

OCTOBER 17TH - ROCKET RUN

(18 Starters)

<u>TRIAL POSITION</u>		<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	John Roberts	Car	20
2	Dave Nurse	Suzuki	29
3	Alan Kempster	Honda	28
4	Paul Sandbach	Triumph	27
5	Dave Rowland	Triumph	26
6	Chris Bowden	Triumph	25
7	Brian Moores	Norton	24
8	Dave Abrahams	Vincent	23
9	Keith Rhodes	Car	12
10	Pete Pownall	Honda	21
NF.	Martin Goodstadt	B.S.A.	10
NF.	Pat Brassington	Car	5
NF.	Robert Hankinson	Car	5
NF.	Neville Hankinson	Car	5
NF.	John Yates	B.S.A.	10
NF.	Dennis Rourke	Car	5
NF.	Len Morton	Triumph	10
NF.	Wilf Oates	Car	5
Organiser	Dave Lawson	B.S.A.	20

PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL CUP

TABLE AT 18TH OCTOBER, 1969

<u>POSITION.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
1	Dave Abrahams	Vincent	77	3
2	Dave Lawson	B.S.A.	76	3
3	Alan Kempster	Honda	68	3
4	Paul Sandbach	Triumph	57	3
5=	Dave Rowland	Triumph	55	2
5=	Paul Tootall	B.S.A.	55	2
7	Dave Nurse	Suzuki	53	2
8	John Roberts	Car	30	2
9	George Long	Norton	27	1
10	Chris Bowden	Triumph	25	1
11	Brian Moores	Norton	24	1
12	Pete Rownall	Honda	21	1
13=	John Yates	B.S.A.	20	2
13=	Keith Rhodes	Car	20	2
15	Pev Attwood	Car	19	1
16	Len Morton	Triumph	15	2
17=	Eric Castle	B.S.A.	10	1
17=	Martin Goodstadt	B.S.A.	10	1
17=	Dennis Rourke	Triumph	10	2
17=	Brian Hatton	Car	10	1
21=	Pat Brassington	Car	5	1
21=	Neville Hankinson	Car	5	1
21=	Robert Hankinson	Car	5	1
21=	Wilf Oates	Car	5	1
21=	Brian Kennedy	Car	5	1

STOP STOP PRESS!!

Date-line - Sunday 19th October.....

DAVE NURSE'S ROAD TRIAL was won by Neville Hankinson in a car. Moses was sixth and now takes over a two-point lead with 102 to Dave Lawson's 100.

Ten bikes and two cars entered, there being three non-finishers.

More details and full points breakdown next month.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 18TH NOVEMBER, 1969

R E S U L T S :-

			Marks
			<u>Lost.</u>
CHESHIRE CENTRE CHAMPION - N. S. EYRE	250	Ossa	33
RUNNER-UP - D. ROWLAND	250	Bultaco	56
<u>1st Class awards</u>			
J. Statham	250	Ossa,	56
P. M. Anderton	250	Bultaco	63
J. H. Roberts	125	Sprite	65
H. Lloyd	250	Bultaco	82
P. Salt	250	Bultaco	83

Bob Lydiatt is in the news with another injury to his much battered leg. Whilst waiting for the first riders in the Championship trial - a period of 2½ hours - Bob and I engaged in the friendly sport of throwing rocks at each other! Alas Bob twisted his knee and nearly fell into Wicken Brook as a result.

Bob, by the way, is the mechanic in the Eric Roberts speedway saga; both boys having a share in the JAP.

S T O P P R E S S :-ROCKET TRIAL OCTOBER 17th

Dave Lawson brought Guy Fawkes right forward a bit, and EIGHTEEN members entered this Rocket Trial with many more coming as passengers. Eleven bikes and seven cars plus Bruno on his B.S.A. is a marvellous turnout and it is mainly thanks to the points system.

Having heard these compliments I was "dead chuffed", but later on after arguments in the Red Lion I realise that the system has a major fault and must be changed next year. The main bone of contention is that the organiser must forfeit all chances of a score over 20, and this is a big handicap at the end of a closely fought series.

There are many, many ways to run this competition and I would like you all to WRITE DOWN your ideas clearly for the committee to study and to choose the best one. Please bear in mind that all finishers must be rewarded in some way to distinguish them from retirements even if they don't collect "championship" points as in the higher placings.

Winner of last night's trial was John Roberts again, in a time of 33 minutes after four rockets. Doing things in style, John had Geoff. Brassington as his driver and Mike Moon as assistant navigator!

The bike boys filled the next seven places in quick succession all after 40 minutes plus a fifty yard sprint! We had to laugh when they all stopped at the end of Launching Pad Lane, just too late to pinpoint us on the fourth rocket. Moses and Dave Nurse were seen stood high on the skyline not 60 feet away. They nearly fell off their perch when rocket number five went off almost beside them.

Alas, over enthusiasm landed Robert Hankinson and crew in a ditch and a tractor had to pull the car out. Also in the wars, new member Martin Goodstadt did a "Kempster" on his 250 B.S.A. and demolished a wall and his headlamp assembly while stargazing.

Never seen again after the start were Pat Brassington and Pat Roberts in the Morris. John Yates ran out of time and retired to another engagement, but Len and Chris had no excuses to offer.

I asked Len if anything unusual had happened and he said: "Well, we found this motor cyclist hanging over a wall.....!!"

All in good fun, Wilf and Diane let off another rocket. Several people were misled including Keith who was a sure winner at about the twenty minute point. So, all in good fun, Wilf was excluded for unfair play!

Thanks for the turnout, well done Dave Lawson for a good "do."

T A P P E T C L A T T E R

It's not due to popular request, but I'm back anyway. I don't know if anyone knows who Con-rod is for certain, but I have only heard one person mention the correct name. I thought I had better make this clear as most people seem to think the Hon. Ed. is guilty of these libellous scribblings.

One of the great advantages of a solo motor cycle, is the ability to move quickly in heavy traffic. Some suggest that for safety and the good of the 'image', this ability should not be used too often. For instance, nothing is more calculated to annoy car drivers, than the solo bike threading its way to the head of a stationary queue of traffic. Another solo trick is the mounting of pavements or grass verges to pass a traffic jam. These things usually annoy motorists because it is impossible for them to do the same and they must remain in their traffic jam. This is natural enough, but should we worry about it? I don't think so. If there is something I want to do, I do it, provided of course, that I won't end up dead, imprisoned or married as a result!

Unfortunately, many other riders feel the same way, but have rather unpleasant desires. For instance, the noisy exhaust lovers, the car "chopper-uppers", and the "ban the tick-over" brigade who delight in blipping the throttle as though they are warming up for a race rather than waiting at the lights.

I do not claim to be a good motor cyclist. I drive the way that pleases me and not how I am told I should drive. However, I do consider myself a fairly safe driver and am constantly amazed by the driving habits of other riders, particularly club members who profess to be experienced motor-cyclists.

Three examples of things which I dread doing are driving close behind other vehicles, overtaking on the inside and overtaking on blind left-hand bends. All these manoeuvres are regularly practised by club members I have often been out with. If you are still at the club have a quick look round to see who's blushing.

Then of course we have the strange rather than dangerous habit. Do you drive with your head on one side like Moses? Do you ride with your toes poised on the footrests like Toots? Perhaps you close the air-slide when cornering, or does that only apply to Norton owners?

C O N R O D.

Now, John Roberts raises his pen, and:-

The Club arranged this years' Cheshire Championship Trial starting from Cluelow Cross, Wincle, on Sunday 12th October.

Fifty competitors attempted two 20 Mile laps including most of the famous Derbyshire rockery. After a spell of fine weather we were blessed with a cool misty day which made most of the sections rather difficult. However, no complaints were heard from the riders but the observers at Cheeks, namely Len, Chris, Moses and Frank Turner definitely voted it a place not to return to in a hurry!

Norman Eyre had a good ride on his new Ossa and finished 23 marks in front of a well below form Dave Rowland. The Manchester '17' "A" team - Norman Eyre, Dave Rowland and John Roberts won the team award.

Some favourable comments from the competitors were heard about the course and it is likely that a similar one will be used for the Northern Experts trial on December 14th.

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I am very proud to reprint the following letter recently received by Trevor Cowdrey. Nothing but good can come of these excellent relations with our Town Council. The instigation of the letter is clear from its contents.

"Dear Mr. Cowdrey,

At the meeting of the Stockport Road Safety Committee held on Tuesday, 9th September, it was resolved "that this Committee express its sincere appreciation of the invaluable services of the members of the Manchester '17' Motor Cycle Club at the Road Courtesy Rally held on Sunday, the 7th September."

One of the members of the Committee who had acted as a marshall at the event said that the success of the Rally was due in no little part to the invaluable services rendered by members of your Club in collecting Rally sheets and generally acting as despatch riders. He also made reference to the fact that many people had admired the technique of the riders and compared their road behaviour favourably with that of other motor cyclists using the road at the same time.

I should also like to express my own appreciation of the valuable contribution to road safety given by members of your Club over a number of years with particular regard to the R.A.C./A.C.U. Training Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

DONALD W. HAY.

Town Clerk and
Chief Executive Officer.

FOR SALE

1960 - 350 cc Norton, Model 50
£50 c.n.o. to Mr. D. German - 480-3185

Royal Enfield Crusader engine - offers.

Triumph Tiger Cub engine or spares - offers.

M.P. forks; 21 inch alloy rims or wheels.

All offers to :- Alan Watkinson,

14 Latchmere Road, Manchester 14.

(Bus.tel: 428.3621 ext. 194)

WANTED (URGENTLY)

for the Training Scheme - one coil spring for
Bantam saddle -

See any instructor.

Our next main road event is a Road Trial on November 2nd organised by Moses.

On the same day we answer a challenge and tackle the Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C.C. in a team trial at Tideslow Lake - 11 a.m. - ask John Roberts about regulations. Solos only.

DATES for your diary:-

November 2nd - ROAD TRIAL
November 2nd - TEAM TRIAL v SHEFFIELD
November 13th - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

JEREMIAH IS SEA DOG!!!!!!!!!!!!*?*** !

Winner of last month's crossword puzzle was Alan Kempster. Pev received nine entries and Alan's was the first correct one opened. Some spelt "practising" wrongly and the answer SERRATE was meant to be STRIATE - but the other entries finished as follows:-

Alan Kempster; Glynn Wallwork; Mike Winwood;
Paul Editor; Dave Moses; Wilf Oates; Bob McMinn;
Jack Welbourne and Dave Lawson.

ANSWERS

- ACROSS - 1) Sprocket. 5) Oulton. 9) Recessed.
10) Old age. 11) Treadle. 12) Repel.
14) Star riders. 17) Grass track 21) Outer.
22) First era. 24) Tricar. 25) Final lap
26) Collet. 27) Egg timer.
- DOWN - 1) Sprite. 2) Rocker. 3) Cased.
4) Elementary. 6) Underlie. 7) Trampled.
8) Needless. 13) Practising. 15) Agnostic.
18) Striate or Serrate. 19) Bedlam.
20) Tapper. 23) Slant.

DINNER DANCE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE - 30/- EACH C.O.D.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH 1970

Guest of honour will be DENT OLIVER and among the diners will be BELLE VUE riders, and BRIAN BALL.

SEE DOREEN AT THE CLUB OR RING 95-23412 (Wilmslow)

I am taken to task for missing a result in the Acton versus Mathews battle to over-populate the world.

Congratulations! to Mr. and Mrs. Graham Acton on the birth of their third boy on August 1st.

The Lawsons join in the same race in about a week's time. All the best to Margaret - the eyes of the membership secretary are upon you!

Over the coming week end we have a Rocket Trial on the 17th, the British League Speedway Riders' Final and a Road Trial on Sunday the 19th. Reports of our activities in all three events will appear in the next issue.

Hard lines Kenny Eyre. No sooner do I write that he is back in action after a throat infection, than our cheerful Ace has an argument with the Belle Vue fence and breaks some bones in his foot! I know how much Ken is disappointed to end the season like this and to miss the trip to Russia, but he should be fit enough for the Dinner Dance Scratch Race!

Our old but seldom seen friend Dave Linney is still actively engaged in motor cycling with three competition machines. Talking to Dave at a recent Belle Vue meeting I learned that he has added a complete speedway iron and leathers to his Dot scrambler and trials Sprite. The one time '17' publicity king is actively engaged at Nelson Speedway most Saturdays along with friend Bert Edwards and ex-'17' scramble star Alan Knapkin, now top scorer at Nelson.

Alas! Peter Ormesher lost his Cheshire Centre Scrambles Championship to the King of Golden Hill - John Done. Never settling down on the Rickman Metisse, Peter has now ordered a new Cheney L.S.A. for next season.

Still on scrambling - Congratulations! to Frank Cocker on becoming the new North Western Centre Champion and to his brother Bill who took third place near Accrington on Sunday 12th October.

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MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB - NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1969

Dear Member,

I'm sorry that this issue is rather late, but on the first of the month I had no copy whatsoever and going to press then would have been uneconomical.

First of all I would like to welcome back my colleague - CON ROD. The idea was originally to reveal his identity at the A.G.M. on November 17th, but having just read his efforts for the month I doubt that this will be wise with his comments fresh in your mind! Surely he must stir some of you up into writing back - even one reply from the 160 who read these ramblings would make it worthwhile.

In preparation for the A.G.M. by the way, we would like your nominations for committee members to be made known to the secretary, Keith Rhodes, some time in the near future:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 17TH

Keith and Dave Rowland have been making their presence known at the Cheshire Centre Board meetings. On the question of road closures, the authority must show intended restrictions in the London Gazette and the A.C.U. are vetting these columns in the interest of trials organisers in the Peak District area.

Keith has also raised the problem of insurance restrictions and moves are being made to check on the tendency to exempt cover on rallies, treasure hunts and TRIALS. Most renewed policies are now clearly printing these important exclusions. LOOK AT YOUR POLICY NOW!

"Muir Eddalls" who have come up with a quote of 30/- for A.C.U. club members in the National Rally are now being asked about cover for trials and rallies for clubmen.

Are you still looking for a

NEW SCRAMBLES COURSE?

We must have a course for next season. The scrambles are a great source of publicity and members, as well as keeping our tradition of running or being involved in all forms of motor cycle sport.

HAVE YOU SEEN A LIKELY SCRAMBLES COURSE?

Tell a committee member immediately!

This next item is by kind permission (I hope) of the Civil Service magazine - RED TAPE:-

ASK A SILLY QUESTION

(Replies by candidates to examiner's questions)

What precaution do you take before starting the engine?
Get into the car!

What is thinking distance?

The distance travelled by the car which you think it will stop in, but it doesn't!

What is the overall stopping distance at 30 m.p.h.?

Two feet. One foot on the clutch and one foot on the brake!

How would you recognise a pedestrian crossing?

When he moves!

How are you advised to leave a motorway?

As clean and tidy as when you joined it.

Is your wiper working?

No, she's got the day off!
