

*Minehead Motor Club Ltd present*  
**The 53<sup>rd</sup> Dick Hutchings**  
**EXMOOR CLOUDS**  
**CLASSIC TRIAL**

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***Derek Merson Garages***



2023 Overall Winner: Andrew Leahy

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**  
*Round 9 of the ACTC Classic Trials Championship*  
***The 2022 & 2023 ACTC 'Trial of the Year'***  
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## Hall of Fame: Previous Overall Winners

Year	Best Solo	Best Outfit
2023	Andrew Leahy (Sherco)	Steve Urell/Julie Williams (Aprilia)
2022	Rom Dobbs (Beta)	Steve Urell/Julie Williams (Aprilia)
2021	Tristan Barnicoat (GasGas)	N/A
2019	Kathy Martin (Honda)	Martin Keswick (Kawasaki)
2018	Sean Donaghy (Honda)	Martin Keswick (Kawasaki)
2017	Rom Dobbs (GasGas)	Martin Keswick (Kawasaki)
2016	Geoff Walker (GasGas)	Martin Keswick (Kawasaki)
2015	John Lockett (Beta)	Tim Hawkins (KTM)
2014	Geoff Walker (GasGas)	Steve Urell (Aprilia)
2013	Paul Doughty (KTM)	Steve Urell (Aprilia)
2012	Chris Lidstone (Yamaha)	Steve Urell (Aprilia)
2011	Nigel Smith (Beta)	Alan Wear (KTM)
2010	Chris Poel (Honda)	Al Lidgate (Yamaha)
2009	Steve Grinter (Honda)	Yoshi Adams (CCM)
2008	Buster Griffin (Honda)	Mike Maddocks (Yamaha)
2007	Geoff Walker (Honda)	Al Lidgate (Yamaha)
2006	A. Bland (Beta)	Al Lidgate (Yamaha)
2005	Colin Nicholls (Honda)	Adrian Grinter (Yamaha)
2004	Yoshi Adams (GasGas)	Trevor Griffiths (VMC)
2003	Geoff Walker (Honda)	John Hind (Husqvarna)
2002	Clif Jones (Yamaha)	Ray Aldworth (Yamaha)
2001	Ray Gerring (Kawasaki)	Ray Aldworth (Yamaha)
2000	Ray Gerring (Kawasaki)	Michael Crocker (Yamaha)
1999	David Chick (Ariel)	Ray Aldworth (Yamaha)
1998	Buster Griffin (Yamaha)	Ray Aldworth (Yamaha)
1997	Adrian Bellew	Keith Lee (Norton)

# *Dick Hutchings Exmoor Clouds Classic Trial*

## *3rd November 2024*

### **Minehead Motor Club Ltd Supplementary Regulations**

#### **1. Event Organisation & Authority**

Minehead Motor Club Ltd will organise an Open permit Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday 3rd November 2024 starting and finishing at The Rest & Be Thankful Inn, Wheddon Cross, Minehead. TA24 7DR.

The Meeting will be held under the General Regulations of The ACU, these supplementary regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.

ACU Permit No. – 204003

DOT Authorisation No. – 29055NO3

#### **2. Eligibility & Licence Requirements**

ACU permit entries are open to all members of any clubs associated with:

The Association of Classic Trials Clubs (ACTC), listed on [www.actc.org.uk/clubs](http://www.actc.org.uk/clubs) or The Auto Cycle Union (ACU) [www.acu.org.uk/centres-clubs](http://www.acu.org.uk/centres-clubs)

All riders will run under the ACU permit, and must produce an ACU licence and their club membership card.

#### **3. Motorcycle Classes**

The event will consist of the following classes:

**Class A:** Solo motorcycles with pre-1970 derived frames and engines.

**Class B1:** Solo motorcycles up to 225cc (except vehicles in Class A)

**Class B2:** Solo motorcycles over 225cc and up to 450cc

**Class B3:** Solo motorcycles not eligible for Classes B1 & B2. These are: Honda/Montesa 4Ride, TRRS XTrack, Ossa Explorer, GasGas Randonne, GasGas Connect, Scorpa LongRide & Honda TRL

**Class C:** Solo motorcycles over 450cc

**Class D1:** Motorcycles with sidecars (to trials spec, as defined in ACU Trials regulations)

**Class D2:** Motorcycles with sidecars (enduro/motocross derived frames, with or without nosecones)

**Class E:** Three-wheelers (See Appendix)

**Class S:** Step-through motorcycles, which must have originally been manufactured as a step-through or scooter and must have a nominal gap between the seat and headstock of at least 250mm

**Class X:** Motorcycles which do not comply with the above Classes, running for honours only

All motorcycles must be equipped with daytime running lights, except Class A, who are exempt.

#### **4. Mandatory Vehicle Requirements**

4.1. All vehicles must comply with ACU Technical Regulations.

4.2. The rider is responsible for ensuring their vehicle is roadworthy, taxed and insured for the event. Where legally required, the vehicle must have a valid MOT certificate.

4.3. All vehicles must be effectively silenced, a noise test may be conducted on the event.

4.4. All vehicles must display their competition numbers in a prominent position at the front and rear of the vehicle. Competition numbers will be provided by the organisers and issued once scrutineering has been passed.

4.5. All tyres, including spares, must comply with the relevant ACU regulations (see below)

4.6. The use of advertising decals and commercial displays on competing vehicles is prohibited.

4.7. All vehicles must comply with ACTC Rules & Regulations: <http://www.actc.org.uk/info/association/rules-regulations/> Please note there have been some recent changes and additions.

4.8. **Cut-Out device.** TSR8 States: 'All machines used in Sidecar competitions must be fitted with an operational lanyard cut out device so as to stop the engine/motor should the rider and machine be parted. The lanyard from the cut-out device must be securely fitted to the rider and be of a length not greater than 1m when fully extended. It is recommended that all machines used by Adult riders be fitted with a lanyard operated cut out device as described above.

#### **5. Running Order & Programme of the Meeting**

5.1. Competitors may arrive from 07:00. Scrutineering will be available from 07:00. First competitor will start at 08:00, with the remainder at 1-minute intervals thereafter, in numerical order. Individual start times will be confirmed in the entry list, that will be emailed/posted to competitors no later than Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There is no time schedule for the road route and no penalty for late arrival at a section or test.

5.2. Any competitor passed by the Course Closing vehicle will be deemed to have retired.

5.3. Classes may be mixed in the running order.

## 6. Route & Sections

6.1. The route will be approximately 60 miles, covering at least 14 sections and 2 observed tests, to act as tie deciders. The route card will be issued along with the entry list and final instructions. The official route must be followed at all times. Route checks may operate throughout the event.

6.2. Marking will be as T.7.5. Certain hills may not be subdivided, these will be noted in the route book. Six penalties will be given for failure of these hills. Certain hills may also contain a stop/restart test; other tests may be included. Some sections may have a different start and restart lines for different classes. Hitting markers or leaving the boundary of the course as represented by the course markers will not be penalised, unless specified in the route instructions.

In the event of a tie, aggregate times on the Special tests will decide. If a tie still exists, the times on Special Test 1 will decide.

6.3. Some sections will include restarts for some classes. These will be identified in the route book, or at the start. Restarts will be of the line type, marked by 2 'R' boards.

## 7. Entries

7.1. The maximum entry for the meeting is 80, plus 8 reserves. The minimum is 45. The maximum for each class is 40. The minimum for each class is 3. Should any of the minimum figures for each Class not be reached, the organisers have the right to either cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary. Entry fees may be refundable if entries are withdrawn before the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2024, or at the organisers discretion.

7.2. The entry list opens on publication of these regulations, and closes at 7pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024, or when entries are full, whichever comes first. Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The entry fee is **£30.00**.

Entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Entry forms can be emailed to the Entries Secretary or posted to the address shown on the entry form.

## 8. Officials

CLUB STEWARDS	Clive & John Rayson
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Melvin Sully (ACU 29789)
CHIEF MARSHAL	James Curgenvin
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING	Norton Selwood

## 9. Protests

Any protest must be lodged in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations C.5. The organisers are happy to accept protests but **will not** overturn a marshal's decision at any point.

## 10. Important Information

PLEASE NOTE – 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 IF NECESSARY.**

Any competitor reported to the Clerk of the Course for dropping litter (including cigarette ends and matches) or subjecting Marshals to unnecessary abuse, will be excluded from the results.

## 11. Insurance

For all motorcycle classes, the RTA cover for the event is provided under the ACU permit with no additional cost. Additional cover provided by this scheme is only effective while the vehicle is actively competing in the event and remains under the control or direction of the event organisers. Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

## 12. Results & Awards

PROVISIONAL RESULTS will be published and posted (where necessary) as soon as possible.

AWARDS will be presented as follows. A person may only win 1 award, with the exception of the Minehead Motor Club Ltd award.

Best Overall

Best Minehead Motor Club Ltd

1st in each Class

2nd in each Class

3rd in each Class

Best Lady Rider

Trophy and Replica

Subject to 3 starters

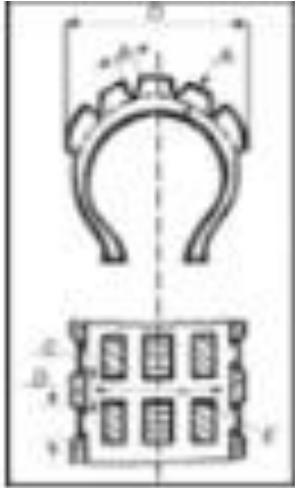
Subject to 8 starters

Subject to 12 starters

Subject to 3 starters

Awards will be presented at the Club's Dinner & Dance in February. All major trophies are to be held for 11 months (or less if requested by the Club).

## Appendix



### ACU Tyre.Regulations

Only tyres which conform to the following specification may be used. All tyres will be measured mounted on the rim inflated to a pressure of 14 lbs/sq.in, and must have a nominal aspect ratio of 100/100. Overall width (O) measured at wheel spindle height must not exceed 115mm. (Refer to diagram). Tread depth (A) must not exceed 13mm. All tread blocks in the same circumference must be of the same depth. The space between the tread blocks (B) must not exceed 9.5mm across the tyre or 13mm in a circumferential direction (C). The space between the shoulder blocks (D) must not exceed 22mm. The space across the tread (E) must not extend completely across the tyre measured at right angles to the tyre wall unless broken by a block. All main tread blocks must in principle be parallel with or at right angles to the tyre axis. (Tyre must have the same appearance if reversed and conform in principle with these diagrams). The tyre surface must not be fitted with any subsequently mounted elements such as anti-skid devices, chains, etc. NB: Only tyres available from commercial sources and complying with these dimensions are permitted in competitions. Where the event uses the public highway, tyres must be manufactured to comply with European Tyre & Rim Technical Organisation

and have the relevant markings. **Tyres for Long distance Trials** Only tyres normally available from commercial or retail sources for use on the public highway (specification as above under "Tyres") are authorised. They shall appear on the tyre manufacturers range catalogue or tyre specification list available to the general public. They must be manufactured to comply with European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) requirements in respect of load and speed codes and have a minimum service description of 45M. The use of MX and Enduro-type tread patterns are not permitted. The space between adjacent tread blocks must in principal not exceed 15mm (distance between tread block corners at diagonal groove intersections may exceed this dimension).

### Appendix for 3-Wheelers – Any Class E vehicles must comply with the following

- Seating must be side-by-side. Passengers must remain seated.
- Must have a floor of metal or other substantial material and be surrounded by body sides to a minimum height of 300mm above the uncompressed seat cushion
- The drive may be shaft or chain, driving one rear wheel only, or two wheels via a differential which is not a torque biasing device.
- Engine capacity is limited up to 1300cc.

### 13. Accommodation

There are rooms available at the Rest & Be Thankful Inn (start/finish) for bed & breakfast if required. There are also several local B&B's and campsites in and around Wheddon Cross, and hotel rooms in Minehead, approximately 9 miles from the start.



In memory of Dick Hutchings, longstanding Exmoor Clouds Clerk of the Course and Minehead Motor Club stalwart.

**MINEHEAD MOTOR CLUB LTD**

**THE 53<sup>rd</sup> Dick Hutchings Exmoor Clouds Classic Trial**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**  
**MOTORCYCLE ENTRY FORM**

FULL NAME OF ENTRANT/RIDER:

ADDRESS:

TEL NO:

E MAIL:

ACU REGISTRATION NO:

CLUB:

ACTC CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDER

YES/NO

ACTC NUMBER:

NAME OF PASSENGER (Class D only):

CLUB:

MAKE OF BIKE:

MODEL:

REG NO:

CLASS ENTERED:

ENGINE SIZE:

TYRES (FRONT) MAKE:

MODEL:

SIZE:

TYRES (REAR) MAKE:

MODEL:

SIZE:

NAME OF ONE OTHER COMPETITOR YOU WISH TO RUN WITH:

ENTRY FEE: **£30.00**

REMITTANCE ENCLOSED

£\_\_\_\_\_

Payment by bank transfer is available and the details are;

**Minehead Motor Club Ltd    A/C No: 00283826    Bank Sort Code: 30-19-57**

**Payment reference: Rider's first initial & surname followed by 0311**

**Cheques payable to Minehead Motor Club Ltd**

After completing both pages of this entry form, return it to: **Norton Selwood**

**3 Budgetts,  
West Buckland,  
Wellington,  
Somerset.  
TA21 9LF**

**Or email your completed form to [norton.selwood@hotmail.com](mailto:norton.selwood@hotmail.com)    Tel: 07949 926621**

Privacy & Permission We take your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your event entry. Details of our privacy policy are available on our website, [www.mineheadmotorclub.com](http://www.mineheadmotorclub.com). We would like to be allowed to contact you in the future to tell you about our events which we are running in the future. If you are happy to allow us to do this, please indicate here. **YES/NO**

**ALL COMPETITORS** please give contact name and telephone no of relative or friend in case of an emergency:

For Rider: Name:

Telephone No:

For Passenger: Name:

Telephone No:

This event is held under the National Sporting Code of the Auto-Cycle Union, the Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions issued. The ACU National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations are published annually in the ACU Handbook

**ENTRY DECLARATION:** I the undersigned apply to enter the event described above and in consideration thereof: -

I declare that I have had the opportunity to read, and that I understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the ACU Standing Regulations, such Supplementary Regulations as have or may be issued for the event, and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I confirm that I understand the nature and type of event I am entering and its inherent risks and agree to accept the same notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers or officials.

I confirm that I am not currently suspended from ACU permitted competition or on the ACU Stop List as a result of incurring a Concussion injury.

I accept that insurance arranged on my behalf by the organisers of events that I may enter specifically excludes liability between the participants. I understand that this form may be used in litigation as evidence that any serious injury will be principally the result of my voluntary decision to engage in a high risk activity.

I consent to details of any injuries I may suffer at this event being passed between all medical services and the Clerk of the Course. I consent to the collection and retention of my personal information by the ACU.

I confirm that the machine(s) as described below which I shall participate on shall be suitable and proper for the purpose. I confirm that I am eligible to compete on the machines for which I have entered.

I confirm that if any part of the event takes place on a public highway, the machine(s) described below shall be insured as required by the Road Traffic Acts, or equivalent legislation, and that they will comply with the regulations in respect thereof.

I accept responsibility for any items borrowed from the Organiser during the course of the event. These items include but are not restricted to (safety clothing, transponders, accessories). I understand that I am liable for the cost or replacement of any items lost or not returned and non-payment or non-replacement of items borrowed may affect my entry into subsequent events. I confirm that I have not been refused an ACU Licence, nor had an ACU Licence suspended, nor have I been excluded from any ACU competition.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RISKS OF MOTORSPORT:** I understand that by taking part in this event I am exposed to a risk of death, becoming permanently disabled or suffering some other serious injury and I acknowledge that even in the event that negligence on the part of the ACU, any event organiser, any circuit owner, the promoter, the organising club, the venue owner, or any individual carrying out duties on their behalf were to be a contributory cause of any serious injury I may suffer, the dominant cause of any serious injury will always be my voluntary decision to take part in a high risk activity.

**I have read the above and acknowledge that my participation in motorsport is entirely at my own risk. I agree that I am required to register on arrival by "signing on" at the designated place before taking part in any Practice Session/Race, Trials or Enduro.**

Participant's signature: ..... Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over

Passenger's signature: ..... Please tick box if you are 18 years of age and over

**FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER AGE OF 18, DECLARATION OF PARENT, PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

**(COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)** I ..... the parent/person with parental responsibility of the above named participant, hereinafter referred to as 'my child', accept that my child may participate in the aforementioned meeting. I declare as follows: - I have read and understood the "Acknowledgement of the risks of motorsport" which appears above. I appreciate the dangers inherent in motorsport which include the risk of death or permanent disablement. The child does not suffer from any physical, medical or mental disability which would make it unsafe for him/her to participate either as a Competitor or for Practice. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that the child and I have had the opportunity to read and understand the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Standing Regulations, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions subsequently issued and this Entry Form and that he/she will comply with them. I accept that photographs or video films may be taken of my child by officials dealing with safety issues or accident investigations. Photographs may also be taken for promotional purposes and may appear on the ACU website or in ACU publications.

Signature of Rider's Parent, Person with Parental Responsibility:..... Date: .....

Full Name & Address .....

Signature of Passenger's Parent, Person with Parental Responsibility:..... Date: .....

Full Name & Address.....

**Extract from NSC Article 7.14:** A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.