

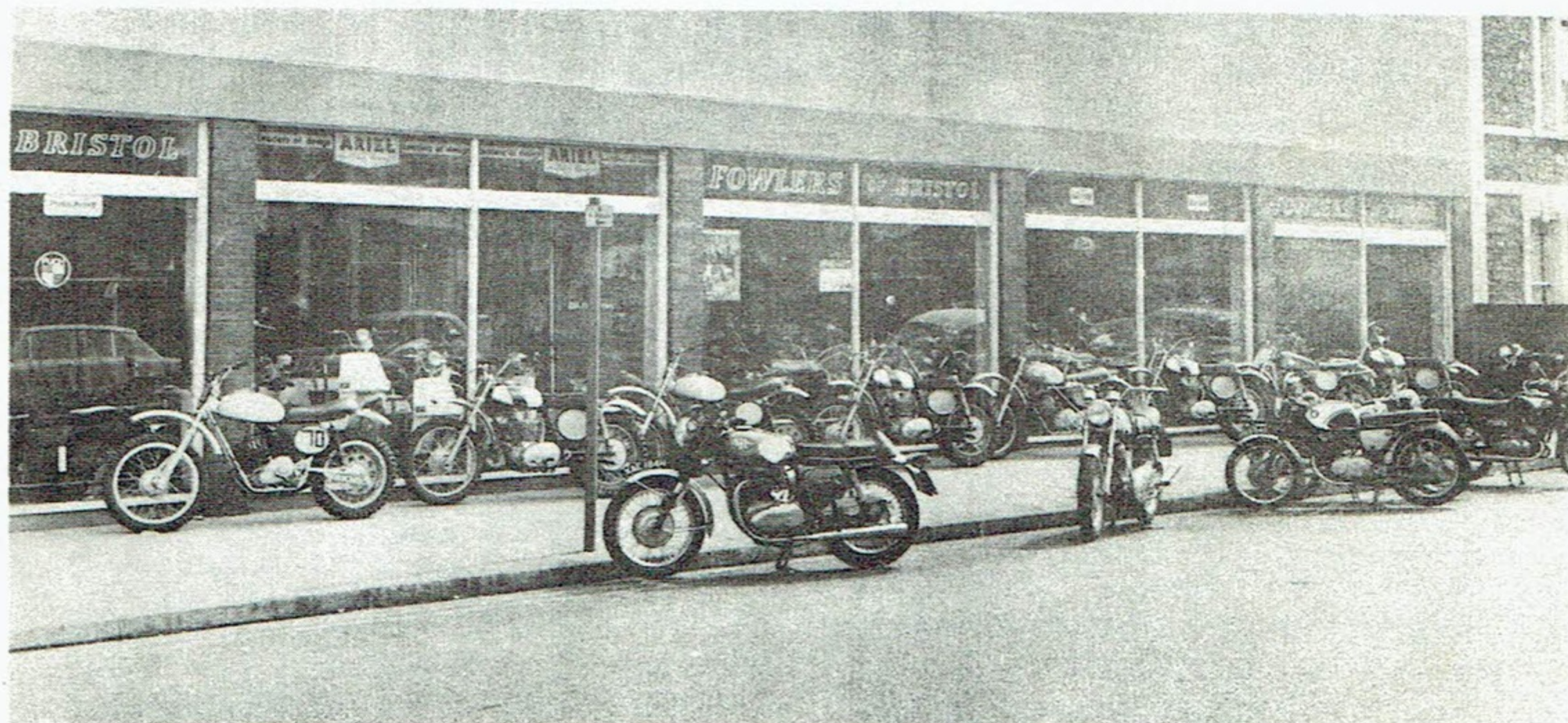


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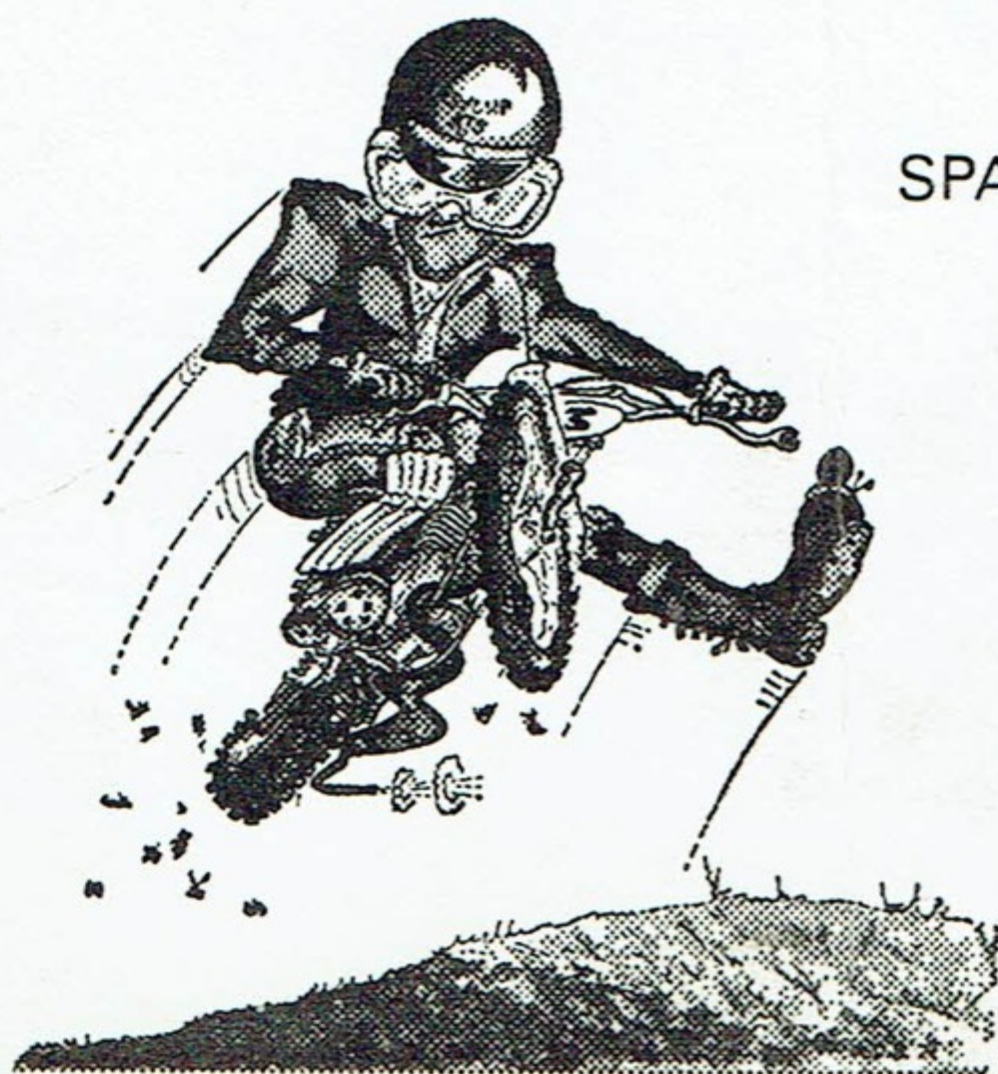
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Report on the Board Meeting

REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th MARCH,
1973, AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

It was agreed unanimously that Vic Keeling who had been Secretary of the Shepton Mallet Club for many years be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Centre in appreciation of his service to the sport in general and particularly to the Centre.

WESSEX CENTRE GRASS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1974 this would be run over a series of events run by various Clubs. A Sub-committee would be appointed at the April Board Meeting to work out the rules.

LEAGUE TRIALS 1973-1974 SERIES

It was agreed that in place of the differing markings for A, B and C classes a new system would be introduced whereby a class lost their full score, B class lose 2/3rds and C class lost 1/3rd. Scores with 2/3rd would be rounded up to the nearest whole number and 1/3 would be rounded down to the nearest whole number. The League Trial Rules would be reviewed in the next few months. The Competitions Committee recommended that the special test be retained.

TRIALS STAR

It was agreed to accept the Comps. Committee recommendation that for the 1973-1974 series the points system be changed from 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 to 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Two less than the number of trials run would count. It was also agreed that the star series should be run in the normal winter season, and not have a gap in the summer as at present. The 1972-1973 series would end with the Hawkesbury Trial on 7th October 1973 and the 1973-1974 series would start with Kings Sedgmoor Trial on 18th

November 1973 and end in March or April 1974. This would possibly mean two fewer events in that series but the 1974-1975 would return to the normal number.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Centre had applied to South-Western and Southern Centres for a revision of the Wessex Boundaries in a southerly direction to include areas which by long usage could be considered to be under Wessex control.

COMPETITORS THIRD PARTY INSURANCE - OFF THE ROAD RISK TRIALS

As agreed at the February General Council Meeting of the A.C.U. it becomes **MANDATORY** for all Trials which include riding off the normal highway run on and after 1st May 1973 each driver must pay 6p to give cover claims by third parties whilst the driver is on private ground.

This payment must be made whether or not the driver's insurance covers him whilst on private ground.

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Clubs were reminded that their copy, which must be typed or in block capitals, must reach the Editor by the 12th of the month preceding that in which publication is required.

Clubs were asked to remind their contributors that their notes are considered to be those of their Club. The Editor was asked to wield his blue pencil.

WESSEX SCRAMBLE 29th APRIL

55 experts had already entered. Offers to help should be made in advance to R. Wood.

1973 CENTRE DINNER.

This would be on Friday 7th December 1973 at the new Beaufort Hotel, Bath.

1973 NATIONAL RALLY, 7th-8th JULY.

It was agreed to present an award for the best Wessex resident. Several clubs were offering to man checks. The finish would be at Doncaster Race-course.

CHANGES OF DATES CAUSED BY PIG DISEASE, etc.

Bath Spring Cup Trial from 4th March to 6th May.

Kingswood Ken Avery From 4th February to 22nd April

B.S.S.A. Trial from 25th February to 11th March.

Shepton Mallet Scramble from 16th September to 2nd September
to avoid International Moto Cross at Dodington

NEW DATES

Bristol G.R.C. Grass Track C. 18th March.

West Wilts Scramble O at Pickwick 19th March.

CANCELLED DATES

Bristol M.C.C. Scramble 8th April

Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. Allen Trophy Trial, cancelled in January would not now be held before September.

HARRY CORNWELL, Assistant Secretary at A.C.U. Headquarters was retiring after 48 years service. Several Clubs were contributing to a testimonial fund and the Centre were also sending a donation.

STRONGBOW SCRAMBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The S.W. Centre were organising a round on Easter Monday to which Wessex, Southern, Cornwall and S.W. Centres were invited. Although this was equivalent to a "Super-Regional-Restricted" event the Wessex Centre had not received any official invitation to take part. There had been no prior consultation between the Centres involved about the date and if there had been an unfortunate clash with the Frome date could possibly have been avoided.

FUTURE MEETINGS AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH

Competitions Committee	3rd April
Board	10th April

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 League Trial Fourth and Last of the 1972-1973 series
Mendip Vale O start Webbington.
- 2 Shepton Mallet Len Sander Sidecar Trial O* and Novice Solo Trial O
Kingswood Trial C
Minety Vale Trial C
- 14 B.M.C. & L.C.C. Scramble C at Dyrham Park
North Somerset Timed Trial C
- 15 B.M.C. & L.C.C. Scramble O* at Dyrham Park
Wilts Border Trial C
- 22 **EASTER SUNDAY** Kingswood Ken Avery Trial O
(re-arranged date)
- 23 **EASTER MONDAY** Frome Scramble O at Leighton
- 29 **Tor WESSEX SCRAMBLE NATIONAL** at Glastonbury
Bristol M.C.C. Spring Cup Trial O.

MAY

- 6 Shepton Mallet Scramble O*
Bath Spring Trophy Trial O (re-arranged date).

SHELL 'UNDER 21' MOTO-CROSS TROPHY

Shell Mex and B.P.Ltd. are again sponsoring this for 1973. To be eligible drivers must not have reached the age of 21 years before 30th September 1973 and must hold a current National Competition Licence. It is open to solo motorcycles not exceeding 500cc and there will be ten rounds:-

11th March	Battle of Newbury
25th March	Cheshire Moto-cross
22nd April	Black Combe Moto Cross
29th April	Wessex Scramble
28th May	Southend Moto-Cross
1st July	Cotswold Scramble
12th August	Lancashire Grand National
26th August	Gloucester Grand National
27th August	Ken Hall Trophy Scramble
14th October	Jackpot Scramble

125cc BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

This new class is being introduced this year and will be run on similar lines to the existing 250cc and 500cc classes.

Each round will consist of two races of 15 minutes plus twolaps each and in each race points will be awarded on the 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis.

Events will be staged as follows:—

18th March	Hawkestone Park Scramble
22nd April	Cambridgeshire Grand National
28th May	Southend Moto Cross
9th September	Essex Motor Cross
14th October	Jackpot Scramble.

AMENDMENT TO GRASS TRACK REGULATIONS

Sidecar Projections.

The following revised wording has now been agreed for the ruling on sidecar projections:—

"On the sidecar there will be no projections beyond the mudguard or fairing. On the right-hand side of the machine any single projection within the diameter of the rear wheel and tyre must not exceed four inches measured horizontally from the outside of the rear wheel fork slot. Where a single projection as an extension to the rear wheel spindle is used this must have a minimum diameter of one inch, be ball-ended and covered with a rubber ferrule".

This rule came into force on 1st March 1973.

Use of Straw Bales

The ban on the use of straw bales as course markers has been rescinded and substituted by the following rule, to take effect as from 1st March 1973.

"The use of low density (not wire wrapped) straw bales to supplement the use of course markers will now be permitted. These bales will only be permitted on the inside of the course provided that they are not less than two feet from the inner limit lines of the course".

Approval of Jersey.

The "Moto Style U—Win Moto-Cross" Jersey has been approved for use in Scrambles and has been added to the A.C.U. approved list.

1973 NATIONAL RALLY

This will be held on 7/8 July and the final control will be at Doncaster Race Course. Regulations will be available early in April from the A.C.U., 31

Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QQ.

There will be an award for the best performance by an entrant residing within the Wessex Centre.

PRODUCTION OF COMPETITION LICENSES (GCR 135).

From 1 March 1973, the requirements of G.C.R. 135 for drivers to produce their Competition Licenses when signing on at all International and National Meetings has been extended to include ALL road race meetings down to and including closed to club level.

L.S.D.T. IN AMERICA

A tour to the Trial is being organised by the A.C.U. in conjunction with the "Motor Cycle" and Jet Age Tours, leaving London on 11 September and returning on 26 September at an inclusive cost of £138 per person. This includes jet flight London — New York — London, all coach transfers, and accommodation (but not food) at the Berkshire Motor Inn for 13 nights. For full details write to Jet Age Tours Ltd., 9—11 Queens House, Leicester Place, London, W.C.1 (tel. 01-734-2117).

CLUB NOTES

THE BRISTOL GRASS RACING COMBINE.

The Season has started once again and by the time you read these notes the Club will have run two grasstracks already and both are on new tracks. Indeed our big meeting on May 20th at Pucklechurch is on a new course which brings me to our meeting in August. We have still not got a venue so if the Club members do not extract their digits and find one there will be no ride..

I paid a compliment to Mick Perry in last month's notes but Perry must be a swear word because the Editor put the red pen through it and it remained unprinted.

With so many riders applying to ride in the British Championship, riders have had to be graded and it is obvious that no matter what the rider was like but rode in the championships last year they have been graded as 'A' class riders but experts or juniors have been consistently better than some of these riders have been graded as class 'B' or even class 'C' because they only elected to compete locally last year.

The CLUB hopes that Roger Oxenham is fully recovered and fit for start of the championship season. The same applies to anyone else who may have been injured in any way last season.

Machine wise this season its all happening. Rod Audley has bought Tony Usher's 'Bulldog' Jap (he told the Bank Manager the loan was for home improvements). John Hodgeson has bought a new Hagon with a B40 engine prepared by Selwyn Perry and has given the Velo to brother! 'Poet' Haskins has a new 'Ansel' Frame, John Hopton has a new 'Ansel' Jap. Roger Clarke has a new 'Ansel' frame but cannot afford an engine (it seems too much money was spent on the B.S.A.) Tony Usher has a new 'Bulldog' Cole, Robert Evans has a new Bulldog with an engine I am ashamed to write down, but is reported to go very well on tarmac, in a straight line. 'Laver' Lewis has added a 350cc Hagon Jap to his 500. So the 350 Intercentre Team looks stronger this year.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD.

"REDCLIFFE CUP" TIMED TRIAL

3.00 p.m. SATURDAY 19th MAY 1973.

a round of the Southern Counties Championship

Wessex Centre Permit No. M446

The event is held under the G.C.R.s of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations and restricted to competitors driving solo motorcycles Category A1 and threewheelers Category B1, B2, and B4 being members of clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre A.C.U.

The trial will be divided into 3 classes (minimum of 10 threewheelers and 25 solo entries in each class) the first for solo machines with trials tyres, the second for threewheelers with trials tyres, the third for solo machines with any type of tyre.

Solos (Class 1 and Class 3) Held over two periods, each of 45 minutes duration with a period of rest between each.

Threewheelers (Class 2) Held over one period of 45 minutes duration of a shortened solo course.

In the event of the threewheeler class not being run, the solo class may be run over periods of 60 mins.

In the event of bad weather or other adverse conditions, the club reserves the right to terminate the event at any time and the position of drivers at that termination will be that on which awards (if any) will be given.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Stewards: Centre—T.Body; Club—H.Fitz-Gould, Timekeeper; S.Wragge. Lap Scorers' A.Cartwright and B.A.Cullimore, Scrutineer: A.Rodgers, Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting: A.W. Cullimore, 36 Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol (Tel. 560908).
2. **VENUE.** Goblin Combe, Broadfield Farm, Redhill, Wrington, Somerset, Map Ref. 165, E495, N640, 1 mile west of A38 and Lulsgate (Bristol) Airport.
3. **AWARDS.** Championship points to the first six competitors in each class in the order 8-6-4-3-2-1 and in addition:
Class 1—(a) Best overall performance "Redcliffe Cup" (to be returned to the above club on request) and Souvenir award
Class 1 (b) Best performance 1st period if not winners of (a)
& 3 (c) Best performance 2nd period if not winner of (a)
Class 1, 2 (d) Best performance (awards to driver and passenger)
& 3 (e) 2nd Best performance (subject minimum entry + 5)
" (f) 3rd Best performance (subject to minimum entry + 10)
" (g) Best performance club member (B.M.C. & L.C.C.) minimum 5 per class.
Class 1 (h) Best performance Novice (C class in Wessex League Trials) 5 per class
Class 1, 2 (k) to all finishers after the above.
& 3
4. **ENTRIES.** Members of the organising club 60p, other competitors £1.00, which includes personal accident insurance. Entry forms properly completed must reach the Secretary of the Meeting with the correct fee not later than 12th May. Please enclose S.A.E. for acceptance card.

5. **MARKING FOR AWARDS.** The event will be run in (separate periods) over a number of laps of a closed circuit on private land which will include some observed sections. The course will be about 1 mile per lap. No practice will be allowed. The average speed will not exceed 20 m.p.h. **Penalties:** Machine ceasing forward progress relative to course (in observed section) 5 marks; competitor assisting motion of machine by physical contact with ground (in observed section) 3 marks (if any doubt exists in section Passes the worst performance will count). For the purpose of results, marks lost will be transferred into seconds of time. Competitors will be started single at no longer than 10 seconds intervals depending on the number of entries.
6. **FINISH.** Competitors will be flagged off after the scheduled period has been completed. The final placings will be arranged by reference to the equation $(T-s+2M) / L$ where T = total time taken, S = start differential, M = marks lost (in seconds), L = laps completed, to give an index of performance.
7. **NUMBERS.** Failure to return official issued numbers will incur a charge on the respective competitor of £1.
8. **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND HELMETS** must be worn whilst competing.

ENTRY FORM

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD.

"REDCLIFFE" CUP TIMED TRIAL

19th MAY 1973

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE Solo/Sidecar

TYRE TYPE CLASS ENTERED

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

INDEMNIFICATION.

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations for Trials of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this, my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the promoting Club, the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U., and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for this meeting) and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death or injury to myself, or my passenger howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents. I declare that whilst taking part in this meeting I have an operative Policy of insurance covering me against Third Party Risks including Road Traffic Act cover.

I declare that I am over 16 years of age.

Date Signed Driver.
..... Parent/Guardian.
Signed Passenger.

If an entrant/driver/passenger is under 18 years of age the form must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian.

TOR

Nearly 200 club members and friends attended the Annual Presentation of Awards Dance on February 23rd at the Town Hall, Glastonbury. It was one of the best dances we have had for a long time and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see some of the scramble riders there but where were the trials riders? Only one trials rider bothered to come and collect his awards. The club were presented with another fine trophy at the dance. Ken Hardacres was the donor and this cup will be awarded at the Junior Trophy scramble on April 28th.

Working parties for this meeting and the National Wessex scramble will start on Saturday, 14th April and those riders who want to ride in the club workers race are asked to come to this first working party if they can or any evening after, ring Street 2821 if you want to know about working parties.

After the junior scramble is over on the Saturday, club members will be asked to help move the stakes and ropes over on the hill in readiness for the National Wessex scramble on the following Sunday. When this is done there will be a barbecue of hot dogs, beer or cider for all workers. Marshals will be wanted for both meetings, please help if you can.

Early entries for the Wessex and under 21 championship include:— Bryan Goss, Malcolm Davis, Mike Jones, Roger Harvey, Rob Hooper, Malcolm Dearn, Roger Snoad, Jimmy Stuart, Bob Wright, Andy Ainsworth.

Many others have promised to come and will have entered by the time you read these notes. The Shell under 21 round has attracted quite a few riders from the north.

Dates for your April diary:—

14th—First working party 2.30 p.m.

15th—Sunday working party.

16—19th Evening working parties 6.30 p.m.

24—27th Evening working parties 6.30 p.m.

28th—Saturday Junior Trophies Scramble at Wick 2.30 p.m.

29th—Sunday, NATIONAL WESSEX SCRAMBLE with 4th round SHELL under 21 Championship 2.00 p.m.

The Club meeting will be on TUESDAY April 3rd at the Street Inn 8.00 p.m.

NORTH SOMERSET

The Don Mountstevens Trial saw Norman Colin runner up to Sam. Rob Taylor was particularly spectacular on the big climb at the bottom of Lambs Lair, rising 6 feet off of the ground at the start of the section. He was the first to clean it and with a hard wall rear tyre. Bob Parsons injured his shoulder and had to retire.

The League Trial at Frome was very good. Richard Ward scoring the only award. Max Coombs, Keith Boobyer and Alan Evans, were the three lowest scores and formed the team thus qualifying for free entries next time.

The scramble clan had an outing at Newton Abbott and Dave Rumbold excelled on his father's machine in the Junior Race, to take fourth place.

The Mendip Vale Trial proved unlucky for Ivan who sheared a clutch key after the 5th sub, but not before he filled a boot with water. Bob Gregory stayed behind to give him a hand to repair the damage but all was in vain and Bob had to retire later due to lack of fuel and time to fetch some more. Norman Colin took runner up spot again.

Brace Britton has been fettling the B.S.A. yet again. That must be three rebuilds in 18 months and only about half a dozen rides. It would appear that he has to spend more time polishing than riding, this is what comes of challenging Gary Glitter.

Talking of B.S.A. Terry Phillips has purchased a CCM for site work, and it is reported to be faster in a straight line than his large Maico. Dave Andrews is redesigning the Bantam after his two lap ride in the last T/T, and Norman Rumbold is lightening the matchbox ready to replace his husky in these events. Andrew Stone has purchased Ivan's CZ 360 that only leaves him with the 370 AJS to dispose of. Alan Evans is contemplating selling his 325 Bultaco and going on to Montessa as he feels that he cannot manage the power. Pop Plaster is continuing to run in the Sherpa on private land in time to register it under M for manipulation.

Tony Coleman took a First Class at the Swindon Time/Trial, 10.3.73, Martin Bracey, Terry Phillips, Rob Taylor and Ivan Manning having previously cancelled their entries.

Next Time/Trial 14th April at Compton Dando, start 6.30 p.m. Sat. Night. Working Party Friday 13th 6.15 p.m. onwards and the Compton Inn afterwards.

Bath & West M.C.

It is gratifying to have met with such a response to these notes as my January screed brought from Mr. Davis. I shall not join issue with Gordon on this matter as I would not "knock" any aspect of the sport.

Perhaps the best advantage could be gained by both the "Schoolboy" and other clubs if we all set out to foster and cultivate the interest that may exist amongst such bodies as youth clubs and try to lead them along into club life. It might be that a bit of missionary work could pay dividends and get some of the youngsters into the ways of trialling or into the schoolboy scrambling movement.

I was hoping in this issue to be able to quote the postponed date for our Spring Cup Trial, but unless it comes up in the Board meeting report (which has a more favourable close-of-press date) there seems to be no firm information which I can give as we are not the only club hunting for revised dates and we can only rely on the Board to do its best by all.

The league trial saw the elimination of the club's entry this time. An untimely change of weather turned an apparently well-planned course into an "early numbers" benefit. Still one can't expect all the luck all the time and we hope for good support from members for the 1st April event.

We must wish Dave Roberts, our Social Captain, the best of luck with his latest venture, road racing. May his Aermacchi survive many an airing.

West Wilts Motor Club.

The AGM held in late January produced no big surprises. We now have a new President, Keith Pointing formerly a vice president. John Swanborough felt he should pass on the reigns after a goodly stint at the top. We were surprised to hear that Mick Ayres did not want to stand for the comps committee and quick to welcome youthful newcomers Janet Phillips and Paul Branson.

At the centre AGM we were well represented and collected a few jobs too! Ken Lywood re-elected Vice Chairman, Buster James Assistant Secretary with Mick Ayres and Gordon Lloyd on the Trials and Speed comps committee respectively. Barbara Gigli, Diane James and Rosemary Andrews have the task of organising the 1973 Centre Dinner at Bath in December.

The Club's Annual Dinner and Dance at Fortts Bath on February 16th was a resounding success thanks to our very able ladies dinner committee. There was an excellent meal followed by a well supported dance programme.

The postponed JAMES CUP TRIAL will now be run on 13th May 1973, same venue, times and starting numbers. All who originally entered have been advised and should there be anyone else wishing to enter the closing date is 7th May. The trial secretary Rosemary Andrews 'Hergiswil', The Knapps, Semington, Trowbridge, Wilts, can supply regulations. SAE please.

The 3rd League Trial saw the Club's eleven entrants lose 127 marks and we now hold 5th place. Our 'C' class riders collected 3 first class awards.

The Disco night at Bradford on Avon on the 9th March proved a great success. A maximum entry of 100 enjoyed themselves and the stalwarts stewarding the event were a little non-plussed by the scene. I'm sure we shall run more of these events if its what our younger members want.

We have now received the OK from the farmer at Pickwick Lodge Farm, Rudloe, CORSHAM to our using his land for Club Scrambles. We are applying to the Centre for permission to run an open to centre event on 19th August which will assess the possibilities of the venue for our 1974 events. Our immediate interest is the National MAYBUG TROPHY Scramble which we are billing as the last Maybug at Farleigh. This event has two rounds of the 250cc British Championships as an added attraction. We had hoped to include rounds of the 125cc championships as well but this did not materialise.

Mendip Vale M.C. & L.C.C.

T.C.C. number 73.

Permit number N 448.

ROMAN TROPHY SCRAMBLE

A Wessex Centre "Star" Event.

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May 1973 at 2.00 p.m.

Roman Road, Bleadon Hill, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset.

An open to Centre competition to be held under A.C.U. G.C.R. and the Standing Regulations for Scrambles, with the following Supplementary Regulations.

1. OFFICIALS. Stewards, Wessex Centre, Mr.M.Ayres. Club, Messrs W.C. Fisher, T. Body, Clerk of the Course, Mr.J.Snelling. Scrutineer, Mr. K. Beards. Secretary of the Meeting. Mrs.J.Snelling, Sandford Service Station. Sandford, Bristol, BS19 5PA. Tel. Churchill 380.

2. ENTRIES. Open 1st April. Entries must be made on the attached form and sent with £1.10 fee to the Secretary of the Meeting, enclosing S.A.E. not later than 1st May.
3. PRACTICE. All drivers must complete one lap of practice, which will be allowed under control between 12.15 and 1.15 p.m. All drivers MUST sign on BEFORE practising.
4. START. Clutch start, using Flag.
5. FUEL. Any legal type.
6. INSURANCE. Third party and Personal Accident Insurance will be paid by the Mendip Vale Club.
7. ALL MACHINES must comply with the control of noise regulations.
8. EVENTS AND AWARDS.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1. Juniors	£4	£3	£2	£1	75p	50p	50p	25p		
2. 125cc	£8	£6	£4	£3	£2	£1	50p	50p		
3. Roman Trophy	£15	£12	£9	£6	£4	£3	£2	£1	50p	50p
4. Cleveland Trophy	£8	£6	£4	£3	£2	£1	50p	50p		
5. Centre Star	£10	£8	£6	£4	£2	£1	50p	50p		

The organising Club reserve the right to adjust or omit any part of this programme.

ENTRY FORM

Roman Trophy Scramble

28th May 1973.

Mendip Vale M.C. & L.C.C.

DRIVERS NAME

ADDRESS

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLEc.c.

REGISTERED MEMBERCLUB

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED Riding No. Preferred

INDEMNIFICATION:

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

I declare that I am over 16 years of age.

Date

Dihnr
Signed

.....Driver. SignedParent/Guardian.

If an entrant/driver/passenger is under 18 years of age the form must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian.

Mendip Vale M.C.C.

On February 11th three of our riders went to Kiddminster. They were:— Chris Butler, Malcolm Latty and Mike Clark. Unfortunately the special test put Chris out of the results. Mike went home with a first class award.

The 18th February, Malcolm, Chris and Dave Gollicker went to Dartmouth. Chris went home with the novice award, Malcolm took home a rather seized up engined Bultaco, and Dave toddled along behind.

On the same day Mike Clark, Keith Beards and Roy Burgess rode in the Don Mountstephens Trial, once again Mike went home with a first class award. Roy and Keith weren't in the results.

The 25th February saw the third round of the League Trial. The club put in a team of 7 riders. They were P.Lamper, M.Latty, K.Beards, C.Butler, T.Body, R.Burgess, D.Gollicker. Four of them were in the results as follows:— 'A' Class P.Lamper; 'B' Class won by K.Beards. 'C' Class C.Butler and R.Burgess. This gave us third position in the Trial and sixth overall. Up three positions. Well done boys. Keep it up!

On the same day as the League Trial, Bob Wright rode in a four stroke trial, nr.Petersfield, and won a first class award.

On March 1st we had a committee meeting at the Woodborough, Winscombe. It was arranged for a buffet and dance to be held at the Commodore, Sandbay on September 28th, also the Annual Dinner and Dance will be on February 1st 1974, also at the Commodore. Don't forget these dates!

A letter was received from Mr.Alan Wells of the Webbington Country Club, giving his kind permission for the use of the car park for the start of the Traders Trophy Trial. He applied to the courts for an extension for the bar. This was very much appreciated by the riders and Club. Our sincere thanks to Mr.Wells for this, also to all the landowners for the use of their land.

In some places the course was very difficult but not too bad in others. I asked Paul Dunkley what he thought of the Trial and he said it was very good. There were 73 starters and the secretary of the meeting didn't get away until 4.15 p.m. He didn't even have time for a pint!

Four raffle prizes were bought for the observers raffle. There were only nine riders who did not support this! Thankyou to those who did. The Observers who won the prizes were:— J.Westlake of Frome, Paul Sheppard of Weston, Mrs.B.Watts of Bristol and D.R.Green of Weston. Grateful thanks to all observers for your support.

On the 8th March we had a skittles evening at the Star. This was supported by about 40 members, and the raffle was won by L.Smith.

The Club would like to welcome back Bert and Sylvia Lovell, who have had a two year rest. We hope that you will enjoy the club even more now.

It looks as though we will be changing the name of our scramble to 'The Cleveland Trophy Scramble' incorporating the Romany Trophy Race. Yes, we have more than likely been sponsored, and thanks for this go to Chris Butler and his father. Perhaps you can get DAD to join the Club Chris!!

Frome M.C.C.

Our team of insurance tycoons Brian Francis and Les Dowell, Richard "Falcon" Difazio, and Professor Pete Aven won the Frome heat of the Four Counties road safety quiz and will now represent Frome at Street later in the year. Didn't they do well.

Having committed ourselves to running sidecars on Easter Monday it was with some relief that at last Mike Guilford and his Wasp Team came down to try out the circuit. After a few laps to warm up and to learn their way around they began to wind it up, lap times then began to take a tumble from 1 min. 40 sec. the 1.25. After a trip down to the Bear for lunch and a few jars we returned and things really began to fly. With both John Elliott, and the Wilkins Boys getting around in under 1.22, one late arrival was Nick Thompson and after a quick look around he had the lap time down to 1.18 on his new machine..

The Rob Walker will be known as the Castrol Rob Walker this year, as we have now had the OK from Castrol who will sponsor the event. Regs will be out in about 6 weeks.

The League trial was a little tough, good job it snowed, or thats our excuse. Our team made their best effort yet with Dave Biss, Mike Aven and Roy Castle counting, Doug Nolan, Mike Aven with A Awards. Dave Lane a 'B' award and Dave Bliss, Roy Castle, J.Randall taking 'C' awards. Well done lads. We are holding a farewell party for Trev Burton on 6th April at the Blue Boar, Frome. Tickets are £1. Please let Jim know if you would like to attend.

B.M.C.C.

With the Centre still in the grip of the Swine Disease, trials are very few, which while the famine is annoying for riders, must be a bonus for some wives who would have had to wait until mid-summer to get the jobs done around the house.

A very much shortened Don Mountstevens trial took place on our "play-ground" at Lamb's Lair in February. Judging from reports from riders it was a very welcome and enjoyable event. The threeshort lap course went down very well with observers, who by trial standards were able to get home at a very early hour.

That man Miller treated the large crowd of spectators to a superb demonstration on how to ride a trials machine, winning the event with an amazing loss of 20 marks, Norman Colin fought with Chris Watts for the runner up spot which eventually was decided in Norman's favour by only one mark, 54 to 55. When you study the results sheets you realise how fantastic Sams ride was for he could have doubled his score and still won with a margin of 14 marks, proving that he is surely still the finest rider in the country, bar none.

A final thank you to all observers and helpers for making the event a success. The following week saw the only other trial in the Centre during February, that being the League Trial at Frome. From a lovely sunny Sunday the previous week at Lamb's Lair, riders and observers experienced very cold weather. punctuated with snow storms at Leighton. The latter must have

contributed to comments from riders, one of whom suggested that "this is the best National I have ridden in for a long time". I for one would be the first to admit that it is a nightmare for a Clerk of the Course to provide a section that will take marks from an expert rider but also let a novice ride a section without the knowledge that the next section he will have to be pulled out of once again.

There are times within the Wessex Fixture list when trials are hard and quite rightly so but I feel that a Wessex Centre League Trial is not the place. Our team of Chris, Terry and Mike finished a very creditable joint fourth with Chris and Mike gaining silverware, well done chaps!

Finally in the outback of Chipping Sodbury, my spies tell me that the "Terrible Tucks" have sold their 650 Triumph outfit and are busy building a 440 B.S.A. unit, Fred has even grown a beard, claiming that if Ray Round can do it

DIARY DATES

- 4th April Business Meeting — Blue Boy 8 p.m.
- 18th April "Long Distance Trials" talk by Phil Steadman
- 20/23rd April Easter Weekend-Newquay, Contact Tom Jones for details
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- 25th April Skittle Match, details to be announced later.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE CLUB Permit No. M 449

Spring Cup Trial on Sunday 29th April, 1973.

Supplementary Regulations of the Spring Cup Trial, restricted to members of clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre, riding solo motor cycles and held under the G.C.R.'s of the A.C.U. Standing Regulations for Trials.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Wessex Centre Steward, M.Parker; Club Stewards, H.Jenkins, K.Blampied; Clerk of the Course, P.Steadman; Secretary of the Meeting, P.Smith, 6B Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol BS6 6DU. Machine Examiner: R.Daniel.
2. **AWARDS.**SPRING CUP — to be held for one year and Replica for best performance. There will also be four awards for 'A' drivers, four for 'B' drivers, four for 'O' drivers. Garding as per last League Trial.
3. **ENTRY FEES.** Paid up members of promoting club 45p, other Wessex Centre members 60p. 5p P.A.insurance will be paid by promoting club.
4. **ENTRIES.** On Wessex Gazette entry form together with correct entry fee to reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than MONDAY 23rd April 1973.
5. **START, LAMB'S LAIR CAVERN,** midway between the Wellsway Inn and the Castle of Comfort Inn, on the Chew Stoke to Priddy Road. Ordnance Survey Map No.165, Reference 542 548. First man away 10.01 a.m. NO PETROL AT START.
6. **COURSE.** All observed sections will be on private land. A recommended route card will be issued and the onus of finding the observed sections will be the responsibility of the driver. Marks lost on 0.1.2.3.5. basis.
7. **CAR PARKING.** No Vehicles to be parked or left on the road adjacent to the start.

8. **TIES.** In the event of a tie on total marks lost, the driver with the greatest number of cleans will take the award. If there is still a tie the driver who, at the earliest point around the course gained an advantage will take precedence. If there is still a tie two awards will be given.
9. **PROTEST** must be made in accordance with the G.C.R's of the A.C.U.

ENTRY FORM

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE CLUB
SPRING CUP TRIAL

PERMIT No. 449
Sunday 29th April 1973

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER**CLUB** **NOVICE** Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE **c.c.****Solo/Sidecar**

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED **Total**

INDEMNIFICATION:

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing Refulations for Trials of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this, my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the promoting Club, the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U. and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for this meeting) and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death or injury to myself, or my passenger howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies their officials, servants, representatives or agents. I declare that whilst taking part in this meeting I have an operative Policy of insurance covering me against Third Party Risks including Road Traffic Act cover.

I declare that I am over 17 years of age. Date

SignedDriver. SignedParent/Guardian

If an entrant/driver/passenger is under 18 years of age the form must be countersigned by the Parent or Guardian.

Shepton Mallet M.C.

The February A.G.M. held at the Bell was well attended, and some changes emerged from the voting that took place.

Ron Davey was elected new Chairman. He takes over duties from Cyril England, who was a founder member of the club. Cyril began his career in the late twenties, specializing in grass-track and starred at many of the Wessex v. Southern Centre Meetings on a sidevalve A.J.S. It became apparent that racing was in the family blood as his late cousin Harold Daniell, Norton Racing Captain and winner of many TT's, could be found down at Pennard breathing on Cyril's machinery. Developments eventually made the famous sidevalve obsolete and Harold found Cyril an ex Works 'Cammy A.J.S.', but unfortunately this failed to handle well on grass and was replaced by a big port A.J., which held its own on many of the local circuits, including our own Cannards Grave, prior to the last war.

His trials achievements were many and various but his death or glory tactics would always produce sensational results. Cyrils's ready West Country wit and 'Zummerzet' humour made him popular at all pre-war meetings. He will now be one of our newly elected Vice Presidents, joined by Mr. Sid Hoddinott, Ken Hardacre and stalwart Ted Cottle, who nearly always sorts out the Binegar Bottom sections.

Farmer Marks, another Vice President, who recently suffered injuries from a tractor accident, is now home and making good progress. And now news comes to me that Ken Hardacre had a mishap with a gas cylinder down at the Crown, resulting in one crushed toe and one fractured toe.

As Frome so proudly announced in the March Gazette, they have at last won a skittles match, but what was not stated was the help they received from Tony and Marg Sugg, anyway I put this defeat down to Dave Male's crossword. That had us scratching our heads, a very entertaining change. Dave lets hope for more. Victor of this exercise was scrum half Tony King, who enlightened us with the news that he was once employed as a panel beater with the firm who made Eric Fernihough's helmets.

Our highest scoring lady on the skittles was Sally Lane 23, and highest man Vic Keeling 24, Frome were 'Dowelled' together with scores of 28 from Les and 25 from his wife. Looking forward to our return, Frome! Jim tells me the original date is out, due to Alley bookings, so a later date seems probable.

Rob Hamm could still do with some entries for the Len Sanders Trial. Regs. in last months issue, Sidecar and Novice only please!

Jed Lampert has decided that a Bultaco 250 Trialer is more fun than his A.J.S. Scrambler so he's done a swop. With one week left to the Kickam, John Young is still awaiting his 440 Motor for his re-vamped outfit.

Our escape to Merehead with help for the Frome Club's League Trial resulted in a bit of a morass, which the weather had quite a bit to do with.

Then a scrabble down to Somerton just in time to see Younger breast the skyline in the lead of the junior final, but alas, he didn't make the hill the next time round ("Shepton Mallet ruling for the Mendip Scramble - all 4 strokes must have working kick starts fitted") Boom! Boom!

We could use some experts for the May 6th Mendip Scramble, let's be hearing from you. As expected, junior entries flooded in and over 50 were unfortunate. Maybe we could have a junior only meeting next season.

The skittles match held on March 10th At the Crown had the B.S.S.A. boys and girls going back to Bristol beaten by 29 pins. Again Sally was our highest scorer. Thank you Mr. Harvey for your support, hope you all enjoyed yourselves, our return match takes place in October, I think.

On behalf of the club, congratulations to Roy Bradley and Christine Bull on their recent Marriage. We wish them every happiness and hope to see them at the Len Sanders Trial.

Kingswood M.C.C.

At last the Trials scene seems to be picking up after the enforced lay off, even if in a rather restricted fashion, the League Trial at Frome being about the first big one since the dreaded disease. It is to be hoped that we can very soon get back to normal. In the League Trial our entry was rather down on usual, but with Dennis Wiltshire, Rob Crew and Fred Dicker of the local members ably assisted by the Stroud Crowd and again that "Handy" lad from Cheltenham, our Roger, we managed some awards, Roger and Nigel Tompkins being the clever ones. The Observer Corps were there doing the necessary and despite the continuous snow fall managed to keep warm with the aid of a few gallops up the section to pick up bikes and collecting wood to keep our little hand warmer going.

The Binner season continues unabated with several of our members attending the recent junketings with West Wilts and Wilts Border clubs.

This last month saw one of our popular skittle matches - John Pope brought along the Bisley Bombers, a crowd of friendly young folk from Yate to what seems to be our Skittles HQ, the "Fox" at Hawkesbury Upton, now despite considerable fiddling by the stickers-up, widely spaced skittles for us and closely spaced for them, we won. Our ladies, bless 'em did the eats and everyone seemed to enjoy the game - cos we played 20 a side once again. Stroud lads and lassies supported us on this occasion, despite Doug Nolan playing for "them" we still won. A return match is to be arranged I am told.

April 22nd, we are hoping to be able to run our postponed Avery Trophy Trial. This of course depends on our land owners and availability of the date. We shall pass the word around when this is definite.

Last Sunday saw quite a contingent of Wessex riders performing in a Trial near Abergavenny with a considerable number of supporters along to see the fun. It was a grand day for spectating and the predominantly rock sections really gave our lads something to think about. Lawrence Telling of Minety mud fame won against such opposition as Tony Davis and Scott Ellis, our semi-detached Doug Nolan was in the 1st class awards.

I see that Marshfield's Martin Davis was well placed in the Experts Race at the Somerton Clubs Scramble on 24th February finishing 5th behind Badger, Malcolm Davis a rider of that calibre, and that same weekend Stroud Rob Taylor was in the awards at the Bill Peters Trial, nearly missed that un Vicar.

Club Meetings for April on the 11th and 25th at the Queens Head Willsbridge 8.30 p.m.

Monthly Mutterings by Mick Perry.

TRIALS. As I type these notes, which are shorter than usual owing to pressure of work, the Centre's National Kickham trial is only a couple of days away. Due to postponements caused by vesicular pig disease it is the first round of the National solo championship.

Who will win this year? Can Malcolm Rathmell retain his crown? During the past few months he has had a couple mediocre rides which might suggest that he has lost his edge a little, but, you know, these Yorkshiremen are a pretty dedicated bunch, and although Gordon Farley clinched the Cotswold cup trial, I'm sorry but I can't really see a Southerner breaking the Northern

SWINDON & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB. BAYDON MOTO-CROSS.
East Leaze Farm, Baydon, Wilts. Sunday, May 13th 1973.
T.C.C. 293. Start at 2.00 p.m. Permit No. M 439.

OFFICIALS:

Wessex Centre Steward	J. Webb
Club Stewards	J. Croston. R.Jennings.
Clerk of the Course	R. Farmer
Secretary of the Meeting	B. Freegard, 7 Glevum Close, Purton, Swindon, Wilts.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

1. The Swindon & District Motor Cycle Club will hold an Open to Centre Solo Moto-Cross and Sidecar Scramble at East Leaze Farm, Baydon, Wilts on Sunday May 13th, 1973, open to members of Clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre.
2. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the Central Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations for all Scrambles of the Auto-Cycle Union, and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. **COURSE:** Approx. 1.5 miles of grassy downland. Solos clockwise, sidecars anti-clockwise.
4. **START:** Solos by light signal, left hand on rear mudguard, sidecars, clutch start by flag signal.
5. **ENTRIES:** Close 22nd April. To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting together with the Entry Fee and a SAE for reply.
ENTRY FEE: Solo £1.25. Sidecar £1.50. Please make cheques or POs payable to Swindon & DMCC and crossed. Entries will be limited to 30 Expert Solo Drivers, 30 Junior 250cc., 30 Junior 500cc. and 30 Sidecars.
6. **EVENTS & AWARDS:**
Baydon Moto-Cross.
 1. Baydon Moto-Cross. Experts and invited Juniors. Held over three legs. Points will be awarded in order of finishing, ie. 1st—1 point, 2nd — 2 points etc. and the final placings will be decided on the lowest aggregate of three legs. In case of a tie, the Driver with the best position in the last leg will be awarded the place.
Awards. Each leg, 1st £2, 2nd £1, 3rd £0.50
Overall, 1st £16, 2nd £12, 3rd £6, 4th £5, 5th £3, 6th £1.
 2. Junior 250cc. Up to 250cc. Juniors Only. 1st £4, 2nd £3, 3rd £2, 4th £1.
 3. Junior 500cc. 301-500cc. Juniors Only. 1st £4, 2nd £3, 3rd £2, 4th £1.
 4. Junior Open. Up to 500cc. Juniors Only. 1st £4, 2nd £3, 3rd £2, 4th £1.
 5. Sidecar Open. Unlimited. 1st £10, 2nd £7, 3rd £5, 4th £2.
 6. Sidecar Open. Unlimited. 1st £10. 2nd £7. 3rd £5. 4th £2.
 7. Club Workers Race. Closed to Club.
Qualifications and Awards for Event 7 will be published in the Club newsletter.
7. **PRACTICE:** Will be controlled between 11.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. All machines and clothing must be presented for scrutineering before the start of practice.

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along these lines he could bring the title back to Great Britain for the first time since 'Smithy' twice did in the mid sixties, "added Lee at Denbury, and I'll go right along with him on that statement.

Hereford scrambler Randy Owen thought he was on to a good thing when he was asked to take the CZ along to a local cider factory. Sponsorship maybe? but no, they sent Randy off to sample a few pints whilst photographers clicked away at a top model perched on the CZ's seat for publicity purposes, in connection with the forthcoming "Strongbow" series. "Plenty of leg, and cider said Randy, but no cash". Quite honestly I would have thought that sponsorship of a local rider would have paid dividends.

The Castrol Company are to sponsor the British championship race at the Frome clubs National Rob Walker scramble later in the year. Jim Webb seems to have a way with affluent people for three local quarrying companies are "helping him" with the Easter Monday scramble at Leighton which has attracted a good sidecar entry. Before long he'll have (a well known reporter) sponsoring the two stroke machine race.

The West Wilts club have a new scrambles course. This is at Pickwick, near Corsham which was used several years ago by the Wilts Border Club, but the West Wilts club plan to use the course differently. I hope that they will change the weather too for the Wilts Borderer's never did get much luck with the elements. I remember quite clearly having to wear a duffle coat, and gloves at a meeting there in July, and I also recall tipping a tractor driver to pull my car out of the venue on another occasion.

Shortly I shall be thinking about guest speakers for the dinner in December. Who would you like to meet? Drop me a line or give me a ring. It will be appreciated.

What is an enjoyable ride?

Sir,

I wonder how many marks a rider can loose in a trial and still enjoy his days sport? What would you say, or haven't you thought about it lately?

Well give it five minutes. Recent Open Trials in this Centre have had about 30 subs in them so the maximum possible marks a person can loose is 150. Where would you put your personal limit? A few cleans, a few dabs — well they are encouraging near misses — a smattering of 3's for tough going and some 5's on the really difficult hills and what does it add up to?

Go on, use an old envelope and a pencil and commit yourself to an opinion!

How many times would you be prepared to feel foolish as you come to an undignified halt, and how many times are you prepared to stoop and pick it up with aching back and start again?

Would it surprise you to hear that in the east trial of 1972* that whilst the winner lost 25 marks that 38 of the 79 finishers lost 90 marks or more. In the novice class (C grade riders) — and the largest single class in the trial — the *average* score was no less than 110 marks! The novice cup went to M. Kingscote a man completely out on his own in this class with an incredible score of 65. But how about some genuine appreciation for the two blokes who lost all but maximum marks and still continued to complete the course, in my book that's the hallmark of real guts and sportsmanship.

I ride for fun, for me a Sunday trial offers a complete change of company, interest and scenery and provides a very healthy change from the rest of the week. Winning is not my objective and anyhow I am neither good enough or prepared to pay the price for the 325 which one apparently has to have to get in the first half dozen. But I do feel that I should be offered a course which gives me a chance of enjoying myself.

The problem is, I feel, in the incompatibility of the A and C class riders, a course suitable for the one is unsuitable for the other. At present C class riders are struggling on courses which tend to be too difficult for them. But if the Clerk of the Course eases up then the A class riders will feel cheated.

So why not split some of the events, there are enough fixtures in the year. Is the idea of a Novice Trial really so terrible? Is it not possible that every club in the centre could run *just one* Novice Trial per year? This, I believe, would do a great deal to redress the balance without upsetting the present system too much.

If this letter strikes a chord of sympathy with any riders or club officials, then may I offer to help in any way I can towards the setting up of such events. In any case I would be interested to hear what support this suggestion has. To identify me is easy, my style of riding is quite distinctive – the BSA is usually on top.

Dave Giles.

*Footnote.

This is the latest set of complete results I have at the time of writing and not a dig against the particular organising club.

The Editor regrets that this letter was not printed before due to lack of space.

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No Public	£2.30	£1.15
National		
Public	£7.74	£3.87
No Public	£3.14	£1.57
Trials:		
Closed	£1.05	27
Restricted	£1.60	40
National	£2.22	53

This means there is NO increase in P.A. for Drivers, i.e. still remaining at 5p per driver for all Trials and 10p and 12p Closed and Restricted respectively for speed events.

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