

The CLEE HILLS CLASSIC TRIAL



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Robert Hodgkinson, Marlin on the Slab

(Photo by Peter McFadyen)

ACTC & ASWMC championships' round 2014



WELCOME TO THE CLEE HILLS TRIAL IN SOUTH SHROPSHIRE

After the disappointing cancellation of the 2013 trial due to repeated snow falls, the organising team sincerely hope to welcome you to the hills of Shropshire in mid-January. The team itself has gained some new blood with helpful ideas, while the route has seen some refinement. The two 'blasters' in Strefford Wood will be confined to classes 7 & 8, while class 1 – 6 competitors will face a new challenge on an historic track. Otherwise you will recognise your favourites on the lanes and amongst the properties of Forest Enterprise and the National Trust who make us so welcome each year.

We hope to offer something that everyone will enjoy regardless of what they drive, and with a combination of variable tyre pressures, restarts (not many) and diversions the winner might come from any of the classes. We would also remind first timers about our novice class 0. This class is open to any vehicle that satisfies the technical regulations for any class and you don't need a competition licence. Entering this class will have you mingling with the main event, sharing many of the sections but avoiding the tougher ones – a great opportunity to enjoy your day's sport either as a novice or with a less fully prepared car.

For the Clubmans event, in addition to MAC members, we have extended invitations to members of MCC, VSCC, Hagley & DLCC, Ross & District MSC, Falcon MC, Bristol MC, Stroud & District MC, the MG Car Club, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Minehead MC, Exmoor MC, North Devon MC, Windwhistle, Woolbridge MC, Dellow Register and the Morgan SSC, so come and have some fun – and you don't need a competition licence! Except for class 0, those entering the Clubmans event will tackle the same sections as those entering the National B event.

NB Since January 2008 passengers in National B Trials have been required to be members of one of the invited clubs. If your passenger is not currently a member of one of the invited clubs, they can become a passenger member of ACTC, for life, for a fee of £1.00

Club supper : Why not come to the Craven Arms Hotel on Saturday evening—get scrutineered and signed on, and join in the club supper (pre-booked only). This will save the usual rush on Sunday morning. Book this on the main Clee Hills Trial entry form.

The Lord Boyne Trophy

Contenders for the Lord Boyne Trophy 2014 (for 3 consecutive Clee Hills Trial class wins)
Mike Chatwin and James Shallcross

11.2.2 If you wish to use the REIS scheme, but you do not comply with all of the above Declaration points, please contact the Secretary of the Meeting at least 10 days before the event, for a Declaration form to be sent to you.

11.3 Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements.

12. OFFICIALS

12.1 The Secretary of the Meeting is Mrs Pat Toulmin

12.2 The Clerk of the Course is Mr Graham Austin

12.3 The Assistant Clerk of the Course is Mr Adrian Tucker-Peake

12.4 The Chief Marshal is Mr Peter Lawley

12.5 The Chief Scrutineer is Mr John Blakeley

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.

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

These trophies will be retained by the MAC and engraved with the winners' names. Permanent awards will be made to winners of these trophies.

14.4 In addition, awards will be made for each class as follows:-

First in class (subject to there being at least 4 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. CLEE HILLS TRIAL WEBSITE

To review our 2012 event and keep up with progress on the 2014 trial, including details of competitors please go to www.cleehillstrial.info.

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 4. If this is not reached, the classes will be amalgamated.

10.4 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on 13th January 2014 or before, if fully subscribed.

10.5 The entry fee is £38 for the National B event. and £36 for the Clubmans event.
**Cheques payable please to "The Midland Automobile Club (Est. 1901) Ltd".
Alternatively online payment via PayPal is available on www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk**

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 valid for this event is mandatory.

11.2 MAC has obtained a blanket certificate of insurance from REIS to provide, to those competitors who need to use the scheme, "Third Party Cover" to meet Road Traffic Act requirements on the road sections of the event.

The basic rate (before any loadings) will be £15.00 inclusive of tax.

11.2.1 If you wish to use the REIS scheme, and you comply with all the following Declaration points, it is only necessary to pay the fee and sign the insurance form at the start of the event. No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

The Declaration points are:

- 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 claim 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.

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 19th January 2014. 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)

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. Passengers who are not currently members of an invited club may join ACTC either by filling in the appropriate part of the entry form or registering at the start. The member clubs of ACTC are:-750 MC, Bristol MC, Camel Vale MC, Crash Box & Classic CC, Dellow Register, Falcon MC, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Ilkley MC, Launceston & North Cornwall MC, MG Octagon C, MAC, MCC, MG CC, Minehead MC, Ross & District MSC, N Devon MC, Stroud & District MC, VSCC, Volkswagen OC, Windwhistle MC, Woolbridge MC.

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, 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 the Craven Arms Hotel, Craven Arms, Shropshire (map reference 137/432827) at the junction of the A49 and the B4368. Hot food and drinks will be available at the start 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 - competition licence (except Clubman event), club membership card and MOT certificate.

3.4 CLASSES

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

0 Clubman drivers (Clubmans event only)

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,

- 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).
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 - 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).
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 - 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.
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 - 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.)
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 - 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 vehicles 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 display a current tax disc and be 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 vehicles 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
- 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 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 2014 ACTC Trials Championship and the 2014 REIS Association of South West 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. 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 Observed 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 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.
- 8.9 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.

2014 CLEE HILLS TRIAL ENTRY FORM

For Official Use Only

Date Rec'd _____

Acknowledged _____

Class _____

Queries _____

DRIVER'S FULL NAME _____
(Block capitals)

Name for programme _____

ADDRESS _____

Postcode _____ Tel No _____

PASSENGER'S FULL NAME _____
(Block capitals)

Name for programme _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ COLOUR _____

ENGINE CAPACITY _____ cc REGISTRATION No _____ CLASS _____

DETAILS OF FRONT TYRES			DETAILS OF REAR TYRES		
MAKE	TYPE	SIZE	MAKE	TYPE	SIZE

Is the vehicle fitted with a limited slip differential or any other traction control device? YES / NO

I am a member of _____ Club. Using a trailer? YES / NO

My passenger is a member of _____ Club

Will you be using REIS insurance? YES / NO

If yes, do you need a Declaration Form? YES / NO

If **NOT** using REIS insurance, please state name of your Insurance Company

E-Mail Address for Finals & Results _____

Are you attempting to score points in one or both of the championships? YES / NO

ACTC Championship No _____ ASWMC Championship No _____

MSA Licence No _____ **(Not required for Clubman event)**

FEE ENCLOSED Entry £ _____

REIS Insurance £ _____

ACTC passenger membership £ _____

TOTAL £ _____

Number of Club Suppers required _____

*Entry Fee £38 for National B event and
£36 for the Clubman event.*

REIS Insurance fee (if required) £15

ACTC passenger membership (Nat B only) £1

Please make cheques payable to **The Midland Automobile Club (Est 1901) Ltd** and send to
Mrs P B Toulmin, 4 Briery Lands, Heath End, Snitterfield, Stratford on Avon, CV37 0PP

Online payment by PayPal is available via the MAC. Email your details to gill@mac1901.co.uk

PLEASE SIGN OVERLEAF

DECLARATION

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this event & agree to be bound by them and by the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Limited. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk .Further I understand that all persons having connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence.

I declare that the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take part on roads as defined by the law.

Under the provision of the Data Protection Act 1985, the MAC requires your permission to hold the information on this entry form on a computer for the purpose of producing address lists, results and other such data for running the trial. Your signature below gives the organisers the right to enter this information into a computer.

Age (If 18 or under) _____

Signed (Driver) _____ Date _____

Signed (Passenger) _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (if entrant is under 18)

Signed _____

Name _____

Address _____

Relationship _____