

The 2019 Early Motor Bicycle Run

Introduction

The Clyde Valley Section of the Vintage Motorcycle Club invites you to the 5th Early Motor Bicycle Run, to be held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October.

This year, the event is based in the small town of Castle Douglas, in Dumfries and Galloway, South Scotland. The area is reasonably easy to reach from the motorway network and from the Irish and Newcastle ferries. It has scenic and quiet country roads, both inland and along the Solway coast.

Scope of Machines

This is Scotland's principal Veteran Run. Very early pioneer machines are welcomed and encouraged. The routes have been drafted to suit even the earliest single speeders.

We interpret the "veteran" term loosely. Generally we wish to concentrate on providing runs for the low powered bikes that would not be suitable for the several vintage events held each year in Scotland.

Guidance is

- Any machine pre 1920 is eligible.
- Machines that were unchanged for a few years later are eligible. Examples are Rudge Multis, Triumph Model Hs and Sunbeams.
- In previous events, we have also welcomed a 1920 Wooler, a 1921 ABC and a 1921 Hobart, on the basis that everyone enjoyed seeing them out and about.

If you think of your machine as a Motor Bicycle, and believe that it may suit the broad profile, then please ask! An absolute cut-off would be 1924.

Location

Both the Saturday and Sunday runs will start and end at Lochside Caravan Park, Carlingwark Loch, Lochside Park, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EZ.

We will finalise the routes to suit the entries received.

Route cards will be provided. This is not a navigation rally, and the intention is that finding the way will be straightforward.

If there is a demand from entrants who prefer not to read these cards, we may offer led group rides, following a rider who knows the way.

Marshalls will informally assist riders at a couple of awkward junctions on the short routes.

Breakdown vehicles will sweep the routes.

Vintage Motorcycle Club Membership

Club members are asked to bring their membership card to show when signing on each day. This is necessary to ensure we are all included in the club's event insurance.

The event is a promotional run for the VMCC. Day membership is available for non members, free of charge, in the hope that you may be encouraged to join the club.

Booking and Costs

Please send your entry to Clyde Valley Section's joint secretary John Harper, preferably by early September.

Email to john@cathburn.com

Or post to: John Harper, 11 Cathburn Holdings, Newmains Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, ML2 9QL

When signing on for the Saturday run, entrants will be asked to pay £10 cash. This covers both days.

Saturday Evening Dinner

An optional social gathering with dinner will be held on the Saturday evening. The venue is The Kings Arms Hotel in Castle Douglas. The cost will be approximately £25 per head, payable to the hotel on the evening. When sending your entry to John Harper, please advise your numbers for the dinner, together with any dietary requirements.

Accommodation

Camping and campervan pitches are available at Lochside.

Castle Douglas has several hotels and Bed & Breakfast places.

Petrol

In Castle Douglas, the Crown Filling Station is at the top of Queen Street, near the roundabout. Postcode DG7 1HX.

The final instructions will give guidance on availability of petrol along the routes.

On behalf of Clyde Valley Section's committee, I look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Best Regards, John Macmillan