

MANCHESTER "17" MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1974.

Dear member,

As from August 6th clubnight at the Robin Hood will revert to Tuesdays. This is so that we can have the new room at the Robin Hood every week instead of sharing with the gun-club. We can now book in guest speakers or arrange films and social evenings without fear of not having a room large enough. It is also hoped some of our lapsed members will return to the fold - those who couldn't come on a Wednesday when we changed the night a couple of years ago.

\* CLUBNIGHT - TUESDAYS - 8.30pm \*  
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With just a month to go before the Manx Grand Prix we still have a lot of work to do selling the Rescue Helicopter stickers. Club members haven't really done enough towards promoting the fund this year which is after all in our name. See Doreen for a handful of stickers; if everyone could sell 10 at 20p each we could send Ian a £120 cheque - its as easy as that!

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Moses shook the cobwebs off the Vincent in fine style last month at Cadwell with a win in the 500cc race. He reports that the bike was handling very well and is raring to go in the Manx. Don't forget that you can go to the Island from Tuesday 3rd September for half normal price if you depart on a week-day so lets give Moses plenty of support this year.

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Neville is leaving for the Ulster G.P. on the 13th of this month with two bikes and Eric Crossley as spannerman. We wish him the best of luck.

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The Stars at Darley meeting on July 14th was blessed by glorious weather and club members had a varied amount of success. Mick Capper won his 500 race but was lucky to finish intact as it was later discovered the oil pump union was adrift and there was more Duckhams on the tyre than in the motor! In his first "Stars" race Mick was floored by Mr. Pacey at Park on his first lap and retired from the second leg with a juddering front brake.

Dave Ashton won his production race on the ex-Sandbach BSA and had a good ride from behind in the 1300 heat, but retired in the final with gearbox problems.

Neville also had mixed fortunes. A throttle cable broke in one race and the gear-linkage snapped in another but he did have a 7th place earlier in the day.

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Darley doodles:- Brian and Ann Kennedy seen spectating. Admission price was £1: Fastest ever laps put up by Phil Gurner: Ron and Mrs. Hardy presented Pete Hardy Memorial Trophy to Mac Hobson. Stars readily contributed to Helicopter Fund.

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Films have been ordered for three future shows but dates have not been fixed so you'll have to attend on clubnights in case you miss them. Imola 200 the Saarinen film is one on order and we hope to have the 1963 SSdT in which Dave Rowland was third on the works Bantam and the 1963 TT starring John Hartle. Stop Press - "Imola 200" on September 10th.

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We should be able to organise another slide show in mid-September when members have all returned from holiday with pictures of the various meetings they've been to. See me if you have any 35mm transparencies which may be of interest.

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Next month I should have a report on the Mike Hall road-trial on August 11th although many members are thinking of going to Silverstone. The next round of the Social Cup will be a road-trial on September 22nd. Organisers are still wanted for road-trials and rocket trials - please see Paul Sandbach or myself if you can help.

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\* Frank Varey - Belle Vue Speedway manager has agreed to give a short talk at the club on August 27th.

\* Don't miss this Tuesday night meeting:- free food for members!

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Martin Peak and his Vincents were once again highlighted in the Manchester Evening News and Moses and the club got a little plug in the same article. If you have any ideas that Andrew Leatham could use in his column let me know and if you like his articles write to the editor and say so in order that the column is maintained.

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John Cranmer is laid up in plaster at home with a broken ankle having jumped out of a tree at work and landed heavily. While in Stockport Infirmary John spotted Rick Stewart amongst a row of suspended broken leg casts. Rick is recovering slowly but it will be a while yet before he's fully mobile.

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LLANGOLLEN CAMP

July 5th saw us depart for the second camping weekend of the year this time to Llangollen, North Wales. It was Eisteddfod week so the town and camp-site were packed out with visitors from many countries for the festival. This was a good thing and a bad thing in that there was plenty of atmosphere and a chance to see the choirs and dances but the site was packed and noisy until the early hours. The party included the Lawson family, Pete and Steve Kershaw with girl friends, Geoff Yates, Paul Sandbach, Dave Howard and Dave Tattersall and Marianne but the weekend was more fragmented than the Lake District trip and apart from Saturday night in the pub with Delwyn and Gareth we didn't spend much time together.

We all came back at different times in little groups all wary of being caught by the threatening storm-clouds.

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The next camping weekend is planned for September 14th/15th at Beresford Dale, near Hartington. This is a nice little site near Hartington on the river Dove and as it is so near to home perhaps more members will turn out. We won't be troubled by crowds as at Whit or the Eisteddfod and there is a choice of good pubs in the area plus some fine scenic walks within 400 yds.

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Plans are being made for the 1975 Dinner Dance which Tommy Robb has been invited to attend. The cost this year will be very near to £3 and Dave Howard is organising an instalment plan whereby you can save at so much a week to avoid paying a lump sum nearer to Christmas.

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\* CLUB NIGHTS - TUESDAYS FROM AUGUST 6th \*

Ken Heanes the British ISDT team manager has written to Dave Rowland advising us that once again supporters stickers are available for a 30p contribution towards the expense of sending the Trophy team to this years Italian Six Days. Cloth badges are also available for a £1 each. Write to: Ken Heanes, ISDT Fund, 98A Aldershot Road, Fleet, Hants.

PRESIDENTS SOCIAL CUP: Round 4June 30th - Road Trial - Organised by Paul Tootall

Eight members entered this event plus Ron Patterson who came along for the ride and a friend of mine competing as a guest non-member (and finishing second). Mike Hall rode pillion with Rhett.

Early heavy rain gave way to a fine warm day and everyone finished but Cyril Jones who retired with drowned electrics after hitting a ford (which wasn't really on the route) at full speed.

The time limits were only to resolve ties and although Jill failed to arrive at the finish before 5.30pm she was not penalised. Wilf beat Rhett by five minutes on the tie-decider for third place and Steve was relegated to fifth also on time.

The run was about 85 miles in length and the morning session led through Mellor, Charlesworth, Glossop and Woodhead to Holmbridge and then south east to the Flouch Inn for lunch. Competitors had to be here for 14.00 hrs and with eight answers in the bag Paul Sandbach arrived in plenty of time but the rest cut it a bit fine and Wilf and Rhett and Steve were all late with Jill and Dave getting the maximum 20 marks penalty.

Disappointed by the lack of food available at the Flouch (as advertised) competitors left on the afternoon section. Hunshelf, Bradfield, Dungworth, Bamford, Hathersage, Great Hucklow, Bradwell, Edale and Chapel to finish at the Santa Rosa Cafe at Combs. The proprietor here wanted to close half an hour earlier than advertised and caused a bit of aggro by refusing to let some of us in to check out results. By ten to six he threw us out and we rode home without knowing where Steve and Jill had got to. The winner assures me the event was enjoyable - a biased opinion?

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Machine</u>	<u>Mks</u>	<u>TIME Penalty</u>	<u>Points</u>
	1	P. Sandbach	Suzuki	120	Nil	25
	2	J. Barker	Car	100	40	12
	*3	W. Oates	BSA	80	2	20
	*4	R. Petherbridge	Honda	80	7	18
	*5	S. Kershaw	Suzuki	80	27	17
	6	G. Phipps	Honda	60	Nil	16
	7	D. Tattersall	Triumph	10	30	15
Retired		C. Jones	Ariel	Nil	-	10
Non-Member		S. Mottram	Car	110	-	-
Not Entered		R. Patterson	Honda	-	-	10
Organiser		P. Tootall	BSA	-	-	20

\* Decided by time penalty.

PRESIDENTS SOCIAL CUP - Round 5July 28th - Road Trial - Organised by Paul Sandbach

Seven club members entered Paul's Road Trial and two non-members made up the field. Two members of the Alpha MCC on a 750 Honda came along and seemed to enjoy themselves enough to think about coming again.

Paul as usual planned an excellent route in the south west corner of the Peak District map and we went over many "new" roads during the 95 mile run.

<u>STOP PRESS</u>	<u>Up to date Social Cup Table</u>	
1	Paul Sandbach	90 points
2	Paul Tootall	80 points
3	Steve Kershaw	77 points
4	Wilf Oates	71 points
5	Rhett Petherbridge	57 points

The clues were relatively easy but nonetheless all but myself lost marks so the standard must have been right. Geoff Yates did very well in his first attempt at this type of event but Dave Tattersall has not grasped the technique yet and chugged in last again. He keeps going though and gets to the finish which is more than many did in the early days of road trials and it won't be long before it all clicks and a good score results. At least Dave turns up for these events - one of the few!

The morning route led through Woodford, Mottram St. Andrew, Gawsorth and Rushton Spencer to lunch at a pub in Upper Hulme. The second clue at Mottram caused a lot of bother and half the entry failed to score here. The third clue at Warren was just as difficult and the event was won and lost here; fortunately Sharman and I got both answers! Once again we came up against anti-motorcyclist discrimination at the lunch-check and were asked to leave the main bar to squash into a glass out-house or the corridor by the toilets! Rock climbers and farm yokels were allowed in the lounge much to our disgust but Dennis got a round of applause for squelching through the lounge in his dripping Barbour suit - ignoring the notice telling rabble like us to use the rear entrance!

The weather improved after 1.30 as we left on the afternoon session and were rewarded with a fine ride through glorious country and some interesting clues to answer. We passed through Onecote, Grindon, Alstonfield and Hartington where a storm drenched some members and missed others by a few yards. From there we went north east to Over Haddon where the clue had been removed and I had to ask a lady to hang her bed and breakfast sign out again while crafty non-member Steve Mottram had been through earlier and merely asked for the answer leaving the rest of us to work it out! On to Monyash, Chelmorton and Buxton where we had great difficulty until Sharman noticed the answer on a manhole cover! I thought this would clinch it for us but surprisingly everyone got this one right! The last two clues were in Macclesfield forest and the finish at a cafe in Macclesfield where we were made very welcome for a change. This was a very enjoyable event and once again sufficient marks were lost to give a result without it being too difficult but the main topic of conversation that night was how to change the format of road trials to make them even more interesting. Any suggestions?.

RESULT

( Ties decided by mileage deviation )

<u>Pos'n</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Machine</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	P. Tootall	BSA	120	25
2	D. Rourke	Honda	115	22
3	G. Yates	Honda	115	20
4	W. Oates	BSA	115	18
5	S. Kershaw	Suzuki	100	17
6	M. Booth	Suzuki	100	16
7	D. Tattersall	Triumph	30	15
Organiser	P. Sandbach	Suzuki	-	20
Non Member	S. Mottram	Car	100	Non Mem
Non Member	P. Roberts	Honda	85	Alpha MCC

CALENDAR

August 26th to Sept. 5th		Manx Grand Prix
Sunday	August 11th	- Road Trial. Round 6
"	"	- Silverstone. British G.P.
Tuesday	" 13th	- Club night
Sunday	" 18th	- Club run - meet 10.00 Robin Hood
Tuesday	" 20th	- Club night
Monday	" 26th	- Darley Moor
"	"	- Oulton Park International
Tuesday	" 27th	- Frank Varey at the Club
Sunday	September 8th	- Darley Moor
Tuesday	September 10th	- Films - Imola 200
Sat/Sun	14/15 September	- Club Camp - Dovedale.
Sunday	22nd September	- Road Trial - Round 7
Sunday	6th October	- Road Trial - Round 8