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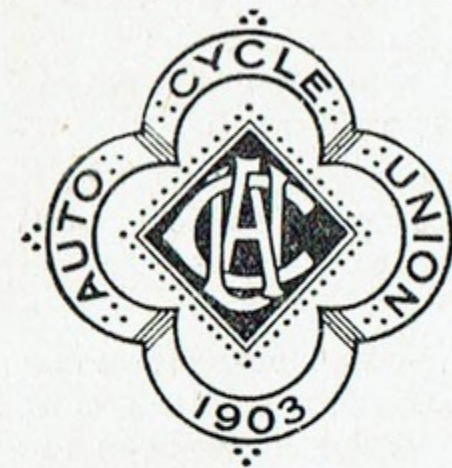
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### OPEN AWARDS

	No.	Winner	Marks Lost
The Kickham Solo Trophy and Souvenir	30	S. Ellis	16
The Kickham Sidecar Trophy and Souvenir	99	K. R. Kendall	52
The Unlimited Cup and Souvenir (Hodges Cup)	36	S. H. Miller	25
The Three-Fifty Trophy and Souvenir (Anstice Cup)	67	G. L. Jackson	17
The Two-Fifty Trophy and Souvenir (Mallory Cup)	57	J. R. Giles	28
The Cross Cup and Souvenir (Best Lady Driver)	60	Mrs. Mary Driver	113
The Unlimited Sidecar Trophy and Souvenir (Knowle Cup)	87	P. Wraith	61

### FIRST CLASS AWARDS

No.	Name	Marks Lost
66	R. S. Peplow	30
29	G. J. Draper	33
28	V. J. Ashford	40
67	E. I. Williamson	42
37	W. Fox	46
40	M. G. Davis	47
94	E. A. Small (Sidecar)	68

### SECOND CLASS AWARDS

No.	Name	Marks Lost
41	A. J. Davis	48
2	V. M. Young	49
49	A. Dovey	53
39	N. J. Crump	54
69	D. C. Clegg	56
5	R. Wooldridge	57
97	J. L. Kendall (Sidecar)	74

### CLOSED AWARDS

	No.	Winner	Marks Lost
The Dickenson Cup and First Class Award (Best Resident Wessex Member)	20	V. M. Young	49
The Pike Cup (Bath & West M.C. Member)	41	A. J. Davis	48
The Cabot Trophy (B.M.C.C. Member)	12	M. B. Smith	60
The Mahony Cup	96	P. Roydhouse	Bradford

### SOLO CLUB TEAM PRIZE

SUNBEAM M.C.C.—36, S. H. Miller (25); 65, G. L. Jackson (17); J. R. Giles (28). Total 70.

## CLUB NOTES

### ACES M.C. AND L.C.C.

We are glad to report that membership has now passed the 50 mark and that club activities have a bright outlook for the next year, including regular notes in the Gazette.

At the recent A.G.M., which was very well attended, Derek Lee was elected *Chairman*, John Budgen, *Secretary*, Jim Quinn, *Treasurer*, and also Competition and Social Committees elected. This we believe will form a keen, enthusiastic nucleus for an active club.

Recent activities have been a very enjoyable skittles match with North Somerset M.S.C. at the Blue Bowl resulting in a surprising win by two pins for us. Surprising because it was our first match and no less than four of the team having never seen the inside of an alley before (beginners luck surely). A return match was held at the Welfare Club where sweet revenge was the order of the evening for North Somerset M.S.C., they being victors by 19 pins.

Our April rally was held on the 14th, and a thoroughly enjoyable event it proved to be for everyone, many tales being exchanged over a good meal at the finish.

Congratulations to the winners, Ian Swift navigated by our magazine editor Marilyn Wright, and also to Bill Harris and John Budgen for giving everyone a first class evenings sport (except our sick navigators).

### WEST WILTS M.C.

Well, when you read this, our first scrambles meeting, on 23rd April, will be over. About 110 entries were received, including such stars as Joe Johnson, Ken Messenger, Terry Sleeman, Triss Sharp, Len Sanders, Roy Bradley, and the Taft Brothers. However, a report on this event will appear next month.

On 18th March, a Navigational Treasure Hunt was held. This was over 50 miles in the Swindon—Chippenham area. The small but select entry enjoyed their evening out, although it must be admitted that quite a few were foxed by the route. The event was won by Ken Balshaw, from R.A.F. Yatesbury.

A Night Rally will be held on the 7th May, starting at twelve o'clock midnight. This event, is an Open-to-Centre one, run over a 170 mile route. There are classes for both cars and motorcycles—so please let us have a large motorcycle contingent. The event is being organised by two extremely experienced rally competitors namely Terry Sleightholme and Mike Hopping, who have finished in the top dozen in the Rallye Militaire, for the past two years. For the uninitiated, one has to have been placed in the first three, in an R.A.C. restricted rally, before being invited to compete in this event. So a good rally can be expected.

On 30th May a Treasure Hunt will be held, being organised by Diane and Buster James. So all are welcome to turn up and have an enjoyable evening.

Next club meeting, 3rd May, Melksham House, Melksham, Wilts, 7.45 p.m.

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

April has been a quiet month for club activities, half a dozen members did the observing at The Gully's a very good section in the Kickham Trial, they included some of our League Trial team doing a good job of observing and seeing how the experts do it, let's hope they picked up some useful hints. The other event was a skittles match against the Mendip Vale Club at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Allerton. A return match to be on Thursday, 4th May, again at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Allerton, the time 8 p.m.

Later in May, on the 27th, we have our Evening Timed Trial, to be held on the Yarley Scramble Course, start at 7 p.m., observers required by 6.30 p.m., names to Dennis Taylor or George Sibley, Regulations also available from George Sibley, 7 Merri-man Gardens, Street, Som.

Finally, a scramble will be held at Yarley on Sunday, 18th June. The Secretary of the Meeting is George Davis, "Port Bredy", Wells Road, Glastonbury, Somerset, from whom Regulations are available. More details about working parties next month.

Although Tor beat us at the skittles match at the Wheatsheaf it turned out an hilarious evening and we hope to have a return match there at the beginning of May.

The most important date to be remembered in May is Whit Monday, the 22nd May, when we hold our first scramble at Bleadon. Please note that there will be plenty of work to be done on the course both before-hand and on the actual day, so please come along to give a hand, it really is very good fun and the more the merrier. The Secretary of the Meeting is Brian Wright, 5 Hampden Road, Knowle, Bristol 4, so requests for Regulations to him please as this will save a lot of delay.

### B.S.S.A.

Many apologies for no notes having appeared in the last two issues of the Gazette. Our Press Secretary has had to miss club life for a few weeks now, owing to family and business pressure, anyway Ron, we look forward to seeing you in the near future.

With only two more trials to go everyone will be systematically stripping and re-building, maybe we will see a few mods?

The big social event this month will be our first "big do" and as these notes will be published after that date, I hope everyone had a good time.

We have arrived at the season of the year where trials are superceded by scrambles, I am sure the promoters of these events would welcome the people who observed at trials to carry out duties such as marshalling, etc., at their scrambles, so get there early and see what you can do!

The club wishes to thank all those clubs who catered for sidecars during the last season. A "Trials Committee" has been formed and any club wishing to add sidecars to their classes will receive full support from this committee, regarding, finding new sections. Early notification would be appreciated.

Everyone is disappointed that the "Beggars" did not go off as it has in past years, still the conditions were not exactly brilliant were they?

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## BRISTOL M.C.C.

It seems only a few days ago that we were looking forward to Easter—and now we are anticipating Whitsun. If you would like to spend this holiday at Croyde Bay, contact J. Cross or Dave Brown without delay and book a caravan on the usual site.

Since my previous notes I have attended the last two social evenings of March—the film show and Mr. Wilson-Jones's talk. The films were very well received—"1954 Sidecar T.T.", "Antarctica Expedition" and a British Railways film, the photography of which was far superior to the commentary. Mr. Wilson-Jones brought along various Enfield parts in stages from drawing to finished product and described the way a new model is evolved. His talk must have been particularly interesting to those present with no engineering background.

The Ladies Night (7th April) was a resounding success and the girls proved they can play skittles. Freda Dyson, showing signs of a mis-spent youth made the top score and Mrs. Ray (Training Scheme) Smith collected the booby. The following Wednesday found us once again watching films, this time there was really something for all—including sex. Having seen the trailer of "Mame the girl on the wrong side of the track" at this show, we are all eagerly awaiting the complete uncut, full feature! We had a fine evenings entertainment. A good report was given of the Sunday Forest of Dean club run; members who regularly support this aspect of club life seem to enjoy themselves whatever the weather.

Easter sporting events provided members with plenty of opportunities for competing and speculating. Our team entry in the Beggars Roost came back with one first class—Mike Povey only losing 4 marks more than the 250 c.c. award winner. The other two team members—Gerry Kibby and Ted Davis—had nothing to be ashamed of losing 64 and 54 marks respectively. Incidentally what a stint for observers—over 300 entries! Road racing brought out other sportsmen and at Thruxton we had Vernon Cottle, Les Griffiths, Roy Blanning and Jim Cross. Vernon was 6th in the 350 and 10th in the 500. Les was first 125 man home *not* on an E.M.C., finishing a very creditable 3rd, whilst Roy was some way behind finishing 9th. Jim was not having the best of luck, perhaps recent wedding bells were still bothering him! Continuing Road Racing, we have entered J. Denty for the Clubmans, also Vernon Cottle made the trip to France, to compete at Sarthe on the 9th April. I understand his good results have brought other tempting Continental riding offers—more about this anon.

The rally of the 25th attracted 26 entries and produced some surprising reactions. Some quite experienced "rallyists" went astray early on and actually 21 failed to find the special test. But all credit to the winners—Solo (1) D. Brown, navigator J. Cross; (2) R. Taylor and J. Hodgson; Sidecar, Mr. and Mrs. Penny; Car, A. Collier and T. Griffen. Novice Award goes to Trialsman D. A. Smith. Full marks also to the joint organisers J. Pearce and M. Duggan for an enjoyable event. You have just a week left in which to make your entry for our Everyman Rally—open to *all* riders of solos, sidecars and three-wheelers whether clubmen or not. This takes place on 13th May and June Daniel wants entries before the 8th. The start will be from the Grove Garage, Patchway, at 2.30 p.m.

We were blessed with a perfect day for our Scramble at Yatton. A good crowd turned up, both helpers and spectators, and we saw some excellent racing. The Nu-Texa Trophy was won by K. Messenger—who won his five races—this was presented to him by our President "Jock" who also rode well at this meeting. Ian Scarlet was in the prize money and R. Cox, L. Sanders, L. Wiggins, N. Jarman and W. Bell were some of the other "placemen". Although we had plenty of spills only two riders had injuries that needed hospital attention; my information at the moment is of a fractured wrist and a fractured collarbone. Most disappointing and painful—at the beginning of the scrambling season, let's wish them a speedy recovery.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**May 3rd and 17th**—Business meetings. **May 3rd**—(restricted) B.S.A. visit. **May 7th**—Run, Studland Bay, 8 a.m., Brislington. **May 10th**—Slide Show, Full Moon, 8 p.m. **May 13th**—Everyman Rally, Grove Garage, Patchway, 2.30 p.m. (for 3 p.m.). **May 20th**—Croyde Bay (restricted). **May 24th**—Working Party, Castle Combe circuit. **May 27th**—Castle Combe, Marshals at 9 a.m. **May 31st**—Mystery Run—at the moment the start is also a mystery to me.

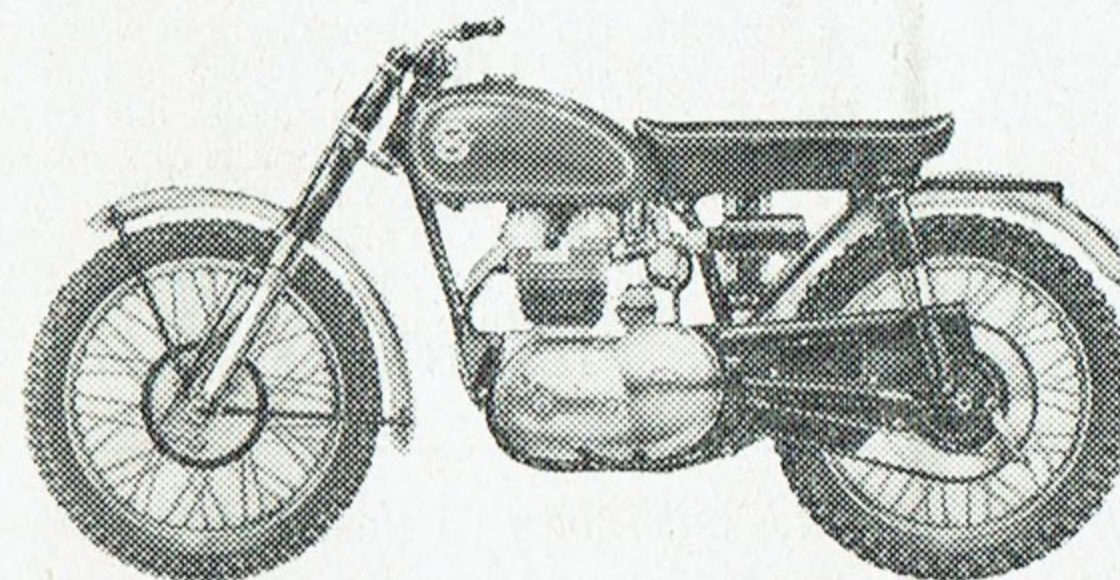


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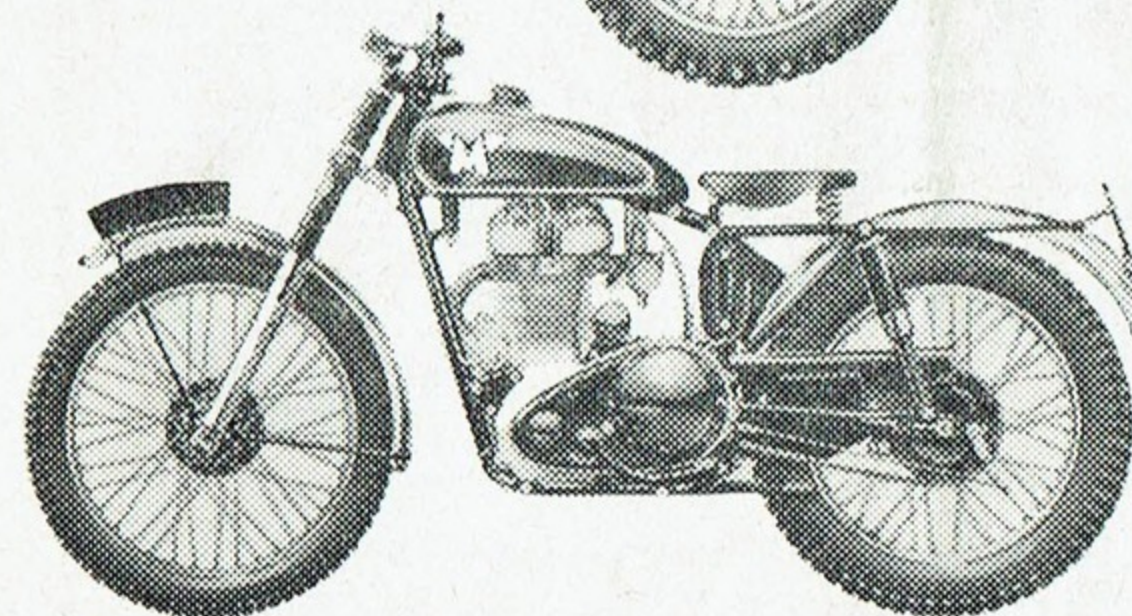
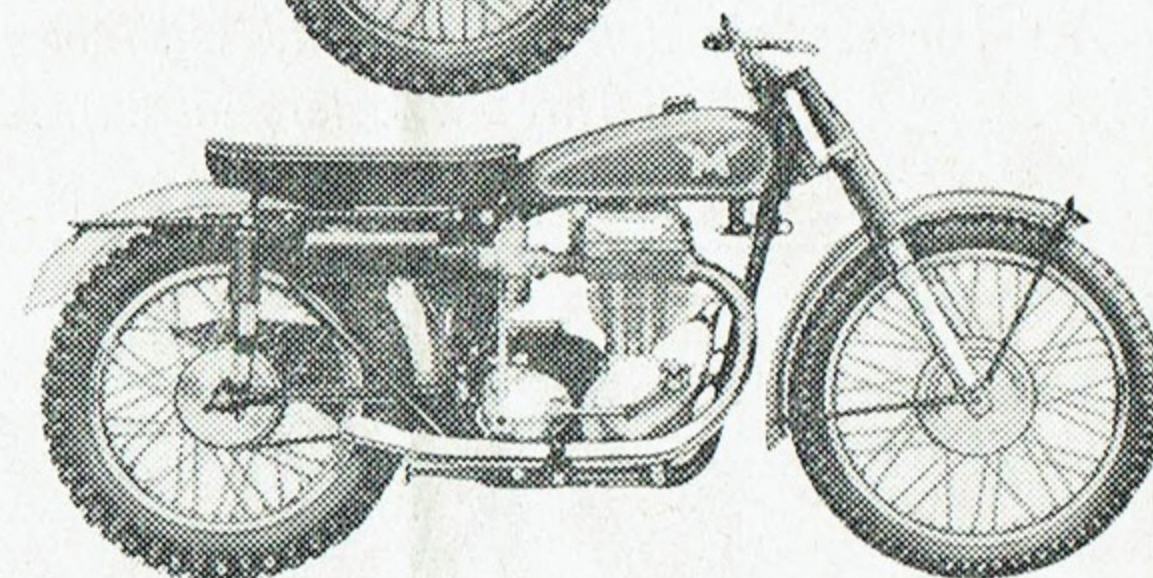


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**NORTH SOMERSET M.S.C.**

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the B.A.C. Sports Pavilion for our return match with the Aces M.C. and L.C.C. We revenged our earlier defeat with a win by 19 pins, our guest player Frank Goodall being easily the highest scorer of the evening—we could do with him as a regular member of the team.

March 9th gave us a fine day for our O.T.C. Spring Cup Trial—a welcome change from the soaking we received at our previous trial. Pete Clissold and Ken Kendall were the winners of the solo and sidecar premiers, both by a clear margin. Luckily, a last minute panic, due to the withdrawal of permission to use a couple of sections was resolved by running two laps of a shorter course. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, although the chairs found Burlidge a bit sticky. Our Back Marker, Jack Owens had a very good ride to win the 200 Cup, that position suits him far better than Johnny Bull.

Make a date for Monday, 1st May, Keith and Jim are running their Treasure Hunt. An amusing and maybe profitable evening is assured. The start is from The Old Duke at 7.30 p.m.

The club run season is now under way. I have no details to hand of what is planned, but you can find them out without any doubt at the clubroom.

Strong stuff this tea . . .

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

Well I trust you have all been able to find me this month! I apologise for the Treasure Hunt last month, I must be losing my grip.

We were blessed with a perfect spring day for the Traders Trophy Trial but there was still enough mud to make the sections interesting and I think the riders had an enjoyable morning. They seemed to like the new sections anyway. I should like to thank the members of other clubs who came along to give a hand with the observing and also the few committee members who worked so hard over getting the course ready.

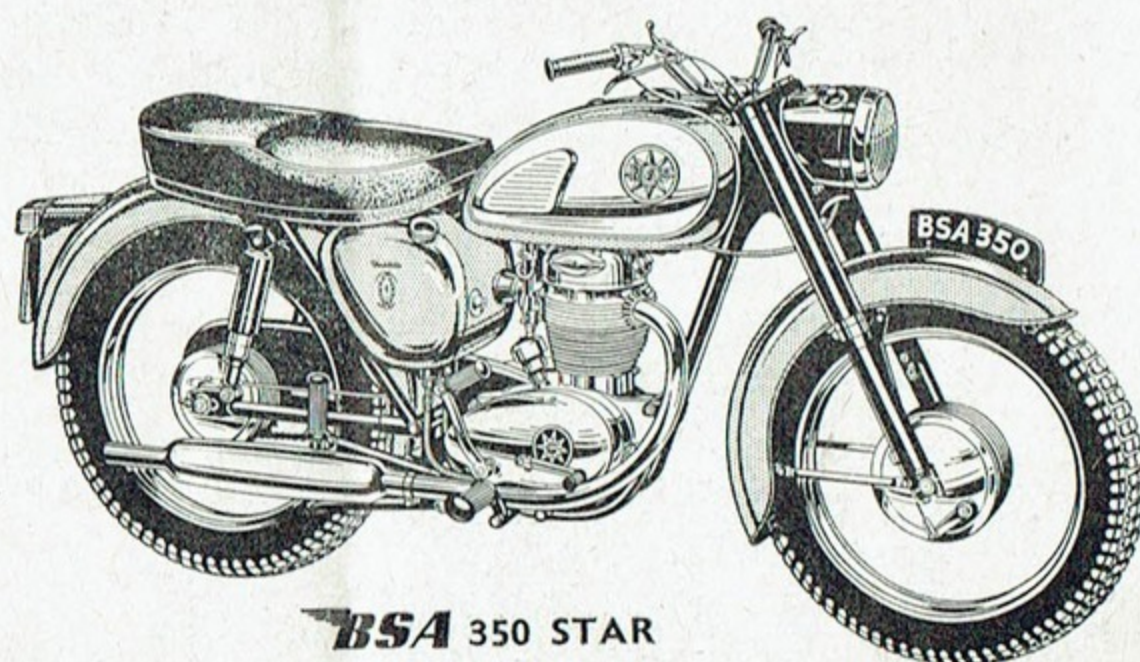
The film show last month was also very well attended and it was nice to see so many of Bristol South. It did get to the stage of "standing room only" but those who could not get in seemed to have quite an enjoyable evening elsewhere. The films, although a little old, had reached the age of becoming interesting again and I should like to thank Norman for laying this show on.

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

Coming events—Week-end in North Devon, 13th/14th May. Let me know by Monday, 8th at latest if you want meals or accommodation booked for you. The competitive run down on 13th is organised by Jack Parkin, 48 Crossways Road, Knowle.

Scramble—16th July—Officials appointed are Secretary of the Meeting, Jack Parkin (address as above), Clerk of Course, Phil Newman, 272 High Street, Batheaston, Bath.

Postponed Spring Cup Trial, 28th May, Secretary of Meeting will now be Mrs. J. Green, 5 Ainslies Belvedere, Lansdown, Bath.

Propaganda run, 10th June. Clerk of Course and Secretary of Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gilson, "Mayfield", St. Christopher's Close, Bathwick.

With such a list of events, in addition to supporting Castle Combe on the day and by a working party on Thursday evening, 25th May, there can be little excuse for the old moan about, "The club doesn't put on anything to interest me." There is a lot of work to be done on the scramble course too, so let the Clerk of the Course be hearing from you.

**SOUTH BRISTOL M.C.C.**

We are sorry that we have not written any news lately, but that does not mean the club members have not been busy.

The Club Run over the Easter week-end to Newquay and Lands End was quite successful, the weather quite good, but Bobmin Moor was at its worst on the return journey, still a good time was had by all.

Our Novice trials rider, B. Harvey, excelled himself at our C.T.C. Trial at Dundry by winning the Novice Award, he also gave a good account of himself at other club trials and we forecast a good rider in this member.

Work has been going on at Dundry track, which has been entirely re-routed, the danger spots cut out and through the kindness of the Dundry Parish Council we can now make full use of the log flat area on the far side of the Downs as a good start and finish.

We must point out, however, that the police are not allowing any parking on the approach roads or outside any houses as happened last year, causing quite a lot of inconvenience to the residents.

We will be glad of any volunteers on 7th May, as marshals, any one so doing please get in touch with L. Huish by twelve o'clock.

So here's hoping that the sun will shine on our scramble day.

#### KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Firstly my apologies for failing to submit notes in the past two months. Our Annual Dance and Presentation of Awards was very successful and I think that club members greatly appreciated the organiser, namely Fay Avery. It was a pity that more of the award winners were not present to receive their awards. Congratulations to Gerald Avery and Ann Vowles on their recent engagement. I received a severe telling-off from two of our overseas members who are serving their country for Her Majesty in Aden, namely Johnny Chillcott and Bryan Moorcroft, this was for not writing Gazette notes regularly. Another of our overseas members on the same duty but in Singapore will be among us again soon, namely Tony Vowles.

A party of club members went to the Frome Scramble on Easter Monday, three of whom "scrambled" but were not very successful. Alan Brown on his Special crunched his gears up. Keith White (Williur) had a job riding his camel and Trevor Fox who was absolutely shattered trying to get round the quagmire, but we all had a good time at The Red Lion on the way home especially when we learnt that it was Wilbur's 21st birthday. There were also two very keen supporters, Alan Brown's young brother and friend who caught a bus to Frome and walked from there to the course.

A future event we are running is a C.T.C. Rally which takes place on 28th May. Rules and Regulations available soon.

Well, this just about winds it up for this month. Our club meetings are held at the Lamb and Lark, Burchells Green Road, Kingswood, every other Wednesday, the dates for May being 3rd, 17th and 31st. Fresh faces always welcome with no obligation to join.

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

Our Annual Dinner was yet again a howling success, apart from one or two minor complaints everything was perfect. Bill Boddice delivered the fastest speech I have ever heard—if his Norton went half as fast he would win every race he entered. Cliff King too was in great form. One or two members consumed more drink than usual and others joined in the dancing and the mad games which had been dreamed up by our regular M.C., Kenny Ess.

Did you hear about the chap who wanted badly to take home a "No Parking" sign and his mate who couldn't get his ignition key in?

Busiest men at Easter must have been Pete Stacey and Dave. Doing the three circuits as planned, hundreds of miles must have been covered in the old van, not counting the work put in on the machine.

Babies are being delivered around Chippenham area at a fair rate. Brenda and Phil Bailey are among those to be congratulated and Janice and Derek Giles are awaiting delivery of a new model—any moment now.

Castle Combe circuit has received attention to its surface, those old bumps around Quarry Corner are now a thing of the past. Help will be needed to give things a spring clean before 27th May, so don't be backward in coming forward. Remember that your help goes a very long way towards ensuring the success of the meeting.

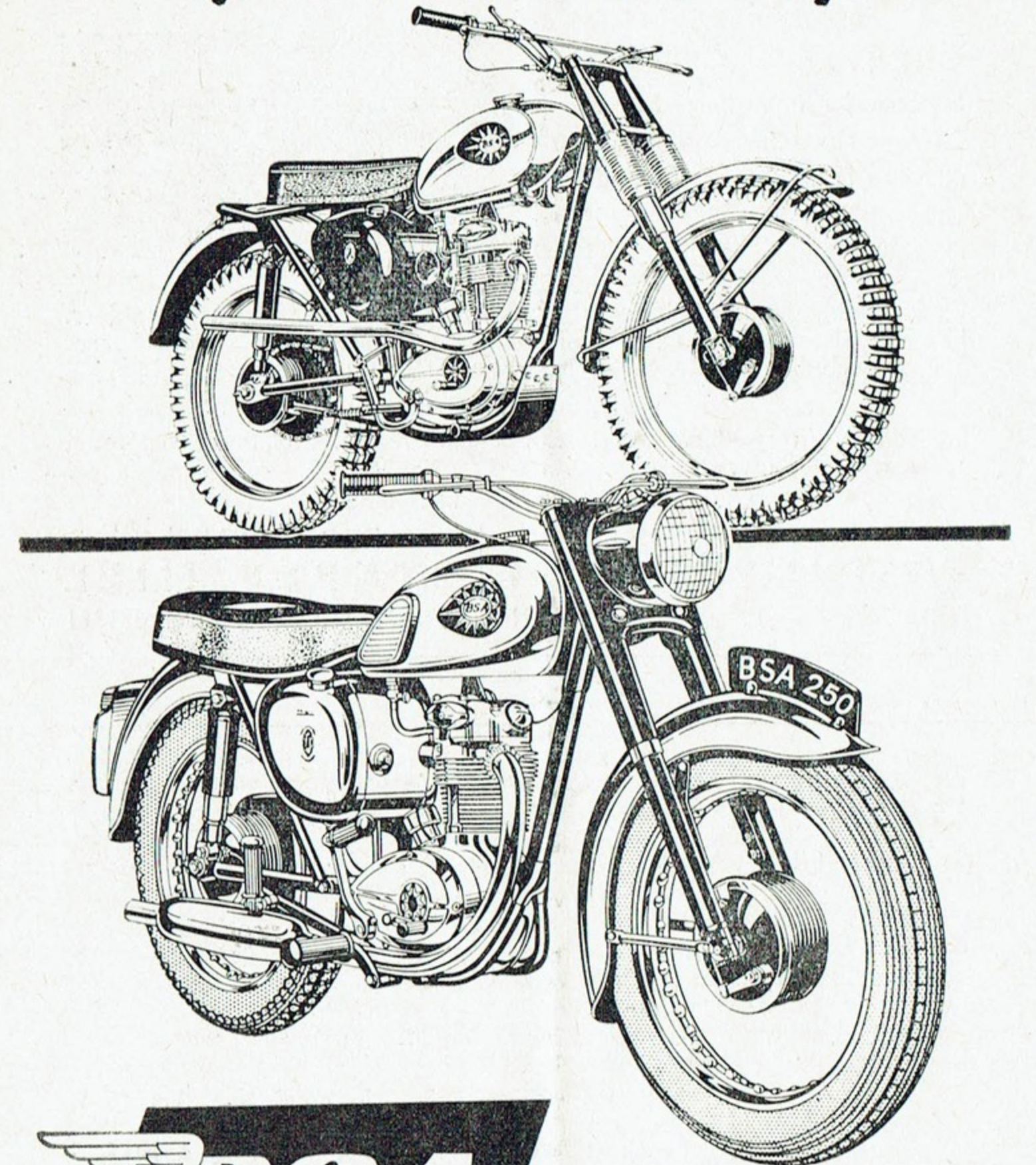
#### R.E.O.C. (BRISTOL BRANCH)

On 29th March we were guests of the Bristol M.C.C. and thoroughly enjoyed the interesting talk by Mr. R. A. Wilson-Jones. This was closely followed by the annual club visit to the Works at Redditch on Good Friday. We were taken on a conducted tour of the whole factory and saw the production of machines from beginning to end. Tea was provided by the Company before returning home.

Five machines from the Bristol Branch competed in the Peter Carpenter Memorial Trial in Surrey on 9th April. We can't proudly boast that we will be holding any trophy for a year. Bernie was our best rider, in fact he was the only one who wasn't completely baffled by the routing at the first check point.

Next club meeting, 9th May, at the White Swan.

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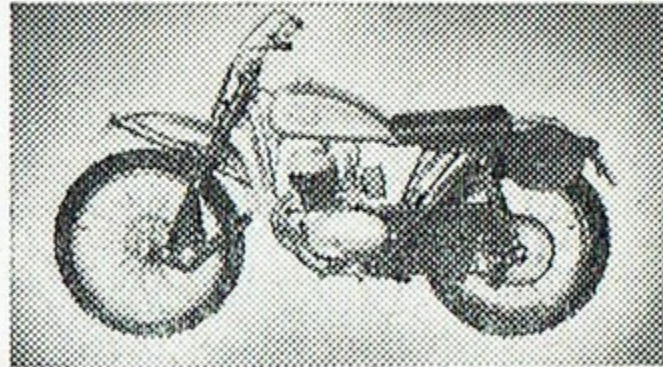
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### FROME AND DISTRICT UNITED M.C. AND L.C.C.

Our main event of April was the scramble on Easter Monday. In spite of the atrocious weather a good crowd of over 1,000 was present, to watch the riders battle against a course that was in the worse condition we have seen it. May we take this opportunity of expressing gratitude and thanks to all riders who waited patiently while the officials made up their minds which way to run the course, this proved to be quite a problem and at one time it was noticed that riders were going in both directions. The Secretary tells me that he is still trying to find the person responsible for this brilliant piece of strategy. However, when at last the racing got under way I think that the majority had an enjoyable afternoon of sport and entertainment. The results were as follows: *Graded Riders*: 1, M. Heath; 2, D. Lane; 3, N. Penny. *250 c.c.*: 1, N. Penny; 2, M. Heath; 3, R. Taylor. *500 c.c.*: 1, J. Giles; 2, B. Curtis; 3, L. Sanders. *Mrs. R. R. C. Walker Trophy*: 1, L. Sanders; 2, N. Allen; 3, E. Burroughs; 4, B. Curtis. *Invitation*: 1, J. Giles; 2, L. Sanders; 3, K. Leon.

Calling all club members—while our ranks are quite full these days with riding members, what are we doing to attract and recruit the younger generation of motor cyclists. Our ultimate aim is to build a club house with all the right attractions. Of course most clubs in the country are trying to improve in one direction or another, but too often the new members are suffered rather than encouraged and made welcome. This attitude is probably the reason why they prefer street corners and coffee bars. So, if any members have any suggestion or ideas, please bring them along to our next meeting to be held at The Lamb on Tuesday, 2nd May.

Our next sporting event will be the Closed-to-Club Trial to be held in June. Regulations will soon be available from Jim Webb.

### SHEPTON MALLET M.C.

The past month has been fairly quiet with activities chiefly centred on scramble preparations. Entries have reached a new high level and it is to be regretted that many would-be entrants will have to be disappointed. The first meeting will be over the same circuit as used last year but after the meeting, trial runs are to be made taking a wider sweep below the terraces, thus providing spectacular racing, whilst eliminating some of the jumps. If the trials are successful the modifications may be incorporated in the July meeting.

The Road Safety Rally is scheduled for 28th May, and is again being sponsored by the Urban and Rural Councils of Wells and Shepton Mallet. Entries are invited from cars, three-wheelers, solos and scooters. A local firm celebrating its centenary, arranged for the Vintage Car Club to stage a rally on the same day, has prompted some of the supporting committee members to think it advantageous to choose another Sunday but as yet no decision to alter the date has been taken.

Most riders know of the superb trials sections known as "Milton"—described on the ordnance survey map as The New Cut—well folks, the future availability or otherwise of this famous section will be settled in the courts at the Town Hall, Wells, on 24th April, when the Somerset County Council will apply to the magistrates for an order to down-grade this old highway to the status of a bridleway, needless to say every effort will be made by the club to contest the action, but as the case is "sub judice" at present, further comment is undesirable.

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## Report on the Board Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 12th April, at the Windsor Castle, Bath.

The meeting heard with pleasure that Harry Croft had recovered sufficiently to be allowed home. He would welcome for short visits anyone passing by.

The Kickham Trial had been a good event and the only complaints received were of tampering with the course marking cards in some parts of the course. Clerk of the Course Les Nott thanked all those who had helped and in turn a sincere vote of thanks was passed to Les and Mrs. Nott and Phyl Croft for the vast amount of work they had put in on the event.

Castle Combe entry lists were reported to be almost full. Working parties would be required each evening of the week before race day—as this is Whit Week support on Whit Monday would no doubt be sparse so a party will be arranged for Saturday, 20th May. Club Secretaries should inform Phil Bailey, 2 Spanbourne Avenue, Chippenham, when they can turn up to help. Volunteers to help on the gates were required and names should be made through your Club Secretaries to Dick Bracher. Re-surfacing parts of the track have been completed.

The Southern Centre asked permission for the South Newbury Club to run a scramble at Lyddington on 11th June in place of the one they had to cancel due to bad weather on 26th February. Minety Vale were organising their Grass Track meeting on this day and their views were to be sought before permission could be granted.

Mendip Vale's complaint about trespassing on trials sections which they looked upon as theirs by Bristol M.C.C. had been discussed by the Competitions-Committee. It was considered by them that it was difficult for a club to claim that a section was their own but it was felt that clubs should always approach another club if they wished to operate in what was considered to be that particular club's area. If a club knew of any restrictions to the use of a section they should inform the Permit Secretary. In the case under review the Bristol Club said they would apologise to the Mendip Vale Club for any offence caused.

Investigations were being made into allegations that two entrants at a recent Open-to-Centre Scramble had declared that they were members of a Wessex Centre club when in fact they were not.

The Centre would be represented on the National Rally Sub-Committee by Barbara Cullimore.

The following dates were agreed:

Shepton Propaganda event would be on 25th June and **not** 18th June.

West Wilts Timed Trial would be on 31st December and **not** as given in the Centre fixture list.

Wilts Border were given permission to organise a Gymkhana on 10th June.

Headquarters had asked for the Centre's views on the rules about fuel restrictions in Restricted to Centre Scrambles. They were to be informed that the Wessex Centre had no particular views on this matter but felt that if restriction to fuel only was introduced it should be applied to all scrambles.

The next Board Meeting would be on Wednesday, 10th May at the Windsor Castle, Bath. The next meeting of the Competitions Committees would be on Thursday, 4th May, at the Red Lion, Shepton Mallet.

## Wessex Centre Calendar of Events for 1961

Date	Type of Events	Organisers	Venue
<b>May</b>			
7th	Scramble	South Bristol M.C.C.	Dundry
14th	Grass Track	Minety Vale M.C.C.	Long Newnton
22nd	Scramble	Mendip Vale M.C.	Bleadon
27th	<b>National Road Races</b>	Wessex Centre A.C.U.	Castle Combe
28th	Trial	Bath & West of Eng. M.C.	
<b>June</b>			
11th	Grass Track	Minety Vale M.C.C.	Long Newnton
18th	Scramble	Tor M.C.	Yarley

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## SNIPS AND SNAPS

The Editor regrets that Bristol M.C. members received their Gazettes late, but he is quite unable to send out Gazettes if the club fails to send on the wrappers. No doubt the club officials will put this matter in order for the future.

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Rumour has it that the Centre President is inviting Centre members to "Lamb Chopes and Peas" in the near future, no "tales" by request.

## "In the Midst of Life . . ."

I never seemed to quite recover from the bronchitis which laid me low in January, now referred to as "Phase One"; I got as far as Chippenham for the February Board meeting and also attended the Shepton Dinner on 3rd March, although I was far from happy with my condition. Still I had to try, so I pushed a bit harder, kill or cure as you may say, how right I nearly was. Monday, 6th March was a scorcher, sun shining really hot and I was dressed in thick winter clothes plus overcoat and scarf, being somewhat of an invalid; I more or less passed out in the High Street, and took refuge in a shop where I sat down for half an hour, whilst the internal r.p.m. subsided somewhat, then came the crawl back to the car, about 100 yards, holding on to the wall all the way, and puffing like billy-o. The car found its way home alright and I went to bed to await the doctor. He arrived with a heart specialist and soon the sentence was announced, four to five weeks absolute rest and quiet in hospital, with suitable drug treatment. So poor old Uncle Intake was wheeled out into the ambulance and so to hospital and bed, for the first time in his life, peering with frightened eyes over the counterpane at the strange new world in which he found himself. "Phase Two" had started. Everyone was very kind, I was not to lift a finger, just be fed, washed, etc. by the nurses, came evening and the staff changed, new faces appeared pushing a trolley and asked, "What do you usually go to bed with?" I said, "The Missus," what they really meant was what sleeping tablets did I have. Hence on to my first rude awakening, 5 a.m. lights on, Wakey Wakey, temperature, pills, washing, bed making, cleaning and polishing, whilst outside the boiler house a man emptied metal dust bins into his fire, you never heard such bedlam in all your life; my mind went back 24 hours to a nice man who said, "absolute rest and quiet." Well, after 5 days nobody had shaved me, I did not like the toilet arrangements and was really fed up so I decided to walk out, I had a real difference of opinion with the gaffers of the joint and said my piece in no uncertain manner; next morning I found my lot considerably better, I could wash and shave and feed myself and my complaints about the toilet, etc. were put right. Later on the doctor told me, "They will never forget you," I still cannot understand whether this means that they loved me? but it does not matter really now. Poor old Sparkie used to dread coming into the ward for fear of what his lordship had been up to, which could have been plenty.

Every morning the matron walked the wards with a fixed glassy smile saying, "Good Morning, how are you?" most answered, "Oh, very well thank you" but I said, "I feel ill," her face registered horror so I added, "I would not be here if I was well." As a point of interest one man who said he felt O.K. died in three days.

Well, my birthday came and went, I thought of all the good folk at Minety who had made a cake for me and which was to be given to me at their Annual Dinner, alas, I had the cake but not the Dinner. And so we come to Easter Sunday, matron gave Easter Eggs to everyone but me, whilst I murmured something about the workhouse master and his Xmas pud. Fortunately Jim and Barbara Cullimore had sent me a posh Easter Egg, far, far better than the hospital charity effort, so I was able to swank over them in the end, thanks a lot Jim and Barbara. Saturday afternoon saw Stan and Ena Curnock at my bedside which cheered me up no end, but also made me very envious of the folk who were off to the Beggars Roost Trial once again. Visiting time is over all too soon and we invalids had to return to our chores and at four o'clock Easter Sunday I achieved the peak success

of my rest cure. My bed was in a corner near a window, I used to sit on the bedpan, back to the wall and look out of the window at the traffic on the main road; this time I eased myself against the wall and the bed shot away and I fell backwards on the floor, a good 4 feet. I lay there without moving, the nurse appeared through the curtains very concerned, "What ever has happened, are you hurt?" my only thought was, "Where is that bedpan nurse, is it safe?", on being assured that all was well up on the bed I got up and felt my bruises, whilst the nurse felt my pulse, "My word, it's normal," was all she could say. It soon got round the ward, crash helmets and safety belts were to be issued with all bedpans in future!

I was especially grateful to Cliff and Mick King who brought me books, fruit and flowers. Les and Mary Nott, Dick Bracher, Ernie Pratt, Ron Cannell and Stan and Ena Curnock and their cake, and the Broodies for their friendly and sympathetic letter. Also many other cards and letters were received and all were answered, and from the bottom of my heart (slightly bruised) I thank you all for your very kind interest, especially poor old Sparkie who bore the brunt of everything for the best part of three months.

And so at long last came "D" Day, my imagination stirred by the thought of all the things I had missed, a nice bed, the bathroom, my car, etc., etc.; final instructions were given, no going upstairs for three weeks, no driving, no smoking (optional) and only stay up for 5 hours a day and report back to the hospital once a week for injections.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May Board Meeting. Let's hope there is no "Phase Three".

HARRY CROFT.

## Non-Starters at Trials & Scrambles

The Centre Competitions Committee are greatly perturbed by the large number of non-starters in recent events. The last three Steward's Reports showed that there were 58 non-starters in the three trials covered and unless improvement occurs serious action will be taken.

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the following extract from Rule 141 of the General Competition Rules, which all entrants sign that they have read:

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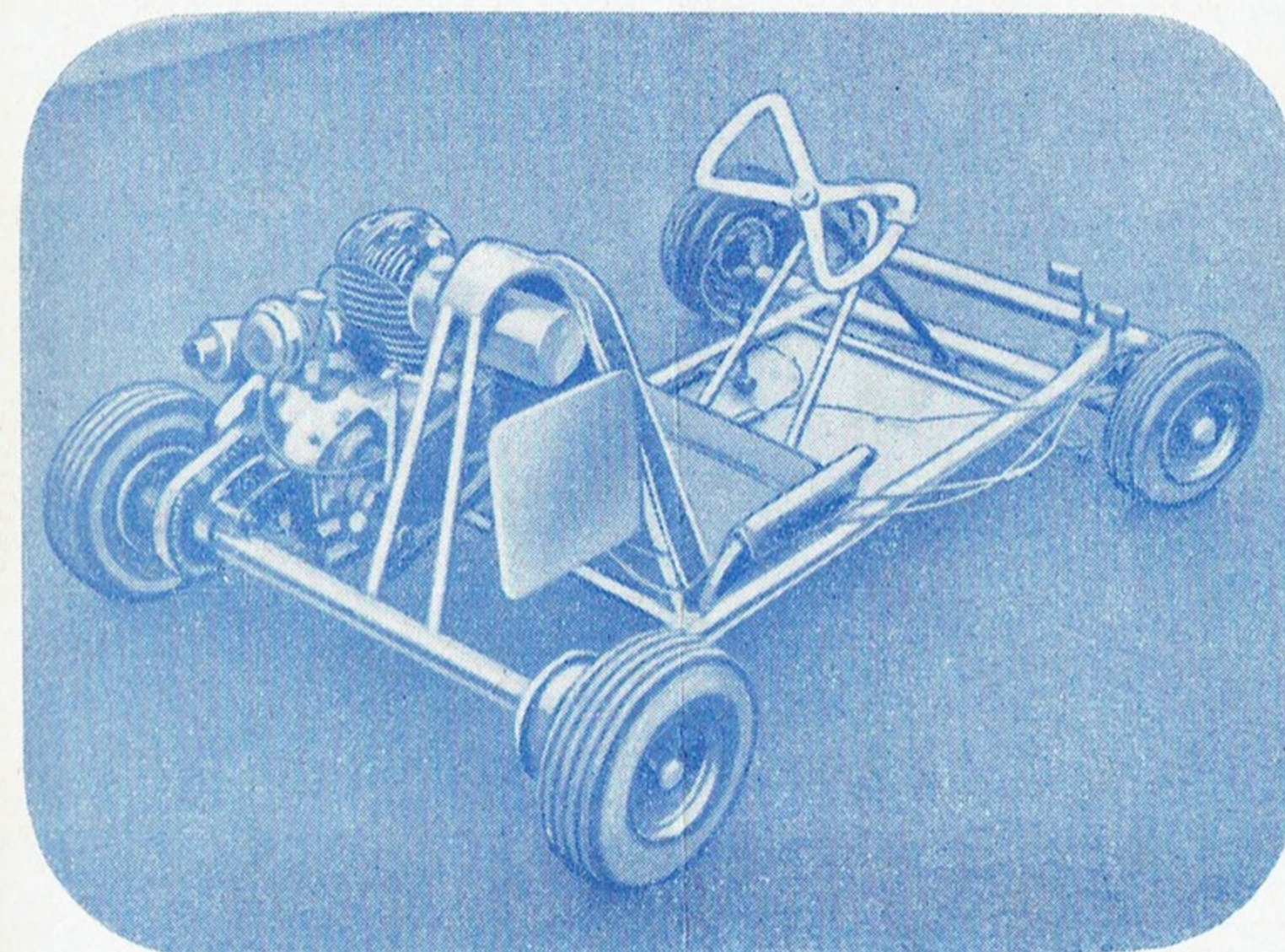
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Sidecar—1st, 2nd  
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Sidecar—1st, 3rd

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Grand National—1st  
Senior—1st  
Junior—1st  
Lightweight—1st

**OULTON PARK RACES (Aug. 1st)**  
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350 c.c.—1st, 2nd  
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