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**LANDS END CENTENARY EVENT:** Regulations and entry forms for this event can now be downloaded from the MCC website or by sending a large SAE to John Aley (Address as above).

**Meanwhile let us stress:**

- This event although competitive is a celebratory one using many old hills and routes not included today.
- All sections although competitive are hard surfaced and non damaging to any vehicle driven sensibly.
- The entry is restricted to 120 so submit your entry early. Some priority in selection may go to old or interesting vehicles.
- There is an overnight stop at Penzance and a list of local hotels and B&Bs is included in the regulations.
- Marshals are needed so even if you cannot enter you can, join in the fun, and the social evening at Penzance and perhaps at the finish, while wearing your armband and halo.

**MOTORCYCLE TYRES:** There appears to be a growing degree of concern amongst some motorcycle competitors with regard to what tyres can or cannot be used on MCC trials. Tread depths, distance between blocks are just two of the points raised recently in discussion. In an attempt to clear the air and conclude the debate, it is worth repeating section D of the MCC Standing Supplementary Regulations.

**PERMITTED TYRES MOTORCYCLE CLASSES**

*Tyres used on MCC events must be suitable for **ON ROAD** use.*

*The MCC wish the competitor to join in the spirit of the event by choosing tyres that are non aggressive in appearance or destructive in use.*

**Tyres for Long Distance Trials must be road legal.**

*The space between the tread blocks must NOT extend across the complete tyre, measured at right angles to the tyre wall unless broken by a block.*

*Only tyres normally available from commercial or retail sources for use on the public highway are permitted. They shall appear in the tyre manufacturers range catalogue or tyre specification lists available to the general public.*

*They must be manufactured to comply with the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) requirements in respect of load and speed codes and have a minimum service description of 45M.*

***We advise all motorcycle competitors soft compound trials tyres are NOT SUITABLE for Long Distance Trials using the public road. These tyres suffer from excessive wear, causing the break up of the tyre, making these tyres extremely dangerous.***

*It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the tyres fitted to his/her machine carry the correct load and speed rating.*

**As can be seen the only qualification on tread pattern is that the space between blocks must not extend across the complete tyre.**

The current wording of the SSRs was introduced a while ago to permit as wide a range of tyres as possible and cater for various rim diameters. The dividing line between what is acceptable and what is not has been made as simple as possible.

**CAR TYRES:** The latest list of permitted car tyres has been posted on the MCC website –

<http://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk/about/whatsnew.htm> -but if you are not equipped to download, the secretary will send you the appropriate list.

**LANDS END TRIAL:** Programmes and final instructions are being posted this week so if you are an entrant but have not received anything by the end of next week please let us know. Similarly, if you are marshalling make sure you not only receive your paperwork but understand your duties; any doubts, please ask. Particularly check that you have read and fully understand the clarification of the restart rules which have been published recently for this event.

**RACE RETRO:** Held at **Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, from 14th to 16th March, Race Retro** will feature event organisers and special groups who offer training to youngsters in addition to the more usual items of interest for the not so young. Tickets are available for one or two days. Children under 16 years are given free entry and there are discounts on adult tickets when booked in advance. The show is open from 09.30 each day and closes at 17.30 on Friday and Saturday, 16.30 on Sunday. To book tickets and for the latest updates, please visit

<http://www.raceretro.com>.