine to ride in the pre-65 trial in Scotland that will take place on the Saturday previous to the start of the Six Days, on the Monday. Good luck to all the riders from the South West who I understand have all received entry into the event. I shall be there to watch you and comment.

Jim Courtney

TORRIDGE & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB


So the Patchquick did not occur. The season starts with this event and I sympathise with all would-be entrants, it was disappointing enough for us to travel across Devon to find it cancelled. Our entertainment for the day was watching a few sail-board enthusiasts braving the grey waters off of Paington water front. I hear that there was a bit of role reversal with a few husbands being dragged around Trago Mills instead of the wife following her spouse around the track.

We start the trialing year off this month with a closed to club trial at Littory Down, Chillaton, Near Tavistock on Easter Monday at 11 a.m. This is the first round of the Si Higgins Aggregate Cup, which is held by Brian Higgins, however this year the cup will be decided over six rounds instead of three as in 1984. The award is given to the rider who rides all six events and loses the least amount of marks.

By the time you read these notes our team of Andy Evenden, Ricky Forte, Nigel Hayes and Alan Pearce will have ridden the team trial. Finally this month, congratulations to Nigel Hayes on his ride in the Broadhembury Enduro - not only a silver award, but still having the use of both arms.

Report on the Supercross next month.

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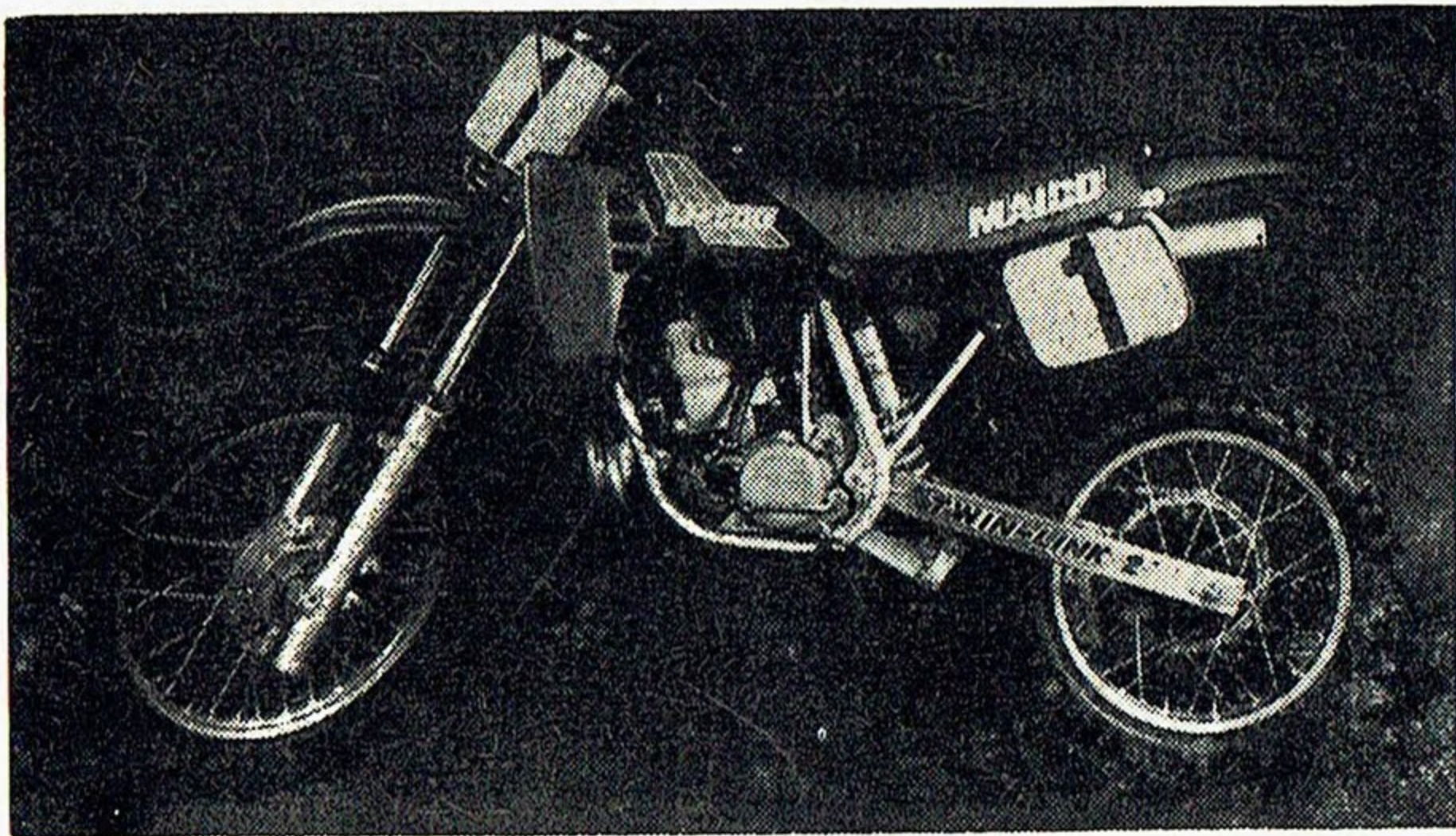
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