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EDINBURGH TRIAL Having worked out the route very carefully Clerk of the Course, Ian Bates, was faced with road re-signing which meant the whole route card had to be rewritten. Then after it had gone to press - late - he discovered yet another road closure which will result in a major diversion to the published route. This is being worked on at present and written instructions should be available when signing on at the start. **Meanwhile - be warned**

Ian has also produced an alternative route card in Tulip form. For those of you who haven't come across this let me explain that it consists of diagrams with directional arrows for each road junction as they appear and was first introduced by the Dutch organisers of the International Tulip Rally many years ago - presumably on the assumption that rally navigators were at best only semi literate and certainly did not understand the Dutch language. Whether it will work on an MCC trial is open to doubt but it will certainly make a change from the usual *R at X rds, and SO for 2 miles when L at non existent side rd*: If you would like to try your luck send an SAE to Ian Bates, 26 Dorset Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock, Staffs WS12 5EF. A normal route card will of course be sent to all competitors as usual with the other documents. The Tulip route card is not available for Class O.

LOOKING AHEAD In response to your many enquiries let us remind you that we shall be celebrating the Lands End in 2008 and the Exeter in 2010. Details are in the melting pot at the moment but both will probably take place in late May and will involve a couple of days` motoring with perhaps a night on the road and evening celebration.

POPHAM The great motorcycle get together at Popham Airfield last month was an enormous success with bikes of all kinds parked side by side as far as eye could see and the members on the MCC stand having a busy day dealing with enquiries. We hope they enjoyed themselves despite having to work so hard and the club owes everyone who brought bikes along or worked on our stand a special vote of thanks. One thing that impressed visitors was the appearance of our machinery, all of which showed obvious evidence of recent competition and clearly being the real thing rather than something dolled up for show.

MOTORCYCLE TYRES Many of you have been concerned about the problems of obtaining tyres that will stand up to road use on powerful machines yet be some use in trials while complying with regulations. This was discussed at length at last month`s committee meeting and it was agreed that regulations should be revised to make the choice easier. The exact wording of the rule which will take effect from January 2006 will be circulated with the September general mailing.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS Some discussion on this subject at the AGM may have given the impression that the MCC is against the carrying of fire extinguishers. **This is not so.** It is our belief that the MSA rule recommending the carrying of a fire extinguisher of at least 1.5 litre capacity is to be supported and whilst for the next year it is only a recommendation we will be making it mandatory from the beginning of 2007. This will not affect motorcycles but from that date cars without this piece of equipment will not be allowed to run. This is being added to the SSRs and the full wording of the new rule will be published shortly. Meanwhile Peter Lawley has been doing some detective work and finds that his local Fire Safety suppliers in Telford will supply single 2L AFFF extinguishers to BSEN3, guaranteed for 5 years for just over £20 a time plus P&P, to the Club if we can place a decent sized order with them. They doubt that many of the products on the web will be BS Kite marked and guaranteed in the same way. This represents good value for money as most of the regular motor sport firms are looking for £40 plus so if you are interested drop a line to Peter - peterlawley@onetel.com - and we will see if we can go further down this particular road together.

FOR SALE Marlin roadster short wheel base 1985 Q reg ,set up for trials . 1800cc MGB engine, with triumph dolomite overdrive gearbox .Marina van diff with roller bearings ,full engine sump plate and tank plate .Rack for spare wheels .it needs a new hood ,but does have good tonneau cover ,new clutch master and slave cylinder ,has not been used for a while due to lack of time ,but just needs a little effort to restore it £1250.00ono tel 01782644871 or 07940571050 .

FOR SALE 4 x Colway CMT Remoulds Size 165-80-13 2 new, 2 done 400 miles £50 ono

Phone 01460 - 221881 or 07976 983730 Nr Chard, Somerset.

FOR SALE: Triumph T140V Bonneville US Spec 1978 (S Reg) Black/Red. 27,000miles. Fresh Mot&Tax. Fitted Boyer Bransen Electronic ignition, new tyres and rear disc. Good chrome and very tidy appearance (Includes manual, new rear grab rail, and gasket set). For sale due to new project (See below!). £2250ovno. Tel Robert Robinson-Collins 01264 336185, Hants

WANTED: Any early Allard parts (K, L or M type) and pre-war V8 Ford chassis/running gear - in particular top loader 3 speed gearbox or just casing and 4.11 crownwheel and pinion. WHY Tel Robert Robinson-Collins 01264 336185, Hants