

MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NEWS SHEET
(June 1965)

MEMBER OF THE CHESHIRE CENTRE OF THE A.C.U.

COMMITTEE MEETING June 2nd. 1965.

MEMBERS PRESENT W. Earlam, F. Leaver, J. Roberts, B. Parkes,
F. Turner, J. Bell, D. Abrahams, M. Chambers,
P. Attwood.

APOLOGIES V. Higgins.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING Dinner Dance December 10th. at the 'Ravenoak'
confirmed - but acknowledgement not received.

TREASURERS REPORT Cash in hand now £1111.

NEW MEMBERS None.

SUBSCRIPTIONS A number of members have not yet paid their
subscriptions - a list has been prepared and
displayed in the Clubroom.

BOARD REPORT Extracts read.

TRAINING SCHEME Test took place on May 30th. 24 passed; 2 failed.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PROGRAMME Treasure hunt to be organised.

SCRAMBLE July 18th. St. Johns, Caterers, Public Address contacted,
permit obtained and regs arranged. Poster
arranged but not collected. Posts arranged but
not collected. F. Turner to try and obtain more
rope. Programme to be arranged by P. Attwood.
Police not yet notified. F. Leaver to contact
Manchester Comet for support on the Programme.

SCRAMBLE Aug. 15th. Regs to be prepared and distributed at the July
18th. scramble.

- NEXT MEETING - July 7th. 1965 -

When I was first asked to take on the job of compiling a news-sheet, I was told that what was really needed was a regular news-sheet rather than a lengthy one. So my aim is to publish a news-sheet every two months regularly. I would like to have brought one out on the 1st. of every month, but to do this I would have to give up my job, and although I have not checked with our Treasurer I don't think the club can afford a £1,000 a year news-sheet Editor (plus a car of course). So one every two months it is.

The next thing I had to think about was, what form it is going to take. It will be what the name suggests i.e., a sheet consisting of 90% news. Already I have had many suggestions, which is very encouraging, as it shows there is a lot of interest in this sort of publication.

One of the best suggestions I have received, is for a regular 'Sports Sheet'. At first I thought that this would only be doing what the 'Motor Cycle Press' was already doing, but on giving the matter more thought I realised that what we could do and what the general motor cycle press was not doing - was to concentrate on the local riders, and so I intend to divide the sports section into four- Road racing, Scrambling, Speedway & Trials, and I want a paragraph on each sport in each news-sheet.

Therefore if anyone would like to write a paragraph or article on cross-track racing, sprints, road racing, motor-bike or hill climbs etc., it will of course be very acceptable.

Finally on this subject, please let me know of anything interesting you do, or better still write a paragraph about it. Don't be shy, some of us are literary geni.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Geoff Bibby and Len Morten, who both gained their majority recently.

And talking of Geoff, I thought that after his unfortunate accident we had had our share of bad luck, but a certain member of the club had other ideas - I set of course talking a bit about that well known Ajax and VICENT owner Moses. The accident happened at College; after racing down a flight of stairs he reached the bottom step - lost his head and kept into oblivion from the dizzy height of 7". The result was a broken bone in the foot, which should keep him out of mischief for a few weeks. (Hard Luck Dave!)

The storek paid a visit on Harriel & Arthur Marsland recently, many congratulations to you both, is he a member of the club yet???

The above mentioned clock has been over-worked recently as I, also visited the Knox-Burners, bringing them a brand new bouncing Atlas and chair.

A few people, myself included, are rather disappointed the way the club runs seem to have got into a rut, and I think this is one thing that needs rectifying right now. Perhaps we over did it a little last year, anyway I suggest we organise one club run per month, and let a different person or club take care, so that we get plenty of variety. I think the optimum attendance for a full day run is 200 - 250 riders. This mileage takes in the Lakes, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, most of the Midlands counties and many resorts of the West coast of England and the North coast of Wales. I think of scope here I would say.

It was very nice to see you & large and enthusiastic working party up at Shegoff Farm on Whit Sunday. I didn't count but I would say there were well over twenty helpers. A bit different to last year - when there were the regular half a dozen every time. Talking about the working party, I'd like to see the most important event on our calendar - THE SCRAMBLE. Scrambles are always important to a club of our size, because of the size of the outlay and the big gamble involved, but this one on July 19th. is crucial. WE HAVE MADE A MISTAKE! The last one we held last year was a disaster, rarely we cannot have luck like that again!! We cannot control the elements but what we can do is to make sure that as many people as possible know all about the scramble and this is where you can help. We need a walking party to distribute hand-bills, knock on doors. I think a large proportion of the success or failure of this Scramble depends on how many volunteers we get and how big an area we cover. So it's up to all of us.

Dave Heinz.

5 Club members and I club dog had an enjoyable day at Hawksone Park recently, even though the racing wasn't up to much, and it is thought that now apparently everybody has a bike of reasonable size, club runs can be organised to the major events - what say ye? Also The Lakes, Wales etc., last years efforts in this line were quite a success - lets have more.

Bruno Lawson

In closing may I again appeal to everyone to have a go and see if you can write an article on anything of interest - you might shock yourself.

D. Heinz.