



Fell Side Auto Club Ltd.

# THE NORTHERN CLASSIC TRIAL

**Saturday, 23rd February 2019**

A round of the ACTC Trials National & Regional Championships.  
The **M-ECVC** LDT Championship for Motorcycles, Motorcycle Combinations and  
Three-Wheeler Cars



*Matthew Gibson, Beta, First in Class B1, Sandale, Northern Trial 2018*

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR MOTORCYCLES, COMBINATIONS AND THREE- WHEELER CARS**

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The 2019 Northern Classic Trial has a compact route of about 57 road and 20 forestry miles around the Northern Lake District visiting many of the sections from previous years including the infamous Sandale, Ladyside and Big Cockup. We will use diversions and a few restarts to make the trial more enjoyable for all competitors. The start venue is at the Hope's Auction Mart in Wigton, they are geared up for farmers and we fit in well. Hot food and drinks will be available before the start and after the finish.

The event is open to all riders holding ACU registration.

This year's event is a round of the ACTC National and Regional Championships, as well as Round 1 of the inaugural **M-ECVC** Long Distance Trial Championship. It is a great opportunity to score some points in very spectacular scenery

Should you be unable to enter this year perhaps you would be willing to marshal. We can promise you an enjoyable day in the country, interesting cars and bikes, good company and great atmosphere.

Contact Myke Pocock at [fsacnct@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fsacnct@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01228 530555.

Up to date details of the trial can be found on our website [www.fellsideac.co.uk](http://www.fellsideac.co.uk).

Whatever you ride, we are looking forward to seeing you on the

## **2019 Northern Classic Trial**

## 1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

Fell Side Auto Club Ltd will organise a Classic Reliability Trial on Saturday 23rd February 2019. The meeting will be governed by the general regulations of Motorsport UK (MUK) (incorporating the provisions of the international sporting code of the FIA) and ACU, by these supplementary regulations and by any other written instructions that the club may issue for the event. MUK and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for. The meeting will provide classes for Motorcycles, Combinations and Three-Wheeler Cars in accordance with the National Sporting Code of the ACU its Trials Standing Regulations. **ACU Permit Number is ACU54994.**

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

### **Motorcycles, Combinations and Three Wheelers**

The event is open to all members of clubs affiliated to the ACU, Leisure Lakes Classic Trials Club and Trail Riders Fellowship (see **ACU AFFILIATION MEMBERSHIP**)

## 3. MOTORCYCLE CLASSES

### 3.1 ACTC Classes

- A** Solo motorcycles of British manufacture manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1970 (engine and frame).
- B1** Solo motorcycles up to and including 225cc.
- B2** Solo motorcycles from 226 up to and including 450cc.
- C** Solo motorcycles over 450cc.
- D** Motorcycles with touring sidecars, or trials sidecars complying with ACU Regulation TSR8 - Trials Sidecar Specification. Scooter sidecar outfits, and outfits with driven sidecar wheels, are not eligible.
- E** Three-Wheeler cars
- OC** Novices, less trial prepared bikes and less rugged riders  
To comply with Classes A to C, solo motorcycles must have a wheelbase not less than 1350mm
- X** Any road-legal solo motorcycle or motorcycle sidecar outfit that does not comply with Classes A to D above, and all motorcycles fitted with road legal tyres which do not comply with the dimensions in ACU Regulation TSR8.

### 3.2 M-ECVC LDT Classes

- A** Any solo motorcycle without rear suspension.
- B** Any solo motorcycle with twin shock rear suspension.
- C** Any solo motorcycle with mono shock rear suspension, dry weight above 95Kg, and a wheelbase greater than 1345 mm
- D** Any sidecar outfit or three wheeler
- X** Any motorcycle that doesn't conform to class A-D eg too short, too light or wrong tyres

## 4. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All vehicles must be taxed and insured for the event (see item 11)
- 4.2 Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MOT.
- 4.3 All vehicles must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made. If in the opinion of the Clerk of the Course if any vehicle exceeds acceptable noise levels then that vehicle

will be excluded and will not be allowed to start or proceed if detected after signing-on/scrutineering.

- 4.4 All vehicles must have provision for the fixing of competition numbers in a prominent, near vertical position at the front and rear of the vehicle.
- 4.5 Any vehicle failing to comply with roadworthiness requirements will not be allowed to start. Vehicles which do not comply with class requirements will be moved to another class or excluded from the results.
- 4.6 The ACTC prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles.

**New for 2019**, FSAC are keen to invite expressions of interest from electric motorcycle (e bike) riders to enter Class X, providing eligibility criteria can be met. Prospective riders should contact Peter Dive on 07484271245 to enquire further. Please note FSAC cannot be involved with any activity involving spare batteries, however we do accept that batteries will have to be changed at some stage on the route. FSAC do not view additional help to provide the battery, or change it, as outside assistance and would recommend a third party with a vehicle as being the safest way to transport spare batteries.

Given the risks associated with batteries and their high voltage contents, FSAC will be advising all trial officials to avoid any contact with a damaged e bike and to summon the emergency services for safe recovery. FSAC believe the safety of their officials, and any third party, is paramount and above that of the competitor, therefore, assistance to a competitor will only be offered when they are not touching a damaged e bike.

## **MOTORCYCLE TYRES – ACTC SPECIFICATIONS**

Tyres used on ACTC events must be suitable for On Road use. The Association wishes competitors to join in the spirit of the event by choosing tyres that are non-aggressive in appearance or destructive in use.

Tyres shall comply with the description and dimensions given in ACU Regulation TSR8.

We advise all motorcycle competitors that soft compound trials tyres are not suitable for ACTC Long Distance Trials, using the public road. The tyres suffer from excessive wear, and break-up making them extremely dangerous.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the tyres fitted to his/her machine are road legal and carry the correct load and speed rating. Tread Patterns of tyres as manufactured must not be cut or altered in any way.

Standard Road Tyres are defined as having a gap between the tread blocks not exceeding 9.5mm, and a maximum tread depth of 13mm circumferential direction. These dimensions apply irrespective of machine manufacturer or tyre manufacturer's statements.

Three-wheelers, if accepted in an event, may use motorcycle tyres as defined in ACTC Regulation B1.3 or tyres on the current ACTC Approved Tyre List for Cars, providing that the vehicle manufacturer's standard tyre section is not exceeded.

Motorcycles in Class C (only) are permitted to use Continental TKC80 tyres or Michelin T63 tyres

## 5. START & FINISH

- 5.1 The start and finish will be at the Hopes Auction Mart, Syke Road Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9NS. (Map Reference 85/NY266473) Hot food and drinks will be available at the start and finish. Fuel is available near the start of the event. Fuel available along the route will be advised in the Route Instructions. Trailer parking will be available at the start
- 5.2 Competitors must sign on & be scrutineered prior to starting at the official time. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions.
- 5.3 The following documents will be inspected at the start for all competitors :  
ACU affiliated club membership card and ACU trials registration or licence.

## 6. RUNNING TIME & ORDER

- 6.1 The event running order will be announced in the Final Instructions
- 6.2 The order will be in order of receipt of the entry forms.
- 6.3 The first competitor will depart from the start at 08:01 am and the remainder at intervals in numerical order.
- 6.4 There is no time schedule for the event and no penalty will be awarded for late arrival at a section, except as stated in 6.5.
- 6.5 Any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## 7. TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS

This event is a round of the ACTC Motorcycle National & Regional Championships and the **M-ECVC** LDT Championship.

## 8. COURSE & SECTIONS

- 8.1 The route will cover approximately 57 miles on public roads plus about 20 miles on forestry and private tracks.
- 8.2 At least 12 observed sections will be run, and 2 observed tests. Competitors in Class OC will attempt at least 10 sections, plus 2 observed tests.
- 8.3 Observed tests will count as sections and as a tie decider:
  - 8.3.1 In sections that are observed tests, a penalty of 6 points will be given for hitting a marker or for stopping except astride or across a line, as detailed in the route book, and a time equal to the slowest time in the class + 10 seconds will be given.
  - 8.3.2 Observed Test times will be used only to decide ties.
  - 8.3.3 The times of the observed tests will be aggregated.
  - 8.3.4 Observed tests will be timed by hand-held stop watches to 0.1 seconds.
- 8.4 The route card will be issued at the start and the use of maps is unnecessary. The official route must be followed throughout the event. The onus for finding the correct route rests with the competitor, and any competitor failing to do so will be liable to exclusion. The route is entirely covered by OS Landranger maps 85 and 89.
- 8.5 Route checks may operate during the event.
- 8.6 Most sections will be sub-divided (12-1). Unless specified in the route book, sections may not be inspected (see 9.6). Walking beyond the Section Begins board of any section is prohibited. Failure on any section which is not subdivided will carry 6 marks.

- 8.7 Except for observed tests, there is no penalty for striking markers, but you must not leave & re-join the section.
- 8.8 Some sections will include restarts for some classes. These will be identified at the start or in the route book. Except where stated, restarts will be of the box type, marked by 4 'R' boards. On drop of flag, without rolling back, restart within 10 seconds.

## 9. IDENTIFICATION, PENALTIES & MARKING

- 9.1 Competition numbers will be supplied by the organisers and must be fixed in a prominent position at the front and the rear of the vehicle.
- 9.2 These numbers must be legible throughout the event and must be removed at the finish, or on retirement from the event.
- 9.3 Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MUK regulations T6 & T7, see also item 6.4 of these SRs
- 9.4 In the event of a tie, the lower or lowest aggregate time of the special tests will decide the winner. If a tie still exists, the time in Test 1 will decide, and if still tying the vehicle with the smaller engine size will win.
- 9.5 A 12 mark penalty will be awarded to any competitor who does not observe the country code.
- 9.6 A 12 mark penalty will be made for any member of the crew walking past the Section Begins board of any section.
- 9.7 A 6 mark penalty may be made to any competitor who finishes significantly later than others relative to their competition number

## 10. ENTRIES

- 10.1 The maximum number of car and bike entries will be 70 and the minimum 40. If there are less than 40 entries, FSAC reserves the right to cancel the event.
- 10.2 Entries will be selected in order of receipt.
- 10.3 The minimum number of entries for each class is 3. If this is not reached the classes may be amalgamated.
- 10.4 The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on Saturday 16th February, 2019 or before, if fully subscribed.
- 10.5 **The entry fee is £40.00 for non-FSAC members and £37.00 for FSAC members. Cheques should be made payable to "Fell Side Auto Club Ltd".**
- 10.6 **Entry fees will be refunded (less an administrative fee of £5) provided that the entry is withdrawn on or before the closing date.**
- 10.7 If the event has to be cancelled your entry fee will be refunded less £5
- 10.8 Entries must be made on the official entry form, or a photocopy thereof, and must be signed and accompanied by the correct fee, if paying by cheque. We hope to introduce electronic payments before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. Motorcycle entrants must complete the ACU entry form in addition to the Fell Side form.

### **Entries to be sent to:**

**David Sharp, 3 Albemarle Street, Cockermouth CA13 0BG**

Entries will be acknowledged **only** by dispatch of the Final Instructions one week before the event, **unless** your entry is accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope or a **valid email address** is added to the entry form. Results will be sent by e-mail where a valid e-mail address is provided, if you require results by post, please include an ADDITIONAL stamped addressed envelope

## 11. INSURANCE

- 11.1 Motorcycle competitors will have RTA Insurance provided by ACU. This will provide Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act.

## 12. OFFICIALS

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:	Peter Dive
ENTRIES SECRETARY:	David Sharp
CLERK OF THE COURSE: (M/cycles)	Anthony Brockbank ACU No. 12002
MACHINE EXAMINER:	Brian 'Pops' Hinde
CHIEF MARSHAL:	Tony Branson
STEWARD	Craig Asbridge ACU No. 119608

## 13. RESULTS & AWARDS

- 13.1 Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event.
- 13.2 Protests, which will be unwelcome, must be lodged in accordance with RACMSA regulations and made to the Clerk of the Course.
- 13.3 Awards will be made for **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall** and in each class as follows:-  
**First in Class** (subject to there being at least 3 starters in the class)  
**Second in Class** (subject to there being at least 7 starters in the class)  
**Third in Class** (subject to there being at least 12 starters in the class)  
Other awards will be announced in the Final Instructions
- 13.4 No competitor may win more than one award,

## 14. PLEASE NOTE

- 14.1 This event is 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.**
- 14.2 On official public rights of way other users have priority.
- 14.3 Competitors are required to follow the 'Country Code'. Failure to observe this code may incur a 12 mark penalty and lead to disciplinary action. Special care must be exercised near livestock and gates **MUST** be closed after every competitor

### ACU AFFILIATION

ACU Affiliation is now assigned to the individual and not the club. Motorcycle competitors must have an ACU Competition Licence or ACU Trials Registration to enter this event and be a member of a club affiliated to the ACU, Fell Side Auto Club is affiliated to the ACU. If you have not already applied to the ACU and require a form please contact Peter Dive, Trial Secretary on 01661886513

### Accommodation in the Carlisle/Wigton Area

We aren't qualified to recommend any particular accommodation, however there are many hotels and guest houses in Carlisle and North Cumbria, details of which can be obtained from Carlisle Tourist Information Centre 01228 598596.

Golakes.co.uk is an alternative site for accommodation.