

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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NOTE: *Don't worry, you haven't missed a copy but with the holiday season upon us this is a combined June and July newsletter with the next issue appearing in September.*

THE LANDS END TRIAL CENTENARY EVENT: Now consigned to the archives this special event in which over a hundred entrants followed the original trial's route to Lands End visiting many hills used in the intervening years, took place on 30/31st May. Noted more for nostalgia than competition, although many came a cropper when some of the old "Names" proved more difficult than anticipated, this will be remembered by most of us as one of the happiest and enjoyable events ever. We are all looking forward to the Exeter Centenary in 2010 for which plans are already afoot.

TESTING TRIAL: As you know this takes place at Keinton Mandeville, Somerset on Sunday 13 July. Entry forms can be downloaded from the club web site or if you are not equipped to do this just let me and I'll post you a copy. A large SAE would help. Although it's the off-season for trialling and many members have been somewhat preoccupied recently by the Lands End Centenary, entries are coming in well but there's still plenty of room for many more. Remember this is always an enjoyable event where virtually anything can compete with a chance of winning and by the standards of modern motor sport it's pretty cheap with only an £18 entry fee, no special insurance to pay for and not a lot of tyre wear or fuel needed. Even if you don't feel like competing why not come along for the day out and help run the event? ***We are as ever short of marshals.***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: At the end of the same week on Saturday 19 July there's your annual opportunity to have your say in what you would like to see happen to your club and vote for a committee to run things. It's many years now since we instituted the "Free Discussion" period following the official business of the meeting and it is in this discussion that many of our now regular practices have first been suggested. As an experiment this year I am suggesting that if any of you have ideas which you would like to see raised in this general discussion but not able to attend the meeting just let me have details and I will ensure they're brought before the Chairman. Naturally we would prefer to have you there in person to present your idea more comprehensively but this could be the next best thing.

MARSHALS MEETING: Unfortunately the proposed Marshals Training day planned for the Saturday before the Testing Trial has had to be cancelled following one of the principal organisers, Rod Bracey's, recent road accident. We wish Rod a speedy and complete recovery and hope we can rearrange this important date for another time.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE: One of the many successful features of the Lands End Centenary event was the special shirt produced just for the trial. Although with the committee's blessing this was all the work of Tim Keeling who organised the design, production, sales and distribution and on his own. Over a hundred were sold giving pleasure to members and a useful profit to the club. We all extend our thanks to Tim for this public spirited action but at the same time would like to suggest that other members with ideas should run them past the committee and if the committee agrees try to make the ideas work. Club spirit isn't just the occasional glass of brandy!

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Research by committee member Dudley Sterry reveals that the AFFF 1.75 litre model is NOT the only fire extinguisher with MSA approval for use in motor competitions – nor is it the most effective in all situations. It is though one of the cheaper alternatives, most of the others being bigger and more expensive although is this of the first importance if it's your car that's on fire? We will be publishing a list of alternatives shortly but meanwhile if you are interested have a chat with Dudley or Chairman, Dick Peachey.

MONEY MATTERS: The Treasurer announced at the last committee meeting that he did not think it necessary to increase the membership subscription for 2009 although he felt the entry fees for events would require at least a £2 increase. If we can maintain this it will mean that despite ever increasing organisational costs – particularly fuel, a lot of which is consumed checking a 400 mile route, - the MCC still offers good value for money, and with that thought -

Have a Good Summer - However you spend it.