



## THE ARBUTHNOT TRIAL - 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**General.** The Arbuthnot Trial is a long-distance British Motorcycle trial for classic and vintage machines organised by the Salisbury Motorcycle and Light Car Club Ltd in the style of the period between the wars. The Trial is run on the public road, permitted byways, and private land and takes in approximately 80 miles of the Wiltshire chalk down countryside. The trial is run in a relaxed format, with riders requested to wear period clothing. Sections will be on private land with no element of competition on the public highway.

**Jurisdiction.** Held under the Standing Trials Regulations and the National Sporting Code of the ACU, the standing Trials Regulations of the Southern Centre of the ACU, these Supplementary Regulations and any Final Instructions. The trial is run under a Restricted Permit under the jurisdiction of the ACU. Restricted means that it is closed to club members, but day membership is available for purchase by non-club members. ACU licences must be produced at sign on, but for those without, trials day licences will be available for purchase.

**Locations.** The start and finish at The Barford Inn, Barford St Martin, Nr Salisbury, SP3 4AB, with parking available in a nearby field. The start will be signed from the A30/B3089 in Barford St Martin village. Signing on and scrutineering will take place in the car park to the rear of the pub starting at 0800hrs on 5 Sep 2021. The lunch stop will be at the Rushmore Golf Club, Tollard Royal.

**COVID 19 Restrictions.** The COVID 19 pandemic will impact upon the running of the trial. The Club has two main priorities, firstly to prevent illness through the spread of the virus and secondly to ensure compliance with all government guidelines and the law. The format of the trial will be modified to ensure compliance with MH Government and ACU guidance and the following may be applied: Wearing of face coverings, no scrutineering, no direct signing on, steps taken to limit the numbers in the start, lunch break and finish areas, no observers, group starts of 6 riders with a nominated group observer, staggered start times, lunch times and finish times, and any other measures that the organisers deem to be required. Competitors will be informed of the format in the final instructions.

**Officials.** The following officials have been appointed:

Clerk of the Course	Karen Clark	12857
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Mike Doolittle	143304
Secretary of the meeting	Mike Tizard	24209 18 Sherfield, Winterbourne Dauntsey, SP46HF
Assistant Secretary	Mike Rye	50789
Chief Steward	Ian Standen	
Machine Examiner	Martin Fildes	187826
Starter	Roy Webb	

**Machine Classes.** The event is open to motorcycles of British manufacture in the following classes:

- A. Competition Girder Fork Rigid Solo
- B. Competition Telefork Rigid Solo
- C. Competition Sidecar Rigid and Sprung
- D. Competition Pre-unit 4 stroke and pre-60 2 stroke Solo – Harder Route – Red Markers
- E. Competition Unit 4 stroke and pre-75 2 stroke Solo – Harder route – Red Markers
- F. Easy Route covering, Colonial Girder Fork Rigid Solo, Colonial Telefork Rigid Solo, Colonial Sidecar Rigid and Sprung, and any other machine riding the Easy Route – Green Markers.

(Colonial is defined as motorcycles normally used on the road, with road tyres and fitted with working lights)



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**Starting procedure.** All motorcycles must be examined prior to starting the event. Riders and Passengers must sign on. Motorcycles will depart at 1-minute intervals starting at 0900hrs. Starting times will be issued with the final instructions. Entry numbers are limited to 100 and a voluntary time limit of 7 hours is in place. ACU provided Road Traffic Insurance is in place after signing on and for the duration of the competition only.

**Route.** A route card will be provided and much of the course will be marked. The route takes the riders to outskirts of Salisbury and as far west as Shaftsbury with much of the course on permitted byways linked via private land. The byways are open to other users and caution is required at all times, giving due consideration to other users such as walkers and horse riders. Please be polite, considerate and stop your engines near horses. There are no petrol stations on route, but a fuel point will be provided by the organisers at the lunch stop. A fuel can, clearly marked with the rider's number, can be deposited at the start. A 1 hour compulsory break will be imposed at the lunch stop; riders must sign in and sign out.

**Section Marking.** As per ACU Trials Standing Regulations 18. Principal Route – Blue (left) Red (right), Easy Route marked with Green markers. Hard Route marked with RED markers. Please note if you wish to change class on the day and ride a different route it will be on a no-award basis.

**Penalties.** As per ACU Trials Standing Regulations 22B. This is a non-stop trial. In summary 0, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 for missing a section or check point. 1 point per minute of lateness after the allotted start time.

**Ties.** Ties will be decided by the special test time(s); fastest wins. Thereafter Trial Standing Regulation 23A applies.

**Protests.** The organizers are determined that the Arbuthnot will continue to enjoy the reputation of a day of enjoyment & friendly sport for classic motorcycles in the company of like-minded enthusiasts. Protest are welcomed and should be accompanied by a fee of £30, the protest will not be considered, but the fee will be gratefully passed directly to the A.C.U. Benevolent Fund.

**Results.** The results will be produced as soon as possible after the event. They will be posted on the club website and emailed or posted to competitors.

**Entries.** Entries open on 5 April 2021 and close at midnight on 31 July 2021. The method of entry is by using the ACU Event entry system only. Paper entries will be considered by exception and by emailing the secretary or writing in advance to: The Arbuthnot Secretary, 18 Sherfield, Winterbourne Dauntsey, SALISBURY, Wiltshire, SP4 6HF.

**Fees.** Solo £30, Sidecar £35, Team £3 each. Fees include club day membership of £3

#### **Other points of note.**

**Tyres.** Road legal trials tyres only as per the ACU specification; MX and Enduro tyres are not permitted. Colonial classes should be fitted with road or period specification tyres.

**Shadow riders.** Shadow riders are not allowed. These are riders that typically follow the competitors on other motorcycles but are not competing in the trial. They are not permitted on private land and will be stopped. It is important for the future of the trial that this practice is stopped and to that end, if a shadow rider is found to be linked to a competitor, the competitor will be disqualified.

**Awards.** Awards will be given for the winner and runner up in each class. There will also be awards for the greatest combined age of rider & machine minus the loss of marks, and for the best lady rider.

**What to expect.** The Arbuthnot trial aims to bring likeminded motorcyclists together for a day's ride in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, while testing themselves and their machines in a competitive environment. We will try to put on as many sections as possible, but in reality around 12 is the



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maximum. If the weather is poor it can be a long hard ride in demanding conditions, and it is always a good test of man and machine. We hope you enjoy it.

**Paperless.** The Club is attempting to go paperless and is only accepting entries via the ACU website and communication via email. It is recognised that this will not suit everyone, but please make every effort to reduce paper; email is quicker and is free. Thank you.

Mike Tizard – Secretary of the meeting.

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