

MANCHESTER "17" MOTORCYCLE CLUB

NEWSLETTER MAY 1974

Dear Member,

Looking back at the last newsletter I see that we have not had an issue since March so - rather later than planned - here is all the up-to-date news.

The BIG, BIG HAPPENING OF THE MONTH is the Club Camping Week-end at Patterdale, Ullswater in the Lake District. If you don't know already and haven't packed your tent yet there is still just time to join the 15 or so who will be leaving on Friday, May 24th for three nights under canvas.

The venue is Side Farm, Patterdale, and if you can't make the meeting place (7 p.m. Stretford end of M.63) you can always come on Saturday or just for a day out on Sunday 26th.

Details from Paul Tootall 061 430 6604. Limited space available for ferrying equipment in Dave Howard's Transit!

CALENDAR

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This week-end ..	..	..	Club Camp - Lake District
27th May ..	..	..	Darley Moor
1st to 7th June	..	..	T.T.
12th June ..	..	..	Training Scheme Awards and Films at the Club.
23rd June ..	..	..	Training Scheme Test and Darley Moor.
25th June ..	..	..	Stockport Taxi Drivers Outing - Southport.
30th June ..	..	..	Road Trial - Round 4.
7th July ..	..	..	Club Trial
13th July ..	..	..	World Best Pairs Final Belle Vue.
13/14th July ..	..	..	National Rally
14th July ..	..	..	Darley Moor
21st July ..	..	..	Road Trial Round 5.
27th July ..	..	..	Stockport Carnival.

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Members wishing to join the escort on the Taxi Drivers' Run please contact George Long 061 445 7550 or myself.

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Friday April 19th was the day of the Peak MCC's Hot Pot and Disco. A very enjoyable night which made a small profit much to everyone's surprise. We hope to run one shortly at the Robin Hood.

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SOCIAL CUP

The first round of the social cup was a Paul Sandbach Rocket Trial on March 29th. Fourteen competitors - all but two on bikes - assembled on the ridge between Bollington and Higher Poynton and had a clear view of the first rocket which came up from near the Poynton Industrial Estate. Even so, I managed to spend the next hour or so around Adlington and Woodford while most members beamed in on the finish. After the third rocket Rick Stewart just beat Ron Patterson for the 25 points.

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>M/C</u>	<u>PTS.</u>	
1 Rick Stewart	Honda	25	
2 Ron Patterson	Honda	22	Plus two
3 Dave Lawson	Mini	10	non-members.
4 Graham Phipps	Honda	18	
5 Rhett Petherbridge	Honda	17	
6 Wilf Oates	B.S.A.	16	
7 Steve Kershaw	Suzuki	15	
NF Mile Kuzmanov	Suzuki	5	
NF Pete Kershaw	Suzuki	5	
NF Paul Tootall	B.S.A.	5	
NF Pete Broucher	Honda	5	
<u>Organiser</u> Paul Sandbach	B.S.A.	20	

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Round Two of the Social Cup was on April 26th from Werneth Low, Romiley. I organized this rocket trial and learning from mistakes made at Chinley last year I managed to fire off four rockets before being discovered. We hid about 50 yards from an unsurfaced road between Mill Erow and Rowarth and even when competitors arrived they had difficulty in finding us in the dark. John Sellars won by a whisker from Rhett Petherbridge and Graham Phipps but Paul Sandbach wandered about for twenty minutes, coming as close as ten yards or less, before finishing a good last!

The only disappointment being as the evening was perfect for such an event was the relatively poor turn-out (?)

RESULTS

1	John Sellars	Suzuki	25
2	Rhett Petherbridge	Honda	22
3	Graham Phipps	Honda	20
4	Steve Kershaw	Suzuki	18
5	Wilf Oates	B.S.A.	17
6	Dave Howard	Ford	6
7	Paul Sandbach	B.S.A.	15
Organizer	Paul Tootall	B.S.A.	20

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

1	Rhett Petherbridge	39
2	Graham Phipps	38
3	Paul Sandbach	35
4=	Wilf Oates	33
4=	Steve Kershaw	33
6=	Rick Stewart	25
6=	Paul Tootall	25
6=	John Sellars	25
9	Ron Patterson	22
10	Dave Lawson	10
11	Dave Howard	6
12	Mile Kuzmanov	5
12	Pete Kershaw	5
12	Pete Broucher	5

RAC - ACU TRAINING SCHEME

Progressing well - 41 pupils paid up - New 125 Hondas received on Monday 13th May from Motorcycle Centre. All the other rolling stock was stolen between May 5th and 12th and three scooters have been recovered extensively damaged. The "management" are grateful for the help of "newcomers" Pev, Cyril Jones, Keith Rhodes and Ian Bradshaw. Ian is over on a course which will make him miss all but the Senior T.T. and has been seen regularly at Belle Vue and the Training Scheme. Paul Sandbach on new Suzuki T500 has also rejoined the Training Scheme Staff after a few years absence to go racing.

Did you spot Trevor Cowdrey on the T.V. on May 14th? Trevor and the rest of Bullock Smithy featured on the B.B.C.1 programme "Ballad of the North West." I missed it because I'd taken one of the new Training Scheme Hondas for a running-in spin and found that I'd gone too far to get back in time at 4000 rpm - 30 m.p.h.

Ashton M.C.C. came to the Robin Hood on April 24th and we had an enjoyable social evening with darts, chess and cards etc. Ashton won by 38 points to 17 but a good spread of sandwiches kept everyone happy.

TRIALS

- \*\* Cheshire Centre Inter-Club Team Trial - April 14th.  
The overall winner was Chris Milner with 8 marks lost but the best team round the High Edge, Booth Farm Cheeks and Clough House course was our own A team, Steve Henry and Harvey who beat Wrexham's three Darlington brothers, 63 - 84
- \*\* The following week Cheshire led by Peter Salt went down badly on our own territory by finishing 14th out of 19 in the Inter-Centre Team Trial which was won again by Yorkshire. The overall winner was again - Chris Milner in a tie with Martin Lampkin.
- \*\* SSdT - Duncan finished the event on his Ossa powered MAC which received a lot of admiring attention. Congratulations are due to the Alderley engineer for his belief in his own machine and the achievement of taking through the SSdT. The Club team finished only ten marks down on the winners LOCHABER so there may be a further award to come there for Harvey, Peter Salt and John Gaskell.
- \*\* I have not received Henry's article on the John Simister Trial - no doubt because I haven't asked for it!
- \*\* The committee have been discussing at length the feasibility of running a novice trial and/or an evening trial - watch this space!

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ROAD RACING

Stuart has been keeping an eye on all our road-racing members but owing to my delay in going to press I only have details covering the Easter period.

"Senior Member - Nev watts got some more life out of his Hondas, particularly at Darley Moor, giving the two-strokes a run for their money and finishing third in the 125 final. At Oulton on the Monday there were too many Yams for Neville to get a place.

"Dave Ashton had a very good ride at Darley, beaten only by lack of a bit extra top end power, finally finishing second in the 1000cc 'A' final. Dave also got two fourth places at Cadwell over the week-end.

"Mick Capper had good dices in the 500cc heat and final at Darley, finishing a very good third.

"John Wilson - first time at Darley - settled down quickly to take a place in the final only to be sidelined on the grid with a split oil tank.

"Brian Warburton - first time out since last August on his 250 Yamaha said 'I haven't got back in the groove yet' but he intends to do the T.T.

STUART MILLER

Since then Moses went to Cadwell for his first meeting of 1974. Result - Blew up the Vincent, fell off Paul Sandbach's B.S.A. and then blew that up later in the day. Moses was very detuned and depressed and officially retired from road racing that same night. Hobbling into the pub on the Sunday, Dave declared he was now going to spend his time building kites and chasing his female staff at work!!

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FOR SALE :-

Race-tuned 650cc Triton. Clean, attractive machine with fairing. Recently tuned. New tyres and lots of spares. Winner at Cadwell. Excellent clubman's racer - offers and inspection at John Wilson's, 10 NORWOOD ROAD, STEPPING HILL.

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SPEEDWAY

I will shortly be getting a number of 80p tickets for the World Best Pairs Trial at Belle Vue on July 13th. Let me know if you want some.

I was going to record that Ken Eyre has got off to a flying start with 8s and 10s for the Wolves this season but after qualifying from Ellesmere Port for the three World Championship rounds, Ken fell off at Wimbledon (after a good start to the meeting) and appears to have suffered a recurrence of his old neck and head injuries. A confused Ken - sometimes 100% and sometimes dizzy is now under doctors orders not to ride until he has been thoroughly examined by the medics.

It's all go at Belle Vue on Saturdays - 'L' Block 7 p.m. Join the speedway set to watch the spectacular Peter Collins, Chris Pusey and Chris Morton - It's good stirring motorcycle racing.

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If you want to marshal at the T.T. contact Ian Bradshaw at the training scheme before he goes back to the Island. As their secretary, Ian can enrol you in the T.T. Marshals Association for just 20p.

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Brand new or 1970+ bikes wanted! A chance to put your glittering Japanese hardware on show at Lyme Park where the local Vintage MCC section have a rally on June 2nd. The new bikes are wanted for comparison with the old. Dave Rowland is the man to see.

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Regulations are out for the ACU National Rally on July 13/14th. The event (which clashes with the big Belle Vue meeting) has been shortened this year to a maximum of 450 miles and will now start at 4 p.m. on the Saturday - 18 hours in all. The venue is Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent. See me for regs.

AN A.C.U. CENTRE DELEGATE

Very few members must know what an A.C.U. Centre Delegate actually does - so to the uninformed I will explain. Firstly, any member that says the A.C.U. do not do this or that can only blame themselves, because every person that joins an A.C.U. affiliated Club is a part of the A.C.U. and if there are any points that he feels should be brought to light all he needs to do is approach one of his own Club officials. It then - if his Club's Committee agrees - is taken and discussed at Centre level, if then the Centre agrees it is taken to London A.C.U. by the Centre Delegate. This may all seem uninteresting but is, in fact, a system that does work and is very interesting - so don't grumble about what your Club or the A.C.U. don't do, - tell someone, and get satisfaction in that you are giving voice to the good of motor cycling.

One recent example is that our Committee thought it was time the Cheshire Centre adopted the 0.1.2.3.5 system of marking in Trials, as a Centre Rule. It is to be decided upon at the next Cheshire Centre Board meeting on May 14th. Also - recently a popular road going member was involved in an accident while marshalling at Culton Park, I will be very disappointed if we can't help this member a lot in getting a fair "deal".

DAVE ROWLAND.