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THE VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LTD.

A Non-Territorial Club affiliated to the A.C.U., B.M.F., member of the F.B.H.V.C., M.C.I.A. and associated with the R.A.C.

NORTH BIRMINGHAM SECTION

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Levis Cup (Road) Trial – 2021 **Format and Regulation change.**

Dear Competitor.

The Levis Cup Trial was first introduced into the VMCC's calendar of events during the 1954 season using, as near as possible, the original test hills and timing scheme. Within a couple of years, the timing scheme was modified by the introduction of a 24mph average – most probably due to the increased average speeds possible on better surfaced roads.

Since its introduction to the VMCC's calendar of events almost seventy years ago there have been a number of changes, some retained others discarded of which the most significant may be considered as the removal of the no-stopping rule and the fixed petrol stops, the introduction of time-cards and the introduction and later removal of a restriction to pre-1945 machinery.

In recent years there has been discussions within the club regarding and resulting in clarification and re-definition of dating classification for club-eligible machinery. This together with the cancellation of the 2020 event, the loss of a long-standing supporter of the event and the end of my second three-year ACU Clerk of the Course "ticket" has prompted a review of the event with particular emphasis on both clarifying anomalies and simplifying its organisation and staging. This review is, in effect, a succession planning exercise to, I hope, ensure others will feel comfortable in taking on this now unique event within the vintage calendar.

The following is a description or clarification of the event details which have been subject to change or amendment which includes changes to breakdown and recovery provision and the introduction of an electronic payment facility (paypal).

Martyn Round. Secretary / Clerk of the Course.

Event Name:

The Levis Cup (Road) Trial.

(The Marjorie Cottle Trophy Trial will be fully incorporated as a defined class within the Levis Cup (Road) Trial.)

Event Status:

This is a "Time Limit Event" within the meaning of the Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials) Regulations.

As the rules of the event require competitors to follow a specified route and to maintain an average speed on the public highway of above 10mph but less than 30 mph.

The event may be considered as a time-speed-distance (TSD) event or Regularity Run.

Entry Limitation:

Maximum number of entrants – 80

Machine eligibility:

1. Solo or combination motorcycles of unlimited cylinder capacity manufactured no later than 31st December 1960. (pre-1961)
2. Three-Wheel Cycle-Cars/Light Cars of unlimited cylinder capacity manufactured no later than 31st December 1944. (pre-1945)
3. Solo or combination motorcycles of 200cc maximum cylinder capacity manufactured no later than 31st December 1965. (pre-1966)

Entrant eligibility:

Entrants (Competitors) must be fully paid-up members of the VMCC.

And by invitation, at the organiser's discretion, fully paid-up members of "similar interest" clubs (subject to a one-day VMCC membership fee).

Afternoon re-start.

The re-start following the lunch break will be a "deemed to be" start where competitors are responsible for leaving the lunch venue at their allotted time. There will be no marshalling of competitors and machines and no "flagging away".

The Flexibility Test (Whitbatch Hill).

The Flexibility test will be discontinued with no timings being recorded.

(Event and rider insurance wording together with event authorisation requirements make the staging of the "Flexibility Test" problematic for both participants and organisers.)

Whitbatch Hill will be retained as a conventional "Observed Section".

Result Ties:

The Flexibility Test has been used to settle the difference when result ties occur therefore in its absence an alternative set of criteria must be established as:

Age of Machine / Cylinder Capacity / No of cylinders / Valve arrangement / Available gearbox ratios / Age of competitor.

Odometers:

Odometers *must be covered* and electronic average-speed timing devices or similar timing equipment *must not* be used, and if fitted must be removed or rendered in-operative and covered prior to starting the event. *Uncovered odometers and/or timing devices observed at any time during the trial will incur one 30-minute time penalty.*

Awards. In order of presentation:

Awards, Group 1:

(Outright performance awards for best performance by any competitor.)

The Levis Cup	Premier award	Open to all competitors.
The Alec Ross Cup	Runner-up award	Open to all competitors.
The Alice Round Cup	Best opposite class award	Open to all competitors.

(Opposite Class taken to mean opposite class of “configuration” that is a solo m/cycle vs combination or three-wheeler.)

Awards, Group 2:

(Awards for the next best performance by competitors riding machines of a specified marque or configuration not awarded an outright performance award.)

The Calthorpe 100gns Cup	Single-Speed award	Any pre-1945 single speed machine.
The Con Whitlock Cup.	Two-Speed award	Any pre-1945 two-speed machine.
The Rolly Newton Cup	Sidecar award	Any M/cycle combination.
The Levis Tankard	Marque award	Any Levis motorcycle.
The Sgt H.J.Colley VC.MM Trophy		

Any WD machine from the periods 1914-1918 or from 1939 – 1945 (1914-1918 machines taking precedence).

Awards, Group 3:

(Award for the next best performance by competitors riding machines of a specified age or size class not awarded an outright or machine specific award.)

The Geo Yeomans Cup	Veteran award	Any pre-1915 machine
The Bert LeVack Trophy	Vintage award	Any 1915 – pre-1931 machine.
The Omyga Trophy	Post- Vintage award	Any 1931 – pre-1945 machine
The Classic Cup	Post-War award	Any 1945 – pre-1961 machine.
The Marjorie Cottle Cup	Post-War (200cc limit)	Any 1945 – pre-1966 machine. Of 200cc capacity or less..

Awards, Group 4:

(Awards for the next best performance by a team or specific rider irrespective of machine class.)

The Albert Mattox Trophy. Team award
Any combination of three machines but must include at least one pre 1931 machine.

The Trevor Bull Trophy. Participant award.
Award open to members of the Worcester and North Birmingham sections not winning a main award.

The Endeavour Award Participant award.
Clerk of the Course’s award to recognise to meritorious effort during the event.

Breakdown / Recovery.

There will be NO provision of a breakdown recovery service whether by car and trailer or panel van. A decision taken in the light of increasing availability of insurer-provided recovery and the reluctance of volunteers – paid or otherwise to provide a service which is fraught with insurance grey-areas.

Temporary Afternoon Format Change.

At the time of event planning and permitting there remains uncertainty regarding “social distancing” rules that may apply to the hospitality sector at the end of September 2021. Accordingly, the competitive element of the 2021 event will be limited to the morning route only so as to allow an extended lunch stop should service at The Squirrel be restricted or delayed. A non-competitive return route will be provided. Please note that the end of the event and signing-off will remain at the Lenchford.

Entry Fee Payment.

The section has established a **paypal** facility with a link on the section website as an alternative to the traditional cheque payment for entry fees.

The name associated with the account is Ian Goodhall (Section Treasurer) and when prompted we ask that your payment is logged as a “transfer to family or friend” – so as to avoid commercial charges. We would also ask that any payment is referenced with your name and “Levis Trial”

Paypal link:

https://paypal.me/northbirminghamvmcc?locale.x=en_GB

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