# STROUD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

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# MECHANICS CLASSIC ROAD TRIAL

## Sunday 23rd OCTOBER 2022




**Bill Bennett (MG J2) Best Stroud Driver S&DMC Classic Trial**

THE MECHANIC TRIAL

Stroud & District Motor Club are delighted to invite you to join us on the **23rd October 2022** for **THE MECHANICS TRIAL 2022**

THE MECHANICS TRIAL originates from the late 1970's when the clubs headquarters were located at the Mechanics Arms PH 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 at Sallywood Farm 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 new team to last year and will feature favourite hills such as Wood Lane and Viaduct. It 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 tricky 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.

IF YOU ARE NOT COMPETING ON THE EVENT PLEASE CONSIDER MARSHALING. (contact Jan or Paul)

CONTACTS FOR THE ORGANISING TEAM

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| PAUL WATSON | CLERK OF THE COURSE | 07496 603886 |
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| JAN RICHINGS | SECRETARY OF THE MEETING | 07884 060027 |

**MECHANICS CLASSIC TRIAL – SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2022**

**SUPPLIMENTARY REGULATIONS**

1. The Stroud and District Motor Club will promote a Clubman's permit Classic Trial on Sunday 23rd October 2022. The Meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Motorsports UK. 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. 127564 DOT authorization. APPLIED FOR

3. The event is open to all fully elected members of the Stroud & District Motor Club Ltd. The event is also open to fully elected members of :- 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, IIIkey & District MC, The Motor Cycling Club, Windwhistle MC and the Dellow register, Buckler register and the Pre-War Austin Seven Club

4. All competitors must produce a current MOT certificate where applicable. All car drivers and passengers must hold a valid Club Membership Card and a Motorsport UK RS Clubman's Licence (as a minimum). Passengers under 16 years of age will not be deemed competitors for the purpose of licenses and Club membership and will not be required to sign on. All entries and declarations will be online and must be submitted before the end of **SUNDAY 16th October** Any competitor or passenger under the age of 18 will be required to produce a letter of consent from a parent or guardian before the event, which will be retained. Any passengers who occupy the rear seats of saloon cars must be not less than 2 years of age. H. Chart 7/T.4.1.5/T.4.1.6. Any child under 12 years of age or 135cm in height must be seated using an approved "Child Restraint". No passengers under the age of 14 shall be carried in an open car T.4.1.8.

5. The program of the event will be:-

Start: The start will be from The Fromebridge Inn, Whitminster, Nr. Stroud. Gloucestershire GL2 7PB (MR). A valid MOT (where applicable) will 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 Golf Club – Old Course Club house, Minchinhampton Common GL6 9AQ 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 70 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 Motorsports UK rule T10 (but modified by the ACTC) as follows: -

Class1 Front engine front wheel drive production car. These cars can be fitted with Torque biasing/Limited Slip Differentials for a trail period until December 2021

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. The ACTC publishes guidance for Class 2 cars

Class 3 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)

Class 5 (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 T.10.11. The ACTC publishes guidance for Class 5(b) cars

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 standard equipment, or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.

Class 7 (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. Where modified beyond the acceptable specification these cars will be classified in Class 8
These cars comply with either or both of 7(c) (i) or 7(c)(ii) below.
(i) Have the rearmost part of the front seat cushions forward of any part of the rear tyres.
(ii) Have a wheelbase 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 wheelbase of less than 90in. (228.6 cm.)

Class 90 Suzuki X90 2WD only. Vehicles to have original engine block

7.1 All vehicles must comply with all Motorsports UK Technical Regulations for Classic Trials and ACTC Rules and Regulations. All tyres, including spares, must comply with the latest ACTC Approved Tyre List and in addition any “Summer” tyre with a maximum tread gap not exceeding 8mm may be used.
Fire extinguishers to a level of safety specified in K.3.2 are mandatory and must be fixed within reach of the crew. 1.75ltr AFFF or 2kg powder minimum. Where space is limited, 2 x 1ltr AFFF or 2 x 1kg powder is also permitted. Scrutineering of a vehicle will not imply that this car complies with all Motorsports UK Technical Regulations for Classic Trials and ACTC Rules and Regulations.

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

8. Awards will be presented as follows: -

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| 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 (Subject to 6 or more starters) |
| Third in class | An award (Subject to 10 or more starters) |
| Team Award | Stroud News and Journal Cup and Replica, (Subject to 3 or more team starters) |
| Lady's Award | Landsdown Motor Cup & Replica, (Subject to 3 lady competitors) |
| Best Austin 7 | An award (Subject to 3 or more starters) |
| Best Buckler | An award (Subject to 3 or more starters) |
| Best Dellow | An award (Subject to 3 or more starters) |
| Finishers Certificate | To each signed off competitor and passenger(s). |

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 Dinner Dance and Award Presentation of the Stroud and District Motor Club to be held on 11th December 2022.

9. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulation and closes on Sunday 16th October 2022. The entry fee is £45.00 (not including insurance please see point 18 below) 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". Alternatively, payments via BACS (Please indicate on entry form if payment has been made this way) using the following details:

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| Bank | Lloyds Bank Rowcroft Stroud |
| Sort Code | 30-98-29 |
| Account Number | 00272425 |
| Reference for payment | 22MECH _____ (where blank is the drivers name) |

Team entries can be made on the day!

10. The Club are using a paper entry system. Paper entries should be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting, J H Richings 35 Bluebell Rise, Chalford, Stroud, Glos GL6 8NP. Tel; 07884060027 or emailed to janhrichings@gmail.com.

Any competitors wishing to run together must notify the secretary by email (janhrichings@gmail.com) before the closing date, as running numbers will be allocated in a draw system

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: -

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| Club Steward | TBC |
| Clerk of the Course | Paul Watson |
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| Scrutineer | Kevin Sharp |
| Chief Marshal | Kevin Sharp |
| Secretary of the Meeting | Jan Richings |
| Closing Vehicle | Mr Andy Keyes |
| Safeguarding Officer | Gill Hayward |

13. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event. Any protest must be lodged as soon as possible after the event, in accordance with the 2022 Motorsports UK Yearbook.

14. Starting numbers will be allocated as soon as possible after the close of entries. Competitors will be identified by a number, which will be provided by the organisers at the start. This is to be affixed in a prominent position to the front and rear of the vehicle. It is the competitor's 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.

15. Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MSA T.6.1, T.7.1 and drawing number 6 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: -

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| 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 point | Failing an observed section that is sub divided. |

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| 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. |

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

17. 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 competitor's 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.

18. Insurance valid for this event is mandatory. Stroud & District Motor Club will obtain a blanket certificate of insurance from REIS to provide, to those car 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 (discounted rate negotiated by ACTC) is £16.50 inclusive of tax.

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. Automatic acceptance will be given to all competitors meeting the following criteria:

- 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 must hold a valid MOT Cert, current road insurance, and Road Tax, unless exempt from doing so.
- 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.
- All Competitors must be a named driver on the road insurance.

Anyone falling outside these limits can be referred directly to Reis Motorsport Insurance by calling 0115 965 1040 at least one working day prior to the event commencing – only in extreme conditions will insurance be refused, or the premium loaded.

Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements, but this must include RTA cover while competing in this event.

Event insurance covering Third Party damage whilst on private land currently carries an excess of £450 per incident (see Appendix 2, paragraph 3, sub-paragraph three, of the 2021 Motorsport UK Yearbook). The organising Club reserves the right to recover the cost of repair of any third-party damage, up to a maximum of £450 per incident, from the entrant of any vehicle which causes such damage.

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.

Any 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 Motorsports UK 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 course closing car 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.

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

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

**STROUD AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LIMITED THE MECHANICS TRIAL 23rd October 2022**

This form must be completed in full by the Driver and Passenger, and signed where necessary, and countersigned by a parent or guardian if 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 the Entry Secretary of the Event: Jan Richings, 35 Bluebell Rise, Chalford, Stroud, Glos: GL6 8NP

All cheques should be made payable to: Stroud and District Motor Club Ltd.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY AND IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name of Driver .....

Address.....

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Email: Legible text please.....

Telephone No.....Age.....

ACTC Championship No. ..... ASWMC Championship No. .....

Competition (Motorsport UK) Licence No: Driver……. Passenger …….

Name of Passenger .....

Club: Driver..... Passenger…..

E-Mail: Legible text please.....

Telephone No.....Age.....

Both driver and passenger must produce a current invited club membership card. Both driver and passenger must have a free Motorsport UK RS licence as a minimum. Stroud & District Motor Club passenger only membership will be available at £5.00.

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 intend to use an on-car video device: YES / NO

Do you require final instructions & results by e-mail? YES / NO Will you be bringing a trailer? YES / NO

Team Entry Team Name.....

Other Team Member Names .....

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

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

Passenger..... Tel No.....

I enclose: Entry fee £45.00 REIS Insurance £16.50 Team entry (per team) £3.00 Total enclosed £_____

For payments via bank transfer, please use the following details: Lloyds Bank, Sort code: 30 98 29, Account No: 00272425. Reference for payments: 22MECH _____ (where blank please insert the driver's name)

**Please note that BACS payments will be checked as soon as entries are received, No payment = No entry.**

INDEMNIFICATION I declare 1. That I have been given an opportunity to read the General Regulations of Motorsport UK 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 type 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 organisation and/or conduct of the event are insured against loss of injury caused through their negligence. 2. To the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an 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 speeds which will be reached. 3. The use of the vehicle hereby entered is covered by insurance as required by the law which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined by the law. 4. I understand that should I at any time of this event 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 Motorsport UK, 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 names and addresses have been given. 6. If 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 of Motorsport UK Note - Where the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor is not present there must be a representative who must produce a written and signed authorisation to so act from the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor as appropriate. 7. Under the provision of the Data Protection Act, Stroud & District motor club 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.

Driver's Signature ..... Date ….....Age* .....

Passenger's Signature ..... Date …..... Age*.....

* If applicable state 'Over 17 year 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 FOR THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THE RESULTS (ENVELOPES TO BE C5 [229mm X 162mm] THANK YOU) UNLESS YOU HAVE REQUESTED TO BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL. If your entry is NOT accepted for any reason, you will be contacted as soon as possible.