



**STROUD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD**

**PRESENTS**

**THE**

**MECHANICS CLASSIC ROAD TRIAL**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**



**Last year's Over-All Winners – Charles Hayward & Charlie Murry-Evans –  
MK2 Escort**

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## THE MECHANIC TRIAL

THE MECHANICS TRIAL originates from the late 1970's when our Headquarters were located at the Mechanics Arms in Chalford. The Landlord and landlady, Jim & Liz Polly, presented the Mechanics Trophy to the Club giving us an opportunity to run an event in the pub's name.

The first Mechanics Trial ran in 1979 and was organized by Nigel Moss, Eric and Diana Wall, The single venue Classic Trial was held within a few miles of the pub in Badgers Wood, Cowcombe, Chalford. The event continued to run at various single venues including Catswood and Sallywood from 1984 to 2001.

In 2002 the event ventured out onto the road with Gill and Edwin Hayward doing a great deal of work to create a brand new road trial for the club. Various organizing teams have since kept the event on the road.

This year's event is organised by a similar team to last year with, it will feature old favorite hills such as wood Lane and Viaduct and will follow a similar format to recent successful years. The trial will include a couple of old sections used on the Cotswold Clouds in the early 80's Hobbs Choice a gentle rocky climb and a trick old favourite Bulls Cross.

The event offers what we hope is a good day's motorsport visiting some different parts of the Cotswold's to our Cotswold Clouds Trial in February. The organising team make every effort to give all competitors a chance to climb some sections during the day but also making some a great challenge.

The Mechanics Trial will run on a Clubman's permit which means you do not need a competition licence.

IF YOU ARE NOT COMPETING ON THE EVENT PLEASE CONSIDER MARSHALING.

CONTACT ANY OF THE ORGAINISING TEAM TO OFFER YOUR SERVICES ON;

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## **MECHANICS CLASSIC TRIAL – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

### **SUPPLIMENTARY REGULATIONS**

1. The Stroud and District Motor Club will promote a Clubman's permit Classic Trial on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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 FISA, these supplementary regulations and any written instructions that the organizing club may issue for the event.

2. MSA permit No. 103322            DOT authorization. 27893SE15

3. The event is open to all fully elected members of the Stroud and District Motor Club Ltd. The event is also open to fully elected members of the following clubs:- Camel Vale MC, Torbay MC, Falcon MC. Holswothy MC, Minehead MC, Midlands Automobile Club, Ross & District MC, Woolbridge MC, VSCC, Bristol MC, Fellside Auto Club, Illkey & District MC, The Motor Cycling Club, Windwhistle MC.

4. All drivers must produce a valid club card. A MSA competition licence is NOT required for this event.

5. The program of the event will be:-

Start : The start will be from SKF, Stonehouse, Nr. Stroud. Gloucestershire (MR 162/795054). A valid MOT (where applicable) will be need to be shown for the car entered. Competitors and passengers must sign on at the start at least 30 minutes before their starting time. Your start time will be advised in the final instructions. The first competitor will leave at 09:00 hrs. the rest at one minute intervals in numerical order, although gaps may be left between groups of competitors. No time schedule will operate during the event.

Finish: The finish will be at the Minchinhampton Gold Club – Old Course Club house, Minchinhampton Common where the competitors will be required to sign off and collect their finisher's certificates. Competitor's numbers must be handed in.

6. The Trial will cover a course of approximately 60 miles and will include up to 18 observed sections and special tests on public roads and private land. A route card will be issued at the start. Competitors failing to follow the authorised route will be excluded. Route check will be operated during the event.

7. The event will consist of the eight standard classes as stated in the MSA rule T10 (but modified by the ACTC) as follows:-

Class1.     Front engine front wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in class6)

Class2.     Production cars built prior to 1941, and the following MGTC, Morgan4/4 series 1, HRG 1100cc, HRG 1500cc, Ford Models ( upright models to 1959) Ford Engines E04A,E494A, E4930A/B,E93A,E293A,103E.

- Class3. Front engine, rear wheel drive production saloons (except vehicles in class 6)
- Class4. Rear engine, rear wheel drive production saloons up to and including 1300cc (except vehicles in class 7)
- Class5. A. Front engine, production Sports Cars (except vehicles in Class 1 or 6).  
B. Vehicles built from pre 1941 components (except vehicles in class 2) and satisfying tyre regulations in J77.
- Class6. 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 standard equipment, or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
- Class7. A. Production cars modified beyond permitted limits.  
B. Rear engine, Production Cars fitted with a torque biasing differential as standard equipment, 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 an accepted specification. These cars comply with either or both of 7(c) (i) or 7(c)(ii) below.  
Have the rearmost part of the front seat cushions forward of any part of the rear tyres.  
Have a wheel base of 90ins (228.6 cm) or greater
- 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) including those which have:-  
(i) Have the rearmost part of the front seat cushions rearward of any part of the rear tyres.  
(ii) A wheel base of less than 90in. (228.6 cm.)

7.1 All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations for Classic Trials.

7.2 M.C.C. class exemption certificates accepted.

8. Awards will be presented as follows:-

First Overall	Mechanics Trophy and Replica
Best Performance By a S&DMC member	Ken Hobbs Trophy and Replica
First in Class	An award

Second in class	An award Subjected to 6 or more starters
Third in class	An award Subjected to 10 starters in class
Team Award	Stroud News and Journal Cup and Replica, subject to 3 teams.
Lady's Award	Landsdown Motor Cup & Replica, subject to 3 lady competitors
Finishers Certificate	To each signed off competitor and passenger.

8.1 No competitor may win more than one award, other than the team award.

8.2 All Major trophies will be retained for 10 months (OR LESS IF THEIR RETURN IS REQUESTED BY THE CLUB)

8.3 Awards will be presented at the Annual Diner Dance and Award Presentation of the Stroud and District Motor Club to be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

9. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulation and closes on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The entry fee is £28.00 and the team entry is £3.00. Team entries can consist of 3 cars from any class. Entries must be made on the official entry form and be accompanied by the appropriate FEE IN FULL. Cheques should be made payable to "STROUD and DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB Ltd. Team entries can be made on the day.

10. The Secretary of the Meeting to whom all entries must be sent is:- Richard Hayward, 8 Taylors Ground, Quedgelely, Gloucester. GL2 4JW. Tel. No. 07505 701197.

11. The maximum entry for the meeting is 60. The minimum entry is 30. The minimum entry in a class is 3. Should any of the minimum figures not be met the organisers have the right to either cancel the event or amalgamate the classes as necessary. Entries will be selected on a first come first served basis. You WILL be advised upon receipt of entry if the maximum number of entries has been received and you are a reserve competitor for the event. Entry fees may be refunded up to the closing date, less £10.00 to cover administration costs. Running order will be decided by ballot. (see entry form )

12. Officials for the event are:-

Club Steward	Mr Colin Francis
Clerk of the Course	Mr Steve Louks
Assistant Clerks of the Course	Mr Mark Hobbs & Mr Del Lloyd
Scrutierer	TBA
Chief Marshal	Mr James Martin
Secretary of the Meeting	Mr Richard Hayward
Closing Vehicle	Mr Mark Keyes

13. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event.

14. Any protest must be lodged as soon as possible after the event, in accordance with the 2017 MSA Year Book.

15. Starting numbers will be issued at signing on. Competitors will be identified by a number, which will be provided by the organisers. This is to be affixed in a prominent position to the front and rear of the vehicle. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure that the numbers are readable throughout the event. Other means of identification may be supplied at the start and must be fixed to the front of the vehicle in a prominent position.

16. Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MSA T.6.4.3 and T.6.4.4 The marks lost system will be applied for overall performance. Failure of a stop and restart will incur penalties appropriate to that part of the section.

In the event of a tie this will be resolved in favour of the competitor making the best time on the special test. If a tie is still unresolved it will be decided in favour of the competitor with the smaller engine.

Penalties will be as follows:-

- a) 5 points                      Each minute late in reporting at the start.
- b) 6 points                      failing in an observed section that is not subdivided or failing the special test.
- c) 12 to 1 points              failing an observed section that is sub divided.
- d) 12 points                    Not attempting or not being ready to attempt an observed section or special test when asked to do so.
- e) 12 points                    not complying with reasonable instruction from an official for which a penalty is not otherwise stipulated, and provided warning of a penalty is given.
- f) 12 points                    Driver or passenger not seated correctly.
- g) 12 points                    Causing undue noise at any point.
- h) 6 points                      Leaving a car unattended in a queue for an observed section or special test.
- i) EXCLUSION                    Second offence under h.
- j) 12 points                      Any member of the crew walking past the 12 marker board of any section.

17. All vehicles must be capable of having a tow rope quickly and firmly attached, this will be inspected by the scrutineer.

18. All vehicles must have an effective silencer fitted. Any vehicle considered by the scrutineer to be too noisy will NOT be allowed to start. Noise checks will be operated during the event. In addition to the Judges of the Fact or in the opinion of any chief official at an observed section, special test or traveling marshal, a competitors vehicle is making excessive noise liable to cause disturbance to the general public, that

competitor may be requested to take immediate action to prevent continuance of the excessive noise and be penalized in accordance with SR16.

## 19. General

The only pressurized container in the passenger compartment or fitted externally to the car shall be a fire extinguisher which is compulsory. Properly fitted containers for tyre inflation must only be filled with an inert gas.

No competing vehicle will be allowed to carry advertising material or commercial displays on.

No vehicle whose appearance or condition is below a standard appropriate to the event will not be allowed to start.

All tyres including spares must comply with ACTC tyre list and MSA tyre regulations.

Petrol will be available near the start. Competitors are requested to avail themselves of this facility. Hot drinks and snacks will be available at the start. A hot meal will be available at the finish.

Any competitor overtaken by the back-marker will be deemed to have retired.

Practising on any section of the published route at any time is forbidden and any competitor doing so will be EXCLUDED.

Overnight accommodation is available at the Premier Lodge, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF Tel; 0871 527 9052 and also at Travelodge, Stonehouse, Glos. GL10 3SQ. Tel: 0871 984 6054.

Minimum tyre pressures may be imposed on the day depending on weather conditions.

## 20. INSURANCE; REIS Insurance

The club has applied to REIS Insurance for a blanket certificate of insurance.

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 for the event (before any loadings) will be **£18.00** inclusive of tax or less as there may be some miss information in the fee advised, refunds if applicable will be distributed at the start.

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

Vehicles must have Insurance in place which provides Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover as an adjunct to an existing motor policy.

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. If a competitor wishes purchase

additional 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 claim in the last 3 years

The vehicle has valid Tax, MOT and is currently insured for road use

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 equivalent terms or an agreed price, if approval from REIS has been obtained by the event organisers, prior to the event.

Additional cover provided by this scheme is only effective whilst the vehicle is actively competing in the event, and remains under the control or direction of the event organiser(s). Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

The Event Organiser's RTA scheme is provided by REIS and underwritten by Chaucer Insurance.

If you wish to use the REIS Scheme, but you do not comply with all of the above declaration points please contact REIS directly by calling 0115 965 1030 A.S.A.P.

Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements.

21. Any competitors involved in an accident MUST leave a written report with the secretary at the finish, or send it within 7 days if a non-finisher.



STROUD AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LIMITED  
 ENTRY FORM FOR MECHANICS TRIAL  
 SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

This form must be completed in full by the driver and passenger, and signed where necessary and countersigned by a parent or guardian of the signee is under 18 years of age (please give relationship and address). Failure to do so will result in your entry being returned. It should be sent, together with the appropriate entry fee to Mr. Richard Hayward, 8 Taylors Ground, Quedgelely, Gloucester. GL2 4JW before 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. All cheques should be made payable to STROUD AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB Ltd.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY AND IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name of Driver .....	Name of Passenger .....
Address .....	Address .....
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Telephone No .....	Telephone No .....
Email .....	Email .....
Club .....	Club .....

MAKE and MODEL of CAR .....	ENGINE CAPACITY .....
REG. NO. ....	YEAR REGISTERED .....
	CLASS ENTERED .....

Is a limited slip, torque biasing, locked or lockable differential fitted YES/NO

Is a turbo/super charger fitted YES/NO

Make & size of Tyres front.....

Make & size of Tyres rear.....

Do you require final instructions & results by email? YES/NO Will you bring a trailer YES/NO

TEAM ENTRY - Team Name .....

Other Team Member Names .....

If you wish to run with another competitor the please enter their name(s).....

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Do you wish to run Early / Late / Don't mind (please circle)

Please give name and telephone number of person to be contacted in the event of an emergency

Driver ..... Tel No .....

Driver ..... Tel No .....

I enclose:	Entry fee	£28.00	£
	Insurance	£18.00	£
	Team entry	£3.00	£

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Total Enclosed £

INDEMNITY

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I declare:

- 1) That I have been given an opportunity to read the General Regulations of the MSA and, if any, the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them. 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 tyre of the competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk. Further I understand that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organization and /or conduct of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence.
- 2) To the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for the event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speed which will be reached.
- 3) The use of the vehicle hereby entered is covered by insurance as required by law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on the roads as defined by the law.
- 4) I understand that should I at any time be suffering from any disability whether permanent or temporary which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of the vehicle, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to the ASN, who have, following such declaration, issued a licence which permits me to do so.
- 5) Any application form for a Licence which was signed by a person under the age of 18 years was countersigned by that person's parent/guardian/guarantor, whose full name and address have been given.
- 6) I am the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor of the driver I understand that I shall have the right to be present during any procedure being carried out under the supplementary Regulations issued for this event and the General Regulations issued for this event and the General Regulations of the MSA. NOTE:- Where the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor is not present there MUST be a representative who must produce a written and signed authorization to so act from the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor as appropriate.

Driver's signature ..... Date.....Age.....\*

Passenger's signature.....Date .....Age.....\*

- if applicable state "over 17 years"

INSURANCE

Please indicate if you require REIS Insurance Cover YES/NO (Delete as necessary)

If NO please specify your insurance company.....

Any driver or passenger under the age of 18 years must attach signed, written permission from a parent or Guardian. Failure to do this will render the entry invalid.

I.....GIVE PERMISSION FOR .....

To take part in the event.

SIGNED..... RELATIONSHIP.....

PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPES OR AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THE RESULTS (envelopes to be C5 [229mm X 162mm] Please)

If your entry is NOT accepted for any reason you will be contacted as soon as possible.