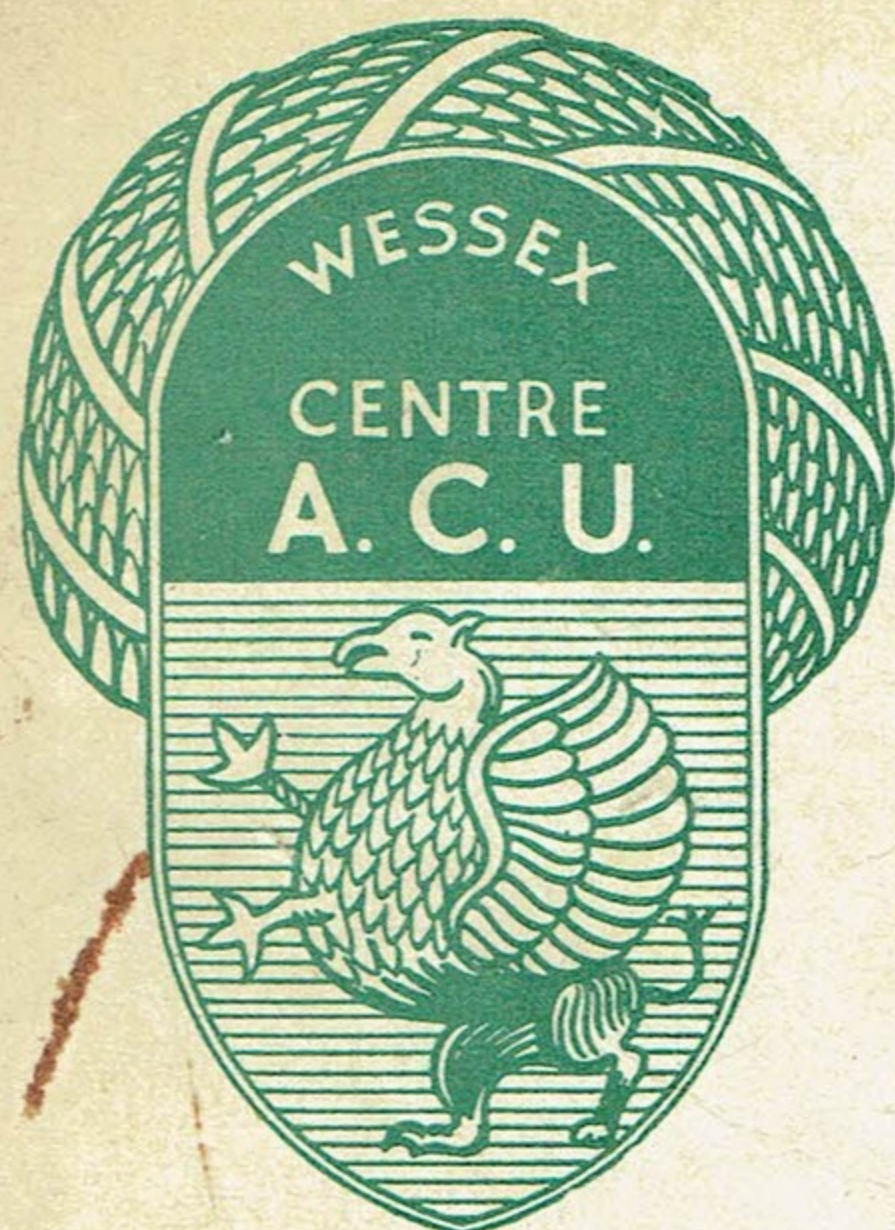


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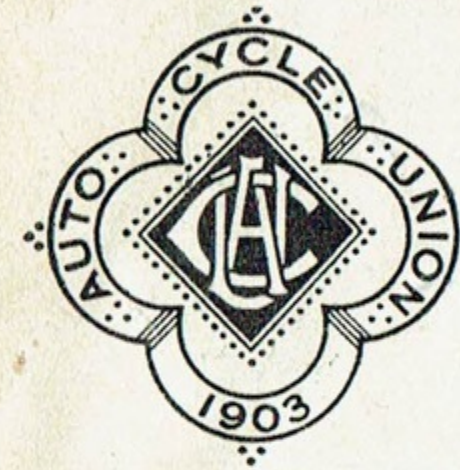
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Will Centre members please make a new year resolution, to send in their contributions to the Editor in good time for publication, don't leave it to the last moment.

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First League Trial, 21st January, 1962. Start 10.30 a.m., New Inn, Farmborough.

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Entries to: A. C. Fedden, 52 Smithcourt Drive, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.

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Regulations for the "Don Mountstevens" Trial will be printed in the February Gazette. Date of trial, 18th February, 1962.

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Next Centre Comps. meeting will be held at Knowle Garage, Bawdrip, near Bridgewater, 10th January, 1962.

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Will trial organisers please note that all "hills" and "Observed Sections" to be used in an event must be notified in writing to L. Nott, the Permit Secretary.

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A copy of all trial results must be sent to F. E. B. Fellowes and A. W. Cullimore for record purposes.

## The Wessex Centre Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Wessex Centre A.C.U. will be held at The Assembly Hall, Westwood, (by kind permission of the Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd.), on Saturday, 20th January, 1962, starting at 3 p.m. sharp.

Clubs are requested to send in nominations for the following positions: President; Vice-Presidents (4); Chairman (1); Vice-Chairmen (2); Honorary Treasurer (1); together with any motions they may wish to table, so as to reach the Honorary Secretary not later than Monday, 1st January, 1962.

Afternoon tea will be served to all who notify the Hon. Secretary of their requirements.

At the Board Meeting immediately following the A.G.M., the following will be elected: The Honorary Secretary; the Honorary Assistant Secretary; the Honorary Permit Secretary and the three Delegates to the General Council Meeting, nominations to be called for at the meeting.

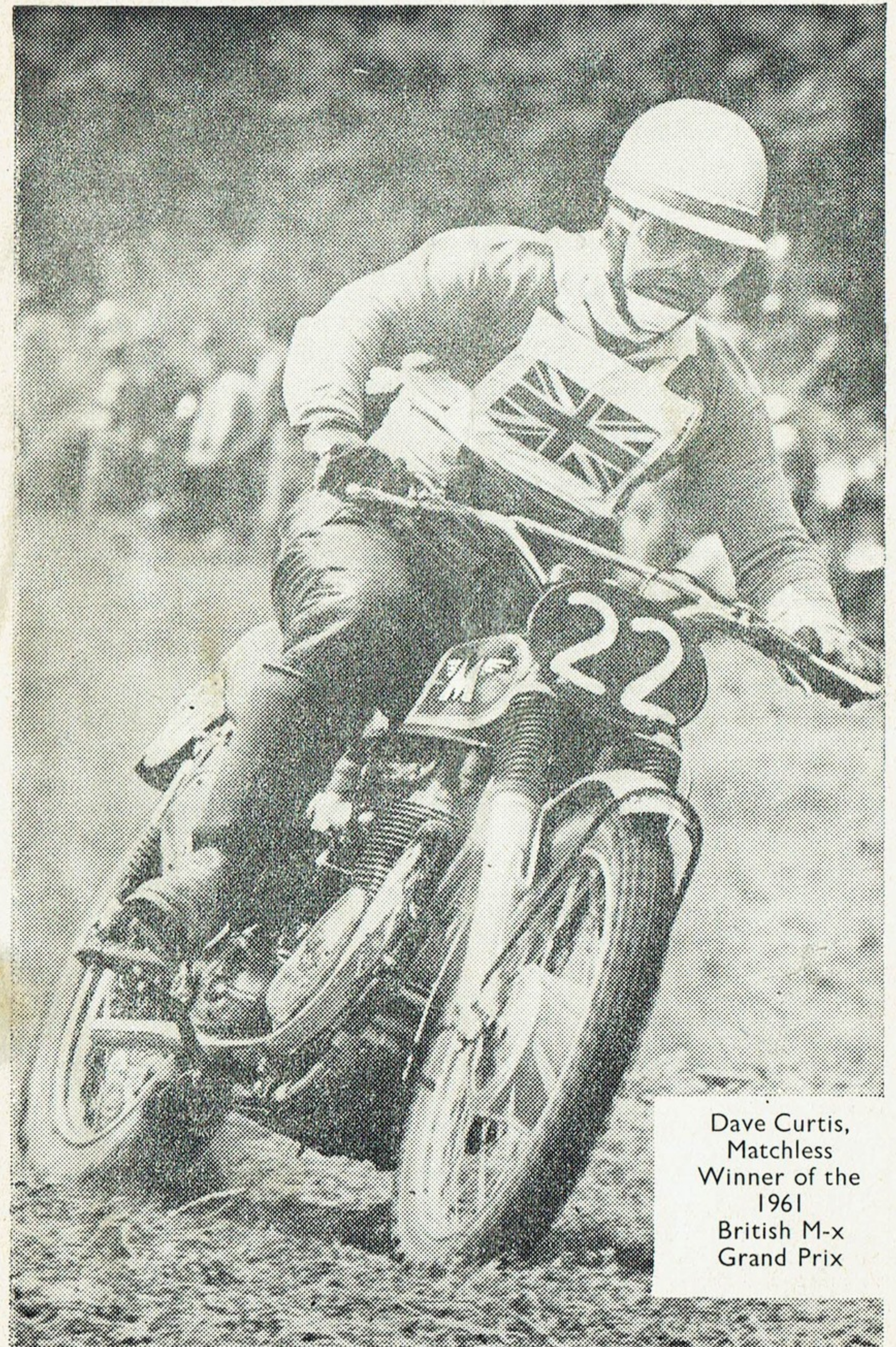


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## Report on the Board Meeting

In the Chair, J. Parkin.

The minutes of the Board of 15th November, 1961 were read and signed, also the minutes of the Comps. Committee of 10th December, 1961 were read and signed. Arising—R.E. Owners Club pointed out a mistake in dates, 20th May and not 3rd June was the correct date of their 1962 Propaganda Event. The Chairman reported the death of R. Cannell of the Bath and West M.C., the Centre's condolences had been made and members had attended the funeral.

Apologies for non-attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Raymond, Fellowes and D. R. Webb.

Arising: Wessex Scramble; Stewards appointed were Messrs. Cullimore and Keeling. Experts and Juniors are the new drivers titles adopted by the Scramble Driver's Meeting recently held at Newbury.

League Trial Rules for the 1962 series were finalised and adopted. The draw for the start took place.

Castle Combe. The Hon. Treasurer presented a very satisfactory balance sheet for the two meetings held in 1961.

Accounts: Stewards expenses; Blampied, re Scramble Drivers Committee; Colborn Trophies; Hon. Secretary's expenses; Hon. Asst. Secretary's expenses were presented and paid *en bloc*.

Fixture Cards: The Hon. Treasurer now has these, and they were distributed to clubs.

Nominations for the A.C.U. Council Committees were considered and suitable names noted.

Centre Dinner: General opinion was a very good function, except for the long, drawn-out list of award winners who were not present. Also there were too many speeches, at least two should have been cut out. Agreed to book similar date at Fortt's for next year. Hearty vote of thanks to the organiser.

Wilts Border reported complaints concerning use of a bridleway without permission in June and August; Wilts Border did not run any events in these months.

### A.—ANNOUNCEMENT AND JURISDICTION

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE LEAGUE TRIALS 1962

Held under the General Rules of the A.C.U. and open to all riders of motor-cycles and motor-cycles with sidecars who are members of clubs in the Wessex Centre A.C.U.

	Date	District
FIRST TRIAL	21st January, 1962	Bristol
SECOND TRIAL	11th March, 1962	Glastonbury
THIRD and FOURTH to be announced later.		

**B.—ENTRIES.** Each Club Secretary must send in on the form provided the team and individual entries from his club to the Secretary of the Meeting of each trial together with all entry fees and indemnification clause duly signed by each entrant. If a team member is a non-starter a reserve driver will take his place according to the order on the club entry form.

**ENTRIES must reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than the first post on Wednesday previous to the trial. This rule will be enforced.**

Late entries and entries without fee will not be accepted.

Entry fee: 6s. per trial, including personal Insurance, which will only be returned if the trial is cancelled.

**Teams:** Each club may enter as many drivers as possible to compete for individual awards and may nominate any number of teams of three (which may be all solos or all sidecars or any combination of the two) the remaining drivers being reserve drivers.

The teams will be designated 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. teams, and the team members may vary from trial to trial except that once a driver has been nominated by a club as a team member, he may not change his team or ride for any other club or team during this series of trials. Also, should a reserve driver be promoted to a team he may not ride for any other team during this series of trials.

**C.—AWARDS.** The League Trophy (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the club whose team has the lowest total of marks lost at the end of the series of trials.

First Class Awards to the best 30 per cent of solo starters and the best 30 per cent sidecar starters in each class, i.e. A, B, and C Handicapping will be used to find the winners of all the above awards. Club Awards may be put up for competition by any club which wishes to do so. Details will be announced by the clubs concerned.

### D.—OFFICIALS. First Trial

Wessex Centre Steward: P. Newman, (and Two appointed by organising club.)

Secretary of the Meeting: A. C. Fedden, 52 Smithcourt Drive, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.

Second trial, third trial, and fourth trial to be announced later.

### E.—DESCRIPTION

**1. Place and Time of Start.** First Trial, New Inn, Farmborough. First man 10.31 a.m. Second, third and fourth trials to be announced later.

**2. Order of Starting** will be by ballot of the club entries prior to the first trial. The clubs as entered in the first trial will be the standard starting order and in each subsequent trial these clubs will move forward three places. Clubs entering for the first time after the first trial will follow after the last club in later trials. Reserve drivers will follow immediately after their club teams.

Except that sidecars be started first or last at the discretion of organisers. Clubs to be notified their riding numbers by post.

**3. The Course** will not be the same for each of the trials but there will be twenty observed sections in each trial. Length will be 20 to 30 miles and it is intended that it will be such that can be covered by an "A" class driver without loss of marks. Solos and sidecars will cover the same course and observed sections except that up to five alternative sub-sections in each trial may be substituted for sidecars only. If at all possible tapes and artificial obstacles will not be used.



**4. Time.** Drivers will be expected to complete the course within the limits of a 12 m.p.h. speed schedule. Penalty for finishing late will be 1 mark per five minutes or part of five minutes.

**5. Inspection** of sections during the trial will be allowed by each driver must, without receiving outside assistance, attempt the section when instructed by the Marshal in charge. Drivers are asked to pay particular attention to this so that there may be no unnecessary delays. A back marker will start 30 minutes after the last man and any driver finishing after the back marker (who will remain behind the main body of drivers) will be deemed to have retired.

**6. Special Test Time** which will be used for ties for individual awards only. Drivers will bring their machines with front wheel resting on line "A". With dead engines and gears in neutral on a given signal drivers will kick start engine and accelerate to stop astride line "B" about 20 yards away. Fastest time between signal to kick start and stopping astride line "B" will be best performance. A time of over 1 minute or failure to stop astride line "B" constitutes failure in the Test, penalty for which will be "A" drivers, 5 marks, "B" drivers, 4 marks, "C" drivers, 3 marks.

**7. Scoring and Handicapping**

- (a) Each team's total marks lost will be aggregated over the series of trials, the lowest total being the winner.
- (b) Drivers will be graded into three classes: "A" (experts), "B" (average), "C" (novice).
- (c) The definitions of the three classes are as follows:  
 "C" (Novice) are defined as drivers who have not won any trials award other than a League Trial.  
 "B" (Average) are drivers who have not won a premier award or more than two first class, or equivalent, awards in trials.  
 "A" (Expert) are all other drivers.

- 1. A trial must be of Centre-restricted or higher status and not a main road event.
- 2. Other second class awards count as half first class awards and class awards count as first class awards.

Drivers will be up-graded if necessary before each trial according to their performances up to date.

An "A" driver may, at the discretion of the Trials Sub-committee, be down-graded to "B" provided that he send in a claim in writing to the Centre Secretary showing that he has not won a first class award, or equivalent, or better, in a trial, (as defined above), during the previous two years. Claims must reach the Centre Secretary at least 7 days before the event.

Marking will be as follows:

Handicap	Marks Lost			
	Clean	One Touch	Footing	Failure
"A" ... ..	0	1	3	5
"B" ... ..	0	1	2	4
"C" ... ..	0	0	1	3

Should a driver of any grade retire he will lose 5 marks for every section following the point of his retirement, plus 20 marks for failure to finish.

Team marks lost will be increased by 125 marks per driver short of the three required to make up a full team. Any complete team which misses a trial will be debited with a loss of 375 marks for that trial.

**8. Provisional Results** will be sent to each driver as soon as possible after each trial.

**9. Observers.** All clubs must be prepared to supply at least three helpers if called upon to do so by the organising club.

**10. WESSEX CENTRE STANDING RULES WILL APPLY EXCEPT AS VARIED ABOVE.**

**11. Entry Forms** should be obtained from your Club Secretary.

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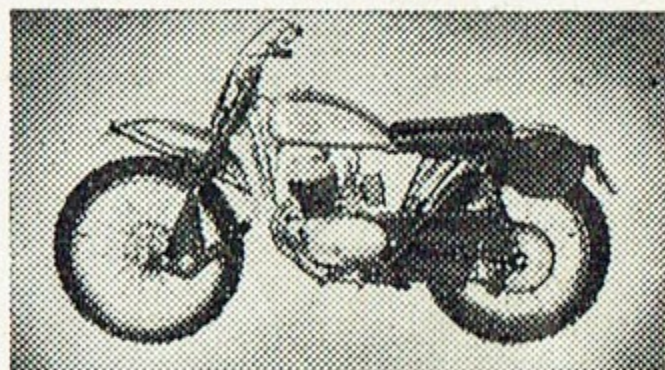
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## Club Notes

### SHEPTON MALLET M.C. AND L.C.C.

The Barton Trial attracted some of the top brass of the motor cycling world and as is usual the rain joined in for good measure.

Peter Stirland proved a decisive solo winner and Ken Kendall the best charioteer. Don and Derek Rickman were respective class winners with Ken McLachlan annexing the 200. All sections were well manned before the start except Binegar Bottom despite the steady downpour, the timely arrival of the lads from Frome then completed the picture, thus dispelling the doubts that beset organisers on a wet morning.

To all marshals many thanks for valuable assistance and co-operation—one and all deserved a Premier Award.

Much work is in progress at Milton, the continuation of this old highway is being cleared through the woods and may yet provide further sections, in any case we shall have the benefit of the old road up to its junction with "the Old Bristol Road", therefore eliminating the inconvenience to the local farmer who grants us the favour of crossing his fields.

The B.S.A. Trophy Trial on 14th January has starred status, would-be champs please note.

Congratulations to J. W. and Brian Taylor, Premier and Runner-up winners at Tor's Sedgemoor Trial.

In conclusion, this is the last Gazette you will receive until the subscription for 1962 series is paid, so please send me your four bob promptly.

A happy and prosperous 1962 to all.

### NORTH SOMERSET M.S.C. (BRISTOL)

First, may I wish everyone a happy New Year, and many trouble-free miles in the forthcoming year.

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held on 26th January, at the Old Duke. A departure from our usual practice of a summer meeting with an inevitable quota of members on holiday. You are earnestly requested to make an effort on this occasion as it is your vote that determines the officials for the next year.

The Closed-to-Club Trial is due to be run on the 14th January, several members having their first real crack at trial organising.

On the social side, several of us enjoyed ourselves at the Bristol M.C.C. Dance, yours truly, so thoroughly that he forgot his transport and had to retrieve it the following day. I am afraid the same numbers did not go to the Centre Dinner but those of us who did, voted it one of the best we have attended, a credit to the organiser, Mrs. Croft.

Tickets for the Dance and Presentation of Awards are available from club members, priced at 4s. per ticket.

In passing, may I respectfully remind you that subscriptions are now due. I am sure that Alan Brown will be only too pleased to receive them on drip feed terms if needs be. Incidentally, in order to vote at the Annual General Meeting, you should have paid or started to pay by the 26th of the month.

### FROME AND DISTRICT UNITED M.C.

Last month I omitted to wish members a happy Christmas, so this month I will start by wishing, on behalf of the club, a happy and prosperous New Year to all members and friends throughout the Centre. December was a quiet month as far as club events were concerned and we only held a film show. This, as usual, was at the Oakfield Road School and was enjoyed by a very substantial audience. The films were interesting and varied, though a little out of date. It seems that the declining interest of the oil and accessories companies in motorcycle sport extends to the making of films, for it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain up to the minute films.



On Sunday, 7th January, we are running an Open-to-Centre Trial for the Wyneham Haynes Trophy. This will once again start at the scramble course at Leighton and all offers of help will be eagerly accepted. The first man will be on his way at 10.30 a.m.

The A.G.M. is almost upon us again and will be held at the clubroom of the Lamb Hotel, Frome, on Tuesday, 30th January at 8 p.m. This will be a fine opportunity for club members to air their views, so come along and let's hear from you.

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

My first duty this month must be to apologise for the non-appearance of these notes in last month's issue. They should have been written at a time when other club matters were pressing and just got overlooked.

The loss the club has sustained by the death of Ron Cannell has not yet fully sunk home. Only time will make apparent how much his cheerful presence and adroit and good humoured "pot-stirring" will be missed at club meetings. A measure of the regard in which he was held was surely the number of club and Centre people who came along to pay their last respects. To his widow and children the club tender its condolences.

Our Annual Dinner, Presentation of Awards and Dance will be at the Pump Room on Friday, 26th January and all arrangements are well in hand. A very representative "Top Table" will be in attendance, including the Mayor of Bath, Councillor W. Sheppard. If you have not already been bullied by Notty into taking more tickets than you think you can dispose of they are obtainable from him—L. Nott, 14 Midford Road, Combe Down, Bath, at the cost of 15s. each.

Notices are being sent out to all registered members, of the club A.G.M., which will be held on Monday, 15th January, at the Windsor Castle, 7.30 p.m. Nominations for officers must be made in writing and handed in prior to the meeting in order that the elections can proceed in an orderly and systematic fashion without a lot of time-wasting wrangling and arranging. Only if no nominations have been received before the meeting will nominations be accepted from the floor during the A.G.M. Having laid down the law on this matter it only remains for me to extend my club's best wishes to all riders, organisers, helpers and friends in the Centre for an enjoyable year's sport through 1962.

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After some persuasion and arm-twisting on the part of the B.S.S.A. boys we included "chairs" for the first time in our King's Sedgemoor and Churchill Cups Trial on 10th December. The innovation was, I think, quite successful and no doubt we shall continue to cater for them in the future. We were delighted to receive sixteen sidecar entries and their enthusiasm made the extra work involved well worth while. Walt Pompey did a first class job as Clerk of the Course and we thank him for his efforts; Harry Croft very kindly arranged for Walt to use Anthony's trials Dot for course preparation and Walt has little cause to be thankful—he had to push it across the 2-mile Sedgemoor timed section when it just wouldn't go! Thanks also to George Sibley for doing all the clerical work again and to all who helped both before and on the day.

Frost and rain during the preceding week left the course in more than prime condition and the trial certainly could not be described as easy. Red Pits proved very difficult indeed and on Stowey Hill only B. T. Taylor succeeded in making an unpenalised climb. The timed section took marks from the entire entry and two unfortunates ended up in the icy waters of the rhine! Coombe Hollow provided seven good sub-sections and Chris Ludgate was one of the best seen here; unfortunately Chris missed two sections earlier on as otherwise he might well have won the Premier award. However, Jim Taylor's performance was masterly and his win by a 9-mark margin quite remarkable.

The provisional results are as follows: **King's Sedgemoor Trophy** (Best Solo): J. W. Taylor (250 Greeves), 18. **President's Cup** (Second Best Solo): B. T. Taylor (250 Dot), 27. **Club Cup** (Third Best Solo): A. Middleton (250 B.S.A.), 28. **Churchill Cup** (Best Sidecar): K. Kendall (497 Ariel s/c), 28. (Passenger Award): D. Kendall. **Sidecar Runner-up Award**: A. J. Donadel (499 Ariel s/c), 32. **Novice Award** (Solo): M. R. Mumford (350 Special), 61. **Novice Award** (S/c): G. Avery (500 Norton s/c), 56. **First Class Awards**: P. J. Abbott (197 Greeves), 30; K. I. McLachlan (200 Triumph), 33; W. M. Body (250 Dot), 34; I. R. Lenton (200 Triumph), 36; T. C. Stuckey (490 Norton), 37; B. Hewitt (500 B.S.A. s/c), 37. **Second Class Awards**: R. G. Bradley (350 A.J.S.), 38; M. Palfrey (246 Greeves), 39; W. D. Thomas (346 R. Enfield), 39; D. J. Rickman (250 Greeves), 39; G. Kibby (250 Greeves), 39; D. E. Rickman (500 B.S.A. s/c), 41.

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**BRISTOL M.C.C.**

One of the thrills of an extremely enjoyable evening was seeing "Pop Hathway" receive the Cliff King Trophy at the Dance and Presentation of Awards last month. This award, which goes to the "ordinary" member who, in the opinion of a sub-committee, has done the most work for the club in the preceding year probably has never gone to a more deserving or popular member, and the cheers were loud and long when "Pop" accepted it from Les Archer. Les and his wife enjoyed their time with us and he has expressed a wish to be with us again on some similar occasion. Incidentally the Social Committee, who must be congratulated on the success of the event have had the pleasure of donating the money set aside as guest of honour's expenses to a deserving childrens charity. Les declined to accept same and requested that a suitable home was found for it, a very sporting gesture on his part. Another good point regarding this event, we see members who, for different reasons, have not been able to be regularly at club functions.

Members were able to show off their photographic skill at the slide and film show (second part) which was held on 29th November. Many were the comments from the audience and any technical error on exposure was immediately pointed out by the "experts" present. The quantity of marriage photographs was enough to frighten off any single clubman, but have no fear chaps the high marriage rate cannot be maintained. Among the views, "Baggy Point" was very prominent, as was Derek Ford's London Airport post. These shows seem to be very popular with the average member—next years' Social Committee please note.

Our President was in fine form for the Auction and between his repartee managed to open some tight fists. We have members with "Racing in their Blood" but Jock almost had "oil in his beer" when he held up an oil tank for bids. What about his commission? Maybe some members feel that our Auctioneer is entitled to a free meal—and as the Committee Dinner is paid for by all who partake including the President perhaps a proposal could be forthcoming.

Talking of the Dinner, on 4th December, twenty-four officers had a get-together at the Full Moon. After an excellent Dinner helped along by a little liquid the Chairman proposed a toast—"The Club"—then followed comments from all in turn. Although generally it was felt that the year had not been unsuccessful it was realised that there was no cause for complacency and greater efforts were required (particularly from the club officials) to establish the club in a position more in keeping with its size. There was no great showing at this dinner of "smug satisfaction", so all out for 1962.

One job which has grown rapidly due to the increasing co-operation of other Centres is the Scrambles Riders Grading Recorder. Ken Blampied spends an enormous amount of time on this task and recently more Centres have shown interest in this scheme which could well become "National" eventually.

Next months' notes will have to take care of the Christmas Party, Timed Trial and the A.G.M. Without wishing to be prophetic of the motions which will have been adopted or rejected by the time these notes are printed, it would seem that the C.T.C. events will cost less to enter and that lady members will still be entitled to election for all offices.

Our Trials Riders are showing up well in the Open-to-Centre events. On 29th November in the Enfield Club's "Gerald Gregory" Trial, Roy Bradley collected the 250 Cup and A. Allen and R. Smith had First Class Awards. Mike Povey was the best Novice sidecar and the best Novice solo was Richard Jones on his near new DOT. The following Sunday Richard repeated his success in the Shepton Mallet Trial; Roy Bradley and Gerry Kibby were among the First Class Award winners. So we should have nothing to fear when the League Trial series starts again.

Well, here's wishing you all a Happy New Year, Cheerio.

**DATES FOR JANUARY**

**January 3rd**—Business Meeting. **10th**—Film Show, 8 p.m., St. Chads. **17th**—Business Meeting. **24th**—Social Evening, Full Moon. **31st**—Film Show, 7.30 p.m., Broad Walk, Knowle.

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**CLUB NOTES—continued****BRISTOL M.C. AND L.C.C.**

During the past few years, the notes for this club have been few and far between. This was not due entirely to lack of interest, but never-the-less, the motorcycling side of the club was getting left a little in the background.

On this, our half centenary year, celebrated very successfully on 31st November at Lulsgate Airport. We have had more interest shown in motor cycling, and this has given us great heart to endeavour to bring this branch back to its old level.

As you will see by the Wessex Calendar, we are organising the Third League Trial on 3rd June, details of Secretary and start later. On 19th August (please add L.C.C. to this date), after a lapse of many years we are bringing back that season opener "The Grand Cup Trial" and then later in the year in October, the National "J.D.". We shall, as always be extremely glad of any assistance from Centre members, as besides the motor-cycling side, we have a full calendar of motoring events.

Should anyone with sport in mind, either with cars or motorcycles require details of any of our activities, please contact "Phoebe" Fellows, Barbara or Jim Cullimore, who will be pleased to welcome any one to the ranks and so make this once again a motor cycle sports club.

We have the nucleus of a trials team which will be entered in all League events and wherever teams are catered for. (Are you entering the Scottish). Of course we need more comps. bods so do come along and get particulars, any Sunday morning, we are always around.

**Note:** Date in last month's Gazette incorrect—19th August should read B.M.C. and L.C.C.

**WEST WILTS M.C.**

I hope that all members will make a special effort to attend the next meeting on the 3rd January as it is the Annual General. At the time of writing we have received one proposition for discussion and that is "That the club headquarters be moved to another venue".

At the last meeting, Dave Drew brought along a magnificent trophy presented by the National Benzol Company—this will be used for annual competition by the sidecar class in the Tanner Trudge Time Trial. Whilst on the subject of the trial—Ken Lywood, the Clerk of the Course, would like as many members as possible both on the 24th to prepare the course and on the day for observing. This event has become so well known in the Centre a good entry has already been promised. For those of you who have never attended the event, it is divided into three parts, Solos with Trials Tyres, Sidecars and Solos with Trials or Scrambles Tyres. The riders have to go through approximately six observed sections over a short course of about 12 laps and the fastest rider makes standard time, other riders losing marks for minutes after standard time. We should like as many members and friends to assist on the day and our lady members will be especially welcome as programmes are available. If you want to work off the Christmas spirit and work up an appetite for the New Year's festivities, this is just the event.

We have just heard that the Southern Centre have given permission for us to run two scrambles at Bratton next year. This gives the club quite a programme with three trials, two scrambles and three rallies besides numerous treasure hunts.

A Tow Rope is missing after the Errington Cup Trial, will anyone who has got it or knows of its whereabouts, please contact the Secretary as it doesn't belong to us.

The Dinner and Dance on 16th February is all in hand and Frank Perris who is lying second in the World Championship is coming and we hope also to get Mike Hailwood. Unfortunately all the car men are out of the country racing on that date—we are still trying to get a rally driver as well. Tickets are already on sale and if you want any, just drop the Secretary a line or approach any of the Dinner Committee (if they don't get to you first).

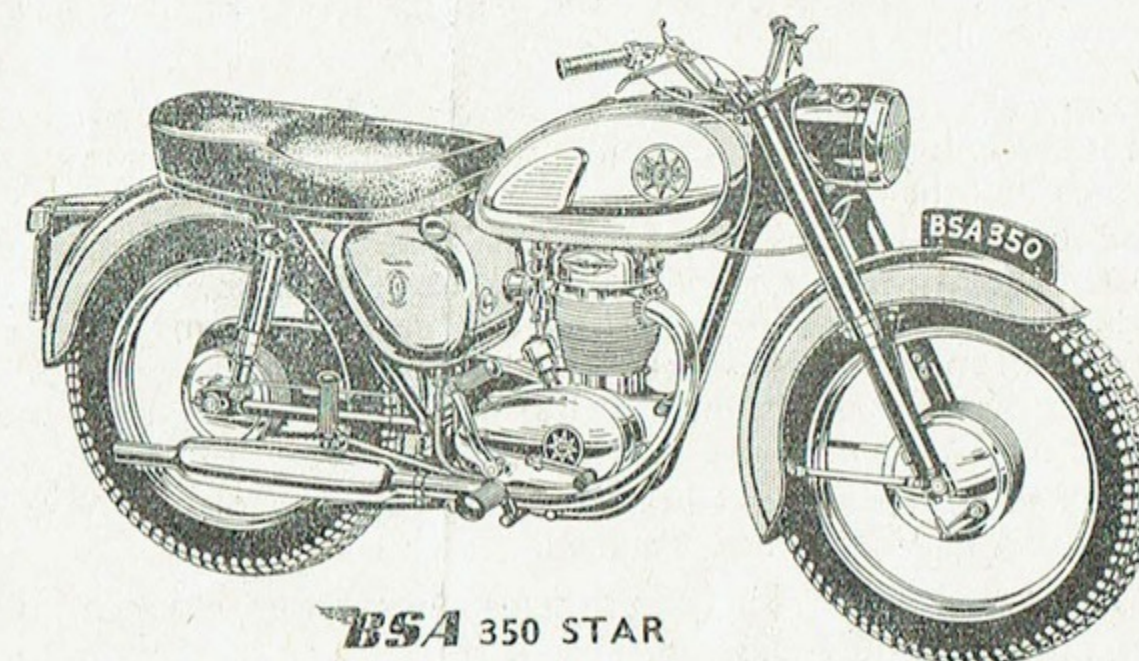
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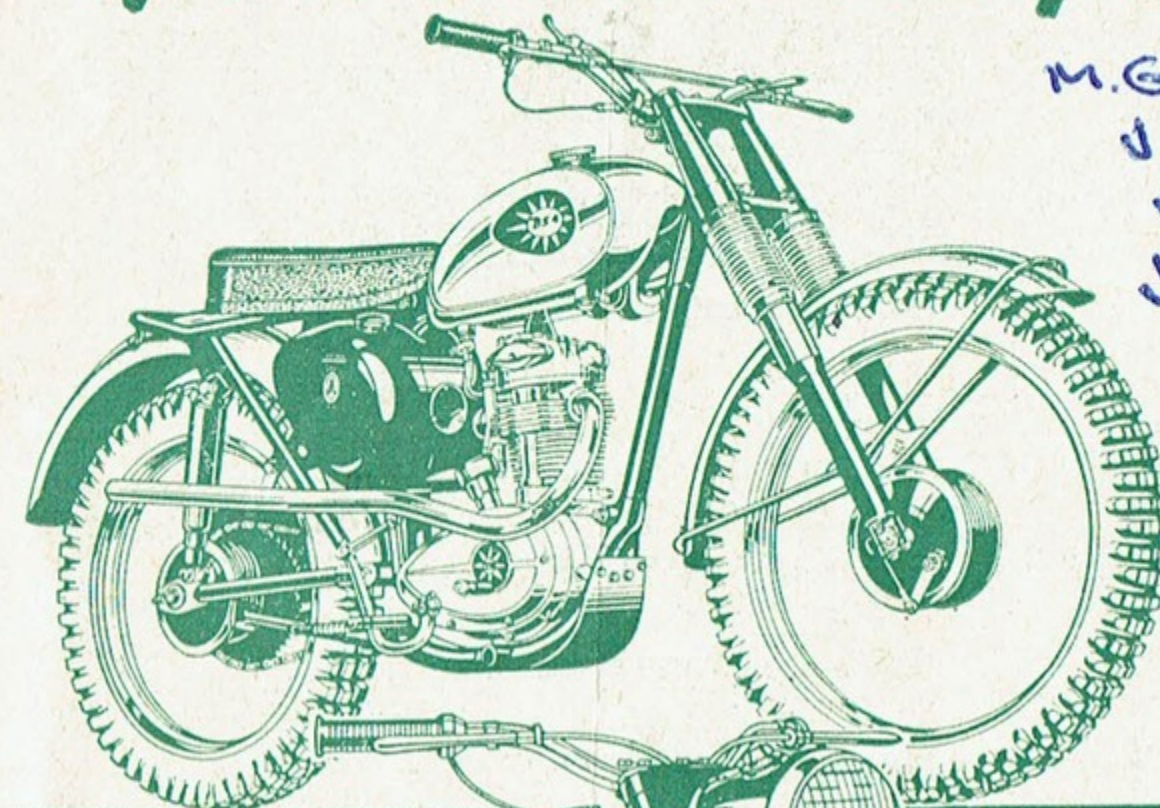
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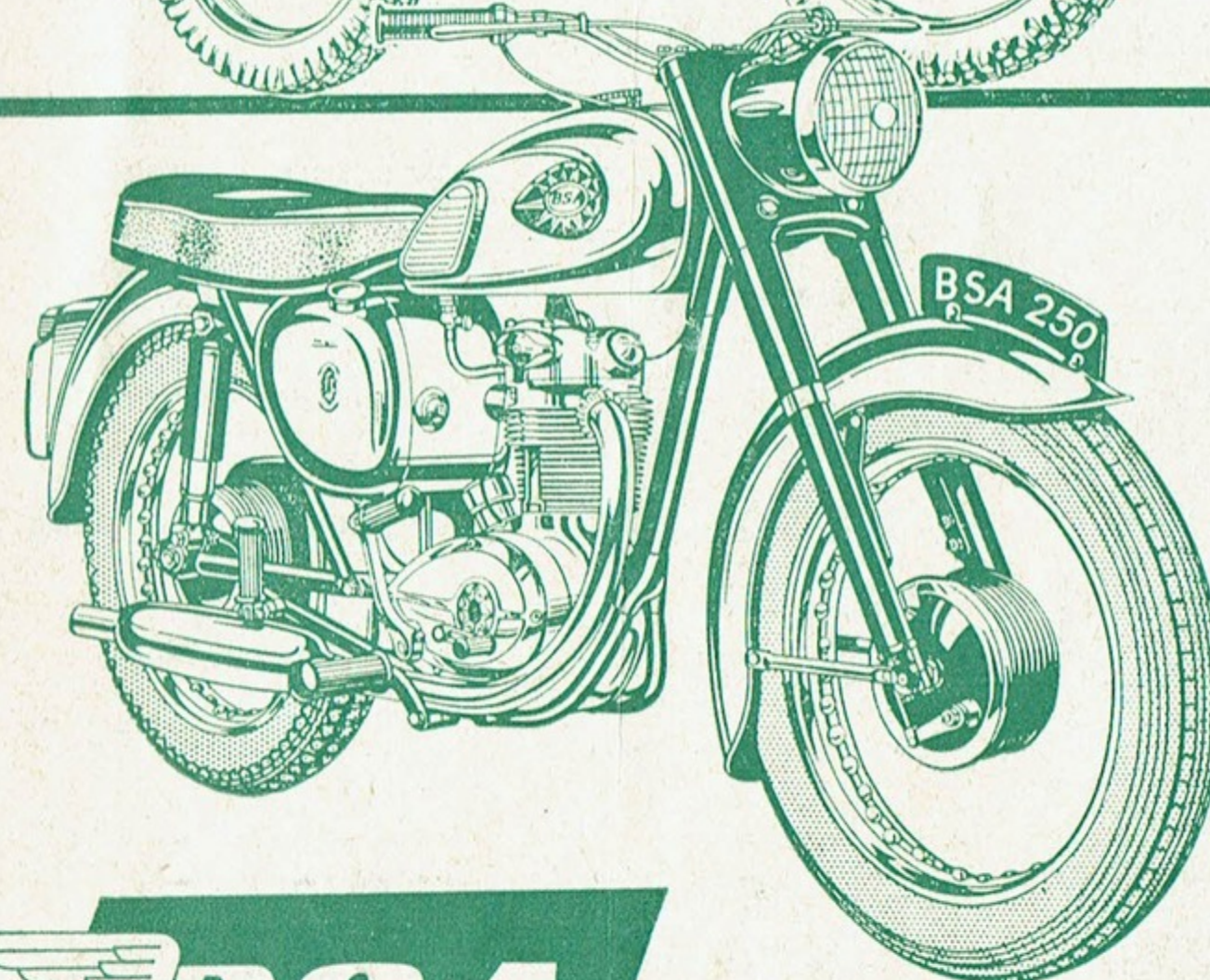
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