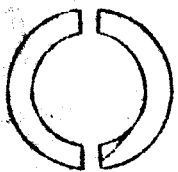
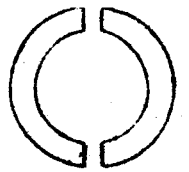
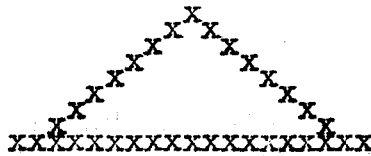


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NEWS AND COMMENT:

Alan Heggs is our club 25mile champion and the 50mile champ, and his name seems to be cropping up everywhere - even with people at work who hardly know one end of a bike from the other. Then he was billed as "world championship material" in the SAM newspaper. Well, why not? He did a good ride and was noticed in a 2day event with Des Fretwell. Its a pity that the CYCLING correspondent didn't see Alan..... He's done something in the (isle of Man Cycling week but we don't know what it is, just yet....

Arthur Thorlby points out that he lives in CHORLTON not STRETTFORD This error in the handbook on the part of the previous secretary was carried into the RTTC handbook and the Stretford GPO had to re-route about 144 envelopes for the Open 50. They did an extremely good job and it was well appreciated.

The other Friday night Keith Stacey had his 'Operation Clean-up' the grounds of the club. With the exception of the usual few (as expected) most members joined in and helped skim grass, pick up litter and sweep away glass etc. This is much more like the right sort of club spirit.

Stuart Thorley has been opening up the clubroom at 7.30pm each Friday night. But recently when he was on holiday, the chaos that ensued (we stood 40 minutes in a cold wind) just shows how important Stuart's efforts really are!

Janet Hill went to the Isle of Man - on crutches!!!!

With a bit of business ploy and some little effort Keith Stacey has managed to get us (with payment from Trafford Lotteries) a pair of 'Competition Rollers' These are geared to a large clock with red and blue fingers. They are not training rollers but competition rollers. Therefore we can have inter-club roller rides, (and why not,) throughout the winter perhaps?

Keith Wilkinson has had a crash in his car (What, another one?) and has written that one off.

Have you noticed how we have about four or five quite vociferous complaining teenagers whan things done for them are not to their liking - but same ones will not lift a finger to do anything for the Club, for other members nor, it would appear, for their fellow teenagers???

During the last ten years there have been repeated niggling "you can't,s" from the Cheshire police. Namey in timetrials but also it seems in road races and what-have-you. What do you think of a large RIDE, say from Altrincham to Chester of perhaps a thousand people on bikes - and show that people ride bikes because they like it they can't be ignored and they won't be trodden under???????

COMMITTEE MEETING 3rd July. - Digest -

The 1979 handbooks are now out and Bob Hill' is busy dishing them round to all members. Perhaps it would be appropriate now to think of future handbooks?

We were able to secure some £300 from Trafford Lotteries towards the purchase of a pair of competition rollers. These are now situate at the Centre - locked up - for future planned usage. Keys to the storage cupboard are with Keith Stacey, Stuart Thorley and AJ Thorlby. (who will also keep the canteen stocks in there)

We are still having some trouble in collecting clubnights subs. Whilst we are grateful to Ian Holmes for trying on this job, for one reason or another he has not been able to collect off everybody. Indeed sometimes only half the normal amount has been obtained. So it was agreed that Arthur Thorlby would have a go at collecting each Friday until the next committee meeting, when the situation will be reviewed.

Timetrials are doing well. The Wednesday evening tens are still attracting some 20 riders on average. Malc Judge is pleased that Alan Christer is helping out with some of the younger lads.

The Open 50 received lengthy discussion. It was pointed out that we might be able to get the National 50 as our promotion next year.

On road racing we have had good entries in the Morecambe weekend and also the New Brighton events. There is plenty of interest and a good potential, but a lack of experience. Then there was discussion on the methods of entering road races - which should be through the R.R. secretary.

Another suggestion for the future was to get someone to come and give a talk on road racing - perhaps Alan Kemp could be invited again.

This year sees the "Return Of The Twelve" in Manchester and we had a discussion on this. Our club 12 champs will be ridden by Malc Judge, Alan Heggs, Geoff Horrocks and Bob Hill. The club will sponsor these riders a small sum towards their expenses. Since this a one-in-a-year event, how about coming out and helping - or at least come and cheer them on. You would be surprised just how important a cheer can be in a long distance event!

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Andrew Jamieson was late for the meeting - but he had been riding at Wavertree, Liverpool in a criterium. He tried hard, had a go at the first prime, but was just pipped. Unfortunately after 17 laps he went over a nail which ruined his tub and damaged his wheel. Hard lines Andrew, but all credit for having a go.

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CLUB 25mile CHAMPIONSHIP - RESULTS - 12.6.79

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>H/cap time</u>
01. A.D. Heggs	58.08	58.08
02. D. McKilroy	1.00.56	59.26
03. M. Judge	1.01.46	57.26
04. C. Mcandry	1.02.22	57.22
05. A. Christer	1.02.50	59.20
05. I. Barnett	1.04.41	59.41
06. M. Morrissey	1.05.30	58.00
07. G. Fewtrell	1.05.58	58.28
08. C. Kay	1.06.43	59.43
09. D. Hoare	1.10.39	59.39
10. R. Hill	1.11.22	1.00.22
11. R. Richardson	1.11.35	59.35
12. R. Morton	1.11.42	1.00.42
13. J. Birks	1.13.26	1.00.56

Alan Heggs wins the Championship cup and

Colin Mcandrey wins the R. Richardson handicap trophy.

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CLUB 50mile CHAMPIONSHIP - RESULTS - 24.6.79

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>H/cap time</u>
01. A.D. Heggs	2.04.24	2.04.24
02. M. Chapman	2.08.41	1.57.21
03. M.J. Judge	2.09.39	2.02.49
04. D. McKilroy	2.15.54	2.08.14
05. T.G. Horrocks.	2.23.34	2.01.34
06. S. Bradshaw	2.26.43	2.03.23
07. R. Hill	2.36.34	2.06.34

Alan Heggs does it again and gets the Championship cup

But there's still the 100 and the 12 to go yet!

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REAR LIGHTS - JUST HOW BRAINWASHED ARE WE GETTING

(This was an article in "The Southman" of June 1968. )

I have just been reading a magazine of a northern wheelers CC, under the title of "No Greater Road Menace". It describes an accident at night in Wales. A driver, seeing two cyclists, swerved and hit a lorry head on, and died.

It seems the "red lights of the cyclists suddenly appeared about 75 feet in front of the car when it was travelling at about 50mph".

Apparently the coroner said "There is no greater road menace than a cyclist with a tiny red rear light which drivers could not see. Where two cyclists ride abreast at night they created a danger to themselves and other road users."

The wheelers' editorial comment was "Have you checked YOUR lights recently?"

Therefore are we to assume that even racing cyclists think that the coroner was right?

Red lights don't just "suddenly appear". They are there all the time. A cyclist does not wait until a car is 75feet behind him and then switch on his lights....

So it follows that this driver could only see 75feet. At 50mph it would take him 2½times that distance to stop - on a perfect road.

As for "created a danger to themselves" just who is creating a danger. To quote from a speech by Mr Ken Pepper of Leicester CTC "are we to fit red lights on all cows who cross the road from one field to another, just so that some idiot can consider himself safe behind the wheel at speed?"

Already this year we have to fit new twin-cell lamps to BS Specs. on our bikes. These being 8 times greater than 12 years ago. Before long we will need a trailer for the rear light.....

As I said at first, we are getting brainwashed.

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Since those days of 11 years ago we have seen the law allowing vehicles to be parked in the road without any lights whatsoever and in thick fog. Presumably it is now OK for a driver to swerve from an unlit stationary vehicle and hit a lorry head on, and die.....

Also in retrospect the final paragraph is interesting since we are now accustomed to the twin cell rear lamps, which must have been designed, from an engineering point of view, by a cross-eyed twit with his hands in his pockets - a monument to the British worker; if its not right then bodge it up or stick another bit on it.

Have YOU ever examined closely one of these rear lights????

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<u>CLUB OPEN 50.</u>
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AJ Thorlby

Once again our Open 50, YOUR race, has been and gone. Looking back, in retrospect, plus some comments from those on the periphery, not to mention remarks from the riders, it appears that everything went OK and possibly even better than before.

The advert in last month's Seamag, calling for help from all members, certainly had the desired effect. The number of people who turned out were numerous enough to ensure a comfortable staffing of all the points (with the exception of the TURN marshals)

The only members to let the Club down were John Malaney, Colin McAndry, Mathew Gleave and Mark Sharp (not a word, phone call or anything) plus Robert Morton (who phoned Saturday night to say he would definitely be in place!)

Right at the start the telephone cable became jumbled somewhat but Keith Stacey assumed the job of unwinding it without it developing into an unusable chaotic mass. A good show of concentration and application to the job....

Frame numbers. Can anyone throw any light on the whereabouts of Seamons plastic frame numbers, please?

It was pleasing to see George Anstall turn out, on his bike, and marshall at Pennys Lane End, although as a result of the accident three years ago, standing for a long time is painful for him.

Jodrell Service Station is at Cranage - our older members please note....since our younger members have been shown this on clubruns.

It was there that I stared up and down the main road. No traffic and nobody at all were about. No marshalls scurrying to their spot. Then the first rider appeared in the distance, in yellow. Bob Hill. I directed him through. He braked in a muddy patch, skidded but maintained control. (Some time later I understand, Eric Bramhall came off in the same spot and necessitated the use of the Ford Rocketship first aid kit.)

Then John West of Cheshire Roads Club came down the Lane - "going like a train". Ah well nothing for it but to leave young Chris O'Connor on duty at this point (although he's not yet quite old enough to join our club!)

"Warp factor one," and rocket down to Knutsford, Goughs Lane (IN) Ted Cowley, always reliable, already in position and gets a quick cup of coffee (Steve Massey turned up late & missed his coffee.)

At the other end of Goughs Lane were Dave Barker & Don Andrews to see that every rider put his foot down and came to a stop. I had made a new stop-sign for this corner. Like I said last year,

there is needed an increasing quantity of equipment for these events and this year it was impossible to contain everything in a 7cwt van. I dispensed with bikes and utilised the roof rack.

From a subsequent telephone call it did not go unnoticed by the DC Secretary that I was using Don Andrews' size and character to ensure riders did stop at the junction !! I understand that it was Seamons riders who caused problems or fuss at this point. So make sure your delegates to the RTTC attend the RTTC meetings.....

Rocketing on again a vision appears in the viewport - John Birks pedalling along like mad, late and the first rider not far behind. So I braked hard, slung his bike in the back, sped through Calford Island and deposited John at Burgess Garage, with a cup of coffee. A quick run down the side road, Alan Irving was OK, so stuck a sign up and asked him about Dave Bates and Mike Curley. No he hadn't seen them. I decided to move Dave Williams from Seven Sisters since there were sufficient marshalls there. Alan Irving offered to pick Dave up afterwards.

Back to Calford with coffee for the marshalls and a staple gun for Tony Lundy.....

On the next leg I had to keep throttling back because of someone taking his time getting to church. But soon Ollerton Post Office. Jump out, shout at marshalls to get on their feet. No response so offer them cups of coffee. Immediate response. Somebody there had appointed him self as marshall, said he hadn't been out for twenty years. I still don't know who he was. Anyone any ideas?

Whip down the lane to Seven Sisters corner. Pick up Dave and receive compliment from Roy Vernon who had ridden out, as promised.

On arriving back at Jodrell Service Stn found that Mike Curley and Dave Bates had turned up - after going to Jodrell Bank. But it was a relief. I couldn't let a 12-year-old turn riders to the right off a main road.....

Back up at Pennys Land End again and Roger Chapman was squeezing some petrol into his car before chasing up to the Brick Tower. But this gave me chance to get a photograph and then return to the finish a little earlier than usual.

Everything was going OK. Didn't we have a lot of the ladies there to do refreshments? - many thanks! Then as the marshalls at the beginning came in and started to help it was noticed how many people we had doing the work.

Round about 11.45am I gave a weather forecast - that it would rain within 10 minutes - laughter, except from the ones who have known me a long time. Five minutes later there was no laughter - only quick movements and some beginning to scurry like squirrels for shelter. The Fire Service has taught Keith Bailey well. He helped me rig a plastic tarpaulin, specially brought for the job, from the roof of the caravan to my own roof rack. I've never seen Keith act with such military cooperation before. Thanks Keith.

Little things are important and I was grateful to Keith Stacey who shouted to me to use his hat in the rain. Also remarkable was



the way that Andrew Wendler, Neville Haughton and young Chris stayed at their posts despite getting soaked. Unfortunately to no avail since we could only curtail the results service. I'm sorry for the latter riders who had to go home without getting their times. BUT THERE WAS NO WAY of doing it in such rain.

But for sheer arrogant cheek was the Rhos-on-Sea rider who sat in his car keeping dry whilst we toiled in the pouring rain to get all the equipment inboard - each of us soaked to the skin and then he rang later to complain!!!!

Result of the event appeared in the Daily Mail but regrettably the Manchester Evg News didn't cooperate. The following weekend Geoff Horrocks had a swell report in both the Guardian and the Messenger.

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**EPILOG:**

At the recent committee meeting there was discussion on the Open 50 and in particular the five young teenagers who let the Club down badly. They must learn RESPONSIBILITY. Its not sufficient to think that any effort ends when you have paid your annual subscription. The club is a unit, a whole, and you are part of that whole. If you cannot GIVE then you have no moral reason to TAKE.

This also applies to the other complaining youngster who quit his post too early. One day you may be near the end of a race and find the last marshall has left his post - AND LEFT YOU LOST ON A STRANGE COURSE.....

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FINALLY ; a heartfelt THANKS to all the many people - approx 45 of you - who turned out and helped in any one of the very many jobs. Every job, even thought it might have seemed small and menial, was nonetheless important - thanks all.

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BRICKLAYERS ARMS

KERMESSE

SATURDAY EVENING - JULY 14th 1979 - 7.00pm

GEORGE STREET - ALTRINCHAM

PLEASE TURN UP -  
IN CLUB COLOURS


 TAILPIECES

10year ago - (quote from The Southman, June 1969)

Some days ago we learnt of Mike Siepen's accident. It appears that, in a road race on a hot day, some girls were handing up drinks to the riders. One lad, in order to grab a drink, switched through the bunch and accross Mike's front wheel. Result: Mike in hospital with stitches in head, and arm and flesh wounds in the wrong places. And a damaged bike. We understand that feeding in such races is illegal and the club secretary is taking this up with the organisers."

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24years ago - (quote from The Squireel, June 1955)

In May, whilst the Club experienced some lovely spells of warm sunshine on the run to Beeston, Sheffield recorded the coldest May day since records began. Indeed,,, that well-known Alpine Pass of Woodhead was blocked by snow. The R.A. and the YHA once again were needed in sheep rescuing."

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Do you still think the 1979 weather really unusual???????

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1 Week ago

Fred Minshull, ex-Seamons member and now Altrincham Ravens rider, was waiting for a pre-arranged lift over the Pennines for a 25mile time trial. It was 4.am, a new day for him and the likes of us, but the night before for some yobos (who could call them otherwise) who set about Fred. Fortunately a taxi driver saw what was going on, called up a couple more t taxis and went to Fred's aid. They also got the police. Fred was taken to Park Hospital with bleeding and bad bruising.

We hope you recover quickly, Fred and that the idiots get what they deserve.

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