

looks and compliments. Alas, the Stockport papers recorded the entry of a float by ... "Derek Johnson Motorcycles!"

Thanks go to Cliff Karle for the trailer, Paul for his milk-float and driving and all the others who turned up to decorate the float on a wet and miserable morning.

Editor.

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Dates to note:-

WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 16th.	Club night.
SATURDAY	AUGUST 19th.	Working party and Barbeque.
SUNDAY	AUGUST 20th.	SCRAMBLE.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 23rd.	Club night.
MONDAY	AUGUST 28th.	Oulton Park International.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30th.	Club night.
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16th.	WORLD Speedway Final - Wembly.

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The Barbeque is on! This Saturday - August 19th, commencing at 9 o'clock at the scramble course - Harratt Grange Farm, Peak Forest. You'll have time to watch Belle Vue versus Cradley Heath and leave during the interval to get up to the course.

Bonfire; Folk music - Trevor's Bullock Smithy; Beer and food!

Tickets from Paul Sandbach, 2 Keith Drive, Cheadle Heath.

Doreen Rowland, 9 Coniston Drive, Handforth.

Paul Tootall, 151 Compstall Road, Romiley.

Mike Hall, 49 St. Anne's Road North, Heald Green.

30p. each: Adults. 15p. each: Children.

Bring a fork, a torch or lamp and warm clothing.

The Scramble is of course on the following day - August 20th. Helpers wanted for a working party at the course on the day of the Barbeque from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 a.m.

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Ken Eyre is progressing steadily following his second half accident at Belle Vue. It's a painful business with internal bruising being the main problem, but our cheerful Sutton Ace is hobbling about and hopes to be back in action before the end of the month.

More speedway worthy of a mention was the magnificent ride by Peter Collins in his first ride against Newport on August 5th. Collins was second to his partner but nearly half a lap down. What's so good about that? He did 3½ laps with half a handlebar - holding onto the fork yokes and balancing his clutch lever, cable and bar on his knees!

Guess who dashed down to the pits with an alloy bar at the end of the race?

Ed.

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Training School News:- A venue has been settled for our next three courses, and this could be very convenient in the event of bad weather. The old tram sheds off Mersey Square are covered in and the area is the size of a football pitch. Fumes allowing, we should be able to run an efficient course there and then eventually move back to the modernised sewage work at Cheadle Heath.

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Saturday July 22nd. was the day of Stockport Carnival and we took our place as planned on float number 72 in the procession. Thanks are due to Derek Johnson and Harry Cartwright for the loan of machines. We also made use of Moses' racing Vincent, Eddie's 750 Honda and Paul Clarke's Sprite and the float looked very smart indeed.

We were followed in the procession by an odd combination of Bullock Smithy and Stockport Caving Club who stole the show with their antics and smoke cannisters, but we did get many admiring

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Road Run July 30th.

At 11.30.a.m. a good gathering of keen young road-going members gathered at Club H.Q. to support our map reading run, which was an event counting towards the social cup. Nine entrants (all on bikes) departed with great enthusiasm and speed to pick up the clues and points. After what varied between 76 and 113 miles, most finished at the Santa Rosa cafe to talk over their 'episodes'. The Kershaw brothers started on two bikes, they were both seen on one bike very late nearly half way round, Paul and Sharman had X number of punctures so we only had 5 finishers. Only one "clue" was not found by anyone, but the weather was quite good, with the only complaint coming from a 'three' rider. Quote from me .... May the best man win!

D.Rowland.

\*POINTS TABLE NEXT MONTH\*

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The Road Trial was really enjoyable and the pleasure I had in competing almost defies words. I can understand how one Agostini feels when the 350 MV fails in a CP, or any competitive event retirement - I now know what it's all about having suffered those three punctures when 'in sight' of the finish. Thanks to all my helpers - especially Dave Nurse who stayed with us for the second and third; it was 9 o'clock when we eventually left Sparrowfit.

The day's route had taken us through Woodford, Dean Row, Prestbury's outskirts, Gawsorth, Bosley, Heaton, Upper Hulme (the Bemrose start), Butterton (and a pint) and then either Hartington or the Manifold valley to Newhven junction for lunch.

The afternoon clues led us to Yoalgreave, Bakewell, Ashford, Sitton, Tideswell, Little Hucklow, Castleton and Chapel en le Frith. As I said before, words fail me when I think how enjoyable the day was and I can only suggest that everyone with a bike should try the next run and savour the delights of cruising along quiet lanes with the competitive element replacing the thrill of speed ... fantastic ... I'm planning one now!

Editor.

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Congratulations are due to Keith who has gained highly satisfactory exam results and now expects to be back in club circles more often. The first thing he is organising is a Helicopter Fund collection at the Culton Park International on August 28th. Passes have been applied for and ten collectors will be required from those not marshalling on the day. Volunteers see Keith on Wednesdays.

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Yes, I did say Wednesday! Club nights until the end of August will be switched to Wednesdays to allow for a darts competition at the Royal Oak:

\*\* WEDNESDAY August 23rd. and August 30th. then Tuesday September 5th.

Make a note in your diary.

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cursed the decision because after 4 laps losing 20, he threw away 2nd place, the under 19 award and 33 marks on laps 5 and 6 - hard luck! His brother Adrian Clarke took good advantage of Chris's lapse with a good consistent ride. Norman Eyre, with his eyes on his father's Trophy (awarded to Club Champion) crept into the awards and young Nicky Allott joined the ranks of Intermediates by winning the best Novice award - well done!

No words are needed to describe what a brilliant and consistent rider our winner Dave Thorpe is; just look at this trials result sheet, one 5, one 2, two 1s and 61 cleans, this makes Dave's 3rd win in 3 rides at this venue and his 3rd gear 'cruise' up section 3 was very nice to see. Thanks for a good trial go to John Macdonald, Club members, helpers and friends and Mr. Byron and Mr. Ashton.

Trial results .....

Best Performance D.Thorpe 9 Marks Lost  
 1st Class Award A.J.Clark 41 Marks Lost  
 . . . C.A.Clarke 53 Marks Lost  
 N.A.Eyre 53 Marks Lost  
 Best Intermediate S.Jenkins 145 Marks Lost  
 2nd.Best Intermed.J.Macdonald 149 Marks Lost  
 Best Novice N.Allott 162 Marks Lost  
 Novice Awards F.Scottney 197 Marks Lost  
 A.Macdonald 210 Marks Lost  
 Best Over 40 J.Macdonald.  
 Best Under 19 A.J.Clarke  
 Best A.M.C.A. M.Parkes.

Amended trials championship results .....

N,S. Eyre	27	A.J.Clarke	10	G.Acton	4
H,Rosenthal	26	D.K.Murray	7	J.Macdonald	4
S.P.Thomas	17	D.Macdonald	7	L.Noble	3
H.Lloyd	15	G.Boughton	6	N.Allott	3
C.A.Clarke	15	J.Statham	5	R.S.Holt	3
J.H.Roberts	13			P.Scottney	1

The Cheshire B.S.S.A. asked if they could hold a sidecar trial to run in conjunction with our solo event and our committee agreed so BSSA sent a circular out asking regular sidecar men to support this event. They received replies from 7 crews who said "see you on Sunday". Disappointed Liverpool officials had set out good sections but only 3 sidecars turned up. Phil Mountfield, Dave Lawson and myself (and passengers) were enjoying ourselves until Dave's clutch cried 'enough' and BSSA decided at that point to pack up and go home, so the unofficial results were - myself and Ray 10, Phil and ?23 and Dave and John 35. Without another word BSSA disappeared and have not been heard from since ... pity.

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An Appreciation.

Nev Hankinson, together with Doreen and the family ask me to give their sincere "thank you all" to the volunteers from the Club who helped to bring in the hay during the all too brief spell of fine weather when Nev was in hospital.

The help from our friends in the Club, has made all the difference in getting most of the crop in, during what has been a very difficult harvest season.

Once again ... many thanks.

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Nev is now home and improving steadily - Ed.

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Moses has received another letter .... this time from the Hon. Sec., of the Stockport and Bistrict Taxi Driver's Outing for Handicapped and Orphan Children, which is rather ironic when you see who that is!

Dear Sir/Madam, (which is a good start - Ed.)

On behalf of the outing committee, I would like to thank the Manchester '17' Motor Cycle Club for providing four motor cyclists to act as escort when we took the children to Southport yesterday. As they have, on previous outings, your members did a sterling job, which was appreciated both by drivers and the children, enabling the convoy to arrive in Southport in record time and also on the return journey.

Our outing is unique in it's use of members from a motor cycle club - and their display in the handling of their machines on a day which was wet, was a credit to the riders and of course the club.

Many thanks again.

Yours faithfully,

George F. Long.

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The Trial and Road Run report are the work of 'out-patient' Dave Rowland, who is much improved but unfortunately destined to a somewhat less hectic time than throwing a sidecar up and down Cheeks. Philosophical Dave will no doubt find his niche and we wish him all the best in adjusting to a new role, but I reckon we've not seen the last of D.R. in the feet up game yet.

Trial at Markland (now STONAGE) July 9th.1972.

This being the first Trial here since a new tenant moved in I was apprehensive about getting the necessary permission to carry on holding events here. These doubts were soon dispelled on meeting the Manager Mr. Byron, he has ridden in scrambles and knowing just what a trial is readily agreed to us using his land.

The trial day turned out overcast and warm with a shower just to keep sections 'prime'. Four laps of 13 sections were planned, but some riders completed this in 1 1/2 hours so we decided to give the lads 2 more laps to give value for money! Chris Clarke must have

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MANCHESTER '17' MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1972.

Dear Member,

Lots of odd items of news and event reports to give you this month and very little time to write it, but I can't miss anything out, so off we go.

Editor.

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John Bell has suggested that each article in the newsletter ought to be credited to an author and says that many past reports were completely anonymous so here is a list of the writers:- Paul Tootall! All the others were signed by Dave Rowland, Keith and Tom Dugdale with Pev, Alan Kempster and Keith compiling puzzles with Paul S and Moses who started off the year with their slanging match. Every other item was written by myself which is not very modest but clearly shows the need for more contributions - as I have this month. Send your letters to me at:- 151 Compstall Road, Romiley, Cheshire.

Editor.

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Here is a letter from Tom Dugdale received by Club sec. Moses.

The Leonard Cheshire Home,  
The Hill, Sandbach, Cheshire,  
30.6.72.

Dear Dave,

I want to thank you, Wilf, and everyone else who made it possible for me to visit Gulton Park last Saturday, and I also wish to thank you for the pencil and writing paper.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day at Oulton, and it was interesting to note the changes, both to the circuit and the type of machinery used, since I was last there. I understand a lot better now what all the talk in the press about Armco Barriers has been about, apart from spectator safety I don't think much can be said in favour of them, and a lot could be said against them, both from the rider's and spectators points of view.

Hope you got home safely.

Cheerio

Tom.

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Members are requested to claim President's Social Cup points gained by attendance at trials and scrambles. See Moses for five points per event - after this week-end you could have 15 to add to those scored in events.

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