



AUTO-CYCLE UNION

Jubilee Year National Rally

11-12th July, 1953

at

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The A.C.U. will promote a Road Competition in connection with the National Rally on the following lines :

Controls have been established in most of the large towns in the country and drivers may select any one of these Controls as the starting point of the competition.

Each Control will open at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the 11th July, and will close at such time as it will no longer be possible for any driver calling at that control to reach Weston-super-Mare by 11 a.m. on Sunday, 12th July, at an average speed of 25 miles per hour.

This maximum average speed applies to the whole of the run and not from Control to Control.

The Final Control at Weston-super-Mare will open at 9 a.m. and close at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 12th July.

A roped enclosure will be established outside the Final Control, and all drivers who are inside this enclosure by 11 a.m. on Sunday, 12th July, but have not actually clocked in, will be credited with an arrival time of 11 a.m. exactly.

Pillion passengers may be carried and will be allowed to change places with the driver. *In such cases, however, only the driver will be eligible for an award.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

to the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U.

- I. ENTRIES.** Entries, with a fee of 12s. 6d. for a member of any A.C.U. affiliated Club and for Servicemen in uniform, or 17s. 6d. for non-members, should be posted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary, Auto-Cycle Union, 83, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. *Entries will not be accepted after Monday, 29th June, 1953.*

Note : Individual, Full or Associate Membership of the R.A.C. does NOT, in itself, entitle a driver to enter at the lower fee.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt up to a maximum of 1,400, not more than 150 of which shall be reserved for official Army entries.

For the purposes of these Regulations an "Official Army entry" shall be a driver at present serving in the Army who is entered on a W.D. motorcycle by his unit, and whose entry form is countersigned by his commanding officer.

Competition Licences are not required.

All entry fees will be acknowledged. As an acceptance of his entry, each driver will receive a control card, a list of controls and his Rally number—which entitles him to free parking at Weston-super-Mare. These will be sent as soon as possible after the closing date of entries.

CLUB ENTRY :

A Club will be automatically entered for the Capital Club Award competition providing not less than six of its members enter for the Rally.

A driver may not compete for more than one Club. The name of one Club only should be declared on the entry form. If more than one Club is declared the first Club named will be credited with the entry.

2. MARKING : Each driver will be awarded marks as follows :—

(a) One mark for each mile covered according to the Control stamps on his card.

(b) Two marks for each Control visited according to his card.

The mileages shown on the official list of controls have been calculated from a standard road book and must be accepted as correct.

3. LOSS OF MARKS : If a driver exceeds an average speed of 25 m.p.h. from start to finish, the excess mileage will count against him. From the maximum mileage he could have covered at 25 m.p.h. in the time he actually takes, one mark will be deducted for each mile by which he exceeds that maximum.

If a driver covers more than 50 miles between controls, one mark will be deducted for each mile covered in excess of 50. The mileage between two controls which are more than 50 miles apart will be taken as that of the shortest route between them through another control or controls.

If a driver visits any control more than once he will lose 25 marks for each time he revisits the control.

4. TIES : In the event of a tie for any private entry award, the tie will be resolved by application of the following stipulations in their sequence :—

- The driver who has visited the greatest number of controls or
- The driver of the smallest capacity motorcycle, or
- The driver of the oldest motorcycle. The date of original registration as shown in the log book, shall be the sole means of determining the age of the motorcycle and must be declared on the entry form.
- The driver who has travelled the longest distance in a direct line from the first control recorded on his/her card
- If a tie is not resolved by this procedure, it shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

Official Army Entries : In the event of a tie for the premier Army Individual

Award or any of the Manufacturers' Army awards the tie will be resolved by the application of stipulations (a), (b), (d) and (e) immediately above, in that sequence. Stipulation (c) shall not apply.

5. AWARDS : A. PRIVATE ENTRY AWARDS

PREMIER AWARDS

The following premier awards will be given :—

- The *Varley Challenge Trophy and replica for the best performance by a driver on a solo motorcycle, based on standard marking. Presented by Varley Dry Accumulators, Ltd. This award is not open to official Army entries.
- The *Basic Challenge Trophy and replica for the best performance by a driver of a motorcycle with sidecar, based on standard marking. Presented by the Motor Cyclists' Petrol Appeal Committee. This award is not open to official Army entries.

CLASS AWARDS :

Class prizes will be awarded for the best performance by a Private entry, based on standard marking, in each of the following classes :

- Solo motorcycles up to 125 c.c.
- Solo motorcycles between 126 c.c. and 250 c.c.
- Solo motorcycles between 251 c.c. and 350 c.c.
- Solo motorcycles over 350 c.c.
- Motorcycles with sidecars.
- Three-wheelers.

Each driver must enter the class letter of his motorcycle on his entry form and control card.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- The *News Chronicle Challenge Trophy and replica for the best performance, based on standard marking, by a holder of an R.A.C./A.C.U. proficiency certificate, gained on or after 1st January, 1951. Such driver must have passed a Ministry of Transport driving test or be otherwise exempt from carrying "L" plates. Presented by the News Chronicle. Not open to official Army entries.
- The Vintage Motor Cycle Club offer :—
 - *The Vintage Challenge Cup to the member of the Vintage M.C.C. making the best performance on a Vintage Motorcycle (i.e. a machine manufactured prior to 31st December, 1930). A memento for permanent retention will also be given by the Club.
 - *The Veteran Challenge Cup to the member of the Vintage M.C.C. making the best performance on a Veteran Motorcycle (i.e. a machine manufactured prior to 31st December, 1914). A memento for permanent retention will also be given by the Club.
 - A Certificate to any driver of a Veteran machine competing in the Rally and checking in at the Final Control for the Exhibition of Historic Motorcycles.
- *The Birmingham M.C.C. Solo Challenge Trophy for the best performance by a driver on a solo motorcycle who is a registered member of a Club within the Midland Centre (A.C.U.).
- The Midland Centre Ladies' Cup for the best performance by a lady driver who is a registered member of a Club within the Midland Centre (A.C.U.), provided that not less than six entries are received.
- Manufacturers' and other special awards which will be announced later will also be given on the basis of standard marking, unless otherwise stated at the time of the announcement. Not open to official Army entries.

LIMITATION OF AWARDS

No driver may win more than one award with the exception of the News Chronicle Challenge Trophy. The awards will be made in the order set out above, and any driver qualifying for more than one will be awarded the first one to which he is entitled.

Employees of motorcycle manufacturers are not eligible for class prizes, manufacturers' awards or special awards.

AWARDS B. ARMY AWARDS—OFFICIAL ARMY ENTRIES.

PREMIER AWARD :

*The Motor Cycle Perpetual Challenge Trophy will be awarded for the best performance by an official Army driver, based on standard marking. Presented by The Motor Cycle.

MANUFACTURERS' AWARDS :

A number of Manufacturers' Army Awards will be given, on the basis of standard marking, to the official Army driver putting up the best performance on a motorcycle manufactured by the donor of the award.

No driver may win more than one of the above awards.

ARMY TEAM AWARD :

*The Motor Cycling Perpetual Challenge Trophy, presented by Graham Walker will be awarded to the Army team of three competitors gaining the highest number of marks in the road competition. Entries for this award must be made in writing by the Commanding Officer of the team's unit before the closing date of entries.

GENERAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS :

Every competitor who arrives at Weston-super-Mare between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, 12th July, 1953, and whose control card shows that he has gained the required number of marks, in accordance with the following schedule, will receive the appropriate award :

175 to 299 marks	...	A Certificate of Merit
300 to 424 marks	...	A Bronze Plaque
425 to 549 marks	...	A Silvered Plaque
550 marks and over	...	A Gilt Plaque

21 hrs. 260m = 12 1/2
21h 375 = 18

CLUB AWARDS :

Club trophies will be awarded to the first four affiliated Clubs on a figure of merit obtained by the following formula :—

$$\text{Total marks gained by Club members} \times \frac{\text{Percentage of Club membership competing}}{\text{Maximum marks obtainable by clubs competing members.}}$$

The percentage of the Club membership competing will be calculated on the membership as indicated by the affiliation fees paid for the current year, which must have been received by the A.C.U. prior to the closing date of entries to be eligible. Entry for these awards will be automatic (see Regulation No. 1).

CLUB TROPHIES.

The following Club Trophies will be awarded :

- (a) ***The Auto-Cycle Union Inter-Club Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the Club obtaining the highest figure of merit.
A Souvenir will be awarded for permanent retention by the winning Club.
- (b) ***The Manufacturers' Club Challenge Vase**, presented by the British Cycle and Motor Cycle Manufacturers' and Traders' Union, will be awarded to the Club gaining the second highest figure of merit.
- (c) ***The Belstaff Challenge Cup**, presented by the Belstaff Manufacturing Co., Ltd., will be awarded to the Club gaining the third highest figure of merit.
- (d) ***The Dunlop Challenge Cup**, presented by the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., will be awarded to the Club gaining the fourth highest figure of merit.
- (e) ***The South Midland Centre (A.C.U.) Trophy** will be awarded to the Club within the South Midland Centre gaining the highest figure of merit. The winners of this Trophy are not debarred from winning any of the other Club awards.
- (f) ***The South Eastern Centre (A.C.U.) Trophy** will be awarded to the Club within the South Eastern Centre having the largest entry in the Road Competition. A replica of the Trophy, which will be won outright, will also be awarded to the Club. The winners of this Trophy are not debarred from winning any of the other Club awards.
- (g) ***The Midland Centre (A.C.U.) Shield** will be awarded to the Club within the Midland Centre gaining the highest figure of merit. The winners of this Shield are not debarred from winning any of the other Club awards.

***NOTE :** Each of the starred Trophies is to be held for one year or until the next Rally, whichever is the shorter period. These Trophies will be insured by the A.C.U.

ADVICE TO COMPETITORS

How to Compete : Select a control from which to start and get your card stamped.

Follow any route you choose, direct or circuitous, to Weston-super-Mare. Call at a control not more than 50 miles away, get your card stamped and see that the mileage from the last control you visited is entered by the controller.

DO NOT ENTER ANY MILEAGES YOURSELF.

Points to Remember : Don't drive recklessly.

Don't average more than 25 m.p.h. from start to finish.

The maximum possible mileage is 525.

Don't call at a control more than once.

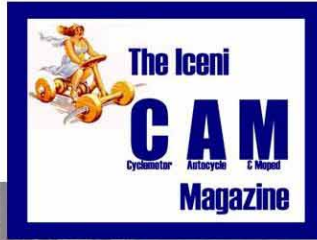
Don't cover more than 50 miles between controls.

Each control will close when it is no longer possible for Weston-super-Mare to be reached from it before 11 a.m. on the Sunday at an average speed of 25 m.p.h.

Intending competitors in the Rally are asked to post the enclosed entry form as soon as possible. If you wish to book a meal on arrival *please complete the entry form as requested.*

Meals: Meals may be pre-booked at 3s. 9d. per head through the A.C.U. The order should be made on the official entry form. No orders can be accepted unless accompanied by the necessary remittance.

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