

# The CLEE HILLS CLASSIC TRIAL



40 Years of the 'modern' Clee Hills Trial

19th January 2020



Sam Holmes, VW Beetle, 1st Overall on the 2019 Clee Hills Trial  
(Photo by Peter McFadyen)



ACTC & ASWMC  
Championship Rounds 2020



## WELCOME TO THE CLEE HILLS TRIAL IN SOUTH SHROPSHIRE

2020 sees a return to what appeared to be a very popular start venue last year – The Squirrel just off the A49 at Ludlow with its Travelodge next door, and petrol available at the Co-op supermarket also next door.

2020 sees the 40th anniversary of the launch of the modern Clee Hills Trial organised by Simon Woodall and Barbara Selkirk, with both still involved in the organisation, Simon as Clerk of the Course, although he has not done all 40, he has done a lot of them. The hills remain much the same as last year, with a few tweaks to reflect criticisms of last time, plus the return of Strefford Wood for the upper classes. A few extra changes are included to make life in Class O a little easier.

Once again we welcome those on Two, Three or Four wheels with a few changes to the classes to reflect the use of more trials derived machines.

We continue with our unique twin loop system, which should ensure that all competitors can get round the course in the short January daylight. There will be a few more challenges for the expert drivers and riders, but also new incentives to welcome the trialling novice to our wonderful motorsport. So for those of you who know of a prospective trialler, perhaps we can entice them out on a road based Classic Trial. About 75 miles around Wenlock Edge and the delightful Long Mynd, some old lanes and some woodland.

Classic!

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

### 1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

The Midland Automobile Club (MAC) will organise a Clubman's Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday 19th January 2020. The meeting will be governed by the general regulations of the Motorsport UK (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. Motorsport UK and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for.

1.1 The Motorcycle event will be organised under an ACU Special Permit under the jurisdiction of the ACU N.S.C, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions that may be issued .

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

#### (ACTC & ASWMC Championship event) - Cars

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of the MAC, invited clubs and to competitors registered for the trials championships of either the Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC) or the ASWMC. All drivers must produce a current club membership card AND a free Motorsport UK RS Clubmans licence. All passengers over 18 must produce a free Motorsport UK RS Clubmans licence. For passengers aged less than 18 a letter of parental consent is required.

#### Motorcycle event

The event is open to all Midland Centre riders, MCC members, the TRF and ACTC Championship contenders holding a current ACU Trials Registration. All riders must produce an ACU Registration Card.

#### Invited Clubs

Airedale & Pennine MC, Bristol MC, Camel Vale MC, Fellside AC, Holsworthy MC, Launceston & North Cornwall MC, The Motor Cycling Club, MGCC, Minehead MC, Ross & District MSC, North Devon MC, Stroud & District MC, Torbay Motor Club, VSCC, Woolbridge MC.

### 3. START & FINISH

- 3.1 The start and finish will be at The Squirrel, Foldgate Lane, Ludlow, SY8 1LP. Hot food and drinks will be available at the start and meals at the finish. Accommodation is available at the Travelodge next door—Tel: 08719 46347. Fuel will be available at the Co-Op next door.
- 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 - ACU licence (motorcycles), club membership card, RS Clubmans Licence for car drivers and passengers and MoT certificate if applicable.

### 4. CLASSES

The event will have the eight standard car classes as stated in the Motorsport UK rule T10 (but modified by ACTC) and an **additional** Class 0.

- 0 Novices, less trial prepared cars and less rugged drivers!
- 1 Front engine, front wheel drive production cars, including those with Torque biasing Differentials or LSD
- 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, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, and 103E.
- 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, 6 or 90).
  - b) Front engine non-production cars built from pre-1941 components and satisfying the tyre regulations stated in Motorsport UK regulation T 11 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, except those in Class 1.
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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),
- 90 Suzuki X90 Vehicles, running an original engine block

The event will have 9 motorcycle classes:

- A Solo motorcycles of British manufacture with a pre1970 **derived** engine and frame
- B1 Solo motorcycles up to 225cc
- B2 Solo motorcycles over 225cc and up to 450cc
- B3 Solo motorcycles, not eligible for classes B1 or B2. These are: Honda Montessa 4Ride, TRRS XTrack, GasGas Randonne, GasGas Connect, Ossa Explorer, Scorpa Long Ride and Honda TRL.
- C Solo motorcycles over 450cc
- D Motorcycles with touring or trials sidecars.
- E Three wheelers
- F Adventure Bikes, Post 1980, multi-cylinder machines with a minimum capacity of 470cc
- X Motorcycles which don't comply with classes A – D, running for fun only—no awards

All references to classes in Motorsport UK Regulations T10 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations.

### 5. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All vehicles shall comply with the relevant parts of Regulations J and T of the current Motorsports UK Yearbook.
- 5.2 All cars are required to carry a MSA approved fire extinguisher.  
**Ref K3.1 Motorsport UK Yearbook**

- 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.
- 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.
- 5.8 In Classes 1-8, 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](http://www.actc.org.uk). All motorcycles must use Trials tyres as defined by the ACU (including class X). No enduro or motocross tyres are allowed
- 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 cars must carry a small spill kit, complying with **T1.3.24**
- 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 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 approximately 8.30 am and the remainder at minute intervals .
- 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 event is a round of the 2020 ACTC Trials Championship and the 2020 Association of South West Motor 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. Class 0 will have at least 10 sections, including at least 1 observed test.
- 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 12 to 1. Failure of the section will score the mark immediately in front of the front wheel at the point where the vehicle stops or the rider "foots". Unless specified in the route book sections may not be inspected. Walking beyond the section begins board of any section is prohibited.
- 8.7 Failure on any section which is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.
- 8.8 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).
- 8.9 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. Stop with at least one wheel (bikes) or one axle (cars) within the box. On drop of flag, restart, without rolling back, within 6 seconds.
- 8.10 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 Motorsport UK regulation T7.5 except c) and e), where the penalty will relate to the subsection in which the failure occurred.
- 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 cars and 40 bikes, 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 3. If this is not reached, the classes may be amalgamated.
- 10.4 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on 10th January 2020 or before, if fully subscribed.
- 10.5 The entry fee for the event is £49 for entries submitted prior to 7th December, thereafter £53. The fee for Novices, i.e. those driving on their 1st or 2nd classic trial is £40 **Cheques payable please to "The Midland Automobile Club (Est. 1901) Ltd"**.  
**Alternatively payment via bank transfer is available:**  
Account Name: Midland Automobile Club (Est. 1901) Limited  
Account Number: 88545160  
Sort Code: 30-99-90  
Reference: Clee Hill and your surname (e.g Clee Hill Smith)
- 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

- 10.9 Online entry is available via the Midland Automobile Club. Please see <https://www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/events/enter/>
- 10.10 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 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) will be £16.00 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.

- 11.3 Car competitors may make their own insurance arrangements
- 11.4 Insurance for Motorcycles is provided by the ACU at no extra cost.

## 12. OFFICIALS

- 12.1 The Secretary of the Meeting is Mrs Pat Toulmin
- 12.2 The Clerk of the Course is Mr Simon Woodall. Licence no: 182631
- 12.3 The Assistant Clerk of the Course is Mr Graham Austin
- 12.4 The Chief Marshal is Mr Adrian Tucker-Peake
- 12.5 The Chief Scrutineer is TBA
- 12.76 The Stewards are Mr John West and Mr Dennis Greenslade

## 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 UK Motordport regulation C.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 by a car  
A cup will be awarded for the Best Performance of the Day by a Motorcyclist  
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 consecutive years. These trophies will be retained by the MAC and engraved with the winners' names. Permanent awards will be made to winners of these cups. Additional awards will be presented for the best VSCC competitor in class 2 and the best novice, subject to 3 entries for each.
- 14.4 In addition, 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)
- 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. PERMITS

- 15.1 The Motorsport UK and ACU Permits have been applied for

## 16. CLEE HILLS TRIAL WEBSITE

To review our 2019 event and keep up with progress on the 2020 trial, including details of competitors please go to [www.cleehillstrial.info](http://www.cleehillstrial.info).