

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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AWARD FOR THE MCC. We are proud to tell members that The MSA has awarded the MCC a 'Highly Commended' in the JLT Sport MSA Club of the Year Award, for its example of modern club communication and for our responsible actions during the recent F&M outbreaks. Here is the actual press announcement:

The Motor Cycling Club (one of only 11 MSA Centenary Clubs to date) was Highly Commended by the judges and will receive a commemorative certificate. It is generally acknowledged that the MCC produces one of the best E-newsletters around - an excellent example of one of the oldest clubs also serving the modern generation. They are extremely responsible in terms of the content of their E-newsletter and their general attitude to countryside and community issues – one example was when they cancelled their famous Edinburgh Trial at the time of the recent Foot and Mouth outbreak in order to keep faith with the farming and landowning communities on which the use of their venues so much depends.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO STANDARD SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR 2008

A. GRADE of COMPETITION.

Clubsport (MSA), event for MCC members, and members of not more than six invited clubs.

Restricted Permit (ACU).

Learner (L) drivers are NOT eligible to compete.

D. PERMITTED TYRES.

CAR CLASSES. Only Standard Tyres may be used. **The following tyres are expressly prohibited.** Michelin XRN, Pirelli P7, Uniband Rally Steel, Stirling (ATS) All Seasons Remould, Goodyear All Weather Steel Radial, Goodyear Ultra Grip, Goodyear Ultra Grip 2. All tyres of 'Grip' 'Town and Country', 'Dual Purpose', 'M & S', or All Season pattern tyres are prohibited.

Cars may use tyres on the ACTC tyre list.

F. STARTING ORDER, ENTRIES, etc:

The Entrant must be a member of the MCC, or an invited club.

The Entrant ONLY must drive/ride throughout the event. NO change of vehicle during the event is permitted.

G. AWARDS.

ANNUAL AWARDS. (Starting with the Exeter trial of each year).

TRIPLE AWARD. The Club's Triple Award will be presented to any competitor who achieves a Gold medal award in the Exeter, Lands End, and Edinburgh trials in the same season.

TRIO AWARD. This award will be presented to any competitor in Class O who achieves a Class O award in the Exeter, Lands End, and Edinburgh trials in the same season.

M. PASSENGERS.

No animals are permitted to be carried in a vehicle whilst competing in an event.

APPENDIX. Published for information only, by courtesy of the MSA. 2007 year book.

6.2.1 Fire extinguishers to safety criteria Q 3.1.1. are compulsory

(Q3.1.1. states - Small, hand operated [small being defined as minimum 1.75litres AFFF).

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Here is a note from the club's Chief Scrutineer clarifying the last item.

At an ACTC meeting held on 08.05.05 it was decided it should be compulsory for all cars to carry fire extinguishers as from 01.01.06. This was due to more and more forest and landowners requesting risk assessments before they gave permission to use their land for trials. Being able to say all cars carried fire extinguishers brought approval and gained brownie points in getting the permissions granted. The MCC was to follow suit from 01.01.07 but for various reasons this did not happen. However those who took part using a car in the two MCC trials of 2007 will have received a scrutineers report if they were not carrying the correct type and size of extinguisher. As from 01.01.08 it will be compulsory in MCC trials for all three and four wheeled cars to carry the correct type of fire extinguisher.

Fire Extinguisher specification.

1. It must be an AFFF [Aqueous Film Forming Foam] type with a minimum capacity of 1.75 litres. For ease of installation two by one litre extinguishers can be fitted
2. It should be fitted as close as practicable to the driver/front passenger and obvious to anyone going to their assistance in the case of a fire. It should not be hidden under the tools and spare wheels in the boot.
3. This type of extinguisher must be fitted to all three and four wheeled cars as from 01.01.08. There are no plans to insist that solo motorcycles and motorcycles with touring or trials type sidecars should carry extinguishers at the present time. They can of course carry them if they wish.
4. As from the Exeter Trial 2008 any three or four wheeled car not carrying the correct type of fire extinguisher will be excluded from the trial and not allowed to start.

EXETER TRIAL: Tim Keeling has a stock of ACU Trials Registration Forms. If you haven't held an ACU Registration before and have entered the Exeter send him an A4 SAE at Jacobs Ladder, Queen Street, KEINTON MANDEVILLE, Somerset TA11 6EG and he will send you one.

LANDS END TRIAL 2008 marks the centenary of this event and in addition to the usual trial at Easter there will be a special Centenary Run on Friday/Saturday 30/31 May which will be gently competitive but suitable to all vehicles and crews. At Easter the starts will be the same as in 2007, Popham, Michaelwood then Plusha, but all class 0 will be starting from Bridgwater Rugby Club which will again be the concentration point for all.

EDINBURGH REFUNDS: The Edinburgh refunds were calculated at 85/15%, in other words the competitors receiving 85% refund of their costs, whether for entries, or just for the Club Supper. The 15% retained covers the costs we had to pay to various bodies, including the Hotel at Buxton for cancellation, and the administrative work in returning the refunds to the membership.

The only outstanding issue concerns the Hotel in Buxton who were trying to justify charging the club a bar bill for sales not made, which is in the hands of the Club solicitor. Needless to say we will be dealing with a different hotel in 2008.

CLEE HILLS TRIAL Once again the Club is invited to MAC's Clee Hills Trial. Run in the beautiful South Shropshire Hills, this event is a round of ACTC's Championship, but also includes a Class O which car driving members might find as a good introduction to One-Day trials. Entry in this class does not require a competitions licence. In addition, this year, entries will be accepted in the class from 4WD Cars. This is, however, intended as a **CAR** class, not an SUV class, so entries will not be accepted from Defenders, Freelanders, RAV4's and the like. **Call 01584-881348 and leave a message to ask Barbara Selkirk for a set of Regs.**

MOTORCYCLE SHOW: On a different tack, we've been offered a stand again at the **Shepton Mallet Bike Show** on 9/10th February and for this urgently need bikes/owners to help. We usually have around a dozen bikes & about 20 volunteers who all get free admission & a special mug or something similar in way of reward. As ever this event is being organised by our president, Ron Butcher who will be pleased to hear from anyone who can help on **01233 624737**.

2008 DATES After the Lands End Centenary Run we have two more busy months although exact dates and details have to be confirmed in some cases.

First, in June we will be holding the annual **Summer Social Run**, - something which takes us right back to the club's earliest days when members would meet for a gentle run out to the seaside or a local beauty spot to enjoy a meal together during which the less fortunate could refettle their machinery for the run home. These days there's not so much refettling to be done but not much else has changed - it's still an event for anyone who enjoys MOTORING. The actual date and location for the 2008 event has yet to be decided and any suggestions or volunteers to help organise it would be most welcome.

July is again likely to be busy with the **Testing Trial** at Keinton Mandeville on Sunday 13th and the **AGM** on the following Saturday the 19th. This is a fortnight later than this year due to the non availability of the village hall on our "Usual" Saturday. Following the success of this year's experiment there will hopefully be a **Marshals Training Day** the day before the Testing Trial at the same site.

FOR SALE: **Yamaha TY250R** trials bike. 1992 'Pinky' model. Mostly original. Age-related plate. Reputedly 3 owners from new. Some spares including larger fuel tank and shock absorber. Needs new fork seals. £600 ovno.

KTM 640LC4-E trail bike. 2002. One owner from new. Approximately 20000 miles. Accessories include engine guard, luggage rack, 18 litre fuel tank, handguards, side and centre stands, 'comfort' seat. Some spares included. MOT'd. Well used but well maintained. Reluctant sale. £1850 ovno. Telephone: **Ian Thompson 07717093228** or e-mail to: i1_wjt@yahoo.co.uk.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the REVISED REGULATIONS for 2008