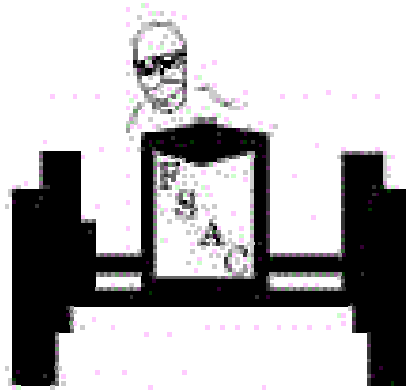


Fell Side Auto Club Ltd.

# THE NORTHERN CLASSIC TRIAL

A Classic Reliability Trial in the Northern Lake District  
For Cars and Motorcycles

A round of the 2012 ACTC Trials Championship for  
cars and motorcycles



**Saturday, 18th February, 2012**

**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

The 2012 Northern Classic Trial has a compact route of about 60 road miles around the Northern Lake District visiting many of the sections from previous years including the infamous Sandale and a couple of new challenges.

We have classes for motorcycles and combinations as well as the eight standard classes for cars. Class 0 for competitors who may be novice or just want to give their vehicle a shakedown or do not have a competition licence and are members of Fell Side Auto Club, MCC, ACTC Affiliated clubs, VSCC, Wigton & DMC, Preston & District VSCC, ACU and Trail Riders Fellowship.

**Please note** that since 2008 car passengers in National B classes have been required to be a member of one of the invited clubs. They can become a passenger member of ACTC for life for a fee of £1.00.

This year's event is Round 5 of the ACTC Championship for cars and Round 3 of the ACTC Motorcycle Championship and is a great opportunity to score some points in some spectacular scenery

Whatever you drive or ride, we are looking forward to seeing you on the .....

## **2012 Northern Classic Trial**

## **1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY**

Fell Side Auto Club Ltd will organise a National B/Clubsport Dual Permit Classic Reliability Trial on Saturday 18th February 2012. 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 and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for. The meeting will also provide classes for Motorcycles and Combinations in accordance with the National Sporting Code of the ACU its Trials Standing Regulations the published supplementary regulations and any final instructions to the drivers that may be issued.

The Clubsport event will follow the same route as the National B event but will visit a fewer number of competitive sections.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS**

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of FSAC and to members of the member clubs of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC) and the following Regional Associations: ANECCC, ANWCC. All drivers, who are entering classes 1-8 inclusive, 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 or from the trial secretary) and a current membership card for the club under which they are entering. FSAC, VSCC and MCC members entering classes 0A, 0B or 0C need only produce a current valid membership card.

Motorcycles: the event is open to all members of clubs affiliated to the ACU and Trail Riders Fellowship (see **ACU AFFILIATION MEMBERSHIP**)

### **REQUIREMENT FOR CAR PASSENGERS ...**

Signed-on passengers in cars have to have either a membership card from one of the ACTC affiliated clubs, or they buy a lifetime passenger membership for the ACTC at sign-on at a one off fee of £1.

## **3. CLASSES CARS**

The event will have the eight standard classes as stated in the MSA rule T.10 (but modified by ACTC) and, in addition, will have 3 extra classes (Classes 0A, 0B 0C) for the Clubsport event. The classes are:-

- 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, Ford models (upright models to 1959) E04A, E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, and 103E.
- 3** Front engine, rear wheel drive, production saloon cars (except vehicles 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)**Vehicles built from pre-1941 components and satisfying the tyre regulations stated in MSA regulations (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, or any other form of traction control, as standard equipment throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
- 7 a) Production cars modified beyond permitted limits for the above classes,
- b) Rear engine production cars with torque-biasing differentials, or any other form of traction control, as standard equipment throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
- c) Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis, conforming to accepted specification (as defined in ACTC rule 4.2.2 available at [www.actc.org.uk](http://www.actc.org.uk) )
- 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).
- 0A FSAC, VSCC, MCC members driving open cars.
- 0B FSAC, VSCC, MCC members driving closed cars.

## MOTORCYCLES

- A Pre 1965 British Bikes – trials tyres & fitted lights
- B1 Solo bikes up to 225cc – trials tyres & factory fitted lights
- B2 Solo bikes 226cc - 450cc – trials tyres & factory fitted lights
- C Solo bikes over 450cc - trials tyres & factory fitted lights
- D Combinations complying with ACU Regulation 12
- 0C FSAC, MCC members riding motorcycles or combinations

All references to classes in MSA Regulations T10 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations

## 4. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All vehicles must comply with MSA technical regulations J5.
- 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. If in the opinion of the Clerk of Course any vehicle exceeds acceptable noise levels then that vehicle will be excluded and will not be allowed to start or proceed if detected after signing-on/scrutineering.
- 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 the ACTC Tyre List. For classes 0A & 0B any normal road tyres are acceptable, off-road and 'Mud & Snow' tyres are not permitted. For class 0C only tyres conforming to the ACTC specifications printed in the section below will be permitted. An entrant not conforming may be allowed to run at the discretion of the scrutineer but will not be included in the results and will not be eligible for awards.
- 4.8 Any vehicle failing to comply with roadworthiness requirements will not be allowed to start. Vehicles which do not comply with class requirements will be moved to another class or excluded from the results.
- 4.9 **All competing cars MUST carry a fire extinguisher to K.3.1.1 or better and a small spill kit complying with J5.20.13**
- 4.10 The ACTC prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles.

## **MOTORCYCLE TYRES – ACTC SPECIFICATIONS**

Tyres used on ACTC events must be suitable for On Road use.

The Association wishes competitors to join in the spirit of the event by choosing tyres that are non-aggressive in appearance or destructive in use.

For Long Distance Trials tyres must be road legal. The distance between the blocks must not exceed 12mm across the tyre and 16mm between the blocks in a circumferential direction. The space between the tread must NOT extend across the complete tyre measured at right angles to the tyre wall unless broken by a block.

Only tyres normally available from Commercial or Retail sources for use on the Public Highway are permitted. They shall appear in the tyre manufacturers range catalogue or tyre specification lists available to the general public. They must be manufactured to comply with the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) requirements in respect of load and speed codes and have a minimum service description of 45M. Tread Patterns of tyres as manufactured must NOT be CUT or ALTERED in any way.

We advise all motorcycle competitors that soft compound trials tyres are NOT SUITABLE for ACTC Long Distance Trials, using the public road. The tyres suffer from excessive wear, and break-up of the tyre making the tyres, extremely dangerous. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the tyres fitted to his/her machine carry the correct load and speed rating.

For the purposes of ACTC events, Standard Road Tyres are defined as having a gap between the tread blocks NOT exceeding 6 mm, and a maximum tread depth of 10 mm. These dimensions will apply irrespective of machine manufacturers or tyre manufacturer's statements.

(Three-wheelers). may use tyres under 'Motorcycles'. Alternatively, Standard tyres as defined in the Tyre Regulations for Cars may be used, providing the vehicle manufacturer's standard tyre section is NOT exceeded.

### **5. START & FINISH**

- 5.1 The start and finish will be at the Stocksman, Wigton, Cumbria (Map Reference 85/256482). Hot food and drinks will be available at the start and finish. Fuel is available near the start of the event. Fuel available along the route will be advised in the Route Instructions. Trailer parking will be available at the start
- 5.2 Competitors must sign on & be scrutineered at the start, prior to starting at the official time. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions.
- 5.3 The following documents will be inspected at the start:- Competition Licence (except classes 0A, 0B & 0C), Club Membership Cards for all competitors including car passengers (see Section 2), and where applicable vehicle MOT Certificate.

### **6. RUNNING TIME & ORDER**

- 6.1 The event running order will be announced in the Final Instructions
- 6.2 The order will be in order of receipt of the entry forms.
- 6.3 The first competitor will depart from the start at 08:01 am and the remainder at 1 minute intervals in numerical order.
- 6.4 There is a time schedule for the event and a time card will be used. Penalties will be awarded for late arrival at the start and for early or late arrival at an intermediate time control.
- 6.5 Any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## **7. TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS**

The event is Round 5 of the ACTC Car Championship and Round 3 of the ACTC Motorcycle Championship.

## **8. COURSE & SECTIONS**

- 8.1 The route will cover approximately 60 miles on public roads plus approximately 23 miles on byways and private tracks.
- 8.2 At least 12 observed sections will be run, and 2 special tests. Competitors in Class 0A, 0B & 0C will attempt at least 10 sections, including 2 special tests.
- 8.3 Special tests will count as sections and as a tie decider:-
  - 8.3.1 In sections that are special tests, a penalty of 6 points will be given for hitting a marker or for stopping except astride a line, as detailed in the route book, and a time equal to the slowest time in the class + 10 seconds will be given.
  - 8.3.2 Special Test times will be used only to decide ties.
  - 8.3.3 The times of the special tests will be aggregated.
  - 8.3.4 Special 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 entirely covered by OS maps 85 and 89.
- 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 which is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.
- 8.7 Except for special tests, there is 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 4 'R' boards. On drop of flag, without rolling back, restart within 10 seconds.
- 8.9 Minimum tyre pressures will be imposed for selected 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 regulations T4, see also item 6.4 of these SRs
- 9.4 In the event of a tie, the lower or lowest aggregate time of the special 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.
- 9.5 A 12 mark penalty will be awarded to any competitor who does not observe the country code.
- 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 A 6 mark penalty may be made to any competitor who finishes significantly later than others relative to their competition number
- 9.8 **A 12 mark penalty will be made for any infringement of MSA regulation T4.1.11.** "Bouncing' will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment, and then only so long as no portion of either the Driver's or Passenger's body, other than arms and hand, is placed outside the sides of the car or behind the seat they are occupying."

## 10. ENTRIES

- 10.1 The maximum number of entries will be 70 and the minimum 30. If there are less than 30 entries, FSAC 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 Saturday 4 February, 2012.
- 10.5 **The entry fee is £33.00 for non-FSAC members and £30 for FSAC members for both the National B and Clubsport events (classes 0A, 0B & 0C). Cheques should be made payable to "Fell Side Auto Club Ltd."**
- 10.6 **Entry fees will be refunded (less an administrative fee of £5) provided that the entry is withdrawn on or before the closing date.**
- 10.7 Entries must be made on the official entry form, or a photocopy thereof, and must be signed and accompanied by the correct fee.  
**Entries to be sent to:**  
**Mrs. Diane Veevers, The Old Mill, Thurstonfield, Carlisle CA5 6HQ**
- 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 a valid email address is added to the entry form. Results will be sent by e-mail where a valid e-mail address is provided, if you require results by post, please include an ADDITIONAL stamped addressed envelope

## 11. INSURANCE

- 11.1 Competitors must have Insurance in place which provides Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be an extension to the existing motor policy for the car or purchased via the event organisers.  
If a competitor uses an extension to an existing policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies with the competitor.
- 11.2 The Club has applied to REIS (Underwritten by Chaucer Insurance) for a blanket Cover Note. This will provide competitors who need to use the scheme with Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event. The basic rate is £15.00 for cars and motorcycles.
- 11.3 If a competitor wishes to purchase cover via the organisers then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following:
- ◆ **Age 19 years or over**
  - ◆ **Has held a full licence for a minimum of 6 months**
  - ◆ **Has no more than 6 points on their licence**
  - ◆ **Has had no more than 1 fault claims in the last 3 years**
- Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25. Any

competitor, who falls outside these parameters, may be offered cover at the standard price (or a higher price) depending on circumstances. These competitors must contact Samantha Bartlett by calling 0115 985 0165 at least one working day before the event commencing – only in extreme conditions will insurance be refused or a premium loaded.

## 12. OFFICIALS

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:	Fred Mills
ENTRIES SECRETARY:	Mrs Diane Veevers
CLERK OF THE COURSE: (Cars)	David Miller
CLERKS OF THE COURSE: (M/cycles)	Stan Peel (ACU Licence 125143), John Busfield (ACU Licence 125142)
CHIEF SCRUTINEERS:	John Blakeley (cars) Craig Asbridge (M/cycles)
CHIEF MARSHAL:	Tony Branson

## 13. RESULTS & AWARDS

- 13.1 Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event.
- 13.2 Protests, which will be unwelcome, must be lodged in accordance with MSA regulations and made to the Clerk of the Course.
- 13.3 Awards will be made for **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall** and in 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)  
Other awards will be announced in the Final Instructions
- 13.4 No competitor may win more than one award,

## 14. PLEASE NOTE

- 14.1 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. Be especially careful near horses - slow down, stop and switch off your engine.**
- 14.2 On official public rights of way other users have priority.
- 14.3 Competitors are required to follow the 'Country Code'. Failure to observe this code may incur a 12 mark penalty and lead to disciplinary action. Special care must be exercised near livestock and gates **MUST** be closed after every competitor

## 15. ACU AFFILIATION

ACU Affiliation is now assigned to the individual and not the club. Motorcycle competitors must have an ACU Competition Licence or ACU Trials Registration to enter this event and be a member of a club affiliated to the ACU, Fell Side Auto Club is affiliated to the ACU. If you have not already applied to the ACU and require a form please contact Fred Mills, Trial Secretary on 0191 2532287

## Carlisle/Wigton Area Accommodation

There are many hotels and guest houses in Carlisle and North Cumbria, details of which can be obtained from Carlisle Tourist Information Centre 01228 625600