

Whickham & District Motor Club

presents

The February Production Car Autotest

Sunday 3rd February 2019

On behalf of Whickham & District Motor Club and after a break of 3 years, we would like to welcome you to our Production Car Autotest.

This is the first event to be run at the former Whittle Colliery site, which sits beside the A1 between Alnwick and Morpeth. The site is due for redevelopment shortly and we have the opportunity to run an event before works start.

The site is almost half a mile long and will allow us to set out 4 individual tests using the very good quality tarmac and concrete surfaces, with only a minimal amount of smooth gravel.

We look forward to seeing both previous and new autotest competitors in February.

The organisers

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. Announcement

Whickham & District Motor Club Ltd will promote a Clubmans permit Production Car Autotest on Sunday 3rd February 2019.

The event will take place at the former Whittle Colliery site, Newton on the Moor, Northumberland, NE65 9LG (Ref 81 / 174065).

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. Motorsport UK Clubman's Production Car Autotest permit no 110788 has been issued.

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 competition licence is not required but entrants must produce current club membership cards at Documentation.

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).

Tyres - Only vehicles with road pattern tyres will be permitted to start the event. The use of M&S tyres, gravel tyres and knobbles will not be permitted. The Scrutineer's decision on this will be final. Any queries should be addressed to the Scrutineer before the event.

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	23.59 hrs Wednesday 30 th January
Final Instructions Issued	Monday 28 th January
Scrutineering and Documentation	07.30 – 08.45 hrs Sunday 3 rd February
Competitor's Briefing	09.00 hrs Sunday 3 rd February
First Car Starts	09.30 hrs Sunday 3 rd February
First Car Finishes (approx.)	16.00 hrs Sunday 3 rd February
Awards presented (earliest time)	17.00 hrs Sunday 3 rd February

6. Event Format

A loop of 4 tests will be laid out around the site. The loop of tests will then be driven twice by competitors before modifications are made to the test layouts and the loop driven a further 2 times. The final number of tests will be dependent on the number of entries received and the time taken to complete each loop, but it is proposed to run 2 loops in the morning and at least 2 loops in the afternoon to give at least 16 tests.

The test surface is good quality tarmac and concrete with a small 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 not permitted. This will be strictly enforced.

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

Maps will not be required. Test diagrams will be issued with the final instructions.

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 1400cc or less

Juniors are defined as drivers aged 21 or under on the 3rd February 2019.

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 £40.00 per crew of driver and navigator.

All entries must be made via the rallies.info web based entry system, accessed via the club website www.wdmc.org.uk and by following the link to the February PCA page.

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

Telephone: 07412 107269
Email: gordon.bradford1@gmail .com

Entry fees will be refunded in full if the entry is withdrawn prior to 23.59 hrs on Wednesday 30th January 2019. 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 35 cars, the minimum is 25. 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	TBC	
Clerk of the Course	Jimmy Knox	
Secretary to the Meeting & Deputy Clerk of the Course	Guy Wickham Tel 07989 322186	e-mail guy.wickham@btinternet.com
Entries Secretary	Gordon Bradford	
Chief Marshal	Peter Metcalfe Tel 07703 574868	e-mail p.metcalfe841@btinternet.com
Deputy Chief Marshal	Matthew Price	
Results	Gordon Bradford and Peter Grant	
Scrutineer	Colin Salkeld	

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 at Documentation. Test Diagrams will 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.

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;

- a) Have their entry form countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- b) Have a parent or guardian complete the Parental Consent Form attached with these SR's
AND
- c) 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.