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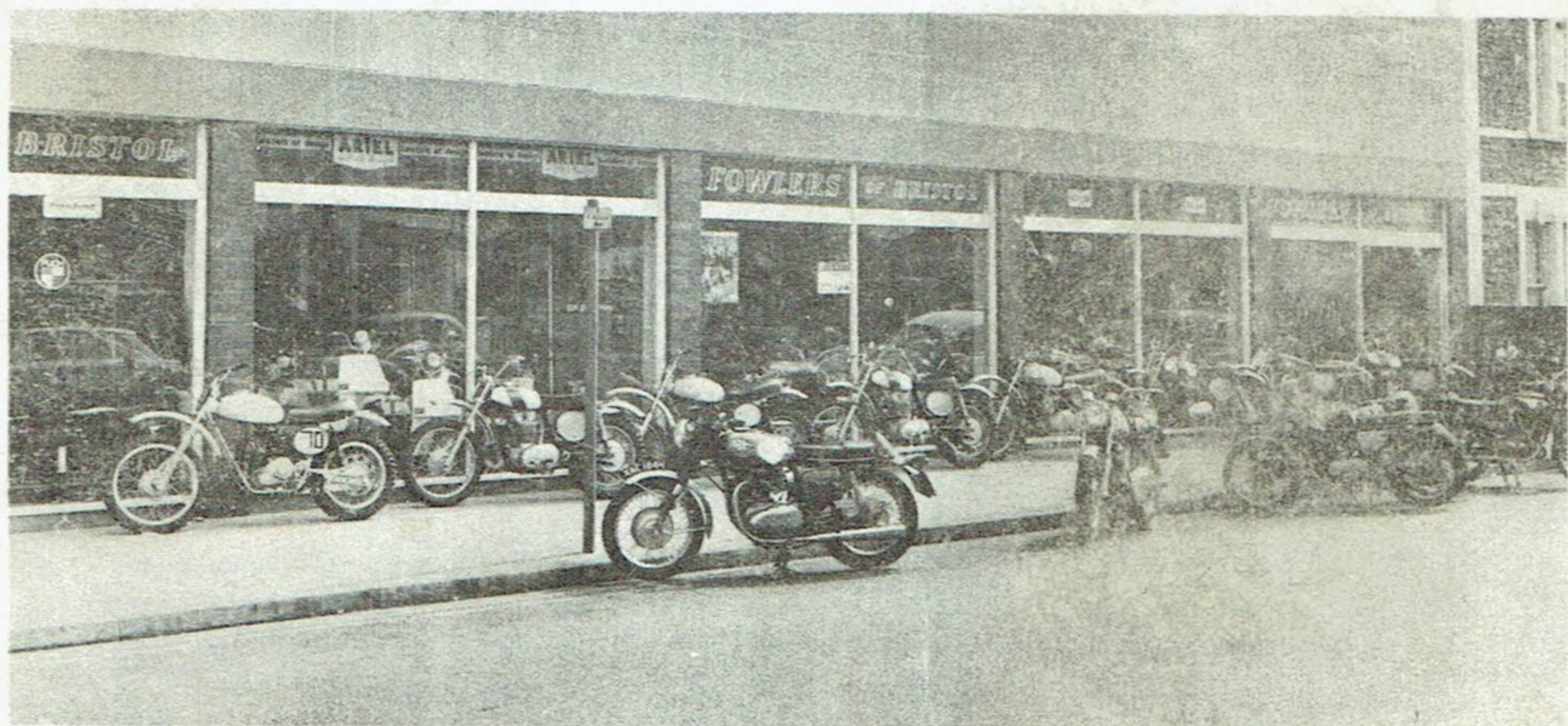


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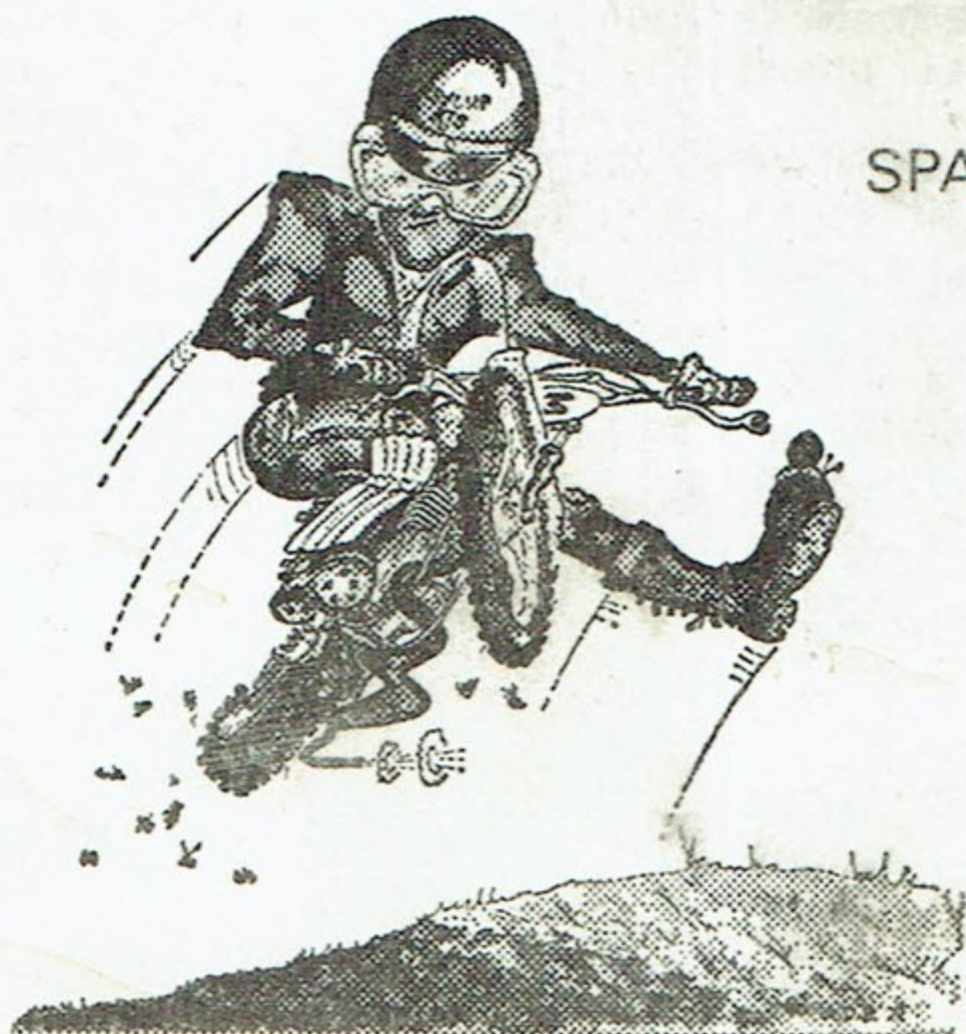
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Report on the Board Meeting

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY,
27th JANUARY 1973 AT THE PORTER BUTT, BATH.

At the start of the Meeting Cliff King pointed out that 1973 was the Golden Jubilee Year of the Centre. Together with Vic Anstice and Stan Hodges he had been present when the Wessex Centre was formed in 1923 and Edgar Fellows had joined three months after that.

The President, Jim Webb thanked all Clubs for their hospitality during his period of office. He was pleased to see that support from Competitors was higher than ever and if revision of our boundaries could be made it would be possible to arrange for more events.

Roll Call of Clubs. Fifteen Clubs were represented.

The Chairman, Jack Parkin congratulated Clubs for maintaining the Centre's high standards in organisation and the year had been reasonably free from controversy.

The Secretary, Arthur Fedden said that Clubs had co-operated well from the paper-work angle. From the number of Competitors it appeared that sport was flourishing but many Clubs had problems in getting enough help to put the events on. The Grass Track revival continued but the race programmes could possibly be reviewed to give greater interest. There had been little progress in quietening scrambles machines and it was important that the effort must continue.

Many "Green Roads" may be lost as a result of current reviews and it was to be hoped that members would come forward to undertake the task of checking local maps and carrying through the necessary procedures of objection to re-grading.

The Treasurer, Percy Radford reported a successful year with a profit made. It was pleasing to see that sporting activities had been self supporting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Ken Blampied
Vice-Presidents	Jim Webb, retiring President. Dick Green, Ray James, Cliff King and Les Nott.
Chairman	Jack Parkin.
Vice-Chairmen	Ken Lywood and Jim Webb.
Treasurer	Percy Radford.

A Motion by Bristol Grass Racing Combine on the subject of Centre Championships was referred to the Competitions Committee.

REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING WHICH FOLLOWED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A.C.U. General Council Messrs King, Blampied, Lywood and Webb would represent the Centre, and Messrs Green, Radford and Cullimore would be reserve delegates.

Ernie Parker was chosen to represent the Centre at the T.T. Supporter's Club. It was decided to support the proposal to make third party cover compulsory for "off the road" in trials.

Jim Cullimore would represent the Centre on the A.C.U. Grass Track Sub-Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary	A. C. Fedden
Asst.-Secretary	R. F. James
Permit Secretary	L. Nott
Gazette Editor	J. E. Webb
Racing Sub-Committee	B. Francis, D. Plaster, K. Melksham, J. O'Keefe, G. Lloyd, B. Freegard.
Trials Sub-Committee	H. Ayres, B. Rutherford, E. Parker, M. Parker, C. Valentine, A. Mellors, T. Body.
Castle Combe Sub-Committee	V. C. Anstice, K. Lywood, J. Parkin, P. Radford.

RECORDERS

Trials Star and League Trials	P. Smith
Scrambles Star And Grading	K. Blampied
Grass Track	K. Melksham

INSURANCE CHARGES

Speed Meetings: Grass Tracks: Sand Races and Scrambles.

P.A. for Officials.

Closed.	New Rate	Old Rate
Public	£3.14	£1.57
No Public	£1.54	27
Restricted		
Public	£4.74	£2.37
No Public	£2.30	£1.15
National		
Public	£7.74	£3.87
No Public	£3.14	£1.57
Trials:		
Closed	£1.05	27
Restricted	£1.60	40
National	£2.22	53

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

A.C.U. Benevolent Fund. Jim Webb agreed to be Centre Officer for 1973. He asked for more support from Clubs than there had been recently.

Delegates were reminded that if they knew of any cases of extreme need amongst their members they should inform Mr. Webb. Help from the Fund was not limited to relief of hardship resulting from sporting activities.

The Draw at the Dinner had raised £46 and the Centre contribution made the total up to £60.

Inter-Centre Team Trial. The Centre would send a team to the Rochdale Area on 15th April and R. Green would be Team Manager.

Centre Golden Jubilee. Special badges would be supplied to the Centre Teams in 1973 and the possibility of a special Sporting or Social event in Jubilee Year was to be considered.

Passenger Awards. It was agreed that in all Centre Championship Events — Grass Track, Scrambles, and Trials, Souvenir Awards be presented to the winning drivers (solo and sidecar) and to any nominated passenger.

Pig Disease. The Kickham Trial on 17th March and the League Trial on 25th February would go on if possible.

Rights of Way. Cecil Telling said that his checks had shown that many rough roads were in danger of being re-graded as footpaths and recommended the immediate formation of an active committee. Several names were put forward as likely members.

In the meantime Clubs were asked to check their local maps to find how they are affected and report back to the Centre.

1973 Centre Dinner. Several venues were considered and a sub-committee appointed to make a booking.

New Dates for Events Postponed by Pig Disease.

Swindon Layton Trophy Timed Trial	10th March
Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. All Trophy Trial	8th April
West Wilts James Cup Trial	13th May

Wilts Border would incorporate their Border Cup Trial in their Novice Trial on 25th March.

Bristol M.C.C. were to organise the International Trophee des Nations on 16th September. Shepton Mallet would therefore be asked to move their Scramble to 2nd September.

Future Meetings at the Porter Butt, Bath.

Competitions Committees	6th March
Board Meeting	13th March.

Club Notes

B.M.C.C.

Our Dinner and Dance at the Royal Hotel was a resounding success with an entry of 116 out of a possible 120. The general feelings were the meal was good, the band was good, the only exception was that the room was a little too hot. Chris Watts walked off with arms full of silverware, on the trials side. Tom Jones walked off piled high with Rally Pots and Richard Jones (son of Tom) walked off with the cup for the most hardworking club member.

Congratulations to all award winners who were there. Rumour has it that Richard has still not got over the compound fracture of his pocket after filling his trophy with alcoholic beverage.

By the time these notes are read our Don Mountstevens trial will be over, I hope. We are sorry that riders were denied the chance of savouring our better sections but under the present circumstances our Comps. Committee thought a trial all in Lamb's Lair was better than no trial at all.

Talking of Lamb's Lair Cavern Farmer Burdge informed us at our dinner-dance that he has had the O.K. from the Ministry of Agriculture to amalgamate his land with the adjoining farm. This means that from the 1st March we have much more land with which to run a trial or in the not too distant future a scramble perhaps.

Advanced diary date, end of August beginning of September, working parties at Dodington, the reason the Trophee Des Nations so make a note and try and get out there if possible.

The names of Dodington and Blampied are synonymous, which leads me finally, to offer congratulations on behalf of all B.M.C.C. members to Ken on his appointment as Centre President for this year.

Future Dates:

21st March Club Film and Side Show 8.00 p.m. Blue Boy, Lockleeze.
28th March. Possibly a talk by Bob Hart. 8.00 p.m. Blue Boy, Lockleeze.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

Firstly, apologies for the 'boobs' that appeared in the B.S.A. Trial results, as "Eccle's" said 'Nobody's perfect.' The protest brought Pat Lamper up one place, in front of Chris Watts, on First Class Awards. Other evident problems, i.e. the last section and the exit from Combe Woods will be rectified in the next event. Thanks to all observers and helpers, your appearances are duly noted by Ron Davey, who has compiled a points system that will count towards the fine Ken Hardacre Trophy, that will be awarded to the best Club member, points wise through the year.

President Vic Keeling was out and about at the B.S.A., in good health after his recent hospital stay, but Vice President, Farmer Marks has had an accident with his tractor at the Beacon and is at the moment in hospital at Bath, suffering from pierced lung and cracked ribs. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Regs. will be in this issue for our next trials date, The Len Sanders Sidecar and Novice Solo Trial. Rob Hamm has volunteered the Secretary job so please get your entries to him before the allotted closing date.

We are offering our help to neighbours, Frome, with the League Trial on February 25th, club members will man six sections at Merehead. Well within easy access from the Frome Clubs Sections.

The coming Dinner in April has been fully booked, so no more enquiries please.

Mike Duncan has been in touch from Canada, the latest toy he's been playing with over there has been a 175cc Yamaha Enduroa. He plans to put screws through the knobblys and try his luck at Ice Racing. Among the remaining machines at his place of work are TZ350 water cooled road racers. Some set up! In his letter he said two scramblers, who were competing in the Wessex Centre events, a few years back, namely Rob Jordan and John Bance, are still riding Moto Cross in Canada, they are based at Toronto.

Back here in the Wessex Centre the Tor Club had a good turn out at the Yarley Motor Cross. John Young went very well, as expected, but had to ease up when the drive side main, started rumbling nastily in the Junior Final. Tony Sugg reckons his yellow stroker goes a lot better with the petrol tap in the 'on' position.

Later on in the year the September Scramble date has been provisionally moved from the 15th to the 2nd, owing to a clash with a National Meeting in the Centre.

NORTH SOMERSET M.S.C.

The Shepton Mallet Trial on January 14th proved to be quite enjoyable Norman Colin being the only award winner. Several of the lads retired to the Mendip Inn after Coombe Wood! Namely Steven Fisher and Tony Hughes.

Our postponed trial ran on the 28th January at Scars Wood, was won by Norman Colin with Alan Evans in close attendance. Terry Phillips, Ivan and Tony Hughes all won first class awards.

Motor Mouse D.G. was busy tuning up the faithful Victor in readiness for the coming season, and Hair Bear Hopkins was the only full blown scrambler to compete. Pop was getting used to his new Sherpa and running it in at the same time. The Skittle Match at the Unionist Club resulted in a draw with Tony Hughes having the highest pin score of 34, next was Jack Ball with 33. We would not like to hesitate a guess as to who had the highest pint score but it was reported that the lads crawled out at 2 a.m. and Easi-start Bracey had to acquire a push backwards as his reverse had done a disappearing act.

At the Tor Scramble Chris Adams made his debut on a 400 Husky but had trouble staying with it to the top of the hill. Perhaps his recent marriage two days before was beginning to tell. Neil Hudson and Colin Marsh were the Club stars with 2nd and 3rd in the Junior race and Merv Adams fell!!! back to 4th in the workers race behind Colin the Bear.

Time Trial 11th February 1973 Scars Woods Trial Class, R.Ward. 36 Scramble Class G.Bowden 99, Novice Class K.Boobyer 102.

The next Time Trial is scheduled on 18th March at Bendalls Row of Ashes Farm, swine disease permitting. Working party 17th March, 1973 at 2.15 p.m.

April 1st League Trial. Please let Ivan have your entries by 16th March. We must offer our congratulations to John and Marion Noble on the birth of a little girl.

Our two pirates Ian and Ivan collected the much advertised 2 ton sloop and we are going to give a certain scribe instructions so that he can tell the difference between a Yacht and a Speedboat.

BRISTOL GRASS RACING COMBINE.

The Club and its members are very quiet this time of year so theres not much to write about. We had our A.G.M. last month and the Committee reported that the Club was running along smoothly and making a profit.

The elected Committee for this year are as follows. President, Bill Winkworth; Chairman, Roger Clarke; Vice-Chairman, Tony Usher; Secretary, Ken (Mr.Grasstrack) Melksham; Treasurer, Dave Jeffries. We also have a schoolboy section Secretary, Melvin Shortman.

Working parties are required for the first grasstrack for Friday and Saturday (23rd and 24th), the Meeting being on the 25th at Beeks Farm, Marshfield (start 1.30 p.m.)

Our 'Grand Slam' Meeting will be on a new course at 'Lyde Green Farm' which is the Downend to Dodington Ash Road, not far from the motorway, so it will be easy to find. This will be on Sunday May 20th at 2.00 p.m. Prize money is high, but do not forget entries on Gazette Forms on as per the centre rule.

When we were a young club with no equipment we had to hire everything to put on our meetings and it was good to know that we could always

be fixed up somehow from other clubs. We are still a young club but our successes have meant that we can buy our own equipment, the latest acquisition being a caravan that is being converted into a lap-scorers caravan. This will be available to any club in the Centre for a nominal fee to cover expenses.

After the experiences of using one of the oil company's caravans we are of course modifying ours to cater for the lap-scorers properly.

I took the family down to watch the scramble at Yarley and although we did arrive after the start I was a little annoyed not to find any programmes for sale, after missing another race walking up and down looking for one someone eventually told me that they had sold out. I noticed that riders were taking notice of the noise restriction, spectators could talk freely during the intervals between races, (the grasstracks are like being in a Church compared to those two-strokes).

For any scramble riders looking for something cheaper, faster and quieter we meet at the Don-John Cross at St.Georges every Thursday night and everyone's welcome.

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WESSEX CENTRE A.C.U. 1923 - 1973.

In 1922, by far the largest clubs of the Western Centre A.C.U. were the Bristol M.C. and L.C.C. and the Bath & West of England Motorcycle Clubs, some 350 joint members. Discontent over the way the Centre was run had been expressed from time to time.

It may have been that matters were brought to a head following the running of an Open One Day Trial under a permit granted to the Western Centre by the A.C.U. The trial starting from near Cheltenham covering some 150 miles to end at Clevedon. The event became an almost complete fiasco following an overnight blizzard with snow blocked roads and obliterated road markings. Few competitors reached Clevedon (Vic Anstice was one) and it was agreed that those that reached the lunch control at Warmley near Bristol should count as finishers.

This, as it turned out, was the last event run by Western Centre taking in South Gloucestershire and Somerset and largely because of the way matters were dealt with, the Bristol and Bath Clubs signified their intention of withdrawing from the Western Centre A.C.U.

Application was then made to the A.C.U. for permission to form a new Centre and when in the fall of 1922 this was granted, "Wessex" was born.

Apart from Bristol and Bath the other founder clubs were Bristol Sports, Kingswood, Devizes, Southwick and Burnham.

Melksham affiliated shortly after and North Wilts some little time later.

Although territorially Wessex was and still is, the smallest Centre in the country, excepting the Isle of Man, terrific enthusiasm more than outweighed any possible area disadvantage.

Schemes and various suggestions for racing and trials events were forthcoming with speed events getting the more attention for in those days events could be held on the roads and hills without too much difficulty.

On the trials side however, was forthcoming an idea for a series of interclub competitions on a league basis and in that way was started the Wessex Centre League Trials.

The very first of these, starting from Newton St.Loe, Bath on March 24th, 1923, over a course of two laps of fifty miles.

Each Centre Club put in a team of four solo and two sidecars — forty two riders in all. No individual awards were given, the winning Club over a series of three events, being awarded the Wessex Centre League Banner.

To make conditions fair to all, riders were split into three classes, A—Expert, B—Average and C—Novice with marks lost being increased by 50% and 25% for A and B riders respectively.

For March, the weather was quite reasonable and novice and experts, at the conclusion of the trial, voted it a great success and one well worth continuing!

Two open national events as follows are planned:—

April 1923 — Six hour speed carnival on the new Avonmouth—Bristol road.

Aug. 1923 — Car and motorcycle racing on Brean Sands run for the Centre by the Burnham Club. A proposed special event of great interest — a race between an aeroplane and a motorcycle.

TOR M.C. & L.C.C.

I think I will start these notes by saying "didn't we do well". The Yarley Moto Cross was a very successful meeting, a beautiful spring day brought a large crowd to this meeting, programmes were sold out, the refreshment vans sold out of pop and hot dogs and the racing was some of the best seen at Yarley. "Badger" and Rob Taylor thrilled the spectators with some very close and fast racing. "Badger" won the first leg of the Moto Cross and Rob won the second leg but it was Rob who was the overall winner and he was presented with the Wood Trophy. Ray Pattemore won both the junior and the workers race and he was presented with the Goss Trophy and a Shell Trophy. In addition to these fine trophies there were extra prizes of Duckhams oil etc. kindly donated by Fowlers of Bristol. Mike Sealey and Paul Stratford were the lucky winners. There was one disappointment though. This was the non appearance of both Vic Allan and Dick Clayton. Apart from this, it was a very good meeting and well worth the gamble with the February weather and the swine fever. Thanks to all who marshalled. The new Tor club bibs looked very smart and it was easy to spot the marshals with these orange bibs on. Thanks also to the workers who prepared the course. Its good to see people who are keen enough to travel quite a few miles to come to these working parties.

We held the first skittle match of the year on Saturday 3rd February at the Crown Inn, Pilton. A good number of club members attended. Skittling was keener than usual, Alan being top scorer for the men and May was the highest lady scorer.

Our next event is the closed to club Dr.Pinniger trial on Sunday, 25th March. The secretary of the meeting is Alan Marsh, 28 Middle Leigh, Street. Please don't leave it to the last minute to enter and make sure that you are a member of the club by renewing your club membership.

Regs. for the Junior Trophy scramble on Saturday 28th April are elsewhere in this gazette. We would like as many entries as possible for this meeting. As well as the usual prize money there will be four or five trophies to be awarded. Details of working parties will be in next month's gazette.

Date of the next club meeting 5th March at the Street Inn 8;0 p.m.

BATH & WEST

The Club's Annual General Meeting has come and gone with the officers remaining much as for 1972, so that these notes will continue to be penned by yours truly. One rather disturbing fact to emerge which really shook me as I drafted the affiliation list was the steady decline in membership.

Before one can try to remedy such a situation, the cause has to be identified. It is well known that riders, due to the ever-increasing costs, are tending to relinquish multiple membership since with the increased P. A. insurance premium for trials and the forthcoming compulsory T.P. insurance, the possible saving over a year is quite small. One of our members for instance formerly held membership of 5 or 6 clubs. He now carries but two membership cards.

This however cannot be the sole and only reason so what is needed is a determined recruiting drive, not by the committee but by each and every one of the members acting on his own initiative to bring along his friends and enrol them.

Generally the Dinner, presentation and dance went off well. The delay at the start was due to problems with the P.A. system and the fact that some would-be diners had not R.S.V.P'd as the ticket requested, so it was a question of seating as and where possible for these few folk. We hope that the meal was enjoyed in spite of all. So once again we have to warn the caterers and bar functionaries as to their future conduct.

As one of the speakers remarked on that occasion it is the farming folk who need one's sympathy and forbearance now as we all hope the dreaded pig plague is waning and especially we hope to be able to run our Spring Cup Trial on the 4th March and that Dave Roberts' first effort as clerk of the Course will be a resounding success, especially with Bernard Edmonds doing the secretarial side of the thing.

After that, don't forget the Kickham on Saturday 17th. Nipper Allen will want all the help he can muster on that day to ensure an event as slickly run off as the Knut was last December.

FOURTH LEAGUE TRIAL OF THE 1972/1973 SERIES, 1st APRIL 1973.

Organised by the Mendip Vale Motor Club on behalf of the Wessex Centre.

Stewards, A.Mellors (Wessex Centre), L.Smith and R.Rutherford (Club.)

Clerk of the Course, R.Burgess.

Secretary of the Meeting, D.Smith, 13 Westbury Crescent, Oldmixon Estate, Weston-Super-Mare.

Machine Examiner, D.Smith.

Start, 10.30 a.m. from the Webbington Country Club Car Park, between Axbridge and Weston-Super-Mare.

Entry Fee, 55 pence. This is increased by 5p from the previous fees to cover the additional rider's P.A. insurance.

**ENTRY FORM FOURTH LEAGUE TRIAL 1972-1973 SERIES.
1st APRIL 1973.**

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)
ADDRESS
PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)
ADDRESS
REGISTERED MEMBER.....CLUB 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 (10th Edition) and the Standing Regulations of the Auto-Cycle's 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, representative 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. Signed Parent/Guardian

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

NOTE

All entries must be made through your Club Secretary and must be made in time for him to get it to the Secretary of the Meeting by Saturday, 24th March 1973. Please note the address of the Secretary of the Meeting.

That is about all for now except that anyone yet to pay for Dinner tickets would probably like to part with their money before V.A.T. becomes liable (see A.C.U. Circular to Clubs.)

MENDIP VALE M.C.C.

First of all this month I would like to thank, on behalf of the Club, Rob Taylor for being guest of honour at our dinner and dance. This year it was once again held at the Commodore, Sand Bay, on February 2nd. It was a great success, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. Thanks go to all the riders who supported the dinner.

Rob Taylor was presented with the Roman Trophy and Replica. Andy White received the Junior Race Trophy, and Mike Mullins the Trophy for the first Mendip Vale member home in the Roman Trophy race. Chris Butler had the Novice Award in the Brockley Cup Trial. Dave Smith received the Elsie Body Memorial Cup. This was for the Club member who had done the most for the Club in the past year.

Dancing was to the disco of the 'Steve Redway Sounds Around'. A very good sound it was too. Thanks Ruby for your arrangement efforts.

Congratulations go to Mike Mullins and Margaret, who, on January 27th took a step nearer the altar and got engaged! About time too Mike!!!

Entries for the Traders Trophy Trial to be held on March 11th, are coming in very quickly. The start is at the Webbington Country Club. The bar will be open for those riders who need a long cool drink. Observers will be urgently required. Would riders try to bring someone who might assist us.

Five of our members went to South Wales for the Blue Lamp Trial. As you probably know the winner was none other than Malcolm Latty. Mind you, they say the car door was too small for him to get through!!!The other four lads had a rough journey home. They all moaned.

Chris Butler has been upgraded to expert in the scrambling world.

On the 8th February we held a Committee Meeting at the Woodborough at Winscombe. It was decided that, the Roman Trophy Sramble will definitely be held. The Club also hope, that with plenty of manpower, they can do alterations to the Course. This should make it far more interesting spectator wise. Also on the Scramble, this year, providing we can get enough riders, we hope to run a 125cc race. Should be quite interesting. The Club decided they should have a Publicity Officer, A P.R.O. they call them. Anyway I was voted into the job. I don't mind in the least, but, I do need to know how things are going on in the Motor cycle world. All you Club member riders bring your 'info' to me, Lorraine Smith, 13 Westbury Crescent, W.S.M.

No information? No Club notes!!! and I mean it!!!

I think that thanks should be given to Wyn and Bill Fisher for all the work they do. They get up at 4 a.m. every day for work, then during their weeks off, they travel for miles delivering uncollected awards to the winners. Then again to collect the perpetual awards back for cleaning and engraving. They ask for nothing, but enjoy doing it. Thank you once again.

TOR MOTOR CYCLE & CAR CLUB.

PERMIT No. M 422

JUNIOR TROPHY SCRAMBLE.

Higher Farm, Wick, Glastonbury, Somerset, on Saturday 28th April. First race 2.30 p.m.
T.C.C. 94

To be held under the A.C.U. standing regulations for scrambles and the following supplementary regulations, open to members of the Wessex Centre, riding solo motor cycles.

1. **OFFICIALS.** Wessex Steward, D.Plaster; Tor Stewards, F.C.Wood, D.Brooks, Clerk of the course, P.James; Scrutineer, P.Culliford; Secretary of the meeting, R.Wood, 4 Portland Road, Street. Te. No. Street 2821.
2. **EVENTS & AWARDS**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1 Club members	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	50p
2 Open 250cc	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	50p
3 Club workers	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	50p
4 350 & over	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	50p
5 Unlimited	£3	£2	£1.50	£1	50p	50p

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of event 1, event 3, event 5.
3. **COURSE.** ¼ mile long over grass land with steep hills & descents.
4. **PRACTISE.** Under control between 1.15 p.m. & 2.15 p.m.
5. **ENTRIES.** Open on 3rd March on GAZETTE forms only with entry fee of £1 and S.A.E. please. Entry fee returnable only if meeting is cancelled.
6. **INSURANCE,** will be paid by the club.
7. **NOISE.** All machines must comply with the control of noise regulations.
8. **ADMISSION.** Free admission to drivers and mechanic only, all others to pay.
9. **TROPHIES.** Trophies will be held for one year, or until next junior meeting.

ENTRY FORM.

JUNIOR TROPHY SCRAMBLE.

TOR M.C. & C.C.

Saturday 28th April, 1973.

DRIVERS NAME

ADDRESS

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE c.c.

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED Riding No. Preferred

INDEMNIFICATION:

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

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

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian

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

The Club decided that tea and coffee should be on sale at closed to club trials, for the riders who want it, and free to observers. They need it too! Also riders will be approached and asked if they will support a raffle for the observers. The draw will take place at the end of the Trial, the number drawn will be the section number, the observer on that section wins.

On March 17th a Jumble Sale will be held at Winscombe. Manpower will be urgently required for the stalls. Those of you who can help or supply jumble please contact Secretary Bob Rutherford, phone Bleadon 813118. Please try and help.

Winterhead Trial. This was held at Shipham on Saturday, 10th February. The raffle for the observers was a great success. All of the riders supported it and thought it a very good idea, after all, no observers, no trial. The raffle was won by Bob Rutherford. Thank you riders for your support. Another success was the tea and coffee sale. The riders seemed very glad of a hot drink and biscuits after their wet ride. Riders were asked to send a stamped addressed envelope with their trial entries. This is for the return of results. If you do this you get your results a day earlier, as the secretary does not have to spend an evening writing envelopes.

Works rider Martin Strang riding a 220cc Cotton, took the premier award, from 'Blue Boy' Malcolm Latty. The course was very tough, wet and muddy. It must have been, 1st man lost 33 marks, last man lost 232 marks.

Results.

1st	Martin Strang.	220	Cotton	33
2nd	Malcolm Latty.	325	Bultaco	63
3rd	Eric Edwards	325	Bultaco	78
4th	Dave Gollicker	250	Bultaco	83
5th	Terry Body	325	Bultaco	88
6th	Pat Lamper	325	Bultaco	98
Novice	Roy Burgess	250	Bultaco	167

and about time too Roy!!!

Unfortunately due to the pig disease we had to cancel our Jane and Jonathan Trial. This we hope will be held later in the year.

March Programme

1st	Committee Meeting 8 p.m. Woodborough
8th	Skittles
11th	Traders Trophy - Webbington
17th	Jumble Sale - Winscombe
April 1	League Trial - Webbington

Don't forget to bring observers for the Traders Trophy and League Trial!

Congratulations to Chris and Christine Bruford, who are announcing their new arrival. A son, born 10th February, 7lb 14oz. He ought to be called 'Winterhead'. The Club hope you will all be very happy together.

SALUTATION TROPHY NOVICES TRIAL.
Sunday March 25th 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. Stewards, Wessex Centre, M.Ayres; Club P.Crook; Clerk of the Course, J.Lovelock; Machine Examiner, E.Parker; Secretary of the Meeting, Mrs.J.Lovelock, 88 Bristol Road, Chippenham.
2. ENTRIES. To the Secretary of the Meeting to arrive not later than Tuesday 20th March 1973 together with the fee of 50p. 40p for paid up Club members.
3. AWARDS. Salutation Trophy for the best performance of the day.
 Paget Cup for the next best performance.
 Witt Cup for the best performance by a Club member.
 All named cups to be held for one year. Replica to be retained.
 FIRST Class awards to the next best 15% of finishers.
4. A Novice is a "B" or "C" rider in Wessex Centre League trials.
5. START. The Salutation Inn on the B4039 near Castle Combe.
6. COURSE, will be a sporting course of one lap approx. 20 miles.
7. SPECIAL TEST. The greatest number of Cleans if still a tie then the farthest round clean.
8. PROTESTS in accordance with G.C.R's of the A.C.U.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This trial is being run in conjunction with The Border Cup Trial postponed on the 11th February 1973 owing to Swine Fever Restrictions (February Gazette). Drivers (B or C) may enter one or both events. If they enter both events the Fee will be 75p for both events, club members 65p.

ENTRY FORM

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

SUNDAY 25th MARCH 1973.

SALUTATION TROPHY NOVICES TRIAL.

DRIVERS NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBERClub. Novice Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLE c.c.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

INDEMNIFICATION

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I declare that I am over 18 years of age. Date

SignedDriver. Signed Parent/Guardian.

KINGSWOOD M.C.C.

Firstly, like many other Clubs we apologise to all the riders for the lack of sport on 4th February. I am of course referring to our Ken Avery Trophy Trial. The Organisers put in a lot of work towards the event but in view of the possible risk of spreading the dreaded pig disease, we had no alternative but to postpone to a later date and hoping that the troubles of our farmer friends will be over by the time this is in print.

A number of the club's riders have been gaining experience of the Welsh events this past month. I remember seeing Hon.Sec. Fear in the awards and in another Trial over there Colin (Noddy) Noad was well placed in winners list. Our Roger Hands got the Novice Award in Cheltenham Home Grand Trial, and I see that Alex Livingstone headed the 1st Class Awards in the Gloucester and Cotswold Trial .

Mike Church has a twenty-first birthday about now, I am not sure of the exact date, but I know you will all join with me in wishing him all the best for the future. These wishes are extended to Mike's sister Angela, who, I guess, is celebrating her 'coming of age' at the same party.

Talking of parties our Presentation Dinner Dance is on March 16th. Tickets are limited so contact Mike Fear now to avoid disappointment.

Club meetings at Queens Head, Willsbridge on 14th and 28th March. We had to skip a week owing to a clash with another organisation who occasionally have prior claims.

T.T.

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

Having made the effort last month I must try and keep up the good work. As forecast, we now have a new chairman, and we wish Les Dowell all the best. It's a hard job at times to keep us under control but I am sure he will do as Trevor has over the past 10 years. His very best. Other club officials stay as last year, and club meetings at the Blue Boar, Frome, every other Thursday starting at around 8 p.m. and we shall be pleased to see any one of you able to attend. Must remind you that your Club subs are now overdue. 75p to Jim.

At last we have won a skittles match, sorry Shepton but you will have a chance for your revenge at a later date. Things really are happening and the most surprising is that Pat Chubb making a come back. One of the Bow & Arrow Brigade Pat travelled down to Cornwall with Pete Tizzard for a closed to club event. I'm not sure if this is a serious return to trials, or a challenge to ex club member Roger Painter on who went farthest to a Closed to Club trial.

Our own Rob Taylor has hit top form right at the start of the season, keep it up Rob could be your best year yet. Pete Tizzard has taken delivery of a CCM, lets hope this means that we shall see and hear the sound of Four Stroke Machines a little more in the future. One other Scrambles rider having a busy time is Club member Roger Dunford. A real keen type he was married on February 3rd, the day before the Tor scramble. The honeymoon was delayed so that he could ride and need I say he did not seem to be on his

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB.

LEN SANDERS MEMORIAL TROPHY TRIAL.

Sunday 8th April, 1973.

Permit No.
M419

A star trial counting towards the Wessex Centre Sidecar Championship. Restricted to members of clubs in the Wessex Centre driving side cars and limited to 40 novice solo's. Held under G.C.R's of the A.C.U. (10th edition).

1. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES. Paid up Shepton Mallet sidecars 50p, others 60p.
" " " solo's 40p. " 50p.

On Gazette entry forms with correct fee which will only be returned if the event is cancelled. Cheques/P.O's payable to the Shepton Mallet Motor Club Closing dates Solo's March 16th, Sidecars March 30th, minimum of 6 entries required to run class. Personal accident of 10p per driver/passenger paid by club.

2. AWARDS. The Len Sanders Trophy and Souvenir award. Best S/C
Runner up Award Next best S/C
Novice Award - Best S/C who has not previously won any award in any O.T.C. trial.
First Class Awards to 10% finishers.
Solo's Award to winner.
10% First Class awards to finishers.

3. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, R.Green; Club Stewards, T.Sugg and T.King; Secretary of meeting, Rob Hamm, Southfield, Charlton Adam, Nr.Somerton; Clerk of the Course, Ron Davey; Machine Examiner, V.O.Keeling.

4. START. Between the Beacon and the Waggon and Horses near Shepton Mallet. First man away 10.30, others at 1/2 min. intervals.

5. COURSE. Will be of a sporting nature of approx. 15 miles.

6. MARKING. Solo's 0-1-3-5. Sidecars to A.C.U. rules.

7. TIES. Resolved - Furthest Clean followed by most Cleans.

8. NOVICE SOLO to be "C" class drivers only.

9. Please send addressed envelope for reply.

SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB.

Len Sanders Trophy Trial

Sunday 8th April, 1973.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBER	CLUB	NOVICE	Yes/No
MAKE OF MOTOR-CYCLE	c.c.	Solo/Sidecar	
ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED	Total		

INDEMNIFICATION:

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

Signed Driver Signed Parent/Guardian.

Signed Passenger.

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

usual form. Not sure if he was saving his energy, or if he was just taking things easy. We did enjoy the drink Roger, and may we wish you both every happiness for the future.

Sidecar entries are coming in well for the Easter Monday Scramble, and working parties will be held every Sunday from now until the day. Finally, may I welcome all new club members and with luck we may be able to run a Junior Scramble later on in the year. Club nights 1st, 15th, 29th March. See you there.

SWINDON & DISTRICT M.C.C.

Our AGM was held in January with very few changes in the line-up. We elevated Bob Webb to a Vice-President and his place on the Committee was filled by Alan Ryder. The Secretary still lives at 7, Glevum Close, Purton, and Roy Wheeler, the Social Secretary can be found at 5a, Greatfield, Wootton Bassett.

Roy's first event this year is a visit to Arkell's Brewery which should attract a good attendance. He is also anxious to hear from his opposite numbers in other clubs in order to arrange social fixtures.

To all old members and prospective new members, may we remind you that subs are now due and that we have had to increase them to 75p. this year. Some members have found the advantage of paying up before the AGM.

As you will have seen in the Press, we unfortunately had to postpone the Layton from January 28th until March 10th. We decided to make this decision in view of the large number of pigs in the Baydon area. Although not an infected area it was thought that to have riders coming from away and possibly from infected areas we might have been held responsible for any subsequent outbreak at Baydon or Aldbourne. We have rearranged the event for a Saturday, the first time that we have run in the afternoon so we may be short of Observers. If anyone could come along on that day you will be most welcome if you can get there by about 2.30.

A few of our scramblers have been out and about, the first meeting at Tor last month saw Ked Ferris blow up his motor after half a lap of practice, Steve Fitchett have his first ride as an expert and Paul Stratford. Paul was the only one to show a profit when he collected a gallon of oil for riding the second Ajay home in the Junior Final.

Also in the awards, Alan Ryder who won the W.G. Fear Cup in the Gloucester & Cotswold Timed Trial.

MINETY VALE

I must apologise for the lack of notes over the last few months but we have all been rather busy. We have been doing a bit of checking up on the green lanes in our areas with some rather alarming results. This is going to involve Cecil Telling in a bit of homework digging up evidence of use of these lanes so that we have a good case to argue against. I would like to think that

MENDIP SCRAMBLE

Shepton Mallet Motor Club.

Warminster Farm, North Wootton, Nr. Wells, Somerset.

Sunday May 6th 1973 at 2 p.m.

T.C.C. 72/754 "B"

Permit No.
M 412.

To be held under the G.C.R's of the A.C.U. the standing regulations of the A.C.U. for scrambles, together with the following regulations. Open to members of the Wessex Centre riding solo motorcycles.

1. OFFICIALS. Centre Steward, K.Blampied; Club Stewards, J.Catley, V.O.Keeling; Clerk of the Course, Dave Male; Judge, Ron Davey; Secretary of Meeting, Mrs. Anne Brittain, End Cottage, Torbay Road, Castle Cary, Somerset, Phone Castle Cary 696.

2. EVENTS.
1. Junior 250
 2. Junior over 250.
 3. Expert over 300
 4. Expert 250 & Junior 250 from event 1.
 5. Expert over 300 & Juniors over 250 from event 2.
 6. Unlimited.
 7. Club members & 4 strokes only.

3. PRIZE MONEY.

Events 1, 2 7	£3	2.50	£2	£1.50	£1	75p	50p	50p
Events 3, 4, 5	£10	£6	£4	£3	£2	£1		
Event 6	£12	£7	£5	£4	£3	£2	£1	£1

4. ENTRIES. Must be made on the attached form and sent with fee £1 and a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary of Meeting. Closing Date April 6th.
5. PRACTICE. 12 noon to 1 p.m. All drivers must complete at least one lap.
6. NOISE. All machines must be silenced as per Standing Regulations.
7. RESTRICTION. Juniors will be limited to one capacity only.
8. COURSE. Approx. 1 mile. Signposted from the WELLS to SHEPTON ROAD and from the SHEPTON to GLASTONBURY ROAD.
9. ADMISSION. Free to Driver and mechanic only. All others to pay.

ENTRY FORM SHEPTON MALLET MOTOR CLUB.

Mendip Scramble.

Sunday 6th May.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE c.c.

REGISTERED MEMBER CLUB Expert/Junior

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED Riding No. preferred

INDEMNIFICATION

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

Signed Driver. Signed Parent/Guardian.

all clubs in the centre are checking up in their own areas. We have seen proof in Malmesbury R.D.C. offices that it does pay to keep using the lanes because written on our area map is a note saying that the route of this lane was defined by the Minety Vale Motor Club so this gives a lot of encouragement in that what motor cyclers say does not always fall on stoney ground.

At the centre A.G.M. we were reminded by Cliff King that it is the 50th year of the centre. This was a fact that nobody else seemed to be aware of. Well not only is it the centre's 50 years, it is also Minety Vale's 25 years. We are hoping to make it a special year to remember.

Starting with our Annual Dinner, this year we shall be holding it a bit later. It will be on April 12th at the Blunsdon House Hotel. The reason for being a month late is the shortage of sugar, our chairman is having to go out to Barbados and Trinidad to bring some back and our club President will be in America during March. So don't forget if you want an evening to remember its Thursday April 12th.

A date a little nearer is Sunday 18th March, also at Blunsdon, but this time its a Webb Trophy Trial which will start from the Swindon Speedway Stadium — already we have a star entry.

Lawrence Telling is one of the lucky 130 entries which were drawn out of the churn in the ballot for the Scottish along with Brian Shuttleworth. It seems that the Wessex Centre is not the only one with rising entries. I think that the time has come for a qualifying standard to be set for this event. The standard of some people's machines and physical fitness always leaves something to be desired getting very close to endangering their lives through exhaustion and exposure if the Rannock Moor and Blackwater areas are in a wet condition. There are always 20 — 30 riders who treat the event very casually and ride just to say that they have ridden in the Scottish. If some sort of grading could be devised this would be for the good of the events.

Future dates to remember:—

March 18th Webb Trophy Trial. O.T.C.

April 8th C.T.C. Trial

April 12th 25th Annual Dinner.

Monthly Mutterings by Mick Perry

Moto-X. The season got off to a fine start with some exciting racing at the TOR clubs meeting at Yarley early last month. Although Rob Taylor and Bryan Goss dominated the meeting there were dogged scraps for the minor positions right down through the field and I overheard one spectator say that he wouldn't mind paying VAT if every Wessex centre meeting this season was going to be as interesting as this. It was rather disappointing that Vic Allan and Dick Clayton didn't turn up. Vic's transporter developed engine trouble on the M4 near Swindon and one assumes that Dick spent the week end guarding his fillet steaks in the cellar of his butcher's shop in Wigan.

I did hear that the two British champions were interested in the meeting but they valued themselves so highly these days.

Conditions were almost ideal and I hope that the TOR Club now have

BRISTOL GRASS RACING COMBINE.

Permit No. M424

B.G.R.C. present a Restricted to Centre Grass Track Event on Sunday, 20th May 1973 at 2.00 p.m. to be held at LYDE GREEN FARM, Pucklechurch. Signposted on Downend to Dodington Ash Road near B.4465 and OFF M4 at Junction 18.

Restricted to members of the Wessex Centre, driving solo and sidecar machines. Held under the G.C.R's and standing regulations of the A.C.U. together with these supplementary regulations.

1. OFFICIALS. Stewards, Wessex Centre, J.O'Keefe, Club, Mr.D.Jefferies, Mr.M. Shortman; Secretary of the Meeting, Mr.K.Melksham, 7 Hilltop View, St.George, Bristol BS5 81Q.
2. ENTRIES. FEES. Solo £1.00. Sidecar £1.50.
Note: STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE PLEASE.
Entries close 1st May, 1973. Drivers and passenger third party and all Competitors personal accident insurance will be paid by the promoting club.
3. EVENTS. Solo. Sidecar.

1. Up to 250cc	6. Sidecar Junior
2. Up to 350cc	7. Sidecar Expert
3. 350cc - Unlimited	8. Sidecar Open
4. 400cc - Unlimited	
5. Fastest Twelve	
4. AWARDS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Events 1, 2 and 6.	£7.00	£5.00	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Events 3, 4 and 5.	£12.00	£8.00	£6.00	£3.00	£1.00
Events 7 and 8.	£14.00	£10.00	£6.00	£4.00	£2.00
5. PRACTICE. Between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. All drivers must complete 2 laps.
6. COURSE. Flat Grassland approx. 550 yards. Solo Anti-clockwise. Sidecar clockwise with right and left hand turns.
7. START. Mechanical gate - Clutch start.

BRISTOL GRASS RACING COMBINE

20th May 1973.

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this meeting and agree to be bound by them and the general competition rules 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 this meeting) and their officials, representatives, servants and agents and each and every one of them from and against all actions, costs, expense claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself or 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 or negligence of the said bodies, officials, servants or agents.

NAME AND ADDRESS
(block letters)

PASSENGERS NAMEMACHINE.....CLUB.....

SOLO/SIDECAR.....EXPERT/NOVICE.....Riding No. Pref.....

PLEASE ENTER ME FOR EVENTS NO. DATE

SIGNED.....

Parent or Guardian must countersign if the driver is under 18 years of age.

REGS. FEE SIGNED

serious thoughts about running a winter series in the not too distant future.

Two new trophies were presented to the club by Bryan Goss and Fred Wood (Richard's Dad) who prefers to be called Roger, later in the day he had the pleasure of presenting his gift to the club to Rob Taylor whilst Ray Pattermore won "Badgers" trophy being the best junior of the day. Second best junior of the day was young Neil Hudson who was riding in his first senior meeting. A former schoolboy champion, he led the junior final in the early stages and he might well have landed a win but for a momentary spill in the penultimate lap. Some time ago in a parish magazine I tipped Neil as a future British champion and I could yet be correct. It isn't often that you meet grass racer Peter Robson at a scramble but he turned up to see Neil ride and it cost him a couple of quid as he reckoned that Neil wouldn't finish in the first six in the Junior race but he was wrong and he duly paid up although it was all in one pence pieces.

Owing to their forthcoming International commitments the Bristol club will not be running their scramble scheduled for 8th April. Although the club viewed land at Clutton in the hope of gaining a secondary course the terrain proved to be unsuitable.

Will the 125's gain favour? Certainly in some quarters there is already a high degree of enthusiasm being shown for the clockwork mice and the Gloucester and Cotswold club have already announced that there will be races for them in the National Cotswold scramble. The Mendip Vale club are considering dropping the four stroke machine class at their Roman trophy scramble on August Monday in favour of 125's but support for the meeting has to be warranted first and would be competitors are asked to contact the secretary of the meeting Dave Smith as soon as possible so that the club can consider their future programme of events. His address is 13, Westbury Crescent, Oldmixon Estate, Weston-Super-Mare.

The ACU are asking organisers of National meetings to consider running 125cc races. My opinion - most scramble programmes are already long enough, some are even too long for the average spectator and for the present I feel that the 125 should go in long with the two-fifties as a separate race until there are enough of them to make an interesting event. Going back, say fifteen years or so the then called ultra lightweight races were dominated by Dot's, Francis Barnetts, and James. On some of the steeper course then. Rollswold farm for instance, some riders had to foot up some of the hills to keep going. It is a far different story these days, the modern Maico's Zundapps, and Montesa's are almost as quick as some 250's - and almost as dear. My first trials Bantam cost me £86 1s. 7d. on the road. Today the baby Montesa costs nearly four times as much. Oh yes it's a far better bike than the Bantam but how many 17 year olds today can afford to buy a bike outright without the help of Hire Purchase; and I believe that the fact that his mount is 'on the book' could have a psycholological effect on a promising rider. Does he have this problem on his mind when tackling a rocky section in a trial? This could be so and is he the type of rider who is advocating for trials machines fitted with road tyres? We must cater for him by having more standard machine events but as for going back to road tyres for the normal trial as most of us know it I must echo Gordon Farley's sentiments in "Motor Cycle" recently - don't be B daft.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD. PERMIT No. M 427
 Supplementary Regulations for a Scramble Practice Meeting held under the G.C.Rs of
 the A.C.U. T.C.C. 683

at **DYRHAM PARK GLOUCESTERSHIRE**
 on **SATURDAY, 14th APRIL 1973** at 14.00 hrs.
 Venue: Map Ref. 156 E745 N765 (1 mile south of M4 on A46)

1. OFFICIALS. Wessex Centre Steward, H.Ayres, B.M.C. & L.C.C. Stewards, A. Jones and H.Fitz-Gould, Scrutineers, G.A.Ford and D.Eddols, 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 A.C.U.
3. ENTRIES. B.M.C. & L.C.C. Members 50p. Others, solos and three wheelers £1.10 (to defray administration costs), c/w S.A.E. to the Secretary. Entries close 4th April 1973.
4. PRACTICE. Under control between 14.00-17.00 hrs.
5. INSURANCE PREMIUMS will be paid by the club.
6. All machines must comply with control of noise regulations.
7. COURSE. Approx 1 mile.
 PRACTICE PERIODS. Will be controlled to 35 drivers per session (no driver to take part in more than 8 session) and is open to all persons riding solo motor cycles or threewheelers on completion of entry form (Limited to 70 entries and 35 three-wheelers).
8. AWARDS. Will be offered to winners of each practice session.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD. PERMIT No. M 427
SCRAMBLE PRACTICE. Saturday, 14th April, 1973.

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

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters) **M. J. CAMDEN**
 ADDRESS **4, OVERTOWN HILL, WROUGHTON, SWINDON, WILTS.**
 PASSENGER'S NAME (block letters) **R. MARCHANT**
 ADDRESS **9, CASTLE VIEW RD, CHISELDON, SWINDON, WILTS.**
 DRIVER'S NORMAL COMPETING NUMBER
 REGISTERED MEMBER OF **SWINDON M.C.** Club (if any)
 MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE **WASP 750** Solo/Sidecar/Scrambler
 EVENTS ENTERED Export/non-Expert
 ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

INDEMNIFICATION

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Signed *M. J. Camden* Driver
 Signed Parent/Guardian
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Trials. If this confounded pig disease continues there are certainly going to be some very crowded centre and National calendars. Here we are with two months of the year already gone and now one British championship round has taken place. The Southern centre were all set to lift their total ban on the 15th February, but an outbreak at Fareham on the 13th changed their minds for another 15 days. I really cannot see the point of administering a total ban and their actions seem to suggest that the centre does not have much faith in its club officials. The Blackmore Vale clubs Nelson Cruse trial has been cancelled and not postponed.

As I predicted recently Martin Strang has taken the offer of the 220 Cotton formerly piloted by Devonian John Lockett and he won his first event on his new mount by thirty marks. Better watch out Parky.

Pat Lampers protest about his marking in the Shepton Mallet Clubs BSA trial has been upheld and he now moves up one place from fourth to third. His actions pushed Chris Watts down to third place in the Championships. With 15½ points he has one less than Lawrence Telling in second place. Parky is still up front with 34.

Grass track. After this season it is possible that the centre solo and sidecar championships will be decided over a number of meetings and not just one as at present, and sidecar passengers will at last receive recognition for their services in the form of silverware. About time too for in many events the passenger is 51% of the winning combination. Just imagine Pete Robson without Dave Hopes in a National round or Geoff Rawlings without Roger Oxenham. Excellent drivers as they undoubtedly are they wouldn't be as successful with an unknown in the chair. By the way Geoff had his Ford Transit van pinched from outside a friend's (female) house in Frogmore Street, Bristol, recently. It's registration number is UNW 874 H. If you see it about tell your local bobby. The Bristol Grass racing combine are putting on races for schoolboys at some of their meetings this year, so if you want to get your lad entered up the man to have a word with is Ken Melksham, 7 Hilltop View, St. George, Bristol.

They start young these days. Recently my wife complained that most of the rocks from the rockery were missing. A quick look around the immediate area in the half daylight left the mystery unsolved. The next day, a Saturday, my six year old was up at crack of dawn. My wife watched as he hurried into the garage and got out his three wheeler, after donning my crash helmet complete with goggles he rode to the far end of the garden where he had built a recognisable section with the missing rocks, later he added mud to make a little variety. He wouldn't part with the rocks but at least we do have a little more peace and quiet, and a few bent wheels, but now I'm looking for an early trials Bantam at a competitive price.

I am still reeling from the untimely verbal attack directed at me by Roger Clarke in the BGRC notes of last month. At several recent meetings I have been besieged with people telling me that they were his views and not the views of the club and they should have been sent to the editor as a letter and duly signed. (This matter is now closed - Editor).

Late News. The West of England club are running the Western round of the Bulmers sponsored Strongbow scrambles championship on their Thorns Cross course near Newton Abbott on Easter Monday. Regulations will be in

the March issue of the South Western centre gazette and open to members of clubs in the Wessex, South Western, Southern and Cornwall centres but the competition is not open to riders who hold an International licence. A pity that the event clashes with the Frome clubs scramble at Leighton, and the Basingstoke clubs regional restricted event on the same day as all three are now bound to suffer to a certain extent.

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD. PERMIT NO. 428
 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 15th April at 13.30 hrs.
 Venue: Map Ref. 156 E745 N765 (1 mile south of M4 on A46)

1. OFFICIALS. Wessex Centre Steward: K.Lywood, B.M.D & 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 any of the centres mentioned above.
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 April 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.

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| 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.

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

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SCRAMBLE 15th APRIL ENTRY FORM entry

NAME (block letters please)

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DRIVER'S NORMAL COMPETING NUMBER

REGISTERED MEMBER OFClub

EVENTS ENTERED Expert/non-Expert

MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE Solo/Sidecar/Scramble

ENTRY FEEenclosed 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.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I would like, on behalf of schoolboy scrambling to try and put things to rights regarding the Club notes from the Bath & West of England M.C.

Firstly, the writer does not seem to have attended any schoolboy scrambles (not Corsham anyway), or he would have seen for himself the keen competition there is in this sport.

Secondly, whilst I agree with him that the cost of schoolboy scrambling has gone up in recent years, surely this applies to Senior Scrambling also. Most families that are members of our club, regard this as their sole hobby and recreation, and make great sacrifices so as to be able to take part in the sport. In fact most people say and most of our members are the average working class, they are proud to make these sacrifices. May I add it is mostly the average working class members that have the exotic machinery.

Thirdly, May I say, I have yet to see a lad become disenchanted with the sport, even though he is only one of the also rans, and as for a decline in membership, with respect, before putting pen to paper, the Bath member should get his facts right. Our membership increased 15% last year and this year I would say it is even greater.

Point No.4. If our writer does get any more enquiries about our sport perhaps he would like to pass them on to me. I would be able to reply truthfully and tell any would be new member that he can start schoolboy scrambling without having to dig too deep into his pocket. We all started this way, with many a cold night out in the garage repairing or tuning etc. But the most important point here is that anyone who is only just starting scrambling, must expect to be in the also rans surely, you just don't jump into the fore with the so called favourable few at your first season. Ask any Corsham member about Schoolboy scrambling and I'm sure our writer will change his mind.

Finally, if our friend cannot find anything to fill a small space about his own club, please don't knock schoolboy scrambling.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon F. Davis.
Chairman Corsham Club.

FUTURE EVENTS

March

- 4 Bath Spring Cup Trial O
- 11 Mendip Vale Trader's Trophy Trial O *
- 17 KICKHAM TRIAL NATIONAL, Jolly Collier, Camerton.
- 18 Minety Vale Webb Trophy Trial O
North Somerset Timed Trial C
- 25 Wilts Border Border Cup Trial O * and Novice Trial O
Bristol Grass Racing Combine G.T.C. at Beeks Farm, Marshfield.
Tor Trial C
- 31 Bristol M.C. & L.C.C. GRAND CUP TRIAL RR

April

- 1 LEAGUE TRIAL. Fourth and last of the 1972-1973 Series. Mendip Vale O start Webbington.
- 8 Shepton Mallet LEN SANDERS SIDECAR TRIAL * and
Novice Solo Trial O.
Kingswood Trial C
Minety Vale Trial C

BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE & LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD.

Grand Cup Trial

Saturday 31st March 1973 at 1 4.00 hrs.

Permit No. M 423.

Supplementary Regulations for this Regional Restricted Trial is open to Solo motor-cycles only being members of clubs affiliated to the following centres of the A.C.U. Wessex.....East South Wales.....Western.

1. OFFICIALS. Stewards of the Meeting. Centre R.A.Green, Club R.L.Newman, Club Angela Cartwright, Scrutineer F.E.B.Fellows, Clerk of the course A.W.Cullimore, Asst. Clerk of the course A.B.Rogers, Secretary of the meeting Barbara Cullimore, Tel. Bristol 291041 Ext. 204 (day) Bristol 560908 after 6 p.m. Entry secretary Lois Porter, Honey Hall Lodge, Congresbury, Somerset. Tel.Churchill 230.
2. AWARDS.
 - (a) Best performance Basil Barber Cup
 - (b) Second Best performance Catherine Hicks Cup
 - (c) Third " " Woodberry Chilcott Cup
 - (d) Fourth " " Bristol Cup
 - (e) Awards will be given to the next 10% of starters.
 - (f) Best performance by a member of each centre providing 5 or more entries are recd.
 - (g) " " " " " " the promoting club " " " " "
 - (h) " " " " Centre team (see Rule 5) " 3 " " " "
 - (i) " " " " Club " " " " " 3 " " " "

Except for classes f, g, h, i, no drivers may win more than one award. All awards are for permanent retention with the exception of A. B. C. D. which will be presented at the Clubs dinner and dance March 1974 and held for 11 months or until asked for by the Club.

3. ENTRIES. Must be made on the official form supplied, properly completed and sent to ENTRY SECRETARY with the correct fee being Members of the B.M.C. & L.C.C. 50p, other drivers 75p, club teams (3 members) no charge (entries close ½ hr. before the start). Centre teams (3 members) no charge, (entries close ½ hr. before the start).
Entries close the evening the evening of Saturday 24th March.

No driver may be a member of more than one club or centre team.

THE EVENT WILL ONLY BE RUN IF AT LEAST 60 ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED.

Entry fees will include 10p for personal accident insurance of competitors which will be paid by the organiser and V.A.T. as applicable.

4. **START.**Charterhouse Country Club, Charterhouse-on-Mendip, Blagdon, Somerset, on the B3134 5 miles E.S.E. of junction A38/A368 Map Ref: 165 514559
Petrol, washing facilities and food available.
Competitors will start at one minute intervals the first driver 14.01 hrs. The start will be a time check.
Numbers will be supplied, the failure to return same to organisers will incur a fine of £1.
5. **COURSE.** Will be approximately 40 miles long. The event will close at 19.00 hrs. and no competitor will be recorded after this time.
6. **PENALTIES.** Competitors will be penalised as follows:— Touching once, 1 mark, touching twice 2 marks; touching more than twice 3 marks, failure to maintain forward progress 5 marks. For each minute late at the start 1 mark.

ENTRY FORM
BRISTOL MOTOR CYCLE AND LIGHT CAR CLUB GRAND CUP TRIAL
31st March

Saturday, 31st March 1973.

DRIVER'S NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

REGISTERED MEMBERClub. **NOVICE** Yes/No

MAKE OF MOTOR CYCLESolo c.c.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED

INDEMNIFICATION:

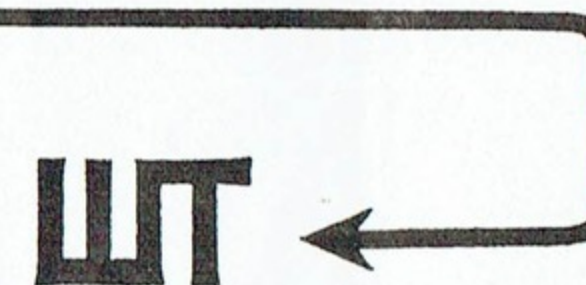
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I declare that I am over 16 years of age.

Date Signed Driver.

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