

# The M.G. Car Club South Western Centre's M.G.s on Grass Round 1

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 please be there to sign on by 10am**

The M.G. Car Club (SW Centre) Ltd will organise a fun Autotest for road-going cars on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at **Hartley Farm, Gloucester Road, Charmy Down, Bath. BA1 8AF** (on the **A46**, 5 miles north of **Bath**) by the kind permission of Margaret Meridith, the lady farmer.

We will continue to enjoy a few runs at each test in the morning, then to the 17th century Catherine Wheel, The High Street, Marshfield. SN14 8LR, for lunch before a couple or more runs at the tests, that may have been altered, in the afternoon—finishing by tea time.

The event will follow a similar format to our previous events at this site, however this year the main event will follow an **All Forward Autotest** format which will allow cars without MOT and TAX to compete and will also allow us greater flexibility on course layout following changes to the Autosolo regulations for 2019 in that there will be two events running in parallel to give maximum flexibility:

- a Clubman's All Forwards Autotest; and
- a Clubman's Production Car Autotest.

	<b>Autotest</b>	<b>Production Car Autotest</b>
<b>Minimum Age</b>	Drivers aged 16 and over can compete in Saloon cars up to 1400cc  Drivers holding a full licence can use any car	Drivers aged 14 and over in a "Saloon Car" (4 seats and non-detachable roof)  Passenger aged 12 or over in a "Saloon Car" (See note below)  Note one of these must hold a Full Driving Licence
<b>Passenger</b>	Not Allowed	Must carry a passenger. Minimum age if 'top down' is 16, or 12 if 'top up'.
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	Production Car	Production Car

The event will consist of a number of timed all-forward tests. The event takes place on a grass field and should appeal to anyone who would like a bit of fun in their car. Any road car should be suitable. No competition licence is needed. It is envisaged most entrants will enter the All Forward Autotest with younger drivers or drivers wishing to carry a passenger entering the Production Car Autotest.

## Supplementary Regulations

The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations. Test instructions shall be provided to competitors once they have signed-on.

Drivers are referred to Section M (Specific Regulations for Autotests) of The Motorsports Association UK Competitor's Yearbook 2019, the relevant sections of which are available on the MSA UK website.

Autotest - MSA Permit number TBA has been granted.

Production Car Autotest - Permit number TBA has been granted.

### Eligibility and Fees

The event is open to members of the MG Car Club (SW Centre) Ltd., The Bristol Pegasus Motor Club, The Bristol Motor Club, The Bath Motor Club & Woolbridge Motor Club. Competitors will be required to present a valid (in date) Membership Card at signing-on. Failure to present a valid Membership Card will result in exclusion from the event unless a supplementary declaration is signed - for which the fee currently charged by The Motorsports Association is £65.

**The entry fee is £15** - only one entry per member shall be accepted.

The maximum entry is 50. The minimum entry is 10. Should the minimum entry not be reached by the closing date for entries, the MG Car Club Ltd reserves the right to cancel the event in which case entry fees will be refunded less a proportion in respect of costs incurred to date. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes finally on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April as there will be welcomed 'entries on the day'.

All entries must be on the official forms, accompanied by bank transfer or a cheque for the entry fee made payable to 'MG Car Club SW Centre'.

### The Tests

There will be timed tests with at least four attempts. The least impressive time will not count. Tests will be clearly marked out and will be very simple to follow.

### Officials of the Meeting

Secretary of the Meeting: Victoria Jones, Shaft House, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, BATH. BA2 7HN. [peterandvictoria@icloud.com](mailto:peterandvictoria@icloud.com)

Protests shall be lodged and addressed in strict accordance with the relevant sections of The Motorsports Association UK Competitor's Yearbook 2019.

## Vehicles

The event is for road-going cars. A 'modification' is defined as an addition or enhancement to the original specification of the vehicle, regardless of age. The intention is to promote fair competition between similar cars; therefore, competitors are strongly advised to consult the Entries Secretary by e-mail if in any doubt as to whether a modification to his/her vehicle is acceptable within the 'unmodified' classes. A single car may be entered by no more than two drivers.

All cars must comply with MSA Technical Regulations, noting particularly the requirements of paragraph 4 and 5 of Section M (Specific Regulations for Autotests) of the Motorsports Association UK Competitor's Yearbook 2018. The scrutineer will check general roadworthiness and shall pay particular attention to the following Blue Book requirements:-

- J5.3.1 - 5.3.6 Seating - the seat must be rigidly located and fit for purpose
- J5.4.2 and 5.4.3 Throttle springs - vehicles must be equipped with a positive method of closing by means of external spring/springs so that in the event of failure of any part of the throttle linkage the throttle(s) are sprung closed.
- J5.9.1 to 5.9.6 Tyres - must be road-legal at the start of the event (1.6mm across the central 3/4 of the tread around the complete circumference of the tyre),
- J5.14.5 Battery earth lead - if not readily distinguishable, the earth lead must be identified by a yellow marking.

Cars must be presented for scrutineering in a clean and tidy condition and, particularly, free from 'clutter'. Competitors must present a current (valid) **MOT Certificate** for their car (if the car requires an MOT) if asked to do so by the Chief Scrutineer; failure to do so may result in exclusion from the event. The acceptance, or otherwise, of any car shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief scrutineer.

## Classes

**M.G. Cars** shall run in classes as follows:

- Class 1: Modern M.G.
- Class 2: MG Midget, MGA, MGB and MGC
- Class 3: MMM & T types
- Class 4: Vintage & SVW

## Other Makes

- Class A. Series Production Cars - Saloon cars up to 1400cc
- Class B. Series Production Cars - Saloon cars 1401cc to 2000cc
- Class C. Series Production Cars - Saloon cars over 2000cc in class
- Class D. Series Production Sports Cars & Specialist Production Cars, including Lotus Elise, VX220, kit cars and all other vehicles not eligible in for classes A, B and C.

Classes may be divided or amalgamated at the organiser's discretion.

Awards will be given for first overall, first in each class (subject to a minimum entry of 3 in class) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded if the class is big enough.

Provisional results will be worked out on the day and final results will be sent within 14 days by e-mail.

In case of dispute the organiser's decision will be final

A petrol engine car with forced induction, in Class A, or B will move up one capacity class. A rotary engine's capacity will be increased by a multiple of 1.5.

Entrants aged 14 above with no RTA licence are permitted in Classes 1, (MG saloon), A to B.

Following signing-on, drivers are required to remain with their vehicle until it has been scrutineered. Unaccompanied vehicles will not be scrutineered. Competitors are advised to arrive on time to maximise their 'opportunity to 'walk the course'. Important information, including clarification of test procedures, shall be provided by the Clerk of the Course at the Driver's Briefing. It is therefore imperative that all drivers attend. So, if you want to have a great days motor sport at minimal cost and with little or no chance of damaging your car why not send off a completed entry form to me: **Victoria Jones, Shaft House, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, BATH. BA2 7HN.** [peterandvictoria@icloud.com](mailto:peterandvictoria@icloud.com)

Cheques for the **£15.00** entry fee to be made payable to:-  
M.G. Car Club South Western Centre.