



SEAMAC

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More annual general meetings - this time the N.Staffs Track Ass'n AGM is on 2nd November. Since Alan Christer and others have been using the track (we hope to get a report on that some day) then let's hope we have a representative there.

New members accepted at the last committee meeting were

Gary Wilkinson and Alan Wilkinson of Baguley  
Chris O'Connor of Old Trafford  
Stephen Davies of Partington

We now have 73 members. There was a discussion regarding people coming up to the club repeatedly merely for a free game of snooker etc. One for 10 months, two for 6 months and four for 3 months. So it was decided to return to the old idea. ... after coming up three weeks a potential will be asked if he is going to join us - otherwise not to come up again.

Bob Hill still has many club handbooks - have you got yours yet??

The Club is still in a safe position financially - but we expect medals etc to cost in the region of £100 this year.

Anyone interested in the usual Christmas dinner Run - or perhaps an ordinary dinner run just before Christmas, in view of the cost. Got any suggestions for where, please?

Suggestions for activities on Friday nights were Speakers to talk on race-tactics, wheel building, bicycle maintenance, training etc Maybe the films of Paris-Roubaix (anyone want to see these?) Plus club Badminton tournament, T.T. tournament, Roller contest, inter-club roller contests. Let's hope there are enough Friday evenings!!!!

Talking about Friday evenings have you noticed how many members are now coming up to the clubroom. The average has gone up from 35 to 45, whilst the other week there were 61. Since its impossible to get all those in the canteen room, it follows that we must have some activities going on, to move people about the building, which of course will encourage more people to come along.....

Racing, The day of the hillclimb was good, the turnout was good, in fact there were some 20 riders. And Colin McAndry won it, beating Alan Heggs, well, well. Then Ian Holmes won the Freewheel Contest!!! It appears there was chaos in lunch time feeding since nowhere could accomodate such numbers together. Since AJ has the loan of a 5gall tea-urn perhaps it would have been better, in view of the weather, if the layby at the top of the hill had been utilised for brewing up and picnic lunch.

Malc. Judge attended the RTTC (M/c) AGM on behalf of Seamons, but the other delegate didn't. There were no other applications for

the National 50 promotion and Seamons were accepted. The Chairman queried whether it was incorporated in Seamons own open 50 and this was confirmed, definitely.

Our Club's AGM is to be early in February 9th or 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. There was discussi on regarding a club vets championship and this will be put to the AGM.

Medals, instead of certificates, can be ordered for Standards achieved, but they will be charged to the recipients.

It has been suggested that if anyone is interested in taking up timekeeping (and timekeepers are sorely needed now) then the person's club should purchase a suitable watch for him to use.

Steve Bradshaw has attended the BCF Div meetings. Satu day 12th July at 18.30hrs is Seamons Festival Road Race - one hour and 1 lap.

Saturday 19th July at 18.00hrs is Seamons 3rds/Juniors road race 30 miles, in the Altrincham area.

From 37 clubs in the BCF division our club has 5th biggest BCF membership (34 as against 27 last year).

It seems the road-racing organisers and promoters have similar difficulties with the Cheshire police as do the timetrials organisers. Perhaps we should all get together and do something about it.....

Your committee also had some discussion regarding the entering of road races. Steve Bradshaw is planning some better controls with properly made-out entry forms, perhaps over printed with club's name.

After much discussion it was agreed that riders from other clubs coming out on our clubruns, should be discouraged.

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On the day that the last issue of Seamag was produced, we had the Abbotsford Park R.C. to our clubnight for a Inter-club Badminton contest. John Pardoe took over the organising of this (thanks John) and it appears we won. It was interesting to find that two of our 13year olds play at their schools.

On a club run recently one youngster got a puncture. He already had ten patches on the tube. It was a 26inch tube and so we had to fit a 27inch tube in his wheel. It worked... but it suggests that riders should be properly equipped when out on their bikes.

Even more important is that everyone should always ride with efficient lights at night. Ian Holmes has been seen four times without a front light, once in pouring rain and mist on the main road. If a vehicle should hit you a slight glancing blow, you could be liable for £150 repairs to his front wing - and your third-party BCF/CTC coverage IS VOID. Without a rear light you become INVISIBLE when you pass directly beneath a sodium lamp (keep your eyes open and check it...)

Geoff Horrocks was once Scottish roller riding champion and says

he cannot understand why anyone wants holding up - they should learn to ride rollers.....

Friday 19th October was our first attempt at interclub roller riding contest. The Abbotsford members came along. Unfortunately only a few turned up since they were afraid of riding rollers - despite promises and assurances that they would be held up in competition. (In actual fact the stands arrived in time and were utilised.) Still it was a pleasant and successful evening.

The next one is scheduled for the .23rd November

	CANTEEN	ROTA	
November	2nd	Stuart Maylor	Robert Morton
November	9th	Eamon Malon	Mike Chapman
November	16th	Steve Massey	John Pardoe
November	23rd	Mike Curley	Dave Bates
November	30th	Chris Kay	Ian Holmes
December	7th	Richard Collier	Bob Richardson

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Jon McClellan took a lot of flash photos at the roller contest but unfortunately something was wrong with the film and it was a total washout. However he will try again at the next contest.

Dennis Chapman came up to the club on a recent Friday night and even went to the hill climb. Nice to see you Dennis.

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Friday October 26th. Oh what a night it was. Seamons "Hotpot & Singalong". It was great to see so many members really letting their hair down and enjoying themselves. The hotpot was peculiar in that you needed to slice it up - but it was very tasty. Regrettably the custard for the apple pie was horribly burnt and then poured over the pie. Consuming that sorted the men from the boys!! - with some help from Samuel Smith.... Bob Richardson started the singing (what?) Don Andrews turned it Irish and Roger Chapman turned it Scottish and more....= an evening more pleasant and enjoyable than we have experienced for some time.

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Roll on next year!

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At this time of the year some clubmen usually seek hibernation till the warm weather comes along (perhaps!) next year. Others put their minds to training, plans and/or dreams of performances next summer.

However there is a band of spirited cyclists (yes, they really ARE cyclists) who race through mud, grass, cliffs and bankings and deep streams.

Our own Stuart Thorley, who has now moved up to 'junior' category is once again showing good ability and getting himself known.

At the beginning of October was the first of the Kirby CC events held on a Saturday afternoon. The two Stuarts were going to ride this event but Stuart Naylor changed his mind and the transport arrangements fell through as a result. But with admirable determination Stuart Thorley rode his bike to Liverpool, rode in the event and then rode home again. He finished somewhere in the middle of the bunch but couldn't ascertain his true position because the judge(s) didn't seem to have any idea. "Judging" does (sometimes) appear to be a slap-happy, stab-it-with-a-pin affair, like the way I fill in my Pools!!

But still undaunted, the next morning he was down at Flixton meadows for the Zodiac event. It was a warm sunny pleasant day. So we had our clubrun there to cheer him on - an organised fan-club.....

To the sound of cameras clicking and cheers ringing he was off. We dashed around the quarry to see him come round - only to meet him walking along with a puncture on the first lap. Why didn't we think to carry one of our wheels around the course? This has since been remedied. Stuart is also a helpful person and lent his rear wheel to Lynton Threadgold, riding in the Rotalac colours. A very nice gesture.

Stuart is not one to give up and the following Sunday we went in the Ford Escort Team Bus to St Helens. It was misty early morning but developed into a warm sunny day again. A pleasant interlude was to meet again with Melvyn Haigh, a Seamons member some 20 years ago who rides for the Macclefield Wheelers.

The course was around the local park, no mudbaths, but one particular 1 in 1 slope UP through a copse. Stuart performed very well. Dave Holman of the Rotalacs was trying to catch him! Stuart came in 12th place overall but was 5th junior and won himself a pump.

Sunday 21st October was the Macc Wheelers event at Congleton. Being only about 22 miles from Altrincham I took a clubrun there - once again an organised fan-club!

Stuart Naylor actually turned up for the schoolboy's event and his 6th placing showed that he could do much better with more experience and practice and ENTERING and riding! Jon McClellan also

had a go. He put up a good performance for a first attempt. It was only marred by his shouting at the young supporters.

Then in the later event Stuart Thorley fought his way up and down the slopes and over the barriers, including leaping over a line of large barrels. He finished 3rd placed junior but there was only a prize for the 1st. Hard lines. Once again there was much compilation of details and sheets of paper for an hour or more before any results could be found out. And the woman who made the tea should be strung up from a yard-arm - it was persil white. UGH. I was informed that this was the customary standard of organisation of this club. Oh dear.

Last Sunday we made our way up to Fulwood, near Preston. But now the winter was upon us. The course was over some playing fields. Once again Stuart Naylor didn't turn up. There was mud everywhere. A stream to be splashed through - three times per lap - and three inches mud over the field. Stuart T. (who had been advised how to get a better start) fought his way round for 5 of the 11 laps and then suffered a broken saddle pillar. This was hard luck again. But now Dave Holman was beating Stuart, showing his experience over many years now that the going was tough and muddy.

FUTURE EVENTS - we would like your support.....

NOVEMBER 11th (Sun)	DIGGLE (Zodiac)
NOVEMBER 18th (Sat)	PARTINGTON
DECEMBER 2nd (Sun)	SHREWSBURY, SHEFFIELD, OR FULWOOD.
DECEMBER 9th (Sun)	ALTRINCHAM (Rotalacs)
DECEMBER 16th (Sun)	BOLTON or SHEFFIELD
DECEMBER 26th (Wed)	CONGLETON (Sandbach Cyclones)
DECEMBER 30th (Sun)	STOCKPORT
JANUARY 20th (Sun)	FULWOOD (Ribble Valley)
JANUARY 27th (Sun)	CARLISLE or NEWBURY (Berks)
FEBRUARY 3rd (Sun)	PARTINGTON (S. Manchester RCC)
FEBRUARY 17th (Sun)	CONGLETON (Sandbach Cyclones)
FEBRUARY 24th (Sun)	NATIONAL CHAMPS AT SUTTON COLDFIELD

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\*Pass no day idly, youth does not return...\*

## ROAD RACES 1980 - MANCHESTER BCF - EARLY EVENTS

10 February	Man of the North	123	Heywood
9 March	Janus Spring R.R.	3	Glossop
16 March	South Lanes R.R.	23	Holmes Chapel
	ditto	3JL	ditto
22 March	East Lanes Crits	SB	Rochdale
23 March	Manchester Velo Spring Circuit Races	3JL 23 123	Lach Dennis
30 March	Hyde Olympic Spring R.R. ditto	23 123	
6 April	Coolag Sen Heap R.R.	123	Glossop
13 April	Jones Homes R.R. ditto	LV 3J	Chelford ditto
14/19 April	Sealink International		
26 April	Div Champs	SB	Stockport
27 April	Peak Forest R.R. (Peter Buckley Trophy)	J123	Buxton
3 May	Ravens R.R.	V	Lach Dennis
4 May	Tour of the Pennines ditto	PRO 123	Milnrow ditto
4 May	Coolag Jun. R.R.	3J	Glossop
11 May	Div Champs Senior & Junior		
11 May	Warrington R.C.	V	Whitley
	Romar Ladies R.R.	L	ditto
18 May	Bowlee R.R.	23J	Middleton
27 May	Oldham Cent. Crit Series	123	Oldham
3 June			
10 June			
28 May	Glossop Velo Crit L	SB3JV	Stockport
31 May	Macclesfield Town Centre	12	Macclesfield
1 June	Coolag Ladies R.R.	L	Glossop
	Coolag Veterans R.R.	V	ditto
1 June	Janus R.R.	3	Greenfield
	ditto	23	ditto
8 June	Abbotsford Park R.R.	3	Lach Dennis
11 June	Marple Carnival R.R.	12	Marple
15 June	Altrincham R.R.	123	Buxton
	Ditto	3J	ditto
19 June	Ron Spencer Heap Crit Series	123J	Whitley
26 June			
3 July			
22 June	Junior Peaks R.R. (Peter Buckley Trophy)	J123	Buxton
	Woodbank Trophy	12	ditto
25 June	Glossop Velo Crit II	SB3JV	Stockport
27/28/29 June	Coolag Tour of the North	3	Glossop



M&DTA Events for 1980

Saturday March 22.	50 Km Championship
Sunday April 27th	75 Km Championship
Sunday April 20th	Combined Clubs 25
Sunday May 25th	100Km Championship
Wednesday July 9th.	25 Km Championship
Wednesday June 4th	Association 25
Sunday August 31st	Open 12 hour.
Saturday Sept 6th	Combined Clubs 25
Sunday December 21st	Christmas 25.

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According to the local Guardian some yoboes broke into Roy Vernon's shop in Timperley, early one morning. They got away from the police by threatening the latter with an air rifle. Roy's description of the event was much more lucid and to the point than the newspaper report!!!

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FOR SALE - Shimano Chainset - brand new - £20 - see AJ Thorlby for seller's address.

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Chris O'Connor, who got a new Peugeot for his birthday recently - has his small bike for sale - 24" wheel and all.

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Ford Escort Van for sale....Lined for quietness.  
Curtained for privacy.  
Carpeted for comfort.  
Bedside light for convenience.  
Engine for quick getaway!

Offers over £250.

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Special showing of 1979 events pictures by AJ Thorlby to invited guests on New Years Eve.

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