

Manchester 'I7' Motor Cycle Club
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Happy New Year to All 'I7' Members!

Let's hope we are all in for an exciting year on the road, trail and track with plenty of silverware and honours to display in ten months time. We are the biggest and most active club in the area with a membership full of promise in the various sports; lets hope we can consolidate last year's membership and that everyone will renew their subscription in the next few weeks!

See Doreen Rowland at the club or post your £1.50 and membership card to, 9 Coniston Drive, Handforth, Cheshire.

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....PART I Reports....

Annual General Meeting - November 16th

The retiring committee gave their various reports which reflected a successful twelve months. The club captain reviewed an enjoyable summer on the road and the sporting committee recalled something like fourteen trials in the year. Most satisfying was the treasurer's summary which showed a "very comfortable" year's trading and a safe bank balance.

After the usual lively discussion on whether or not we should be running speed events - where, and under whose leadership are the real issues - Mel Cranmer volunteered to head a working party. It was later revealed that an enduro was their main interest - not grass track or scrambles. We are still awaiting developments.....!

The new committee was elected and is as follows:

President	: Dave Rowland	Ex works trials rider. Now ACU official.
Chairman	: Gordon Ruffley	Motorcycle shop proprietor. Ex sidecar trialsman.
Secretary	: Frank Pickard	Bachelor. Rock music fan. AIO road bike.
Treasurer	: Frank Turner	Company Accountant. Used to own Norton outfit.
Club Capt.	: Dave Tattersall	Responsible for road runs etc. Honda 500 twin.
Social Sec.:	Dave Effer	Not as old as he looks. Honda 550 four.
Press, Publicity & Newsletter	) Paul Tootall	Interest in all sports and road runs. Honda 400
	) Carole Thomas	Manager to Cheshire trials star & club champion.
Subs. Sec	: Doreen Rowland	Energetic money making machine, electric start.
Trials & Sporting "Sub Committee"	) Arthur Edwards	Trials rider and organiser
	) Harvey Lloyd	Trials rider and organiser
	) John Garlick	Trials rider and organiser

Retiring Chairman : Ron Weale - Sub Postmaster. British bike fan. BSA.
RAC/ACU delegates : Mark Hewitt and Tony McConville

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Road Run - November 21st - "Steaming to Howarth"

Sniff! Sniff! Petrol was pouring from the left hand carb overflow pipe. The fault was found to be dirt causing the float needle to stick. All this before leaving for the Robin Hood. Vroom, Vroom, Dave Duckett arrives at the end of the drive. Short conversation. "Lets call for Richard". Called at Richard's but he's bad with Gastric Flu.

Half an hour late we arrive at the Robin Hood. Everyone was there, but Dave Nurse didn't show, so we all rode to Dave's house. With Dave in the convoy it was green for go.

The other side of Hyde we lost Dave Duckett. Paul and myself made two separate attempts to find him without success.

Later on while riding parallel with the M62. Tonys chain said 'no more' and snapped in two places. The bike was left at a cafe called 'Exit 22'. Luckily there were enough pillion seats spare for Tony and Sue. We rode to a nearby town, but there wasn't a chain to be had. After butties outside and a pint inside a pub, we set off for Howarth.

When we arrived the car park attendant told us, a man in a red suit had been asking about us. Dave had made it, but no one saw him again until club night!

Three of us went for a ride on the train, the others looked around the loco sheds. After everyone walked around Howarth, refreshment was called for so we all went into the cafe for assorted eats and drinks.

The ride home was a good one, we stopped off at "Exit 22" to put Tony's Honda in a safer place. We enjoyed the day out, and the three ladies who braved the slightly chilly conditions certainly brightened the day.

A sad little story to close. On Monday Frank and Tony went to retrieve the chainless Honda, but along the way a crankcase gasket blew on the BSA. So they fixed one and the other broke. Ah well, these things will happen.

Frank & Janet, Tony & Sue, Paul & Sh (you know who) Dave Nurse,
Dave Duckett and yours truly Dave Tattersall.

Dunlop Night - November 23rd

We received a mysterious message that the man wasn't coming but he would be at the Phoenix Club in February if we wanted to trot down there!

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Since the last newsletter the trials fanatics in the club have organised six trials, at five different venues, with every one also having a different Secretary of the Meeting. The next scheduled trial is the John Simister, in another area and this time it is Henry and Sonia Rosenthal who have taken on the necessary work, and will make a good job of it.

Junior and Novice Trial - November 28th

This trial was held at Stoneyfold Quarry with Arthur and Nellie in charge, Ron and family setting sections etc. As usual a first class trial with the exception of one section which started OK but became a bottomless mire of corrosive sludge.

Dave R.

RESULTS:

Best Novice	D Sharpley	35	Best 'A'	J Hulme	18
Ist Class Awards	P W Steckles	49	Ist Class Awards	R W Gardiner	37
	R Stewart	57		M Greenough	51
	G H Longden	61			
Best 'B'	H S Jackman	31	Best 'C'	T Scarlet	72
Ist Class Awards	M Holland	35			
Over '40'	D J F Macdonald	45			
Ist Class Awards	R Hulme	51			

(N.B. Over 40 Int score includes handicap)

Road Run - November 28th - "It's Cold in Them Thar Hills!"

After talking over several routes to the TT Leathers Superstars trial, one was decided upon and Paul led the way along the damp roads. When we passed the cafe 'Exit 22' I cringed a bit after last weekends incident. Not long after everyone stopped a for breather and decided to press on to Pateley Bridge and have lunch there.

On arrival we parked the bikes up and walked to a section called Ken's Canyon. It was a rock (boulder) section. Eating bummies up against a rock face, it was interesting to watch the different styles of the 'Superstars'. Two of our club members cleaned the section, while bigger names came to an abrupt halt. Two well known spectators were spotted, Mick Grant and Paul Smart, of road racing fame.

Walking back to the bikes a real icy wind blew across the fields, bringing driving rain with it. Everyone back on the bikes we rode to

another section called York's Folly. After watching here a while we were pelted with hail stones. Things were looking bad. Moving on to another section, the weather turned so foul it was decided to return home via the cafe in Howarth.

After a welcome hot drink and a chat, we continued on our journey home, to complete a not altogether successful day.

The party was Bill, Keith, Mick, Nigel, Paul, Ian and myself. D.T.

Inter Club Quiz - November 30th

A packed clubroom munched free butties while we played out the last leg of the eliminators with Ashton and Shaw clubs. If we won both rounds we could still progress to the final but Ashton just beat us in a thrilling competition and then Shaw walked all over us. The ten on our scoreboard was a penalty handed to us by their error!

Whenever we play Ashton we always put up a good fight but Shaw are so dominant with NW Centre questions we have no chance. Our beaten team was Gordon, Harvey, Dave T and myself.

Mike Wood on Rallies - December 7th

Mike Wood from Sandifords again gave up an evening to show us some of his films. Last years Scottish Six Days Trial was followed by an early Monte Carlo Rally. Very interesting.

Rocket Trial - December 10th

After a test rocket disappeared in the fog the event was postponed to February 4th.

Northern Experts Trial - December 12th

Saturday December 11th was a beautiful bright day which saw many members marking sections, route etc. for the following days Northern Experts trial. Unfortunately the Sunday provided swirling heavy mist and it was obvious that we could not hold the event over the planned route, so the only thing we could do was move to Clough House. A clubmember guided competitors across the A53 to enable us to use Danebower and with these four it became a fourteen section, two lap event which seemed to pass as a trial of sorts.

My commiserations to all the persons who did a tremendous amount of work which was wasted, but we made a trial for people who had travelled a long way.

Dave R

RESULTS:

Northern Experts Trophy (Solo)	- D Thorpe	II	C Clarke	25
First Class Awards	- M D Skinner	I6	C Clarke	25
	- N Birkett	I7	N Shepherd	26
	- R M Shepherd	2I	G Wilkinson	34
	- J Galloway	24	D J Hooke	36
	- R Sunter	25	D Edmundson	4I
Northern Experts Trophy (Side-car)	- A Clarke	/ M Bailey		4I
First Class Awards	- N Iveson	/ G W Simpson		58
	- B Watson	/ R Suttill		59
	- W Bulloch	/ B Pearce		60
Castrol Award - Best M/c 'I7' Member		D Thorpe		
Special Award (next best sidecar)		M Ellis / B Whittaker		60
Special Award (best under I9)		M D Skinner		I6

Committee Meeting - January 10th

The whole committee (with the exception of Dave Tattersall who was at the London show) met at the club and had a lively evenings discussion on several important topics.

As new secretary Frank scribbled frantically we decided to try a new hand duplicator to replace the antique washing machine at present at Doreen's.

" Quiz Team - due to complaints from the audience at our recent failure we opted for a team to select and manage future teams - a squad was selected according to special knowledge.

- " Trials - much concern was expressed about saturation of use of Plantation sections. We have no right to restrict use by other clubs and individuals - and the farmer would hardly agree to selective use. Result: The Manchester I7 will continue to search for new land and in the meantime we ASK MEMBERS NOT TO PRACTICE AT PLANTATION because the land is getting so much use it is untidy and radically altered from its natural state.
- " Forthcoming Belle Vue Show - RAC/ACU staff agreed to organise their own portion of the stand.
- " Dave Effer and colleagues have not been called upon by STEP Two Wheel Teach In - but we know of unqualified (non members) of RAC/ACU scheme who are involved.
- " It was agreed we need to keep an eye on rights of way and Peak Park Planning Board activities. A TRF man is being asked to visit us and John Ward and Dennis Rourke will be our watchdogs.

John Hartle Trial - January 16th

This was Steve and Carole's trial held at Chapel-En-Le-Frith. This time heavy snowfall made the team shorten the course but most seemed to enjoy it and all went very well, thankfully we didn't suffer from a shortage of observers which usually haunts this trial.

RESULTS:

Best Performance - C Clarke	I2		
Ist Class Awards - P Oakley	I4	C Milner	I5
- D Thorpe	I4	D J Hooke	I7
Best Intermediate N Oakley	26		
Best Novice - R Wheaver	5I		
Ist Class Awards - B Hill	70	P Steckles	80
- T Wyatt	75	D Sharpley	84
Best 40 plus - J Macdonald	63		

Belle Vue Show - January 24th to 27th

A disappointment and, to be honest, a disgrace to the club. Early thoughts on this years show were aimed at promoting youth trials and the RAC/ACU scheme - the social and road bike scenes being overcrowded we did not want to publicise them.

Unfortunately the members who should have jumped at the chance to promote these aspects showed lack of initiative and we had a bleak unattractive stand which seemed to have no purpose. The stalwarts who put up and dismantle the stand are not interested in future unless the rest of the club rally round in support.

Thanks go to the Hulmes, Dave Murray and Dave Duckett for display material, to Gordon, Dave, Peter and John for the stand itself, and to the few staunch members who manned the shop during the week.

Dinner Dance - January 28th

After early confusion over the tickets - who can reserve them or who has and not collected them etc - all went well with over 130 tickets sold in the end. In fact, so co-operative were the management that costs for the absent Eric Boocock and Henry Rosenthal were recovered.

I spoke to Eric on the phone at 6.0 pm and learned that he had food poisoning - he was most concerned as he had been unable to contact Mick Grant (who was actually in Blackpool) and was waiting to the last minute to decide whether to cry off or get up and come. Mick and Carol did arrive however and a good time was had by all. The meal was tasty and plentiful and the Blue Axis band were excellent. What a change from the ancient trios we've had in the past!

(Historical footnote - it was the Blue Axis who let us down in the year of the electricity cuts at the Stockport Co-op).

After the meal, where large parties were able to sit together and it was pleasing to see so many Dinner Dance newcomers, Mick Grant presented the awards listed below. Before he left Mick also lent a sympathetic ear to our grumbles about Oulton Park and promised to look into the matter.

AWARDS 1976

TRIALS

NORTHERN EXPERTS TRIAL

Premier Solo Award	D Thorpe
Best Sidecar	A Clarke/M Bailey

JOHN SIMISTER TRIAL

Premier Award S P Thomas

FISHER TROPHY D Thorpe

JOHN HARTLE MEMORIAL TRIAL C A Clark

Premier Award C A Clarke

WARBURTON TRIALS TROPHY D Sharpley

HEPWORTH TRIALS TROPHY S P Thomas

STANBURY TRIALS TROPHY S P Thomas

CLUB TRIALS CHAMPION

Len Eyre Trophy.. . . . S P Thomas

SPECIAL AWARDS

TRIALS

Punchbowl Trophy D Porritt
Strugglers Sprocket J Cantrell
Presidents Sporting Cup P Steckles
Observer of the Year Mrs J Hulme

ENDUROS

Frank Lever Trophy P Reynolds

ROAD TRIALS

Presidents Sporting Cup D Duckett
Runners up C Taylor
D Tattersall

ROAD RACING

Simister Road Racing Trophy M Capper

Junior Trial - January 30th

January 30th gave Richard Steward and family a chance to show their prowess in the art of organising - and they emerged with flying colours. Stoneyfold was used for another Novice and Youth trial which supplied an enjoyable days sport for all.

RESULTS.

Best Novice	D Sharpley	28		
Ist Class Awards	R Ashby	52	G Longden	61
	P Steckles	62	R Stewart	72
Best 'A'	J Hulme	16		
Ist Class Awards	C Davies	22	T Skidmore	25
	S Rowland	50		
Best 'Over 40'	G Longden	82		
Ist Class Award	R Hulme	98		

(N.B. Handicaps included where appropriate)

Social Sub Committee - January 31st

As envisaged when Dave Effer took on the job of social secretary, a sub-committee was formed to make a busy and important role easier. Eight members chatted for some hours and came up with a long list of ideas to be followed up. Also planned were the first two road runs of the year for late February.

Ideas considered (and being researched) included visits to a local brewery, a newspaper, the ice rink and a TVStudio. Further afield it was planned to visit the MIRA test laboratory and track near Nuneaton as well as one of the early Donington race meetings. On the social scene the new film catalogues will be obtained and quizzes, talks and dances organised. We have already written to the BM and a TT meeting point will be arranged.

The idea of camping weekends still finds little favour but the big scheme is to plan an organised visit to this years first ever mainland GP at Silverstone. The germs of the idea are to meet early on Saturday August 13th and meander down to the Cotswolds before a pre-booked overnight hotel for dinner, bed and breakfast is reached - somewhere like Banbury or Brackley.

After a suitable booze up on Saturday it would be a short run to the track in the morning where we will have booked £4.50 stand rover tickets. Would anyone interested, solos, families, cars, mistresses or whatever, please get in touch with Dave Effer as soon as possible. We'll need to book the digs in the next month or so.

" The club calendar is now on the notice board showing Darley and Oulton events together with all the British Championship rounds in road racing scrambles, and trials plus the big internationals. Use it to plan informal club runs.

" March 22nd - Champion Plugs film and talk.

Rocket Trial - February 4th

This re-arranged fixture was run in the Marple/New Mills area with a small but enthusiastic entry. Certainly the organiser - arch villain Dave Duckett, the Jack Lemmon of New Mills - was enthusiastic in his new role. He planted his wife Kay near the finish and had her mislead all the competitors when they were getting too close!

Richard Innocent (a likely name) won the event before everyone retired to the Fox for a pint.

Moses found a reminder of the event in his pocket several days later - he was thinking of entering on his hang glider!

Junior Trial - February 6th

February 6th was John Garlicks trial which was held on a brand new area at Marple and a right good job he did too, with competitors all agreeing, and approving of the muddy course.

RESULTS

Best Novice	D Sharpley	38	
Ist Class Awards	B Green	67	R Butterworth 8I
	G Mainwaring	77	
Best 'A'	J Hulme	14	
Ist Class Award	N Jeeves	56	
Best 'B'	S Rowland	6I	
Ist Class Award	M Rdwards	77	
Best 'C'	T Scarlett	92	

Hearty congratulations to all the successful events you hard working members have organised. The good name we have will carry on, as long as this spirit prevails.

Dave R.

Club Run - February 13th

After a clear sunny morning but very cold, the weather deteriorated to a steady downpour by the time we left the club at 10.30 am. Twelve bikes and seventeen members in all had gathered for our first outing of the year which was intended as a sample of interest we might expect for runs this coming summer. I led the way through Higher Poynton, Potts Shrigley and Rainow to the Goyt Valley where it started to snow. Spurred on by the thought of hot food ordered in advance we crossed Axe Edge and passed High Edge and 'Owl Hole' on the way to Longnor, Warslow and the Black Lion at Butterton.

The landlady had prepared soup, pasties, sandwiches and home made fruit pie which was attacked with gusto until we realised it was twenty pence per item!. Warmed inside (and out, by open fires) we set off again in dry warmer weather for a quick look at the Manifold valley before returning to the Fourways Diner at Cluelow Cross via Meerbrook. Somewhere along this route we lost two bikes and the message was not passed along to me at the front so we went off blissfully ignorant into the distance - sorry lads!

After coffee at Fourways we rode home via Macclesfield and the party split up along the way to Stockport. It would have been impractical to stop each time someone turned off for home but I always feel this is an unsatisfactory way to end a run.

PS. Equally unsatisfactory was the way we gazed stupidly at our fellow club members at Wincle - two trials riders and their wives - neither group letting on to the other and both equally to blame for our reservations.

Trail Ride - February 13th

The trail section of the club has not been completely dormant during the past few months and runs have been mainly informal involving threes and fours. Just after Xmas the run started from Marple Bridge on an icy day and within the first few miles the bikes were proceeding horizontally downhill on wet ice followed by a mini-van which despite its slow speed still managed a complete circle before ramming the bank. After this we headed out towards Hayfield and more solidly iced roads, eventually turning up onto the moors only to be beaten by 4 feet of snow either side a gate. Onwards to the A6 and behind Coombs reservoir with several inches of snow being the gripping medium, the only vehicle that had preceded us on the roman road had warm skis.

The club trial at Harrat Grange on January 16th gave an excuse for exploring the possibilities of opening the road from the Wanted Inn to the Rushup Edge road and despite encountering snow drifts level with tops of the walls the party of 4 made it - my thanks to Pete, Ron and Colin for extracting the MZ from handlebar deep drifts about every 20 yards. A further section of snowed up track was opened at the back of Mellor and I think we can vouch for the fact that its very warm work.

On February 13th Robin Walters organised a run starting from Hoywood and onto the moors, what Robin didn't say was the going in the main was virgin moorland, bogs, gullies etc, all included. 6 started 6 finished despite mist, snow, rain and occasional loss of direction.

Dave Lawson's Ossa started the day immaculate but was soon hardly recognisable as the ploughing progressed. One point was reached at a broad boggy gully which defeated everyone and steps were retraced through bogs which had not improved by passing of bikes both ways. On reaching civilisation and then continuing along a broad cobbled and potholed track we reached a quarry and onto the moor again, however this was only a short stretch with a black bottomless mud exit finally regaining the track with a steady run downhill over boulders, potholes, sand, cobbles and streams to finish near Rochdale.

John Ward.

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Advertisements, Offers, Wants and Discounts

- " Large white top-boxes, strong locks and hinges. Heavy duty model similar to AGV Superlockers £10 (worth £19.50) Details on noticeboard. STOTT, 267 Manchester Rd, Tyldesley, Manchester.
- " Brian Capper at the club is also able to reproduce a heavy duty white top-box for members only. Price negotiable.
- " DI4 Bantam. Suit beginner or schoolboy wishing to learn mechanics and maintenance prior to coming of age. Needs ignition sorting out. F registration. No MOT or TAX. Offers to Nigel Wayne. 061 432 9400 (evenings)
- " Don't forget the ATS Tyres offer. Big discounts available on all brands. Recover your subs five times over with one purchase - car or bike. Committee members have the purchase cards.
- " Any offers of assistance with typing, printing, copying and duplicating would be readily accepted by the committee. We don't make wives and girlfriends honorary members for nothing!
- " FOR SALE - Kangol Crash Helmet, worn once. Cost £7.85 yours for £6.00 - see Doreen
- " Patrick Wills is a Surrey born trials rider on a course at Manchester University and is trying to continue his sport on a low budget. We have a letter from him asking for a spare trailer slot for his Suzuki 250. If anyone would like to take up his 'share the costs' offer please write to him at Wright Robinson Hall, UMIST Campus, Manchester 1.
- " Dickens & Lee, Insurance Brokers of 115-117 Plumstead Common Road, London SE18 2UQ have written to us with some sample insurance rates. They claim it is not a cut price offer but "a special scheme for mature riders with good records". See noticeboard.
- " Don't forget to support your club dealers - you never know when you might need them.

Motor Cycle Centre, Stockport and Great Moor. John Roberts

Town and Country Motorcycles, Ashton. Dave Lawson and Gordon Ruffley.
Armsdens, Ashley Road, Hale. Ron Armsden
Macdonalds Motorcycles, Macclesfield. The Macdonalds.
Paul Ludlam Motorcycles, Reddish, Stockport. Paul Ludlam.
plus of course Renthal goods. Henry Rosenthal.

.....PART 3 Features.....

Enduros

A condensed technical explanation by Paul Reynolds.

A typical enduro course consists of approximately 100 miles per day of forestry and moorland tracks linked by various other terrain. The skill comes in riding over a marked course to a specified time schedule with penalties for lateness at the controls: one mark per second.

Points awarded on special tests are again according to the time taken and these are also used to eliminate ties. There may be two special tests on each day and riders must have full prior knowledge of how to tackle the test as no explanation can be given by the officials on the spot. Such tests would consist of a timed hill climb (not straight and up to two miles in length) and a cross country test of three to four miles.

In each test the fastest time set by a rider in each class will set standard time. Times recorded by each competitor are expressed in seconds and each second represents one point.

Points are added at the rate of whole or part seconds that a rider exceeds standard time by.

Total riding time amounts to six or seven hours.

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After a successful spell on a Jawa and a borrowed Montesa, Paul hopes to add to his medal collection with a brand new ISDT Bultaco which will have had its baptism in the Stranraer event by the time you read this. ED

.....PART 4 News in Brief.....

" Dave Abrahams will have to put his hang-glider in mothballs soon. His sponsors on the Vincent expect a full season of club and national meetings before the Manx. Dave - who is enjoying the full heights of his 500 Yamaha trail bike - may also have a 250 two stroke for late season events.

" Mick Capper, the fastest builder and property repairer in Chapel, has acquired a new TZ350 from Bill Smiths and will set out this spring to make a name for himself on northern circuits. Now with an international licence and support from Jack Warburton, a Cheshire business man, Mick plans to do meetings at the new Donington circuit and hopes for a TT entry.

" Our old clubmate and ex-scrambles champion Brian Clough has taken over Harry Cartwright's shop on the A6 at Heaviley.

" "New silencing regulations will take some of the fun out of racing my Triumph 3" says Dave Ashton.

" Avon Tyres are sponsoring the ACU National Rally on August 6/7th. The cost prior to this move was to be over £8. Let's make sure we get a big club entry this year; Trevor Cowdrey can't win the Cheshire award every time!

" Lists have been compiled by Doreen for this years Oulton Park marshalling duties. The March meeting will be based on last years names. Club members only can enjoy this "privilege" (and I hope will continue to press for changes and improvements).

" Adrian Clarke and Mick Bailey have settled well on their new 400 cc Honda trials outfit with second place after a tie at the Colmore in January. Lets hope they can bring the British Title back to the club.

" Congratulations (belated) to Steve Thomas on a fine year in Cheshire trials. Club champion and second in the Centre.

" Following committee discussion, Dave Tattersall has approached the ACU for details of RAC Rally Regulations. We hope to run a national road trial in the Peak District on August 21st and will need lots of practical and clerical help. Please see Dave or myself as soon as possible with your ideas.

- " Keep an eye on John and Alan Hulme. Inbetween womanising and wheelies around Whaley Bridge they are getting some great results on their Town and Country Ossas.
- " John Hulme joined Dave Porritt in beating Dave Thorpe at a Crewe trial in late January. 19 year old Dave looks like a strong threat to Steve Thomas this year.
- " Yamaha man Pete Steckles is not content with his Presidents Sporting Cup. He turned out with two navigators at the recent rocket trial in a four wheel device.
- " Good news for Glossop man Steve Birchall. He has been upgraded to compete in the British Sidecar Cross Championships, after a year in the support series. Andy Gregory - usual ballast for John Garlic both in a trials outfit and at the bar of the Fox - has the job of getting fit for the coming season as he has volunteered to help Steve balance the Weslake in their tilt at the title. After a preliminary practice Andy had just enough breath left to swear in amazement!
- " Dave Thorpe has yet to score a championship point in the British title series as I write but things are bound to improve later for our works Bultaco friend. Dave has the knack of winning the big ones and will surprise the rest when it matters most.
- " Ric Innocent is toying with the idea of bying one of those lovely Rickman Honda conversions. They don't make a rocket trial special do they?
- " Letters have been received from John Cranmer who is wandering around the world with a rucksack looking for more green lanes. He is now on his way home after a spell working and living on a Kibutz in Israel.
- " Paul Norbury has replaced his little boy racer for a Honda 550-4. Joe will continue to ride in his slipstream.
- " Carl Taylor now has his 750-3 after twelve months on a 400-4 which he felt was not big enough for two-up jaunts to the continent.
- " Dave Nurse had no sooner rebuilt his 250 MZ than it was stolen from Belle Vue during the show week. A new 250 was already on order but for now it's back to the Honda 90 runabout.
- " John Garlic is our representative on the new Stepping Hill Sports Council and immediately found himself on the executive committee. Jolly hockey sticks. Anyone for tennis?
- " Dave Tattersall continues to add goodies to his 500 Honda and polishes it when the rest of us go on a club run. He reckons his next bike might be a Yamaha.
- " RAC/ACU Training Scheme

The Secretary has received a letter of resignation from the training scheme organiser, Trevor Cowdrey who has handed over his duties to Tony McConville after eleven years running the RAC/ACU scheme. Trevor took over the running of the scheme when Wilf Earlam found his timetable too congested and since then has soldiered through years of muddy fields, delapidated sheds and (often stolen) vintage Bantams before bringing the scheme to its' present professional standing with modern bikes at the Cheadle Heath venue. In recognition of his unpaid time and sweat keeping the thing together in less enlightened times. for ensuring the club had a regular supply of new members, and for maintaining our good relations with the police and road safety officers he has been made an Honorary Member of the club.

Well done Trevor, and thank you!

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To The End of the World

A club run is to be organised to this strange sounding venue in the near future - it may ~~spooks~~ spook your mind that your bike won't stand the journey, but not so. The location is not far away in Leek land across the border.

We will enter this land via the side door and leave via the back door and the visit will include a ford a mountain ridge road (all tarmac surfaces) and a bridge of water 120 feet high build in 1805, mileage will be about 150 miles and we shall have some weather.

Interested? well glide your eye over the notice board from time to time for date and start.

Watch out for next months super new front cover as the Manchester I7 joins the "See and Be Seen" campaign! How about passing the time to our next issue by dropping a line to me about some issue which can be printed in the newsletter. Should the Manchester I7 join the BMF? Should we form a food co-operative? How would YOU run the club and how should we use our money? What about your thoughts on training, legislation, insurance etc? Let's hear your views on rights of way, trail riding and trials observers. With a bit of luck I won't need to write the next newsletter, just shuffle the articles and send it to Carole!