



Fell Side Auto Club Ltd.

THE NORTHERN CLASSIC TRIAL

Saturday, 18th February 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR CARS

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The 2023 Northern Classic Trial has a compact route of 54 road and 13 forestry miles around the Northern Lake District visiting many of the sections from previous years including Routen Romp and the infamous Sandale. 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.

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This year's event is Round 4 (Cars) and Round 3 (Motorcycles) of the ASWMC/ACTC National 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 on 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.

Whatever you drive, we are looking forward to seeing you on the 18th February.

1. EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY

Fell Side Auto Club Ltd will organise a Clubmans Classic Reliability Trial on Saturday 18 February 2023. The meeting will be governed by the general regulations of Motorsport UK (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. Motorsport UK and Department of Environment route authorisations have been applied for.

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2. ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

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3. CLASSES

The event will have the nine standard classes as modified by ACTC and in addition Class 0

0. Novices, less trial prepared cars or less rugged drivers. This class does not compete for Overall Awards.

1. Front-engined, front wheel drive production cars (which includes any FWD car fitted with a torque biasing differential or LSD).

2.(a) Production cars built prior to 1941.

2.(b) The following: MG TC; Morgan 4-4 Series 1; HRG 1100 and 1500; Dellow Mk 1 to 3; Allard (all sidevalve models); Buckler Mk 5, 6 & Type 53; Ford models (upright models to 1959) - E04A; E494A; E4930A/B; E93A; E493A; and 103E; pre 1942 cars holding a current VSCC Buff Form.

2.(c) Front engine, rear wheel drive non-production cars built from pre-1941 components and holding an ACTC Certification of Conformity

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) Cars eligible for Class 2, but running on radial tyres

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 for the above classes.

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 as defined in ACTC rule A1.2.2.

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)

90 Suzuki X-90 Vehicles, running an original engine block.

All references to classes in Motorsport UK Regulations T10 will be interpreted as referring to the class structure published in these regulations. MCC reclassification certificates are **not** valid on this event

A vehicle class identification disc must be fitted centrally at the top of the windscreen.

Green	Class 0
Blue	Classes 1 and 2
White	Classes 3, 4, 5 and 90
Yellow	Classes 6 and 7
Red	Class 8

4. MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 All cars must comply with the relevant parts of Regulations J and T of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook.

- 4.2 All cars 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 cars must be effectively silenced. A noise check may be made.
- 4.5 All cars 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 cars must have provision for the fixing of competition numbers in a prominent, near vertical position at the front and rear of the vehicle. Cars with just a towing eye must have a tow rope easily accessible in the car.
- 4.7 All tyres, including spares, must comply with the ACTC Tyre List, or have block gap of less than 8mm. For class 0 any normal road tyres are acceptable, off-road and 'Mud & Snow' tyres are not permitted, unless on the ACTC Tyre list. See www.actc.org.uk
- 4.8 Any car 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:-
Motorsport UK approved fire extinguisher(s) with a minimum capacity of 1.75 litres AFFF or 2Kg Dry Powder.
Small spill kit complying with J5.20.13
- 4.10 The ACTC prohibits the use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles.
- 4.11 Cars that do not have clear rearward vision for reversing MUST have two external mirrors fitted.

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, (W3W workshops. variation. memory) Hot food and drinks will be available at the start and finish. Fuel is available near the start of the event and with a 2 mile diversion en route. Ample trailer parking is available at the start
- 5.2 Competitors must fill in an electronic signing on sheet, a scrutineering declaration during the week prior to the event. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions.
- 5.3 The following documents should be carried for inspection if required: Motorsport UK Licence, Club Membership. Cards for all competitors including car passengers and MoT certificate where applicable.

6. RUNNING TIME & ORDER

- 6.1 The event running order will be announced in the Final Instructions
- 6.2 The order will be in the 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 event is a round of the ACTC and ASWMC Car Championships.

8. COURSE & SECTIONS

- 8.1 The route will cover approximately 54 miles on public roads plus about 13 miles on forestry tracks.
- 8.2 There will be at least 12 observed sections and 1 observed test. Competitors in Class 0 will attempt at least 10 sections and 1 observed test.
- 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 electronically with the Final Instructions 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, 89 and 90.
- 8.5 Route and speed 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 on a line, marked by 2 'R' boards. On drop of flag, without rolling back, restart within 6 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 MSUK regulations T6 & T7.
- 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 MSUK 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."
- 9.9 Any competitor deemed to be exceeding speed limits will be retired and disqualified from the event.

10. ENTRIES

- 10.1 The maximum number of entries will be 70 and the minimum 50. If there are fewer than 50 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 11th February 2023 or before, if fully subscribed.
- 10.5 The entry fee is £65.00 for entries received by 23:59 hours on 22nd January 2023 and £70.00 thereafter. Payment via bank transfer is preferred: Account Name: Fell Side Auto Club Ltd, Sort Code: 09-01-29, Account Number: 34101869, Reference NCT and your surname (e.g. NCT Pyke). 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 online entry system, www.fellsideac.co.uk on the official entry form. If a copy thereof or an electronic copy is used it must be signed and accompanied by the correct fee.
- Postal entries to be sent to:**
Mrs. Diane Veevers, 2 Barn Croft, Newby West, Carlisle CA2 6QY
- 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 Insurance valid for this event is mandatory.
- 11.2 FSAC has obtained a blanket certificate of insurance from REIS to provide, to those car competitors who need to use the scheme, "Third Party Cover" to meet RTA requirements on the road sections of the event. The basic rate (before any loadings is £18.00 inclusive of tax.
- 11.2.1 If you wish to use the REIS scheme, and you comply with all the following Declaration points, it is only necessary to pay the fee and sign the insurance form at signing-on. No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

“Automatic acceptance will be given to all competitors meeting the following criteria:

Age 19 years or over

Has held a full licence for a minimum of 6 months

Has no more than 6 points on their licence

Has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years

The vehicle must hold a valid MOT Cert, current road insurance, and Road Tax, unless exempt from doing so.

All competitors **MUST** be a named driver on the road insurance

Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.

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Anyone falling outside these limits can be referred directly to Reis Motorsport Insurance by calling 0115 965 1040 at least one working day prior to the event commencing – only in extreme conditions will we refuse insurance or a load premium.

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11.3 Competitors may make their own insurance arrangements.

12. OFFICIALS

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING:	Fred Mills
ENTRIES SECRETARY:	Diane Veevers
CLERK OF THE COURSE:	Myke Pocock
CHIEF SCRUTINEER:	Chris Veevers
CHIEF MARSHAL:	Myke Pocock
CLUB STEWARD:	Ian Aitken
SAFETY OFFICER:	Alexander Jefferson
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER	Alexander Jefferson
SAFEGUARDING OFFICER	Peter Dive

13. RESULTS & AWARDS

13.1 Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event.

13.2 Protests must be lodged in accordance with Motorsport UK regulations and made to the Clerk of the Course.

13.3 Awards will be made for **1st, 2nd and 3rd 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.

14.4 Arrangements at the start venue are still to be confirmed, depending on the latest Covid-19 guidance at the time of the event.

Carlisle/Wigton Area Accommodation

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