



# COTSWOLD CLOUDS CLASSIC TRIAL

Supplementary Regulations  
4th February 2024



2023 winner – Charlie Merson

A round of the 2024 ACTC classic trials championship  
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## **Cotswold Clouds 2024**

On Sunday 4th February 2024 we welcome you to join us, as we have done since 1963, for our annual Cotswold Clouds Classic Trial. Over the years many competitors, marshals and spectators have enjoyed the Cotswold Hills and this year will hopefully be no exception. Although some of the hills may provide more of a challenge than others, the clerks of the course do not wish to make all sections stoppers for any of the 9 classes, giving all the chance to successfully climb some hills during the day.

The Clouds remains a successful and popular trial attracting a full entry for many years. The organising team of Nigel Moss, Julian Archbold, Ben Giles and Suzanne Burns look forward to receiving your entries, so please complete your online entry as soon as possible to avoid disappointment (if you require a paper entry form please contact the Secretary asap). We will keep you updated with entries via our website and facebook page.

The excellent facilities at Fromebridge Mill will again be the start venue as in previous years. Tea, coffee and hot food will be available as usual. Trailer parking will be available at the Fromebridge Mill. Also as previous years, The Minchinhampton Golf Club, Minchinhampton Common, will host the finish. Hot food and drinks will be served and competitors and marshals will be made welcome.

If you're not planning to compete this year, please consider offering your services as a Marshal. These offers are so very much appreciated and we literally couldn't do it without you. If you are able to help in any way, please contact either Nigel Moss (07870277163) or Julian Archbold (07967729753).

We look forward to seeing you on the hills.

The Organising team

# COTSWOLD CLOUDS TRIAL

## 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### 1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

Stroud & District Motor Club will organise a Clubman's Car Trial on Sunday 4th February 2024.

The event will be governed by the general regulations of the Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the international sporting code of the FIA), by these supplementary regulations and by any other written instructions that the club may issue for the event. Motorsport UK and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

The event is open to all elected and fully paid-up members of Stroud & District MC, invited clubs and to competitors registered for the ASWMC and ACTC (as organised by ASWMC) trials championships. All drivers and passengers must produce a current club membership card **AND** a free Motorsport UK RS Clubman's license (or higher). For passengers aged less than 18 only a letter of parental consent is required.

A passenger only membership is available from the Stroud & District MC at £5, please be aware these won't be available on the day, only prior to the event via the Club website.

##### INVITED CLUBS

Airedale & Pennine MC, Bristol MC, Camel Vale MC, Falcon MC, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Launceston & North Cornwall MC, The Motor Cycling Club, MGCC, Minehead MC, Ross & District MSC, North Devon MC, Torbay Motor Club, VSCC, Windwhistle MC, Woolbridge MC, Eastwood & DMC. Dellow Register, Ilkley & District MC

#### 3. START & FINISH

- 3.1 The start will be at The Fromebridge Mill, Fromebridge Lane, Gloucester GL2 7PD where there will be toilets and food available. The route card will also highlight where food fuel & toilets will be available throughout the event

**The finish will be at Minchinhampton Golf Course Club House, Minchinhampton Common Stroud GL6 9AQ where food will be available**

- 3.2 The following documents should be carried for inspection if required – Motorsports UK licence; Club Membership Card (Driver AND Passenger) and MoT certificate if applicable.

#### 4. CLASSES

- 4.1 The car event will have the nine standard car classes as defined in the 2024 N.C.R's.

1. Front engine, front wheel drive production cars (including those fitted with Torque Biasing/Limited Slip Differentials)
- 2a. Production cars built prior to 1941
- 2b. The following: MG TC; Morgan 4-4 Series 1; HRG 1100 and 1500; Dellow Mk 1, 2, 3; Allard (all Sidevalve models); Buckler Mk 5 and 6; and Type 53; Ford models (upright models to 1959) – E04A; E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A and 103E; Pre 1941 Cars holding a current VSCC Buff Form;
- 2c. Front engine, rear wheel drive non-production cars built from pre-1941 components and holding an ACTC Certificate of Conformity
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).
- 5a. Front engine production sports cars (except vehicles in classes 1, 6 & 90).
- 5b. Vehicles in full HSTA historic class specification with fiddle brakes disabled, plus non production cars built mainly from pre 1941 components (except vehicles approved for class 2) and holding a certificate of ACTC conformity.
- 5c. Non-production cars built mainly from pre-1941 components (except vehicles approved for Class 2) individually approved. Such Vehicles may include some post war components including BMC A-Series engines up to 948cc, Reliant OHV engines, A Series Rear Axles, Ford 105E Series Back Axles, Tubular Frame Chassis. These Vehicles must have at least one operational European carburetor and run on tyres satisfying NCR Ch17.App2.Art 38 (Crossplies).

- 5d. Cars eligible for Class 2 but running on radial tyres.
  - 6a. Rear engine, rear wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in class 4)
  - 6b. Front engine production cars fitted with torque-biasing differentials as standard equipment or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
  - 7a. Production cars modified beyond permitted limits for the above classes.
  - 7b. Rear engine production cars with torque-biasing differentials as standard or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
  - 7c. Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis, conforming to accepted specification (as defined in ACTC rule A1.2.2.). Where modified beyond the accepted specification these cars will be classified in Class 8.
  - 8a. Non production cars
  - 8b. Rear engine cars (except vehicles in classes 4, 6, and 7).
  - 8c. Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis (except those in class 7),
  - 90 Suzuki X-90 Vehicles, running an original engine block.
- 4.2 For the purposes of these regulations the terms front-engine and rear-engine are considered to be relative to the position of the driver.  
All references to classes in Motorsport UK Regulations Chapter 17 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations.
- 4.3 A vehicle class identification disc must be fitted centrally at top of windscreen for:
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| Blue   | Classes 1 and 2       | Discs can be supplied by the organisers at the start |
| White  | Classes 3,4, 5 and 90 |  |
| Yellow | Classes 6 and 7       |  |
| Red    | Class 8               |  |

## 5. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All vehicles shall comply with the relevant parts of Regulations Chapter 7 and Chapter 17 of the current edition of the Motorsport UK Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook.
- 5.2 All cars are required to carry a Motorsport UK approved fire extinguisher. The minimum quantity being 1.75 litres of AFFF or 2kg of Dry Powder.
- 5.3 All vehicles must be licensed and insured for the event.
- 5.4 Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MoT certificate.
- 5.5 All vehicles must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made.
- 5.6 All cars 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. Cars with just a towing eye must have a tow rope easily accessible in the vehicle.
- 5.7 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. These will be supplied at the start.
- 5.8 All tyres, including spares, must comply with the ACTC Tyre List, or have a block gap of less than 8mm. See [www.actc.org.uk](http://www.actc.org.uk)
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 All vehicles must carry a small spill kit, complying with Ch7.App2.Art 86.
- 5.11 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 drawn at the clubs AGM at the Fromebridge Mill, Frombridge Lane, Gloucester GL2 7PD on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at 8PM
- 6.3 The first competitor will depart from the start at 8:00am and the remainder at one-minute 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 below and Ch17.App2.Art15. Competitors may be penalised for "dropping back".
- 6.5 Any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## 7. CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS

The event is the second round of the 2024 ACTC Trials Championship (as organised by ASWMC) and the 2024 Association of South West Motor Clubs Classic Trials Championship.

## 8. COURSE & SECTIONS

- 8.1 The route will cover approximately 75 miles on public roads, byways and private tracks.
- 8.2 It is intended to run at least 12 observed sections and at least 2 observed tests.
- 8.3.2 Observed test times will be used only to decide ties.

- 8.3.3 Observed tests will be timed by hand-held stop watches
- 8.4 The route book will be issued at the start. 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. FYI, the route is almost entirely covered by OS maps 162 and 163.
- 8.5 Route checks may operate during the event.
- 8.6 Most sections will be sub-divided 12 to 1. Failure of the section will score the mark immediately in front of the front wheel beyond the center of the hub at the point where the vehicle stops. Unless specified in the route book, sections may not be inspected. Walking beyond the section begins board of any section is prohibited. Penalty = 12 marks in addition to any marks scored on attempting the section.
- 8.7 Failure on any section which is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.
- 8.8 Except for observed tests and where stated in the Route Book, there is no penalty for striking markers except restart and special test markers, but the 4 wheels out rule applies (you may not leave & rejoin the section).
- 8.9 Some sections may include restarts for some classes and these will be identified at the start or in the route book. Restarts will be marked by 'R' boards
- 8.10 Minimum tyre pressures may be imposed for some classes at some sections, depending 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 Motorsport UK NCR's Chapter 17 App's 2 & 5.
- 9.4 In the event of a tie on hill scores, the lower or lowest aggregate time of the observed test will decide the winner. If a tie still exists, the vehicle with the smaller engine size will win. Engine size must be accurately stated on the Entry Form. Penalty = failure of any tie.

## 10. ENTRIES

- 10.1 The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes 16th January 2024. The entry fee is £46.00 (See point 11 for insurance criteria) please do not include your 2024 club membership with your entry fee. The team entry is £3.00. Team entries shall consist of any 3 cars. Entries must be made either via the online entry form as per the link provided, or on the Stroud and district MC's website. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee in full. Cheques should be made payable to 'Stroud and District Motor Club Ltd'. BACS payments will be checked as soon as the entry is received (**NO PAYMENT = NO ENTRY**). **PLEASE NOTE: ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN FULL WITH PASSENGER DETAILS, LICENCE NUMBERS ETC.** If anyone requires a paper copy of the regulations and entry form, please contact the Entry Secretary.

- 10.2 Entries will be acknowledged once entry and full payment has been received.

The maximum entry is 80 and the minimum entry is 30. The minimum class entry is 3 - should any of the minimum numbers not be met, the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting or amalgamate the classes as necessary.

Entry secretary of the meeting to whom all postal entries must be sent is: Suzanne Burns, 70 Mill Street, Usk, Monmouthshire NP15 1AW, if you wish for a paper copy of regulations and entry form please contact the entry secretary. Entries will be selected on a first come first serve basis and you will be advised on receipt of entry if the maximum number of entries has been received. Should this be the case, you will be given the option to become a reserve competitor for the event. Entry fees may be refunded up to the closing date less £10 administration fee.

## 11. INSURANCE

Insurance is available for those competitors whose own insurer does not cover them for this type of event. This is provided by REIS at a cost of £27.00.

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 holds a valid MoT Cert (unless exempt from doing so), current road insurance, and Road Tax.

All competitors MUST be a named driver on the road insurance

## **12. OFFICIALS**

12.1	Secretary of the Meeting:	Ben Giles & Suzanne Burns
12.2	Clerk of the Course:	Nigel Moss
12.3	Assistant Clerk of the Course	Julian Archbold
12.4	Chief Marshal:	Nigel Moss & Julian Archbold
12.5	Chief Scrutineer:	TBA
12.6	Steward	Peter Hart
12.7	Safeguarding & Child protection officer	Gill Hayward

## **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 will be emailed to competitors as soon as possible after the finish.
- 14.2 Protests must be lodged in accordance with Motorsport UK regulations and made to the Clerk of the Course.
- 14.3 Awards will be made for 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)

## **15. PERMITS**

Motorsport UK Permit no. 133817. Route Authorisation has been applied for.

## **16. AWARDS**

Awards will be presented as follows:

A. Silver Jubilee Trial Cup and Replica	First overall
B. Autumn Trial Cup and Replica	First in Class 1
C. Hooper Trophy and Replica	First in Class 2
D. Taylor's of Gloucester Trophy and Replica	First in Class 3
E. Gordon's of Stonehouse Trophy and Replica	First in Class 4
F. Wicliffe Motors Trophy and Replica	First in Class 5
G. Lansdown Motors Trophy & Replica	First in Class 6
H. Cotswold Cloudsmen Trophy & Replica	First in Class 7
I. F A Wall & Sons Trophy & Replica	First in Class 8
J. Cliff Hooper Nailsworth Ladder Trophy/Replica	Best S&DMC Member
K. Bentley Owners Club Trophy & Replica	Best S&DMC Passenger (by a fully paid-up member)
L. Second in Class	Subject to 6 or more in a class
M. Third in Class	Subject to 10 or more in a class
N. Finishers Certificate	To each signed off competitor
O. Team Award	Subject to 3 teams entering
P. Peter Collins Tankard	Best performance by a Dellow
Q. Ian Moss Trophy & Replica	Best Presented car by S&DMC member
R. The Steve Tucker Trophy	First in Class 90

- 16.1 No competitor may win more than one award, other than the M, N, O or P award.
- 16.2 All Major trophies will be retained for 11 months (or less if their return is requested by the Club)
- 16.3 Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance and Award Presentation of the Stroud and District Motor Club to be held in November/December.



## Cotswold Clouds 2023 Award winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	Silver Jubilee Cup	Charlie Merson
Best Stroud	Clifford Hooper Nailsworth Ladder Trophy	Joe Browning
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 1	Autumn Trial Cup	David Carter
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 2	Hooper Trophy	Carl Talbot
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3	Taylors of Gloucester Trophy	Peter Hayward
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 4	Gordon's of Stonehouse trophy	Sam Holmes
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 5	Wicliffe Motors Trophy	Ian Facey
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 6	Landsdown Motors Trophy	Dean Vowden
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 7	Cotswold Cloudsman Trophy	Dave Wall
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 8	F.A Wall & Sons Trophy	Joshua Moss
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 90	Steve Tucker Trophy	Nick Deacon
Best Dellow	Peter Collins Tankard	Dave Wall
Best Presented	Ian Moss Trophy	Tom Walker
Best Stroud Passenger	Bentley Owners Trophy	Paige Browning
Wooden Spoon		Jonnie Toon