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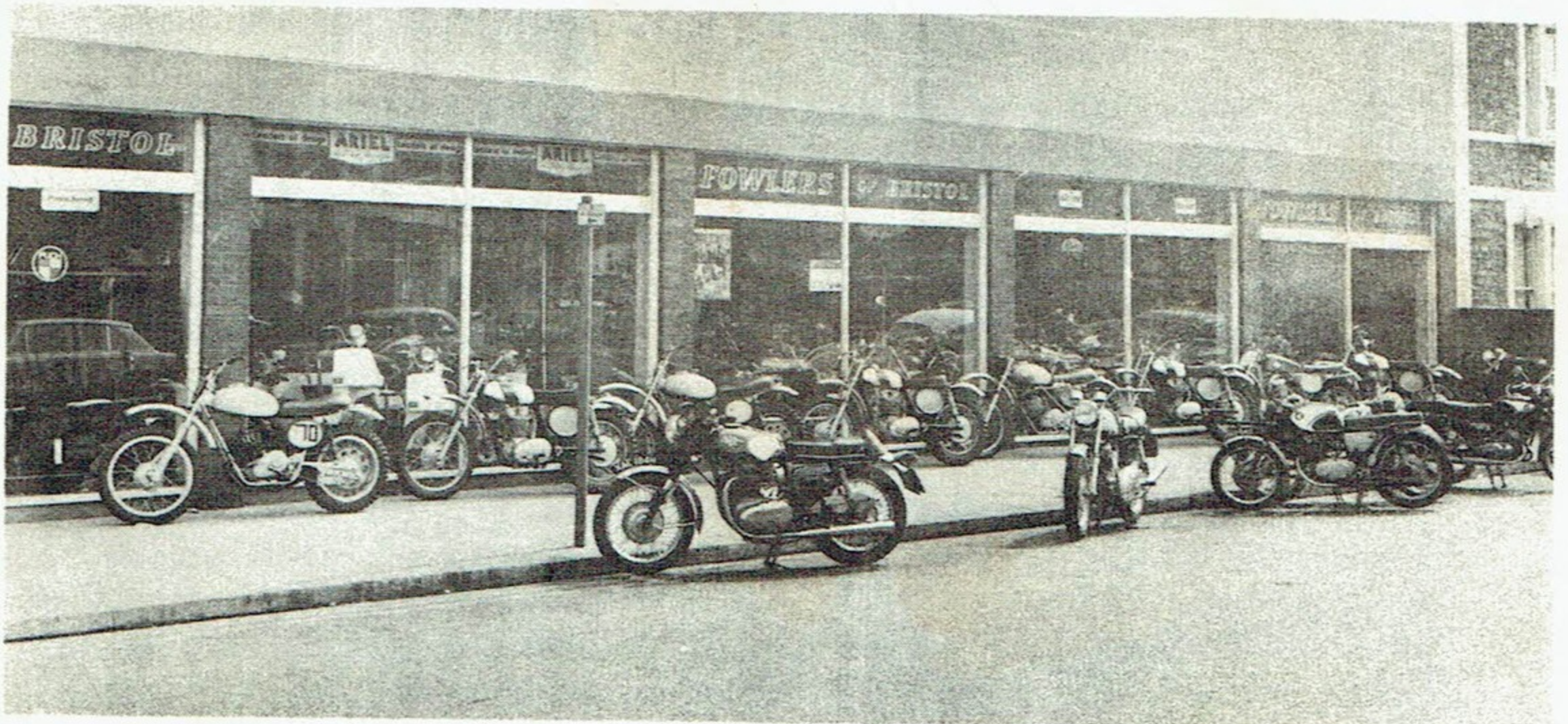


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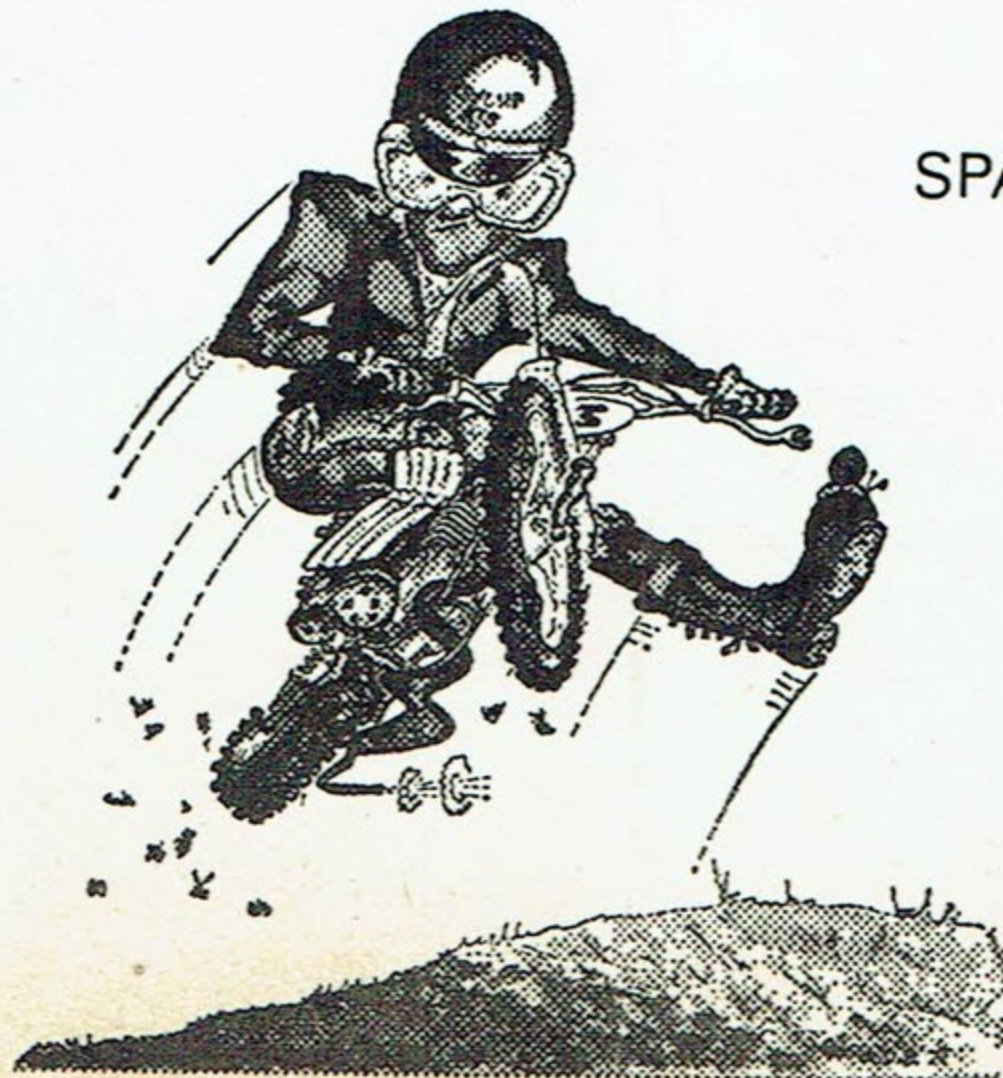
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Report on the Board Meeting

REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 1973 AT THE PORTER BUTT HOTEL BATH.

INTER CENTRE TEAM TRIAL. The Wessex Team had finished 10th and Dick Green, Team Manager, reported that the organisation was the best he had experienced at this type of event and was a great credit to the Clubs concerned and the North-West Centre.

CENTRE TROPIES. Steps were to be taken to refurbish several Centre Trophies and to have new Trophies made available in time for the Centre Grass Track Championships.

WESSEX SCRAMBLE. This had been a very successful meeting from the racing angle but once again help from Centre Clubs was poor, only one or possibly two Clubs providing helpers.

CENTRE DINNER. Accommodation at the Bath Hotel originally considered had been found to be inadequate and the Dinner would now be at the Dragonara Hotel in Bristol on Friday, 20th November 1973. The Centre would be prepared to subsidise the event to ensure that the function was a fitting celebration of the Centre's Golden Jubilee. As there appeared to be very little support for any other proposed function to celebrate the Jubilee this would be dropped.

CENTRE BOUNDARIES. Centre representatives were to meet Western Centre representatives to discuss this.

INDEMNITY CLAUSES. Clubs had been circulated with copies of revised Clauses made necessary by recent changes in Third Party Insurance Cover.

M.O.D. PROPERTY. A Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of running events on M.O.D. land within the Centre.

NEW DATE. Bristol M.C.C. were granted permission to run an O/C Novice Trial on 15th July 1973.

FUTURE MEETINGS at the Porter Butt, Bath.

Competitions Committee

5th June 1973

Board

12th June 1973.

TIT BITS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

A MOVE to increase competitors personal accident insurance benefits and premiums for trials riders was defeated by 28 votes to 12.

Delegates threw out a competitions committee proposal to standardise benefits in all forms of motor cycle sport in Britain to £1,000 on death and £5 per week on injury.

The competitions Committee move would have given trials riders an extra £750 on death and £1 a week. But it would have meant doubling the premium from 5 to 10p per cent.

Midland Centre secretary John Wells told the meeting: "I submit that there is no justification for this. Our rivals in the Midlands, the AMCA, have low insurance rates. Why should we be asked to fight them with one hand tied behind our backs?"

Another Midland delegate, Michael Martin, proposed that the new package deal be accepted with the trials insurance remaining as at present and this was agreed.

JACK SUTTON, a former member of the management and comps committees, was elected an honorary member. He has been a member of the Weybridge club since 1929.

BILL BODDICE has been co-opted to the TT and road racing sub-committee.

CENTRES have until the November meeting to decide whether or not to make crash helmets compulsory in trials on private land.

FOLLOWING the Scottish Six Days Trial dropping its British Championship status because of the ballot of entries, the John Douglas trial on October 13 was picked as a replacement.

QUOTE from Mr. Damadian referring to the 632 TT entries: "Despite all the commotion there are still a lot of riders willing to brave the terrors of the Isle of Man and participate in the races."

A NEW method of operating noise meter tests at grass tracks and scrambles, with stiffer penalties, is to be introduced soon by the ACU.

Competitions committee chairman, Edward Damadian, told Friday's general council meeting in London: "Previous methods may not have been everybody's apple pie but the broad result is that trials and scrambles machines are now quieter."

Mr. Damadian described the new tests: "The first reading will be taken in the same way as at present. The noisiest machines will then be asked to take a static noise test.

"For this the meter will be 40ft. from the machine and while an independent person will rev up the machine the rider will be invited to check the reading on the noise meter.

The noise reading will be taken half a dozen times and an average taken".

An offending rider will receive on written warning then on a subsequent offence an automatic suspension of one month would be imposed.

At present offenders receive a suspension of two weeks.

The new method, said Mr. Damadian, will come into force when a memorandum is issued from ACU headquarters.

£1,000 is to be set aside in the ACU's 1973 budget for a management consultancy to be called in to advise on the public relations side of the business. But ACU secretary Ken Shierson emphasised: "This is what we estimate it cost if we were to proceed with it. No decision has yet been taken".

Treasurer Eddie Cope also revealed that the ACU, a non-profit making organisation, had made a profit of £551 in 1972 compared with a loss of £908 the previous year.

He said: "At the end of 1972, we had a surplus of £3,551 but we have given a grant of £150 to each of our 20 centres."

Mr. Cope went on to give delegates more good news: "Despite earlier warnings that increases were likely, there will be no increase in affiliation fees next year."

Much of this was due to the ACU helmet approval fees, which totalled £10,627, almost double the 1971 figure, and in the increase in competition licence fees.

The total ACU income for 1972 was £53,065. The 1973 budget is £57,725. Hitting at critics who say the ACU should move from the fashionable RAC-owned Belgrave Square offices in London. Mr. Cope said "The lease for the next door property has been sold for £½m. Yet our payments work out at only £1 per square foot."

Club Notes

FROME

The Easter Monday Scramble, although somewhat damp at least proved that the chairs could race at Leighton whatever the weather. Once again we made a small profit and this will go to the handicap childrens school. After paying some £400 out in prize money can't be bad. What we do know is that one Junior rider went home with a smile on his face, it's not often that these lads get the chance to win £40. Well done Neil.

Our thanks must go to the Side-Car Boys and we look forward to having you again next year, might even see more events for you in this Centre as its a fair bet "that sheep will follow". Many thanks to all who came along to help.

Our Time Trial will be at Witham on June 23rd, help will be required from 2.30 to get the course ready, and the start is at 6 p.m.

Our skittles team failed to win the return match with Shepton "thought it was too good to last", maybe we can do better in the boat race at their barbecue. We must have the fastest beer drinkers.

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

TIME TRIAL

Start on **SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE 1973.** PERMIT No. M461

Supplementary Regulations. Open to drivers of solo machines only who are members of clubs in the Wessex Centre A.C.U., and held under the G.C.R.s the Wessex Centre Standing Trials Rules and Standing Trials Rules of the A.C.U.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward—Rutherford. Club Steward—D.Taylor, Clerk of the Course—B.Francis, Secretary of the Meeting—J.E.Webb, Whitbourne Farm, Corsley, Warminster, Wilst B812 7QJ. Machine Examiner—P.Aven.
2. AWARDS. For best performance, Jim and Vee Shield, awards for Second and Third Best Performance, 1st Class Awards to the next best 15% finishers, Novice Award to the best driver not previously having won an award in O.T.C.Trials (Excluding League Trials).
3. ENTRY FEES.Frome members 40p,others 50p, to reach the Secretary of the Meeting not later than Thursday, 21st June.
4. START. At Witham Park Farm, Gare Hill, Nr.Frome, Somerset. The course will be signposted off the Frome Maiden-Bradley road.
5. COURSE. The trial will be run over a number of laps to be decided at the start drivers will be allowed 1 hour to complete the course, after which they will be penalised 1 mark for each 30 seconds late. Each lap will include observed sections where 3 marks will be lost for footing, and 5 for failure.
6. FINISH. All drivers will be allowed a further 15 minutes to complete the course after which they will be flagged off.
7. MACHINES must be fitted with trials tyres, and crash helmets are compulsory.

ENTRY FORM

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

TIMED TRIAL

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 1973.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

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

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

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED **Total**

INDEMNIFICATION

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Frome M.C.C., the Wessex Centre of the ACU 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, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself or my passenger(s) or 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.

I declare that I have reached the age specified in the ACU 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.

DateSigned.....Driver

.....Parent/Guardian

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

THE BRISTOL GRASS RACING COMBINE.

British Championship contender Richard Evans who did so well last year is out of the running this year because of injury. Apparently at Bridgewater the other week, the mechnaical department of his Bulldog stopped ticking and team Bulldog rider Richard Hodgeson cannoned in to him. A right old dog battle developed as riders and machines cartwheeled down the track, result two Richards laid on in the Track. Richard Evans was found to have a broken leg (he did not take any further part in the Meeting), and two bent mangled and lame Bulldogs, the R.S.P.C.A. were informed but there was nothing they could do because they brought pain killing gear instead of spanners.

Result of the rounds so far have not been made available to me yet and as the comics do not seem to arrive, lately all that is known is that Pete Robson /Dave Hopes and Geoff Rawlings/Roger Oxenham whose threewheeler was accidently converted back to two wheels are both in the top bunch with a chance.

The Club caravan has now been signwritten and the unit seems to serve its purpose well. Eric Haskins who does some of the announcing for our meetings has asked for one mod to help the job but this requires a large perspex dome built onto the roof for his head! he says (I think I know what he means.

The next Speedway Meeting will be on Saturday June 9th at 4.30 p.m. to be held at Hillside Farm, Stoke Gifford, signposted from the A38 at Patchway and is near the Parkway Station. This event caters for schoolboys but the main event involves the once only defeated 'Bristol Combine' a brilliant team consisting of lame ducks, bent bikes with stabalizers and one bloke on the pot, the opposing team of Southern Centre riders led by a youthful looking newcomer! Lew Coffin who should box in some of our stars include Gordon Hambridge, Phil Shepard and more popular names from down around Dorset. Dare I ask for helpers to build and dismantle the track also track marshals.

Some fellows aren't very lucky with their new machinery, John Hopton has found that a Jap is something to be reckoned with and has not yet found a good way of keeping the front wheel on the ground. He has fallen off three times fortunately no damage to man or machine. Not so lucky was John Hodgeson in his first meeting with his brand new Hagon. He dropped it in a big way bleeding his nose and badly damaging the bike; When he looked at the damage no one was quite sure of his emotions but two hours later he did speak.

There is to be a Skittle Match shortly in aid of Peter Tollerfield who is still in a coma after a road accident of the 16th April. Watch this space for further news.

With nothing else to say this month which are the feelings of the Club Members, due to their lack of interest which is always shown when the sun is out, most of the members are out and about instead of coming to Club Meetings.

There has been unconfirmed whispers of someone seeing Arthur Feeden test riding a very large Kawasaki. Any thoughts?

GERRY KIBBY NOVICE TRIAL

SUNDAY JULY 15th 1973.

Restricted to members of clubs affiliated to the 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. Steward, Wessex Centre—M.Ayres, Club—H.Jenkins and J.Awford. Clerk of the Course—P.Smith, Machine Examiner—R.Daniel. Secretary of the Meeting—P.Steadman, 33 Ambrose Road, Bristol BS8 4RJ.
2. ENTRIES. To the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not later than Tuesday 10th July, 1973, together with the fee of 45p for club members, and 60p for Wessex Club members.
3. AWARDS. GERRY KIBBY TROPHY for the best performance of the day. RUNNER UP CUP for the second best performance of the day. The premier trophy to be held for one year, Replica to be retained. FIRST CLASS AWARDS to next best 10% 'B' class finishers. FIRST CLASS AWARDS to next best 10% 'C' class finishers.
4. A NOVICE for the purpose of this trial is a 'B' or 'C' rider in Wessex Centre League Trials.
5. START. Lamb's Lair Cavern, West Harptree, M.R. 165 — 542 548.
6. COURSE will be of a sporting nature with all sections on private land.
7. SPECIAL TEST. Should a tie occur then the driver who at the earliest part around the course, gains an advantage over the other, will take precedence, should there still be a tie then the greater number of cleans will take the awards.
8. PROTESTS in accordance with the G.C.R.s of the A.C.U.

ENTRY FORM.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

SUNDAY 15th JULY 1973.

GERRY KIBBY NOVICE TRIAL

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters).....

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBERCLUB NOVICE Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLEc.c.Solo/Sidecar

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED total

INDEMNIFICATION

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and the Standing Regulations of the Auto-Cycle Union. In consideration of the acceptance of this my entry, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Bristol 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 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 have reached the age specified in the ACU Regulations at which I am permitted under those regulations to take part in this class of event.

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

SignedDriver. SignedParent/Guardian

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

NORTH SOMERSET CLUB NOTES.

We had yet again, another full entry for the Timed Trial at Compton Dando. Unfortunately several riders had to give up their rides due to their inability to arrive on time or within the 15 mins. as laid down. Riders please note, they must sign on within 15 mins. of the starting time or run the risk of having their entries scrubbed as non starters. Roger Painter was the winner with Ivan, Alan Evans, Jeff Ballinger, Bob Parsons and easy start following on behind. Dave Walter took the Scrambles Premier and Bruce Watts the Novice.

The following day the boys went up to Jim's pad for the Dyrham Moto X. Colin and Merv both going well and finishing in the gold along with Dave Rumbold and Bruce Winstanley, which was no mean feat on a very rough track and with the competition there. Norman was again converted to a four stroke, this time Brace's brand new Metisse and performed brilliantly for the 1st quarter of a lap before leap frogging over the bumps and landing on his ear, with disastrous results to the machinery. Results are that Brace is now temporarily sponsored on a Westbury Husky, Lloo.

Keigh Boobyer, Geoff Wilcox and Bob Parsons tried their hands at the Beggars Rooster Easter Sunday, Bob and Geoff retiring wet and cold

On Easter Monday at Frome Neil Hudson continued his winning streak by winning the Junior in atrocious conditions due to heavy rain. Brace retired exhausted changing gears on the 5 speed Husky while Merv and Pete Evans rode well all day.

At the Tor Junior Scramble on the 28th April Colin Marsh rode very well to win 2 races and finish 2nd in another, (might have been 3 with 1 bit of pacing) Merv Adams had a bit of practice acting as travelling Marshal for Sunday's National. At the National Neil rode well all day to finish well up in the results.

We hear that Terry Philips has put his name forward for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records for changing machines this season, having sold the C.C.M. for 2 lawn mowers, he has now swapped these for 2 more Maico Scramblers. He changes bikes like I change my socks.

On the social side, we played Bristol M.C.C. at Skittles on 25th April at the Yeoman, but were beaten by 4 pins. The return match at the Bungalow proved to be a repeat performance, again we were beaten by 4 pins even though we lent them 4 of our class players. (212 pins to 216 pins.)

Our Mudlarker's were out again at Shepton's Scramble in even worse conditions than at Frome's Easter Monday Scramble. Where else can you get in the final by getting around the course just once. Colin Marsh, Pete Evans, Barny, Merv and Brace using all their timed trial experience to stay aboard and get consistent results. Neil Hudson again rode well and to date I believe, has about 40pts. towards his expert status (he should get promoted in June with a bit of luck, keep up the training Brian). The next timed trial is scheduled for June 24th at North Hill Farm, East Dundry. Sign on by 10.15 a.m. at very latest (see 1st para. of these notes). Working Party Saturday at 2.15 p.m.

WESSEX CENTRE GRASS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

B.G.R.C. present a Restricted to Centre Grass Track Event on Sunday August 5th 1973 at 2.00 p.m. to be held at Redhill Farm, Elberton, Nr.Alveston. Signposted from A.38 on B.4461 and Junction 21 off M.4 on B4461.

PERMIT No.458

Restricted to Members of Wessex Centre driving Solo and Sidecar Machines. Held under the G.C.R.s of the A.C.U. and these supplementary regulations.

- 1. OFFICIALS. Stewards: Wessex Centre—Mr.J.Webb, Club—Mr.M.Shortman: Mr.D. Jefferies, Secretary of meeting: Mr.K.Melksham, 7 Hilltop View, St.George, Bristol. BS5 8LQ.
- 2. ENTRIES, FEES. £1.00 Solo. £1.50 Sidecar.
NOTE — STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE PLEASE'
Entries close July 16th, 1973. Drivers third party and all drivers personal accident insurance will be paid by the promoting club.
- 3. EVENTS.

1. Up to 250cc Championship	5. Sidecar Open
2. 251—350cc Championship	6. Solo unlimited
3. 351—500cc Championship	
4. Sidecar Championship	
- 4. AWARDS, Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 Finalists run over two legs on a points system of 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 at 50p per point for each leg.Events 5 and 6 1st £10, 2nd £7, 3rd £4. 4th £2, 5th £1.
- 5. PRACTICE. Between 11.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. All Competitors must complete 2 laps.
- 6. COURSE. Flat Grassland approx. 700 yards. Solos Anti-Clockwise. Sidecar Clockwise with right/left bends.
- 7. START. Mechanical Gate. Clutch Start.

BRISTOL GRASS RACING COURSE.

5th August 1973.

I have read the supplementary regulation issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by these and the general competition rules of the ACU in consideration of acceptance of this, my entry. I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the centre of the ACU and the ACU (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, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself or of 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, servants or agents.

NAME AND ADDRESS (block letters)

.....

PASSENGERS NAMEMACHINEcc.....

SOLO/SIDECARExpert/NoviceRiding No.Prfd.....

Please enter me for events No. Entry Fee

Exhaust system No. DateSigned.....

Club

Parent or Guardian's must countersign if the driver is under 16 years of age.

.....
Parent/Guardian

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB.

Firstly this month I must thank you all who attended our Annual Dinner and Presentation on April 21st at the Red Lion. As usual we managed to enjoy ourselves to the full!

The bookings put to Sec. Dave Male for future after dinner speaking was answer in itself for the way he tackled the job for the first time. I can report most of the facts that were divulged that evening were fairly true. Ron Davey's nerves weren't that bad and he managed his speech very well. Phil Croft was at her usual brilliance with jokes that surely never came off the back of a matchbox.

It was a great surprise to Tony King when he was called upon to receive the Ken Hardacre Trophy as Best Clubman of the Year. He has put in a great deal of time and effort since joining the club. Motorcycling in itself is a completely new sport to him and to sit in a sidecar by the side of Younger is worth a trophy alone. I should know!

The result of our Scramble on May 6th is now old news to most readers. As does happen occasionally, it rained, and the green grass of Wootton soon turned to brown. The laughable experience of hearing riders shouting their numbers through a mouthguard clogged with mud and a good percentage with a Welsh accent was enough to make Ken Blampied leave his brolly in the P.A. Van.

This shouting idea stemmed from a bright moment (in what was for him a really dreary afternoon) from that battle scarred scrambler John Young. 'There Dave he's not too bad sometimes!' The nasty tumble suffered by Younger at Tor the previous Saturday was a mystery until at Wootton, he pulled up at the start looking more like a Chopper (UG! what a horrible word); Wondering what was happening to his forks, a strip down brought to light broken circlips that hold the fork stantions in the sliders. So the tumble was not a mystery after all.

The Frome Clubs Motocross on Easter Monday brought some cash Youngers way after good riding brought him a third overall, better buy a quarter of circlips. Butt!

Although working parties were rather poor in weeks previous to the Scramble we somehow managed to put on a show. Many thanks to all Clubs and Members who helped on the day.

Hope the paling dried Jim, we were careful to put our own in places where it was likely to get broken, which it did, thank you Graham Noyce — but what a flier. Damage to persons on and leading up to the scramble resulted in Rob Hamm getting a bang on the head, which made him lie down for a few minutes (sorry Jen completely unintentional) and then on the day Tony Sugg dropped the Maico breaking his little toe.

The Skittles return with Frome at the Legion, brought us back our previous lost laurels with a win by 16 pins. Our best scorers were Pat and Dave Marks.

Belated congratulations go to Sally Lane and Rex Gregory, who were engaged on April 7th, Sally now knows who Marty Strang is, as he was yelling numbers in her ear all afternoon at the Scramble. Thank you Marty and Major for your vocal efforts.

GRASS TRACK RACING

on SUNDAY, 15 JULY 1973 - 2.30 p.m.

at LATTERIDGE GREEN FARM, Nr. IRON ACTON, BRISTOL.

Open to members of clubs affiliated to the Wessex Centre A.C.U. driving solo and sidecar machines. Held under the G.C.R.s of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.

- 1. OFFICIALS. Stewards: Wessex Centre-J.Webb, Club-G.Cox & D.Eddolls, Scrutineer-S.Chamberlain, Starter-M.Morgan, Clerk of the Course-J.O'Keefe, Sec. of the Meeting-J.Wenban, 8 Ridgeway Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol. Tel. Whit. 4138.
2. ENTRIES. £1 solo, £1-50 Sidecar. Entries close July.
3. EVENTS: 1. Unlimited Junior 2. Open sidecar 3. 250 open 4. Junior trophy 5. 350 open 6. Expert Trophy 7. 500 open 8. Open 9. Twelve best (trophy) 10. Handicap 11. Vintage.
4. AWARDS. £5, £3, £2, £1 in events except 8 & 9. £10 £7, £5, £3 in events 8 and 9. Heat winners unplaced in finals £1.
5. PRACTICE. Between 1 and 2 o'clock. All drivers to complete two qualifying laps.
6. COURSE. 600 yards on flat grass. Solos anti-clockwise. Sidecars clockwise, with right and left bends.
7. START. Mechanical gate, clutch start.
8. JUNIOR. A driver not previously placed in first three in open race, or who has not won a Junior race, or who is not named on the Experts grading list.

ENTRY FORM

BRITISH SPORTING SIDECAR ASSOCIATION GRASS TRACK RACING Sunday,

INDEMNIFICATION

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Entry forms must be countersigned by the parent or guardian in the case of entrants or drivers under 18 years of age.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

GRADING.....(Expert/Junior) RIDING No.

MACHINE c.c.Solo/Sidecar

PLEASE ENTER ME FOR EVENTS

DATE SIGNED

TYPE OF MACHINE

PASSENGERS NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

If under 18 years of age this form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian whose full name and address must be given below.

For the Driver: Name Address

For the Passenger: Name Address

It was nice to see Rich Francis at Wootton, he had a flying visit home for 2 days and still looks as fit as ever.

Don't forget to support the I.S.D.T., the response at our last Club meeting was very good.

Next event will be the Time Trial in August in the meantime some of us will have to do some gardening down at Wootton.

NOTE: We were rather annoyed at the amount of rubbish left in the pit area at Wootton and I'm sure the fellow who dropped the cider bottle wouldn't have dropped it at his own circuit.

WEST WILTS MOTOR CLUB.

Firstly a correction to the name of the hospital charity to benefit from the Harold Taylor Trophy scramble. It should have read Royal Hampshire, Winchester Amenities Committee, chosen by Mrs. Bobbie Taylor in respect of the kindness and wonderful attention shown to HRT after his collapse whilst on a visit to Norton Villiers at Andover. Incidentally the 'Minicar' which the Club has purchased for the Lady Hoare Trust for Disabled Children will be on display at the MAYBUG. Since the Press gave us a little mention on lack of entries for the 'Stars of Yesteryear' event, many helpful telephone calls have been received. See you on the 17th June at Dodington Park for a first class day's scrambling.

The Club's latest acquisition is an hydraulic post hammer. From first reports it is perhaps a little slower, but a great saver on energy of the faithful few preparing the course.

The Ivan and Joan Petty organised Treasure Hunt turned out to be an excellent event enjoyed by all those taking part. Winning team was Ken Lywood, Kay Lywood and Barbara Gigli, runners up Diane and Buster James, with Rosemary and Maurice Andrews third. The next car event is a gymkana six a side against the Avon Motor Club at Bradford on Avon on 14th July. Not having organised an open to centre scrambles in recent years brought to the fore one of its big problems. Within three days of 54th Wessex Gazette issue of May with CASTLE TROPHY regs for August 19th the Junior entry was oversubscribed and many entries have already been returned (11.5.73). Sorry Juniors, we shall certainly have an opening date for entries next time, which will be at the earliest the 7th of the month, to give all an equal chance.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Easter weekend we chose to run the postponed Avery Trophy Trial so after weeks of dryish weather and laying out sections to suit prevailing conditions it has to be the wettest Easter Sunday for years. However this did not deter the Clerk of the Course too much because he did as far as possible, alter sections to suit, anyhow it was a change for our Trials to have a winner with more than a few marks lost, it seemed from the comments of the competitors that it was enjoyable apart from the weather. I enjoyed it although losing a fantastic number of marks, thanks to Eric Godman and Chris Ayres for doing the main official jobs and to all the other folks who helped out, particularly once again the Observer brigade who stuck to their posts for

Supplementary Regulation for a Scramble meeting held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. at DYRHAM PARK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, T.C.C.683 on Saturday 21st July 1973 at 3 o'clock. Venue Map Ref: 156 E745 N765 (1 mile south of junction M4/A46).

1. OFFICIALS. Wessex Centre Steward: G.Lloyd; Club Stewards, R.F.Gould & R.L. Newman, Clerk of the Course & Secretary of the Meeting, A.W.Cullimore, 36 Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol; Scrutineer, A.B.Rogers.
2. ELIGIBILITY. All drivers must be over 16 years of age and must be members of a club affiliated to the Wessex Centre A.C.U. or A.M.C.A.
3. ENTRIES. Teams of solo drivers may be entered at a cost of £7-50 per team (10 teams minimum, 30 teams maximum). Completed entry forms together with managers name and address and S.A.E. to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting. Entries close 1st July 1973.
4. PRACTICE. Under control between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.
5. INSURANCE. Premiums will be paid by the club.
6. NOISE. All machines must comply with control of noise regulations.
7. IDENTITY DISCS. Must be worn and be of metal or plastic and be engraved with drivers name, date of birth and blood group (optional).
8. COURSE. Approx. 1 mile in length.
9. RULES OF EVENT. A team shall endeavour to cover from 75-100 laps within a time limit of two hours (laps and time decided on day of event) of a pre-determined course and the first team so to do shall be declared the winner, subject to the following rules.
 - (a) Teams may be entered by any manufacturer, agent, club, or private individual.
 - (b) A list of drivers must be sent by the team manager together with the official entry forms and entry fees to the promoters by the closing date of entries.
 - (c) Teams may comprise of not less than two (2) and not more than five (5) members, two (2) of which may be of expert status. Teams may use one or more machine at the discretion of the team manager.
 - (d) Teams to be nominated by the closing date for entries, but reserves may take over from injured drivers if necessary up to 15 mins. prior to the event. (Subject to Rule (c)).
 - (e) Drivers unable to form a team may be accepted as reserves and may be assigned to any team at the organiser's discretion.
 - (f) A team shall be controlled by a non-riding manager, who shall be fully conversant with rules of the event.
 - (g) Each team manager shall provide in addition to the drivers two efficient lap scorers.

AWARDS. To each member of the winning team, i.e., manager, lap scorers and riders—a trophy. To the sponsors of the winning team a bonus of £1 x number of teams entered.

TEAM SCRAMBLE 21st JULY ENTRY FORM

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB

MAKE OF MOTOR-CYCLE c.c. Solo

TEAM REPRESENTED

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED 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 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 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 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 notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

Signed Driver Signed Parent/Guardian

several hours in the rain. I must have a grumble here about the very few riders who will not stick to the marked tracks and persist in riding on the farmers nice fresh grass or corn, riders must remember our sport is by the grace and favour of our Farmer friends — abuse the favour, guess the result!

Result of the Avery Trial, Winner, Chris Watts, Runner Up, Kevin McCullagh, 40+ Cup R.Andrews, Expert 1st Class, Mike Aven, Haydon Hunt, Doug Nolan, Novice 1st Class Rob Crew, Roger Hands, D.Farrington.

The last few days of the month saw the start of the Highland pilgrimage, a number of Club members along with many other Wessex centre people made the trip to Fort William — there were so many Wessex Wanderers on Pipe-Line that Pat Lamper was heard to ask if there was a Wessex Centre Board meeting in progress.

Congrats to Brian Shuttleworth & Chris Butler for carrying off Special 1st class and 1st Class Awards respectively and commiserations to the less fortunate who had to retire.

As a holiday it was wonderful, as a Trial very hard work. Thought I as I sat there contemplating the scene, if only we could have just one of they gurt mountains split into several pieces and scattered in Wessex we could have a little variation in sections now and again. One group of sections, eight in number zig-zagged right up the side of one hill, the Observer on the eighth could just be seen below the clouds and looked about ½" tall — someone said, to the top section was up a 1000 ft., it could well be true.

B.M.C.C.

Seeing the Club notes were missing from the last months Gazette here they are for this month.

The last in the present series of League trials was run on the Mendip Vale course in cold weather, our team of Mike Naish, Terry Britton and Mike Weston did a very good job finishing intact, with Mike Naish gaining a 'C' class award.

Congratulations to Chris Watts on being picked for the Centre Team in the Inter-Centre Team Trial and also for putting up the best performance of the team. Young Watts kept up his winning ways by returning the best performance in the Kingswood Club's Ken Avery Trial, as well as taking the Spring Cup in our own Trial at Lamb's Lair. To the people who turned out to help and observe at this Trial the Club thanks you, the Club also wishes to convey our regret to Mr. Burdge in the loss of 27 tons of hay, when some irresponsible people set fire to one of his Dutch barns only a few hours after the finish of our Spring Cup Trial.

Attention all NOVICE riders, the B.M.C.C. have entered a new event to the Wessex Centre fixture list this year, (subject to the Centre Boards approval) the event being the Gerry Kibby Novice Trial on the 15th July. This event, we hope, will be an annual Open to Centre trial for Novices, in memory of Gerry who did so much for the club. So lets have your support on the 15th July, Phill Smith will be Clerk of the Course and Phil Steadman will be Secretary of the Meeting.

Still on the subject of novices, our ace novice, Mike Naish went pot hunting in a big way at Easter, he won the novice award in the National Beggars Roost, well done Mike!

On the social scene we well and truly beat North Somerset in the first leg of the skittle match, with June Daniel playing a blinder, good luck to our members for the return match on their home ground.

Finally all willing hands will be welcome at the working parties at Dodington for the Harold Taylor Moto-Cross on 17th June please get in touch with either John Pearce or Ken Blampied for more information.

STOP PRESS. Chris Watts is still in winning form, this time cleaning up at the Bath Club's Spring Cup Trial, keep it up Chris, you'll be Centre Champion for '73 if you maintain this sort of form.

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Supplementary Regulations for a Restricted Moto-Cross Meeting held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U.

at DYRHAM PARK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE T.C.C.683 on Sunday 22nd July at 13.30 hrs.
Venue: Map Ref. 156 E745 N765 (1 mile south of M4 on A46)

1. OFFICIALS. Wessex Centre Steward, D.Plaster; B.M.C. & L.C.C. Stewards, A.Jones and H.Fitz-Gould; Scrutineers, J.Amos and A.B.Rogers; Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting, A.W.Cullimore, 36 Salisbury Road, Downend, Bristol. Tel.560908.
2. ELIGIBILITY. All drivers and passengers must be over 16 years of age and must be members of a club affiliated to The Wessex Centre.
3. ENTRIES. C/w S.A.E. to the Secretary with a fee of £1.50 (B.M.C. & L.C.C. members £1. Entries close 1st July 1973. (Restricted to 35 starters per race).
4. PRACTICE. Under control between 10.30 and 12.00 noon.
5. INSURANCE PREMIUMS will be paid by the club.
6. All machines must comply with control of noise regulations.
7. COURSE. Approx. 1 mile per lap.
8. EVENTS.

1-5	Non Experts	Event "A"
2-6	Non Experts	Event "B"
3-7	Non Experts	Event "C"
4-8	Experts & invited drivers	Event "D"

9-10-11	Non Experts	Event E.F.G.
12	Experts & invited drivers	Event "H"

Races 1 to 7 and 9 to 11 inclusive - 10 mins. plus 1 lap

Races 4, 8 & 12 - 15 mins. plus 1 lap.

NOTE: Points awarded to finishers in each race as follows to determine final position: 1st=1 point, 2nd=2 points and progressively to last driver over finish lines within time limit. It is not intended that each non-expert driver complete against every other driver in that class.

Payment in non expert races will be made to best 3 in each position in each series, i.e.: 3 x 1st places 3 x 2nd places up to 5th place.

AWARDS in £ for results judged on performance in each race in each class plus BONUS for winning both legs of Moto "X" events A,B,C,D.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Bonus
Event A,B,C	10	8	6	4	2	5
Event D	20	12	8	6	4	10
Events E,F,G	5	4	3	2	1	
Event H	10	6	4	3	2	

Plus Trophy (for permanent retention) to overall winner of each Moto-cross event. Tie decided by better performance in 3rd leg of events.

Held under the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. (10th edition), the applicable Standing Regulations and Supplementary Regulations.

SCRAMBLE 22nd JULY ENTRY FORM

NAME (block letters please)

ADDRESS

DRIVER'S NORMAL COMPETING NUMBER

REGISTERED MEMBER OF Club

EVENTS ENTERED..... Expert/Non-Expert

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE Solo/Sidecar/Scramble

ENTRY FEE.....enclosed EXHAUST SYSTEM 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 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 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 notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

SignedDriver

.....Parent/Guardian

.....Passenger.

Entry form to be sent and remittance payable to: Bristol Motor Cycle & L.C.C.Ltd.

No per pro signature can be accepted.

FUTURE EVENTS.

JUNE

- 9 Bristol Grass Racing Combine Brass Track c.
Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. Trial c.
Wilts Broder Trial c.
- 10 Swindon & District M.C.C. Grass Track O Binknell, Wooton Bassett.
- 16 Mendip Vale Trial c.
- 17 West Wilts HAROLD TAYLOR INTERNATIONAL MOTO-CROSS
at Dodington Park.
- 23 Frome Timed Trial O.
Bath Trial c.
- 24 Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. Grass Track c.
North Somerset Timed Trial c.
- 26 Wilts Border Grass Track c.

JULY

- 1 Mendip Vale Trial c.
Wilts Border Grass Track c.
- ' 7 North Somerset Timed Trial c.
West Wilts Trial c.
Bristol Grass Racing Combine Grass Track c.

TOR.

Our luck held good for the National Wessex scramble and the Junior Trophy scramble on April 28th, and April 29th. The weather was once again fine and sunny and a good crowd attended both meetings.

One of the nicest things about the junior scramble was the number of experts who were seen there, some spectating, some were mechanics to their junior friends, but best of all, some were marshals and to these riders and all others who made this meeting so successful, thank you very much.

Ray Pattemore was the rider of the day with three wins from four rides and he collected the Wood trophy and the Brooks cup. This meeting was followed by the barbecue of hot dogs and cider, this was enjoyed by all, we must have another barbecue some time.

The National Wessex scramble was held on the following day on a new course with a steep hill in it and this hill proved difficult for some riders, the racing was very fast and I doubt that there can ever be a closer or more exciting finish than in the Wessex senior race when Bob Wright came flying down the hill on the last lap to beat Bryan Wade by a whisker. This race was described to me as "one of the best ever" by several spectators. Although this was a centre event, the only club to send marshals were the West Wilts club and to them we say thank you very much. Out of the 36 marshals needed for this meeting 30 came from the Tor club and friends from the Southern and the South West centres, the other six were the West Wilts members. Not much of a show from the Wessex centre was it! I am happy to say that we shall make a reasonable profit, half of which will go to the Wessex Centre.

Our only event in June will be the second timed trial at Knowle Hill, Yarley on Saturday, 9th June, starting at 6.0 p.m. George Sibley of 7 Merriman Gardens, Street, Somerset is the secretary of the meeting, so please get your entries to him on time.

Diary Dates:— Tuesday, 5th June, club meeting, Street Inn, 8.0 p.m.
Saturday, 9th June, Timed trial, Yarley, 6.0 p.m.

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MONTHLY MUTTERINGS by Mick Perry

Firstly news of the centre dinner. This will be held at the new Dragonara Hotel in Bristol on the last Friday in November, and as the centre is celebrating it's Golden Jubilee year the event will be subsidised somewhat from centre funds, and tickets will be priced at the very reasonable figure of £2.00. So have a word with your club secretary now. As this year's do is rather a special occasion the centre have asked the President of the ACU the right honourable the Marquis of Camden and his lady as the main guests, and I will be seeking a couple of top sporting personalities to make up the number. The dinner committee have already taken steps to engage a top band, and all in all it should be a night to remember.

The TOR club certainly improved their already excellent course at Wick with the inclusion of a new and steep hill, and what a race the Senior event turned out to be. At one stage it seemed that either Badger Goss or Bryan Wade would win, but although he was fifteen seconds down at one stage Bob Wright stuck to his guns and when Goss slid off he cut Wade's advantage until on the last lap he drew level on the new hill. The whole crowd moved over the hillside to see the pair coming down the hill for the last time, but still it was Wade, but in a last ditch do or die effort Wright gunned the short stroke CCM over the line to clinch victory that couldn't have measured more than a "whisker". The Twenty-four year old Lancastrian was a popular winner, and I felt that his win gave scrambling a shot in the arm that it badly needs. In Wright I think we could have a future British champion despite the fact that Goss was quoted as saying "he'll kill himself". Now I ask you was there anyone wilder than Goss ten years ago? I think not apart from one perhaps who I regret is no longer with us. But these are the riders that the crowds come to see and at the National Favre-Leuba scramble at North Molton

a fortnight later I met several spectators who were unable to obtain a programme, their first words were is Wright here? For a change the TOR club were blessed with fine weather. Conditions were dusty, Ice cream sales went right off the graph, and the only damper from my point of view was the last race of the day. Those who were'nt keeping a strict eye on their programme expected to see the star cast lined up for this, and there were plenty of moans when it was noted that the event was not open to the top men although Goss thought so.

Sidecar scrambling seems to be catching on in the centre and the TOR club are going to have then at Wick in September if the entry reaches the required number. Mrs. Woods tells me that she has no addresses or telephone numbers of sidecar crews and she asks them to contact her for regulations which will be available early in June. By the time that you read these comments the last scramble at Farleigh Castle will have taken place. I never regarded the venue as being excellent from a spectators point of view and their new course at Corsham can only be better. Incidentally, the West Wilts club tell me that junior races are already over subscribed, but they still have vacancies for experts.

By all accounts the Inter centre team trial was well organised and the team representing the centre did well to finish the half way mark and it seems that we exceeded the expectations of David Fisher.

Writing in the Somerton clubs excellent news rag re recently Fisher wrote "In the Inter Centre team trial Martin (Strang) was second best in the South Western centre team but Geoff (Parken) did not ride because of a bout of tonsillitis", he then adds, "Not that the Wessex centre would have done any good even with him considering some of the other riders in the team." Maybe Dick has a suitable reply?

Bristol's Peter Robson, and Geoff Rawlings look to be odds on favourites to qualify for the National grass track final in September. After two rounds

which is now the half way stage, Peter leads the class and Geoff is in the top half dozen. Our hopes are not so bright however in the solo class now that one of our most promising stars Richard Evans broke a leg at Edington recently.

The South Western area of the Bantam racing club who run regular meetings at Llandow near Cowbridge in Glamorgan tells me that they have an ever increasing membership of active riders, and at their May meeting they put on six extra finals rather than turn away entries - a very healthy state of affairs you may feel, but as secretary George Harris told me recently, "Unless we get an entry of a hundred we lose money, if we get a hundred and fifty we live to fight again".

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