

## The Torbay Trial

After a 10 year absence the Torbay Trial has been resurrected and will run as an ACTC Championship Event on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The start and finish will be at the Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, immediately off the A38, approximately 1 mile from the end of the M5.

The route will include 13 observed sections and 2 special tests and traverse some of the most spectacular scenery in the Country, especially where the route takes you through the heart of Dartmoor. Weather will play an important part, however regardless of wet or dry conditions the organisers plan to make this a very challenging event.

There will be a mix of classic hills used in previous Exe Valley and Torbay Trials such as Simms & Tipley, together with two new sections not previously used.

Additional regulations and entry form are available from the Entry Taker – Keith Sanders – 07766 558700  
All ACTC contenders will automatically receive regulations.

If you are not competing and you or any friends wish to marshal in this beautiful part of Devon please contact Dave Haizelden on 07841860121

Greg Warren, Dave Haizelden & Keith Sanders (organising team).

### ENTRIES CLOSE ON Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2009

(OR SOONER IF MAXIMUM LIMIT OF 80 CARS IS REACHED)

ACCOMMODATION is available at  
The Start venue, Exeter Court Hotel Tel. 01392 832121  
Gissons Hotel (100 yards from start) Tel 01392 832444  
Farmhouse and other B & B establishments can be found on the Exeter Tourist Information web site at [tic@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:tic@exeter.gov.uk)

## TORBAY MOTOR CLUB

# TORBAY TRIAL

## CLASSIC RELIABILITY TRIAL SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

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### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### 1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

Torbay Motor Club Ltd. will organise a National B Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. September 2009. The meeting will be governed by the general regulations of the Motor Sports Association (MSA) (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 permit and Department of Environment route authorisations and ACU permit have been applied for. MSA authorisation applied for.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC) and to members of the Allard Owners Club.

**The ACTC clubs are:-** 750 MC, Bristol MC & LCC, Camel Vale MC, Crash Box & Classic CC, Exmoor MC, Falcon MC, Fellside Auto Club, Holsworthy MC, Launceston & NC MC, , The MCC, The MG CC, MG Octagon CC, Midland Automobile Club, Minehead MC, Morgan CC, North Devon MC, Ross & District MC, Silverton MC, Stroud & District MC, Torbay MC, VSCC, VW Owners Club, Windwhistle MC, Woolbridge MC, the Dellow Register and the ACU South West Centre.

Competition licences of at least MSA Clubman's status for car drivers must be produced at signing on. Both driver and passenger must produce a current

club membership card. Passengers who are not currently members of an invited club may join ACTC by registering at the start.

### 3. CAR CLASSES

The event will have the eight standard classes as stated in the RAC rule M6.1

- Class 1) Front engine front wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in Class 6).
- Class 2) Production cars manufactured prior to 1941, and the following MGTC, Morgan 4/4 Series 1, HRG 1100cc, HRG 1500cc, Ford Models (upright models to 1959), Ford Engines E04A, E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, and 103E.
- Class 3) Front engine, rear wheel drive production saloons (except vehicles in class 6).
- Class 4) Rear engine, rear wheel drive production saloons up to and including 1300cc (except vehicles in class 7).
- Class 5)
  - a) Front engine, Production Sports Cars (except vehicles in Class 1 or 6)
  - b) Front engine production cars built from pre 1941 components and satisfying tyre regulations stated in MSA regulation M.6.7.5 (except cars in class 2).
- Class 6)
  - a) Rear engine, rear wheel drive Production cars (except vehicles in Class 4).
  - b) Front engine, Production cars fitted with a torque biasing differential as original or optional equipment.
- Class 7)
  - a) Production cars modified beyond permitted limits.
  - b) Rear engine, Production Cars fitted with a torque biasing differential as original or optional equipment.
  - c) Front engine, cars manufactured on a limited basis conforming to accepted specification (as defined in ACTC rule 4.2.2).
- Class 8)
  - a) Non Production cars.
  - b) Rear Engine Cars (except vehicles in Class 4,6 or 7).
  - c) Front Engine cars manufactured on a limited basis (except vehicles in Class 7)

## 12. OFFICIALS

- 12.1 Chief Steward – Roger Ugalde
- 12.2 Clerk of the Course – Greg Warren Tel 07979708310
- 12.3 Deputy Clerk of Course – Dave Haizelden Tel 07841860121
- 12.4 Event Secretary – Keith Sanders Tel 07766558700
- 12.5 Chief Marshal – Dave Haizelden
- 12.6 Marshall Co-ordinator – Phil Harris
- 12.6 Chief Scrutineer – John Blakeley

## 13. RESULTS & AWARDS

- 13.1 Provisional results will be published and posted as soon as possible.
- 13.2 Protests must be lodged in accordance with MSA regulation O.5 and made to the Clerk of the Course.
- 13.3 The following trophies will be presented :
  - First overall Car
  - First overall Team of 3These trophies will be held for 11 months and remain the property of the Torbay Motor Club. Permanent awards will be made to winners of these trophies.
- 13.4 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)
- 13.5 No competitor may win more than one award (except the team award)
- 13.6 All awards will be dispatched after the trial.

#### 10.4 The entry fee is £30

**Any 3 vehicles may also enter as a team. Entry fee is £6 per team. Cheques should be made payable to "Torbay Motor Club Ltd."**

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

**Entries must be sent to the Secretary of the meeting by 29<sup>th</sup> August '09 :- Keith Sanders, 5 Two Acre Court, Alphington, Exeter EX2 8YE Telephone : 07766 558700**

10.6 Entry fees will be refunded (less an administrative fee of £5) provided the entry is withdrawn on or before the closing date

10.7 Entries will be acknowledged **only** by dispatch of the Final Instructions approx. one week before the event.

10.8 If your entry is received after the maximum entry has been reached you will be included on the reserve list that will be selected in order of receipt if cancellations occur.

### 11. INSURANCE

11.1 Insurance for this event is mandatory for all vehicles in all classes.

11.2 The Club has applied to Lockton for a Blanket Cover Note under the above scheme. This will provide competitors who need to use the scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event.

The basic rate for the event (before any loadings) will be £13.50

All new applicants wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Lockton's

Declaration:-

- Over 21 and held a full licence for at least 6 months
- Not more than 1 fault accident in last 3 Years
- No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence
- No physical or mental disabilities
- No other material facts

If able to comply with all the points above simply sign on signing-on form at the start for insurance. **NO letter of acceptance will be issued.**

**If unable to comply with any of the above points**, contact the Secretary of the Meeting at least 21 days before the event to arrange a declaration form.

11.3. Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements.

11.4 **ALL competitors** must sign the Motor Sports Club Scheme signing-on sheet stating the cover they have in place for the event.

### 4. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 All vehicles must comply with MSA or ACU technical regulations.

4.2 All vehicles must display a current tax disc and be insured for the event (see item 11)

4.3 Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MOT certificate

4.4 All vehicles must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made.

4.5 All vehicles must be fitted with the means of having a tow rope secured quickly. This must be of sufficient strength to withstand the snatch of a tow from a recovery vehicle.

4.6 All vehicles must have provision for the fixing of competition numbers in a prominent, near vertical position at the front & rear of the vehicle.

4.7 All tyres, including spares, must comply with MSA regulation M.6.7.3 and relevant ACU regulations.

4.8 Any vehicle failing to comply with roadworthiness requirements will not be allowed to start. Vehicles damaged on route and deemed un-roadworthy by any official will be required to surrender their competition numbers to the nearest available official and immediately retire. Vehicles that do not comply with class requirements will be moved to another class or excluded from the results.

4.9 All competing vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher of at least 2 kg.

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

### 5. START & FINISH

5.1 The start & finish will be at the Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, Exeter, EX6 7UX, MR 192/915856 where hot and cold food will be available. Trailers may be left at the start. Petrol will be available in the Shell garage adjacent to the start and at various places along the route.

5.2 Competitors must sign on and have their vehicles scrutineered at the start, prior to starting at the official time. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions.

5.3 The following documents will be inspected at the start - Competition Licence, Club Membership Cards, and where applicable vehicle MOT Certificate and Insurance letter of acceptance.

## 6. RUNNING TIME & ORDER

- 6.1 The event will run in the following class order 8, 7, 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- 6.2 The order within each class will be reverse order of entries received.
- 6.3 The first competitor will depart from the start at 8.30am and the remainder at one minute 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 and 9.7.
- 6.5 Any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## 7. TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS

The event will be a round of the 2009 ACTC Trials Championship for cars.

## 8. COURSE & SECTIONS

- 8.1 The route will cover approximately 75 miles on public roads and private tracks.
- 8.2 At least 13 observed sections will be run, plus 2 or 3 observed tests.
- 8.3 Special Tests will count as tie deciders. A time of the slowest competitor in that class plus 10 seconds will be awarded for hitting a marker, taking the incorrect route etc. Tests will be timed by hand-held stopwatches to 0.1 seconds and aggregated.
- 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 entirely covered by OS maps 191, 192 & 202.
- 8.5 Route checks may operate during the event.
- 8.6 Most sections will be sub-divided (12-1). 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. Failure on any section that is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.
- 8.7 Except on Special Tests, unless stated in the final instructions, there will be no penalty for striking markers, but the 4 wheels out rule applies (you must not leave & rejoin the section).
- 8.8 Some sections will 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 four 'R' boards. On drop of flag, restart, without rolling back, within approximately 10 seconds.

- 8.9 Tyre pressures restrictions may be imposed for some classes at some or all 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 at the start and must be fixed in prominent position at the front and the rear of the vehicle.
- 9.2 These numbers must be legible throughout the event and be removed at the finish, or on retirement from the event, and handed in.
- 9.3 Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MSA regulation M 4.2.16 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. See 8.3 for special test penalties.
- 9.5 A 12 mark penalty will be awarded to any competitor who does not observe the country code. If you meet a horse & rider exercise extreme caution and if necessary **STOP and switch off your engine.**
- 9.6 A 12 mark penalty will be made for any member of the crew walking past the Section Begins board of any section.
- 9.7 **Penalties may be incurred by competitors who finish appreciably later than others relative to their competition number.**
- 9.8 Officials including Travelling Marshals, Observers & Marshals are judges of fact. Driving standards will be observed throughout the event and any breach of the Highway Code or driving by any competitor considered by any of the above officials to be inappropriate will be noted and relevant action taken including immediate disqualification.

## 10. ENTRIES

- 10.1 The maximum number of entries will be 80 cars.  
If there are less than 40 entries, Torbay Motor Club reserves the right to cancel the trial.
- 10.2 The minimum number of entries for each class is 3. If this is not reached the classes may be amalgamated.
- 10.3 **The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2009, or before if fully subscribed.**