

MGCC Midland Centre AGM – 21st March 2022

Midland Centre – Trials Report 2021.

We held the 2021 Autumn Trial 26-09-21, now in its 64th year at East Lodge Farm, Bromsgrove. The Taster Trial ran in parallel attracting 9 entries, well supported by coaches, providing an exhilarating experience for newcomers. It is well established in its 5th year.

The Autumn Trial had 21 entries, there were 4 MGs, the 5year rolling average is 4.8. We rely on support from the MCC, there in force with 8; Falcon, BTRDA and VSCC are also good long-term supporters, but the journey up from Stroud is an obstacle.

Dave and Jennie Oliver in an IMP won the Autumn Cup with no points lost, reflecting both the continuing competence of Imps and their drivers and the recent dry weather and sunny day for the trial. Winston Teague with son Patrick on 40 lost won the Allen Trophy driving an old friend, the ex-John Fry B roadster.

We were at full stretch for marshals on the day, C of C Adrian Tucker-Peake was on the score card all day to make up the numbers. In 2022 the regs will ask all the entry to bring a marshal to bolster the numbers.

We are settled at East Lodge Farm by kind permission of Maggie Mason. Its 40 acres provide what we need for seasoned trialers and newcomers alike. We will not return to Burton Dassett in the foreseeable future.

Martin Price presented a stunning pencil sketch of his much-trialled 1972 B roadster to Brian Osborn, to celebrate 30 years on the rocky stuff, whilst Roger King was able to award the Wilf Hale Trophy to Terry Pigott, long standing auditor of centre finances, for his service to the centre.

Tony Lake