

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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At the Historic Motor Sport Show last month the award for the COMPETITION CLUB OF THE YEAR has been given to the MCC. We were also runners up for BEST OFF ROAD EVENT but as it is the policy to give only one award to an organiser, this one went to the Ross MC for their Kyrle Trial to whom we offer our congratulations.

Also of interest to MCC members was the BEST MOTORCYCLE EVENT award which went to the National Museum for their brave reopening after the fire.

Although only two years old the Historic Motor Sport Show has found itself a niche for all those, and they grow in numbers each year, who are interested in the sort of sport enjoyed in days gone by. Initially many feared the show would all be about expensive historic car racing but that has not been the case and it most pleasing that OUR sort of sport features so widely. Against us were clubs and organisers from all over Europe making our victory all the greater. What perhaps influenced the judges is the cold fact that whereas so many events are now being held which emulate those of yesterday, the MCC has an unbroken record of organising the real thing and does not need to recreate, as emphasised by the fact that 2004 was the centenary of the Edinburgh Trial, the first of our three classics which have set the pattern for others to follow.

This is a real honour for the MCC and perhaps an apt occasion to thank members who give up their time putting in so much effort to keep the wheels turning, thanks to the marshals who turn out in their hundreds, thanks to the locals who tolerate us taking over their villages and lanes and thanks too to the thousands of competitors who have supported and enjoyed MCC events for over 100 years.

MAIL WARNING MCC members are likely to find lots of club communications falling through their letter boxes and appearing on their Email screens this month. During the second week of March there will be a *general mailing* which will contain a Lands End programme and the latest Triple plus final instructions and other paperwork for those competing in the trial. Later you will receive by post the results of the *Members Survey* which as we have already hinted makes most interesting reading.last but not least, for those who follow the web there will be the usual less formal *Weekly News* which as ever will appear on your screens each Friday or Saturday keeping you up with the latest club news and gossip. Remember too that nearly everything is now posted on the club's web site so even if you do not have your own facility it's worth looking over a friend's shoulder or calling at the local library to keep up to date.

THE MGCC MIDLAND CENTRE'S SPRING TRIAL is scheduled for the 20th March at Lintridge Farm, near Ledbury, Heref, carefully watched-over by our active member Brian Osborne. The MCC is an invited club to this clubsport PCT run on Classic lines. It has had good support from members in the past who have enjoyed themselves on this interesting grassland and red soil site. Reg's are available from *John Arrowsmith on 01527 89 3034* or download from: www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccmidlandcentre and then send the completed Entry Form and remittance to John.

CLASSIC BIKE SHOW Our thanks go to those members who represented the MCC at this show at Shepton Mallett in February when before the event even opened they had to compete with most severe weather which threatened to demolish the whole thing. There was a very good show of machines on our stand, from Jill Olliss's Serow to John May's BMW & sidecar; Neil Browne's homemade 980cc V-twin BSA (Yamaha motor); Celia Walton's 1935 Ariel; Ian Rennie's AJS and Norton; Alan Lowe's Norton WASP sidecar outfit; Chris Brown's Spitfire Trophy winning Norman; Roger Cantle's Suzuki; and on Sunday Len Critchlow's pre-War Morgan threewheeler. All used in our events during the past twelve months, unlike those on the shinier stands! Lots of photos too, and videos on Sunday (which was bitter cold). Lots of interest from the public, many of whom stopped for a chat and took Triples away with them for light reading. Quite a few younger victims very interested in what we do while one septuagenarian said he was too old but would love a go - Roger Cantle confided that he is 74, and promised to be his guide! Great fun, lots of talking, lots of nice people known and unknown.

FOR SALE 1 Dave Cooper bike rack, bolts to car towbar to carry light trials bike £151 E93A front hub puller, nearly new £10 All plus p&p - *Pat Robotham 01889 500479*

FOR SALE 1989(F) Honda XRV650 Africa Twin. Blue, 650cc watercooled "V" twin Imported 2001 from Italy. Twin headlights, Dual seat, pillion rests. VGC. DATA tagged!! MOT 5/05. Tax 10/05. Mileage 27400. £1000 (Photo available on line) Interested? - contact *Alec Smith on 01404 814875 or alec-smith@tiscali.co.uk*

FOR SALE 1985 SWB Marlin Roadster that has never been on the road! It is complete (currently 1275cc) but does need some work to get through the SVA test. Further details on request. *John Turner g.john.turner@blueyonder.co.uk*

FOR SALE TODD Special Ford 1600 engined Marina based special with successful MCC history. Recent expensive rebuild with MOT until next September. £3000. *Full details from Celia Wride on 01225 874800 or mobile 07785 748880 (Bath area)*