

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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EDINBURGH TRIAL: FINAL RESULTS:

Lowe Award. Best Motorcycle: No 52 A.P.Craddock s/t 38.7

John Tucker-Peake Cup. Best Car: No 191 D.Partington s/t 41.6

CLASS Awards.

Class A.	No 8. J.D.Stollery	s/t 51.2	Class B	No 24 S.E.Wildmore	s/t 40.3
Class C.	No 1. C.T.Kalber	s/t 50.6	Class D	No 33 Y.Adams/S.Williams	s/t 50.6
Class E.	Not awarded, insufficient entries				
Class 1.	No 133 D.Haizelden	s/t 41.8	Class 2.	No 135 A.Dommett	s/t 48.0
Best in Cls 3.	No 200 S.K.Groves	s/t 45.7	Best in Cls 4.	No 213 G.N. Greenslade	s/t 44.6
Best in Cls 5.	No 171 P.E.Manning	s/t 47.0	Class 6.	No 212 D.Greenslade	s/t 45.8
Class 7.	No 155 A.P.Rippon	s/t 45.2	Class 8.	No 163 D.Sterry	s/t 45.4

TEAM Awards. Motorcycle Team. Not Awarded. Insufficient entries. (4 entries required.)

Car Team. Team No 4: One – Two – One: 30 Points Total s/t time 134.6

No 133 D.Haizelden No 134 P.S.Allaway No 135 A.Dommett

SUMMARY of RESULTS

CLASS	O	A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Premier Awards	><	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Class Awards	><	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	9
Best in Class	><	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Gold Medal	><	3	5	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	21
Silver Medal	><	2	11	2	4	0	1	1	4	1	3	0	7	6	42
Bronze Medal	><	2	9	2	2	0	1	2	5	4	3	0	3	8	41
Class O Award	16	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	16
No Award	20	1	12	1	4	1	4	6	3	7	2	1	18	5	85
Retired	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	3	5	22
Non-Starter	5	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	18
Total	43	14	44	7	15	2	8	12	16	16	11	6	35	30	259

EXETER TRIAL: Owing to a number of technical problems it is possible the paperwork for next January's trial will be despatched a little later than usual. Please bear with the organising team who have been hard pressed but rest assured the event will be as enjoyable as ever and we'll keep in touch so you know what's happening.

EVENT TIMING: Read your SSRs and you will see that to qualify for an award the time schedule shown on your route card must be adhered to except where it specifically states that early arrival will be permitted. In recent years this aspect of our trials has been more honoured in the breach than the observance and looking at the records we see that many competitors awarded their medals even though more than an hour late. Reasonable delay at hills can be allowed for by taking into account the times of arrival and departure shown by travelling marshals so there is no cause for anyone to drive dangerously, exceed speed limits or generally do anything to bring the events into disrepute. There's little doubt that in many cases this over tolerance by the organisers has been exploited by competitors to take things easy, stopping for a rest and extra refreshment or even by a few cases of deliberate gamesmanship to tackle hills later in more favourable conditions.

The Executive committee has agreed this should stop and the Exeter organising team has given warning that in the forthcoming event times must be adhered to wherever possible.

You will be able to read more about this in the forthcoming edition of Triple and in the Exeter Final Instructions but meanwhile - **Competitors please note!**

COMMUNICATIONS: In a national club with nearly 1000 members and events that do not encourage members to meet frequently, the question of communication is particularly pertinent. Fortunately today we can use modern methods without recourse to the Post Office and in recent years the MCC has developed systems which have not only been admired but copied by other well known and respected national clubs. Depending upon whether you are in the "If it's not broken don't try to mend it" camp or whether you believe the lily *can* be gilded, you will be interested to follow the discussion of the executive committee at its last meeting, the gist of which follows.

Triple Magazine for 30 years was our main and perhaps, sole, means of communicating with members but was introduced in a pre-internet age and as such has done a great job but could we now use the same money and time to better advantage?

Do we need Triple in its present form when most of what it does can be provided more cheaply and topically by our regular newsletters? Perhaps we could serve members' needs better by using the cost of, say, 2 issues to produce one good A4 format MCC Yearbook each December. It could still be called Triple as this is a word with special significance to the MCC. It would give full results, pictures and accounts of all events including the AGM and Summer Run during that year plus the following year's calendar, rule changes and other items of general interest. *There would also be room for plenty of pictures and individual stories from the events.*

Compiling this, although quite a task, would be less difficult than editing the present, three times a year, Triple as a yearbook could be put together over the whole year getting rid of deadlines and the continual chasing necessary to get contributions. *It would also lend itself to team editing taking the strain from a single person's shoulders.*

Using some of the money saved we could extend the Monthly Newsletter (MNL) into two separate sections. One would be for serious stuff as now but there could be extra pages to include members' contributions, items of general interest, and correspondence. In this way it could still transmit the serious messages in a timely way without them getting lost in "There I was" tales (The reason it was created) but also provide entertainment as Triple does now when it appears. However by being monthly it would be topical – something not possible with Triple.

The cost of the MNL would not increase significantly. It's sent cheaply by Email to those wired members who now comprise about 75% of the membership, and by post to the others. With a few extra sheets each month, distribution cost would not increase as it would still be well inside the size and cost of a second class letter and even printing would probably increase by only about £20 a month.

News of the Week (NOTW) would remain just as it is now – a simple, cheap and cheerful newsletter for those members who are wired although some stories and book reviews might be moved to the expanded MNL for all to read. In many ways it's a pity this weekly entertainment cannot be shared by all but is some compensation for those members who save the club considerable costs by not having to be sent printed regs and other paperwork as they download from the web. It seems very popular with readers.

Marshalling is particularly important to our chosen sport and the MCC has a wonderful band of these who turn out in all weathers to make events possible. Many genuinely feel that by marshalling they are repaying some of the enjoyment the sport has given them over the years, others feel it's a way of keeping involved when age, family commitments or simply, inclination, prevents entering while others prefer the organisers' side of the fence. Many of our regulars are not club members and so the occasional newsletter to those on the marshalling list is particularly important and well received. Perhaps some of our economies could go towards a more regular Marshals Newsletter.

Sadly the committee was unable to come to a conclusion about the way ahead and thought it a subject on which members' feeling should be sought. The AGM is far ahead and usually only draws a modest attendance so why not get everyone thinking now. Please send your thoughts to me, John Aley, at the address on this newsletter, preferably by Email but phone, write or even visit so I can earn my title of MCC Communications Co-ordinator.

COPIES FROM THE FILES: In recent years the club has produced a really useful archive enabling us to find details of nearly everything we have done since 1901. Some years are more complete than others but for most events we can dig out a programme or results or a press cutting - often all of them. This something in which all can share and we welcome enquiries from members but when lots of time or photocopying is involved some basic charge may be made. Please address your enquires by post, with an SAE, to Barrie Kirton, Lynworth Cottage, High Street, Twynning, Tewkesbury, GL20 6DE or by Email to: johnaley@portwrinkle.fsnet.co.uk.

ACU LICENCES: It's that time of year again - the need to renew ACU licences. Where they need countersigning they can be sent to our general secretary, Peter Lawley, who will do the necessary and send them on to the ACU BUT please ensure the forms are fully completed, the appropriate cheque is enclosed and there's a suitably sized and stamped envelope addressed to the ACU. Otherwise our secretary might be heard to mutter some un-biblical phrases.

SUBS! Already the decree has gone forth from Caesar Augustus (actually John Childs in this case) that the whole membership should be taxed so may we remind you that, if you haven't already done so, somewhere you have a piece of paper which it's time to send to John together with a suitable cheque.,