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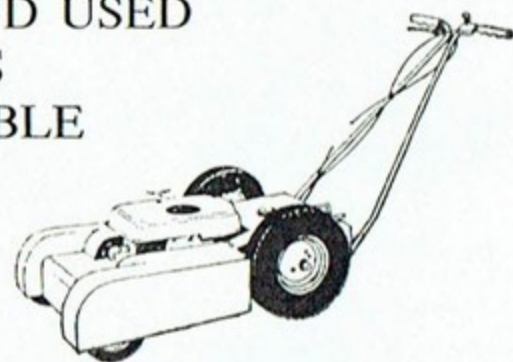
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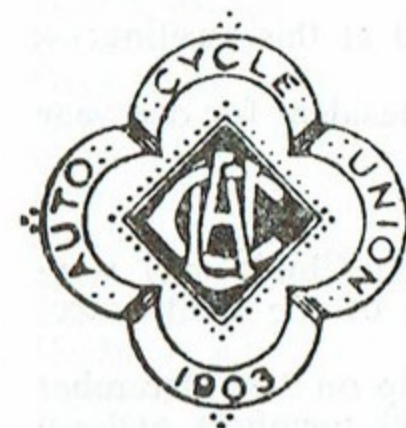
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REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING ON 11th NOVEMBER 1975

CENTRE DINNER. Although the price of tickets was much below comparable events, the number sold so far was well below the usual number.

1976 WESSEX INTER-CLUB TEAM SCRAMBLE. The Tor Club's offer to run this at Yarley on 12th September was accepted.

SCRAMBLES AT LAUNCHERLY. Experience had shown that this venue was satisfactory and there had been no local opposition. Tor were therefore given permission to have two events there in 1976. They would run there on November 7th and hoped to also run in mid-summer on a date to be applied for.

PERMIT FEES. Headquarters were imposing a charge of £50.00 for a Permit Book which contained fifty sheets i.e. £1 per event. It was decided that the fees payable to the Centre would be increased to offset this charge and the fees payable for 1976 events would be:—

Closed to Club and Propaganda Trials and Rallies—£1 (previously 50p).

Restricted to Centre Trials and Rallies—£2.00 (was £1.00).

Regional Restricted Trials and Rallies—£2.00 to Centre (was £1)+£1 to ACU.

All Speed Events—£5.00+Steward's Fee.

Clubs were reminded that the fees for all their 1976 Events were now due and should be paid to Les Nott without delay.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 31st JANUARY 1976.

This would be at The Porter Butt, starting at 3.00 p.m. Nominations for office and notice of any Motions which Club's wished to make, should be sent to the Centre Secretary by 3rd January, 1976, so that all Club's can be informed and have time to discuss them before the A.G.M.

Jim Webb agreed to act as Editor for 1976 and after a review of printing costs and possible income it was decided to charge £2.00 for the twelve 1976 issues, starting with the January issue.

1976 KICKHAM TRIAL. Due to her commitments with the 1976 Inter Centre Team Trial, Joy Green asked if she could be relieved of her duties as Secretary of the Meeting of the Kickham. Rosemary Andrews had offered to take over and her address is Hergiswell, The Knapps, Semington, Trowbridge, BA14 6JG.

CHAMPIONSHIP MOTO-CROSS ON 25th JULY, 1976. West Wilts application to run this event in 1976 on a date which was traditionally a Frome Club date, raised strong objections from the Frome Club who were greatly worried that West Wilts would take the date permanently. Frome also complained that the date had been allocated to West Wilts before the Centre had granted permission. West Wilts assured the Centre that they only wished to take the July date in 1976. Confronted with a Fait Accompli Frome withdrew certain conditions they had asked for and reluctantly agreed to West Wilts going ahead with the event.

WESSEX CENTRE AUTO CYCLE UNION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1976 AT THE PORTER BUTT HOTEL, LONDON ROAD, WALCOTT, BATH, STARTING AT 3 P.M.

Clubs are hereby notified of the above Meeting at which they are expected to be represented.

The following Officials of the Centre are to be appointed at this meeting:—
President.

Vice-Presidents (4). The retiring President is also a Vice-President for one year
Chairman.

Vice-Chairmen (2).

Treasurer.

Nominations for the above positions and any motions which Club's may wish to propose should be made in writing and in the possession of the Centre Secretary not later than Saturday, 3rd January, 1976.

Club Representation and Voting Power is based on membership on 31st December 1974. Each Club is permitted two Delegates for up to 100 members and an additional delegate for each additional 100 or part of 100 members.

Clubs must nominate their Delegates not later than the beginning of the Meeting and nominations for Centre office will only be accepted of those who have been nominated as a Delegate by a Club.

A Club may nominate reserve Delegates to take the place of those who have been elected to office. They and any other Club member may attend the meeting but it is noted that voting power is limited as given above.

BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Centre Board will follow the Annual General Meeting. And at this meeting the following Officers for 1976 will be appointed, nominations being accepted at the Meeting:—

Delegates to the A.C.U. General Council.

Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Permit Secretary.

Gazette Editor. Awards Secretary.

Racing Sub-Committee (7 members). Trials Sub-Committee (7 members).

Scrambles, Trials, and Grass Track Recorders.

A.C.U. Benevolent Fund Officer.

Official Notice from the Competition Committee of The Wessex Centre

It has been reported on a number of occasions by both Centre Stewards, and Club Officials that Drivers have been receiving Outside Assistance. Although this may be O.K. at Schoolboy events when little Johnny who is only 5 has fallen off, but when his a big boy it's just not on.

Also on the increase and if it does not stop, there will be no Officials left to run your scrambles. Over keen Dad's and Mechanics who rush over and harass the already overworked Officials. *So you have been warned.* Action will be taken against you in the future by the Centre Stewards.

Regarding outside Assistance this is covered in Rule 79, Page 9 of the General Competition Rules.

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. The doing by any person other than the driver, his passenger (if any) or an official in the performance of his duty of any act involving contact with the vehicle.

If that's too much for you, it means: should anyone other than the Rider, or Passenger, if there is one, touch the machine in any way, *you will be excluded.* A Marshall may of course remove the machine to the side of the track in the interest of safety.

The Wessex Centre Grass Track grading scheme which operates in conjunction with the Southern, South Western, Cornwall, and South Eastern Centres, will be grading the following competitors as Experts (Grade A) from January 1st, 1976:

Solo R. Clarke, Bristol
M. Goodall, Cheltenham
R. Hodgson, Bristol
A. Smith, Bristol

Hammersley, D.
Harvey, M. S/c
Harvie, C. J.
Hawkins, G. S/c
Haydon, I. K.
Headleand, A. A.
Hearle, M. S/c
Hewitt, R. S/c
Higgins, B.
Hill, D.
Nobbs, J. R.
Hogg, J.
Hughes, D. C.
Hunt, A.
Hunt, H. C.
Husband, J.
Ingram, B.
Jackson, M.
Jackson, P.
Jeremian, D.
Johnson, K. R.
Jose, P.
Keeley, A.
Kemp, M. F.
Kemp, P.
Kendall, D. S/c
Kendall, J. S/c
Kendall, K. P. S/c
Ketley, A.
King, W.
Kingscote, M.
Knott, A.
Lampert, C.
Lamper, P. A.
Langston, D.
Latty, M. G.
Lawry, G.
Laver, C. S/c
Lavercombe, M.
Lee, K. R.
Legg, C.
Legg, P. J.
Ley, G. N.
Lintern, M.
Lloyd, L.
Lovelock, G.
Lovell, D.
Lukett, J.
Ludgate, C. E.

Mackie, I. F.
Manning, I. K. S/c
Marriott, P.
Martin, B.
Matthews, A. D.
Matthews, J. S/c
May, R. J.
Meadows, M.
Miller, I. J.
Miller, S. H.
Minskip, D.
Mitchell, R. W.
Moore, N.
Monk, G.
McCullagh, K. P.
Neville, C. J.
Newbury, B. J.
Noad, C.
Nolan, D. G.
Norridge, D. F.
Padgett, D.
Painton, R. C.
Painter, R.
Parke, G.
Parsons, R. (Bristol)
Pattison, C.
Peeling, B. S/c
Penton, J.
Phillips, D.
Poate, J.
Pollard, P.
Pridham, I. A.
Prowse, D. J.
Pusey, G.
Quinton, D. W.
Ramplee, R. S/c
Rampley, M.
Rapley, M.
Rickman, D.E. S/c
Rickman, D. J.
Rice, A. C.
Richards, J. M.
Richards, M.
Richardson, K.
Ring, T.
Robbins, P.
Ross, N.
Round, R. S/c
Russell, R. E.

Salter, M. J.
Saunders, D.
Sexton, M. J.
Sharp, T.
Short, E. H.
Shopland, C. H. S/c
Shuttleworth, B.
Smith, N. J.
Smith, P.
Smith, R. J.
Snook, A.
Stirland, P. T.
Stone, R.
Strang, M.
Street, T. J.
Strong, C.
Sullivan, A. G.
Sumsion, M.
Taylor, B. T.
Taylor, R. (Glos)
Tellam, D.
Tellam, J.
Telling, L. C.
Thomas, D. K.
Thompson, P. D.
Thompson, T.
Thyer, M. J.
Tomikns, N. L.
Trott, R. W.
Tuck, F. S/c
Valentine, P.
Walker, J. R.
Ward, R. J.
Warren, C.
Warren, G. W.
Watts, C. J.
Webb, J. R.
White, M. R.
Widman, M.
Wiggins, G.
Wiggis, S. M.
Williams, B. S/c
Williams, R. T. S/c
Wilson, S.
Winwood, M.
Winwood, R.
Youlton, M.

WESSEX CENTRE TRIALS GRADING LIST December 1975 EXPERT DRIVERS (B)

Abbott, P. J.
Asell, S. K.
Avery, G. S/c
Ball, J.
Barrett, J. E.
Beach, A.
Beazer, W.
Belcher, M. D.
Best, D. A.
Bevan, J.
Biss, D.
Blackburn, C. D.

Blake, G.
Blease, R. A.
Brice, P.
Britton, T.
Bull, J. H.
Butler, C.
Boobyer, K.
Chilcott, J.
Clarke, C.
Clarke, E. F.
Clarke, G.
Coleman, M.

Combes, E. J.
Cook, A.
Crew, R. A.
Danel, D.
Dawkins, M.
Debben, R.
Denning, R. E.
Dodd, P.
Dowell, L.
Duke, P. G.
Dudden, D. E.
Eley, B.

Erskine, C. R. S/c
Eyles, M.
Farrington, D.
Ferris, F. J.
Fews, M. J.
Fletcher, D.
Francis, B. E.
Frampton, D.
Freeman, T. S/c
Ford, G. A. S/c
Goodlock, N. G.
Goodman, G. F.
Green, R. A.
Grnidle, B.
Groves, C. G.
Hancock, A.
Hancock, K. R.
Hands, R. A.
Hann, A.
Hain, R. S/c
Hampton, J.
Harvey, J.
Haslam, P.
Hawkins, T.
Hayward, P. J.
Heal, E. W.
Heather, E. J.
Hedges, J. S/c
Hill, B.
Hill, P. M.
Hillier, H.
Hitchings, G.
Jones, R. A.

Jupp, G.
Lane, D. (Badminton)
Lampert, M.
Lawrence, R.
Livingstone, A.
Longfellow, C.
Lovell, P.
Manning, G. S/c
Mansell, P.
Manby, B.
Matthews, D.
Mellors, A.
Middleton, A.
Miles, J. (Glos)
Miles, R. J. (Glos)
Miles, R. J. (Bon A)
Morris, D.
Mountstevens, A. P.
Mountstevens, G. J.
Moy, D. J.
Mullett, A.
Naish, M. L.
Newport, G.
Noble, J. S.
Norris, D. W.
O'Keefe, J. S/c
Oxenham, R. S/c
Palmer, R.
Pillinger, D. R.
Plaster, D. W.
Ponting, B.
Pope, J.
Pye, M. J.

Redding, F. E.
Reiid, J.
Robertson, N.
Roberts, T.
Seymour, M.
Stenning, G.
Studley, M. B.
Taylor, M.
Taylor, R. (Bristol)
Threadingham, D.
Thomas, E. H.
Thompson, K.
Turner, A.
Wall, T.
Wallen, J.
Watts, B.
Webb, M. S.
Wenban, J. S/c
Whitty, A. S/c
Wilids, D. J.
Williams, R. K.
(Warminster)
Williams, R. J.
(Weston-s-Mare)
Wilmott, T. H.
Wiltshire, D.
Wilson, T. M.
Winton, J.
Wright, R. (Bath)
Wools, A.
Young, J. S/c

Phill Smith, Wessex Centre Trials Recorder,
38 Coombe Dale, Sea Mills, Bristol BS9 2JJ
Telephone Bristol 684676.

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

Our recent social at St. Michaels Hall was a very good do. The food was first class and the group was the best we have ever had, a pity we couldn't have sold some more tickets though.

The league trial the next day helped to curb any possible drunkenness etc. but that still didn't improve our finishing position. I suppose to finish 8th is not too bad as we are now down to four riders. Let's hope for better things next time.

Going back to our Border Cup Trial on October 12th. As usual thanks to all the organisers, helpers and observers for turning out. The weather was very pleasant for a ride round which left most sections very dry except for the dreaded Draycott mud hole. Even that didn't deter some riders with Mark Kemp winning on 2, Martin Strang 2nd on 4 and Chris Watts 3rd on 5!

Colin Sawyer finishing on 66 seems to have the bull by the horns now, in the past few weeks he has had some very good rides.

Looking into the future:—on November 16th we have the Endeavour Trial, more on this next month.

Our Xmas Party this year is to be held on Saturday, 6th December at the Bridge Centre, Chippenham, starting at 7.30 p.m. prompt please: admission 75p adults and 30p for the kids, so come along and let it all hang out. Mr. H is to perform for us once more with his acrobatics and things, and his maracas and knee knockers are enough to bring water to any mans eyes.

One last piece of news; Graham and Peggy Lovelock have just had a baby boy—Christopher Colin Norman. No prizes for guessing that Graham and Peggy are speedway fans!

S.G.H.

TOR M.C. & C.C.

Sunday, November 2nd, date of the Guy Fawkes scramble was the day when the weather forecast was completely wrong thank goodness. There were groans of dismay when on Saturday night the weather man forecast strong winds and rain spreading from the west for Sunday, even the most optimistic could not have imagined that it would be such a beautiful warm, dry and sunny day after hearing that forecast. This lovely weather brought the crowds to the Guy Fawkes scramble. The course was in tip top condition and the racing was fantastic, some of the best seen this year. Randy Owen and Vaughan Semmens supplied the fireworks and so did Bob Wright though he was not a winner. Bob rode brilliantly in the allcomers race, he borrowed Bryan Goss's Maico, had never ridden a Maico before and won the race but was disqualified for riding in two heats. Graham Noyce making his comeback after injury his shoulder had a good win in the over 350 cc race but gear box troubles put him out of the allcomers and Guy Fawkes races. Vaughan won the 250 cc race and Randy Owen won both the allcomers and Guy Fawkes races after a terrific battle with Bob Wright and Vaughan Semmens. Spectators and riders were equally enthusiastic over the course.

Because of the newness of the course there were a few accidents but fortunately none so serious as they seemed at first. In future the workers race will be the first race of the meeting because at the Guy Fawkes there were several breakdowns and injuries among the workers and this meant that they missed their race so from now on its the workers race first. Andy White and Kevin Marchall were the joint winners of the Workers Cup donated by Mr. D. Taylor so Mr. A. G. Sibley has kindly offered to donate another cup so that both winners can have a cup. The last working party had twenty three people there and of these fourteen were riders, in all nineteen riders attended the working parties for the Guy Fawkes. The club are very grateful to these riders and to their parents for their help. Once again there was a tremendous response to our appeal for help in clearing up afterwards, even the spectators were bringing in ropes.

Regs. for the Yarley Moto Cross are elsewhere in this Gazette, please note that entries sent before the opening date will be returned. Both junior and expert entries will be limited.

Our next meeting will be the *Annual General Meeting* on December 8th at the Street Inn, starting at 8.00 p.m., please make an effort to be there.

Finally, a very happy Christmas to all our club members and may 1976 be as sporting and prosperous as 1975 was.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB

I will start this month with apologies for lack of notes last month. The Barton Trial was our only event run last month, the weather was glorious and owing to this it turned out to be a very easy trial, the winner being club member Martin Strang this being the second leg of a hat-trick of wins in as many rides, well done Mart. Best novice club member being Mike Lampert. Many thanks to all observers from other clubs and to our club members for making these trials a success.

On to the social side, we had a Hockey match with Round Table at the Bath-West Showground on November 9th, judging by the attendance of club members it seems a lot of interest has gone out of the club, come on chaps let's get better turnouts at these social events, and club meetings! Now back to the hockey, we had to borrow two players to make a game of it, the bully-off being at 11.00 a.m. we played downhill the first half, after 5 mins a collision of heads between one of their 6ft fellows and our youngest players called for a substitute, but after 10 mins in the car he returned to take his position, plus a large bump on his head (well done son), the Tablers opened the scoring with a shot that went past my head like a rocket, Tony made the scores level after a long goalmouth scramble. Younger did very well on the wing, but once again could find very little grip, he spent more time on his ass than his feet. Jed had a good game in spite of having split shorts, I think Kinger is more at home with rugby, as he is left-handed he was penalised many times for hitting with the back of the stick. Ann and Marge had steady games no really hard stuff was aimed at the girls, Ron playing in all black was a force to be reckoned with, I am told that our goal-keeper, complete with wicket keepers pads and gloves plus a green boilersuit, made saves that even Gordon Banks would have been pleased with, and now to the sad news, we lost 4—1 but we had a good Sunday mornings sport.

Club meetings have been changed to the 3rd Thursday in the month for the time being. Hope to see you all at the League Trial.

Butch.

WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

JAMES CUP TRIAL

SUNDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1976

Wessex Centre Star Trial

Permit No. M783

Held under the G.C.R.'s of the A.C.U. and Wessex Centre Rules together with the following Supplementary Regulations. Restricted to drivers of solo motor cycles and sidecars who are members of Clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre A.C.U.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, J. Webb; Club Stewards, A. C. Dyke, C. Jones; Clerk of the Course, M. J. Andrews; Secretary of the Meeting, Mrs. R. J. Andrews, Hergiswil, The Knapps, Semington, Trowbridge, Wilts; Machine Examiner, G. Lloyd.
2. AWARDS. James Cup: Best Solo Performance, Auto Cup; Best Sidecar Performance, Traders Cup: Best West Wilts Member, May Cup: Best Solo 'C' Drivers, Passenger of Best Sidecar and Best Sidecar 'C' Driver. 1st Class Awards to 10% of starters in both solo and sidecar classes. No driver may win more than one award with the exception of the Traders Cup. There must be a minimum of 6 in any class. Club Cups to be held for one year only.
3. ENTRIES. West Wilts members 80p, other Club members £1.00. Club subscription £1.00. Insurance will be paid by the Club. To be sent on appropriate form from the Wessex Gazette to the Secretary of the Meeting. Closing dates Solos 12th January 1976, Sidecars 5th January 1976. One motorcycle may only be ridden by one driver during the trial.
4. START. Hopton Barracks Square, Royal Artillery Depot, Devizes, Wilts. First man's time 10.01 a.m., rest at minute intervals.
5. TIES. If there is a tie, the driver who has gone furthest round the course clean will win.
6. ROUTE. A route card containing details of a recommended route of approximately 20 miles will be issued at the start. Marks will be lost in observed sections on the basis 5, 3, 2, 1, 0.
7. PROTESTS. To be made in accordance with the G.C.R.'s of the A.C.U.
8. The term "Novice" in the entry form below means a League Trial 'C' Driver at the time of entry.
9. A.C.U. Licences must be produced at start.

ENTRY FORM

Promoted by West Wilts M.C.

JAMES CUP TRIAL

SUNDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1976

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

REGISTERED MEMBER.....Club NOVICE Yes/No

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... Club Sub £1.00 Total.....

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....C.C Solo/Sidecar

A.C.U. Licence 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 16 years of age.

Date

Signed Driver Signed Parent/Guardian

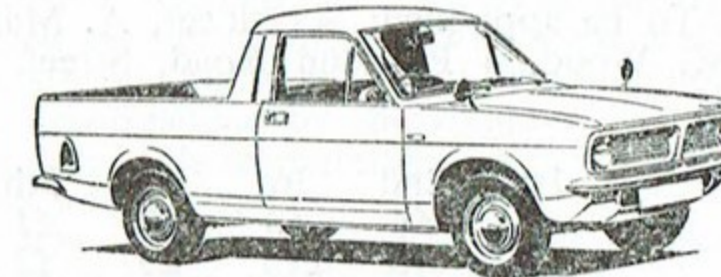
Signed Passenger A.C.U. Licence No.....

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

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TOR MOTOR CYCLE & CAR CLUB

YARLEY MOTO CROSS SUNDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1976

at Knowle Hill, Yarley, Nr. Wells, 1st Race 12.30 p.m.

To be held under the A.C.U. Standing Regulations for Scrambles and the following Supplementary Regulations, open to members of the Wessex Centre. Solos only.

T.C.C. No. 93 Permit No. M781

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, J. Webb; Tor Stewards, D. Brooks, F. Wood; Clerk of the Course, To be appointed; Scrutineer, A. Marshall; Secretary of the Meeting, Mrs. M. Wood, 4 Portland Road, Street, Som., BA16 9PX. Tel. Street 2821.

2. EVENTS & AWARDS.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
1 Unlimited Junior	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1		
2 1st leg Moto X	£20	£15	£10	£5	£3	£2	£1
3 Unlimited Junior	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1		
4 2nd leg Moto X	£20	£15	£10	£5	£3	£2	£1
5 Workers Race	£4	£3	£2	£1	£1		
6 Allcomers unlimited	£10	£8	£6	£4	£3	£2	£1

Events 2 & 4 experts only. Event 6 Wessex Championship round. The Bryan Goss Trophy will be awarded to the Best Junior of the meeting, the Roger Wood Cup to the overall winner of the Moto Cross. In the event of a tie, the positions in the second leg will count.

3. COURSE. Approx 3 miles from Wells, signposted from Wells.

4. START. Clutch Start with flag.

5. PRACTISE. Under control 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

6. ENTRIES. Open on December 18th on *Gazette Forms* only with entry fee of £1.50p and S.A.E. please. Closing date 10th January. Junior entry will be limited. Entry fee returnable only if meeting cancelled.

7. INSURANCE. Will be paid by the club.

8. NOISE. All machines must comply with the control of noise regulation.

9. ADMISSION. Free admission to driver only, all others must pay.

ENTRY FORM

Promoted by Tor M.C. & C.C.

YARLEY MOTO CROSS SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 1976

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE No..... A.C.U. Licence No.....

REGISTERED WESSEX CLUB..... Riding No.....

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....c.c.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... Expert or Junior.....

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, representative or agents.

I declare that I am over 15 years of age. Date

Signed Driver Signed..... Parent/Guardian

Entry form must be countersigned by parent or Guardian if rider is under 18 years old.

B.S.S.A.

Since the last issue I can confirm that Alan Brown and Martin Bracey did win the Pathfinders Enduro—congrats all round. Events last month included an excellent John Douglas (R.B. almost did it) when a new outfit appeared on the scene—a Moped! Yes that's right, half Montessa—half Moped, quickly thrown together by our Master Builder, it looked like something out of Mothercare. Despite just one nappy change (after a hairy downhill drop) occupants and machine did finish the course. The following day brought us the Wilts Border Trial. Here I am happy to record that another chapter of history can now be written into the Sporting Archives (it may even qualify for Guinness Book of Records). With the first section completed, Vic Watts and Mickey Morgan actually led the trial! After signing autographs and handing out photos they proceeded to the next hazzard accompanied by the sound of tumultuous applause. Unfortunately . . . they were unable to maintain their own high standards thus allowing the Bradleys to creep into first place.

The next event was our own Timed Trial at Winford. 21 crews started and although not all managed the required number of 11 laps, there were only 3 retirements, proof that the Clerks of the Course did a good job. Despite being tampered with at the start of the second lap, the Bradleys managed first place. Julian Bishop/Dave Massam took second spot and the tasty Cornish Pasty/Cheese Rolls were third. A special mention goes to the Novice Award winners, John Quick and son Mike, out for the first time on their neatly built Royal Enfield. They managed a very creditable 7 laps (there's life in the old dog yet).

Now for a reprimand—*will all members please take care when reading Trials Regs. with regard to Closing Date of Entries.* West Wilts recently had to cancel the chair class in their Errington Cup (not a trial to be missed) through lack of entries. Many members intended to ride but didn't note that the closing date for them was one week prior to the solos. We must not let this happen again.

We now look forward to, or dread, the Tanner Trudge (depending where the outfit sinks (no offence Gnashers—I mean Naishers). Also the League Trial and the Southern nExperts (to whom it may concern). But to start 1976 off on the right foot our New Year's Day T.T. is not to be missed, venue will be either Dundry or Radford. Riders, if you get fed up with reading the same names each month, the above mentioned events can be used to alter the situation.

A reminder to *all* members, paid up or not, our A.G.M. is this month—absenteeism will not be tolerated, punishment for offenders will be to attend the Centre A.G.M. Due to increased postal charges this year we have decided to drop our tradition of sending greetings cards to other Clubs! So to you all, thank you for 1975, keep up the good work in order that you may have the pleasure of our company in 1976 (if we enter on time).

A merry new happy and a very Xmas year (or something like that).

NORTH SOMERSET MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

A Merry Christmas to all Club Members and Friends.

Our award winners at Wilts Border Trial on 12th October were Alan Evans in 3rd spot with Pat Berry and Gary Bowden 1st Class. The Time Trial at Hudsons proved to be very popular with all except Pop who looped it and broke his back mudguard.

Ivan beat Roger Painter into the first spot with Roger runner-up. The Novice went to Gnome Roy Lewis, and the Scramble Award to Gordon Leigh. Alan Evans just scraped in with the last 1st Class Award at West Wilts Trial with a loss of 8 marks. The same club names were in the awards again at Frome and Alan Evans at Shepton a week later. Neil Hudson is in the top thirty experts for next year and has been consistently placed since breaking his ankle.

Our next Time Trial is at Row of Ashes Farm, Redhill, Somerset on 17th December, 10.00 a.m. sign on for 10.30 a.m. start. Working party Saturday 6th at 2.30 p.m.

We have an extraordinary Time Trial meeting at 8.30 p.m. Friday, 12th December, 1975, at the Gas Works Social Club, Eastville, all interested please attend.

We have a conducted trial at Scar's Wood on December 21st, 1975. 10.00 a.m. start. Enquiries to Norman Rumbold c/o Westbury Motorcycles, Westbury Hill, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB

B.S.A. TROPHY TRIAL

SUNDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1976

Starred Trial

Permit No. M78Z

Restricted to members of clubs affiliated to Wessex Centre A.C.U. riding solo machines only. Held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. together with the following Supplementary Regulations.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, A. Mellors; Club Steward, A. Sugg; Clerk of the Course, A. King; Secretary of the Meeting, Miss A. Gregory, 40 Wells Square, Radstock, Avon; Machine Examiner, T. Sugg.
2. ENTRIES AND FEES. On Gazette Entry forms only to Secretary of the Meeting by Monday 5th January with Entry Fee of £1.00 (Shepton Club members 80p).
3. AWARDS. Best Performance: B.S.A. Trophy and replica. Awards to 2nd and 3rd Best Performances. First Class Awards to 12% Starters. Novice Award to Best C Class driver.
4. START. 10.30 a.m. in pairs at one minute intervals from Green Road, Nr. Mendip Golf Course. Map Ref. Sheet 166 E621 N467. 2 miles north of Shepton.
5. COURSE. Will be of not more than 20 miles and one or two laps.
6. MARKING AND TIES. Marking 0—1—2—3—5. Ties: Most Cleans. If still a tie then the first to gain advantage.
7. A.C.U. Licences must be produced at start.

ENTRY FORM

Promoted by: Shepton Mallet M.C.

B.S.A. TROPHY TRIAL

SUNDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1976

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

REGISTERED MEMBER.....Club. NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....c.c.Solo

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... Total.....

A.C.U. LICENCE 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 16 years of age.

Date

Signed Driver Signed Parent/Guardian

Signed..... Passenger A.C.U. Licence No.....

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

FROME & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C.

The final Open-to-Centre event on our calendar for 1975 was the Biddiscombe Trophy Trial run at Leighton on October 26th. As in previous years the size of the entry still increased, this year we catered for one hundred and twenty riders. With conditions still remaining dry, the loss of marks stayed low, Martin Strang emerged the victor ahead of Brian Shuttleworth, with our own club members taking a good percentage of the awards. Mike Aven, Stuart Wiggins and Roger Painter gained first class awards, and Bob Williams won the Intermediate Cup. Our future star Richard Elliott continued his form when he won the Novice Premier and Hickman Star Mike Hann captured the Novice class award. As the club organise trials for the average rider as well as the aces, some so-called Southern Centre rider decided to complain that he did not have value for money that day, so the club suggest that the individual concerned comes and help mark out the Wyndham Haines Trial on Saturday, 3rd January, 1976. Many clubs have tried to cater only for the aces by using far too many difficult sections where only a handful escape maximum penalty and where the average man bend his machine, I think a sure way to cut down on our high entry and a days sport and as a regular Southern Centre competitor myself you have no reason to complain.

Only a few miles away on the same day the Blackmore Vale Club ran their Southern Centre Novice Scramble with many of our Scramble members taking part. Ben Ledbury started the day well with a win then suffered the cruel luck to drop it when well placed for overall honours. John Meaden finished sixth in his first race and then got rammed in his next outing. Tony Clarke had better luck on his side when after winning his heat of the Non-qualifiers race took a fine third place in the final, not bad for only his fourth ride, keep it up Tony.

Our final event for this year will be the Southern Experts trial on December 21st, with the start at Frome Market Yard and a social evening to follow, a good days sport is assured. Don't forget help will be required before the event and on the day, if you can help in any way contact Jim at Chapmanslade 204.

Nice to see Brian Francis riding in trials again, seems that the press have already noticed his talent. Phil Durston our keen road racing member mixed it with the stars at Staverton earlier last month where he finished a creditable sixth spot in the Production race, remember his name you talent spotters.

Hope all you trials riders have sent your entries to Graham Jupp for the League Trial on December 14th. Best of luck to all of you on the 14th. Still on the subject of trials, the first event for 1976 will be on New Year's Day at Leighton, regs can be obtained from J. Webb, 1 Whitbourne Farm Cottages, Corsley, Nr. Warminster, Wilts.

At the rave-up in November it looked like some members started Christmas a bit too early, hope you all enjoyed yourselves and got over the after effects. We are glad to hear that Rob Taylor is about to start riding again, also Pete Dodd is well on the mend.

Thats all for 1975, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and friends.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Last month I made brief mention of our Hawkesbury Trophy Trial naming the winners, others of our members in the awards being Rob Taylor who won the Best Club Members Cup with Robbie Bevan and Nigel Tomkins getting 1st Class Awards.

The following Sunday saw us helping and competing in the Wilts. Border event, where Draycott was our particular group of sections. Dick Ingram and Son, Helen Winton complete with "Wee Angus", and the T.T.'s both helped with the pencil work, Maria having the doubtful duty of recording "5" for Brian—being tall in the saddle like, this tree decided to give him a smart clout on the helmet, stopped him in his tracks, I was assured that it is possible to see stars in broad daylight. Mrs. T.T. was the only observer to get any marks for the winner, for it was her section where Montesa man Mark Kemp had his two dabs. I was pleased to see David Fletcher getting the Novice Cup in this trial.

Next came the Errington Trial on the edge of this Plain, Devizes way, one of those beautiful Autumn Days when the sun shone like summer, I remember seeing, Trev Jordan, Lyn Turley, Dennis Thomas, Doug Nolan, Richard Lunn and the Honda merchants Pete Walker and Malcom? Doug Nolan, John Miles and Martin Widman getting awards.

THE FROME & DISTRICT UNITED M.C. & L.C.C.

WYNDHAM HAINES TROPHY TRIAL SUNDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1976

Open to Centre Starred Event. Permit No. M787

Restricted to members of clubs affiliated to Wessex Centre A.C.U. riding solo machines only. Held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. together with the following Supplementary Regulations.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, E. Parker; Club Stewards, D. Gale, H. Lid-bitter; Clerk of the Course, J. Webb; Secretary of the Meeting, Mrs. J. Webb, 1 Whitbourne Farm Cottages, Corsley, Warminster, Wilts; Machine Examiner, P. Aven.
2. ENTRY. On the official form to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than 20th December. Entry fee £1.00. Fee returned only if trial is cancelled.
3. AWARDS. Best Solo: Wyndham Haines Trophy, Runner-up: Mrs. A. E. Starr Cup, Best Novice: 1949 Cup, Special 1st Class Awards to next best i.e. 3rd, 4th, 5th. Novice Class Awards to 2nd, 3rd, 4th. Best Novice Drivers. 1st Class Awards to next best 15% of Entry. All named Cups to be held for one year only. Replicas to be retained.
4. START. At Leighton Scramble Course, Nr. Frome, Somerset on A361 to 10.30 a.m.
5. TIES. If there is a tie the winner will be the farthest round the course clean, if there is still a tie then the greatest number of cleans.
6. COURSE. Approximately 30 miles of one or two laps (to be decided before the start).
7. PROTESTS. To be in accordance with G.C.R's of the A.C.U.

ENTRY FORM

Promoted by Frome & District M.C. & L.C.C.

WYNDHAM HAINES TROPHY TRIAL SUNDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1976

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS.....

REGISTERED MEMBER..... League Trial Grade.....

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....C.C.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED..... Club Sub £1.50 Total.....
(if required)

INDEMNIFICATION

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

Signed..... Driver. Signed..... Parent/Guardian

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

In this report I must slot in the bit of Trial riding partook of by some half-dozen riders, led by Hon. Sec. Tony Jefferies, we took ourselves to the Brecon area where these wonderful old roads can be found despite misty weather obscuring the views, it was an excellent days riding. Eric Godman hero of the of the day, Bristol to Brecon, 70 miles of tracks, back to Bristol, all on ye ancient Greeves Pathfinders, getting home just as darkness finally engulfed his day-glow waist-coat.

Frome Trial next on list Jim Webb's eagle eye soon spotted my lady friends sitting in our car nattering away, he produced observer cards from under his coat and with his usual charm said "I am sure you will do the last five "subs" for me", now somehow Pete Lark and I got the best two subs of the Trial, only Brian Shuttleworth and John Miller were clear on my sub out of the 120 entry, despite other big names who took ages to decided exactly where to loose their 5 marks. Doug Nolan and Robbie Bevan with Bill Andrews and that other pair of likely lads, Noggin and John Miller getting awards.

To the Scramble scene for a moment, I remember seeing Mike Church in the money at the Guy Fawkes Scramble and again the week-end before that but the venues name escapes me.

I thought I would have yards to write about the "Experts" in this issue, but apart from my many enthusiastic Trials friends, a pleasure in itself, and seeing the sidecar chaps perform—well its a nice drive to that part of Wales and I see that Colin Donnett just pipped Harry and Carol Foster for the Side-car premier—the smarter outfit there—without a doubt the Mettice of the Fosters. 21st December, closed to Club Trial at Splatts Barn.

Club nights for December 3rd and 17th at Stanshaws Court Hotel. Lastly Happy Christmas to you all especially to Roger Hands who's repair job was rather bigger than expected—hope tis mending rapidly now mate.

T.T.

WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB

Sorry for the lack of notes last month—they were sent in plenty of time but in Jim's rush to get to the I.S.D.T. they were mislaid.

Anyway, belated congratulations to our league trial team on their performance coming into third place only six points behind the leaders—best of luck to them for the next event at Shepton on the 14th December—entries to Mick Ayres please—no later than the 3rd December.

Our thanks to Maurice and Rosemary for organising the Errington Cup Trial. Maurice undertook the Clerk of the Course duties for the first time and was a bit shattered to find that he had seven winners all with clean sheets—however on reflection and nothing that several trials recently very nearly produced the same results he feels happier about things and is already planning for the James Cup on January 18th when he is determind to do all possible and get a clear cut winner. Our thanks also to all the observers and if you should need any encouragement the observers prize last time was won by Pete Larnar observing for the first time—well done Pete.

Entries for the Tanner Trudge are coming in well and already they have been received from Sammy Millier, Don Rickman and 'Gold Medallist' Dave Jeremiah. Don't forget it is being held the Sunday after Christmas and it is a good way of working off the over eating and drinking over the festive season.

Barbara is again organising the Christmas Draw, all proceeds as always go to Childrens Charities so anyone wishing to donate a prize please get in contact with her as soon as possible.

Fred and Liz's walking Treasure Hunt in Bristol was most enjoyable and interesting I am sure we know more about it than some Bristolians! Congratulations to Maurice and Rosemary on being joint winners and we look forward to next year's event which Fred suggests is in Gloucester!

The Halloween Dance went off very well and about thirty five of us had a good evening—another ten to fifteen people would have been an ideal number and for once there were males without partners.

Arrangements for the Dinner and Dance to be held on February 13th, 1976 are under way—more details next month—just remember the date.

All good wishes to Centre members and friends for the Christmas and a successful 1976.

NORTH SOMERSET (BRISTOL) MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

WADSWORTH TROPHY TIMED TRIAL SUNDAY, 29th FEBRUARY

A round of the Southern Counties Timed Trial Championship
Permit No. M786

Supplementary regulations of the timed trial open to members of the Wessex Centre driving Solo or Sidecar machines held under the G.C.R.'s of the A.C.U. and the following supplementary regulations.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Centre Steward, A. Mellors; Club Stewards, J. Ball, D. Shinner; Clerk of Course, M. Noble; Secretary of Meeting, T. Bunn, 14, Lyndhurst Road, Keynsham, Bristol; Scrutineer, B. Winstanley; Timekeeper, B. O'Shea.
2. **ENTRIES.** To reach Secretary of Meeting with £1.50 entry fee by Tuesday, 10th February. Starting order by ballot to be held after closing date when drivers will be notified of number. Ballot at Club H.Q. on 13th February. Entry limited to 50 starters.
4. **START.** Scars Wood, Backwell Hill Road, signposted from A.38 Nr. Lulsgate Airport, Bristol.
4. **COURSE.** The course will be about 2 miles per lap with 8 observed sections per lap. Number of laps and time allowed (approx 1 hour) will be stated at start. Drivers who complete the course in the shortest time will set standard time, which must not exceed 20 m.p.h. Drivers who exceed speed average, miss sections or cut the course will be disqualified. Drivers will be started at a maximum of 6 laps per minute. First event solo class start at 10.00 a.m., 2nd event sidecars after 11.30 a.m.
5. **AWARDS.** Wadsworth Trophy: Best Solo (trophy to be held for one year), Runner-up: Best Novice, C. Class, 1st Class Awards: 15% Starters, Solo and Sidecars.
6. **MARKING.** 0—Clean, 3—dab or footing, 5—Stop+Time penalty 1 mark per minute or part over standard time, maximum 10 minutes to complete course.
7. **TIES.** To be decided by fastest overall time and then highest number of cleans.
8. **Protective clothing, boots helmet and gloves must be worn.**

ENTRY FORM

Promoted by North Somerset (Bristol) Motor Sports Club

WADSWORTH TROPHY TIMED TRIAL SUNDAY, 29th FEBRUARY

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER.....Club **NOVICE** Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE.....c.c. Solo/Sidecar

ENTRY FEE £1.50 Enclosed..... **Total**.....

A.C.U. Licence No...... **Events Entered**.....

INDEMNIFICATION
I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the G.C.R.'s of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting) and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs and expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents. I declare that the exhaust system fitted to my motor cycle(s) will conform to the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 16(a) and as detailed in this entry form.

Are you over 16. Yes/No Date

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On to our next promotion the Allen/Millington propaganda road trial on January 25th, 9 a.m. from the New Inn, Lulsgate, Bristol. This is open to anyone (licences not required). We have had a problem getting the route this year because of a clashing rally by Pegasus M.C. but at the moment it is 75 miles long (25 more than last year) more costly as the authorisation fee has more than doubled so the entry fee is £1.00+plus50p per road wheel open to the following Standard cars in five classes:

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- Vintage
- Trials Chairs

We were well supported last year and we hope you will come along and give support either driving, riding or marshalling. This year meals are laid on at the finish from 15.00 hrs. Weekend working parties are still required for tree chopping and gully filling etc., volunteers phone 560908.

Annual General Meeting.

Please note our Club A.G.M. is on December 9th, and we need nominations for Officers and Committees by December 8th. Its up to you to come along and vote. Don't forget your club membership cards. It is especially important for the scramble members to turn up to ensure you have representatives on the committees. Venue: The Beeches, Conygre Road, Filton.

will it really be nearly Christmas when this comes out. Well have a happy time, see you all at the Minety.

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