



The Ronnie Trouton International Autotests 2023

**4th November
TTS Nutts Corner**

The Ultimate Autotest Team Challenge



**Celebrating Both
Experts and Clubmen**





Ronnie G. Trouton MBE

Foreword

by lifelong friend Derek Smyth

I first met Ronnie Trouton in 1967, just as he became Secretary to the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs. Already Secretary of Dungannon Motor Club, he was one of the NI representatives at National RAC Meetings in London, and it wasn't long before he persuaded the Motor Sport Council that Autotests deserved their own specialist committee. He became the first Chairman of that newly formed committee, a post he would hold for 19 years.

As a member of the RAC Motor Sport Council, Ronnie's passion for the sport saw Autotest grow in popularity across the Nation, and nowhere more enthusiastically than here in Northern Ireland. Over the years he watched many newcomers to the sport become great Autotest Champions, and reflects fondly on the high success rate our NI teams have shown at the Ken Wharton Memorial.

Ronnie has always been, and continues to be, a great ambassador for Motorsport in general, and Autotest in particular, and it is fitting indeed that his name be associated with this event.

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Supplementary Regulations

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

Dungannon Motor Club Ltd., in conjunction with The Association of Northern Ireland Car Club Autotest Specialist Committee and member clubs, will promote a Clubman's Autotest on Saturday 4th November 2023 at Transport Training Service, Nutt's Corner.

Address – 15 Dundrod Road, Crumlin, BT29 4SS

OS map reference – 54.6279620, -6.1413695

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2. JURISDICTION

The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these SRs and any written instructions the organising club may issue for the event.

3. PERMIT

Motorsport UK Permit has been applied for.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to:

- i) Any person holding a valid competition licence issued by Motorsport UK or by Motorsport Ireland, and
- ii) Any person who is additionally a member of a recognised motor club.

All competitors will require a valid 2023 Motorsport UK or Motorsport Ireland competition licence of Clubman RS status or higher and a valid 2023 club membership card.

Minimum competitor's age is 16.

5. PROGRAMME

Document checks and Scrutineering opens **08:00 hours**.

Document checks and Scrutineering closes at **09:00 hours**.

Any competitor not signed-on by **09:00 hours** may be classified as a non-starter.

There will be a drivers' briefing at **09:15 hours**.

First car starts at approximately **09:30 hours**.

There will be refreshments and toilets on site all day.

6. CLASSES

The event will consist of eight classes:

Experts

Class A - Front-wheel and Rear-wheel drive specials

Class B - Rear-wheel drive sports cars and kit cars (as defined in manufacturer's catalogue)

Class C - Saloons under 11' 8" (3556 mm) in length (inc. Minis with non-original engine and transmission layout driving the front wheels)

Class D - Saloons of 11' 8" (3556 mm), or greater in length (as defined in manufacturer's catalogue)

N.B. Expert Teams – Will consist of 4 cars. Each team MUST consist of at least 1 competitor from Class D. Teams will be created at the discretion of organisers based on the regional areas selected by the entrants.

Clubman

Clubman A - Front-wheel Drive Lightweight Cars

Clubman B - Rear-wheel Drive Lightweight Cars

Clubman C - Front-wheel Drive Road Going Cars*

Clubman D - Rear-wheel Drive Road Going Cars*

*A road going car is a vehicle either MOT'd or is capable of passing a MOT test. It must have all standard interior trim in place, but aftermarket seats and hydraulic handbrakes are permissible. The vehicle need not be taxed or insured and may be trailered to the event. All tyres must be road legal at the start of the event.

N.B. Clubman Teams – Will consist of 3 cars. Each team MUST consist of at least 1 competitor from Clubman D. Teams will be created at the discretion of organisers based on the regional areas selected by the entrants.

Dual entries are permitted but both drivers must be in the same class.

N.B. Those entrants not meeting full team requirements will be allocated teammates after entries close. Team names will be allocated by the Secretary of the Meeting.

All cars must comply with Motorsport UK tyre and vehicle regulations, and in accordance with M4.7. the use of List 1B or 1C tyres will not be permitted.

7. ENTRIES

Entries open on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and close **at 20.00 hours on Friday 27th October 2023.**

Final Instructions will be published during the week before the event by e-mail to all entrants providing an e-mail address and published on the NI Autotest Championship Facebook.

The maximum number of entries for the entire meeting is 70. The minimum is 20.

Should the minimum entry not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event or amalgamate classes, as necessary.

Entries will be accepted at the organisers' discretion, using a first come, first served basis. A car may be shared by a maximum of two drivers.

The entry fee is **£50**.

All entries should be submitted via the online entry form link at www.stopastride.live and accompanied by the correct fee. Should you be unable to enter electronically please contact the Secretary of the Meeting.

Entry fees may be refunded for entries withdrawn before entries close. Entries withdrawn after entries close will have refunds made at the discretion of the club. If the event is abandoned or postponed, entry fees will be refunded in full.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mrs Grace King

Tel: 07955 905502 (Between 6pm & 10pm)

Email: gorestown33@live.com

8. OFFICIALS

Club Steward: Wilson Carson

Clerk of the Course: Malcolm McQueen

Assistant Clerk of the Course: Jonathan Millar

Secretary of the Meeting: Grace King

Scrutineer: Gillian Magee

Chief Timekeeper: Colin Earney

Chief Marshal: Lorraine Simpson

Safeguarding Officer: Simon McRory

Results: Stopastride Live Timing

All marshals are Judges of Fact with regard to test penalties and their decision will be final.

9. TESTS

The event will take place on sealed surface areas. Details of all tests will be published first on www.stopastride.live, and then in Final Instructions.

Each driver will have at least three attempts at each test.

The starting procedure will be:

- Place front wheels on the baulk line.
- Start when ready after the timekeeper instructs you to "Start in your own time". Timing will commence when the front wheels cross the start line.

The finish procedure will be:

- Timing stops when the front wheels cross the finish line. Competitors must "stop astride the finish line".
- Failure to stop astride the finish line will result in a line penalty being applied.

The order of attempting tests will be at the organisers' discretion.

10. TIMING

Timing will be by electronic light beam.

Timecards will not be used on this event. Results will be calculated using the Stopastride live system with timekeepers keeping a separate manual check sheet. Results are available during the day on the Stopastride app or web page.

11. PENALTIES

Marking and penalties will be as outlined below: -

- a) Not reporting at drivers briefing = 5 seconds. Motorsport UK Regulation H33.1.3
- b) Not attempting test when instructed = 5 seconds. Motorsport UK Table M.7.
- c) Pylons: Any contact = 5 seconds per offence.
- d) Lines: Failure to stop astride a line as required = 5 seconds per offence.
- e) Failure to attempt to cross a line = Fail.
- f) A maximum penalty will be applied if a competitor crosses, with both leading wheels, a marked test line in the wrong direction, out of the prescribed sequence or too many/few times, otherwise competitors may correct their mistakes by returning to the point where they deviated from the test diagram.
- g) Garages - All wheels must be inside the 4 garage lines, otherwise line penalties will be incurred.

Note: A "Fail" is deemed to be fastest in that class plus 20 seconds. One entrant in a class and a test is failed, that entrant must repeat the test and 20 seconds including any penalties will be added to the time. There will be a Maximum Time for each test, which will be the fastest time in class plus 20 seconds.

All other General Regulations of the Motorsport UK apply as written except for the following which are modified: -

- a) Pylons may be less than one metre in height. Motorsport UK Regulation M6.6
- b) Cars need not be licenced.
- c) Tyres from List 1B & 1C are not permitted.

12. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Final instructions will be sent by e-mail during the week prior to the event and will be available at www.stopastride.live

13. RESULTS

Results will be published as soon as possible after the event.

Final results will also be posted on www.stopastride.live

In the spirit of the event there will be no application for any protests.

To be classified as a finisher the driver must attempt at least 50% of the tests in the car in which they started.

14. AWARDS

Awards will be presented as follows: -

The Expert Team with the Fastest Overall Combined Time on all tests completed:

- The Ronnie Trouton Expert Trophy, together with an award for each team member.

The Clubman Team with the Fastest Overall Combined Time on all tests completed:

- The Ronnie Trouton Clubman Trophy, together with an award for each team member.

The major awards will remain the property of the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs and are held for not more than 11 months. By entering the event and competing, the recipients undertake to return all trophies on demand and to make good any damage that they might suffer whilst in their possession.

15. PRACTISING

Practicing anywhere other than in the designated "Warm Up Area" is prohibited under pain of disqualification. This will include speeding, handbrake turns, skidding, wheel spinning and aggressive driving whilst not on tests.

16. IDENTIFICATION

The competition number provided by the organisers must be displayed clearly.

Drivers will be seeded by ballot within classes, with the organisers taking any dual entries into consideration.

Competitors must keep in STRICT running-order. Running out of order or queue jumping will incur a penalty of 10 seconds unless the driver has the express consent of the Clerk of the Course.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

All other General Regulations of the Motorsport UK apply as written, except for the following, which are amended:

M11.3: A vehicle may be entered twice by different drivers for the same award, but no driver may drive more than one car.