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THE VINTAGE SPORTS-CAR CLUB

## EXMOOR FRINGE TRIAL

Saturday 15 February 2014

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS



Exmoor Fringe Trial  
15 February  
Exebridge, Somerset

# TRIALS



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MSA Permit No - tbc

Held under the General Regulations of The Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations



1. The Vintage Sports-Car Club will organise a Clubmans permit Car Trial on 15 February 2014 based at The Anchor Inn, Exebridge, Somerset (OS Map 181/930244)
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Limited (hereafter referred to as the MSA) (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the organising Club may issue for the event.
3. MSA Permit Number – tbc  
MSA Route Authorisation Number - tbc
4. The event is only open to all elected members of the organising Club. All drivers must produce a valid club membership card and have paid their 2014 subscription.
5. The programme of the meeting will be:  
0800hrs Scrutineering starts  
0900hrs Sections Open  
1000hrs Any competitor not signed on may be excluded
6. Competitors will require OS Landranger Maps 180 and 181 or OS Exmoor Tourist 1" Map.
7. Public roads will be used to link observed sections. There will be between at least 10 sections on private land. The entry will be split into groups with different start hills.
8. The event will consist of four classes as follows:

**Class 1:- Short wheelbase cars (less than 8' 6" & HRGs), cars with solid rear axles.** Sub-divided as follows:

- 1a. Standard cars
- 1b. Modified, and Special cars

**Class 2:- Long Wheelbase cars (8' 6" and over).** **ALL cars must have an operative differential.** Sub-divided as follows:

- 2a. Standard cars
- 2b. Modified and Special cars

Note: The above as defined by the Eligibility 2013 Rules. The organisers reserve the right to reclassify cars at their discretion.

A VSCC Eligibility 2007 Document ('Buff Form') for the car entered must be lodged with the VSCC Office and the number must be quoted on the entry form before the entry will be accepted. The entrant must bring the car's Eligibility Passport to the event. All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations and with the VSCC's 'Eligibility of Cars 2013' leaflet (Edition 3). **It is the competitor's responsibility to present the car in a fully roadworthy condition and properly equipped to take part in this event.** The following MSA Regulations are stressed or modified as appropriate:

**H.32.1.5. (ROADWORTHINESS)** An entrant shall, before the event, satisfy himself as to the eligibility and safety of the vehicle and safety equipment and the competence of its driver.

**H.32.1.6. (ROADWORTHINESS)** An entrant shall furthermore ensure that a vehicle is maintained in an eligible and safe condition throughout the event or meeting.

**H32.1.7. (ROADWORTHINESS)** The act of presenting a vehicle and safety equipment for official scrutiny shall be deemed a declaration of its fitness and eligibility for the event and an acceptance of the consequences of such a declaration not being valid.

**T9.4 – T9.5.1 (DIFFERENTIALS)** Competitors are required to complete a declaration in relation to differentials as part of the event entry form. Any entry received with this section incomplete will not be accepted. This Regulation will be enforced.

**T9.8.1 (ROAD TAX)** All competing cars must DISPLAY a current tax disc for the vehicle.

**T9.8.1 (TYRES)** Well-based tyres on the driven wheels must have a tread pattern such that the blocks are not more than 10mm deep, nor more than 10 mm apart laterally or circumferentially. There must not be an uninterrupted lateral gap between the side blocks. A minimum tyre pressure rule will be applied, i.e. 7psi for all cars. Off road, trial and enduro tyres are not eligible. The use of security bolts/self tapping screws to hold tyres to rims is forbidden, as are other forms of 'run flat' devices.

**T10.7 (BRAKES)** Fiddle brakes are not permitted.

**T4.1.1 (CREW)** The passenger seat alongside the driver must be occupied at all times, the passenger may 'bounce' from the seated position only.

**T4.1.11 ('BOUNCING')** will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment, and then only so long as no portion of either the Driver's or Passenger's(s) body, other than arms and hands, is placed outside the sides of the car or behind the seat they are occupying.

**T1.3.24 (SPILL KITS)** It is mandatory for all competitors to carry a MSA compliant small spill kit. This kit must consist of absorbent pads and/or granular absorbent material capable of dealing with spillages up to 1.25 litres capacity and be MSA approved. These can be purchased from [www.demon-tweeks.co.uk](http://www.demon-tweeks.co.uk) or [www.holdens.co.uk](http://www.holdens.co.uk) for a cost of £6.29

**H28.1 (ADVERTISING)** No competing car may carry advertising unless authorised in advance by the organisers.

**T7.3 (b) (SCORECARDS)** Instructions as to the time and location for Scorecards to be handed in will be advised in the Competitors Instructions.

9. Named awards will be presented at the Club's 2015 AGM as follows:

**The Uglow Cup** to the winner of Class 1

**The James Diffey Trophy** to the winner of Class 2

First, second and third class awards as appropriate to the number of starters in each class.

The event counts towards the Club's annual aggregate trophies.

10. The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes finally on 3 February 2014. The entry fee is £65. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Cheques to be made payable to the VSCC Ltd and sent to VSCC Office, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxon. OX7 5EL.
11. The maximum entry for the meeting is 110; the minimum is 25; the minimum for each class is 10. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers have the right to either cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. If oversubscribed, novice competitors will be given preference. Entry fees may be refunded if entry is cancelled before the closing date. Entries will be acknowledged on receipt. Any entrant not receiving an acknowledgement within reasonable time of posting his entry should contact the Secretary to the Meeting.
12. The Secretary of the Meeting is Richard Winchester, VSCC, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5EL
13. Other officials are:  
Club Stewards  
Clerk of the Course  
Deputy Clerks of the Course  
Chief Marshal  
Scrutineers  
M Overfield-Collins, M Lavers,  
G White  
M Garfitt, G Shetliffe  
I Horsnell  
P B Slater (MSA) J Boyd, B Nichols, A Woolcott, A Geen

14. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the end of the event, and by despatching a copy in writing by post within 7 days of the event, ref **D26.1.2**
15. Any appeal or protest must be lodged in accordance with **C5, C6 and C7**.
16. Starting numbers will be as shown on the list of entrants, Class 1 will be numbered upwards from 100; Class 2 cars from 200. Numbers identifying the competitor will be provided by the organisers. (**T5.1.1**)
17. Marking and penalties will be as printed in the appropriate section of the MSA General Regulations except as modified below:

<b>i.</b>	For each hill cleanly ascended and any such less marks for each portion of the hill as detailed by the marshal in charge (who will appointed as Judge of Fact) (T7.5 (d))	<b>25 Marks</b>
<b>ii.</b>	For not starting at the designated first hill or for not following the requirement for completing hills in a set order	<b>25 Penalty Marks</b>
<b>iii.</b>	For not following correct hills in any group order that may be designated in the final instructions	<b>25 Penalty Marks</b>
<b>iv.</b>	The passenger seat alongside the driver must be occupied at all times, the passenger(s) may 'bounce' from the seated position only; failure to comply (T4.1.1 & T4.1.1.1)	<b>25 Penalty Marks per hill</b>
<b>v.</b>	Non-production of current Road Fund Licence (Tax Disc)	<b>Start Refused</b>
<b>vi.</b>	Failing a minimum tyre pressure check	<b>25 Penalty Marks</b>
<b>vii.</b>	Failing a roller type differential test and/or inspection	<b>Exclusion</b>
<b>viii.</b>	Making excessive noise or driving in a manner likely to bring motorsport and/or the Club into disrepute	<b>100 penalty marks / possible exclusion</b>
<b>x</b>	If, due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes necessary to close a hill during the course of the trial, the following will apply:- an average will be taken of the scores gained by competitors in each of the two main classes. This average score will then be given to all competitors in that class who are unable to attempt the hill due to its closure, providing that at least 75% of the total entry have attempted the hill beforehand. Should less than 75% of competitors have attempted the section, no score by any competitor will count towards the results for this section.	

**NOISE:** Efficient silencing is part of good neighbourliness on which the future of our sport depends. Officials will be instructed to report to the Clerk of the Course any car that they deem to be making excessive noise. Warning to improve their silencing for future events may then be issued. Irresponsible driving between sections will be reported and could lead to exclusion from the event by the Clerk of the Course and the event Stewards. The organisers reserve the right to include any of the following: different start lines for different Classes, to have stop/restart tests and to have route variations.

18. All other General Regulations of the MSA apply as written, except for the following, which are modified:
  - i. T5.1 – T5.2 (START HILL)** The starting hill for each Competitor will be as published in the Competitors Instructions. The running order will be free subject to any requirements stated in the Competitors' Instructions.
  - ii. T4.1.5 – T4.1.7 (PASSENGERS)** Entrants are reminded of the need for letters of consent for passengers under 18. **As well as the requirement for children seated in open cars or the front seat of saloons to be aged 12 years or over. Children in the rear seats of saloons must be 2 years or older, and all children under the age of 12 years or 135cm in height must be restrained in an approved child restraint. (MSA Blue Book T4.1.6)**
  - iii. T7.4.2 (TIES)** Ties will be resolved by the method defined in the competitor's final instructions.
19. **T4.1.9 (CREW)** members of the crew at the start cannot be varied during the event, except with official approval. This regulation will be strictly observed.
20. Competitors will be issued with a score card at signing-on upon which the number of their first hill will be noted. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure the correct score is entered on the scorecard and that it is returned to the results team by the time announced in the Competitors' Instructions. Cards not received by these times will be excluded from the results.
21. All competing cars must have a 'top dead centre' marked on the steering wheel.
22. All competing cars must carry a primed and serviceable fire extinguisher. A minimum of 1.75 litres of AFFF in one or two extinguishers or other FIA/MSA approved system. Fire extinguishers must be securely attached and within reach of the seated driver. **HIGH PRESSURE GAS BOTTLES ON TRIALS** - All trials competitors should note that Committee has decided to prohibit the carriage of high pressure gas cylinders on trials cars with effect from April 2010. Commercially available aerosol devices are not included but any cylinder normally subject to specific maintenance procedures will not be allowed.
23. This event may be routed along and/or across public rights of way. Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly near other path users. Be especially careful near horses. Slow down, stop and switch off your engine if necessary.
24. Accommodation is offered by The Anchor Inn, who can be contacted on 01398 323433, alternatively The Bark House Hotel, nr Bampton (Tel – 01398 351236) is only a mile from Exebridge, or you can visit [www.visit-exmoor.info](http://www.visit-exmoor.info) for more options.
25. As in previous years, coffee and bacon rolls will be available during signing on. From 7pm on Saturday evening there will be a full carvery/set meal with a choice of puddings, cheese and coffee for the inclusive price of £13 per person. Please support this facility and book directly with The Anchor, see above for contact details.

### **Individual Third Party Car Insurance**

The Club has applied to **Lockton** for a Blanket Cover Note under the **Motor Sports Road Traffic Scheme**. This will provide Competitors who need to use the Scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event. The basic rate for the Event is **£6c** New applicants wishing to use the Scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Lockton Declaration:-

- **Over 21 and Held a Full Licence for at least 6 months.**
- **Not more than 1 fault accident in the last 3 years.**
- **No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence.**
- **No physical or mental disabilities.**
- **No other material facts.**

If you are able to comply with all the points above simply sign on the Signing On Form and pay the premium to obtain Insurance under this scheme – No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

If you are unable to comply with any of the above points you may be able to get cover but you must complete a Declaration Form which is available from the VSCC office (apply to the Secretary of the Meeting) and forward direct to Alexander Forbes prior to the Event to allow sufficient time for Letter of Acceptance to be issued. Faxed copies are acceptable.