

MANX CLASSIC NEWS

Competitors Newsletter

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The best three hills in the British Isles

The Sloc + Creg Willey's Hill + Lhergy Frissell

Anyone with an interest in hill climbing in the British Isles will be aware that normal events have two practice runs and two timed runs over an average course length of 1,000 yards, a total of just over 2.27 miles. Take part in three events and enjoy 6.8 miles at normal UK events!

The MANX CLASSIC is very different. Three events in three days run on the public highway under closed road conditions. Two of the courses are on parts of the famous TT Course and the third is considered by many to be even better. Driving the same number of runs a competitor will cover 15.72 miles on excellent surfaces, in great countryside.

The sheer fun of competing on normal roads in competition has to be experienced to be believed, and competition cars can be driven to each venue in "The Road Race Capital of the World."

There is another excellent additional bonus. A stay on the Island just a few days longer, either before or after the competition days, gives the chance to take time to tour the Island and visit the many unusual attractions. You will not regret it!

The Manx Motor Racing Club puts a great deal of time and effort into this event which continues the hill climbing tradition first recorded on the Island in 1904 as a test in the Gordon Bennett Trials. Things have changed a lot since then !



**Manx Motor Racing Club
Manx Classic, April 2017**

Wednesday 26th

Arrive on the Island and head to the TT Grandstand scrutineering bays on Glencrutchery Road, Douglas, between 3.00pm and 7.00pm. Once scrutineered, the drivers' briefing will take place, time is then your own.

Thursday 27th

Allow 45 minutes to arrive at the Sloc paddock on the South of the Island. Final Instructions and drivers' briefings will give full information.

Friday 28th

Today is the turn of the Creg Willey's Hill climb in the Glen Helen area, starting near the 9th mile marker of the TT Course.

Saturday 29th

Hill number three starts on the outskirts of Ramsey. It's the longest and highest climb of the three, using Lhergy Frissell which is the start of the TT mountain road.

The presentation of awards takes place in Douglas this evening.

The Sloc

The Sloc is back - regraded and resurfaced!

This venue was dropped from the Manx Classic event a few years ago due to the deteriorating road surface, which resulted in 2013 being the last time it was used. The Isle of Man's Department of Infrastructure has recently completed the regrading and resurfacing of the entire length of the course, and the surface is now in really excellent condition.

Located in the south of the Island, just north of Port Erin, the Sloc course is a real challenge for competitors and also provides the added bonus of providing spectators with safe viewing for the full length of the track. The spectacular views across the whole of the south east of the island are an added bonus. On a clear day North Wales can be seen in the distance.

From the bottom paddock competitors and spectators are able to see 75 per cent of the course which runs for a distance of 1.06 miles (1700 metres) and climbs at an average of 1 in 14, rising by 421.26 feet (128.4 metres.)



Creg Willey's

Situated in the middle of the Isle of Man on a section of the TT Course, this event has become a favourite in the three years the Club has used it.

The start is just after the 9th milestone of the TT Course at Glen Mooar and runs through a series of curves past Black Dub and Girdwood Bridge to the left hand corner at Glen Helen, where the climb starts in earnest, passing Sarah's Cottage, with a challenging camber, and on to Lambfell Mooar to the finish 1.39 miles (2243 metres) later.

The track climbs 328.08 feet (100 metres) at an average of 1 in 23. The braking area and top paddock are on the Cronk-y Voddy straight. This is the smoothest flowing of the three hills which makes up the Manx Classic, but to get it right takes more skill than you think.

Lhergy Frissell

The third and final hill in the event is the early part of the mountain road section of the TT Course and starts on the outskirts of Ramsey, the Island's second town and harbour.

On the way to the finish line the course uses famous bends which most motorsport fans will recognise, whether 2 or 4 wheel enthusiasts. Starting with the first tight left, Ramsey hairpin, followed by Barrule steps, Waterworks, then up to the Gooseneck and a short straight to the finish line.

The hill is over 1.48 miles (2374 metres) and rises by an average of 1 in 14. This is 566.54 feet (172.68 metres) higher than the start line.

While waiting for the return convoy, a view of the north of the island and Ramsey bay can be seen. Plus on a clear day the Lake District and southern Scotland can also be in view !

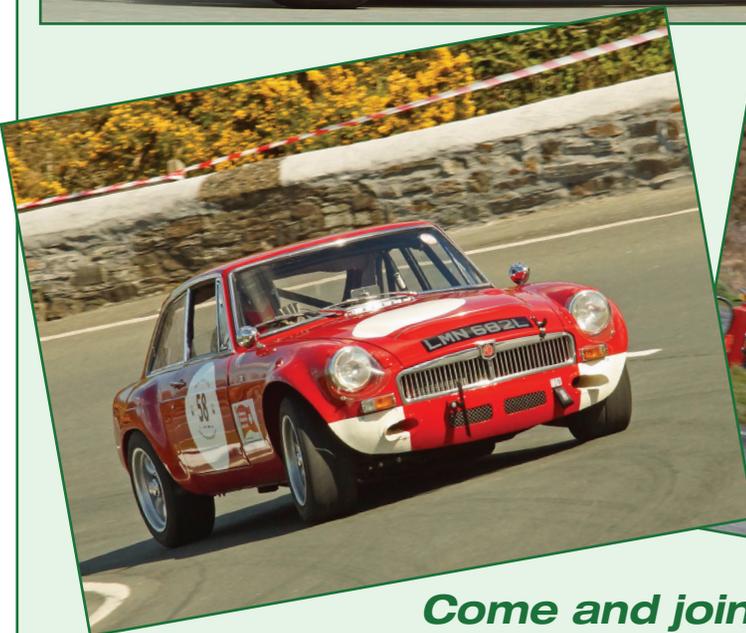


The Manx Classic attracts a super selection of cars

You, too, could enter the Manx Classic ! The Regulations will include classes for all ages of cars, with particular interest in the pre-1968 era – a class and award will be given for a minimum of five entries of similar cars.

Besides the three full days of motorsport competition, there is also the social aspect of the event with time in the evenings to relax and enjoy the company of like-minded enthusiasts.

So come and join us for this unique event! Make a diary note now of the dates for April 2017 !



**Come and join us for the
2017 Manx Classic - April 27th to 29th, 2017**



MANX MOTOR RACING CLUB

<http://www.manxmotorracing.com>

Founded in 1987, the club organises closed-roads events for vintage, classic and modern sports cars on the Isle of Man - the road racing capital of the world. Since 1904, when the first Gordon Bennett Trials were held here, the Isle of Man has offered motor racing enthusiasts a perfect mix of racing heritage, challenging roads and picturesque scenery. Our patron member, John Surtees OBE, not only raced on the TT Course, but is the only person to have achieved World Championship titles on both two and four wheels.

Visit our website for all the latest information regarding the 2017 Manx Classic, plus you will find contact details, regulations and entry forms.

<http://www.manxmotorracing.com/index.php/events>

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