

## 2019 VCR OFFICIAL ENTRY REGULATIONS

### Veteran Motorcycle and Veteran Cycle Supplementary Regulations

#### 1. ANNOUNCEMENT

1.1. The Royal Automobile Club will promote the **2019 Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR)** which will take place on Sunday 3 November. This annual commemoration of the Emancipation Run of 1896 is a demonstration of reliability and endurance, not of speed.

1.2. The length of the Run is approximately 60 miles (97km) and will start from Hyde Park in central London and finish at Madeira Drive, Brighton.

1.3. The event is organised and promoted by Goose Live Events Limited (Organisers) on behalf of The Royal Automobile Club.

1.4. The Organisers invite entries to owners of veteran motorcycles and veteran cycles, the latter members of the Veteran Cycle Club, to this year's Run only subject to entrants fulfilling these entry regulations and requirements.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The event is open to motorcycles and to two-wheel cycles manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1905 and the subject of a valid Dating Certificate (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier). Motorcycles must have been dated by the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club and conform to the original manufacturer's specifications.

2.2. The VCR Steering Group reserves the right to accept motorcycles and cycles of interest to the Run. Entry numbers for both motorcycles and cycles will be restricted to 15 for each.

2.3. The entrant is required to submit a copy of the motorcycle's or cycle's valid Dating Certificate at the time of entry or by Friday 20 September 2019 at the latest.

2.4. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the motorcycle or cycle is in a road-worthy condition. All motorcycles and cycles must meet the legal requirements to run on public roads in the UK.

2.5. All participating motorcycles and cycles must have front (white) and rear (red) lighting either fitted. Temporary lighting can be of modern manufacture.

2.6. No pillion passengers will be allowed in the case of motorcycles.

2.7. Motorcycle riders must hold a full motorcycle driving licence valid in the UK.

#### 3. SCHEDULE

**Friday 20 September** – Close of Entries

**Sunday 3 November**

6.00am – Paddock Opens, Hyde Park

**6.45am** – All motorcycles and cycles to leave via Apsley Gate

9.56am – Madeira Drive, Brighton Opens

4.30pm – Madeira Drive, Brighton Closes

#### 4. FORMAT

##### 4.1. Assembly and Start:

4.1.1. Vehicles will assemble and start at Apsley Gate, Hyde Park, London.

4.1.2. All motorcycles and cycles must be in their allocated assembly area 30 minutes before their start time.

4.1.3. Non-participating motorcycles, cycles, trailers and commercial vehicles are not permitted inside the boundary of Hyde Park, at the Official Crawley stop or within the Madeira Drive finish area and paddock under any circumstance.

4.1.4. Any motorcycle or cycle that differs from the information given on the entry form may not be permitted to start the Run.

4.2. The Route:

4.2.1. The length of the Run is approximately 60 miles (97km) and will be sign-posted with yellow RAC signs from the Start at Hyde Park to the Finish at Madeira Drive. Participants will receive details of the route with the official coffee stop and check point at Crawley. All participating motorcycles and cycles in the Run MUST follow the Red route between Westminster and Croydon and MUST pull into the check point at Crawley to have their route card stamped. Any motorcycle or cycle not having their route card stamped at the Crawley check point will be considered as not having taken the correct route and judged as not having finished the Run.

4.3. Driving Standards:

4.3.1. All riders are required to obey the Highway Code and all instructions of Police Officers and Officials of the event.

4.3.2. Veteran cars do not have rear view mirrors and may be unaware of veteran motorcycles or cycles on their near side. Veteran motorcycles and cycles must allow plenty of road room to veteran cars and must ride on the left hand side of the carriageway close to the kerb and not obstruct veteran cars, particularly on hills, at traffic junctions or traffic lights.

4.3.2. Driving Standards Observers appointed by the Organisers will monitor the progress of the entrants along the route. Their reports may result in penalties (see Regulation 12) being applied by the Clerk of the Course in cases where riding is considered to be in a manner likely to bring the event into disrepute. Penalties include exclusion and disqualification on the day and for future VCR events.

4.3.3. Police Officers and Event Officials are Stewards and their reports on any rider's poor standards of riding and/or lack of respect for the Highway Code will be taken as fact and acted on accordingly.

4.3.4. All entrants/riders are reminded that the Run is NOT A RACE and that they act as ambassadors for the VCR.

4.4. The Finish:

4.4.1. The official finish of the event will be at Madeira Drive, Brighton which closes at 4.30pm. The rider of each cycle finishing before the official closing time at Madeira Drive will be awarded a commemorative medallion on the day. Where possible, a professional colour photograph of their cycle arriving at Brighton will be supplied in the Finisher's Pack sent by post to the entrant after the event.

#### 5. ENTRIES

5.1. Entries for the VCR may be made online at [www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com) or alternatively by completion of the Official 2019 VCR Entry Form. The declaration must be signed and posted or emailed to the Organisers by the closing date shown in Regulation 3 and must include the Entry Fee (see Regulation 6).

5.2. Entries after Friday 23 August will only be accepted after consultation by the Organisers with The Royal Automobile Club and may not be listed in the official programme.

5.3. The Organisers require all entries to be accompanied by one electronic copy photograph of their vehicle. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that the Organisers have the right to use the photograph provided, that it is **copyright free** or that the copyright is owned by the entrant. This is for the purposes of publicity as each motorcycle or cycle accepted, by Friday 23 August, will feature in the official programme and website. By providing entrant and rider details and the photograph of the entered vehicle, entrants grant permission to the organisers to publish this information in the event programme and on the event web site and in other promotional material relating to the Run. Photographs received after this date may not feature in the official programme. The Organisers will retain this photograph, which must be a 3/4 front picture.

5.4. The Organisers require each new entry to be accompanied by a copy of an eligible Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club Dating Certificate. If not available at time of entry, the Entry Form should be completed and returned as required with a covering note advising that a copy of the Certificate will be sent by Friday 23 August at the latest. An entry cannot be officially accepted into the Run until a copy of the Certificate has been received. In this regard the entrant grants permission to the organisers to share motorcycle or cycle and entrant details with the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club, with the Royal Automobile Club and with the VCR Steering Group, as necessary. For vehicle eligibility criteria refer to Regulation 2.

## **6. ENTRY FEES**

6.1 The entry fee per motorcycle will be £199.00 and per cycle £30.00 and is non-refundable.

All entries require payment in UK Sterling ONLY.

All fees include VAT at 20%

6.2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse the entry of an entrant, rider and/or motorcycle/cycle, without giving reasons for refusal.

## **7. IDENTIFICATION**

8.1. Participants will be provided with one alphabetic plate (approx. 7.5" x 5.8"/19cm x 15cm), which must be clearly displayed in forward position on the veteran vehicle for the duration of the Run.

8.2. No advertising, trade sign or promotional display may be carried on the participating vehicles, other than that on the official number supplied by the Organisers or at the discretion of the Organisers.

## **8. EXITING MADEIRA DRIVE AFTER THE EVENT**

9.1. Exit from Madeira Drive is only via Dukes Mound or as directed.

## **9. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE (TENDER VEHICLES)**

9.1. For the purpose of these regulations, a tender vehicle is deemed as any vehicle supporting, assisting, delivering or picking up a participating veteran cycle before, during or after the VCR. A tender vehicle can be a vehicle with a trailer or a commercial vehicle transporter.

9.2. Each entrant will be issued with a tender vehicle window identification sticker. This will link the tender vehicle to the veteran motorcycle or cycle entrant and is for identification purposes only. If you have a tender vehicle driving the designated tender route this sticker must be displayed in their windscreen. NOTE – this does not give access to the tender vehicle car parks at Crawley and Brighton.

9.3. If a tender vehicle pack is purchased an official vehicle pass will be sent to you. This must be displayed in the windscreen when arriving at the car parks in Crawley and Brighton. NOTE – this pass will be in addition to the vehicle pass all tender vehicles will receive. Participating motorcycles or cycles are permitted only one tender vehicle. They will also receive details of the official tender vehicle route.

9.5. Tender vehicles are not permitted on the official veteran car route of the event. The presence of these vehicles following the route is a major cause of delay to participants.

9.6. Riding Standards Observers on the route will report tender vehicles causing unnecessary obstructions to the Clerk of the Course. Infringement of this regulation could result in the associated veteran motorcycle or cycle entrant and/or rider concerned forfeit of the finisher's award for this year's event.

9.7. The entrant/rider is deemed responsible for the conduct of their tender vehicle.

## **10. OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING**

Event Manager – Neil Carr-Jones

Strategic Director – Nick Wigley

Operations Director – Samantha Trevenna

Account Director – Charlie Alger

Entries Administrator – Lucy Budgen

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PR and Communications Officer – Jonathan Gill

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Chief Official, Crawley – Nick Ross

Chief Official, Redhill – Hesketh Emden

Chief Official, Hammer Hill – John Hilton

Chief Official, Clayton Hill – Richard Hilton

Chief Official, Brighton – David Charrington

## **11. GENERAL INFORMATION**

11.1. Entrants and all riders must have valid insurance covering them against liability for both personal injury and damage to the property of third parties on the public road sections of the Run, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

11.2. There are health and safety arrangements in place for the Run and the event areas to manage the hazards and risks identified. All persons involved and attending this event must comply with the safety arrangements in place.

11.3. The annual Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR) is owned by The Royal Automobile Club and advised by its Steering Group for the event which includes elected members of the participants.

## **12. PENALTIES**

12.1. The following penalties may be applied by the Clerk of the Course for the reasons shown:

**Start Refused**

- 4. Format – Different Vehicle
- 8. Identification – Advertising
- 8. Identification – Participant number not displayed

**Forfeit of Finisher's Award**

- 4. Format – Driving Standards
- 4. Format – After the finish has closed
- 10. Outside Assistance (tender/support/pick-up vehicles)

**Exclusion**

- 4. Format – Time Schedule
- 4. Format – Driving Standards; Unsporting behaviour

**13. ORGANISERS (on behalf of The Royal Automobile Club)**

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