

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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This month we are mainly concerned with two Trials.

First, the EDINBURGH TRIAL is only a month away but as you will see from this urgent note there is a sad shortage of marshals. There are many alterations to this year's route and some of the sections will need more marshalling than ever. After so much work has been done to find an interesting route despite the difficulties from local officialdom it would be a pity if some of the new sections had to be omitted.

SOS EDINBURGH TRIAL – MARSHALS

An appeal from the Clerk of the Course

As at the 17th August we are approximately 40 marshals short of the requisite number to run the trial successfully. This is despite the fact that all 900+ members have been invited to help with marshalling if they are not competing. The response from within the club has been extremely poor with only a handful of volunteers and without the help of the MG Car Club and the VSCC we would be sunk without trace. I appeal to the 700 odd members who are not competing to volunteer and help the Edinburgh Trial team by offering to marshal. If you can offer to help please contact the Chief Marshal, Les Bowler on 01780 410200. Now returned from holiday Les would be most grateful to receive your call. Without further marshals it is likely that we may have to cut out two or three sections which may seem drastic but the present situation leaves no option.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CLUB BY OFFERING TO HELP OUT ON THE 3RD OCTOBER.

Because the revised route will contain more green lanes between sections and more attention will be paid to time keeping than has become accepted in recent years competitors are warned not to hang around to see how others are doing but instead to re-inflate tyres and press on with the minimum of delay. This is not to be taken as an excuse for illegal or inconsiderate driving which will not be necessary to maintain the set schedule.

Now to the EXETER TRIAL, the regulations and entry pack for which will be available for downloading from the MCC Website at the end of this week.

Please note that in the entry pack there is a form to help you renew your club subscription. Entries and sub renewals may be done at the same time using this form or if you are not entering subs should be sent direct to the MCC Membership Secretary.

WANTED: The Exeter organising team are very grateful to Barrie Kirton whose work as route marker has been exemplary for as long as the current team members can remember. Barrie has now handed this role back to the team so we are looking for volunteers, possibly two, to mark the route from Haynes Museum to Torquay. One volunteer based to the east of Exeter could mark the first part of the route and one volunteer to the west of Exeter could mark the second part of the route. This work needs to be completed on or by Thursday 7th January 2010. The course closing vehicles take all the route marking down following the route card marked by the route marker.

ORGANISERS GET TOGETHER

The Edinburgh is not even yet done and dusted and the Exeter team is putting together the programme of events leading up to the centenary of the Exeter Trial on Friday/Saturday 8th/9th January 2010 (first organised in 1910). Of particular interest to volunteer Chief Officials is the plan to repeat the lunch, afternoon seminar, equipment distribution and tea session on **Saturday 12th December** at the same venue located near the roundabout where the A303 meets the A358 just west of Ilminster, Somerset. The content of the afternoon will be different to last year. Any Chief Official, who may or may not be an MCC member, that can't make it can nominate a representative, who may or may not be an MCC member, from their team to attend, the aim being to have at least one representative from each section, test, route check and/or timing point on the event including openers and closers. Please get in touch with Rodney Bracey whose contact details you will find with the Exeter entry.

COMMEMORATIVE JACKET

As this is the Exeter Trial's Centenary a special commemorative fleece jacket with embroidered badge is available and an order form for this is also attached. Incidentally I saw the prototype of this jacket today and can vouch for its quality. It's a really well made heavyweight garment, which once bought – at the bargain price of only £25 including VAT and carriage – will rapidly become an old friend that is seldom left at home.

ORDER FORM

Exeter Trial Centenary – Commemorative Fleece. This super Anti-Pill Micro Fleece will have a unique embroidered logo on it, consisting of the Club's badge, surrounded by the words Exeter Trial Centenary 1910 - 2010

These robust fleeces have elasticated cuffs, covered zipped pockets, and a self coloured zip with zip puller. They are fully washable, and are one of the finest heavyweight micro fleece jackets available. It is available in seven different colours and eight sizes. The cost is £25.00 per fleece, this includes post and packing. (Cheques payable to MCC Ltd) These fleeces are on offer to any MCC member or non MCC member, either competitor or navigator, marshal or spectator, all welcome. They will be available by special order only, and orders must be received by **13th November 2009** for delivery before the Exeter Trial. (Allowing for Christmas post!)

To: Anna Robinson, 23 Beech Road, MARTOCK, Somerset TA12 6DT

Please supply me with _____ commemorative Fleeces in the following colours and sizes: (tick where appropriate) at £25.00 per Fleece. (This includes post and packing - No extra to pay)

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
COLOUR	36"	38"	40"	42" - 44"	46"	48"	50"-52"	54"
Black								
Navy								
Royal								
Red								
Bottle Green								
Charcoal								
Maroon								

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (Payable to MCC Ltd). Signed:

Name and Address:(Please print)

Postcode