

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NAVIGATION RALLY®

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025

Welcome to the thirteenth Northamptonshire Navigation Rally®. The object is to visit various places mainly in Northamptonshire, but with some in adjacent counties, collecting answers to questions on your travels. There will be no set route and places may be visited in any order. There will be a number of manned controls which must be visited and questions must be answered. These results will be used to determine the winners of each class. There is no speed or mileage requirement other than riders must reach the finish by the closing time. Manned locations will only be open for limited times. There will be no special tests on the public roads. Full details of all manned and unmanned controls will be sent prior to the event.

START AND FINISH

The start and finish will be at The Grange Sports Ground, Northampton Road, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire. (NN6 0HG). There will be ample room for parking vans or trailers at the start/finish.

ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to all paid up members of the Vintage Motorcycle Club, including Day Members, riding motorcycles, either solo or with a sidecar, and three-wheelers manufactured in or before 2000, with or without passengers.. There will be a limited number of modern machines allowed.

CLASSES

Trophies will be awarded for the best performance in the following classes.

VETERAN	Machines built before the end of 1914
VINTAGE	Machines built before the end of 1930
POST VINTAGE	Machines built before the end of 1950
EARLY CLASSIC	Machines built before the end of 1970
LATE CLASSIC	Machines built before the end of 2000
MODERN	Machines built after 2000
PEDAL ASSISTED	Any machine which can be propelled by pedals as well as its engine
SIDECAR OR THREE-WHEELER.	Any machine having three road wheels.

There will also be trophies awarded for the Overall Winner, the Runner Up and the most interesting or desirable machine as well as age related awards.

REGULATIONS

All riders and passengers must sign on at the start between 9-00am and 10-00am to receive their question forms.

All riders and passengers must sign off at the finish and hand in their answer sheets between 3-00pm and 4-00 pm.

Any rider returning to the finish before 3-00pm will have deemed to have retired.

Riders of VETERAN and PEDAL ASSISTED machines will be required to visit 6 unmanned locations and 1 manned location and return to the finish. (Approx 40-50 miles)

Riders of VINTAGE machines will be required to visit 10 unmanned locations and 1 manned location and return to the finish. (Approx 65-70 miles)

Riders of POST VINTAGE machines will be required to visit 11 unmanned locations and 2 manned locations and return to the finish (Approx 75-80 miles)

Riders of EARLY CLASSIC machines will be required to visit 12 unmanned locations and 3 manned locations and return to the finish (Approx 85-95 miles)

Riders of LATE CLASSIC and MODERN machines will be required to visit 14 unmanned locations and 3 manned locations and return to the finish.(Approx 100-105 miles)

Riders and drivers of sidecar outfits and three-wheelers will comply with the class applying to the year of manufacture of their vehicle.

Note the above mileages are for guidance only and form no part of the riding requirement. Riders may travel as far as they wish to visit the required number of checkpoints. The main object is to have an enjoyable day and perhaps find places in Northamptonshire hitherto un-visited.

SCORING

All riders will start with 50 points

Riders will receive a bonus of ½ a point for every year their machine is older than the cut off date for their class. (E.g. a 1925 machine would gain 2 ½ bonus points).

There will also be bonus points for riders of small machines (other than the Pedal Assisted class).

Under 200cc 2 points.

Between 200cc and 400cc 1 point.

ONE point will be deducted for each required location not visited.

A location will be deemed to have not been visited if the answer to the question is incorrect.

ONE point will be deducted for each incorrect answer at the manned points.

The final figure will determine the overall and class winners.

In the event of a tie, the rider of the older or smaller machine will be declared the winner.

ENTRIES

Entries should be made on the accompanying entry form and sent together with a cheque for £12, (£17 for non members which includes £5 day membership), to the Secretary of the Meeting, Trevor Pinfold, 18, High Street, Blisworth, Northampton NN7 3BJ by **August 22nd 2025**.

Note: Free entry for riders of veteran machines

Entries may also be sent by email to trevorpinfold168@btinternet.com with payment by bank transfer to Northampton VMCC Sort code 30-99-50 Account number 52583068 Use reference NNR25

No late entries will be accepted due to administration difficulties.

Entry forms may be photocopied if more are required.

Final instructions will be sent out approximately two weeks before the event to enable route planning in advance of the event.

The following trophies will be awarded

SPOKES MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best performance by a Northampton Section Member

GRAFTON ROSE BOWL

Best performance by a non Northampton Section Member or runner up to Spokes Trophy

MILCLIFF TANKARD

Best performance on a Veteran machine

VINTAGE CUP

Best performance on a Vintage machine

POST VINTAGE VASE

Best performance on a Post Vintage machine

GIRDER CUP

Best performance on a Girder Forked machine

CLASSIC CUP

Best performance on an Early Classic machine

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP

Best performance on a Late Classic machine

MODERN NAVIGATORS AWARD

Best performance on a post 1999 machine

LPA CUP

Best performance on a Pedal Assisted machine

ALAN BURMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best performance with a sidecar out fit or three-wheeler

ALBERT WALLIS TROPHY

Awarded to the rider of the most interesting or desirable machine

A. JED CUP

Awarded to the riders whose age, and that of his or her machine adds up to the greatest number

SEAMUS O'DEERE TROPHY

Awarded for Bad Luck, Misadventure or Plain Foolishness

All finishers will receive a souvenir award

Results will be sent out as soon as possible after the event.

Trophies will be presented at the Presentation Evening in November.

It is hoped that the bacon rolls at the start will be back. More details with the final instructions.

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ENTRY FORM

Rider's name _____

MACHINE DETAILS

Address _____

Make _____

Model _____

Date of manufacture _____

Post code _____

Capacity _____ cc

Telephone No. _____

Solo/Sidecar/Three-wheeler _____

E-mail address _____

Membership No. _____

Riders age (For A.JED cup) _____

Passenger's name _____

Declaration

I declare that I have read and understand the regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them.
I also declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in this event, and do so at my own risk.
I also declare that the machine I shall be riding complies with all relevant legal regulations.

I understand the nature and type of the event and their inherent risks, and agree to accept these notwithstanding that such risks may involve negligence on the part of the organisers.

I will not seek to claim against the VMCC, the organisers, or any others connected with the event in respect of loss suffered.

I am /am not under 18 years of age (delete as applicable). If under 18 state date of birth _____

For any rider or passenger under 18 years of age, on the day of the event, this form must be accompanied by a completed Parental Agreement Form, available from the Event Secretary

I enclose my entry fee of _____ Cheques made payable to **Northampton Section VMCC**
OR

I have transferred entry fee of _____ To Northampton VMCC Bank account

Rider's signature* _____

Passenger's signature* _____

I am /am not under 18 years of age (delete as applicable). If under 18 state date of birth _____

*Signature of parent or guardian if under 18

If a bacon roll is required at the start please tick this box

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Please enclose a SAE if acknowledgement of entry is required other than by email

GDPR. No details on this form will be passed on to a third party without your permission.

