



TORBAY TRIAL

13TH DECEMBER 1987

RESULTS.

SECTION		SECTION														TOTAL		BLACKDON		PENN WOOD		ST TOTAL		POSN. IN CLASS		POSN. OVERALL		AWARDS.
TIPLEY	IDEFORD	PITTY HILL	SHALDON	SUPPERY SAND	HATHER SHEDS	FLENCHES	GOATS PATH	COAKS PATH	BLONACREW	BOLESTON	DENBURY I	DENBURY II	SIMMS			ST1	ST2											
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12	12	11	6	6	Rtd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rtd		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6		18.65	15.72	34.37	2	9			2ND IN CLASS					
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NO	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	SECTION NO	CAR	CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	ST1	ST2	-				
31	RON MACKIE	MIKE THOMPSON	MIDGLET	4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	23.03	35.44	58.47	2		
32	ROGER	RUSSELL RETALICK	SLRTE	u		6	6	11	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	40	22.27	22.18	45.25	3		
33	MIKE WORSWORTH	LLOYD STEVENS	MIDGLET	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	11.81	18.73	38.54	1		1ST IN CLASS
34	RON BARRETT	GEOFF WESTLAKE	BEEBLE	3		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	22.63	25.24	48.07	2		
36	MARK SMITH	SUSANNE BANISTER	-4-	u		-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	11	22.21	25.40	47.61	3		
37	GARY BRENTON		IMP	u		6	6	11	6	-	-	-	-	12	-	6	-	7	-	54	21.04	F	-	4		
38	EWART PICKLES		-u-	u		6	12	11	6	-	12	-	-	-	12	6	-	7	-	72	33.61	F	-	5		
39	PHILIP NOTLEY	TIM ANTON	-u-	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	22.70	11.28	41.98	1		1ST IN CLASS
40	ANGUS STEWART	BOB HOLLIER	FORD POP	2		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	33.92	23.64	57.56	7		
41	KEITH REMILE-GARNER		-11-	u		6	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	20	24.41	27.29	51.70	8		
42	TOMMY	CLIVE KLABER	ESCORT	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	21.65	21.18	42.83	6		
43	RON GRIMWOOD	MALCOLM CULNAN	-11-	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	20.80	18.83	39.63	4		
44	BRIAN MITCHELL	WAYNE CAMPBELL	-u-	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	21.26	11.05	40.41	5		
45	GREG WARREN	JOHN BELLAMY	-11-	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	21.23	11.69	40.92	3	5	The maker makes the best time member
46	KEITH ELLIOT	ANNE ELLIOT	AVENGIER	u		12	12	5	6	-	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	
47	PHILIP ROBERTS	ROGER WILCOCKS	ESCORT	u		-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	6	1	-	25	22.49	26.88	49.37	9		
48	TIMOTHY AYRES	CHRISSEY JOFF	KABET CITY	u		6	-	-	6	-	12	-	-	-	6	-	6	1	-	31	23.34	24.57	47.91	11		
49	MARK LINFORTH		ESCORT	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	11.55	18.88	38.43	2	4	2ND IN CLASS
51	ALAN WEAR	MARK HOBBS	-u-	u		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	20.03	17.16	37.19	1	2	1ST IN CLASS
52	KEVIN	KAREN WEAR	VOLVO 145	u		-	-	4	6	-	12	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	28	23.66	25.34	49.00	10		

TEAM NO 1 29.30.34 40
 NO 2 25.26.27 28
 NO 3 43.44.45 12

TEAM AWARD

The Torbay Trial

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Peter Wilson Reports

Setting up and running any trial must command, for the folk who do the hard work, the respect of any competing team; but perhaps no more so than for the first trial run by a club. Thus it was with great expectation that the field of 52 entrants headed towards Torbay on December 13th. We were promised a chance to tackle observed sections which were 'mostly country roads which will include some existing, and some old MCC hills'.

Due to the proximity of the event to the last round of the ACTC Championship, some of the regular 'old hands' were not entered, presumably resting their cars ready for Christmas shopping?

The venue of the start was charming country hotel on the outskirts of Dartmoor, which provided an ideal setting with a warm welcome and plenty of room to park. Scrutineering completed, the event was led off by the three entrants from class 7 (or should I say the old class 7?). The whole day was scheduled to keep in the order of classes 7, 1, 6A, 6B, 5 etc and by and large this proved acceptable; from a personal point of view this rather restricts the enjoyment of meeting competitors from other classes (and heightens the competitive nature within each class?).

Section 1 was an old MCC hill called Tipley, which in the dry conditions of the day caught only a few cars including both John Hine/Paul Finch (Mini) and John Turner/Vivien Dymond (Ford Siva) and both were unfortunate to retire later. This gentle introductory hill and the long drive to the next section had the effect of spreading the field.

On to the first special test, where a queue of about 20 cars had gathered. It transpired that no marshals had turned up, so after a respectful wait, the field jointly decided to cancel the section, giving any on-lookers the strange sight of this odd selection of 60 years of motoring history, driving off up the section into the fields in the distance!

After that it was not surprising that there was a slight delay at section 2, Ideford, a straight muddy track with a restart for category B cars. For many the memory of this will always be the sight of the little red Mini of John Hine, failing the section and bravely trying to convert the car to rear wheel drive and reversing up the section!

Pitt Hill was a section for all classes except 5 and 6 which caused one or two problems, particularly in the Imp battle where Gary Brenton and Ewart Pickles both had to watch from the 11 marker as Philip Notley/Tim Auton cleared the section. All classes joined again through a holding control in Teignmouth. The route to this car park having some very dramatic views over the rough grey sea. Once released (three at a time it) was a short drive to section 4, Shaldon, which had a restart for all classes. As with most sections there were no sub-divisions, merely

clear or fail. It caught one member of the class 5/6 crews, Duncan and Tim Gilbert in their Dellow.

On to section 5, that old favourite Slippery Sam for all but classes 5 and 6 who tackled a nearby bank called Higher Shells. The latter being a short sandy blast up into a farm yard, where a lot of work had been put in with hardcore to make a way out. It caught Alan and Mel Bellamy in their VW Fastback, who were clear to that point. Slippery Sam managed to stop no-one, a testimony to the weather conditions. The ambitious policy of dividing the pack, but using the same marshals to cover the two hill, relies on split second timing, and in this instance it worked.

Common route again to Frenches, a very gentle sloping section with a restart for all classes. It was positioned on a bend and caught a few.

Next came a specials only section, which was laid out across the slope of a steep grassy field, best described as a PCT section, it would have been quite a challenge in the wet. As it was everyone cleared with the exception of DUncan/Tim Gilbert (Dellow) and Barrie Pryor/Tony Jory (Beetle) who stumbled on the one marker.

On to special test two (or one as it had now become). A flat track between high hedges, saw the cars set off at a pace, disappear round a corner, and a shower of mud appeared over the hedge! If anyone could see through the windscreen, they had to locate line B, back across and on to stop astride line C. Good fun!

On to Corkscrew, Broadgates and Boreston which caused little problems but it would have been a different story if the weather had been wet

The trial was by this time running ahead of schedule and the first cars arrived at Denbury Woods, before the section was marked out! There were only two sections left at this stage and the results would depend on performance here. Again there was a separate bank for the specials, most cars in all classes picking up a six at this point. On the saloons hill there were just five clears from Ron Barret/Geoff Westlake (Beetle), Greg Warren/John Bellamy (Escort Estate), Mark Linforth (Escort), Alan Wear/Mark Hobbs (Escort) and the amazing chain drive, two stroke Trojan in the hands of Steve and Phil Potter.

From the woods to a new special test that had been arranged at Penn Wood to replace the section that was to have been held there, again all credit to the Vowden family who changed the plans at the last minute. It was so close that the first cars were held in a field for 10 minutes by Dean Vowden to allow Arthur to shoot ahead and set up the special test.

The test was of similar design to the first but up a bracken clad hillside, times taken generally varied between 15 and 30 seconds but Ian and Debbie Moss (Lypiatt Special) beat the 15 second barrier with 14.70.

The final section of the day was the infamous Simms. The 5's and 6's were given a restart, which



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was very cleverly positioned at the worst possible point. Only 5 cars cleared after the restart, three Buggies, a Fugitive and crowning a superb day, John Ralph in his big Beetle persuaded it to move on and up and win the class. The other classes were given a run at the hill and faired better, including all three class 7 entrants who all cleared.

All that remained was to return to the Haytor Hotel and discuss what went wrong over a pie and a pint.

The weather leading up to the trial had been particularly dry and herein lay the character of the day. To say that the sections were easy would be an untruth, but through the use of divided sections, the results make very unusual reading. When can you last remember a Trojan scoring a clear round, when points were amassed by all of class 6A? Or when can you recall three clear rounds (out of a total of six) from the Escorts?

So our thanks to the Torbay Motor Club and to Jenny, Arthur and Dean Vowden in particular. Just two words of warning; the nature of the sections could have caused considerable delays if it had been wetter, and it is incredible what trials specials can climb when driven with determination.

RESULTS

The Torbay Trophy	Peter Wilson/Wendy Heath	Buggy	0	34.11secs
The March Hare Trophy (Best Torbay member)	Greg Warren/John Bellamy	Escort Est	0	40.92
Best Team	Ron Grimwood/Brian Mitchell/Greg Warren			

Class 1	John Hine/Paul Finch	Mini	retired
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Class 2			
1. Alan & Karen Wear	Escort	0	37.19
2. Mark Linforth	Escort	0	38.43
3. Greg Warren/John Belamy	Escort Est	0	40.92
4. Ron Grimwood/Malc Curnow	Escort	6	39.63
5. Brian Mitchell/Wayne Campbell	Escort	6	40.41
6. Tommy & Clive Kalber	Escort	6	42.83
7. Angus Stewart/Bob Hollier	Ford Pop	6	57.56
8. Keith Remille-Garner	Ford Pop	20	51.70
9. Philip Roberts/R Willcocks	Escort	25	49.57
10. Kevin & Karen Wear	Volvo	28	49.00
11. Timothy Ayres/Chrissy Jobb	Kadet	31	47.91

Class 3			
1. Philip Notley/Tim Auton	Imp	6	41.98
2. Ron Barrett/Geoff Westlake	Beetle	6	48.07
3. Mark Smith/Suzanne Bannister	Beetle	11	47.61
4. Gary Brenton	Imp	54	F
5. Ewart Pickles	Imp	72	F

Class 4			
1. Mike Wordsworth/L Stevens	Midget	6	38.54
2. Ron MacKie/Mike Thompson	Midget	6	58.47
3. Roger & Russel Retallick	Sprite	40	45.25

Class 5			
1. John Ralph	Beetle	1	36.80
2. Dave & Alan Keat	Beetle	7	35.65
3. Graham Carlyn/Martin Caddy	Beetle	12	39.95
4. Barrie Pryor/Tony Jory	Beetle	13	42.47
5. Derrick & Sean Jose	Beetle	15	41.04
6. John & Sharon Robbilliard	Beetle	17	39.08
7. Hans & Sandy Viertel	Beetle	17	42.17
8. Nigel Pow/Terry Osborne	Beetle	23	38.59
9. Alan & Mel Bellamy	Fastback	29	44.21

Class 6A			
1. Eric Wall/Bill Forshaw	Dellow	5	F
2. Chris Reeson/Mike Harral	Troll	6	34.37
3. Terry & Toni Coventry	Marlin	6	35.69
4. Ian & Debbie Moss	Lypiatt Sp	6	38.25
5. Colin & Ann Leach	Bradbury	6	F
6. Jeff & Tim Blight	TKP	12	39.94
7. Martin & Mathew Jones	MG Sp	14	38.91
8. Graham Greenwell/Kate Taylor	Allard	17	F
9. Brian Woodward/John White	Dellow	18	43.05
10. Duncan & Tim Gilbert	Dellow	51	53.73

Class 6B			
1. Peter Wilson/Wendy Heath	Buggy	0	34.11
2. Steve Ball/	Fugitive	0	38.30
3. Ian & Janet Davis	Buggy	2	52.45
4. Simon Woodall/Barbara Selkirk	Buggy	6	38.05
5. Ian & Nina Lobb	Buggy	6	38.66
6. John & Tim Clark	Buggy	8	42.36

Class 7			
1. Steve & Phil Potter	Trojan	0	57.67
2. Gerald & Triccia Burrudgo	Riley	6	43.80
3. David & John Uglow	HRG	6	48.19