

Introduction

Welcome to the Ross Traders Historic Tour 2008. We have listened to the comments in our winter survey and incorporated the majority of the improvements where possible: where you generally liked the way we ran the event, we have left things unchanged!

As usual, we will be at The Royal Oak Inn at Much Marcle for the optional Friday evening scrutineering session, where you can enjoy a good meal and social gathering. Meals from the extensive menu will be available from 1830, but the venue is popular with locals, so you may want to book a table in advance: Tel. 01531 660300. The Saturday morning start (Breakfast, Noise, Scrutineering and Documentation) will be at the Ross Auction Centre, as in recent years.

The total route will be about 148 miles with 120 miles of regularity. After an initial test at the start venue, one regularity will take you to the smooth tarmac roads of the Whitfield Estate for four tests. A second regularity is followed by three more Whitfield tests and the lunch halt at a local pub (rather than a village hall – at your request). The first afternoon regularity will take you northwards to the Foxley Estate, with its grippy concrete surface, for the afternoon tests – wide, open, long tests – as this site has never been used before. Throughout all the tests we will retain our Solo-style numbered & arrowed cones system to help show the route. There are two final regularities, which will include one section timed to the minute – pre-plotted to let you concentrate on the timing – as you work your way back to Ross and to our own Clubhouse in Ross-on-Wye town centre. The bar will be open and a buffet meal will be provided by the Ladies of the Club while the results are being pegged out in the traditional Traders fashion.

The Traders apparently has a reputation for being tough navigationally. More changes! The 2008 event will NOT be difficult: you will not have trouble finding the route. As usual with the Traders, some of the route information will be given out in our comprehensive road book, and there will be some sections to pre-plot. There will also be handouts (with EASY navigation) before some sections.

We have a class for those who wish to drive the full route and compete on the tests, but who do not want any navigation. See ASR 9. They will be given marked maps, but obviously are not allowed to compete for overall awards.

We look forward to sharing the delights of the Ross Traders Historic Tour 2008 with you. For those needing accommodation before and/or after the event, the telephone number of the Ross Tourist Information Office is 01989 562768. You might like to see how the entry list is progressing with regular updates from mid June on our website at www.rossmotorsports.co.uk

A DVD will be made of the event this year; please see the advert for more info.

Simon, Russell, Duncan, Rob, Phill, Rob and the crew.

Ross Traders Historic Tour 2008

Supplementary Regulations

1. Ross & District Motor Sports Limited will organise a National B Historic Navigational Road Rally on Saturday 12th July 2008.
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd. (Incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), by these Supplementary Regulations and by any other written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
3. MSA Permit 47074 has been issued.
4. The event is open to all fully elected members of: **Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd., HRCR, Clubs in the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs, Clubs in the Association of South Western Motor Clubs.**
5. All crew members must produce a valid MSA Competition Licence and Club Membership card at signing on. Championship Registration cards will also be inspected, as appropriate.
6. The event is a round of the following championships:-
Richard Egger Insurance HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship (45/2008).
Maxsport Historic Rally Championship, with HRCR (28/2008).
Brian Dennis Motorsport Welsh Historic Rally Championship (4/2008).
Association of South Western Motor Clubs Historic Championship (12/2008).
7. The programme of the meeting will be:
Optional early Scrutineering from 7 – 9pm on Friday 11th July at The Royal Oak Inn, Much Marcle OS 149/662½2341½. Saturday Noise Test and Scrutineering will begin at 0715 at the Ross Auction Centre OS 162/606255½. Any competitor not signed on by 0845 may be excluded and replaced by a reserve. Car 1 starts at 0901 and the others at 1 minute intervals thereafter. The finish is from 1655 onwards in central Ross-on-Wye at the Ross & District Motor Sports Club clubhouse in Kyrle Street (162/600243).
8. Public roads will be used in a smooth route of approximately 148 miles, at an average speed of 30 mph or less, on OS Maps **149(B2), 161(B3) and 162(C2)**. Older editions 149(B1), 161(B1) and 162(C1) will suffice. Route and time instructions will be issued at the start and at other controls on the route. Regularity Sections will be timed to an accuracy of less than one minute unless otherwise stated. The event will also contain special tests on private roads/land timed to the second.

9. The event will have **ten classes**, viz:

- M 1** Masters competing in Category One cars;
- E 1** Experts competing in Category One cars;
- N 1** Novices competing in Category One cars;
- M 2** Masters competing in Category Two cars;
- E 2** Experts competing in Category Two cars;
- N 2** Novices competing in Category Two cars;
- M 3** Masters competing in Category Three cars;
- E 3** Experts competing in Category Three cars;
- N 3** Novices competing in Category Three cars;
- S** Starters competing in Category 1, 2, or 3 cars.

Classification of crew are defined as: **MASTER** – in which **either** crew member has twice finished in the first five overall of a National B road rally. **EXPERT** – neither a Master nor Novice. **NOVICE** – in which **neither** crew member has twice finished in the top fifteen places overall of a National B road rally, or won a novice class on any navigational rally (not counting 12 car events).

STARTER – Anyone wishing to ‘have a go’! Starters will be given B&W marked maps to transfer the route on to their own O.S. maps to drive the regularity sections and they will compete on the tests. All ITC’s, PC’s and RC’s will be treated as PC’s and no regularity timing will be taken into account. They will not be eligible for overall awards, only their class awards.

Categories of car are defined as: MSA Category One (pre-1968), Category Two (1968 to 1974) and Category Three (1975 to 1981). All competing cars must have been manufactured before 1st January 1982. Competitors may be required to present the Vehicle Registration Document (V5) as proof of period authenticity. All Category Three (1975 to 1981) cars **MUST** produce a valid MSA or FIA Historic Vehicle Identity Document for the vehicle.

All vehicles must be taxed and insured for the public highway. They must further comply with MSA Technical Regulations and in particular with C(b)7-26 and H117-119. Category Two and Three vehicles which do not fully comply with Technical Regulations H106 (a) (b) & (c) may be considered for acceptance subject to the organisers being granted specific vehicle waivers, as H123, by the MSA. **If you need a waiver, enter early and place any request for a waiver on the entry form.**

10. The entry list opens forthwith and closes finally at noon on Saturday 5th July 2008, or earlier if fully subscribed and including ten reserves. The entry fee is **£99.00**. All entries must be made on the official entry form, **fully completed and signed**, and include the entry fee. Please make any cheque payable to Ross & District Motor Sports Ltd. Final Instructions will be e-mailed (preferably) or posted to all entrants in the week before the event.

11. The Entries Secretary, to whom all entries must be sent, is:
Simon Harris, Woodlands, Anthony's Cross, NEWENT, Gloucestershire, GL18 1JF simonharris@lineone.net Telephone and Fax 01531 820761 not after 9.30pm please.

12. The maximum entry for the meeting is 60 and the minimum is 30. The minimum for each class is 3. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers reserve the right either to cancel the meeting or to amalgamate classes as necessary. **Entries will be taken in order of receipt** and will be acknowledged by e-mail (preferably) as accepted, reserve status or refused. Entry fees will be refunded in full if written notice of withdrawal of entry is received by the closing date. Thereafter, any refund will be at the discretion of the organisers.

13. Other Officials

Clerk of the Course	Simon Harris
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Russell Joseph
Secretary	Duncan Rudge
9 John Lee Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2FE. Tel: 01531 633152	
Chief Scrutineer	Kevin Baldwin
Chief Timekeeper	Graham Ford
Chief Marshals	Rob Gillett 01989 769506 (not after 8pm) Phill Sanders 01905 26452 or 07725 844792 or e-mail phill@coovey.com
Driving Standards Officer	tba
Competitor Liaison	tba
Noise Test	Nigel Smith
Stewards	tba

ALL offers to marshal on the Tour will be happily received by the Chief Marshals. Just phone either of them or e-mail – details above.

14. Awards will be presented to
First Overall - Ross Traders Trophy* & Navigator's Bowl* + awards;
First in each Class of 3 or more starters;
Second in each class of 6 or more starters;
Third in each class of 10 or more starters.

The Lewis Cup* and Rally 1960 Cup* will be awarded to the best Masters, The Duckham's Tray* and '58 Rally Committee Cup* will be awarded to the best Experts and The Vaughan Cup* and Members Challenge Cup* will be awarded to the best Novices.

The Wilton Garage Trophy* will be awarded to the best Ford car, and The Trayson Cup* will be awarded to the best placed Front Wheel drive car.

* remain the property of R&DMS Club and will be retained by the club.

15. Provisional Results will be displayed as soon as possible after the last crew finishes as C(a).64.

16. Any protests must be lodged in accordance with C(d).45-56.

17. Crews will be supplied at Saturday documentation with Time Cards and a Road Book, which will contain safety information, the master schedule, details of all tests and some route information. Further route instructions will be handed out at controls during the event. Competitors will be required make up any lateness at the lunch halt, between the Main Controls.

18. Competitors will be identified by numbers provided by the organisers and are responsible for displaying these at the rear of the car and on, or just below, the rear nearside window. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that these numbers **remain clear** throughout the event. The starting order will be determined by the organisers.

19. Marking and Penalties will be by the "Time" system as printed in MSA General Regulations H84 amended as follows:

b) Not reporting or reporting OTL at a TC or ITC	30 mins
c) Visiting a control more than once	30 mins
d) Not reporting at a Route Check or Passage Control	10 mins
g) Arrival before due time at the end of a Neutral Section	30 mins

On Special Tests

i) Making a false start	30 sec
ii) Every second taken to complete a test	1 sec
iii) Striking a bollard, barrier or pylon or crossing the barrier of a test	10 sec
iv) Failure to cross or stop at any line or specified position as required	10 sec
v) Wrong Test	Target Time

On Regularity Sections

i) Stopping within sight of an Intermediate Time Control (except stopping for road safety reasons)	5 mins
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20. All other General Regulations of the MSA apply as written except for the following which are modified:

H86 To be classified as a finisher, the crew together with the car which started the event must complete the event without incurring the penalty of exclusion.

H58 Controls open 15 minutes before the due time of the first car and close 30 minutes after the due time of the last car.

21. Ties will be resolved as H90.

22. Competitors must not carry any form of intercom (ie any method of voice amplification) or any radio transmitting device. Exceptionally, mobile phones may be carried for emergency use, but they must be switched off at all times during the event – including the lunch halt. Once a mobile telephone is switched on, the competitor is deemed to have retired or will be excluded.

23. Timing and controls

The event will be divided into Road Neutral Sections, Regularity Sections and Special Tests. The scheduled time for Car 0 at each Main and Time Control is given in the Road Book. By adding their competition number in minutes, each crew can determine their own scheduled time and if late, can calculate their due time at the next control by adding to their scheduled time, the number of minutes late at the previous control. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that times are correctly recorded on the Time Cards and that Time Cards are handed in when and where instructed. Once a time has been accepted by a competitor, no further claim of error, etc. will be entertained. Any corrections by a marshal must be made at that control and initialled by the marshal. Should any recorded time not be legible or not appear to be authentic, the organisers may use any means at their disposal to establish a time.

a) Main Controls (**MC**) are sited at the Start and Finish of the Tour and before and after the Lunch Halt. At MC3, after the Lunch Halt, competitors must absorb as much lateness as possible to regain their original scheduled time.

b) Time Controls are sited at the start of Regularity Sections (**RS**) and at the arrival points of Special Tests sites (**TAC**). Times are recorded in hours and minutes. There is no penalty for late arrival, except towards total lateness.

c) Timing on Tests. At Special Test Start (**STS**) each crew is given a start time in hours, minutes, seconds - normally the next whole minute or round 30 seconds. Once it is written on the Time Card, the marshal assumes the crew is ready to start the test and counts the competitors down to the written start time. At Special Test Finish (**STF**) the competitor's time will be recorded in hours, minutes, seconds. Alternatively, marshals with hand held stop watches may time the test. In this case, only the time taken in minutes and seconds (disregarding any fractions) will be recorded on the Time Card. All Special Tests have a Bogey Time set at 30 mph or less and a Target Time varying from test to test. Penalties are as follows:

Under Bogey	Bogey Time
Over Bogey Time and under Target Time	Actual Time
Over Target Time	Target Time

d) Timing on Regularity Sections: Intermediate Time Controls (**ITC**) are located within Regularity Sections to establish the time taken to complete each part of the Regularity Section; the location of these controls will be secret. At ITCs the times will be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds as the car stops at the control marshal (who will be close to the Control Board). Seconds will not be recorded at ITC's in Regularity Sections timed to the minute.

(Remember ASR19 - no stopping within sight of the control – except for road safety reasons).

The start time for the first portion of the regularity is the time at the TC/RS at the start of the regularity section. The start time for each subsequent portion of the Regularity Section is the finish time for the preceding portion.

e) Passage Controls (**PC**) or Route Checks (**PC**) or may be established at points on the Regularity or Road Sections to verify adherence to the route or to collect Time Cards from crews. These may be manned or consist of code boards, respectively, which must be recorded in the appropriate part of the Time Card. No times will be recorded.

24. Insurance: Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd have applied to Lockton, for a Blanket Cover Note under their Motor Sports Club Scheme. This will provide competitors who need to use the Scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the Event. The basic rate for the Event (before any Loadings) will be £15.50

New applicants wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the broker's Declaration:

- Over 21 and held a full licence for at least 6 months
- Not more than 1 fault accident in last 3 years
- No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence
- No physical or mental disabilities
- No other material facts

If able to comply with all points above simply sign on at the Start, using the separate Signing on Form for Insurance. No Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

If unable to comply with any of the above points, complete the Declaration Form itself (available from the Entries Secretary or can be downloaded from the Lockton website at www.locktonmotorsports.co.uk) and forward **direct to** Lockton prior to the Event to allow sufficient time for Letter of Acceptance to be issued. Faxed copies are acceptable.

Lockton (Risk Services), Motor Sports Club Scheme, Hanover House, 30/32 Charlotte Street, Manchester, M1 4FD. Tel 0161 242 8307

25. Judges of Fact will be appointed by the organisers and will include all marshals. **Driving Standards Observers** may also be appointed in accordance with H39 & H40.

26. The correct route is the shortest distance on yellow class roads or above while following the information given on the route cards. Do not use white class roads unless specifically instructed to do so. No marking on the maps will be allowed, highlighting of existing information is permitted.

27. Do not use the same section of road twice, unless specifically instructed to do so.

28. The official photographer for the event will be Julie Johnson.
www.daisyroot.com e-mail motorsport@daisyroot.com

We hope you will enjoy your day's motor sport

Previous Traders Winners

1992	Colin Miles	Pete Lawrence
1993	Phil Stroud	Dave Harris
1994	Dick Appleton	Mark Appleton
1995	Dick Appleton	Mark Appleton
1996	Geoff Twigg	Andy Gibson
1997	Ali Green	Mick Briggs
1998	Nick Payne	Anthony Preston
1999	Geoff Twigg	Graham Carter
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2001	No Event – F M D	
2002	Terry Pickering	Anthony Preston
2003	Terry Pickering	Anthony Preston
2004	Ali Green	Mick Briggs
2005	Geoff Breakell	Nigel Raeburn
2006	Dave Keen	Andy Berry
2007	Martin Neal	Andy Gibson

