

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd  
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SUBS DUE: Many of you have already paid your 2008 subscription for which we are grateful but may we remind you that all were due on 1<sup>st</sup> December so if you are one who has not yet paid please make a note to do so without delay.

The amount due is still £25.00 and this should be sent to:

**John Childs, Membership Secretary, 57 Ash Grove, Wheathamstead, St Albans, AL4 8DF**

EXETER TRIAL (1): **The Chief Marshal, Rodney Bracey writes:** I am short of Marshals (Pairs) on the following sections: Lower Sandpit, Jobbles Lane, Bulverton Steep, Stewarts Hill "O" and Higher Rill. I say Pairs as these sections are all in the dark, but I could top up one or two others if more are willing to help. Seasonal greetings to all.

**You can contact Rodney by phone on 01635 866657, Email: [rodbracey@hotmail.com](mailto:rodbracey@hotmail.com) or if all else fails write to: 5 Beech Close, Crookham Common, Thatcham, BERKS RG19 8DT**

(2) **"Control Cards.** After this year's Trial when several Control Cards had to be stretched to the signing off table on paper towels and more than a few had to be resuscitated on a radiator we decided to have the cards for the 2008 event printed on waterproof paper, like the Observers Books. Competitors are requested to fill in their details in **soft pencil**; could Officials also enter any times, comments etc with a pencil. Please do not use felt tip as it washes off."

(3) **"Exeter Trial Competitor Mailing.** The competitor mailing is all enveloped and will be posted, second class, during the first week of December containing:

Route Book, Programme, Control Card, Triple, Membership Card (if you have not already received it), Competition Number (two off) and Club Supper ticket (if ordered). Travelling Marshals will also receive their equipment in this mailing.

Coloured discs can be collected at scrutineering at Haynes if needed. If you have not received what you need by 14 December please contact the Secretary of the Trial, **Tim Keeling by Email, [keelings@keintonman.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:keelings@keintonman.fsnet.co.uk)**, or on **01458 224082** (between 09:00 & 21:00)

(4) 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. For countersigning by a club official, licence application forms should be sent with the payment and the appropriate stamped envelope to Peter Lawley, the MCC General Secretary, so he can forward them to the ACU after adding his signature and club stamp.

(5) The Entry list for the 80<sup>th</sup> Exeter Trial has closed at 342 competitions made up of 91 bikes, 193 cars and 58 Class "O" including 9 motorcycles. This is an increase of 33 on 2007 which shows that the Exeter is still as popular as ever and the "Two Tims" and their merry men and ladies are pressing the right buttons.

LANDS END TRIAL: (1) **Secretary Dave Parry** is currently "digging big holes" with the Somerset County Council over the restricted byway situation. He is contesting 2 closures. One is Grabhurst/Ewey. Someone has already appealed for the whole length of the various byways with the exception of the final few yards which fall on another path. (WL31/10) Similarly with (WL12/5), Chapel Cross to Stoney Street. He knows that the Trial Riders Federation have been active in appealing on lots of byways, and would like to ask through the newsletter if anyone out there is a member, and/or knows anyone who may have put in an appeal on byways in these areas. Alternatively, does anyone know who represents the TRF in this area, (Somerset/Devon) who might be able to give him a clue as to where to ask. Currently he is number 191 and 192 on the list of appeals, and with each appeal taking up to 2 years, and only 4 part time people working on them he does not really foresee a fruitful outcome in his lifetime! Anyone with information please contact him at

**[deepee.mcc@quicks.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:deepee.mcc@quicks.eclipse.co.uk)**

(2) Due to the very early Easter in 2008 the closing date for the Lands End Trial is early on 31 January. We ask everyone to co-operate by sending in their entries as soon as the forms are received before Christmas so the entry taker and others have as much time as possible to complete the necessary paperwork enabling Final Instructions and programmes to be distributed early in March.

SSRs on the WEB: The 2007/2008 SSRs are now published on the website. Start from here:

**<http://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk/about/whatsnew.htm>**

VELOCE CHRISTMAS OFFER: Among the many seasonal special offers which cram our screens here's one that's really worth noting. Veloce, the publishing house whose motoring books we often review is offering a huge 40% discount between now and 23:59 on 20/12/07. Just check **<http://www.veloce.co.uk/newsletter/onthegrid/home.html>** for other great offers and the latest on new books. Simply order by 'phone or online using the discount code WP133 and get any Veloce book or Gift Voucher at 40% off RRP.

MEMBERS' SMALL ADS

**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' Well used but well maintained. Reluctant sale. £1850 ovno. Telephone: **Ian Thompson 07717093228** or e-mail to:

**[i1\\_wjt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:i1_wjt@yahoo.co.uk)**.

**FOR SALE:** I wish to sell a **1950 Norton 500T**, trials model. It is not fitted with lights, (BTH mag.) the engine and frame numbers match, wheels have been rebuilt (rear 19inch) it has a new rear sprocket and brake drum, stainless steel exhaust and new aluminium mud guards. It has been in my possession for about 35 years and was regularly ridden in 'one day' trials for many years. **£3000.00 Ring John Childs on 01582 833501.**

**FOR SALE Skoda 130 Estelle**, ex Philip Mitchell, fitted with a 136 engine, single 40 Weber, gas flowed head, Piper camshaft, modified rear cross member, plated lower wishbones and trailing arms, was a competitive car, quite a lot of spare bits, gear boxes clutch drive shafts etc. Ring for details of damage following recent mishap. We have had a lot of fun with this car, and learnt a lot as well. This was my first time on four wheels, quite sad, but I am not ready to give up trialling yet so we will see what we can do in class 6 with a newly acquired Beetle, **Courtenay Yandle 01626 890385**

**WANTED:** Does anyone have a Sierra diff ratio 3.9 or lower with or without driveshafts and brakes. I believe that it comes from the 1600cc vehicles. **Brian Partridge Telephone: home 01202 420210 and mobile 07710 237729**  
**or Email: [brian.partridge@tesco.net](mailto:brian.partridge@tesco.net)**

**WANTED:** I am interested in purchasing a long distance trials outfit. Rolling chassis, frame or any combination! Roger Baldwin Telephone: **01788 822317** Email: **[rbaldwin40@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rbaldwin40@tiscali.co.uk)**

**WANTED** for **MK 2 DELLOW** under restoration for competition use STEERING BOX DROP ARM, this is 6 inches in length and has an offset, whereas the original Ford item is only 5 inches and is straight. I would very pleased if anyone knows of or can help with this item, Thank you. Please contact **Phil Potter on 01329 310987 or at email [phil.potter2@ntlworld.com](mailto:phil.potter2@ntlworld.com)**

**FOR SALE: YAMAHA XT 500 Parts**, Basic Engine approx '76 £150, Rear Wheel complete apart from spindle & dust shield £30, Alloy tank 4 gallon? £30. **70's HONDA XL250** Single Port Engine plus some other XL250 parts £100. **Jon Hodges, Llandoverly area, [jon@myddfai.com](mailto:jon@myddfai.com)**

***The President, Chairman and Directors would  
like to wish All Members  
a really happy Christmas and New Year***