

# The CLEE HILLS CLASSIC TRIAL



70th Anniversary Event 1947-2017

22nd January 2017



Aaron Haizelden, Reliant Scimitar, 1st Overall on the 2016 Clee Hills Trial

(Photo by Mike Castle)



## WELCOME TO THE CLEE HILLS TRIAL IN SOUTH SHROPSHIRE

2017 sees a new look to the event, with the introduction of classes for motorcycles.

Original organiser Simon Woodall steps back into the role of Clerk of the Course, assisted by (Tim Fairbrother – tbc) in the same role for the bikes.

The start returns to the Afcot Lodge on the A49 north of Craven Arms, but now with trailer parking for all in the field behind the start.

After last year's monodirectional route we return to the twin loop system that gets us all done in the mid-winter daylight. There's more common use of sections, meaning extra sporting enjoyment for the marshals and a consistent flow of competitors.

There will be a few more challenges for the expert drivers and riders, but also new incentives to welcome the trialling novice to our wonderful motorsport. So for those of you who know of a prospective trialler, perhaps we can entice them out on a road based Classic Trial. About 75 miles around Wenlock Edge and the delightful Long Mynd, some old lanes and some woodland, and relatively non-damaging in our class 0 option.

The event will also run as a dual permit, with Clubmans accommodating those without a competition licence, for example MCC entrants. VSCC entrants continue to be especially welcome, giving delight to other drivers in their 'moderns', the marshals and spectators alike.

2017 is the 70th Anniversary of the Clee Hills Trial. The 1947 event, which was run in heavy snow, features in C.A.N. May's classic book "More Wheelspin".

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

## 1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

The Midland Automobile Club (MAC) will organise a National B/Clubmans Dual Permit Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday 22nd January 2017. The meeting will be governed by the general regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the international sporting code of the FIA), and by these supplementary regulations and by any other written instructions that the club may issue for the event. MSA and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

### National B (ACTC & ASWMC Championships event) - Cars

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of the MAC and to members of the member clubs of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC) and the ASWMC. All drivers will be required to produce a valid competition licence of at least clubman status, or a completed application form with the appropriate fee (forms will be available at the start). Both driver and passenger must produce a current club membership card. **Car passengers who are not currently members of an invited club must join MCC forms will be available at the start. MCC passenger membership is £5 p.a.** The member clubs of ACTC are:-750 MC, Bristol MC, Camel Vale MC, Dellow Register, Exmoor Motor Club, Falcon MC, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Ilkley MC, Launceston & North Cornwall MC, MAC, MCC, MG CC, Minehead MC, Morgan Sports Car Club, Morgan Three Wheeler Club, Ross & District MSC, N Devon MC, Stroud & District MC, Torbay Motor Club, VSCC, Volkswagen OC, Windwhistle MC, Woolbridge MC.

### Motorcycle event

The event is open to all Midland Centre riders, MCC members and ACTC Championship contenders holding a current ACU Trials Registration,

### Clubmans Status event

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of the MAC and to members of MCC, VSCC, Ross & District MSC, Falcon MC, Bristol MC, Stroud & District MC, the MG Car Club, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Liege Car Club, Minehead MC, Hagley & DLCC, North Devon MC, Windwhistle, Woolbridge MC and the Morgan SSC and and the Dellow Register. The driver must produce a current club membership card. Competitors in this class do not qualify for championship points.

## 3. START & FINISH

- 3.1 The start and finish will be at Affcot Lodge, Upper Affcot, Church Stretton, SY6 6RL. [www.affcot-lodge.co.uk](http://www.affcot-lodge.co.uk) Hot food and drinks will be available at the start and meals at the finish. Accommodation may be available **01694 781275** Fuel will be available in Craven Arms and also at two points along the route.
- 3.2 Competitors must sign on & be scrutineered at the start, prior to starting at the official time. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions. Scrutineering and Signing On on the night before the event will again be offered
- 3.3 The following documents will be inspected at the start - MSA or ACU licence (except the Clubmans event), club membership card and MoT certificate if applicable.

## 4. CLASSES

- There will be 6 motorcycle classes.
- A Solo Motorcycles of British manufacture (Engine and frame) (pre 65 but including Indian built Royal Enfields)

- B1 Solo motorcycles up to 225cc  
B2 Solo motorcycles over 225cc and up to 450cc  
C Solo motorcycles over 450cc  
D Motorcycles with touring or trials sidecars.  
X Motorcycles which don't comply with classes A – D, running for fun only-no award award).

The event will have the eight standard car classes as stated in the MSA rule J59 (but modified by ACTC) , and, for the Clubman's event only, an **additional** Class 0.

- 0 Novices, less trial prepared cars and less rugged drivers!  
1 Front engine, front wheel drive production cars (except those in class 6).  
2 Production cars built prior to 1941, and the following:- MG TC, Morgan 4-4 Series 1, HRG 1100 & 1500, and Ford models (upright models to 1959) E04A, E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, and 103E.  
3 Front engine, rear wheel drive, production saloon cars (except cars in class 6).  
4 Rear engine, rear wheel drive production saloon cars, up to and including 1300cc (except vehicles in class 7).  
5 a) Front engine production sports cars (except vehicles in classes 1 or 6).  
b) Front engine non-production cars built from pre-1941 components and satisfying the tyre regulations stated in MSA regulation J 7.7 and the ACTC guidelines (except cars in class 2).  
6 a) Rear engine, rear wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in class 4)  
b) Front engine production cars fitted with torque-biasing differentials as standard equipment.  
7 a) Production cars modified beyond permitted limits for the above classes,  
b) Rear engine production cars with torque-biasing differentials as standard  
c) Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis, conforming to accepted specification (as defined in ACTC rule 4.2.2.)  
8 a) Non production cars  
b) Rear engine cars (except vehicles in classes 4, 6, and 7).  
c) Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis (except those in class 7),

All references to classes in MSA Regulations J59 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations. MCC reclassification certificates are **not** valid for the National B event.

Clubman competitors may enter classes 1-8, but are not eligible for championship points

## 5. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All cars are required to carry a MSA approved fire extinguisher. The minimum quantity being 1.75 litres of AFFF. **Ref K3.1.1.**
- 5.2 All vehicles must be licensed and insured for the event .
- 5.3 Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MOT certificate.
- 5.4 All vehicles must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made.
- 5.5 All cars must be fitted with the means of having a tow rope secured quickly. This must be strong enough to withstand the snatch of a tow from a recovery vehicle.
- 5.6 All vehicles must have provision for the fixing of competition numbers in a prominent, near vertical position at the front and rear of the vehicle.
- 5.7 All tyres, including spares, must comply with the ACTC Tyre List. For class 0 any normal road tyres are acceptable, off road and mud & snow tyres are not permitted, unless on the ACTC Tyre list. See [www.actc.org.uk](http://www.actc.org.uk).

All motorcycles must use Trials tyres as defined by the ACU (including class X).  
No endure or motocross tyres are allowed

5.8 Any vehicle failing to comply with roadworthiness requirements will not be allowed to start. Vehicles which do not comply with class requirements will be transferred to another class or excluded from the results.

5.9 All vehicles must carry a small spill kit, complying with **J5.20.13**

5.10 The ACTC prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles.

## 6. RUNNING TIME & ORDER

6.1 Event running order will be published in the Final Instructions.

6.2 The order within each class will be determined by the organisers.

6.3 The first competitor will depart from the start at approximately 8.31 am and the remainder at intervals in numerical order.

6.4 There is no time schedule for the road route and no penalty for late arrival at a section, except as stated in 6.5

6.5 Any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## 7. TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS

The National "B" event is a round of the 2017 ACTC Trials Championship. The Nat B car event is also a round and the 2017 Association of South West Motor Clubs Classic Trials Championship.

## 8. COURSE & SECTIONS

8.1 The route will cover approximately 80 miles on public roads, byways and private tracks.

8.2 At least 12 observed sections will be run, including at least 1 observed test. Competitors in class 0 will have at least 10 sections, including at least 1 observed tests

8.3 Observed tests will count as sections and as a tie decider:-

8.3.1 In sections that are Observed tests, a penalty of 3 points will be given for hitting a marker or for stopping except as required in the route book, and a time equal to the slowest time in the class + 10 seconds will be given.

8.3.2 Observed test times will be used only to decide ties.

8.3.3 The times of all the Observed tests will be aggregated.

8.3.4 Observed tests will be timed by hand-held stop watches to 0.1 seconds.

8.4 The route card will be issued at the start and the use of maps is unnecessary. The official route must be followed throughout the event. The onus for finding the correct route rests with the competitor, and any competitor failing to do so will be liable to exclusion. The route is almost entirely covered by OS maps 137 and 138.

8.5 Route checks may operate during the event.

8.6 Most sections will be sub-divided 12 to 1. Failure of the section will score the mark immediately in front of the front wheel at the point where the vehicle stops or the rider "foots". Unless specified in the route book sections may not be inspected (see 9.6). Walking beyond the section begins board of any section is prohibited.

8.7 Failure on any section which is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.

8.8 Except for observed tests, there is no penalty for striking markers, but the 4 wheels out rule applies (you must not leave & rejoin the section).

8.9 Some sections may include restarts for some classes. These will be identified at the start or in the route book. Except where stated restarts will be of the box type, marked by 4 'R' boards. On drop of flag, restart, without rolling back, within 6 seconds.

8.10 Minimum tyre pressures may be imposed for some classes at some sections, dependent on weather conditions. These will be advised in the route book or in writing at the start.

## 9. IDENTIFICATION, PENALTIES & MARKING

9.1 Competition numbers will be supplied by the organisers and must be fixed in a prominent position at the front and the rear of the vehicle.

9.2 These numbers must be legible throughout the event and must be removed at the finish, or on retirement from the event.

9.3 Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MSA regulation J 37 except c) and e), where the penalty will relate to the subsection in which the failure occurred.

9.4 In the event of a tie, the lower or lowest aggregate time of the observed tests will decide the winner. If a tie still exists, the time in test 1 will decide, and if still tying the vehicle with the smaller engine size will win.

## 10. ENTRIES

10.1 The maximum number of entries will be 80 and the minimum 60. If there are less than 60 entries, MAC reserves the right to cancel the event.

10.2 Entries will be selected in order of receipt.

10.3 The minimum number of entries for each class is 3. If this is not reached, the classes may be amalgamated.

10.4 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on 12th January 2017 or before, if fully subscribed.

10.5 The entry fee for both the National B and Clubmans event is £35 for entries submitted prior to 7th December, thereafter £40. The fee for Novices, i.e. those driving on their 1st or 2nd classic trial is £20. **Cheques payable please to "The Midland Automobile Club (Est. 1901) Ltd".**

**Alternatively payment via bank transfer is available:**

Account Name: Midland Automobile Club (Est. 1901) Limited

Account Number: 88545160

Sort Code: 30-99-90

Reference: Clee Hill and your surname (e.g Clee Hill Smith)

10.6 If the event has to be cancelled your entry fee will be refunded less £6

10.7 Entry fees will be refunded (less an administrative fee of £6) provided that the entry is withdrawn on or before the closing date.

10.8 Entries must be made on the official entry form, a photocopy thereof or an electronic copy, and must be signed and accompanied by the correct fee.

Please send entries to:

Mrs Pat Toulmin

4, Briery Lands, Snitterfield, Stratford on Avon, CV37 0PP

Telephone : 01789 731332

E-mail : pat@toulmin.info

10.8 Entries will be acknowledged **only** by dispatch of the Final Instructions one week before the event, **unless** your entry is accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope or an **email address** is added to the entry form.

## 11. INSURANCE

11.1 Insurance for Motorcycles is provided by the ACU at no extra cost.

11.2 Insurance for all Cars is provided by Locktons at £6. **This cover is compulsory for all cars in both the National B and Clubmans events, even if you have your own insurance.**

## **12. OFFICIALS**

- 12.1 The Secretary of the Meeting is Mrs Pat Toulmin
- 12.2 The Clerk of the Course is Mr Simon Woodall
- 12.3 The Clerk of the Course Motorcycles is TBA
- 12.4 The Assistant Clerk of the Course is Mr Graham Austin
- 12.5 The Chief Marshal is Mr Hugh Girvan
- 12.6 The Chief Scrutineer is Mr John Blakeley
- 12.7 The Stewards are Mr Barrie Kirton and TBA

## **13. PLEASE NOTE**

- 13.1 This event is routed along and/or across public rights of way. Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly near other path users. Please be especially careful near horses - slow down, stop and switch off your engine.
- 13.2 On official public rights of way, other users have priority.
- 13.3 Competitors are required to follow the 'Country Code'. Special care must be taken near livestock and gates must be closed after every competitor.

## **14. RESULTS & AWARDS**

- 14.1 Provisional results may be published at the finish
- 14.2 Protests, which will be unwelcome, must be lodged in accordance with RACMSA regulation O.5 and made to the Clerk of the Course.
- 14.3 The following trophies may be presented:-
  - The Fray Challenge Cup for Best Performance of the Day by a car
  - A cup will be awarded for the Best Performance of the Day by a Motorcyclist
  - The Silverstone Cup for the Best Performance of the Day by an MAC member (subject to 3 members entering in the name of the Club).
  - The Shelsley Challenge Cup for the Best Performance by a lady (3 entries).
  - The Maurice Toulmin Cup for the Best Performance by a pre-war MG. (3 entries)
  - The Lord Boyne Trophy for a competitor winning a class award (or better) in 3 consecutive years. These trophies will be retained by the MAC and engraved with the winners' names. Permanent awards will be made to winners of these cups.
  - Additional awards will be presented for the best VSCC competitor in class 2 and the best novice, subject to 3 entries for each.
- 14.4 In addition, awards will be made for each class as follows:-
  - First in class (subject to there being at least 3 starters in the class)
  - Second in class (subject to there being at least 7 starters in the class)
  - Third in class (subject to there being at least 12 starters in the class)
- 14.5 No competitor may win more than one award, except the Toulmin & Lord Boyne Cups.
- 14.6 All other awards will be sent by post.

## **15. PERMITS**

- 15.1 The following MSA Permits have been awarded:
  - 98161 Nat B
  - 98162 Clubmans
  - ACU TBA

## **16. CLEE HILLS TRIAL WEBSITE**

To review our 2016 event and keep up with progress on the 2017 trial, including details of competitors please go to [www.cleehillstrial.info](http://www.cleehillstrial.info).