The Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club Limited
86th PIONEER RUN®
SUNDAY 22nd March 2026
REGULATIONS

Sunbeam –MCC Permit No. 1004

1. ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Sunbeam MCC will hold the 86th Pioneer Run® on Sunday 22nd March 2026, we invite entries from riders of Motorcycles, Tricycles, Forecars and (Quadricycles having 4 wheels, handlebars, single steering column, saddle and pedals) manufactured not later than 31st December 1914 and registered on the Pioneer Register or appropriately dated by the Veteran Car Club (VCC) of GB.

2. JURISDICTION.

The Pioneer Run® is NOT a competition, it is a non-competitive social road run authorised by the Motor Sport Association (MSA), Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials Regulations dated 1969 No. 414 Road Traffic ACT). It is a demonstration of the reliability and endurance of veteran machines. The Run will be held under these regulations and any Final Instructions issued, such Final Instructions to have the same force as these regulations.

It is important that entrants conduct themselves in a fitting manner, observe the laws of the road, do not play to the crowd or photographers with circus acts, or endeavour to be first at Brighton City Airport.
THE PIONEER RUN® IS NOT A RACE

THE VERY FUTURE OF THE PIONEER RUN® is dependent upon both the responsible riding of Veteran Motor Cycles and the conduct of Tender/Trailer drivers which includes showing due consideration to other road users. We in the UK are privileged to be able to use early machines without restrictions and it is in the interest of all participants to maintain this privilege which could easily be lost.

3. ENTRIES.

a) Entries will be accepted on the official entry forms only, accompanied by the appropriate Fees sent to :-

The Event Secretary. Nick Canfor, 3 Malthouse Close, Easton, Winchester, SO21 1ES
TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 7th February 2026 TO ENSURE A PROGRAMME LISTING.
FINAL ENTRY DATE IS 14th March 2026 BUT WITH NO PROGRAMME LISTING.

If you are entering and wish to ride near a friend, please send both entries in the same envelope.
Similar forethought in the entry of Horsepower Teams would also be welcome.

b) If you wish to join the Sunbeam MCC and enjoy the lower fee for this event, and our other events, please send your Membership fee to the Membership Secretary: membership@sunbeam-mcc.co.uk

- **Please remember that 2026 Club subscriptions are due for renewal on 31st December 2025, so if you wish to claim member riding fees you must include your membership number or full subscription with your 2026 entry.**

c**)** Entrants will receive packages containing their Riding Numbers, Car Stickers, Paddock Passes, refreshment tickets and Final Instructions when signing on at the start..

NOTE: Programmes will be available for collection when signing on at the start.

- **A separate acknowledgement of receipt of entry can be sent if requested**, **upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope with the entry form.**

d) Entries are not transferable and machines may only be substituted with the permission of the Entry Secretary prior to the day.

e) Please note that we do not accept entries from riders with provisional licences or trade plated machines.

f) Two numbered cards will be supplied and must be conspicuously displayed throughout the event, one facing forwards mounted on the machine, the other facing rear and normally carried by the rider on their belt. **An identity marker will be applied to the rear number on the start line and again at the Coffee Stop Check Point these markers must be shown to the Sign Off Steward in order to claim your Pioneer Medal**.

Please ensure that you have string or tape to affix your numbers.

g) Entrants are encouraged that it is in the spirit of the run and an essential feature of the event to leave their machines on display in the paddock at Brighton City Airport until the Awards have been presented.

h) The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry or exclude a machine should they feel either is unfit to take part or likely to bring the event into disrepute, or has done so in the past.

4. PASSENGERS. Passengers may only be carried where proper seating is provided. The passenger must be named on the entry form, a change of passenger en route is not permitted as it contravenes the insurance arrangements and will render the rider liable to exclusion.

5. PERSONAL ACCIDENT COVER.
All riders and passengers requiring insurance cover against personal accident risks whilst taking part in this event must make their own arrangements for suitable cover.

6. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.
a) Machines must comply with the legal requirements for use on the public highway.
b) Riders MUST have valid insurance in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act and the relevant Law in Great Britain and they will be required to sign a declaration that they are covered by such insurance.
c) Overseas entrants are required to produce an Insurance Green Card at Signing On if asked to do so.
d) All riders and passengers MUST Sign-on at the start and Sign-off at the finish,

7. OFFICIALS.
a) Secretary of the Meeting Nick Canfor

8. DESCRIPTION.
a) This event is promoted as a SOCIAL GATHERING/ROAD SAFETY RALLY. Riders are expected to ride accordingly, **please read item 2, Jurisdiction**.
The finish at Brighton City Airport will open at 10.00am, and any rider arriving before this time will be deemed to have NOT ridden in the spirit of the event and will be considered a non finisher.
b) The Start will be within the confines of TATTENHAM CORNER Racecourse Car Parks. Epsom Downs. A map of the start area will be included in the programme.
c) The field of entries will be arranged where possible in machine date order for Class 1 (pre 1905) and Class 2 (1905-1910), Class 3 (1911-1914) machines will be in the **order that Entries are received.** To secure an early start in Class 3 it is necessary to get your entry in as soon as possible.
d) The first six machines away will leave at **0800hrs** with the remainder following on in groups of six subject to traffic conditions. **All Riders and Passengers MUST Sign-on at least 15 minutes before their start time.** If they arrive at the start line more than 30 minutes late, they may be excluded. **Starting before the programmed start-time will not be permitted.** Riders who fail to Sign-on will be deemed Non-Starters and be ineligible for Start and Finish awards.
f) The Finish will be at Brighton City Airport. The course will be closed at 13.00hrs and any riders arriving after that time will be deemed to have retired.
g) Riders will be required to drive their machine the whole route to qualify for a Pioneer Finisher's lapel badge. Outside assistance, en route, is permissible to enable repairs or adjustments only.
Machines which have been towed or trailed over any part of the course will be excluded.
h) The route follows the A217 through Reigate to join the A23 at Gatwick. It leaves the A23 at Pease Pottage roundabout onto the B2114, signposted Handcross. The route continues through Handcross onto the B2110 to Lower Beeding then A281 to Henfield and on to the A2037 to Upper Beeding joining the A283 towards Shoreham by Sea, then onto the A27 towards Chichester, then left to Brighton City Airport to the finish. Riders are reminded that they must obey all traffic lights en-route.
i) Riders are required to pass through a check point at the Coffee Stop at Leonardslee Gardens where their rider number will again be stamped.
j) The Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club reserves the right to amend the course, should it be necessary, due to conditions prevailing on the day.

9. DRIVING MANNER en ROUTE.
As a result of severe and dangerous obstruction caused by slow moving trailers closely following riders, the Police Authorities have insisted that, in the interests of safety, we take some positive action to stop it. The flow of motorcycles does not in itself create a problem, it is the practice of some tender vehicles closely following and sticking with a slow moving rider which presents the greatest danger to riders and other road users.

Cars with trailers moving with the mainstream of traffic cause few problems and tender crews could ease the situation by either by-passing the main route, joining it at pre-arranged check-points, or by intelligently leap frogging down the route and parking in lay-byes.

To help prevent congestion through Handcross village, TENDER DRIVERS are asked not to park in the village.
Entrants are strongly urged to instruct the driver of their tender vehicle to follow the alternative route from Epsom to Brighton City Airport detailed in the instructions to tender vehicles.

10. RIDING SAFETY.
It is vitally important that if you break down you MUST get your machine off the Highway, preferably onto the hard shoulder, pavement or bank, out of the traffic stream where you can safely work on it or wait to be picked up. This is particularly pertinent in narrow lanes and where the traffic stream is heavy. It is NOT acceptable to block your side of the road with a machine being worked on or waiting to be picked up. It is hazardous to put yourself in a position where traffic has to deviate to avoid you, sometimes with little warning.

11. AWARDS.
a) Start To every rider who signs on, a commemorative lapel badge.
b) Finish To every rider who completes the course, a finisher's badge.
If you fail to go through the correct starting area or check point, you will not receive a finisher's medallion should you finish the course.
c) *Combined Age Award:* To the rider who finishes by 1300hrs and has the greatest combined age with that of his machine, a Cup to be held for one year, and an engraved tankard, To the next two runners-up, an engraved shield.
d) *Age Difference Award:* To the rider who finishes by 1300hrs and has the greatest difference between his own age and that of his machine, The Laurie Fenton Trophy, to be held for one year, and an engraved tankard. To the runner-up an engraved shield.
e) *Meritorious Performance Award:* To the rider who, in the opinion of the judge, overcomes the greatest hardship or bad luck to achieve a finish. The Bob Currie Trophy, to be held for one year, and an engraved tankard.
f) *Ladies Award:* To the lady rider who finishes before 1300hrs and, in so doing puts up the best performance of the lady Riders, a Cup to be held for one year and an engraved souvenir.
g) *Most Authentic and Un-restored machine:* To the rider who finishes by 1300hrs with the most authentic & un-restored machine a tankard.
h) *Dutch 'Horsepower' Team Trophy:* To a team, one from Class 1 entries, one from Class 2 entries, one from Class 3 entries, all who have successfully finished before 1300hrs and have the greatest combined ages of riders and machines collectively, a mounted shield presented by the Dutch Horsepower Run Organisers with an engraved tankard as a replica to each member of the team.
i) Newcomers Award: Presented by the German Vintage Motorcycle Club, to be awarded to the most deserving newcomer.
j) *Ray Newton Trophy:* To the best V-Twin machine to complete the course by 1300hrs, plus an engraved tankard.
k) *The Brian Verrall Trophy :*To the Best Sidecar outfit or Three Wheeler to complete the course by 1300hrs, plus an engraved tankard.
l) The Wally Lambert Memorial Cup. For the best American built machine. Plus an engraved tankard.
m) The Pioneer Registrars Cup. For the best Presented machine in the opinion of the Pioneer Registrar.

If you find a rosette on your machine, it means you have won an Award and your presence is requested at the presentation of Awards at approx. 2.00 pm at the Club Marquee.

12. PARKING AT BRIGHTON CITY AIRPORT.
The Paddock for tender vehicles will be strictly reserved for those vehicles carrying the Official Car stickers.

The final date for application to the Pioneer Register for machines not already on the Register is 1st January 2026 for inclusion in this event. (Contact details of Registrar on entry form)

REMEMBER THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 7th February 2026

If you are entering as a Sunbeam MCC member, Please, do not forget to include your membership number

START TIME is 08.00hrs on Sunday 22nd March 2026.

The Organisers wish you a safe and successful ride.

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