THE MECHANICS & CLUBMANS CLASSIC RELIABILITY ROAD TRIAL

Supplementary Regulations

SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2012

2011 Mechanics Trial
Winner
Dave Haizelden

2011 Clubmans Trial
Winner
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The Mechanics and Clubmans Trial

The Mechanics Trial originates from the late 1970's when our Club 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 1st 'Mechanics Trial' ran in 1979 and was organised by Nigel Moss and Eric & 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 & Edwin Hayward doing a great deal of work to create a brand new road trial for the club. Various organising teams have since kept the event on the road.

This year's event in organised by the same team as last year, with old favourite hills such as Alf's Delight, Wood Lane and Viaduct. The event will follow a similar format to recent 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 favorite Bulls Cross.

Not included in this year's event is Mackhouse and also the route to the Greenway Lane sections will be via the top of Greenway Lane rather than the bottom.

Following the success of last year's event running with the main trial will be **the Clubmans Trial**. This will cover the same route and sections but with very few restarts and more generous start lines. It is an ideal event for newcomers and the less competitive car and driver (it is not a Class O event). Both the Mechanics and the Clubmans Trial will be run on a clubman's permit which means you do not need a competition licence. Both events will run the usual ACTC classes with Overall and Class awards for both events.

If you are not competing on the event please could you consider marshalling. Contact Chief Marshal Bryan Phipps to offer your services on 01453 759203 or 07973 255775.

Mechanics and Clubmans Trial
Sunday 11th March 2012

Supplementary Regulations

1. The Stroud and District Motor Club will promote a Clubmans permit Classic Trial on Sunday 11th March 2012. 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 organising club may issue for the event.

2. MSA Permit number 68808 DOT authorisation number 26636MA11

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

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

5. The programme of the event will be:-

START: The start will be from SKF, Stonehouse, nr Stroud, Gloucestershire (MR 162/795054). A valid MOT 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 08.30hrs and 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 Minchinhampton Old Course, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, GL6 9AQ (MR 162/854008) where competitors will be required to sign off and collect their finisher's certificates. Competition numbers must be handed in.

6. The trial will cover a course of approximately 65 miles and will include up to 18 observed sections and special tests on public and private land. A route card will be issued at the start. Competitors failing to follow the authorised route will be excluded. Route checks will be operated during the event.

7. The event will consist of the eight standard classes as stated in the MSA rule T.10 (but modified by ACTC) as follows:-

Class 1)Front engined front wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in Class 6)

Class 2) Production cars built prior to 1941, and the following MGTC, Morgan 4/4 Series 1, HRG 1100cc, HRG 1500cc, Ford Models (upright models to 1959), Ford Engines E04A, E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, 103E.

Class 3)Front engine, rear wheel drive production saloons (except vehicles in class 6).

Class 4)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 cars in class 2) and satisfying tyre regulations in J77.

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. 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 wheel base of 90in (228.6cm) 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 (228.6cm).

7.1 All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations for

Classic Trials.

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

8. **AWARDS** Award's will be presented for the Mechanics Trial 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 Subject to 6 or more starters
Third in Class	Subject to 10 or more starters in class
Team Award	Stroud News and Journal Cup and Replica, subject to 3 teams
Lady's Award	Landsdown Motors Cup and Replica, subject to 3 Lady Competitors (Joint Mechanics and Clubmans award)
Finishers Certificate	To each signed off competitor and passenger

Awards will be presented for the Clubmans Trial as follows:-

First Overall	Clubmans Trophy and Replica
First in Class	An Award
Second in Class	An Award Subject to 6 or more starters
Third in Class	Subject to 10 or more starters in class
Team Award	An award subject to 3 teams
Lady's Award	Landsdown Motors Cup and Replica, subject to 3 Lady Competitors (Joint Mechanics and Clubmans award)
Finshers Certificate	To each signed off competitor and passenger

8.1No 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)

8.3Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance and Award Presentation of the Stroud and District Motor Club to be held in November.

9.The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulation and closes on Friday 2nd March 2012. The entry fee is £27.00 and the team entry is £3.00. Team entries can consist of 3 cars from any classes and comprise entrants from either event. Entries must be made on the official Mechanics or Clubmans 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:-Mrs Emma Wall, 3 Burcombe Way, Chalford Hill, Stroud, Gloc, GL6 8BP. Telephone No. 07970 840777

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 for both events will be decided by ballot (see entry form).

12. Officials for the event are:-

Club Stewards	Mr Colin Francis & TBA
Clerk of the Course	Mr Nigel Moss
Assistant Clerk	Mr Del Lloyd & Mr Mark Hobbs
Chief Marshal	Mr Bryan Phipps
Scrutineer	Mr Steve Tucker
Secretary	Mrs Emma Wall
Assistant Secretary & Results	Mrs Debbie Moss
Signing Off	TBA
Closing Vehicle	Mr Chris Ferin

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 2012 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 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 aggregate time on the Special Tests. If a tie is still unresolved it will be decided in favour of the competitor making the

fastest time on Special Test 1.

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 a 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 instructions from an official for which a penalty is not otherwise stipulated, and provided warning of 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 travelling 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 penalised in accordance with SR16.

19 General

The only pressurised container to be carried 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 inert gas.

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

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 the 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 Premier Lodge, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF Tel, 0871 527 9052.

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

21. **Insurance:** Loxton Insurance

The Club have applied to Loxton Insurance for a blanket certificate of insurance. This will provide competitors who need to use the scheme with the 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 £15.63 inclusive of tax.

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 the insurance form at the start of the event. No letter of acceptance will be issued.

The declaration points are:-
You are over 19 and have held a full licence for at least 6 months
You have had 2 or less fault claims in the last 3 years
You have less than 9 points on your licence
You have no physical or mental disabilities
You have not hidden any other material facts that might affect your acceptance as a risk.

If you wish to use the lockton scheme, but you do not comply with all of the above declaration points please contact the secretary of the meeting **A.S.A.P.** for a declaration form to be sent to you.
Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements.

22. Any competitor 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.