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## SNIPS AND SNAPS

1961 Kickham Trial will start from the New Inn, Farmborough, Nr. Bath on 8th April, 1961.

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R. Cannell, the Hon. Secretary of the Bath and West M.C. is unfortunately in the Bath Hospital, we all wish him a speedy recovery.

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The Centre Dinner and Dance takes place on 6th December at the Pump Room, Bath. Among the guests will be J. C. Lowe, Chairman A.C.U. Competitions Committee, Derek Minter, Dickie Davies, Bob Walsham and John Swanborough, Charlie Rous (*Motorcycle News*), Norman Sharpe (*Motor-cycling*). You have just time to get your ticket—but hurry.

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A long letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Vowles, they have been in New Zealand a twelve months and still keep in touch through the *Motorcycle News*. They hope to become "Grandma" and "Grandpa" early in February. They send their best wishes to all Centre members for Christmas and the New Year.

Wally seems to have given up motorcycling and taken up golf as a pastime.

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The course at Castle Combe is now receiving attention, this will give the surface time to settle before the first 1961 meeting.

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A new Wilts Border member is expected early in the New Year, let's hope it is a "Bill" Bailey, and he will be on the Castle Combe Committee in no time.

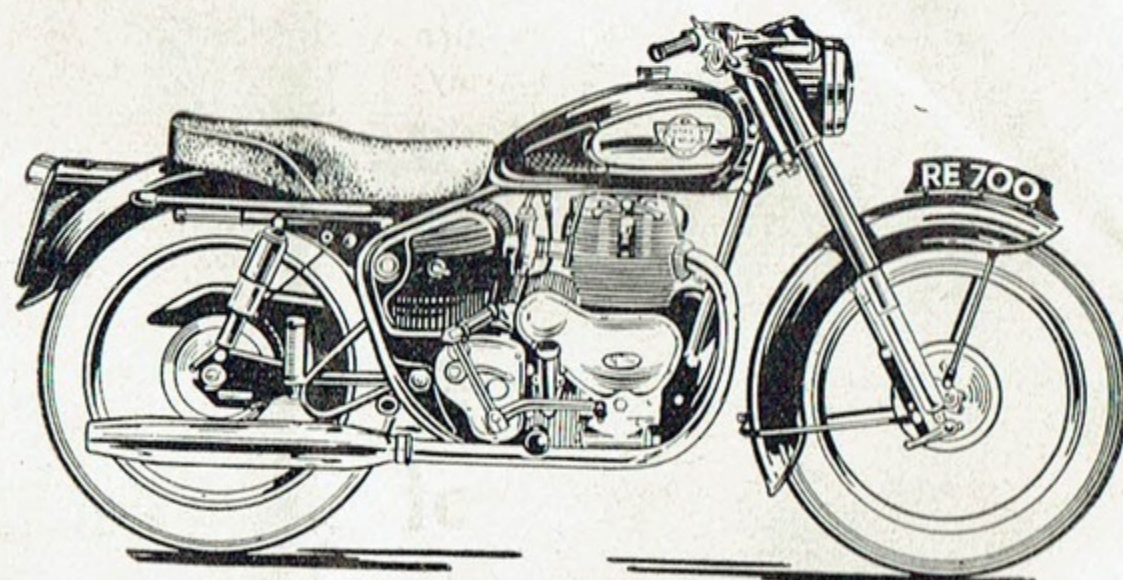
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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the WESSEX CENTRE of the Auto-Cycle Union will be held on SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1961, at 3 p.m. sharp, at the ASSEMBLY HALL, UPPER WESTWOOD, Bradford-on-Avon (by the courtesy of The Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.).

Club Secretaries are invited to send in nominations for the following offices:  
1 President; 4 Vice-Presidents; 1 Chairman; 2 Vice-Chairmen; 1 Hon. Treasurer.  
Together with any motions which they may desire to table.

The above nominations should reach the Hon. Secretary **not later than Saturday, 7th January, 1961.**

A meal will be available to all who notify the Hon. Secretary of their requirements at least 48 hours before the meeting.

H. C. CROFT, *Hon. Secretary,*

## Change of Dates, 1961

DON MOUNTSTEVENS TROPHY TRIAL, SUNDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

KICKHAM TRIAL, SATURDAY, 8th APRIL.

CASTLE COMBE ROAD RACES, SATURDAY, 27th MAY.

CASTLE COMBE ROAD RACES, SATURDAY, 15th JULY

JOHN DOUGLAS TRIAL, SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The January Gazette will go to print at least a week earlier than usual.  
Will all contributors please send in their notes by Thursday, 15th December.

The January issue concludes the Gazette year. Those requiring the Gazette during 1961 should use the form provided on another page. This covers issues from 1st February, 1961 to 1st January, 1962.

## CLUB NOTES

### TOR M.C. AND C.C.

First of all, news about trials. As the I.S.D.T. is being held in Wales in 1961, we are seriously considering entering a team and giving a certain amount of financial help to those selected. More news about this development as it becomes available.

The King's Sedgemoor Trial is on 11th December. The Clerk of the Course is Cyril Davys, 17 Mildred Road, Walton, Street, and he is anxious to recruit some observers. The start will be at Morland's Car Park, Northover, Glastonbury at 10 a.m. and observers will be required to reach the same place not later than 9 a.m. If you would like to observe try and contact Cyril first, but in any case come along to the start.

The Closed-to-Club Churchill Memorial Trial was held at Yarley on 20th November.

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be at the Crown Hotel, Glastonbury at 8 p.m. on 12th December. We really want as many members as possible to come, so do make the effort. While on the subject of club business, we have had a very nice letter of thanks from Glastonbury Borough Council for our donation towards the furnishings for Glastonbury Old People's Home; the Vicar of St. John's has also expressed the thanks

of the Parish Council for our gift towards the Fabric Fund of the Church. Peter Brooks, who has been a real stalwart in helping the writer of these notes run the car rallies, has recently left us to return to his home in Plymouth. We wish him every success in his new job, and would like to say a very sincere thank you for his work on the Committee. We welcome Ted Allen, who has been co-opted to the Committee in Peter's place.

The Jim Williams Trophy competition is beginning to hot up now that the year is ending. Up to the minute figures are not available from the recorder, but it looks as if Den Vine and Dick Bracher are more or less neck and neck. Den has a slight advantage though, I hear, as he has a few new members up his sleeve. If he does win, he will have won the Trophy for the second time since its inception.

It is announced the K. J. Sedgley is the Tor 250 c.c. Scramble Champion for 1960 and winner of the Nu-Texa Cup awarded to the rider gaining the highest number of points in the main 250 c.c. races in the club's scrambles each year. Second equal were Dave Bickers and Triss Sharp with Johnny Clayton fourth.

Finally the League Trials. Dear me, what a sad business. Our No. 1 Team finished 19th and the 2nd and 3rd Teams at the bottom of the list as they hadn't competed in all the events. Considering the quality of the trials riders that we have in the club this is as poor as, and we hope for better things next year.

#### ENFIELD M.C.

The next club night will be on Monday, 12th December, at the Assembly Hall, Westwood, at 8 p.m.

Members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by Mr. R. C. Cross, of Rotary Valve fame.

The Gerald Gregory Trial will be held on 18th December, and Regulations can be obtained from F. Cronin, 18 Haygrove, Westwood.

Wilts Border have invited us to their Christmas Party on 16th December, and this is sure to be a grand evening, to which we are looking forward.

#### BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

First of all we have to extend our condolences to our Secretary, Ron Cannell, who is in Ward 4 of St. Martins Hospital and looks like being there at least until mid-December. He would be pleased to see anyone who could go up on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evenings, 7 to 7.30 p.m. or on the afternoons of the other days.

Bath's programme for 1961 came out in official Fixture List.

By the time that this appears in print the 1960 Knut Trophy Trial will be over and finished (Foot and Mouth and Ministry of Agriculture permitting) so we would like to extend our hearty thanks to all who came along and helped to run it.

During Ron's absence in hospital and to save his long-suffering wife extra bother, correspondence please to 14 St. Christopher's Close, Bathwick, Bath.

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**MENDIP VALE M.C. AND L.C.C.**

The last month appears to have been quite a social one for us, starting with the Skittle Match against the Bristol South Club at the end of October, when they beat us by a narrow margin. It was grand to see so many turn up to this match in spite of the terrible weather and it was nice to see some "old" faces again. I hope they won't forget that we still meet at The Woodborough.

Many thanks to all those who helped on the day of the Closed-to-Club Trial on 30th October. This turned out to be a lovely day after a rather misty start when there was some doubt as to whether the riders would be able to see their way round the course. The rain of the previous week had ensured a good supply of mud but I think everyone had a pretty enjoyable morning not least of all the riders. Congratulations to Malcolm Body on winning the Brockley Cup, but I think all the riders who finished the course deserve a word of praise.

The Rock 'n Roll Dance at Biddisham went off with a bang and I think everyone enjoyed a really rousing evening. We hope to hold another dance at the same hall on Saturday, 10th December, so keep a look out for posters, and get into training now.

The important date for December is the Annual Dinner and Dance on Friday the 16th at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, tickets 12s. 6d. can be obtained from the Committee members. We hope to make this a really good evening and there will be games for those who don't wish to dance, so please come along.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th January, so this is an early warning to keep that date free. Subscriptions are now due so the Treasurer will be glad to see you. I would ask that those of you who wish to take the Gazette next year let me have your money in good time so that the labels can be addressed.

See you all at the Dinner, I hope, and although a little early, a very Happy Christmas to you all.

**WEST WILTS M.C.**

First of all the Tanner Trudge Time Trial will take place on our new scramble course at Bratton, near Westbury, Wilts. The event this year will be run in two parts, one for machines fitted with Trial Tyres and after that another for machines fitted with Scramble Tyres. Ken Lywood needs lots of help to get this course ready, not only on the day of the event but every Sunday morning until Christmas. Regulations can be obtained from Mrs. H. Bywood, Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon. Tel. Bradford 3338.

The Errington Cup Final run on 6th November was run under ideal weather conditions, but with rather a lot of mud in some places and we have to thank the observers for doing a very good job in getting the trial finished in reasonable time.

Mike Young won the Errington Cup with a loss of 16 marks, and K. Kendall the Farleigh Castle Trophy for the best sidecar with a loss of 35 marks.

Dates to remember:

Draw for Christmas Competition and Social Evening, 20th December, at the Bell Inn, Rode.

Monthly Business Meeting, 7th December, at Avon Sports Club, Melksham.

**KINGSWOOD M.C.C.**

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the skittles match between our club and the North Somerset M.S.C., the result being a win for us.

At the last club meeting about a dozen members decided to hire a micro bus for a trip to the Motor Cycle Show. It turned out to be a good trip and everyone present enjoyed themselves including the hitch hikers.

A dance has been arranged for New Year's Eve at the Kingswood Hotel, tickets are available from Ken Avery, 8 Hanham Road, at 4s.

The Annual Dance and Presentation of Awards will be held at the Sandringham, Downend, on 19th January, tickets will be available soon at 4s.

There is always room for new faces at our club meetings which are held once a fortnight at the Lamb and Lark, Speedwell. The dates for December being the 14th and 28th.

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**B.S.S.A.**

Since last month's notes there has been an increase in the number of outfits available each week for trials, and this resulted in an entry of fifteen chairs for the West Wilts Trial. The members who made the trip were rewarded by an excellent trial, well organised, and blessed with perfect weather. The winner of the Sidecar Award was Ken Kendall, and First Class Awards went to Tony Donadel, and making a return after a long break, Ken Lewis was third.

The week previous was the Wilts Border Trial. Two of our members were not so lucky at this event as Jack Maggs's engine blew up before he reached the start, and Terry Freeman's sidecar wheel collapsed on the first lap. This course was also quite interesting but recent rain made it very hard to get grip at all.

On Remembrance Sunday, John O'Keeff, Tony Donadel and Colin Laver went out to try a few sections on behalf of other clubs.

Congratulations must go to Ken and Doris on their recent marriage and the club wishes them every future happiness. They spent their honeymoon at the British Experts Trial. The two events are so closely linked that I am getting confused and not quite sure which event Ken is entering as an Expert, which as a Novice—and who or what is on trial!

**BRISTOL M.C.C.**

Very little seems to have happened in the last four weeks. The R.A.C./A.C.U. training scheme is now under new management, and a course is now in progress and the next will start early in February. We cannot stress the importance of these training schemes now that the Government have seen fit to award an annual gift of £3,000, it is now in your interest to see this is spent wisely as it is your money they are giving away! I know the new organisers would accept any assistance anyone could give, on a Saturday afternoon or Tuesday evening, and if you are one of these lucky people with plenty of spare time, please get in touch with Roy Smith, 65 Ashgrove Road, Horfield, Bristol 4, who can give you further information. For each tuition period you will receive a gratuity of 7s. 6d. and at the end a magnificent enamelled badge.

October 29th-30th saw two or three of our members driving in the local B.A.C. Cross Rally, of 180 miles length starting at 10 p.m. from the Roman Camp Cafe, encompassing two laps of 60 miles and one turn around Lulsgate Aerodrome found Jack Parker navigating Geof Brown in their Turner, 1st in their class and 5th overall, including a puncture, this was very good going in face of extremely good opposition, in fact Ian Macleod got relegated to 7th place overall and we all know his abilities. The most unfortunate navigator was Ken Blampied, who through sitting in a car with his eyes glued on the map was very ill, and I know those of us who have experienced this feeling will appreciate how he felt. Stick to the sidecar class, Ken where you can get some fresh air.

As I forecast, the final results of the League series proved Minety Vale to be the winners this year, but all praise to our own drivers who put up a great fight. Next year it has been suggested that only Wessex Centre residents will be allowed to ride in League trials, although not our idea, it will I know be received with great support by our drivers. The Autumn Trial of Wilts Border was won by Harvey Mason (whose Ariel is for sale), I believe this is the second Wessex Open-to-Centre Trial he has ever won. Gerry Kibby and Dave Martin both rode well to get First Class Awards, although I despaired when I saw Gerry try to climb up the side of Grittleton Dump, where his wife was busy trying to get a picture of him with his feet on the "pegs".

The following Sunday 6th November saw several people riding in the West Wilts Errington Cup Trial, while some sections were easy, some proved engine deep in rutted mud. Watery Lane being very difficult and needing every ounce of skill to control the bike. Both Mike Povey and Harvey Mason showed great skill here and the provisional results give both of them well deserved First Class Awards, together with Doug Williamson. Ted Davis was forced to retire with the H.T. lead pulled from the magneto and Don Smith just missed the Novice Cup by one mark. Dave Martin also retired, most unfortunately as he was riding well, when the dipstick in his gear-box broke off with obvious results. Gerry Kibby out on a day-old Greeves had a good ride, again doing a rodeo act as his wife just had him in focus. Camera shy, Gerry! Our newest recruit Ray Miles also had a favourable ride.

The November Handicap, which had been transferred at the last moment to the Keynsham area, proved quite hard enough for a Closed-to-Club. Twenty-two entries,

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mostly "C" class drivers and a few stalwart marshals and drivers friends had a good afternoon's fun. Uplands down, proved very difficult. Doug Williamson kept in his winning streak, coming out on top with the loss of only 9 marks, Bob Gregory being the best "B" class and Richard Smith being the best "C" class driver. All I received was a torn boot and an empty petrol tank. Thanks to our dear friend "Pop" Hathway I didn't have far to walk and I managed to get home without lights without being caught. Since it is obvious that we all need some practice at our next chance we will test out some "Don Mountstevens" sections. A postcard will tell you the time and place. This Regional Restricted Trial will be on 12th February, with a new start at the Mendip Gate Cafe in Burrington Combe. It will include two brand new sections and two which haven't been used for some time. I have the honour of being Clerk of the Course and have good a assistant in Don Smith. Arthur Fedden is as usual the Secretary of the Meeting.

During the past series of League Trials there has been a big tussle for the Rostrevor Cup, awarded to the driver who having started in the "C" class loses least marks throughout the series, Ted Davis has proved the winner with 38 marks against Don Smith with 52. Once again Mike Povey has won the Bristol Cup for the best performance in Starred Trials, he finished third in the Centre to Terry and Malcolm Body.

People have been wondering where Gerald Mountstevens has disappeared. He is busy building a house and I am glad to report has not lost any of his enthusiasm for trials and scrambles and will be back later in the year.

The Christmas Party will be held at the Hen and Chicken, Bedminster on the 9th December. Because parking is non-existent the Social Committee are laying on coaches to all districts for the return journey only at a modest fee. They thought it would be better for people to make their own way there by public transport. Although the party is intended for club members you may bring along any friends at a small charge to cover solid refreshments.

Nominations for officers and committees should be sent to Arthur Fedden before the 21st December, when the A.G.M. will take place at the Full Moon at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

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May I take this opportunity to wish all members of our club and those others who read this column a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at the Old Down Inn, Minety, on Boxing Day.

## SOUTH BRISTOL M.C.C.

Apologies for no club news last month, but our social programme kept us very busy, our two film shows were a great success, attendances at both topping the eighties and our club run to Mendip Vales' hideaway to play skittles was enjoyed to the full, all our members are looking forward to the return match.

Since our last letter we have moved to more convenient headquarters at the "Glasshouse", Lawrence Hill and club meetings are held on Friday evenings, so if any of you are at a loose end on these nights, you will be most welcome, to have a "natter" or make arrangements for future social engagements.

Meanwhile our Sundays, of late, have been given over to hard labour on the scramble course at Dundry, the track has been re-routed and widened where possible and the start will be on the long flat at the rear of the old course, so if all goes well there should be some good racing next May. We are sure that these "mods" will please the enthusiastic followers and the officials concerned.

By the time this letter appears in print, our sixty-strong party will have visited the Mecca of Motor Cycling, no doubt there will be much dissatisfaction with the old and faithful mounts.

We have been asked by several riders to organise a Close-to-Club time trial at Dundry, so we are surveying the field with the object of finding a good course, in the event of doing so, we will apply for a date, if one is available, in these endeavours we are being assisted by some old hands at the game, so if these worthy advisers do sort a track between the hills and dales of Dundry Down there will be some exciting riding.

Future events: 3rd December, Club Social; 9th December, Film Show.

## NORTH SOMERSET M.S.C.

The coach trip to the Motorcycle Show went off wonderfully, the only complaint being the lack of leg room in the coach. The loudest complaints came from "Donkey" Brown, who's moaning could be heard for over an hour on the way back. (I've since heard that he was actually singing!) One of the biggest laughs at the Show was to see the amazement on the face of a young lad of about ten who succeeded in starting up a moped, much to the consternation of the lady stand attendant who had no idea how to stop it.

Despite enquiries from certain quarters, I do not intend to charge Pop for an extra seat just because he brought his sack along.

Skittles matches last month gave us a great shock—we actually succeeded in winning one. We beat the Sidecar Club by a narrow margin. We ran truer to form earlier, when the Kingswood lads and lassies gave us a real pasting.

Our President's Trophy Trial will be history by the time you read these notes, but entries closed at a record 105. The main worry is the waterlogged state of the sections, but doubtless everyone will enjoy themselves.

On 1st January we are running our Closed-to-Club Time Trial at Pensford. We will have to limit entries to about thirty so get yours in early. Entry fee is 4s. Club subscription to 31st December, 1961 is 6s. Secretary of the Meeting is N. A. Micklefield, 48 Lulworth Crescent, Downend, Bristol.

We are holding a New Year Party in early January. At present the idea is to run a coach trip to some country venue. Further details will be available at the club room.

## SHEPTON MALLET M.C.

The Closed Autumn Trial started off our season on the right foot with nearly fifty riders taking part, the result was a surprise, one of our youngest enthusiasts, Brian Taylor well and truly acquired the Premier and a substantial margin of marks to spare. In spite of counter attractions from a neighbouring club's scramble we were able to man all sections with ease and to these loyal supporters, many thanks, please come along again on 4th December when the anticipated entry may well exceed the century.

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Autumn Cup Trial results: **Autumn Cup:** B. Taylor, 19 marks lost. **200 c.c. Award:** R. C. Comer, 25 marks lost. **350 c.c. Award:** D. E. Dudden, 39 marks lost. **Novice Award:** R. Pitman (63 marks lost). **First Class Awards:** P. J. Clissold (35); H. E. Mason (37); A. Allen (41). **Sidecar Award:** K. Kendall, 9 marks lost. **Sidecar Novice Award:** J. Kendall, 18 marks lost.

The Barton Trophy Trial will start from the Mendip Service Station, Gurney Slade, at 10.30 a.m. Fuel and refreshments are laid on. Closely following The Barton will be our annual classic, the B.S.A. Trophy Trial on 8th January.

#### WILTS BORDER M.C. AND L.C.C.

On 5th November some members gathered at Godfrey Palmer's farm for the purpose of letting off the bangers and burning up the rubbish. Although there were quite a number of young children there it was the older "children" who enjoyed themselves. Trevor Chequer pioneered a new method of rocket launching and Godfrey livened the proceedings up somewhat by initiating a battle between himself and one other each holding a Roman Candle—talk about balls of fire!

November 10th saw us favoured by a visit from Stan Dibben of Perry Chains. Stan was really on form and provided us with a wonderful evening's entertainment telling of his life as a motor cycle tester and a sidecar passenger.

We had a Girling Film to show on 18th November which dealt with all sorts of sporting activities on wheels and this was followed by the Stacey Spectacular. This was a showing of Peter's coloured slides among which were some really fine shots from the Isle of Man and some very revealing from Aberdare. These latter shots included some taken by his chum Dave showing Peter at work with his old Gold Star. To round off his show Peter had just a few taken at a club trial which included one of Johnny Lovelock with his bike straight up in the air and using full left lock—to engage the sky hooks as someone suggested.

Please don't forget the Centre Dinner on 6th December—Bob Cohu still has some tickets to sell.

Our Annual Christmas Party is on 16th December at the Castle Combe Community Centre. It is hoped to make this an even better show than last year and we have engaged Kenny Ess to do the job of M.C.—we can be sure of a wild time with him in charge. Invitations have gone out to our neighbouring clubs the West Wilts, Enfield, Bath and Minety Vale but if there is anyone who would like to come along and join in the fun it will start at 7.30 p.m. and the price of admission is 2s. Children are especially invited and games will be laid on for their benefit—there will be no charge for them to come in.

That should really start the festive season on the right foot—if it hasn't already been started for you, so before I mention next year's early activities may I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, good sport in the New Year and safe riding wherever you are.

Early dates for 1961: 8th January, Closed-to-Club Trial. 4th January, Annual Committee Dinner at the Old House at Home, Burton, 7.30 for 8 p.m. 19th January, Annual General Meeting at the Five Alls at 7.30 p.m. 11th February, Coach trip to Pantomime at Oxford to see Richard Hearne in "Dick Whittington" at the New Theatre. All-in price 16s. 6d. per head, bookings and details from Trevor Chequer. 26th February, Border Cup Trial. 24th March, Annual Dinner, Dance and Presentation of Awards at the Town Hall, Chippenham, tickets 12s. 6d.

#### TOR M.C. C.C.

Provisional Results—Closed-to-Club Churchill Memorial Trial, held at Knowle Hill, Yarley, on Sunday, 20th November, 1960, over a course of 4 laps of 11 observed sections:

**Churchill Memorial Cup:** M. Carter (249 Cotton), 68 marks lost. **First Class Awards:** W. M. Body (250 DOT), 75 marks lost; R. C. Comer (350 Ariel), 109 marks lost. **Novice Award:** M. David (250 Greeves), 161 marks lost.

Compliments of the Season to you.

## Scrambles Drivers Status

The Draft Rules as agreed at the "Newbury" Conference are as follows:

1. Each member Centre should appoint a Recorder and exchange information *inter alia*.
2. The scheme will be started by member Centres exchanging information on the present status of Drivers in their respective Centre, as at the 30th November, 1960, and will be adopted *inter alia*.
3. Grading of Drivers shall be agreed between Centre. Any Driver will qualify for upgrading on his aggregate total performance in one or more Centres.
4. The Scheme will come into force on the 1st January, 1961. Regradings will take place twice per annum, on the 1st July and 1st January. The grading lists will close on the 31st May and 30th November and be published on the 1st July and 1st January respectively. (The months of June and December will count into the subsequent period).
5. There shall be two grades of Drivers.  
(a) Premier and (b) Graded.
6. Grading shall be determined by performances on any class of machine. Drivers holding International Licences will be deemed to be a Premier Driver and will continue in that status until he no longer holds such a licence and qualifies for regrading in accordance with Rule 9.
7. Upgrading of Drivers shall be determined on a points basis—4, 2, and 1, on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings for finals only in any event held under an O.T.C., S. Restricted, Restricted, National or International Permit in any Centre recognising the scheme. Handicaps, Invitation and Non-winners Races and events for machines up to 125 c.c. are excluded.
8. A Driver will be upgraded if he has gained an aggregate of 20 points in accordance with Rule No. 7 in any one period of 6 months. A Driver having gained 11-19 points in any one period, will have that total carried forward and should he gain an aggregate of 30 points in two consecutive periods (i.e. 12 months) he shall be upgraded. Only one period may be carried forward at any time.
9. A Premier Driver who has not gained any points, in accordance with Rule 7, in two consecutive periods (i.e. 12 months) may apply to the Centre Recorder, in whose Centre he normally resides, for regrading. Such regrading will not be authorised until the application is agreed by the Recorders of other Centres.
10. No variation of the Rules of the Scheme should be entertained until it has been proved in actual practice. Meetings of Centre Recorders will be held to agree any alterations found necessary and submitted to Centre Boards for approval.

At the time of going to press this scheme has been adopted by the Southern, South Western, South Midland, and Wessex Centres. They offer it for consideration by other Centres with a view to its universal adoption.

H. C. CROFT.

(Hon. Secretary).

## BOARD REPORT November 23rd

In the absence of the Chairman, J. Parkin, Vice-Chairman R. Cohu took the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. The minutes of the Centre Competition Committee were also accepted.

League Trials, 1961: The question of sidecar machines having their marks lost according to the best solo performance. Proposed by Mr. King and seconded by R. Bracher that the matter be referred back to the Competitions Committee. A long discussion over the area from which riders could enter the League Trials. It was decided to leave as at present, namely any club member could enter.



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Report of A.C.U. General Council Meeting was given by Mr. Fedden, who mentioned many items including T.T. Trials, and the I.S.D.T. was to be held in this country. Dates Meeting was held and the alterations are shown elsewhere in this issue.

Accounts: An account for two Rubber Stamps was passed for payment. The Hon. Treasurer reported that he had received payment of permit fees. The figures were now complete and showed a satisfactory position, and that some of the profit was earmarked for repairs to the course which was now taking place. It was agreed Trials Stewards fees will remain at 10s. and 30s. for Speed events for 1961. Stewards to receive this upon acceptance of the report on the event.

Scrambles in Swindon Area: Clarification to be obtained from Southern Centre. The date was agreed for 26th February. Two further dates only will be allowed in this area for 1961. These details to be conveyed to the Southern Centre.

Inter-Centre Team Trial: It was agreed to support this for 1961. Mr. Cullimore to be Team Manager.

Next Meeting, 14th December, Windsor Castle, Bath.

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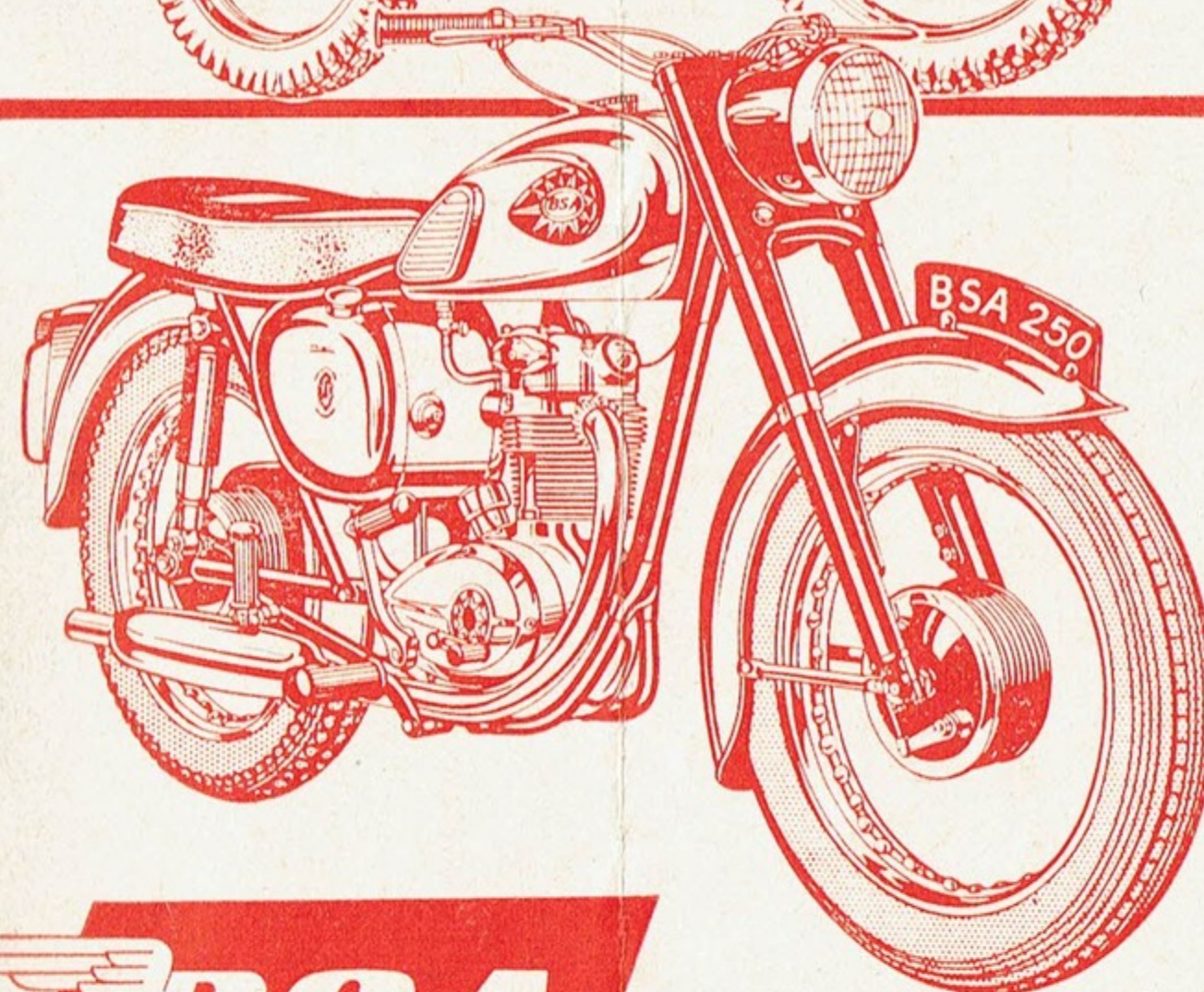
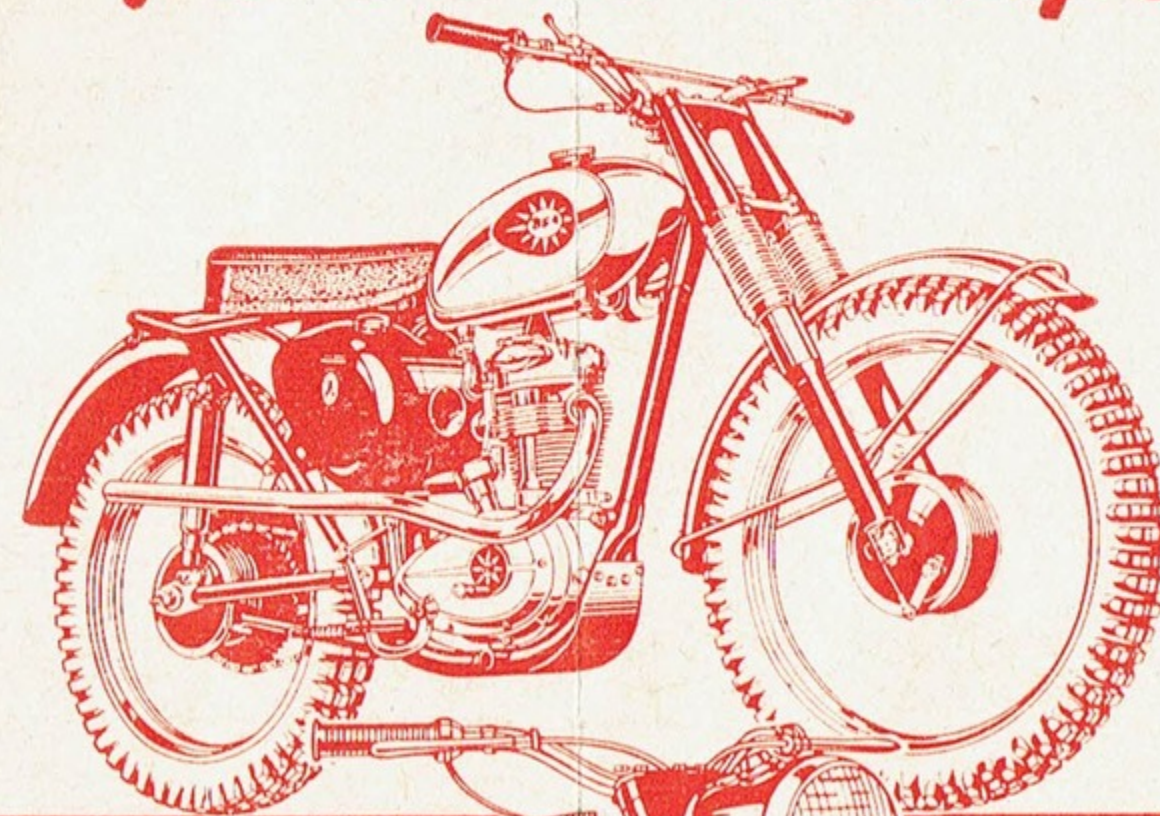
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(Sept. 24)  
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