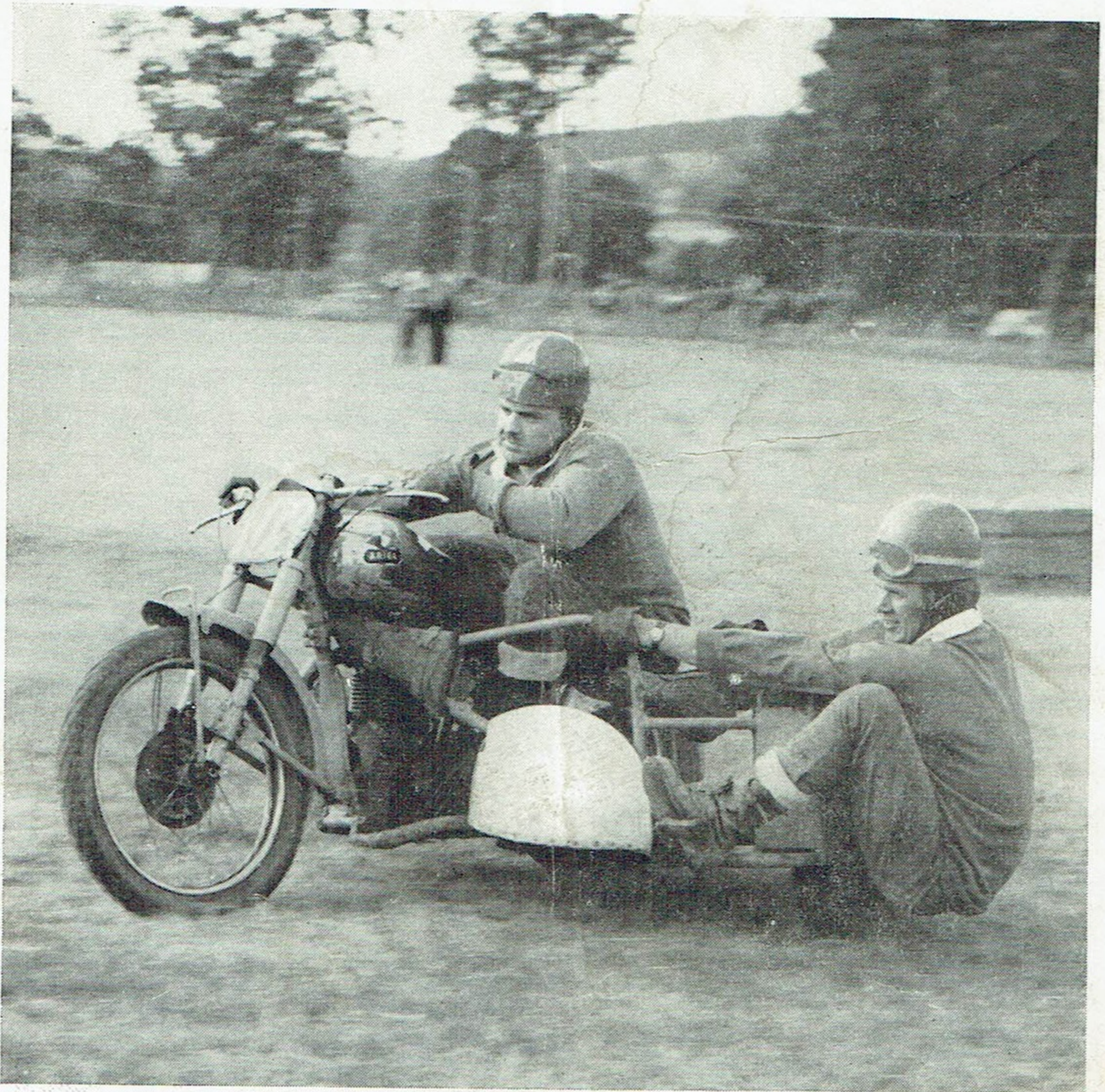


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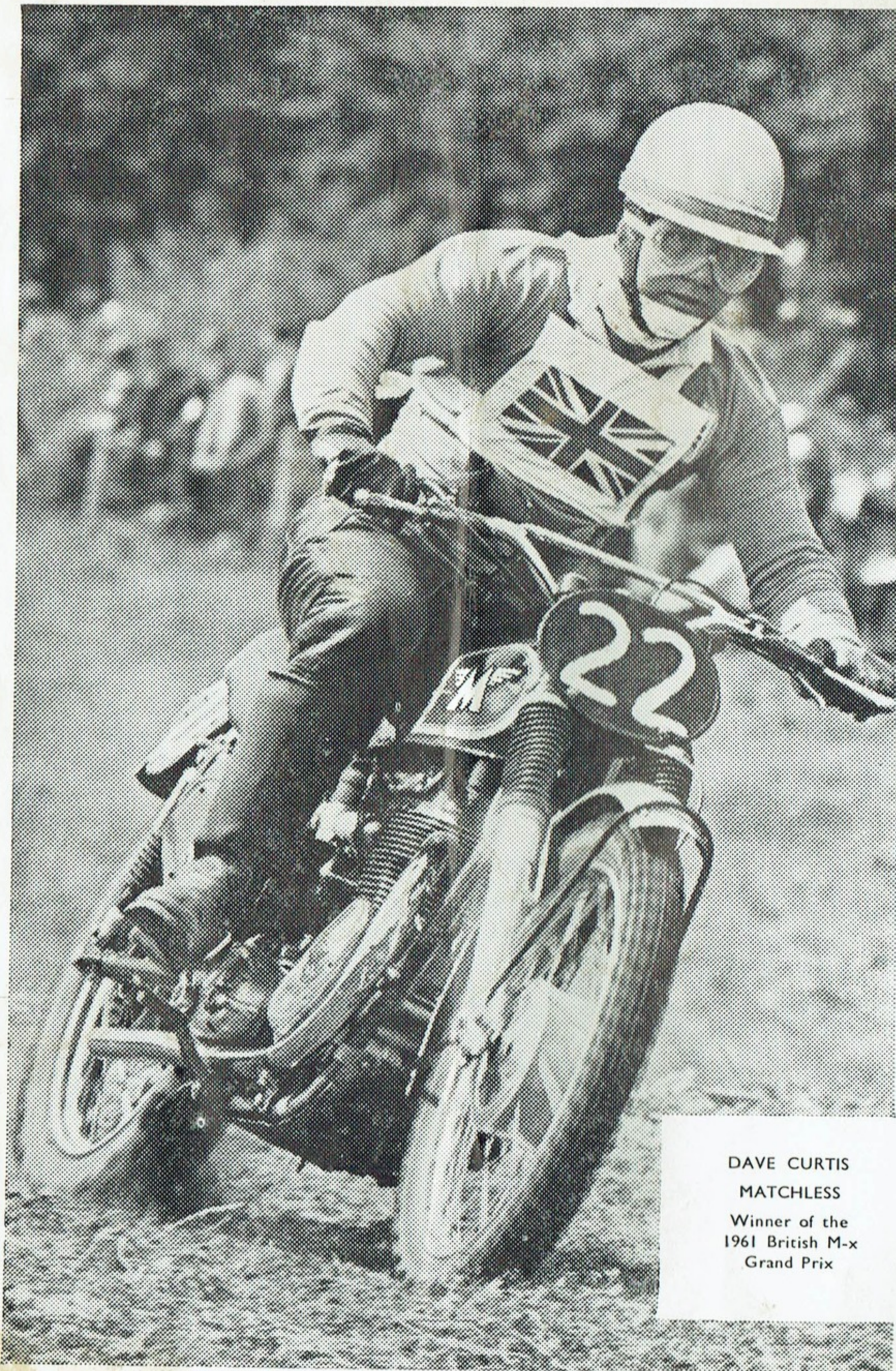


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Gerry Wheeler with Chairman Reg Granville, who, with others, has helped to keep the Grass Track flying in the South West.





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## THE DEVONPORT & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

### THE CLEARBROOK SCRAMBLE

Sunday, 20th May, 1962, at 3 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 534A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—W. J. Baker; Club Stewards—R. Smith and H. E. McSweeney; Clerk of the Course—J. W. Bolt; Secretary of the Meeting—I. A. Pridham, 40 Coombe Park Lane, West Park, Plymouth, Devon.

**JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all fully paid-up members of the South West Centre Clubs riding solo machines.

**VENUE:** Clearbrook, nr. Yelverton. Course will be marked from Cadover Bridge and the A.A. Box on Roborough Down.

**METHOD OF START:** Engine running, left hand on helmet, at the drop of the flag, engage gear and off.

**MACHINES:** Any fuel and tyres may be used. Front number plates, mascots, etc., to be removed. Two efficient brakes and self-closing throttles, clutch and brake levers to be fitted with metal ball ends of not less than three-quarter inch diameter. Each machine must be fitted with number plates not less than ten inches in diameter, one facing forward and one on each side of the rear wheel. Black with white numbers as allocated on the acceptance card.

**CLOTHING:** A.C.U. approved helmets and clothing must be worn.

**PRACTISING** will be permitted from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. on the day of the event. Each Competitor must complete one lap.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the attached form and sent together with the entry fee of five shillings (to cover part of insurance), to the Secretary of the Meeting, not later than Tuesday, 15th May, 1962. The entry will be limited to sixty entries.

**ABANDONMENT:** The Club reserves the right to cancel or postpone the event or any class in it if circumstances make it necessary.

EVENTS and AWARDS:		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th.
1.	Up to 250 c.c. ... ..	£4	£3	£2	£1	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-	—	—
2.	Up to 350 c.c. ... ..	90/-	70/-	50/-	30/-	15/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	5/-	—
3.	Over 300 c.c. ... ..	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	£1	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
4.	Class Capacity ... ..	£3	£2	£1	10/- in each capacity — — — — —						
5.	Non-Winners ... ..	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	—	—	—
6.	Open ... ..	70/-	50/-	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-	—	—

### DEVONPORT SCRAMBLE

20th May, 1962

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.

*It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name.....

Address.....

..... Club .....

Machine .....c.c..... Passenger .....

Team.....

Signature ..... Date ..... Phone .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

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### DEVONPORT M.C.C.

We can now look back on a very successful evening at Lewtrenchard, and once again from all who attended our warm appreciation to Bill Tucker, who organised the affair. As for the "Gifts," given to each one present, they certainly surprised the receivers. What can you do with a sheet of pins? Yes, things could be dodgy.

We must also thank Bill for the mystery run, which eventually finished at Lewtrenchard, with a cream tea. Eleven vehicles were on the tour, the largest for some time.

The Castrol and Woodywoodpecker Film Show had very interesting incidents, and a high standard of colour was seen in the former. There was a good crowd of members and friends at this "do."

Next, to the Novice and Invitation Trial, held in the Pail Bridge area, which was enjoyed by all the competitors, although one of the riders exclaimed there would not be a class for the over 40 again as there would be no survivors from this year's event. Everyone was pleased that Bill was able to complete the course, especially after he had put ferns in his front wheel when the valve came away from the tube. Jim Davey must have felt like kicking the bike, which was causing trouble all the afternoon. The entry was an excellent one, being 7 Standard, 32 Competition, 3 Army, and 8 over 40. We must thank Ted Bolt, Ivan Pridham and company, for a Trial which had the Twist in it (name of last section), and from all those experts who lent their beloved machinery to the bods without bikes; ta very much.

Congratulations to Ivan Pridham on winning the Moreton Trial, and to the rest of the lads who keep the flag flying for Devonport.

Must mention that the comic callers we have for tombola evenings seem to draw a good attendance of members and increases the winnings, because no one knows what the chap with the numbers is going to say next, which can be amusing, as a result, the laughter ensuing stops play.

HAPPY-LAD.



## MORETONHAMPSTEAD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

### LANGAFORD SCRAMBLE

Sunday, 27th May, 1962, at 3 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 527A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—J. A. Davey; Club Stewards—W. Dodd and F. W. Atkinson; Clerk of the Course—R. S. Windeat; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. M. B. Windeat, New Mill Cottage, North Bovey. Phone Moretonhampstead 250.

**JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations Open to the members of the S.W. Centre riding solo machines.

**VENUE:** LANGSFORD, off the B3212 Princetown to Moretonhampstead road, approximately four miles from Moretonhampstead. First turning to the right after passing Beetor Cross Filling Station.

**METHOD OF START:** Hand on helmet.

**MACHINES:** Each machine must be fitted with three black discs, not less than ten inches in diameter with numbers painted white, one facing forward and one on each side of the machine. Front number plates, lamps and mascots must be removed. Two efficient brakes one on each wheel, are compulsory. Self-closing throttles and ball ended clutch and brake levers are compulsory.

**CLOTHING:** Must comply with A.C.U. Regulations.

**PRACTISING:** Will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the day of the meeting only. Each rider must complete one lap.

**ENTRIES:** Must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Tuesday, 22nd May, 1962. Entrance Fee of 5/- to cover part cost of Insurance and MUST BE SENT WITH THE ENTRY FORM. Late entries will not be accepted.

**ABANDONMENT:** The Club reserves the right to cancel, postpone or alter part or the whole of this meeting if circumstances make it necessary.

**PROTESTS:** In accordance with the A.C.U. Rules.

**FUEL:** Any fuel may be used.

EVENTS and AWARDS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
1. Unlimited—Juniors ... ..	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
2. Unlimited—Experts and Invitation	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
3. Up to 250 c.c.—Open ... ..	£4	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
4. Over 300 c.c.—Open ... ..	£4	£3	£2	£1	15/-	15/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
5. Up to 250 c.c.—Juniors ... ..	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
6. Free for all ... ..	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-

### MORTONHAMPSTEAD SCRAMBLE

27th May, 1962

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.

*It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name .....

Address .....

..... Club .....

Machine ..... c.c. .... Passenger .....

Team .....

Signature ..... Date ..... Phone .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21) ..... My status is Expert/Junior

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### OTTER VALE M.C.

First, an apology must be made for the absence of notes in last month's issue, and I hope that this does not occur in the future.

The first Scramble of the season will be over when these notes are read, so we should like to thank the Chard Motor Club, who kindly lent us their course when we could not use our own at Wiscombe Park. The next gate-paying event will be on Whit Monday, and for the first time for three years we are holding a Grass Track Meeting for both solos and sidecars. By kind permission of our old friend, Mr. R. Vinnicombe, the track will be on his farm at Taleford, Fairmile.

The Bowd Trophy Trial has taken place and was won by Sid Shortridge. We must congratulate the younger and recently elected members of our committee in helping the clerks of the course to make this a very successful and well organised event.

A skittle match arranged against the staff of the Devon County Council was held at the Horse and Groom, Sidmouth. A very good evening was enjoyed by all, and the Club lost by a few pins. The next match is against the "pub's" team at the end of April.

A social event is to be run in May for all car and motor cycle members.

Looking through the result sheets I see that our riders have been doing very well recently. In the last Tiverton Trial Sid Shortridge won the 250 c.c. award and Raymond Baker was the best Club member.

Peter Nankiville, our newcomer to Trials, is making a rapid rise to success. First he won a novice award, then a second-class, next the non-expert award in the Inter-Club Team Trial, and now a first-class. All this he has achieved in the last six months, so good luck for the future, Peter.

Raymond Baker has just acquired a 1962 Moto-Cross Greeves, and his last year's model has been handed over to his brother. Two more of our members, the Thorn brothers, are both riding Greeves Scramblers this season and are doing very well.

JEANNETTE COURTNEY.



## EXMOUTH MOTOR CLUB

OPEN-TO-CENTRE SCRAMBLE—DINNISDENE FARM, EXMOUTH

Sunday, 3rd June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 536A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—P. A. Butler; Club Stewards—A. Sedgmore and H. Smith; Clerk of the Course—A. Smith; Secretary of the Meeting—W. Surridge, 32 Pound Lane, Exmouth.

EVENTS and AWARDS:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1. Junior Riders ...	70/-	50/-	30/-	£1	£1	10/-	10/-	7/6	5/-	5/-
2. Unlimited—Open ...	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	15/-	10/-	7/6	5/-	5/-
3. Up to 350 c.c. ...	£4	£3	£2	£1	15/-	10/-	7/6	5/-	5/-	—
4. Unlimited—Open. Beals Agg.	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	15/-	10/-	7/6	5/-	5/-
5. Up to 350 c.c. ...	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	10/-	5/-	5/-	—	—
6. Experts' Invitation ...	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	£1	10/-	10/-	—	—

**PLEASE NOTE:** Junior Riders as per Centre List. The number of entries will be limited to sixty.

PLEASE ENTER EARLY

**JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. together with these Supplementary Regulations.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to Members of all-Clubs in the South West Centre of the A.C.U.

**PRACTISING:** Allowed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. All Competitors must complete one practise lap.

**ENTRIES:** 5/- Entry Fee. Must be made on the standard entry form and sent to W. Surridge, not later than **Saturday, 26th May, 1962.**

**START:** Hand on Helmet.

**MACHINES** must be fitted with a number board facing forward and two number boards in the rear, one on either side, measuring not less than ten inches in diameter. Headlamps, restriction plates, mascots, etc., must be removed. Two efficient and independently operated brakes must be fitted, one to each wheel. Self-closing throttles and ball-ended clutch and brake levers are compulsory.

**NUMBERS** will be allocated upon receipt of entry. Please state a preference on the entry form and, if possible, this will be granted. The regulations regarding the size and legibility of numbers on each machine will be rigidly enforced.

**FUEL and TYRES:** Any fuel and tyres may be used but no extra aid to wheel-grip, such as studs, spikes, etc., will be allowed.

**CLOTHING:** A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing, comprising of jacket or A.C.U. approved Jersey, gloves and breeches must be worn and leather knee boots.

**COURSE:** Each lap measures about a mile and consists of undulating grassland with steep drops and climbs.

**VENUE:** Dennisdene Farm, Hulham, Exmouth, Devon. Route will be signed from Exeter Road (A377), Budleigh Salterton Road (A376) and Pine Ridge, Woodbury Common (B179).

**ABANDONMENT:** The Club reserves the right to postpone or abandon this Meeting or any class in it if circumstances should make it necessary.

### EXMOUTH SCRAMBLE

3rd June, 1962

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

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Name.....

Address.....

.....Club.....

Machine.....c.c.....Passenger.....

Team.....

Signature.....Date.....Phone.....

Signature of parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

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### DARTMOUTH M.C.

The main event to report this month is the Jumble Sale, which was held on the 6th April. This went off very well and, although we did not have so much jumble as last year, financially it was very good.

The next event to report is the Ladies v. Gent's Skittles Match, held on Saturday, 14th April, at the Plymouth Inn, Totnes. The thirty-three members who turned up for this event made a nice crowd. To use up all the proceeds of a draw we had ten prizes. We had time for three matches and everyone enjoyed this kind of social evening.

Future Events :—

5th May, Saturday. A working party will be out at our Scramble course to start getting the course ready for our Scramble. 2.30 p.m. onwards.

12th May, Saturday. Working party for the Scramble course again. From 10.30 a.m. onwards. Help wanted!

13th May, Scramble Day. Help wanted for marshal and gate steward duties, and, if you wish to give your help, please be by the refreshment hut by 1.15 p.m. I mean YOU! Help will be needed this morning, and so you should get out there as soon as possible after 10 a.m.

19th May, Saturday. We will be holding a **Social Evening** at the Higher Westonfields Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. A member may bring his wife or girl friend and TWO friends. Admission 1/6. Bar applied for.

Congratulations to Iris and Jack Langmead to the birth of a son on the 5th of April. Best wishes from all.

See you at our Scramble, I hope!

A. ROSENBERG.



## THE TIVERTON MOTOR CLUB

### GRASS TRACK MEETING AT TIVERTON

Saturday, 9th June, 1962, at 6.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 538A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—E. V. Beach; Club Stewards—J. Bray and D. May; Clerk of the Course—W. Martin; Secretary of the Meeting—L. T. G. Sawyer, Square Close, Stoodleigh, Tiverton, Devon. Phone No. Oakford 220.

**ANNOUNCEMENT and JURISDICTION:** Tiverton Motor Club will hold an Open-to-Centre Grass Track Meeting for Solo and Sidecar Motor Cycles on Saturday, 9th June, 1962. This event is open to all paid-up Members of all Clubs in the South West Centre A.C.U. and is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the entry form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, with the entry fee of five shillings, not later than **Monday, 4th June, 1962.**

- EVENTS:**
1. Up to 350 c.c. Solo.
  2. Up to 500 c.c. Solo.
  3. Unlimited c.c. Solo.
  4. Sidecar, Unlimited c.c.
  5. Sidecar, Open.
  6. Sidecar, Handicap.
  7. Eight Fastest Riders, Solo.

**AWARDS:** Cash Awards will be given on a Points basis, 5/- a point, 3 points a win, 2 points a 2nd and 1 point a 3rd in all heats. 4 points a win, 3 points a 2nd, 2 points a 3rd and 1 point a 4th in all Finals. Sidecars 5/- per point each for Rider and Passenger.

**VENUE:** Coronation Field, Bolham Road, Tiverton, Devon. Half a mile from Tiverton Town.

**MACHINES and CLOTHING:** These must comply with the A.C.U. Regulations and will be inspected by the Machine Examiner before the start. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Clutch and brake levers must be metal ball-ended, not less than three-quarter inch diameter.

**PRACTISING** will be allowed between 5.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on the day. All Competitors must complete one lap.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The Organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone any Class or the Meeting itself if circumstances arise which in their opinion renders this action desirable, subject to the approval of the Steward. Only in the event of the abandonment of the Meeting will entry fees be returned. The Promoters reserve the right of refusing any entry without giving reason, subject to the Competition Rules concerned.

Speedway riders must have their Promoter's permission.

Solos ride Anti-clockwise and Sidecars Clockwise.

### TIVERTON GRASS TRACK

9th June, 1962

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

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Name.....

Address.....

..... Club .....

Machine .....c.c.....Passenger .....

Team.....

Signature ..... Date ..... Phone .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

**Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.**

## Secretaries Please Note !

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### WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

In our April notes we made a few comments on the Inter-Centre Team Trial, but we did expect to find it fully covered in the Centre pages, and were rather disappointed that it only got an inch of type, plus the results. It was not a very happy day for the South West from the riding angle, several of our team suffering an “off-day.”

In all other respects there is cause for satisfaction, and we feel very glad to have given the South Western Centre such a good advertisement. Our national Press commentator described it as one of the best Inter-Centres since the series began, and another as one of the two most memorable Trials he had attended. The work was heavy (each trip round the course, with the distance to and from the clerk of the course's home, nearly equalled the entire mileage of his opposite number in the S.W. Centre Team Trial), but it was well worth it; and it would have been no use without the organization on the day that was made possible by the other Clubs. And Wilfred, too; don't forget all that he did. Wilfred's day began rather harassingly, having first to salvage all the marshals' cards, etc., from the crashed Fraserwagen en route, and then arriving to have given the South Western Centre such a good advertisement. One organization was equal to that, too, and promptly produced a skilled electrician. A.C.U. please note !)

The two best individual scores were by past West of England winners, but third was Johnny Brittain, who has never done so well over this circuit. An augury for 6th October ?

We didn't pinch Pam ! It was a pleasure to see her picture on the “Gazette” cover, and we are proud to be associated with such a sporting person, but think it only fair to point out that she is a Devonport as well as a West of England member, and lives in Devonport territory. Now tell us : Why don't more girls ride in Trials nowadays ?

Because of the lateness of Easter we are having no motor cycle events in May and the Patchquick Scramble temporarily goes into June.

We thank the parents of Edward Clark for the handsome trophy they have given us as a memorial to him. By the time you read this it will have been won for the first time. We are making it an annual challenge award for the unlimited race in the Easter Monday Scramble. Though he liked big bikes himself, we thought the unlimited would give the greatest number of his friends the chance of a shot at it.

Reminder : until 11th May there will be no answers from Bovey Tracey 3271. Haggis, bannocks, and Loch Eild Path (in that order of importance) will be claiming the attention of

R. P. WALFORD.



# THE LYN & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

## LYN AND DISTRICT TRADERS' TRIAL

Sunday, 10th June, 1962

PERMIT No. Q 997

A Regional Restricted Trial, open to fully paid up Members of the following Centres—South Western, Wessex and South Eastern, riding solo machines.

Held under the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. together with the following Supplementary Regulations.

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—R. P. Walford; Club Stewards—F. Smith and E. Stanbury. Machine Examiner—R. Whidden; Clerk of the Course—C. Tyrrel; Secretary of the Meeting—R. F. Wood, "Draycote," Maidenford Lane, Barnstaple. Phone No. Barnstaple 3078.

### AWARDS—Open:

- Lyn Traders' Trophy. For the best performance of the day.
- Lyn Publicity Trophy. For the second best performance of the day.
- Lyn Club Cup. For the third best performance of the day.
- Gilson Trophy. For the best performance by a non-expert, i.e. one who has not won an Open Award higher than a second-class award.
- Sandrock Trophy. For the best performance by a novice, i.e. one who has not won an Open Award.
- White Lady Shield. For the winning Team.  
*The above Trophies, Cup and Shield are to be held for one year together with a Souvenir Award for permanent retention.*
- First Class Award. For the next best ten per cent. of Starters.
- Second Class Award. For the next best ten per cent. of Starters following the above.

### AWARDS—Closed:

- The Windsor Trophy. For the best individual performance by a member of the Lyn and District Motor Club. To qualify for this a driver must have been a paid up member of the Club for the past six months.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the official form and sent with the correct entry fee to the Secretary of the Meeting, to arrive **not later than first post on Thursday, 31st May, 1962.** No Entries will be considered after this date. All drivers will receive acknowledgment of the acceptance or otherwise of their entry. The Club reserve the right to limit the number of entries to one hundred and fifty and close the list after this number have been received. Starting numbers will be allocated in order of receipt of entries and drivers wishing to enter as a team and ride together, should send in their entries together.

**ENTRY FEES:** For members of the Organizing Club, ten shillings. For all other entrants, eleven shillings. These Fees include one shilling for personal accident insurance for each driver.

**MARKING FOR AWARDS:** Awards will be allotted in the order listed to the eligible drivers losing fewest marks.

**TIES:** Should there be a tie on marks lost, the driver going furthest round the course with the least loss of marks on observation, will take precedence. Should there be still a tie, souvenir awards will be duplicated.

**DRIVERS and MACHINES:** The driver must be fully insured against third party risks whilst driving in this Competition. The driver nominated on the entry form must drive the same machine throughout the Trial. In exceptional circumstances, a substitute driver may be nominated before the starting time, subject to the approval of the Clerk of the Course. No change in make or capacity will be allowed after the close of the entries.

Machines will be examined and must comply with all legal requirements at the start and the driver of any machine observed as not complying with legal requirements or these Supplementary Regulations will be reported to the Clerk of the Course for disciplinary action. Only tyres which conform to the A.C.U. specification and are included in the list of "Approved" tyres published by the A.C.U. will be permitted. The treads must not be cut or altered in any way. The use of chains and other non-skid devices is not permitted. All handlebar clutch and brake levers must be of a type that end in a ball of not less than three-quarter inch and either an integral part of the lever or a permanent fixture.

Competition Numbers will be supplied and must be affixed to show to both front and rear. **The numbers must be handed in at the conclusion of the Trial in an undamaged condition—failure to do so may mean exclusion from the Awards List.**

**THE START** will be from Bottom Meadow Car Park, Lynton. The finish will be at the same place.

Drivers will start at one minute intervals, the first man leaving at 11 a.m. The course will be approximately forty miles long and will be marked with powder and/or cards and route cards will be issued to each driver at the start. The onus of finding the way is the driver's responsibility and no protest in this connection will be considered, subject to the General Competition Rules.

The right is reserved to modify the route as printed if necessary. **The start will be a time check** and drivers will be required to sign the Starter's Sheet. Drivers will not be allowed to start before their time and will lose one mark for each complete minute late, up to a maximum of twenty marks, after which they will not be permitted to start. Each driver will be notified of his starting time at least three days before the event and no tolerance will be permitted. Drivers must also sign off immediately on finishing.

**OBSERVATION:** The limits of observed sections will be marked with cards and/or powder and each sub-section will be taken separately for marking. Observed sections must be traversed non-stop. Any observed section may be divided into a number of sub-sections and the attempt to traverse them must be made from a standing start at the point indicated by the Marshal in charge at the first sub-section.

A driver must not enter an observed section until signalled to do so by the Marshal. Claims for baulks will not be considered if this rule is not observed. Drivers must hold themselves in readiness to proceed when called upon by the Marshal, failing to respond, five marks will be lost.

**FAILURE** in an observed section or sub-section is defined by the following:

- Machine failing to maintain forward progress relative to the direction of the course whilst the driver has one or both feet on the ground or whilst any part of the body is touching the ground.
- Driver dismounting.
- Receiving outside assistance.
- Crossing a natural or artificial boundary with a road wheel.

**FOOTING** means touching the ground once with one foot or with any part of the body once only.

**PENALTIES:** Failure, five marks; Footing, three marks; Touching, one mark. A driver failing in any observed section must restart in a forward direction in the sub-section in which he failed.

A machine will be considered to be in a section or subsection after the front wheel spindle enters and before the front wheel spindle leaves the section. A driver missing a sub-section will be excluded.

The boundaries of approach to and exit from some sections on private land will be defined by flags. Any driver passing outside these boundaries will be excluded.

**SPEED SCHEDULE:** The course will be covered at an approximate speed of 15 m.p.h. No time checks will be taken but any driver being passed by the rear travelling Marshal (who will start thirty minutes after the last man and travel at 15 m.p.h. between observed sections) will be deemed to have retired. In the event of official delay, the rear Marshal will make the necessary allowance.

**PRACTISING:** A large part of the course will be on private land and practising before this event will cause trouble. Any driver reported as a nuisance in this respect will not be allowed to start. Any driver found practising after the official starting time of 11 a.m. will be excluded. Any driver convicted by means of a successful Police prosecution as a result of any motoring offence committed during the Event will be excluded from the Awards List.

**MUD ON THE HIGHWAYS:** The organizers remind drivers that it is an offence (punishable by fine) to deposit mud on the highway and suggest that where possible they should drive on the grass verge or close into the side of the road after leaving a section to clear tyres of excess mud.

**PROTESTS** must be made in accordance with the Competition Rules of the A.C.U. to the Secretary of the Meeting in writing, within five days of the publication of the provisional results and must be accompanied by a fee of ten shillings.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The Promoters reserve the right to postpone the Trial. Entry Fees will only be returned if the Trial is abandoned or postponed.

# THE LYNN & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

## THE LYN AND DISTRICT TRADERS' TRIAL

Regional Restricted. Sunday, 10th June, 1962

**START:** At 11 a.m. at Bottom Meadow Car Park, Lynton, which is situated opposite the Royal Castle Hotel.

### ENTRY FORM

Entries will close after the first post on Thursday, 31st May, 1962. No late entries will be accepted. Entries to be sent to R. F. Wood, "Draycote," Maidenford Lane, Barnstaple, North Devon.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this Meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Lyn and District Motor Club, the South West Centre, Wessex Centre and the South Eastern Centre of the A.C.U. and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for this meeting) and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself or my mechanics howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this Meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

I certify that I am sixteen years of age or over.

Name (Block letters please) .....

Address (Block letters please) .....

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

Date..... Entry Fee of..... enclosed

Signed..... Novice, yes/no.....

It should be noted that Entry Forms for Drivers under twenty-one years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since, the indemnity would not be valid in Law signed by a "minor."

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under twenty-one).....



## CENTRE CHAT

### THAT DREADED WORD AGAIN

The word championship, one which causes raised eyebrows and is referred to in hushed terms in the Centre, once again raised its ugly head and this time at the April quarterly meeting at Exeter.

We heard a lot about it a short time ago when the Tiverton Club used it to describe their October Scramble for the "Devon & Somerset News" Trophy on the Haddon Hill course. (It had come up before that meeting.)

However, this time, it was not a bold outright breach of the so-called Centre ruling, but a meek request from the Broadhembury Club to be allowed to name their Whit Sunday Grass Track Meeting as a Club championship. One immediately sensed a preening of necks in certain quarters when the letter was read and this was followed by an exceptionally well thought-out speech from the Broadhembury representative. Immediately, the Tiverton representative, with a possible eye to the future and memories of previous battles, supported the idea, but the West of England representatives, as well as the Lyn and other delegates, were against it.

A calling for the Centre ruling on the matter produced no results, and Secretary Wilf Haydon spent a long time going back through the minutes to find out exactly what was said and done when the word championship was debated by the Centre in connection with the Star Championship scheme. However, nothing could be found, and the Chairman, Percy Butler, felt none too easy about a vote being taken, warning the meeting that, if they agreed, the word would probably be appearing on many more posters in the Centre. Finally, a vote was taken, and, by 24 votes to 23, it was decided that Broadhembury must not be allowed to call it a championship meeting, despite the fact that they are trying hard to bring grass track racing back to the Centre.

### ROAD RALLIES

Our President was welcomed to the meeting, and, in his address, he stressed the serious view being taken in higher circles at the number of unauthorised rallies being staged throughout the country by unofficial Clubs. The matter is being considered by the County Councils' Association, while the A.C.U. and R.A.C. are debating the next move. He spoke with regret of the performance put up by the Centre in the Inter-Centre team trial and suggested that some of the younger riders should be encouraged with a view to the making of a first-class team for the future.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting a representative of the South West Association of Car Clubs and hoped that there would be a closer liaison with the two organisations. Later our Secretary was appointed as our delegate to the Association meetings.

Centre Recorder Dave Jenkins urged Clubs to take into account the up to 350 c.c. and over 350 c.c. Centre Star Championship when organising Scrambles.

### CENTRE'S THANKS

The Centre Secretary's report spoke of the busy three months in the Centre and paid tribute to the Broadhembury Club for their work in connection with the Centre Trial with a special word of thanks to Ron Edwards and to the West of England Club for the Inter-Centre Team Trial. Here special mention was made of Richard Walford as clerk of the course and Bob Fraser as the chief marshal. Special mention was also made of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker for their work with the results.

He also thanked the organisers of the Centre dinner, which he thought was voted an excellent one. Later there was some criticism of the cost of the dinner as not being within the reach of the average rider, but the Secretary pointed out that there was always the difficulty of accommodation.

### PRESS ATTACKED

Wilf followed on in his report with, to my mind, a petty and somewhat unwarranted attack on the Press, who, after all, are some of the best friends that the motor cycling sport has today. He did not like certain references to

the cost of the Centre entries in Inter-Centre events, which was published in the report of the annual meeting, neither did he take kindly to the report of the Centre Team Trial.

The Centre Team Scramble Regulations were debated and agreed and Garth Jotcham gave an excellent report of the A.C.U. General Council Annual Meeting, which ranged from yellow and red flags to standard regulations for Trials.

Scramble Recorder Dave Jenkins reported that to date Brian Goss was leading the 250 c.c. Scramble Championship and Triss Sharp the over 250 c.c.

After the championship pantomime, the meeting ended almost on closing time, with three hours of debate behind it.

L.T.G.S.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Why this continuous sniping by the Centre Secretary at the reports that appear in the "Gazette"? With the exception of the odd meeting, this continuous criticism of the "Gazette" seems to flow with much venom from the Secretary's lips during his speech at the Board meetings.

I would just like to mention that it took ten years to get a Press Secretary in this Centre and only ten minutes to get a replacement as Centre Secretary when Frank Jarman retired.

It's very difficult to satisfy everyone with reports that appear in the "Gazette," but why this continuous attack from Wilf Haydon I am at a loss to understand.

I am very grateful to Tom Sawyer for his contributions to the "Gazette" and can assure him, although he may get criticized by his own Centre, his coverage of the Centre Board meetings is considered "tops" by other Centres.

During a recent conversation with a well-known official from a neighbouring Centre, he remarked that he only wished his Centre could find someone who would attend Centre Board meetings and give the average Clubman the inside information that takes place at these meetings.

Perhaps the report of the Centre Board meetings should come from the pen of the Centre Secretary, then we should at least have them word perfect, but if the "Gazette" has to wait for any contribution from the Centre Secretary I am afraid it will not appear for some considerable time, as since Wilf took over as Centre Secretary I cannot recall ever receiving a single contribution to the "Gazette" from him.

I do not wish to bear any animosity in any respect, but if what appears in the "Gazette" is not to your liking, please be constructive in your criticism; after all, we are in the movement together and should work as one happy family.

GARTH JOTCHAM.

## Letters to the Editor

Tilford,  
Farnham,  
Surrey.

Dear Sir,

Your readers may wish to know that the Sunbeam "200" Long-distance Night Trial is again open to all Clubmen in the South Western Centre. It is a semi-sporting event, starting near Guildford at midnight on 8th/9th June and finishing in time for lunch in North Devon. Regulations available from A. P. Stride, Garage Flat, Rushmoor, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey. Entries close 29th May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Yeo Vale and Exmoor Club members, who are, as usual, assisting in the organisation of this annual Trial. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

R. G. V. VENABLES.



## BROADHEMBURY and DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

### "SPECIAL TROPHY MEETING"

Open-to-Centre Grass Track Meeting, Whit-Sunday, 10th June 1962, at  
Gamlin's Farm, Greenham, nr. Wellington, Som., at 2.30 p.m.

(by kind permission of C. Howe, Esq.)

PERMIT NO. O.E. 535A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—W. R. Haydon; Club Stewards—R. Edwards and W. Wright; Clerks of the Course—C. Howe and B. Andrews; Secretary of the Meeting—G. E. Pike.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Broadhembury and District Motor Club will hold an Open-to-Centre Grass Track Meeting for Solo and Sidecar Motor Cycles, for Special Broadhembury Trophies, on Whit-Sunday, 10th June, 1962. This event is open to all paid up-members of Clubs in the South West Centre and is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, G. E. Pike, Esq., Quarry View, Buriescombe, nr. Tiverton, Devon. Phone No. Greenham 467. together with entry fee, not later than 4th June. Fees—5/- Solos; 7/6 Sidecars.

- EVENTS:**
1. Up to 250 c.c. Solo—Open
  2. 251 to 350 c.c. Solo—Open
  3. 351 to 500 c.c. Solo—Open
  4. Up to 500 c.c. Special Trophy Race, for Trophy plus £4 for winner, £2 for 2nd and £1 for 3rd.
  5. Sidecars, Unlimited c.c.—Open
  6. Sidecars, Unlimited c.c. Special Trophy Race, for Trophy plus £4 for winner, £2 for 2nd and £1 for 3rd.

**AWARDS:** Cash Awards, on a points basis of 10/- per point. Heats: 3 points 1st, 2 points 2nd and 1 point 3rd.

Finals: 4 points 1st, 3 points 2nd, 2 points 3rd and 1 point 4th.  
Sidecars: 15/- per point as above.

**VENUE:** Gamlin's Farm, Greenham, Wellington, Som.—just off A.38 Exeter/Taunton Road.

**MACHINES and CLOTHING:** These must comply with A.C.U. Regulations and will be inspected by the Machine Examiner before the start. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Clutch and brake levers must be ball ended, metal balls not less than three-quarters inch.

**PRACTISING** will be allowed between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on the day. All competitors must complete one lap.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The Organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone any class or the Meeting itself, if circumstances arise which in their opinion renders this action desirable, subject to the approval of the A.C.U. Steward. Only in the event of the abandonment of the Meeting will Entry Fees be returned. The Promoters reserve the right of refusing any entry without giving any reason. Speedway Riders must have the permission of their Promoters. Solos ride anti-clockwise and sidecars clockwise.

### BROADHEMBURY GRASS TRACK

10th June, 1962

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.

*It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name .....

Address .....

Club .....

Machine ..... c.c. .... Passenger .....

Team .....

Signature ..... Date ..... Phone .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

**Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.**

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### YEO VALE M.C.C.

Club membership already borders on the past ten years' average, and, with the season still young, the target of last year's 235 seems likely to be exceeded in the near future. A lengthy mailing list does not, however, present a true aspect of enthusiastic membership in some Clubs and sometimes over-burdens those ever-faithful members when little genuine interest is shown by the bulk of the 'membership. Recent events on our own front, both working and social, have, however, presented a pretty favourable picture and a continuance of the adage, "Many hands make light . . ." would be most appropriate. Keep it up, members.

The Batten Scramble entry could have easily exceeded 130 had not the Comp. Secretary put the brakes on three weeks prior to the event, so the morale would still seem to be to book immediately Regulations become available. He dislikes returning as much as you do receiving your entry back. Incidentally, if you want to be guaranteed a ride, the one sure way to be welcomed with open arms is to put a third wheel on the machine, as sidecars are definitely to be catered for in our June Scramble. A slightly modified course to the existing circuit will be used and generous prize-money will be paid. The date is Whitsun week-end, 10th June.

Our Timed Trial attracted 35 entries to the course laid out by Les Thomas at 5 Ashes, Higher Odcombe, and so strenuous did riders find conditions that only 13 competitors completed the full course. John Leigh and N. Fry paid us a visit and were rewarded with the Premier and Runner-up awards respectively in the Trials class, whilst R. Ramsden, being the solo Scramblers class finisher, collected the Premier on the ex-Stan Weeks Matchless.

Regulations should soon be available to us for intending participants in the Whitsun week-end event, the Sunbeam 200, that sporting cross-country night dash between London-Hunter's Inn North Devon, so anyone interested please contact me.

The new car park arrangements at Westbury Farm proved most successful at the March event and will be continued in future with slight modifications to suit the landlord.

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## YEO VALE MOTOR CYCLING CLUB

### THE SUMMER SCRAMBLE—SOLO AND SIDECARS

Sunday, 10th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

TEMPORARY TRACK CERTIFICATE No. 769 PERMIT No. O.E. 532A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—W. A. Stone; Club Stewards—P. Peare and L. Irwin; Clerks of the Course—P. Butler and M. Sandells; Secretary of the Meeting—R. K. Harvey, 58 Lakefields, West Coker, nr. Yeovil, Somerset (to whom all Entries should be sent).

**JURISDICTION:** Held under G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all Members of the South Western Centre Clubs riding solo and sidecar machines.

**VENUE:** Westbury Farm, Little Norton, Norton-sub-Hamdon, nr. Yeovil, Somerset. All Competitors to enter from Norton-sub-Hamdon entrance. The course will be clearly indicated from all main roads.

**MACHINES:** Self-closing throttles, ball-ended clutch and brake levers and an efficient brake on both wheels are compulsory.

**NUMBERS:** Each machine must be fitted with three black discs ten inches in diameter with numbers painted white.

**CLOTHING:** A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing must be worn, comprising jackets or A.C.U. approved jerseys, gloves, breeches and boots.

**PRACTISING** will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. on the day of the meeting only and each rider must complete at least one practice lap.

**METHOD OF START:** Electric light signals—Red, prepare to proceed; Green, to proceed. Clutch start.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel any class or the meeting itself, if circumstances should make it necessary.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the form below, to reach the Secretary of the Meeting by not later than Monday, 4th June, 1962, together with Fee of 7/6. No late entries will be accepted. Entries will be restricted and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the fee.

EVENTS and AWARDS:		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
1. Junior Riders only	...	70/-	50/-	30/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
2. Experts only	...	90/-	70/-	45/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
3. Sidecar—Open	...	90/-	70/-	50/-	30/-	—	—	—	—	—
4. 250 c.c.—Open	...	70/-	50/-	30/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
5. Summer Scramble	...	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	10/-	10/-	10/-	5/-
6. Juniors Only	...	70/-	50/-	30/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-
7. Sidecar—Open	...	90/-	70/-	50/-	30/-	—	—	—	—	—
8. Experts Only	...	90/-	70/-	45/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-	5/-	5/-

**NOTE:** The Jotcham Trophy will be awarded to the winner of Event No. 5. Event No. 1 is an event in which non-expert Yeo Vale members may win points for the Hack Trophy. The Jotcham Trophy to be held for one year only.

**CLASSIFICATION OF RIDERS:** The eligibility of riders for events 1 and 6 will be decided as by Centre ruling.

**INSURANCE** is compulsory and will be paid by the promoting Club.

### YEO VALE SCRAMBLE

10th June, 1962

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.

*It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name.....  
 Address.....  
 Club.....  
 Machine.....c.c.....Passenger.....  
 Team.....  
 Signature.....Date.....Phone.....  
 Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My Status is Expert/Junior  
 Competitor may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.

### Yeo Vale M.C.C.—continued

The "landlords" skittle benefit, which we annually hold at the "Happy Return," Windwhistle, proved so successful that participants weren't quite sure of the date when locking-up time came around. This annual get-together certainly cements relations with our long-suffering farmer friends.

Successes to our many members are so numerous these days that to mention anyone in particular would be unfair. To all of them we offer our congratulations, also commiserations to the unfortunate one, who perchanged to damage one of his extremities after colliding with the only other rider in a 10-acre field whilst getting in some Moto Ball practice.

In the hope that these notes will be out in time, just a note to remind that our popular Closed-to-Club Novice and Beginners' Trial will be held at Warden Hill (Yeovil-Dorchester road A 37) on Sunday, 6th May, at 2 p.m.

G. GILL.

### PLYMOUTH TOURING M.C.

Congratulations to Maureen and Brian on the birth of a daughter, Ann Elizabeth, completing our holiday party of seven. With our holidays only 15 weeks away at the time of writing, I think she'll be a little young for helping with tent erecting, etc.

Mr. Bowden's talk on "Gems" recently at the Club-room proved a very interesting and entertaining evening. Although he brought along many samples, none of them were free, and I'm sure he would have missed even one ring from a rather nice selection.

Castles seem to have been popular lately with Club runs to Launceston and Berry Pomeroy on two consecutive Sundays. If any member is interested in finding out more about the places we visit, Dave Steer is writing a monthly article in the Club mag., giving you snippets of information, etc., about forthcoming Club runs. I hope he can give us some gen on our Whitsun camping week-end, which includes Weymouth and the Bill of Portland area. Last year's Whitsun camp to the Cotswolds was greatly enjoyed, despite cold weather, so why not consider camping as a hobby and make this your first week-end? Even collecting your equipment together need not be expensive with other people around to give advice and lend a hand and it's certainly good fun, especially with a crowd of friends. Anyway, here's to Summer camping week-ends, with plenty of sunshine for swimming and surfing, etc.

R.B.

### BROADHEMBURY M.C.

The party which visited Denbury Green on 11th March saw some fine riding by the national experts in the Inter-Centre Team Trial. This is an event well worth travelling a few miles to watch, or observe, and if enough members are interested a full-scale Club run could be organised for subsequent years.

The Chairman's Trophy was won on 25th March by R. Partridge with a loss of 17 marks, who was quicker round the special test than S. Shortridge (runner-up), who also lost 17 marks. The novice award was taken by M. Mounce, riding in his first Trial. The sections were a little dry, excepting Full-Bore, which cut up and caused some delay before being changed for the second lap. Unfortunately, L. Rouson had an accident on one of the new subs, and we hope he is now fit after his short stay in hospital.

The Scramble on 8th April was held in appalling weather conditions with only a brave few coming to the line for the last event. Spectators were few, but, despite the heavy going, the experts gave a fine display of skill and determination. All riders who passed comment liked the course, as did the national Press, and, given reasonable weather conditions, this will be one of the best.

The meeting on 10th June has been changed from a Scramble to a Grass Track, the Regulations for which appear elsewhere in this magazine. It was hoped to run this event as a Western Championship, but the proposal was out-voted by one vote at the Centre Board meeting. Nevertheless, it is certain that the top riders will be present. A working party will be at Gamlin's Farm on Saturday, 9th, at 2 o'clock.

A.J.C.



## THE NORTH DEVON MOTOR CLUB

### WHIT-MONDAY SCRAMBLE

Fremington, Barnstaple. Open to Centre

Monday, 11th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 533A. TEMPORARY TRACK CERTIFICATE No. 212

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—R. P. Walford; Club Stewards—T. V. Franklin and P. Phillips; Clerk of the Course—J. Tyler; Secretary of the Meeting—A. E. Cornish, 3 Town Park, Torrington, North Devon.

**JURISDICTION:** Held under G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all members of S.W. Centre Clubs riding solo motor cycles.

**VENUE:** Home Farm, Fremington, Barnstaple. Situate on the left-hand side of main road from Barnstaple to Bideford and about three miles from Barnstaple.

**MACHINES:** Front number plates, headlamps, mascots and all dangerous projections must be removed. Self-closing throttles, ball-ended clutch and brake levers and an efficient brake on both wheels are compulsory.

**NUMBERS:** Each machine must be fitted with three black discs of not less than ten inches diameter with numbers painted white, one facing forward and one on each side of the machine.

**CLOTHING:** A.C.U. approved helmets and protective clothing must be worn, comprising—jackets, or A.C.U. approved jerseys, gloves, breeches and boots.

**PRACTISING:** Practising will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. on the day of meeting only and each rider must complete at least one practice lap.

**METHOD OF START:** Engine running, in neutral gear, left hand on helmet.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel any class, or the meeting itself if circumstances should make it necessary.

**ENTRIES:** Entries must be made on the form below to reach the Secretary of the meeting by **not later than Tuesday, 5th June, 1962**, together with fee of 5/-. No late entries will be accepted.

EVENTS and AWARDS:		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
1. Juniors only	...	£3	£2	£1	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-
2. Experts only	...	£4	50/-	£2	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-
3. Up to 350 c.c.—Open	...	£4	50/-	30/-	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-
4. Devonian Scramble	...	£5	£3	£2	30/-	£1	15/-	10/-
5. Juniors only	...	£3	£2	£1	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-
6. Experts only	...	£4	50/-	£2	£1	15/-	10/-	10/-

**NOTE:** The Devonian Trophy will be awarded to the winner of Event 4. To be held for one year. The George Picketts Trophy will be awarded to the winner of Event 1. To be won outright.

**CLASSIFICATION OF RIDERS:** The eligibility of riders for Events 1 and 5 will be decided as by Centre ruling.

**INSURANCE** is compulsory and will be paid by the promoting club.

### NORTH DEVON SCRAMBLE

11th June, 1962

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 machine 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 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name.....

Address.....

Club.....

Machine.....c.c.....Passenger.....

Team.....

Signature.....Date.....Phone.....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

**Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.**

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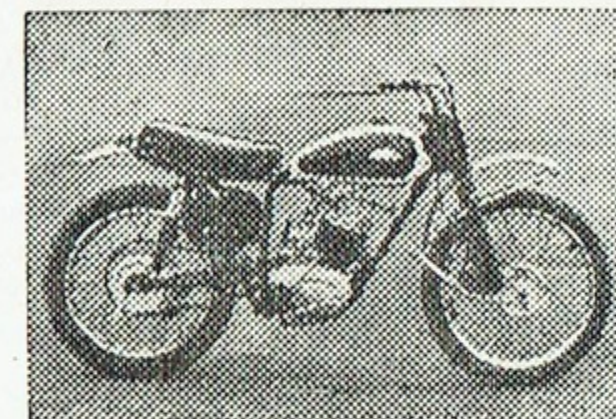
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### MORETONHAMPSTEAD M.C.

I must first apologise for the non-appearance of news last month. It was given to the Editor, but am awaiting a reply as to what happened to it. I will give a shortened account of the April news before I go on to more up-to-date matters.

The Open-to-Centre Trial on the 4th March was held in Arctic conditions, and the start had to be altered to Beeter Cross, as the entrance to the Scramble course was blocked by a snow-drift. I believe some of the competitors had difficulty in finding their way to the start. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused them. Our thanks to riders and observers for turning up and helping to make this a very successful Trial. We were all very grateful for the hot soup and eats that were available before and after the Trial.

J. E. Green Cup—J. W. Bolt, 13 marks lost. Runner-up—W. H. Martin, 23 Third Best—I. A. Pridham, 25. Novice Award—79. 1st Class—O. Thompson, B. J. Slee, A. Stevens. 2nd Class—D. Cheesborough, P. Burgess, M. J. Evely, A. J. Barbary. The Team Award went to Devonport with the loss of 69 marks.

On Sunday, 25th August, we are running an Invitation Trial for observers and veterans. Anyone that is interested please keep this date free and watch for further news at a later date. The Trial will be run on private land, so there should be no complications with regard to insurance and licences.

The Closed-to-Club Trial held in Rudge Woods on Sunday, 1st April, was enjoyed by all. Our grateful thanks to Colonel Graham for allowing us the privilege of using his property.

Cup—I. A. Pridham. Runner-up—E. H. Bolt. Third Best—P. Thompson. Best Novice—B. Spencer. 1st Class—E. H. J. Short, M. J. Evely. 2nd Class—D. Cheesborough.

On Sunday, 27th May, we are holding our first Scramble of the season; the Regulations appear elsewhere in this "Gazette." Working parties have started on the course to lengthen it and to make some improvements. We have had quite a lot of praise from outsiders as well as members of other Clubs on this new course. We feel that we can give an excellent afternoon's sport to both riders and the general public. So please come along and support us and enjoy a good afternoon's racing.

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## OTTER VALE MOTOR CLUB

### GRASS TRACK MEETING at TALEFORD FARM, FAIRMILE, nr. EXETER

(by kind permission of R. Vinnicombe, Esq.)

Whit-Monday, 11th June, 1962, at 3 p.m.

PERMIT No. O.E. 531A

**OFFICIALS:** A.C.U. Steward—D. H. Jenkin; Club Stewards—W. Wilson and W. Blackmore; Clerk of the Course—P. Caddick; Secretary of the Meeting—J. Courtney, 5 Highfield, Sidmouth, Devon.

**ANNOUNCEMENT and JURISDICTION:** The Otter Vale Motor Club will hold an Open-to-Centre Grass Track Meeting for solo and sidecar motor cycles on Whit-Monday, 11th June, 1962. This event is open to all paid-up members of all Clubs in the South West Centre A.C.U. and is held under the G.C.R. of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.

**ENTRIES** must be made on the entry form below and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, with entry fee of five shillings, not later than **Tuesday, 5th June, 1962.** Entry Fee for sidecars, 7/6d.

- EVENTS:**
1. 251—350 c.c. Solo—Open
  - 351—500 c.c. Solo—Open
  3. Sidecars, Unlimited c.c.—Open
  4. Up to 250 c.c. Solo—Open
  5. Sidecar, Unlimited c.c.—Open
  6. Unlimited c.c. Solo—Open
  7. Sidecar, Invitation

**AWARDS:** Cash awards will be given on a Points basis, 5/- a point— 3 points a win, 2 points a 2nd and 1 point a 3rd in all heats. 7/6 a point—4 point a win, 3 points a 2nd, 2 points a 3rd and 1 point a 4th in all Finals. Sidecars, 7/6 per point each for Rider and Passenger. Also £2 for fastest time of day.

**VENUE:** Telford Farm, Fairmile, nr. Exeter (on main A.30 road, approximately six miles from Honiton).

**MACHINES and CLOTHING:** These must comply with A.C.U. regulations and will be inspected by the Machine Examiner before the start. Self-closing throttles are compulsory. Clutch and brake levers must be metal ball-ended not less than three-quarter inch diameter.

**PRACTISING** will be allowed between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the day. All Competitors must complete one lap.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The Organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone any Class or the Meeting itself if circumstances arise which in their opinion renders this action desirable, subject to the approval of the Steward. Only in the event of the abandonment of the Meeting will Entry Fees be returned. The Promoters reserve the right of refusing any entry without giving reason, subject to the Competition Rules concerned.

Speedway riders must have their Promoter's permission.

### OTTER VALE GRASS TRACK

11th June, 1962

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.

*It should be noted that entry forms for drivers under 21 years of age must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian signifying consent since the indemnity would not be valid in law signed by a 'minor.'*

Name.....

Address.....

..... Club .....

Machine ..... c.c. .... Passenger .....

Team.....

Signature ..... Date ..... Phone .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 21)..... My status is Expert/Junior

**Competitors may be requested to show proof that they are fully paid-up members of the club stated on their entry form.**

### Moretonhampstead M.C.—continued

Two members of our committee are riding in the Scottish Six Days. To Fred Atkinson and Walter Dodd we wish all success. Rowden, Dick Walford and myself are going up to cheer them on. I shall therefore not be available at home until after the 12th May, as we are staying on a few days to do a bit of sight-seeing. I shall not be able to acknowledge any Scramble entries until after that date, but will do so as soon as possible on my return.

M.B.W.

### SOMERTON M.C.

**Everyone please note Somerton's Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards will be held on Friday, 23rd November, 1962.**

We have been to three dinners since the last notes and quite enjoyed ourselves at all three. I think the Shepton Mallet 'do' was the best, whilst the Centre dinner had the doubtful distinction of being the dearest. Best Support for the Centre dinner coming from this end, mainly Yeo Vale, Somerton, etc., although I think if the person responsible for the seating arrangements had put these Clubs much farther away from the speakers, they would have been sat in the car park.

Tuesday, 27th March, was Quiz night at Club H.Q. This was really a good giggle. Spectator support was small, but both teams thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and our thanks are due to E. Reeves for organising this.

Eric has a Moto Ball practice match organised for WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 6.45 p.m. Now, anyone is welcome, even if it's only scramble or trial machines you bring, just to give the moto ball team some practice; it is being held at the Fairfield, opposite the Mildmay Arms, Queen Camel.

Our delegates attended the Road Safety meeting at Langport, and the winner of the trophy donated by our Club was Miss Gladys Banbury, and "Cur" Jenkin had great pleasure in presenting the award to her at Kingsdon School.

Our Closed-to-Club Redhills Trial was a really enjoyable event. 'Pen' Pengelly and 'Joe' Napper again responsible for the arrangements, and very good they were, too. The entry was not very large, but after the event most of the riders made a point of saying thank you for an enjoyable ride to the officials. Results :—

Redhill Trophy—J. Taylor (250 Greeves), 32. 2nd Best Performance—I. Lenton (Tri. 200), 34. 3rd Best Performance—G. Pursey (Dot 247), 56. 4th Best Performance—W. Tracey (R/E 350), 59. 5th Best Performance—B. Norton (RE 350), 60. Best Non-Expert—G. Warren (B.S.A. 150), 61.

Forthcoming Events : Saturday, 5th May, invitation to the 'Tubby' Wells Time Trial and Social Evening, Mangerton; route marked from Beaminster/Bridport road. Wednesday, 30th May, Novice and Beginners' Trial, start 6.30 p.m., Queen's Arms, Corton Denham, followed by social evening.

Regulations for the Scramble being held in June are now available; we already have six entries, including two riders from Holland.

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### SOUTH WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Up to and including 8th April, leading positions of riders for the Up to 350 and Over 350 Individual South Western Championship are as follows :—

**Up to 350 :** B. Goss, 24; B. Slee, 12; B. Sharp, 4; T. Sharp, 4; E. Trott, 3; G. Scott, 2; K. Messenger, 2.

**Over 350 :** T. Sharp, 20; K. Messenger, 9; A. Harris, 7; T. Cox, 4; G. Scott, 3. The above figures subject to confirmation.

For the information of competitors, all races, excluding Junior, Handicap, and Non-Winners, held in the South Western Centre, count towards this competition to find the individual champion of his class, to be known as "Champion of the South Western Centre."

D. H. JENKIN,

Centre Recorder.



## "GIVE-A-LIFT" MAN WINS APPEAL

### R.A.C.'s SUCCESSFUL FIGHT ON BEHALF OF MEMBER

A case of importance to thousands of British motorists who take friends to and from work has been won on appeal by the R.A.C., acting on behalf of a member.

Mr. Bryan Plenty, of Kingswood, Bristol, was convicted on three charges concerning the use of his vehicle for the carriage of passengers "for hire or reward."

When the summonses were heard, there was evidence that one of the passengers had in the past paid for petrol put in the tank of the vehicle, but no evidence was given that Mr. Plenty was driving for reward on the date of the summons. Despite the submission of a solicitor, instructed by the R.A.C., that there was no case to answer, the defendant was fined £5 on each summons, with five guineas costs and £3 8s. expenses.

Unhappy about the decision, both in law and on the evidence, the R.A.C.'s Legal Committee decided that the Club would support an appeal.

This was duly heard at Gloucester Quarter Sessions, when the Chairman stated that, whilst the Bench considered there was a scheme of payment amongst the passengers, it was not carriage for hire or reward within the definition of Section 118 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960.

The appeal was therefore allowed with costs.

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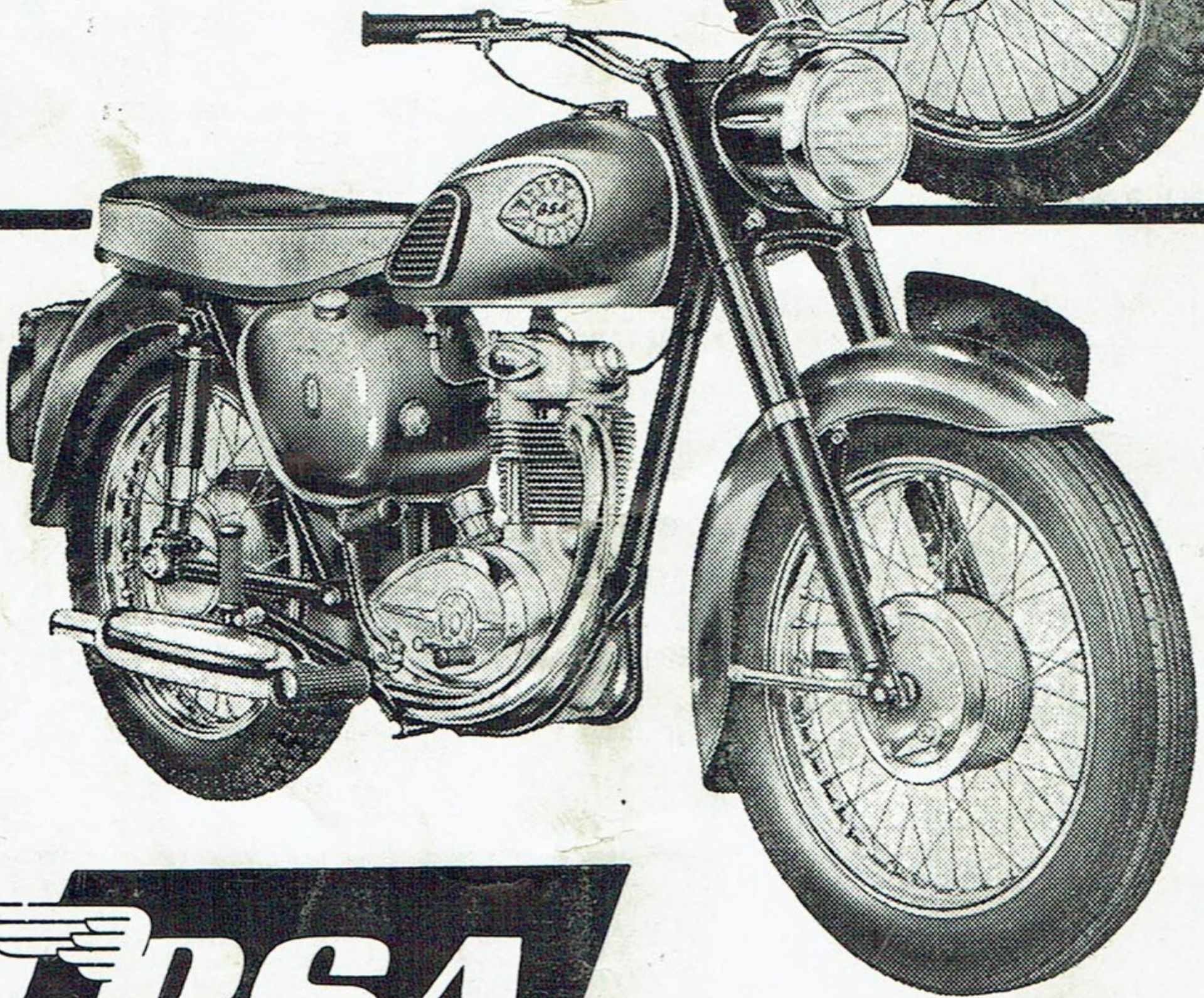
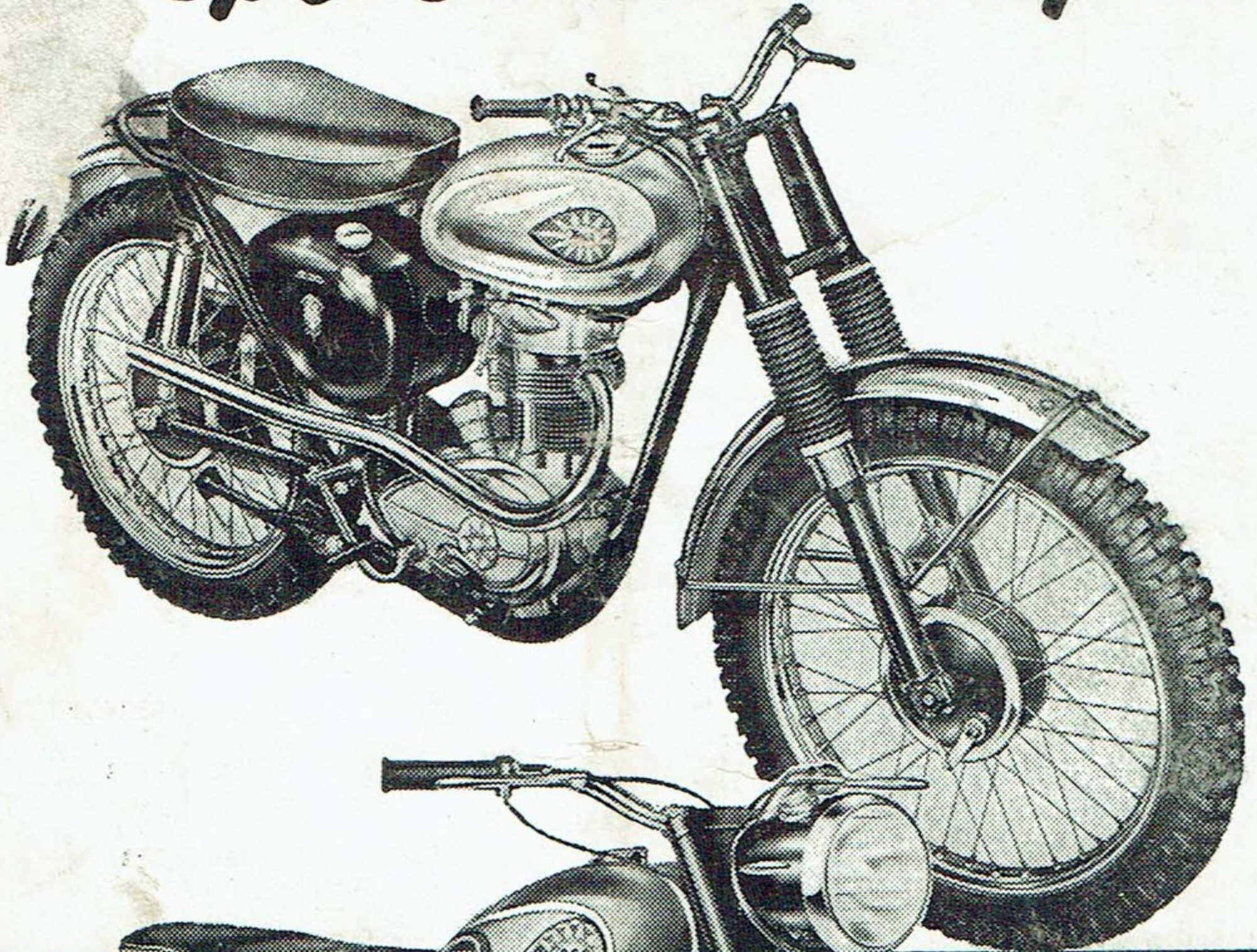
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