



**Wickford Auto Club & Green Belt Motor Club**

**Presents**



## **The Gerald Alfred Finch Memorial Rally Timed Trial**



**28<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**at**

**Straits Mill, Convent Lane, Braintree, Essex**

**Open to members of AEMC, ASEMC, LCAMC & EMAMC**

# THE GERALD ALFRED FINCH MEMORIAL RALLY TIMED TRIAL

## 1. Announcement

- 1.1 Green Belt Motor Club and Wickford Auto Club (the Organisers) will promote a National B Permit Rally Timed Trial on Sunday 28th October 2007 at Straits Mill, Convent Lane, Braintree, Essex (MR 167/772244).

## 2. Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (MSA), incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, these supplementary regulations, the final instructions to be issued for this meeting and any other written instructions that the Organisers may issue for the meeting.

## 3. Permit

- 3.1 The MSA permit number 43345 has been issued.

## 4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The event will be open to registered Drivers with the appropriate MSA Competition Licence (Rally Driver) and who are members of member clubs of the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs (AEMC), Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs (ASEMC), London Counties Association of Motor Clubs (LCAMC) and East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs (EMAMC).

## 5. Timetable

The timetable for entries and the event is as follows:

Mon 24th Sept	Entries Open
Sat 21st Oct	Entries Close
Mon 23rd Oct	Final Instructions posted

Sun 28th October	
07.30 – 09.00	Sign on, Noise and Scrutineering
09.15	Drivers briefing
09.30	Rally Timed Trial Starts
16.30	Rally Timed Trial Finishes
17.00	Final Results & Awards

## 6. Classes

- 6.1 Cars will be divided into five category classes as follows:

### 2 Wheel Drive Vehicles

Class A – Enduro Cars (Stage Rally prepared)

Class B – Up to 1400cc

Class C – 1401cc to 1600cc

Class D – 1601cc to 2000cc

Class E – Over 2000cc

### 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles

Class F - All capacities

- 6.2 All vehicles must conform to 2007 MSA Technical Regulations for Stage Rallies (E12, K37.1, K37.2 and Section Q). Please also see Article 13 of these Supplementary Regulations.

- 6.3 All vehicles will be required to be silenced in accordance with General Regulations Section E – Table: Section C (100dB(A) measured at 0.5 metre).

- 6.4 All vehicles may be subject to additional noise tests should they be considered by the organisers as producing excessive noise which may violate the venue conditions of use. Any vehicle failing to meet the requirements of such tests shall be given 30 minutes to affect permanent repairs (i.e. wire wool etc. is not acceptable). If after effecting repair the vehicle is still deemed to have failed to meet the specific maximum noise limit then it shall be excluded from the event.

- 6.5 Any vehicle producing spurious noises (e.g. backfires or popping of any kind) may be subject to immediate withdrawal until eliminated in accordance with C12.1. Also see K24.2.13.

- 6.6 THE USE OF EARLY MODEL NOISE GENERATING ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE EXCLUSION.

This does not preclude the use of modern systems although in all cases the decision of the Clerk of the Course, in conjunction with the MSA Environmental Inspector, shall be final. Also see K24.2.13.

- 6.7 Pump fuel must be as defined in Section P, any other fuel must not exceed the specifications set in FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Article 9.

## 7. The Course

- 7.1 The Start/Paddock area will be located at Straits Mill, Convent Lane, Braintree, Essex
- 7.2 The course is approximately 2.5 miles and consists of farm tracks and field edges.
- 7.3 Cars will start singly at intervals determined by the Start Official.
- 7.4 Start, finish and junction signage will be as for special stage rallies (K28.8)

## 8. Entries

- 8.1 The entry list will open on Monday 24th September and closes on Saturday 21st October 2007.

- 8.2 The entry fee is £79

- 8.3 All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Cheques should be made payable to GBMCWAC and sent to:  
Chris Deal, 209 Latymer Road, Lower Edmonton, London N9 9PN  
Tel: 07940-819789

- 8.4 The maximum entry for the meeting is 40 drivers, plus reserves; the minimum is 25. The organisers reserve the right to accept or decline entries.

- 8.5 All entries withdrawn in writing prior to the closing date will qualify for a refund less an administration fee of £10.00. Thereafter, entry fees will only be refunded at the organisers' discretion.

- 8.6 Should the event be cancelled or postponed entry fees will be refunded in full.

8.7 The order of starting within each class will be at the organisers' discretion. Once the entry list is published, no communication will be entered into regarding it.

8.8 Competitors are advised that information they provide will be stored in a computer system and may be used for organisational and publicity purposes.

## 9. List of Senior Officials

MSA Steward	TBA
Club Stewards	G Thurlow (GBMC) TBA

Clerk of the Course	Chris Hunt
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Dep. Clerk of the Course	Stan Graham
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Secretary of the Meeting/ Entries Secretary	Chris Deal 07940-819789
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Stage Commander	Peter Nathan
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Safety Officer	Ged Cooper
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Chief Scrutineer	Loyd Gerken
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Environmental Scutineer	Chris Mays
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Chief Timekeeper	TBA
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Chief Medical Officer	Barry Fogg
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Chief Marshal	Irene Lewsey
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Communications	Alan Emms
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## 10. Format

10.1 All drivers MUST attend the Drivers' briefing which will be held at the event HQ on Sunday 28th October 2007 at 09.15.

10.2 Two convoy runs will be scheduled to commence at 09.30 – these are a courtesy, not a right and therefore competitors failing to report to the start line as requested will forego this courtesy.

10.3 The car must contain only a driver as an occupant.

10.4 The running order of the day will be firstly by class and within each class.

10.5 There will be three timed runs, the faster of which will count towards the results. Should it not be possible to complete all timed runs then the organisers reserve the right to establish results based upon a lower number of timed runs.

10.6 Cars not finishing a run may not be recovered until all cars have completed that run.

## 11. Identification

11.1 Vehicles will be identified by black numbers on a white background on both sides of the car. These will NOT be supplied by the organisers, although they will be on sale at signing on.

## 12. Double Entries

12.1 It is permitted for two drivers to share one vehicle, although no driver may enter the event more than once.

## 13. Technical Regulations and Scrutineering

13.1 A noise test will be carried out at a location defined in the final instructions.

13.2 Scrutineering will be within the service area at the venue between 07.30 and 09.00. All drivers must complete scrutiny and documentation prior to the Drivers' Briefing.

13.3 At scrutineering, cars will be examined for compliance with the 2007 MSA Technical and Safety regulations specific to Special Stage Rallies, as well as for class eligibility for the class entered.

13.4 Cars must be presented at scrutineering in the same condition as they intend to compete.

13.5 Safety helmets will be examined for conformity with current regulations (Q10), and must be worn by drivers at all times when on the course.

13.6 All drivers must wear flame resistant overalls at all times when on the course (Q9, K25.3.2).

## 14. Documentation

14.1 Documentation will be held at the Event HQ, Straits Mill on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007 from 07.30 and will close immediately prior to the Drivers' Briefing. All competitors must complete documentation and sign-on as entrants otherwise they may be deemed a non-starter and their place allocated to a reserve.

14.2 At documentation MSA Competition Licences and Club cards will be inspected.

## 15. Timing and Start Procedure

15.1 Timing of the event will be by a manual timing system to the nearest second.

15.2 All clocks will be set to BBC time via broadcast time signals.

15.3 The method of starting to be used will be as in K30, manual equipment. A description of the countdown method will be published in the final instructions.

15.4 Competitors will be called to the Start Area by the Paddock Controller or his assistants in programme running order and should be ready to start as requested (i.e. with helmets available and fire extinguishers armed). From the time of being called from the Paddock to the Start area, a Competitor will be deemed to be under Starter's orders and the vehicle under Parc Ferme conditions.

15.5 Drivers and vehicles may be queued at the start area and Drivers should make appropriate preparation. Once moved to the start area, return to the Paddock area is prohibited unless specifically authorised by the Stage Commander.

15.6 A competitor's time will only be credited if:

- All four wheels of the car are on the track when it crosses the finish line.
- The competitor has correctly complied with the starting signal.
- The car completes the correct course without outside assistance and without striking course markers.

15.7 To be classified as a finisher, a competitor must have completed at least one official timed run.

- 15.8 In the event of a tie between two or more competitors, the results of the next fastest run recorded by the competitors concerned shall be compared, and so on.
- 15.9 Jump starts will be penalised as per K31(e), by adding one minute to the time recorded.
- 16. Red Flag Procedure and Re-Run Procedure**
- 16.1 Control of the course will be by active radio monitoring.
- 16.2 Red Flags will be sited at points along the course under the control of the Radio Controller.
- 16.3 In the event of an incident that requires the display of a red flag, competitors should come to a stop at the side of the course as soon as possible and await instructions from an official.
- 16.4 Once the incident has been cleared, competitors halted by red flag signals will normally, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, be permitted a re-run and should proceed through the course to the Finish area and be ready to move to the Start area when instructed to do so by officials.
- 17. Paddock Regulations**
- 17.1 Competitors will be required to use a ground sheet at all times and environmental spill kits for spillage of fluids.
- 17.2 Health and Safety requirements relating to vehicle serving should be strictly adhered to at all times and a Service Area Manual will be issued at Documentation. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure compliance of their Service Personnel.
- 17.3 At all times a speed limit of 5mph is to be observed in the Paddock and routes to and from the Start/Finish areas. Warming of brakes, tyres or transmissions will not be permitted. The penalty for breach of this regulation is start refused or exclusion. TRANSMISSIONS MUST NOT BE RUN WHILST THE VEHICLE IS ON JACKS OR AXLE STANDS.
- 17.4 The riding of any motorised vehicles (bicycles, go-ped, electric scooters or motor cycles) in the Paddock Area is NOT permitted, as accidents will require the attendance of the Medical unit and delay the event.
- 17.5 No spectators will be permitted and entry will be by vehicle pass only.
- 17.6 Entry to the venue will be restricted after 09.00 and exit will be by arrangement with the organisers until the event is concluded.
- 17.7 Trailer parking will be made available and the location will be advised in the final instructions.
- 18. Driving Standards/Observers/Judges of Fact**
- 18.1 Named Judges of Fact, appointed by the organisers, will be on duty throughout the event to observe and report on any competitor considered to be in contravention of K24.2.11, K24.2.13 and K24.2.16.
- 18.2 The start line officials will be nominated as Judges of Fact and are empowered to judge whether or not a competitor has made a false start (K24.2.11(c)).
- 18.3 Competitors' attention is also drawn to C11.
- 18.4 A list of named Judges of Fact will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.
- 19. Penalties**
- 19.1 Unless modified by, or added to, by these Supplementary Regulations K31 will apply.
- 19.2 Striking a penalty marker will incur a penalty of 5 seconds for each instance.
- 19.3 Any deviation from the route will incur a 'stage maximum'.
- 20. Awards**
- 20.1 Awards will be presented as follows:  
Overall Fastest time of the Day.  
Fastest Time in each class.  
Best GBMC Driver  
Best WAC Driver  
Best Lady  
To be eligible for Best GBMC and Best WAC awards competitors must be a member of their respective clubs on 1st October 2007.
- 20.2 No competitor may win more than one award, other than best GBMC, best WAC or best Lady.
- 20.3 Additional awards may be notified in the final instructions.
- 20.4 It is the competitors' responsibility to attend the awards presentation, which will be at the venue immediately after the results are declared final. Any awards not presented will be forfeited.
- 21. Damage Declaration**
- 21.1 Competitors will be required to complete and sign a Damage Declaration at the finish of the competition, giving details of any incident in which they may have been involved causing damage to third party property. In the event of retirement this must be handed to the Clerk of the Course before the competitor leaves the venue. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being reported to the MSA.
- 22. Official Notice Board**
- 22.1 The Official Notice Board will be located at the Event HQ.
- 23. Protests**
- 23.1 Protests must be made in accordance with O5.
- 24. Contacts**
- 24.1 Clerk of the Course  
Chris Hunt - 07802-882182
- 24.2 Secretary of the Meeting/Entries Secretary  
Chris Deal  
209 Latymer Road  
Lower Edmonton  
London  
N9 9PN  
Tel: 07940-819789  
Email: [chris.deal@greenbeltmc.f9.co.uk](mailto:chris.deal@greenbeltmc.f9.co.uk)
- 24.3 Chief Marshal  
Irene Lewsey  
1 Hayes Chase  
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SS11 7QT  
01245-329254
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Held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.

**GENERAL DECLARATION – FOR COMPLETION BY ALL ENTRANTS AND DRIVERS**

I declare that I have been given the opportunity to read the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association and, if any, the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them. I declare I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk. Further I understand that all persons having connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence,

**DECLARATION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANTS**

I declare that to the best of my belief the Driver(s) possess (es) the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speeds which will be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: .....State your age if you are under 18: .....

**DECLARATION TO BE COMPLETED BY DRIVERS**

I understand that should I at the time of this event be suffering from any disability whether permanent or temporary which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of my vehicle, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to the ASN which has, following such declaration, issued a licence which permits me to do so.

Signed: ..... Date: .....State your age if you are under 18: .....

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

If I am the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor of the drive 'I confirm that I understand that I shall have the right to be present during any procedure being carried out under the Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and the General Regulation of the MSA'

As the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor 'I confirm that I have acquainted myself with the MSA General Regulations, agree to pay any appropriate charges and fees pursuant to those Regulations (to include any appendices thereto) and hereby agree to be bound by those Regulations (and any subsequent alterations thereto). Further, I agree to pay as liquidated damages any fines imposed upon me up to the maxima set out in Section Z.'

The ENTRANT/DRIVER (delete as necessary) is under 18 years of age and this entry is made with my consent.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN/GUARANTOR .....

ADDRESS .....

RELATIONSHIP TO THE ENTRANT/DRIVER .....

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**ALL DRIVERS – IN CASE OF ACCIDENT**

Name, address and telephone number of a relative or friend to be contacted in the case of a serious accident.

Full Name .....

Address .....

..... Tel No(s) .....