



**The Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd.**  
**South Durham Section**  
**38<sup>th</sup> BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL REGULATIONS**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010**  
Permit No: AMCA/CT/

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- The South Durham Section of the Vintage Motorcycle Club Ltd (VMCC) will hold, on Sunday 19th September 2010, the 38<sup>th</sup> Beamish Trophy Trial for MOTORCYCLES & TRICYCLES manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1980.
- The event is open to members of the VMCC only, who must produce their current membership card at the start. Untaxed machines will not be allowed to start. Day membership is available for non-members at an additional fee of £3 which must be paid with the entry fee.
- Please see the trophies and awards section for the different classes of vehicle.

**2. DESCRIPTION**

- The start and finish of the Trial will be at The New Board Inn, Hill Top, Esh, Co. Durham.
- The first vehicle will leave at 09.00am & the remainder will follow at one-minute intervals. The route consists of over one hundred miles of Northern Dales and is based on the Travers Trophy Trial of the 1920's and a South Shields MC Trial of about 1925. There are a number of testing hills, some of which are untarred.
- Entrant's knowledge of the Highway Code and motoring history will be tested en route. Detailed route cards will be issued and some parts of the route will be marked out but the onus for finding the correct route rests entirely with the rider/driver.
- There will be a lunch stop of one hour at Allenheads (compulsory).

**3. ENTRIES**

- Entries will be received on the official entry form accompanied by the entry fee of £11-00. It is no longer necessary to include postage stamps or pre-addressed envelopes with entry forms.
- Entries are limited to 120 starting times and may well be over-subscribed in this case preference will be given to older machines. No entries will be accepted on the day.
- To help us keep administration costs to a minimum we prefer to use email where possible.

**4. COMPETITION**

- Observed Driving. To come close to the original Trials, observed sections will be marked on the test hills (off-road). Entrants must make an unbroken climb through these sections and must not stop within sight of the sections, otherwise the following penalties apply:

For stopping in the section	10 points
For footing, pedalling or running alongside	5 points
For failing to pull away without assistance after a baulk	5 points
For stopping in sight of a section	5 points

- Allowance will be made for baulking should this occur. Safe riding practice may be observed at secret check points.
- Check Points. Entrants will be stopped to answer questions on the Highway Code (past & present) or on motoring history.

**5. TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

- Each new entrant will receive a commemorative lapel badge plus date bar. Previous entrants will receive a date bar.
- The date bars will be in Gold for a 1<sup>st</sup> class award, Green for a 2<sup>nd</sup> class award, Red for all other finishers and Blue for non-finishers. A 1<sup>st</sup> class award will be gained by the top 15% of all finishers & a 2<sup>nd</sup> class award for the next 25%. Passengers will also be eligible for a badge/date bar (they must be named on your entry form).
- Lapel badges and date bars will be awarded along with the results after the Trial.
- Only those entrants who finish will be eligible for a trophy. The trophies are awarded for one year only and must be returned at the receiver's expense when requested by the organisers. A replica will be awarded as a permanent memento.
- The trophies to be awarded are as follows:

Richard Hore Memorial Trophy	Best Overall Performance
Colin Myers Shield	Best Performance by a two stroke motorcycle
Whitbank Plate	Best Performance by a military motorcycle
KEP Services Shield	Best Performance by a non-British machine
Durham City Council Trophy	Best Performance by a new entrant
South Durham VMCC Trophy	Best Performance by a pre-1931 motorcycle (unlimited)
Durham Classic Motorcycle Club Trophy	Best Performance by a 1931-40 motorcycle over 450cc
T.W. Walton Trophy	Best Performance by a 1931-40 motorcycle under 450cc
Durham Bikes Trophy	Best Performance by a 1941-50 motorcycle over 450cc

Cestria Tyres Trophy	Best Performance by a 1941-50 motorcycle under 450cc
Jim Ruck Shield	Best Performance by a 1951-60 motorcycle over 450cc
Armthorpe Fabrications Trophy	Best Performance by a 1951-60 motorcycle under 450cc
D.C.M.C. Crook Members Trophy	Best Performance by a 1961-70 motorcycle over 450cc
Two Plus Four Motorcycle Road Training Trophy	Best Performance by a 1961-70 motorcycle under 450cc
Ken Blacklock N.E.M.C. Trophy	Best Performance by a 1971-79 motorcycle over 450cc
Allenheads Inn Trophy	Best Performance by a 1971-79 motorcycle under 450cc
Merlin Coachworks Sidecar Trophy	Best Performance by a motorcycle combination
Sir Tom Cowie Trophy	Best Performance by a tricycle
Castle Eden Brewery Trophy	Best Performance by a light weight motorcycle under 200cc
Northumbria VMCC Trophy	Oldest Vehicle to complete the Trial
Connaughton Contractors Shield	Vehicle travelling greatest distance to Trial under own power
Ace Motorcycle Training Trophy	Oldest combined age vehicle and rider
Pops Hinde Trophy	Best Performance by an entrant aged 65 or over

#### 6. TIES

- Should a tie occur the older machine will win.

#### 7. BONUS POINTS

- These will count towards all trophies listed above, as follows:

Machine built before 1930	30pts	Two speed	12pts	Single speed	20pts
Machine built 1931-1945	20pts	Each passenger	6pts	Road tyres (normal road tread)	10pts
Machine built 1946-1960	10pts	Sidecar	5pts	Under 200cc	10pts

#### 8. VEHICLE AND PASSENGER

- After the closing date for entries it will not be permitted to transfer an entry to another rider/driver, and a vehicle may only be changed with the consent of the organiser. The same vehicle must be used throughout the Trial.
- The major component parts of all vehicles must be of contemporary manufacture to the stated year of manufacture shown on the entry form for the vehicle or must be restored or remade to the contemporary specification. If a competitor has any doubts about their entry in relation to this requirement, they should discuss this with the organisers.
- Please ensure that your insurance is in order and covers you for the Trial.
- Be sure your vehicle is in sound condition, especially the brakes, as the route is designed to be testing like the old trials.
- Try not to baulk other competitors or road users. Pull over to allow faster traffic to pass.
- Two numbers will be provided and must be displayed clearly front and rear throughout the Trial and removed immediately afterwards. Whilst wearing these numbers you are clearly identified as an entrant and it is a condition of entry that you at no time behave in anyway which is likely to bring disrepute to the Trial or it's organisers regardless of the provocation.
- Entrants are advised to wear adequate and suitable motorcycle clothing.

#### 9. BREAKDOWN

- A breakdown service will be provided and will be limited to help with minor repairs and removal to the nearest town or village. Entrants should ensure that they have adequate recovery/breakdown assistance (RAC, AA, etc) and that they have sufficient petrol to complete the route. Petrol is available at Alston in the morning. It may also be available at Stanhope, with a slight detour off the route, however, please make your own arrangements for fuel, if necessary.

#### 10. ACCOMODATION AND MEALS

- There is overnight camping available at The New Board Inn. Please email or call for more information or to register for camping.
- Arrangements have been made for entrants and friends to pre-order breakfast at the Board Inn and lunch at the Allenheads Inn. See the entry form for details.

#### 11. ALTERATIONS

- The organisers reserve the right to alter these regulations, should circumstances make it necessary, & can accept no responsibility for any inconvenience this may cause.

**ENTRY INTO THE TRIAL IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE REGULATIONS  
AND ANY SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED.**

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