



**Fell Side Auto Club Ltd.**

# **THE NORTHERN CLASSIC TRIAL**

**Saturday, 23rd February 2019**

A round of the 2019 ACTC National and Regional Trials Championships for  
Cars, Motorcycles and Motorcycle Combinations



**David and Andrew Read, 1937 Austin 7 - Sandale, Overall Winner Northern Trial 2018**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR CARS**

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The 2019 Northern Classic Trial has a compact route of 57 road and 20 forestry miles around the Northern Lake District visiting many of the sections from previous years including the infamous Sandale, Black Hole and Big Cockup. We will use variable tyre pressures, 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. Very good hot food and drinks will be available before the start and after the finish.

The National B event is open to members of member clubs of the ACTC. We have the eight standard car classes for those drivers wishing to enter the ACTC National and Regional Championships.

The Clubmans event, which doesn't require a MUK Competition Licence, is open to members of FSAC and members of invited clubs: - MCC, VSCC, Wigton MC, Preston & District VCC, Durham AC, Middle-England CVC, Ilkley DMC, Airedale & Pennine MCC and other ACTC Affiliated Clubs. Except for class 0 the Clubmans event will follow the same route and sections as the National B.

This year's event is Round 4 of the ACTC National Championship. It is a great opportunity to score some points in very spectacular scenery

**Please note** that since 2008 car passengers in National B classes have been required to be a member of one of the invited clubs. Passenger membership of the Fell Side Auto Club will be available at signing-on.

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 drive, 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 National B/Clubmans Dual Permit Classic Reliability Trial on Saturday 17th February 2018. 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 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. MUK Permit Numbers: National B – 110281 and Clubmans – 110280.

The Clubmans event will follow the same route as the National B event but class 0 will visit a fewer number of competitive sections.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

### **National B (ACTC National and Regional Championship event)**

The event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of FSAC and to members of the member clubs of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC). All drivers, who are entering classes 1-8 inclusive, will be required to produce a valid competition licence of at least clubman status, or a completed application form with the appropriate fee (forms will be available at the start or from the trial secretary) and a current membership card for the club under which they are entering. The member clubs of ACTC can be found at <http://www.actc.org.uk/clubs.htm>

### **Clubmans Status event**

This event is open to all elected and fully paid up members of FSAC and to members of ACTC affiliated clubs as well as MCC, VSCC, Wigton MC, Preston & District VCC, Durham AC, Middle England CVC, Ilkley DMC, Airedale & Pennine MCC. The driver must produce a current valid membership card. Competitors in this class do not qualify for championship points.

### **Requirement for Car Passengers ...**

Signed-on passengers in the National B event must have a membership card from one of the ACTC affiliated clubs. One-day passenger membership to the Fell Side Auto Club will be available if required.

## 3. CLASSES

The event will have the eight standard classes as stated in the MUK rule T.10 (but modified by ACTC) and in addition, will have 2 extra classes (Classes 0A, 0B) for the Clubmans event. The classes are:-

- 0A** Novices, less trial prepared open cars and less rugged drivers
- 0B** Novices, less trial prepared closed cars and less rugged drivers.
- 1a.** Front-engined, front wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in Class 6).
- 1b.** Front-engined, front wheel drive car with a traction control device fitted
- 2.** Production cars built prior to 1941, and the following: MG TC, Morgan 4-4 Series 1, HRG 1100 and 1500, and Ford models (upright models to 1959) E04A, E494A, E4930A/B, E93A, E493A, and 103E. (The ACTC publishes Guidelines for Class 2 cars.)
- 3.** Front-engined, rear wheel drive, production saloons (except vehicles in Class 6).
- 4.** Rear-engined, rear wheel drive production saloons up to and including 1300cc (except vehicles in Class 7).
- 5.(a)** Front-engined production sports cars (except vehicles in Classes 1 and 6).

- 5.(b) Vehicles built from pre1941 components (except vehicles in Class 2) and satisfying the tyre regulations in T.10.11. (The ACTC publishes Guidelines for Class 5(b) cars.)
  - 6.(a) Rear-engined, rear wheel drive production cars (except vehicles in Class 4).
  - 6.(b) Front-engined production cars fitted with torque biasing differentials as standard equipment, or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
  - 7.(a) Production cars modified beyond Permitted limits.
  - 7.(b) Rear-engined production cars fitted with torque biasing differentials as standard equipment, or any other form of traction control as standard equipment, throughout that model range and unavailable without it from stock.
  - 7.(c) Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis conforming to an accepted specification. Where modified beyond the accepted specification these cars will be classified in Class 8. These cars comply with either or both of 7 (c) (i) or 7 (c) (ii) below.
  - 7.(c) (i) Have the rearmost part of the front seat cushion(s) forward of any part of the rear tyres.
  - 7.(c) (ii) Have a wheelbase of 90in (228.6cm) or greater.
  - 8.(a) Non-production cars.
  - 8.(b) Rear-engined cars (except vehicles in Classes 4, 6, and 7).
  - 8.(c) Front engine cars manufactured on a limited basis (except those in Class 7) including those which:
    - 8.(c) (i) Have the rearmost part of the front seat cushion(s) rearward of any part of the rear tyres, or
    - 8.(c) (ii) Have a wheelbase of less than 90in (228.6cm).
- For the purposes of these regulations the terms front-engined and rear-engined are considered to be relative to the position of the driver.

All references to classes in MUK Regulations T10 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations. MCC reclassification certificates are not valid for the National B event.

#### 4. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 All vehicles must comply with MUK technical regulations J5.
- 4.2 All vehicles must be taxed and insured for the event (see item 11)
- 4.3 Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MOT.
- 4.4 All vehicles must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made. If in the opinion of the Clerk of the Course 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.
- 4.5 All vehicles must be fitted with the means of having a tow rope secured quickly. This must be of sufficient strength to withstand the snatch of a tow from a recovery vehicle.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 All tyres, including spares, must comply with the ACTC Tyre List. For classes 0A & 0B any normal road tyres are acceptable, off-road and 'Mud & Snow' tyres are not permitted. An entrant not conforming may be allowed to run at the discretion of the scrutineer but will not be included in the results and will not be eligible for awards.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 **All competing cars MUST carry a fire extinguisher to K.3.1.1 or better and a small spill kit complying with J5.20.13**

4.10 The ACTC prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles.

## **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 and along the route, competitors will be advised in the Route Instructions. Ample trailer parking is 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:- Competition Licence for National B entrants only, Club Membership Cards for all competitors including car passengers (see Section 2).

## **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**

The National B event is a round of the ACTC National and Regional Car Championships.

## **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 0A & 0B 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 (unless indicated in the route book), but the 4 wheels out rule applies (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.
- 8.9 Minimum tyre pressures will be imposed for selected classes at some sections, dependent on weather conditions. These will be advised in the route book or in writing at the start.

## **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 MSA 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
- 9.8 **A 12 mark penalty will be made for any infringement of MSA regulation 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 body, other than arms and hand, is placed outside the sides of the car or behind the seat they are occupying."

## **10. ENTRIES**

- 10.1 The maximum number of 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, which includes Lockton RTA Insurance, is £48.00 for non-FSAC members and £45.00 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.

### **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**

The club have organised cover through Lockton Insurance with ERS Syndicate Management Ltd (Syndicate 218 at Lloyds) This is compulsory for all car entrants.

## **12. OFFICIALS**

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:	Peter Dive
ENTRIES SECRETARY:	David Sharp
CLERK OF THE COURSE:	Derek Reynolds
CHIEF SCRUTINEER:	Chris Veevers
CHIEF MARSHAL:	Tony Branson
STEWARD:	TBA

## **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

### **Carlisle/Wigton Area Accommodation**

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.