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And in July we have					
4th & 5th	N Somerset		2day Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
4th	Kingswood	Practice	Trial	Solo	INV.
5th	Kingswood	Hangover	Trial	Solo	RTClub
9th	Swindon & Dist	Members Cuo	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	RTClub
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22nd	N Somerset	Blackman Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
26th	Foxhill Promotions	Maxxis	Moto-X	Solo	International
In August:we have:					
8th	Kingswood		Hare & Hounds	Solo	WCR*
13th	Swindon & Dist.	Maslin Trophy	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	RTClub
16th	Swindon Youth GT		Grass Track	Solo	RTClub
20h & 23rdt	Cornwall Centre	Inter Centre Team	Trial	Solo, Youth S/car	National
& in early September we have					
6th	N Somerset	RT Keedwell Transport	Timed Trial	Solo	RTClub
6th	Bristol Grass		Grass Track	Solo	RTClub
13th	Wells & Dist	Presidents Trophy	Timed Trial	Solo	WCR*
13th	Frome & Dist	Ron Jefferies Trophy	Trial	Solo, Youth A&B	WCR
13th	Swindon Adult GT		Grass Track	Solo	WCR
13th	Swindon & Dist	Foxwell Fling	Enduro	Solo	WCR
WCR * = Centre Championship event					



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Centre News & Info



The May Board Meeting dealt with its routine business.

The Agenda for the National Council Meeting received after the April Board Meeting, contained proposals for changes to the ACU Articles of Association. One proposed change, if accepted by Members, would allow the Directors to call an AGM & Two National Council Meetings annually if **THEY** (the Directors) chose (NB the existing Articles **REQUIRED** the Directors to call an AGM & Two National Council Meetings annually).

Frank Sweeting had circulated a Memo to the Emergency Committee seeking their support of his recommendation to the May Board Meeting to **vote against this proposal. The Board endorsed the view of the Emergency Committee** & instructed Pat Richardson then Expertsto vote against the clause if it was taken separately or against the package of proposed changes to the Articles if a vote was called on all the changes proposed together.

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West Wilts Notes.

The re-arranged James Cup Centre Trials Championship Round attracted a satisfying entry Colin Crease has his name engraved on the Trophy again! with Lee Hassall R/up & Ben Bramwell 3rd, notwithstanding that a number of regular riders were up in the Highlands including Ricky Wiggins Craig Talbot & John Luff.

Our Centre Enduro Championship Round, at Naish Hill ran like clockwork, with the exception of a glitch with the timing system which showed some wrong placings in the results until they were carefully inspected. Sorry if we misled you to begin with the results initially posted on www.wwmc.co.uk

Bad news at our June Club Meeting! Landowner permission was withdrawn for farming reasons for the

I'd hoped to bring you some pictures of the ITGT at Ugley, now called **The British Team Grass Track Championships**, but I was surprised there were no Team presentations before racing began & with the Safety Roping around the Track I wasn't close enough to catch the action. Team Manager Vic Osmond assessed our chances before racing & we didn't do quite as well as his best case scenario. We ended up **5th in the 500cc class**, with Rod Melksham [our Centre Grass Track Recorder] taking 2 seconds & a 4th in his 3rd race He was out of the trap 2nd at the start, of his 3rd race but the red flag was shown due to a start line incident & in the rerun only got away fifth. Paul Derrick was suffering with gear selection problems & Manager Vic Osmond had to put him on a spare machine after he came to the line for

Pat Richardson reported that the ACU AGM & National Council Meeting elected Ian Murphy, from the Isle of Man, as a Director, & Mick Wren as a Member of the T & E C'ttee. The proposed change in the Articles mentioned above, which wasn't supported by us was withdrawn by the Directors. So **the Directors are still required to call an AGM & two National Council Meetings annually.**

The Wells & D TC requested the Lawford Timed Trial on 28/06/09 be upgraded to a Centre Championship Round. Permission was confirmed

The Financial support for Teams representing the Centre at Inter Centre Team Events was discussed & a standard "package of support was agreed for the guidance of Team Managers. The first event this will be applied to is the Inter Centre Team Grass Track on 14/06/09.

Team Manager Vic Osmond has entered Teams of: 350cc Jon Shanes, Jody Hodson & John Weeks & 500cc Paul Derrick, Rod Melksham, & Barry Woodruff.

The Board was reminded that no other Permits used to be issued on the date of the Inter Centre Team Grass Track, to ensure that the strongest possible teams were available to race. Consequentially the Swindon Adult GT Clubs Meeting on the same day will not count towards the Centre Champs.

Tom & Mary Crease wrote to say they, Frome & Distridt MC&LCC, had been asked to host the Southern Experts Trial by the Sunbeam Club, on the 13th of December. As this date clashes with the Centre Championship Knut Trophy Trial, they had asked Sunbeam if the Southern Experts could move to Sunday 6th December. [The 06/12/09 date has now been confirmed - Ed.]

Hare & Hounds, & Timed Trial we were going to run at Steeple Ashton on 20th & 21st June.

The WWMC Team of Adam Norris, Mark Cameron & Scott Cameron in the SSDT had a mixed week. Adam notched up yet another Special First Class for 18th place overall with a leaderboard placing on Thursdays shortened course when he was clean all day. Mark Finished with a 2nd Class for 153rd place, having wondered whether his shoulder would let him start even, but Scott was very disappointed to have to pull out on Wednesday morning with a damaged & swollen arm. **Fortunately the X-rays showed nothing broken.**

Don't forget our Hare & Hounds at Lea on 19th July, Entry Forms are available at www.wwmc.co.uk/Enduro09.htm We anticipate this Event will be endorsed as a replacement Centre Championship Round.

his 1st race but without transmission. So 2 fiths & a fourth wasn't a bad effort. Barry Woodruff took a sixth & 2 sevenths.

Jody Jon & John just didn't have the speed, *in the 350cc class & placed 5th overall* as well.

Never mind, we were there & competing, & our team were wearing their blue & white halved tabards for I.D. which some of the other Teams weren't, - which made it difficult for the occasional grass track watchers (Phyllis & I) to keep track of progress during racing.

The Centre thanks all the Riders & Vic for their commitment to the Centre & hopes this competition will be firmly re-established on the Grass Track Calendar

Frank.

A BACKWARD LOOK

With the Laird of Rode up North of the Border looking after Wessex interests in the S.S.D.T. I will steal a little of his thunder. Congratulations to Andy Blacker on completing the Course at his first attempt. Despite "damage to his B.S.A." and not a little to himself he got a finishers award. The Laird watched his progress and gave advice. In fact he told Andy everything that he'd amassed in several decades. It took him several minutes. Speaking personally I think Andy benefited more from serving his novitiate riding in Shepton events at Worminster Farm. Cruelly dubbed DEATH FARM by Rob Treble and the Mendip VILE contingent. Anyway the Laird cut a dashing figure as he followed the six day riders dressed in the Mac Nipper tartan and Tam-o-Shanter. He really looked the part. He's got the legs to carry it off y'know. Sadly he was attacked by a rampant wild Haggis which savaged him. Right in the Trossachs.

I see that Richard Difazio has finally closed the shop in Frome. It was like stepping back in time to visit there. I've lost count of the bikes I purchased from his father John (Jack) over the years. The very atmosphere made it a pleasure to hand over coin of the realm for a new bike. The smell of new tyres, oil and petrol. The creak of the floorboards are indelibly imprinted on my Psyche. As an impressionable callous youth I was in awe of John who - not to put too fine a point on it - didn't suffer fools gladly.

Not everyone agreed with my remarks about the Clerk of Course problems. I accept that nowadays he doesn't have to put out Rights/Lefts/Straight-ons for umpteen miles. However there was a time when we had it 'sussed' out. We would quickly ride around the whole course and mark it with Red or Blue dye. Quick simple and could not be torn down or altered. In fact, almost foolproof. So what happened I hear you ask. Well, the powers that be said it was illegal to mark the road surface and that was that. Its perfectly O.K. to do it for the London Marathon though!!

The sidecar scramble season hasn't started well for the local crews. Tony and Scott Beeching had machine problem in the first two races at Frome but got a podium in the third race. Brian Ayres also had big trouble and his passenger, Rob Coles was disappointed not to perform in front of his mates. At the Harburton, Devon meeting once again the gremlins crept in. The Beechings suffered a gearbox layshaft breakage. Brian Ayres manage to 'up end' the plot, launching Rob into orbit. His landing was not very elegant and he broke his right arm - again. However, R.U.H. have plated and plastered him and he's on the mend.

That's it for this month, can't wait for the greatest Road Race on the planet, the T.T.

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Spea FIM Trial World Championship, Grand Prix of Great Britain - 17/05/09

Above: Albert Cabestany has "launched", James Dabill watches. Cabestany was wonderful to watch all day, he was just "floating & flowing through the Sections. He mightn't have won but he'll have gained a lot of admirers from those who haven't seen him ride before.



You've seen that picture of Dougie Lampkin taking a tumble on the Sunday at the British World Round at Nord Vue? On the left you can see the tree branch you had to jump over, on the right you can see Dougie's already in trouble, hanging off the back to try & keep the front up. It didn't work! He face planted.



Left is Adam Raga on the very pretty Gas Gas amongst the built Cumbrian sections
Below: After he's watched Cabestany, James Dabill's every move is watched by Dougie

Had lunch with Ted Heather & his "boys" at Lag-na Ha village hall on Monday, of the SSDT while waiting for the first riders to arrive. Still can't get over how little they charge for the terrific home made spread they have available. Proceeds are going towards a new floor this year. Don't usually see Ted to talk with much as he's out early & late putting up & taking down signs. Like Chris & Janet (& Serge) & all the rest of the army of volunteers the event relies on them to run & provide us all with a reason for a holiday Thanks to all of you





More from Nord-Vue, Champion Tony Bou was the only climber to successfully scale this "mountain", this ride effectively won him the event.

Wessex riders on the current National scene.

John (Tuck) & Matt (Sparkes) are continuing winning ways in the S/Car Champs, with another victory at the Mansfield Mauns Doncaster Cup,

Same Place same event, Martin Wilmore placed 5th in A class of the ACU Traditional Trials Championship..

Victoria Payne was runner up to Hannah Richardson in the last Ladies & Girls "C" Class National

On the way to the ICTGT(worked that one out?) at Ugley we passed Team Richard Jenkins on the M25, Richard you will remember rode for the Centre in the Youth ICTT (worked that one out yet?) some years ago, but these days drives a monster Zabel/VMC S//car MX outfit.. Come race day on Sunday he seized when in the lead of the 1st race of the Maxxis S/car-X Champ round at Wattisfield Hall.

He's just made his first qualification & start in a World S/car Champ Round at Varsseveld in Holland, Not quite up with Dan & Joe Millard, in the GP's but only 1 place behind Dan & Joe in the British Champs - 5th & 6th respectively.

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More from the SSDT

Scott Cameron(208) below left on Fersit & brother Mark(207) was next through. Old habits die hard, Mark still doesn't wear gloves - he didn't as a schoolboy rider either.



The View from Ba House

The Scottish this year was an awful week, with incessant heavy rain, high winds, hail and a bit of snow thrown in. After last year's super weather I suppose we all got a bit spoilt and were hoping for another dry week, but no, Lochaber's foul weather returned with a vengeance and made everyone's life a misery. As an Irish rider put it to me, "You surely can't enjoy any of this. We'd all have been better off if we'd stayed in the pub."

Our riders had mixed fortunes, Adam Norris had one of his best finishes to date, riding brilliantly to finish in the late twenties, while Mark Cameron and John Luff were well up in the First-Class Awards. Sadly, a very disappointed Scott Cameron, was forced to retire on Thursday after riding with an injured arm for a couple of days, and Craig Talbot went out on Wednesday with starting problems.

In the Pre-65 trial, much as expected, John Adams bike died on the second day with a noisy engine, (big-ends gone), while Andy Blacker finished almost trouble free, apart from a few cuts and bruises. I saw Andy at the last section of the trial and he was very pleased to have achieved his goal of finishing the two days. He told me he'd found it very tough going, but that it had been a great experience. Well done him.

Still it's not all doom and gloom. For instance on Monday two little kids, about eight years old, who live halfway along the track to the Loch Shiel sections, stood in the teeming rain to wave as the entry rode by. Many riders stopped for a friendly word and handed over a lot of free chocolate bars. The kids went home happy.

On Tuesday I was lucky enough to see a marvelous ride by Harry Lampkin at the Glen Cia-aig section, which was being observed by Chris and Janet. The top section there was in a vertical trench, about six

feet deep, and there was so little room that the only way up, it seemed, was to follow the gully and foot like mad. Harry had a better plan. He charged at it in a big gear and rode along the grassy edges of the slot, jumping from side to side most of the way up, only diving back into the gully at the last twenty feet or so. I thought he was a dead man, but that's what playing Rugby does for you, it addles your brain and makes you brave.

On Saturday I watched at Achintee, the section just before Ben-Nevis. It's on the last day that you see something of the toll that this trial takes on the average person. One rider limped past me up the section and said to his mate, "I'm knackered. When I get home I'm not going to walk anywhere for a week"

I've just got back from the British Championship trial, held on Dartmoor at Ruby Rocks. I thought it was miles too hard overall, especially on the Novice route, although I understand James Dabill thought the Championship class to be too easy.

When the ACU introduced this extra Expert class B the idea behind it was to attract some of the better Centre riders to their local round, so they could dip their toe into Championship trials, but it seems to have backfired badly. They've got their Marketing all wrong. Surely most modern young riders are very image-conscious, (The bike has to have all the stickers and the body-hugging uniform must be brand new.), and the very last thing any of them want to do is to look "stupid". In their eyes crashing out in a section is the ultimate humiliation, especially in front of friends and family, and that is what was on offer at Ruby Rocks. That's why the crowd was swelled by youngsters who ideally should have been riding, but wouldn't take a chance on being laughed at by some of the less supportive elements in the crowd. The answer, I suppose, is to give them all a much simpler section to ride, something the average rider can clean or at least foot through, but that's old-fogey talk. **Ba**



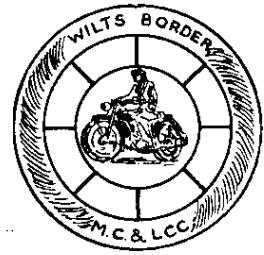
Almost every day at the SSdT, Nevis Radio pronounced that Lochaber will have "organised" rain. Translated back to the Gaelic, this seemed to mean "it'll be pissendoon". Here's Adam Norris at Fersit.

We nearly started off for Wiltshire on the last day but decided to stay around & do the World Round on the way home.. & what a difference a few days can make - this was Fingals Cave at Staffa, the Wednesday after the SSdT finished.



WILTS BORDER MC & LCC

(AFFILIATED TO THE WESSEX CENTRE OF THE ACU)



John Lovelock

1921 - 2009

John passed away in the BRI after a short illness aged 87 on 10th June.

He joined the Wilts Border Motor Cycle and light car club on 8th November 1951, a short while after the club was formed. He purchased a BSA Golden Flash 650cc vertical twin motorcycle, one of the few top models at the time. A sidecar was added later. He also started trials riding as an enthusiastic competitor, firstly on a Francis Barnett and secondly on a Greeves, winning the Endeavour trial in 1958. John then went on to organise events and his late wife Gwen [nee Sawyer] became trials secretary.

It gave him great pleasure to present the Endeavour Cup in his front room (our winter club house) to Craig Talbot who won in 2008, 50 years after his own victory.

During the 1950's 60's and 70's the club organised numerous trials, scrambles, grass tracks and social events. John was always there, applying himself energetically to a variety of tasks, and often acted as Clerk of the Course. At this time his late son Graham competed successfully in trials and scrambles. John remained an active committee member right up until his death.

John was also a keen member of the Caravan Club and again applied his organising skills to the Wiltshire White Horse Groups' Rallies at a number of venues.

John was apprenticed to the building trade as a carpenter and joiner, was a foreman in his twenty's, a site manager and then a contracts manager. John is survived by his sister Molly and grandsons Christopher and Peter.

Wilts Border has lost a loyal member and motorcycle sport has lost a lifelong supporter. His family and the club would like to thank all those who attended John's funeral from the various organisations he was involved with during his life.

This appreciation of John was contributed by Tony Bollen & Brian Newbury



On your left, 2008 Wilts Border Endeavour Cup Winner, Craig Talbot pictured at Fersit in the 2009 SSDT, & below a 1952 BSA Gold Flash, similar to Johns bike



KINGSWOOD MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LTD

Hangover Trial

Permit No ACU26125

Sunday 5th July 2009

Held under the NSC of the ACU and the Wessex Centre Standing Trials rules and the following supplementary regulations. Restrictions to drivers of solo machines only who are members of a club affiliated to the Wessex Centre ACU.

OFFICIALS - Centre Steward – M Bracey. Club Steward – S Hodge, Clerk Of The Course – M Fear (Youth: P Culliford). Secretary of the Meeting - Chris Fear, 12 Green Tree Road, Welton, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2UU. Tel 01761 418492.

ENTRIES - On the form below. To reach the Sec of the Meeting by FRIDAY 3rd July at £12.00, Youth £10.00. Fee returnable only if trial is cancelled for more than 24 hours. SAE with entry please. One motor cycle may only be ridden by one driver during the trial.

AWARDS - Best in each class and next best 10% first class awards, subject to entry.

START – Lambs Lair, West Harptree, Somerset. BS40 6EH. Marked from A368. Start at 11:00 AM.

SPECIAL TEST - In the even of a tie, the driver with the greatest number of cleans will win.

PROTESTS - To be made in accordance with the NSC of the ACU to the Secretary of the Meeting.

COURSE - All on private land and consisting of one lap before lunch and two laps after lunch, depending on weather conditions on the day.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING – Punchcards will be used in this event.

RESULTS POLICY – It will be assumed that you will take your results from the website if you do not address an envelope when entering.

KINGSWOOD MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LTD
SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2009

HANGOVER TRIAL

ENTRY FORM
Permit Number ACU26125

Entry Declaration: I/we, the undersigned, apply to enter the event described above in consideration thereof:-

- I/we hereby declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I/we understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event and agree to be bound by them.
- I/we further declare that I am/we are physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am/we are competent to do so.
- I/we confirm that I/we understand the nature and type of event we are entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers/officials.
- I/we confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I/we compete on shall be suitable for the purpose.
- I/we confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that it/they will comply with the regulations inspect thereof.
- I/we agree that I am/we are required to register our arrival by 'signing on' at the designated place not less than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of my/our practice or first competition, whichever occurs first.

<p>RIDER Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Postcode.....Tel.....</p> <p>ACU Licence No.....</p>	<p>E-Mail Address.....</p> <p>Club sub for 2009 enclosed YES / NO (Club subs: £3 Adult or Youth)</p> <p>Entry fee enclosed:.....</p> <p>Member ofclub</p> <p>Machine Make.....</p> <p>CC.....</p>																
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Circle class(es) entered

Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport: I/we understand that by taking part in this event I/we are exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I/we acknowledge that even in the event of negligence on the part of the ACU, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I/we may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my/our voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

I/we have read the above and acknowledge that my/our participation is entirely at my/our own risk.

Rider's signature..... If under 18, state date of birth.....

For riders under 18 years of age – I accept the above conditions of entry to this event and give my approval:

Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility.....

Riders under 18 years of age who cannot produce a valid ACU competition licence/trials registration must also complete a 'Parental Agreement form (Single Event)' in addition to this entry form.