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Dear MCC Members and Friends

The organising team, Roger Ugalde and Keith Johnston (Joint Clerks of the Course), Ian Thompson (Chief Marshal) and I look forward to your entry for the Exeter Trial. Entries open immediately and close on the 11th November 2019. Please read the Additional Supplementary Regulations and fully complete the on-line Entry Form. Should you not be on-line then contact me at the address above and I will send you a paper entry form. If you enter using paper, please ensure your form is fully completed and arrives with the entry taker by applying the correct amount of postage for the size and weight of envelope you use.

For the 2020 event we are trialling two new options that may be of interest to some competitors. The on-line entry form for the Exeter now has an option to receive the route book electronically only – a paper one will not be sent to you. Also we are trialling the use of GPX files for the Touring Assembly part of the route. These files can be used in your GPS device. If you wish to assist with this trial, please contact the Secretary of the Event, Dave Sapp – contact details above. Thank you.

The MCC has also decided to trial, during 2020, a modification to Class C for motorcycles to open the event to 'Single or multi cylinder solo motorcycles above 450cc and 411cc Enfield Himalayans'. The MCC is also trialling, during 2020, the launch of a new 'Adventure Bike' Class F, to reflect the popularity of this type of machine. The eligibility criteria for class F is 'Adventure motorcycles manufactured from 1980 onwards, with more than one cylinder and an engine capacity above 470cc'. Car classes have not been left out. There is now a separate class for the Suzuki X90, Class 90.

The 2020 Exeter Trial will again include a Class "R" route that roughly follows the routes of the main trial and Class 0 but will be **ALL TARMAC** and suitable for any road going motorcycle or two-wheel drive car. The route will include controls, non-damaging tests and observed sections with the start and finish as Class "0". This is to encourage competitors who wish to experience the atmosphere and challenge of an MCC long distance trial without the need to specially prepare a vehicle – and no mud!

Can I remind Car Competitors that new regulations require that you have two (2) rear view mirrors or a rear view camera if the view rearwards from your internal rear view mirror is obstructed.

The Clerks of the Course have decided that there will be a Touring Assembly from the three starts to Haynes. Cirencester starters will be first away at 19:31; competitors from Popham will be away second followed finally by the starters from Okehampton. It is therefore highly recommended that the route from the 3 starts to the Haynes Motor Museum be followed. The point of the Touring Assembly is to get competitors arriving at Haynes as a steady flow to avert queues building up for scrutineering. The Touring Assembly route has been designed to minimise the use of dual carriageways for your convenience and

safety. At Haynes there will be a compulsory rest halt; hot refreshments will be available. The main Trial will continue from Haynes at 00:01. Classes O and R will start from Haynes. Class "O" will start at 02:01 and Class "R" at 03:01

Continuing on from the 2019 event there will be the option of avoiding the night run and experiencing a daytime taster of an MCC Trial, by choosing to start at Crealy Park, Exeter from around 7am. Competitors starting from Crealy Park will not be eligible for Gold, Silver, Bronze or Triple awards, but will receive awards based on the same performance criteria.

For the 2020 event we are offering cover with REIS, for those Car entrants whose insurance does not cover them for use on trials, at £25 per vehicle. Those Car entrants who arrange their own insurance for the trial will have to declare this on the entry form. This does not affect the M/Cycle entry as the ACU, to which all riders must belong, already provides RTA cover for their members on trials.

Members entering on-line will have their membership renewed automatically. Members entering on paper please complete the enclosed Membership Renewal Form and send it, with your Entry Form to the entry taker. Non-competing members should either renew on-line or complete and send the Membership Renewal Form, with their subscription direct to the Membership Secretary, John Childs, 57 Ash Grove, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts, AL4 8DF. If you have moved since you renewed your 2019 membership and have not already done so, please advise John Childs of your new address straight away otherwise you may not receive your route book and final instructions. Do not rely on us deducing you have moved from your entry form. New members entering may send their application form to the entry taker with their entry form.

If this is your first MCC Trial please ensure your vehicle is properly prepared for the event. You may prefer to enter in Class "R" that will be all Tarmac, or Class "O"; which includes off road sections but avoids the rough "stoppers". If you have any doubts about the suitability of your car please discuss this with the Clerk of the Course, Roger Ugalde, Oaklands, Mincombe Post, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0QW. Tel. 07788 411161 or 01395 597789. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your motorcycle or three wheeler please discuss this with the Clerk of the Course [Motorcycles], Keith Johnston, keith.johnston55@hotmail.co.uk 01225 710426

The main trial route is approximately 150 miles. Much of the off-road route can be very rough, for this reason a substantial sump guard and good ground clearance is essential, as is a reversing light in working order. More importantly a substantial tow rope attachment is mandatory [see SSRs] for cars and 3-wheelers; this must be capable of withstanding a snatch from a tractor tow on a steep gradient as its failure can result in a serious accident which the MCC wishes to avoid.

The MSA requirement for car competitors to carry a small spill kit, which is defined as one being capable of dealing with spillages up to 1.25 litres capacity (T1.3.24 refers); a minimum 1.75 litre capacity AFFF fire extinguisher, compliance will be checked at scrutineering.

Our Headquarters for the 2020 event will again be The Derwent Hotel, Belgrave Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 5HS. The Club Supper will be held at the excellent Riviera Conference Centre opposite the hotel.

One final point: if you are not competing, please consider offering your services as a Marshal; our Chief Marshal, Ian Thompson, will make you most welcome; a Marshals invitation, with section location, approximate opening times and contact details is included. Marshals may also like to join us at the Club Supper, as many did in 2019, book your tickets (£22.00 each) through myself, the Secretary.

Have a good Trial.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Sapp
Secretary, Exeter Trial

Enclosures:
Supplementary Regulations, 2020 Membership Renewal, Marshals Invitation.