

Whickham & District Motor Club

presents

The Tranwell Production Car Autotest

Sunday 29th October 2023



Archie Simmonds/Tom Hall winning the last PCA at Tranwell

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Welcome to the Tranwell PCA, we have not used this venue for a little while but are pleased we have it for this event. All competitors and marshals will be given a £5 voucher to be used at the catering van.

We have limited the number of entries to 30 in order to reduce time standing around between runs and to make the day as enjoyable as possible for those competing. Please enter early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you on October 29th.

The organising team.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. Announcement

Whickham & District Motor Club Ltd will promote a Clubmans permit Production Car Autotest on Sunday 29th October 2023.

The event will take place at Tranwell. The map reference is 88/169824 and the What Three Words reference for the entrance is confetti.slot.agenda

2. Jurisdiction

The event will be held under the general rules of Motorsport UK Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the ISC of the FIA), these supplementary regulations and any further instructions the organisers may issue. A Motorsport UK Clubmans Production Car Autotest permit has been applied for.

Competitors should familiarise themselves with the Motorsport UK General Regulations Section M Autotests.

3. Eligibility

The event is open to members of Whickham & DMC and the following invited clubs; Alnwick & DMC, Berwick & DMC, Durham AC, Hadrian MC, Hartlepool MC, Hawick & Borders CC, Hexham & DMC, Spadeadam MC, Stockton & DMC, Tynemouth MC, Rotherham MC, Wigton MC and York MC. Membership of Whickham & DMC will be available to non members if required. A Motorsport UK RS Clubmans licence (or higher grade) is required and entrants must produce current club membership cards at Documentation. A Motorsport UK RS Clubmans licence is free of charge but must be applied for in advance, you can do this here;-

<https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

4. Vehicles

All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK regulations J5, M4 and M19.

Noise testing to Motorsport UK regulation J5.18 will be carried out (maximum 100 db(A) at 4,500rpm at 0.5m).

All open top cars must have either a hard top fitted or hood erected when competing on the event.

All competing vehicles should carry a small Spill Kit.

Competing cars need not be taxed or have a current MOT certificate but must be in a condition that would allow them to be driven on the public highway.

5. Programme

Entry list opens	On publication of these regulations and entry forms
Entry list closes	18:00 hrs Wednesday 25 th October
Final Instructions Issued	Thursday 26 th October
Scrutineering and Documentation	07.00 – 09.00hrs Sunday 29 th October
Competitor's Briefing	09.15 hrs Sunday 29 th October
First Car Starts	09:30 hrs Sunday 29 th October
First Car Finishes (approx.)	15:45 hrs Sunday 29 th October

Please be aware the clocks go back by 1 hour on 29th October.

6. Event Format

There will be 10 tests planned. The times from all tests will count. The final test will start no later than 15:30.

The test surface is dirty concrete & Tarmac with a tiny amount of smooth gravel

Traffic cones and other barriers with a minimum height of 400mm will be used as course markers on the tests.

Walking the tests is permitted up until 09:15 on October 29th. After this time competitors are not allowed to access the test areas on foot.

All test times will count towards a competitor's final result.

Test diagrams will be emailed with the final instructions and paper copies will be issued on October 29th.

Start Marshals will give the start signal for all tests both visually and verbally, counting down from 5 and lowering their arm at "Zero" at which point the competitor should start. All test will finish with a 'stop astride' line at which point the finish marshal shall stop the stopwatch, competitors must then move slowly forward 10 metres to receive their time from the marshal.

7. Classes

- Class 1 All Front Wheel Drive Cars
- Class 2 All Rear Wheel Drive Cars
- Class 3 All Four Wheel Drive Cars
- Class 4 Junior Drivers in Cars of 1600cc or less

Juniors are defined as drivers aged 21 or under on the 29th October 2023.

If there are fewer than 3 cars entered in any one class, then the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes as appropriate.

8. Awards

Awards will be presented as follows:-

1st, 2nd and 3rd overall

1st in each class (subject to a minimum of 3 starters in each class)

Overall award winners may not win class awards. Additional awards may be notified in the Final Instructions.

9. Entries

The entry fee is £60.00 per crew of driver and navigator.

All entries must be made via the rallies.info web based entry system, accessed via

<https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2023/whickhamoctpca/>

Payment can be made by BACS, Credit Card (using the Stripe system), cheque (payable to Whickham & District Motor Club Ltd) or cash delivered by hand only to the Entries Secretary at home or on a club night.

The Entries Secretary is:

Gordon Bradford

13 Beverley Drive

Swalwell

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

NE16 3EH

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Entry fees will be refunded in full if the entry is withdrawn prior to 23.59 hrs on Wednesday 25th October 2023. Withdrawals must be made in writing or by fax or e-mail, verbal withdrawals will not be accepted. Refunds for withdrawals made after this time will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Dual entries for the same car will not be permitted.

The maximum entry for the event is 30 cars, the minimum is 18. The maximum for each class is unlimited, the minimum is 3. Should any of the minimum figures not be reached the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes, reduce the award list or cancel the event as they deem appropriate.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt, following receipt of payment. The organising club reserves the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.

10. Officials

Club Steward

Clerk of the Course

TBC

Jimmy Knox

Deputy Clerk of the Course	Kevin Knox		
Secretary to the Meeting	Andrew Pollard		
Entries Secretary	Gordon Bradford	07412 107269	gordon.bradford1@gmail .com
Chief Marshal	Ken Watson	07943 094458	kenewatson@talktalk.net
Results	Peter Grant		
Scrutineer	Colin Salkeld	07860 960489	colinsalkeld@btinternet.com

11. Results

Provisional results will be issued as soon as possible after the event. Any protest must be in accordance with the General Regulations of Motorsport UK.

12. Route Instructions

All crews will be issued with Timecards and test diagrams at Documentation. Test Diagrams will also be issued with the Final Instructions.

Competitors are free to make notes and annotations to the supplied test diagrams. The use of any form of notes prepared as a separate document is prohibited. Any crew found using such a document will be excluded from the event.

13. Identification

Cars will be identified by numbered plates which must be fixed to both rear side windows where possible.

14. Penalties and Timing

The test starting signal will be on the instruction of the start marshal.

Competitors will be timed using stopwatches or on 'time of day' using ECM clocks. All tests will be timed to the previously completed second.

The onus on obtaining the correct time lies with the competitor.

In the event of a query, the time recorded on the timecard will be used.

Ties will be resolved in favour of the competitor recording the faster time (including any penalties) on the first test. If a tie still remains, the time taken on the second test shall be considered and so on until the tie is resolved.

Penalties will be as per Motorsport UK General Regulations Section M Table M7 but modified as follows:-

- (a) No Change Each minute late at the start or restart 5 secs *
- (b) No Change Not attempting or being ready to attempt a test when instructed to do so 20 secs*
- (c) Modified to Not performing a test correctly other than in (d) or (e) or not completing the test or making a false start:- Test Maximum.
- (d) Simplified to - Striking a marker cone 5 secs
- (e) Modified to – Failing to stop at a "stop astride" line. 10 secs
- (f) Modified to – Every second taken to complete a test 1 sec

A competitor taking the wrong route on a test will be permitted to rectify their error and revert to the correct route without penalty unless they have passed 2 or more consecutive course markers before rectifying their error.

15. Insurance

The Motorsport UK insurance cover for the event provides cover for third party damage caused on the event, subject to an excess payable by the organisers of £450.00 per individual claim. This excess will be passed on to the competitor(s) causing the damage.

16. Data Protection Act

Prospective competitors are advised that information supplied on the entry form will be held on a computer and used for the administration of the event. Details may also be passed on to other event organisers for the purpose of the circulation of event publicity or regulations. If you do not want your details circulated please indicate this on the entry form.

17. Competitors Under the Age of 18

Any competitor under the age of 18 must;

- α) Have their entry form countersigned by a parent or guardian.
 - β) Have a parent or guardian complete the Parental Consent Form attached with these SR's
- AND
- χ) Have a person with them at documentation to countersign the Signing On sheet, or alternatively have someone with them who is authorised in writing by their parent or guardian to countersign on their behalf.

Please note if there is no parental or guardian consent in accordance with the above, then those under 18 years of age cannot be permitted to take part in the event.

18. Minimum Ages

The minimum age for a driver is 14, providing that their passenger holds a full RTA license and has previous autotest experience.

The minimum age for a passenger is 12, providing that their driver holds a full RTA license and has previous autotest experience.

19. Support vehicles and trailers

There is limited space in the paddock area. In addition to the competing car, competitors may bring no more than one 'support vehicle'. If you do not need access to this vehicle during the day, please park it outside the venue.

20. Acknowledgements

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