

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd  
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SEPTEMBER! Season of mists and all that, but most of all, back to all those things that MCC members value. Already we are thinking of the annual trip to the Derbyshire Peak District and the regulations for the Exeter are on the website or in the same envelope as this newsletter. So put away the surf boards and deckchairs, and while you're in the garage find and refix the sump shield and longer springs but most of all complete those entry forms in good time. Don't forget though that when you are not competing, marshalling can provide an equally interesting day out – and help your fellow members to enjoy themselves.

MAILING: This newsletter is in the post to those members who do not have Email facilities together with the following documents which may all be downloaded from the club website by the majority of members:

1. **Regulations & Entry Forms for the 2009 Exeter Trial.**
2. **Exeter Trial Marshalling details and application form**
3. **2009 MCC 2009 Subscription Renewal Form.** Please note that although 2009 subscriptions actually become due on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008, all entries for the Exeter Trial, though sent earlier **MUST** be accompanied by the appropriate 2009 Subscription to be valid.

MARSHALLING: It's pretty safe to bet that any MCC member has an interest in motor sport in general and trials in particular. Nearly half enjoy competing regularly but many just don't have the competitive instinct, nor the dedication - and money - required to own and maintain a competition machine on two, three or four wheels. Many members too have reached an age when they prefer something less hectic than competing.

So why not continue to take part by joining the band of marshals. During the coming months there will be several trials, ranging from the long distance MCC Classics, the One Day Classics, many in the ACTC Championship to the local lesser events, every weekend and it's another safe bet that the organisers will welcome with open arms anyone who offers to marshal. Even a small local trial needs manpower at the start and finish, to man time and route checks but most of all to run the hills, recording each competitor's performance and assisting those in difficulty. An MCC event like the forthcoming Edinburgh Trial requires a couple of hundred or more.

Apart from the halos all marshals are entitled to wear for making the events possible, it's a really good day – or night - out, seeing the sport from the inside and enjoying the satisfaction of being part of the action in a way not possible to the mere spectator. Before this age of ten year old karting prodigies and kindergarten scramblers, marshalling was the acknowledged route by which many of us entered motor sport and the same is still true today. Compared with competing, marshalling is comparatively inexpensive with no entry fees and special insurance but it is a responsible job that must be undertaken correctly.

So may we ask you all to put your names forward and while you're at it bring a friend or two, for our marshals do not even have to be club members. Why not make a start by calling Les Bowler (01780 410200) who is Chief Marshal for the Edinburgh.

And finally just to remind you                      2009 DIARY DATES

<b>January 9/10</b>	<b>EXETER TRIAL</b>
<b>April 10/11</b>	<b>LANDS END TRIAL</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>TESTING TRIAL</b>
<b>October 3</b>	<b>EDINBURGH TRIAL</b>