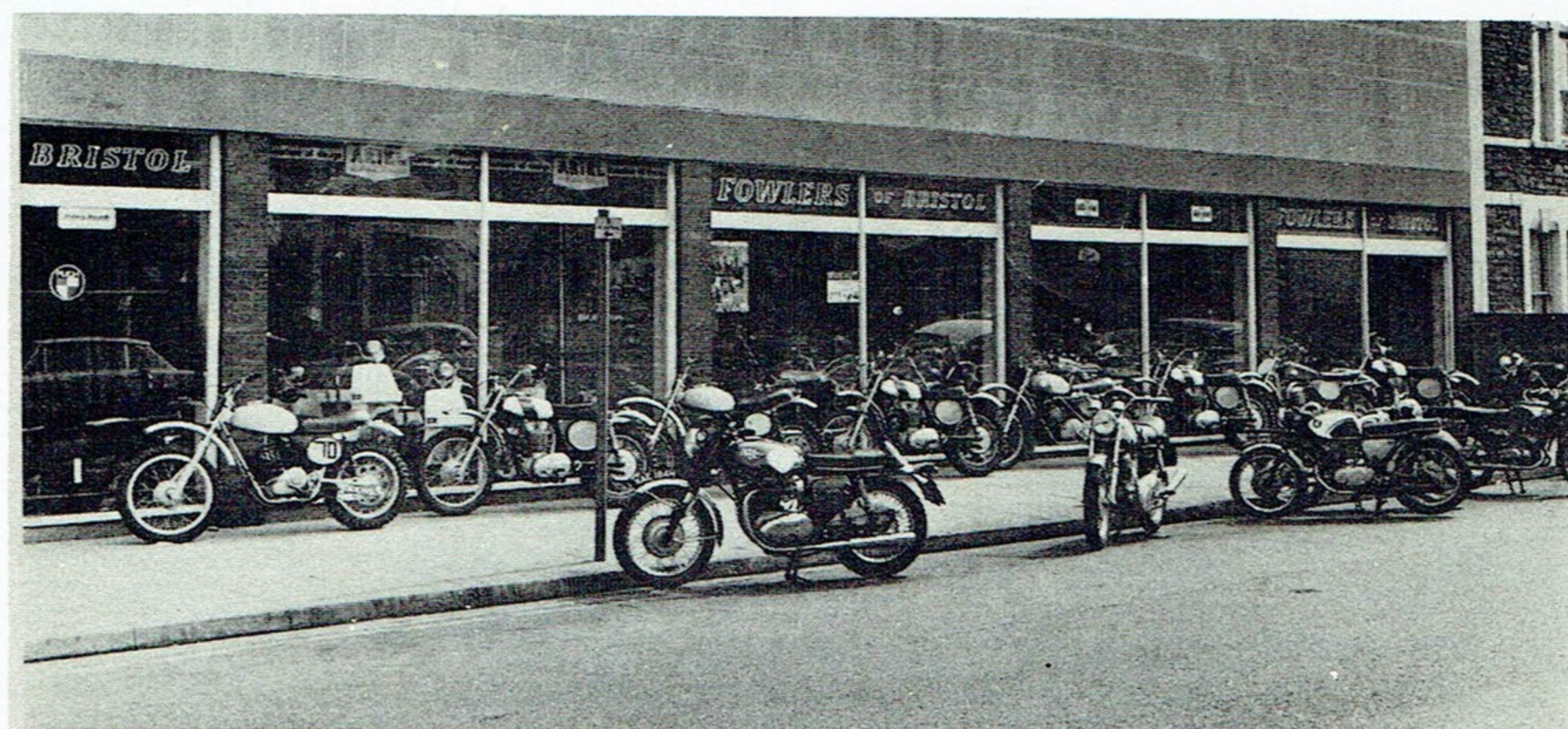




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REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 1974 AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH.

INTER-CENTRE TEAM TRIAL 21st APRIL 1974 nr. BUXTON. This was the same day as the Fourth League Trial but a team would be sent.

WESSEX SCRAMBLE 28th APRIL 1974. The Tor Club reported that they had received 56 entries already. They asked for clubs to supply help on the day.

WESSEX INDIVIDUAL SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS. Clubs who were running events were asked to get together and decide whether or not they would donate money to a fund to enable a special cash prize to go with the trophies which the Centre would provide.

Clubs were asked to write to the Secretary with details of their views and amount of support forthcoming.

FEBRUARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING. Cliff King had been re-elected to the Management Committee. Ken Blampied had received the greatest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates for the Comps Committee. Compulsory 5p levy — In spite of the A.C.U. Treasurer announcing that he had overestimated the budget by £6000 due to the inclusion of an item for V.A.T. (which would be paid by Clubs and not A.C.U.) the Council had agreed that the levy should be paid. This was carried by a large majority with Wessex Centre and Road Racing Clubs voting against.

HELMETS. The compulsory wearing of helmets off the public roads during Trials was defeated. Wessex had voted for the motion. It was noted that they were compulsory in all Welsh events.

FUEL ECONOMY. Clubs were asked to return the statement forms to the Secretary as soon as possible. League Trials and the Wessex Scramble would be included on the Centre's forms.

T.T. SUPPORTER'S CLUB. The President, Mr.E.Parker, had attended a meeting as the Wessex representative. The Club had more than 800 members but very few in Wessex. He could arrange membership (write to him at 61, Malvern Road, Swindon). Members could take part in many activities in the Isle of Man during the T.T. race period.

GRASS TRACK RACING. Clubs were reminded that all sidecars must be fitted with ignition cut-outs which stopped the engine if the driver left the machine. Also, the clutch must be fully covered, not just the primary chain runs.

The 1974 inter-centre grass-track would be at Bonham Farm, Stourton, Wilts.

SCHOOLBOY SCRAMBLING AND GRASS TRACKS. The A.C.U. were trying to co-ordinate the various organisations but were finding it hard going. The schoolboys were content to stay as they are!

GAZETTE. The Editor reported that he was sending out more copies now than at any time in 1973.

In some cases Clubs were not keeping their regs down to a single page — in future any excess would be charged for.

The Permit Secretary and the Editor complained of the terribly untidy condition of regs. submitted by Clubs. Old copies with a lot of alterations were not satisfactory. If a Club could not type the copy it should be in block letters.

BENEVOLENT FUND LEVY. As agreed at the A.G.M. Clubs must pay 25p for each event. The money to be paid to the Benevolent Fund.

The money should be paid in bulk for all events due to be run after 1st February 1974 and payments should be made immediately to the Permit Secretary.

LEAGUE TRIAL 21st APRIL 1974. There would be no change in entry fee (50p) — the Centre would pay the 5p levy.

I.S.D.T. AND INTERNATIONAL MOTO-CROSS. Ken Lywood complained of the country's best scramblers probably being chosen to ride in the I.S.D.T. Team to the detriment of the moto-cross teams because of the closeness of the dates. He felt that it was deplorable that this clash had been allowed to occur.

Britains leading trials riders were mostly under contract to foreign manufacturers and preferred to ride in other events rather than the I.S.D.T.

Cliff King said that the A.C.U. should fall into line with certain other countries and introduce a rule prohibiting a rider who declined to ride in his national team from riding in any other international event being run at the same time.

DATES

B.S.S.A. c/c Trial moved from 10th to 24th March.
Wilts Border Timed Trial c/c Saturday 27th April 2.30 p.m.
Bath Spring Cup Trial o/c 28th April.
West Wilts Moto-Ball 12th August.

STROUD VALLEY. Their application to run a Junior Scramble at Tetbury on 28th July was approved. (This clashed with the Rob Walker but Frome had no objection).

SWINDON pointed out that their Grass Track on 11th August had been omitted from the Fixture Card.

FUTURE MEETINGS AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH

Comps Committee	Tuesday 2nd April
Board	Tuesday 9th April

HELMETS

Whether we like it or not the law of the land says that all motor cyclists must wear helmets when riding on the public roads. This applies to everyone irrespective of colour or religion and to trials riders when riding from their trailers a few yards down the road to the starting place.

Although riders are not under A.C.U. control until they have started in the trial it would be greatly appreciated if they would comply with the law in all respects as any offence noticed by the Police in the near neighbourhood of the Trial could cause unnecessary trouble to the organising Club and lead to greater interest of the wrong sort by the constabulary.

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

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| 7 | Shepton Mallet Len Sanders Sidecar Trial* and Novice Solo Trial O |
| 15 | Easter Monday Frome Scramble at Leighton O |
| 20 | Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. Team Scramble at Dyrham Park
North Somerset Timed Trial c
Minety Vale Trial c. |
| 21 | Bristol M.C.C. League Trial Lambs Lair O |
| 27 | Wilts Border Timed Trial O
Tor Scramble for Junior Riders O |
| 28 | Wessex Scramble National, at Wick
2nd Round of the 500cc British Championship
Bath Spring Cup Trial O |

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| 5 | Shepton Mallet Scramble for Sidecars and Novice Solos |
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Club Notes

BATH

It now appears that, although all structures need a foundation to support them, as a result of the third league trial the Bath Club team has resigned from this function so far as the League trial table is concerned. Well done, perhaps another step or two up the ladder will result from the last trial of the series.

Rod Pillinger, whom we welcome back to the trials ranks after a long lay-off seems to have lost none of his old skills with an award in the league trial and the following week-ends O.T.C. trial to show for his past two rides for about eight years.

With any luck in finding a suitable course, and the relaxation of the emergency restrictions together with the Board approval of a proposed date, another page of this issue should carry the rules, regs and entry forms for our postponed Spring Cup Trial, so please, those gentlemen and lady observers who wish to help a good trial go as it should go, turn the pages to find the date, time and place of start and then present themselves at the first and last, at half an hour before the middle one of the three specified features and the clerk of course will welcome you and the club thanks you in anticipation.

In the opening round of the three Counties road safety quiz our team and the R.A.C./A.C.U. instructors team were honourably defeated by a very well rehearsed and knowledgeable team of local bus drivers. It was a hard fought battle and the standard of knowledge shown by all the participants was quite remarkable.

Being well aware of the caution enjoined upon contributors to the gazette not to air personal views, I do not hesitate to record the disgust with which a high proportion of the club membership read the proposal being currently canvassed in the Motor-Cycle Press for trials to carry cash awards. It is well recognised that the sport is expensive but, if riders wish to pass up the privileges of amateurism they may well have to face the prospect of finding professional observers, professional Secretaries of Meetings, machine examiners etc. etc. ad nauseum. Incidentally I am told that the same issue reported a rider and manufacturer's agent at loggerheads in the high court. Is this another sample of what the sport is all about in 1974? If so the days of club life seem to be numbered.

Still on to the lighter evenings and longer days and seeing if things look better in a better light.

BRISTOL M.C. & L.C.C.

It would appear that the local soccer match between City and Liverpool together with a clash with the Cotswold Cups caused our Grand Cup Trial to be cancelled.

It would have been worth while if the City had won!

Although the regulations appeared 5 weeks before the scheduled date few people bothered to send in until after the closing date, this consequently forced our decision.

Our Scramble on 21st April however met with a different result and on the first day we had 50 entries, before we had received our Gazette, and by the 3rd day we were full (120) with non-experts and 10 reserves allocated and entries returned into the bargain.

Of course the situation for experts is always different they appear to leave it to the last minute.

On recommendation by members, we have modified the system used for 3 years for the races and introduced a further 2 championship races. With 14 races to get through in an afternoon, I feel it will be all go. Because Angela Cartwright is in the process of becoming a Mum and Mike will have to stand by that week end, unless she gets busy with the "castrol 1R". we shall be looking for people to take their place. Barbara will be unable to manage on her own and so we need help urgently. Our chief marshal is Martin Cox, 16, Chantry Road, Clifton, who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Our car park and pits area has been altered and we hope this new arrangement will be better for both Public and competitors alike. Camping facilities are available for the evening 20th April and a singsong can be arranged in the local, which is walking distance from the course.

I would like to draw readers attention to our team scramble, the regs appeared last month, but should anyone feel that they want a ride I am sure they can be fitted into a team.

If we have a dry day then we propose a full 100 mile event. The Support we received for this event last year prompted us to operate it as a self supporting event.

Our timed trial scheduled for 12th May has been transferred to 15th September because of a clash with Southampton Vikings, and it was felt both events would suffer if held on the same day.

If BSSA members feel they would like to compete on a much modified course, used by the 4 wheeled vehicles, will they please let me know within the next 4 weeks, so I may obtain permission to use the course.

A.W.C.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

With the 3rd League trial over our team is lying 6th in the table with Phill Smith, Chris Watts and Alan Mountstevens being the scorers, West Wilts are still leading by 5 marks despite a good show by one of Shepton Mallets team. The fourth and final round which is to be run by us should provide a close finish as I understand the inter-centre team trial is on the same day.

Plans for the 500cc Moto Cross Grand Prix are well in hand and we are indebted to the West Wilts club for their offer to supply add man the starting gate for this event.

Alan Mountstevens managed Best Novice award in a recent North Somerset time trial and he is hoping the results will stick this time as he was robbed of the Premier Award in the previous one, when the results were scrubbed.

Winner of this year Mountstevens trial was South Western Visitor Dave Fisher with Brian Shuttleworth and Chris Watts taking 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Young Alan Baker who is only 17 years old and rides a works Cotton went well and obtained a first class award but was pipped at the post by our Bill King recently out of retirement, a real tryer is Bill and I am sure it won't be long before he is an Expert again.

Phill Smith made an excellent job of the course so many thanks to him and all the observers who helped. We managed to man all the sections except one with our own club members which in light of today's apathy is most gratifying. The one exception I believe was Bob Fletcher who must go miles to observe because I've seen him not only in this centre but also in the South Western And Western Centre observing. I understand he has taken the plunge and bought a cotton trials bike, he said it looks so easy when observing that he thought he would have a go, — and the best of luck. I think he would be better off starting in the Southern Centre because just having received their fixture list I notice that throughout the season they run 15 Novice trials plus one for over 40's, and one for under 16's as well as 8 Juniors only scrambles. All these events cater for the up and coming and riders who have just entered the sport which we seem to lack in the Wessex Centre. If every Club ran one we could even up the score a little and help the new blood coming along.

It appears that the regulations for the 4th league trial were not quite in order and the start should be at Lambs Lair on the Chew Stoke to Priddy road at 10.30 a.m.

Diary Dates.

April 17th. Noggin and Natter at the Blue Boy 8.00 p.m.

April 24th. Skittle Match at the Waggon & Horses, Stapleton Road, 8.0 p.m.

May 25th-27th. Welsh Weekend — See Phil Steadman for details.

M.N.

B.S.S.A.

The second time trial of our series held on 17th February produced a win for Alan Brown and Vic Watts with Roy and Christine Bradley 2nd and George Ford and Tim Whiteford 3rd. This win by Alan has created equal positions between Alan and Roy with everything to ride for in the third and final T.T. of the series.

Our annual dance will be held on April 26th, at the 'Top Cat Club' off Temple

Way, Nr. Old Market, tickets available from club members or by post from Martin Hearle (secretary) or myself (Social Secretary). Our special spot prize for the night will be Martin's bent con rod and mangled big-end pin.

All streakers welcome, remember the 26th April.

M.A.H.

FROME

With only 2 weeks to go to our Easter Monday Scramble working parties will be needed to get everything ready. We shall be there from 10 o'clock onwards on Sunday 7th, also on Good Friday, Saturday 13th, and on the 14th. We have quite a fair entry up to the time of writing these notes with Nick Thompson and John Elliot sidecars, and Vic Eastwood, Terry Dyer, Mick Jones, Neil Hudson, Brian Ackinson, Mike Church. Bagger Goss has said he is also coming and entries do not close for a few more days.

An old club member has presented us with a very nice trophy and has suggested that we should use it for the side events.

The first Summer Series trial went off quite well, and the next one will be in June. Regulations for the Bradley Cup will be sent to you as soon as they are ready, this event will not count towards the series.

Please send your entry for the next League trial to Graham Jupp, 2, Woodmarsh, North Bradley, Nr. Trowbridge, Wilts, as soon as possible please. Although we shall not make the top this year, we could be a good second. There is always next year to win.

Don't forget the skittles match against Shepton Mallet, on Saturday 6th April starting at 8 p.m. at the George Inn, Nettlebridge, Nr. Oakhill.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Now that the "powers that be" have lifted the "on the road ban" we can look forward to an improvement in the Trials scenes but the past month has been rather sparse trialswise, the only event we have attended being Shepton's League Trial where for once observers seemed to be in abundance, Chris and I having one simple section between us, but looking through the results this event looked to be rather harder than League Trials should be, I know "you know who" only lost one mark but that must have meant a lot of hard work for the opposite end of the entry. Our position in the League Table seems to be static at approximately midway with Messrs Pointing, Budd and Beach scoring for us, the only award collected by our riders went to Brian Pointing, it seems we should look northward to the shire of York for some riders to improve our position in the League!

Somewhere about this time in the month I remember Rob Taylor got a mention in the Weeklies for an extraordinary fine bit of riding in the St. Davids Trial, what can I say except that our rising star continues to shine.

A little over a week ago, the WJD. party really enjoyed the Wilts Border Dinner "do" at Melksham, to those who didn't attend, you missed a marvellous meal and an enjoyable dance. Thank you Broodies all. Our President Arthur Mellors was to have been one of the speech makers but a visit to Hospital to have a little more attention on the morning of the Dinner, which left him rather dented and unfit to make the trip, he was sorry to miss out and annoyed when I told him what a good time we had.

Our Chairman, Len Powell, has just about recovered from his accident, when I saw him at Club night he said the arm was almost like new. Talking of Club meetings the two recent ones have been brightened by slide shows showing pictures taken by various members of local Trials, Scottish Six Days Trials and the Highland scenery; only this morning the snowfall we had here reminded me of our journey from Edinburgh to Fort William last year, when up for the Trial, this year we can well do without that sort of weather when we make the pilgrimage.

John Pope and wife Maureen are off on a new venture having acquired a Hardware business Filton direction. We wish them every success.

Club nights for April are 10th and 24th of the month.

T.T.

MINETY VALE

By the time these notes are out I hope we have run two successful events in March, our dinner and dance on the 14th March and our Webb Trophy Trial a few days ago on the 31st. Now that these events are over we can concentrate on our Grass Track meeting to be held on the 2nd June (regs. for this event elsewhere in the Gazette). The field we are using is situated opposite Moredon Power Station near Swindon, which is on the Moredon to Purton road. The track will be sloping grassland which should produce some interesting racing.

Two of our club members Lawrence Telling and Tug Wilson rode in an International Trial in France on March 3rd. Lawrence came second and Tug came 12th. They both did well to finish as it was a very difficult course. As they were a little late arriving on the Saturday evening, they had to have the last room available in the Hotel being used by the club. Unable to go into too many details of the room!! Lawrence and Tug decided on a quick exit through the back door and find accommodation of their own. Tug was that impressed with the trial and scenery he has decided to learn French before the next trip!

Our next event is a Closed to Club Trial to be held on the 20th April, Secretary of the Meeting is Malcolm Parker, 36 Duchess Way, Queensfield, Swindon, Wilts.

MENDIP VALE

First of all I must say sorry for being late at the start, but owing to the weather the old Mini didn't take too kindly to the hills covered in snow, anyway we made it in the end with some help from the Trials Secretary.

I cannot say thank you enough to the people who observed for us. The weather on top of the hills was very bad and they stuck it out till the end.

As most know, we kept the trial at Draycott doing two laps of a 12 section course, taking 9 marks from Brian Shuttleworth, two of our local lads did well both winning cups.

The information for the summer series trials will be given in the next issue, and it would be nice to see some of the winter stalwarts there. I promise not to make them too hard. At one of them we hope to have a barbecue. Anyone interested?

NORTH SOMERSET MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

On the 17th February a few of the lads rode in the Don Mountstevens Trial, but to no avail, while our two chariotiers Martin and Ivan were cleaning up the novice award in the BSSA Timed Trial, they also drifted apart, when the galvanised water pipe unwelded itself, and progress was somewhat marred, we think the BSSA lads had better watch out, they will be after the premier next.

The release of roads in time for the league trial at Shepton Mallet proved a bit of an embarrassment to 2 or 3 of our 'team', but they overcame the difficulty by carrying their machines on their transporter, Keith Boobyer and Bary Bowden collected first class awards C & B respectively, and the Team was made up of C riders Keith, Brian Dark and Trevor Jordan, and they will receive free entries in the next league. We would remind prospective riders that our club subscription is the cheapest in the centre for 50p (to treasurer Bruce Winstanley, Wynes Motor Cycles, Stapleton Rd. Bristol), and the best value for money, 9 Time trials, 1 conducted, 2 OTC trials and 2 OTC speed events.

Neil Hudson had a brilliant ride at Somerton when he beat all the top experts including his sponser Rob Taylor to take the main trophy.

Our Timed Trial at Compton Dando on March 3rd saw Gordon Leight winner of the scramble premier and Ivan the trials premier, John Noble was runner up and was the only other rider with Ivan to do 7 laps. Alan Mountstevens won the Novice award, Richard Leney, Gordon Sheppard, Trevor Jordan and Pop Plaster all won first class trials awards. Dave Threadingham, Bruce Winstanley and Hoppy Hopkins scramble awards. Special congratulations to Trevor and Gordon who have made it at last. Dave Rumbold awarded himself with a specially engraved and spiked hawthorn bush at the top of the sixth section where his wife Lissa was 'observing', the result of a flat out wheels attempt. Alan Evans was unfortunate to step on a bottle in the car park before the start, and the broken glass penetrated the crepe sole of his shoe to badly gash his foot, he was forced to retire early.

The next time trial is at Compton Dando, Saturday 10th April, at 6.30 pm working party Friday night 19th at the same time.

4th League Trial entries to Ivan Manning 21 Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol BS1 88JL by 7th April.

MINETY VALE MOTOR CLUB

Grass Track Meeting to be held at Webb's Field, Entrance gate opposite Moredon Power Station, on the Moredon to Purton Road, nr. Swindon. Map-reference SU 124875.

On Sunday 2nd June 1974. Ordnance Survey Map 157. Permit No. M. 554

Officials - Wessex Centre Steward, K.Melksham. Club Stewards - M.L.Parker, C.Maslin, Clerk of the Course - J.R.J.Webb. Scrutineer - E.Parker, Time Keeper - R.Sutton. Secretary of the Meeting - L.C.Telling. Royalty Cottage, Minety, Malmesbury, Wilts.

Jurisdiction. Open to members of clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre A C U riding solo and sidecar machines. To be held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. and the following supplementary regulations.

Course. 600 yds. approx on sloping grassland.

Start. Mechanical Gate or Flag.

Laps. All heats and finals 4 laps. Solo and Sidecar.

Practise. Will commence at 12 noon and finish at 1.30 p.m.

Entries. To the Secretary of the meeting by Friday, May 17th.

Entries must be on the official entry form together with the correct fee. Entry Fee - SOLO £1.10. SIDECAR £1.30.

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| Events. | 1. Solo up to 250cc. | 6. 12 Fastest Riders. |
| | 2. Solo 251 to 350cc | 7. Sidecar - Juniors |
| | 3. 351cc to 500cc. | 8. Sidecar - Experts |
| | 4. Solo Expert Unlimited. | 9. Sidecar - Open |
| | 5. Solo Junior Unlimited. | |

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	7. £6	£4	£2	£1			
	8. £8	£6	£4	£2	£1		
	9. £10	£6	£4	£2	£1		

Prize money can be collected on the day after racing ends.

Trophy to be held for one year.

ENTRY FORM
Minety Vale M.C.

Permit No. M554
Grass Track. Sunday 2nd June 1974.

NAME Passengers Name

ADDRESS ADDRESS

MACHINE(S) c.c. Solo/Sidecar. Novice/Expert

CLUB ENTRY FEE.....(CLUB SUB.....

TOTAL

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and Standing Regulations of the A.C.U. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Minety Vale M.C., 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, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself, my passenger(s) or my mechanic(s) (as the case may be) 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.

SIGNATURE.....Passenger's Signature

Signature of Parent /Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB

With a one mark penalty, Sammy Miller certainly helped the Club Team to a win in the third League Trial held by us on 24th February. Other scoring riders were Dick Comer with 40 and Dave Fisher 28. With the petrol restrictions lifted we were able to make the route a little more interesting, using Keens and Combe Woods. Sammy's ride was classic, dropping just the one mark in Combes, but the early starting order for the Shepton team was a big help, as some sections were definitely harder for later runners.

We now trail West Wilts Club by five marks, the fourth and last trial of the series on the 21st April organised by the Bristol M.C.C. and not us as it appears in the March Gazette. It will be a needle finish, even more now as I understand the Inter Centre Team Trial runs on the same day. This clash will mean some top men will be missing from many teams in the Centre.

On the same day as the League Trial, 24th February, new Club Captain, John Young out for the first time in '74, pulled off a fine overall win in the Junior Moto Cross down at Chard at the Somerton Club opener. With two seconds and a third, on his duplex framed 475cc Cheney B.S.A. his quick off the line starts, 'blowed' all the opposition, two strokes included.

The May Scramble will be a Junior only event as previously stated, with Trophy awards. The main award being the Sams/Adams Trophy, this was made available through donations from the family and friends of the motor-cycling teenagers sadly killed in an accident in '73. The limit on the entry for the May Scramble will be 150 so if you really want to ride, get those entries in, first come, first served.

A.G.M. changes were few, as follows:

President - Vic Keeling, Chairman - Ron Davey both re-elected. New Vice Chairman, and very helpful fellow he is too, is Tony Sugg. Dave Male continues as hardworking Secretary, with wife Betty doing Social side. Jed Lampert backs up John Young as Vice Captain. As if being re-elected for Press Secretary wasn't enough I have been given the classy sounding Team Managers job, I suspect that means getting my hands dirty, still I love it really.

The Len Sanders Memorial Trophy Trial for Sidecars and Novice Solos will be run on Sunday 7th April and starting from the Beacon, not as the regs stated Combe Woods. Clerk of the Course, Ron Davey will now use some road work, although not too much, I hope. I may even have a ride myself, depending on machine offers. Must make amends for the disastrous showing last time.

Mike and Moira Wellman have sold their Lavariel outfit to the fastest starting Moto Cross man ever, Arthur Lampkin. After spending the weekend with the Lampkins in Yorkshire, where they supped some stuff, the deal was clinched! Mike and Moira are thinking of emigrating to Australia. I'm sure if you do go, it won't be long before your name is in results, Mike!

Our Social Skittling results have improved recently. The match with Frome

SPRING CUP TRIAL

THE BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

on Sunday 28th April, 1974.

Open-to-Centre.

Permit No. M559

Held under the GCR's & STR's of the A.C.U. together with these Supplementary Rules and Regulations, Restricted to members of clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U. riding solo machines.

1. Officials. Stewards - Wessex Centre, M.L.Parker: Club - C.Valentine. Clerk of the Course - D.Bailey. Secretary of the Meeting - Jack Parkin, 5, Claremont Walk, Fairfield Park, Bath. Tel: 65155;
2. Start. 10.01 a.m. from the Tuckers Grave Inn, on A366 between Norton St.Philip and Faulkland.
3. Entries and Fees. Entries will close Tuesday 23rd April 1974. Each entry must be accompanied by the appropriate fee-paid up members of the promoting club 55p. other entries 65p. Entry fee includes A.C.U. 5p levy.
4. Awards. Best 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Club Cup for the best Bath member; First Class Awards to next 15%; Novice Award (a "C" Class driver will be considered a novice). No driver may win more than one award.
5. Course. Approx 12 miles. Riding numbers and suggested route to be issued at start.
6. Special Test. In the event of a tie the winner will be the driver completing the most sub-sections without penalty. In the event of a further tie the winner will be the driver with the least number of failures.

ENTRY FORM

SPRING CUP TRIAL

BATH & WEST OF ENGLAND M.C.

Sunday

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB. NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE C.C.

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 (10th Edition) and the Standing Regulations of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Bath & West of England M.C., the Wessex Centre of the A.C.U., and the Auto-Cycle Union (including the owners or lessees of any land used for the 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, howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting and not withstanding 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 have reached the age specified in the A.C.U. Regulations at which I am permitted under those regulations to take part in this class of event.

I declare that I am over 16 years of age. Date

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian.

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at the Legion resulted in a win despite having to borrow bad boy Bri Francis who scored a grand total of 4. Thank you Jim and friends.

And a win at Pilton on March 9th against the Hauliers means we have found our form again. Best Scores of the evening were, new Yamsha member Dave Whitmore and Carole the Star. Thank you Ken for your kind donation!

Congratulations to Dave Fisher on his recent win the Don Mountstevens and Mart Strangs tenth place in the Cotswold Cup Trial, this against all the top men was a very creditable ride.

We hope to see many friends at the Dinner, 19th April, should be as enjoyable as ever. No "streaking" please!

SWINDON

First an apology for the lack of notes last month due to circumstances beyond my control. Who ever said that if you only work 3 days a week you have more time to deal with club work was wrong. "Vote for Ted get extra days in bed" was what they said at work and look what happened.

We held our A.G.M. at the end of January and several changes of officials took place. We now have a new President, Eric Butlin, welcome to you Sir. The Chairman is now Brian Fregard, who retired from the typewriter after 12 years. The new Secretary is Roy Wheeler whose address is 5A Greatfield, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wilts. The Treasurer is still Jack Croston and the new Social Secretary is Eric Mulraney, who is always open to suggestions for social events. Competitions are now in the good hands of Mick Stratford.

There were also several changes on the Committee.

We shall have held our first Social event by the time you read these notes. A visit to the Club by Ken Heanes (British ISDT Team Manager) has been arranged. He will have talked to us about the ISDT. Also in the social pipeline is a film show by Duckhams Oils, and a visit to a "Bristol Club".

We sent a team of 9 to the League Trial on 24th February, and they finished a very good 5th and now lie in 5th place overall with one event to go. Congratulations to Alan Turner who received an award.

The Regs for our May scramble were in the March Gazette and Mick Stratford tells me that the Junior entries were full on the second day and that the expert and sidecar entries are coming in very well. We have been presented with a new Trophy to be competed for by the sidecar crew. The Lew and Bett Reason Trophy will be presented to the best crew over this and our September Meeting. As most of you know we are running the South West Area "Strongbow 74" Championship Meeting in September and not on 7th April as originally planned.

May we take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the Club. Among the new members is Mike Wellman who has now sold his Trials

outfit to Arthur Lampkin, I wonder how Mike will spend his weekends from now on!! Anybody who has not joined or renewed his subscriptions these are now overdue and should be done post haste.

TOR

We held our Annual Presentation of Awards Dance on February 23rd, not quite as big a crowd attended as last year, maybe because of the three day week, but those who did come, enjoyed themselves. I noted with interest the Mendip Vale club's comments in last month's gazette notes about the riders who can't be bothered to collect their awards, it seems that we have the same problem, hardly any trials riders came to collect their awards and trophies but quite a few scramble riders supported the dance. The Secretary of the club has the awards and trophies and will hand them to any rider when he can see them. Awards and trophies will not be posted as the postage is so expensive and trophies could get lost in the post. Now to the NATIONAL WESSEX SCRAMBLE and second round of the 500cc BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP on April 28th, at Wick, Glastonbury, early entries include:— John Banks, Bryan Wade, Vic Eastwood, Andy Robertson, Malcolm Davis, Rob Taylor, Robert Gapper, Vaughan Semmens, David Wells and Terry Dyer. Working parties for the Wessex and the Junior scrambles will start on Saturday April 13th and on Sunday April 14th and then any evening after until the two courses are ready. The total number of entries for the Junior Trophy scramble has already passed the 150 mark. This meeting is on the Saturday previous to the Wessex.

There will be a skittle match at the Crown Inn, Pilton on Saturday, 30th March, our guests will be the St.John's Ambulance Brigade. I hope club members will come along to this match and give the St.John's people a good night's sport. We rely on the St.John's Brigade very much at scrambles, so lets show our appreciation by giving them a good night. Another skittle match at the same place will be on the 20th April, against the Somerton club. All club members and friends are welcome.

Dates for your diary:-

Saturday 30th March. Skittle match. Crown Inn, Pilton, 8.0 p.m.

Monday 1st April. Club meeting, Street Inn, Street, 8.0 p.m.

Saturday, 13th April. 1st Working party. Wick. 2.0 p.m.

Sunday 14th April. 2nd. Working party, Wick, 9.30 a.m.

16th-26th April. Evening working parties, any time after 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 20th April. Skittle match, Crown Inn, Pilton. 8.0 p.m. Working Party 2.0 p.m.

Saturday 27th April. Junior Trophy Scramble, Wick, 1st race 2.0 p.m.

Sunday, 28th April. NATIONAL WESSEX SCRAMBLE & 2nd round BRITISH MOTO CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP at Wick. 1st race 2.0 p.m.

WILTS BORDER

Our Annual Dinner and Dance (1st March) went very well. We all seemed to enjoy the nosh. After the speeches had been made the awards were presented (brasso at the ready). The dancing and jollifications which followed were interrupted with the announcement of Dick (Club Captain) and Linda's

5th Wedding Anniversary, who then proceeded to treat us all to a demonstration of solo ballroom dancing. They cleaned the first lap but dropped a few marks on the second and then disappeared in a cloud of smoke!

Our trials team performed well in the last league trial and are now joint 3rd. The sky's the limit!

The club trial which was to be run 10th February had to be cancelled owing to the heavy rain causing the Draycott section to be under 3ft of water.

Thanks must go to Mr.Edward Hatt (trials ace) for securing us a new piece of trials land, this being at Foxham, Nr. Chippenham. Working parties will be required to do some cutting out ready for our time trial to be held on 21st April.

I hear Puggy has joined the Common Market. He recently ventured to the shores of France to ride in the Nemours Trial and with a new 250 Montesa on order who knows where he will end up!

Happy mud plugging.

S.G.H.

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The moto cross training weekend organised by ourselves in conjunction with the County Council took place late in February — unfortunately the weather was absolutely atrocious with rain lashing down most of the time causing a change of venue from one day to the next. Our thanks to Vic Eastwood and to Bob Hart for giving so much of their time instructing the youngsters also to the many club members who helped especially Barbara who had spent so much time tying the ends together. Although all the participants should have been conversant with the handling of a bike, one of the County Council nominees hadn't even been astride a bike so once he got going he did not stop

WILTS BORDER M.C. L.C.C.

SATURDAY April 27th 1974. 2.30 p.m.

COHU CUP TRIAL

Peglers Farm, Foxham, Nr. Chippenham.

PERMIT No. M558

A SOUTHERN COUNTIES TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.

Officials: Wessex Centre Steward - Mr. H. Ayers. Clerk of the Course - E. Hatt. Scrutineer - S. Hussey. Secretary of the Meeting - T.M. Wilson, 6, the Hamlet, Chippenham, Wilts. Telephone Chippenham 3615.

Supplementary Regulations.

1. The Wilts Border M.C. L.C.C. Club will hold an open to Wessex Centre Timed Trial on Sunday April 1974 at Peglers Farm, Foxham, Nr. Chippenham, Starting at ten thirty a.m. Solo only.
2. Jurisdiction. Held under the G.C.R. and the Standing Regulations for Trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. Course and Penalties. The course will be 15 miles approx. a time of one hour plus one lap. There will be eight observed sections. Penalties as follows: feeting 3 marks, stop 5 marks, course cutting or missing a section 10 marks. Standard time will be set by the fastest man. Subject to an overall limit of 24 mph, all other drivers will be penalised one mark for every minute or part of a minute over standard time. Ties will be decided by (a) fastest time (b) best cleans. Entry fees will be sixty-five pence for Wessex Centre Riders. Wilts Border members fifty five pence, which includes insurance payable to the secretary together with a properly completed entry form not later than the 17.4.74. Please enclose S.A.E. for your reply. The entry will be limited to fifty drivers.
4. Awards. The Cohu Cup to be held for one year, and replica to the driver losing least marks. The Wilson Cup awarded to best club member. A novice award. First class awards to next five finishers.
5. General. There will be no practice but drivers may walk the course. Drivers will be started in pairs in numerical order at 15 sec. intervals. They will be informed of their start time and will be deemed to have started at that time. Protective clothing and helmets must be worn.

ENTRY FORM.

Wilts Border M.C. L.C.C.

Saturday 27th April, 1974.

COHUCUP TRIAL

DRIVERS NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE cc

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED NOVICE Yes/No

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 18 years old.

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian.

MENDIP VALE MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB

ROMAN TROPHY SCRAMBLE

A WESSEX CENTRE "STAR" EVENT

T.C.C. No. 73

PERMIT NO. M555

Bank Holiday Monday 27th May, 1973 at 2.00 p.m. Roman Road, Bleadon Hill, Mr. Weston-Super-Mare.

1. Officials. Wessex Centre Steward - K. Blampied. Club Stewards - W.C. Fisher, K. Beard, Clerk of Course - D. Gollicker, Secretary of Meeting - P. Rutherford, 16, Holm Road, Hutton, nr. Weston-Super-Mare, Tel. Bleadon 813118.
2. Eligibility. All drivers must be over 16 years of age and a paid up member of a club affiliated to the Wessex Centre (proof may be needed at signing on).
3. Entries. Open 1st April. Entries to be on Gazette Entry Form and sent to Secretary of Meeting including S.A.E. please. Fees £1-25 before 1st May.
4. Practice. All drivers to complete 2 laps of practice. This will be allowed under control from 12.15 to 1.15. All drivers machines must be scrutineered and drivers signed on before practice.
5. Insurance. All drivers third party and personal accident insurance will be paid by Promoting Club.
6. Fuel. Any legal type.
7. Noise. All Machines to comply with regulations for the control of noise.
8. Start. Hand on Helmet, Clutch start using flag.
9. Events and Awards, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

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5. Unlimited	£10	£8	£5	£3	£2	£1

 Events 1 and 2 count to Wessex Centre Championship. The organising Club reserve the right to adjust or omit any part of the programme.
 NOTE. Rider ONLY admitted free.

ENTRY FORM

ROMAN TROPHY SCRAMBLE

27th MAY 1974

DRIVERS NAME Expert/Junior

ADDRESS

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE C.C.

REGISTERED MEMBER OF CLUB

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

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian.

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until after he had ridden through one of the club tents! Our thanks to Brian Leask and Bryan Goss for the loan of machines.

The Dinner and Dance went off very well and most people attending said their meal was the best ever. The only grumble I heard was the number of prizes won by Ken and Hilary's relations — I understand that they spent nearly £6 on tickets so the dozen or so prizes were well deserved! We were pleased to be able to show our appreciation of Joe Chard's kindness over many years by presenting him with an armchair — Joe has not only let us store all our equipment free of charge for more years than we care to remember but he has also lent his house, tractor, trailers, mowers and anything you care to mention — we hope he has many happy years in retirement. Gifts to Mick Ayres and Ken Lywood who are resting from their Clerk of the Course jobs in trials and moto cross were also made to express the Club's thanks over many years — they shouldn't get lost with the maps they had given to them. The date for next year's event has already been fixed for 14th February.

Some of our competition members have been getting their names in the news recently and it is nice to report on Peter Evans performance in winning the Junior Race at Yarley — let us hope this is the first of many. Congratulations are also due to Brian Shuttleworth on his winning the Ken Avery Trial also the second place in the Don Mountstevens and third in the Mendip Trial. Stuart Wiggins and Pete Duke also won class awards in the Ken Avery and our special congratulations to Stuart for the event on 13th February when his wife Linda produced a son and heir — I am sure it will not be too long before David Michael will be astride a bike. Stuart is already on the moto ball trail and more news of this in next month's gazette.

Our lads are still in the lead in the League Trial Series although it has been wittled down to five marks by Shepton Miller — sorry — Mallet. Scorers were Robert Williams, Robert Hobbs and Dave Watmough — Pete Duke also got an award. One final effort on the 21st will give us our first win since Roger Shuttleworth was riding for us so come on lads have a go — by the way if you haven't sent your entry in yet get it off straight away to Mick Ayres.

Future events to note for your diary are marshalling at Frome Club's Easter Monday Scramble, observers for the 4th League Trial on the 21st (Start is at Lamb's Lair) and help for the Wessex Scramble on the 28th.

Food for thought this month concerns the selection of two professional moto cross riders being picked to represent Great Britain in this year's ISDT which is being staged at the same time as the Moto Cross Team Events. To me it seems ludicrous that the main competitive events in world motor cycling (road racing excepted) are allowed to clash and it is something the governing body should never allow to happen. The other thing that strikes me is that it doesn't say much for our trials riders when moto cross men have to be picked and although I know one of them has taken part in such events I don't think the other has any long distance experience in this field at all. This is the sort of hierarchy organisation that makes the hard core of members feel disenchanted with the sport.

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