



ASTON MARTIN OWNERS CLUB

CONCOURS D'ETAT

2023

ENTRY INFORMATION AND RULES

OBJECTIVE

The Club's foremost objective in organising Concours events is to encourage the owners of Aston Martins to preserve, maintain and present their cars in a condition as close as possible to when they left the factory or dealer's showroom when new.

Participating in Concours is intended to be an enjoyable and informative experience for entrants and provide a showcase of exceptionally presented models for fellow Members and other visitors to enjoy. The opportunity to talk to the judges and keep the marking sheets can provide useful tips on improvements on your car.

Entrants should not be deterred from participating just because their cars are well-used, are relatively old within their class, have high mileages or minor modifications. The overall mileage of the car may be taken into account at the discretion of the judges when comparing a recently produced model with a much older one.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of entries in the Lagonda Class, which is also open to Members of the Lagonda Club, the entrant must be a current Member of the Aston Martin Owners Club. The entrant must be the owner and attend the event in person and be on hand while the car is being judged to assist the judges.

With the exception of the Lagonda class, cars will only be judged if a full-sized metal or adhesive AMOC issued badge is fitted in such a way that it can be seen when standing in front of the car.

CLASSES

Cars are grouped according to the following classes, and each class is judged separately, with various trophies and awards given to winners with plaques for runners-up. The entries are divided into the following classes:

Pre-War:

Aston Martin models from B&M up to 15/98 2-litre models plus Spa models and Atom.

Feltham:

Post-War Aston Martins from 2 litre (DB1) to Mark DB2/4 Mark III

Newport Pagnell 6cyl:

DB4, 5 and 6

6cyl DBS models

AM Vantage

Newport Pagnell 8cyl:

DBSV8

V8 (Saloon, Vantage) Zagato

Virage models (Including Twin Supercharged Vantage, LWB Volante and V8 Coupe).

Newport Pagnell 12cyl:

Vanquish and Vanquish S models.

Bloxham:

DB7 variants

Gaydon Class 1:

V8 Vantage up to and including 2012.00 model year

DB9 up to and including 2012 model year

DBS 2007-12 VH3

Cygnets

Gaydon Class 2:

V8 Vantage from 2012.25 Facelift (model year 2012) includes Vantage S, AMR, GT8

All V12 Vantage, S, AMR and Zagato

DB9 facelift (2013 model year onwards)

Virage (2012 model year)

(VH3) Vanquish, S, Zagato VH3

Rapide and AMR

One-77 and Vulcan

Gaydon Class 3:

AM5 DB11

AM6 V8 Vantage 4.0 litre

AM7 DBS Superleggera

Modern:

Cars under 3 years old still under manufacturer's warranty

DB11

V8 Vantage, V12 Vantage, V12 Speedster

AM7 DBS

DBX

Valkyrie

DB22

Lagonda:

Post-War Lagondas

Associate Class:

Other classic marques entered by AMOC Members

Elite:

Previous winners of the first eleven Classes above

Restoration Class

Eligible models: Feltham to end of NP V8 Production 1989

Definition of class: Open to professionally restored cars that have been completed and handed over to AMOC Member clients since 1 January 2020.

Entry criteria: A simple photo album of the restoration should be available with the car for inspection. The winning car will be awarded a trophy to keep.

The winner is not eligible to enter the Elite class the following year.

The owner and a member of the restoration company to be on hand to present the car to the judges.

To be eligible, cars will have had a comprehensive, professional restoration covering all aspects of the car bodywork, interior, running gear and engine.

All classes, with the exception of Restoration and Elite, are referred to as Primary Classes.

JUDGING AND AWARDING POINTS

Before judging commences, the owner must be present on the day of the event and cannot be represented by anyone else. Entrants are encouraged to bring to the judges' attention any information they feel may assist the process, such as special features, history, usage etc. Cars must be licensed and have a valid MoT certificate, where required by law, or less than three years old or from overseas.

No one other than the owner and one other may clean the car after arriving at the event. Cleaning must stop at 1000hrs sharp. If an entrant is seen cleaning after this time, the car will be disqualified. Under no circumstances may an entrant contract a professional detailer on the day. If a car is seen being prepared by a professional car cleaner on the day, it will be disqualified.

Cars in all classes other than will be inspected and judged in accordance with the Check List as defined below:

All Classes except Restoration

A maximum of 25 points will be awarded in each of the following four categories to give a maximum of 100 points.

Engine Compartment

Chassis

Body Exterior

Body Interior

The 25 points in each category are allocated according to three criteria:

Cleanliness - how clean are all surfaces/components and free from dust, dirt, contamination

Condition - are all parts in their original 'as new' condition

Originality - are all parts original as when left the factory/showroom?

See Appendix for scoring guide

Restoration Class - Variations to the above

Interior 25

Body 25

Engine 25

Chassis and wheels 15

Emotion 10, Provenance, restoration skills, history and points of interest

Elite Class

Cars winning Pre-War, Feltham Class, Newport Pagnell 6cyl, Newport Pagnell 8cyl, Newport Pagnell 12 cyl, Bloxham, Gaydon 1, 2 and 3, Modern or Lagonda classes will be promoted to the Elite Class for future Concours (save that the Club reserves the right not to promote a car if the standard of entry is deemed not to warrant it).

Cars 3 years old and younger entering Elite will be subjected to a 5-point handicap.

Cars between 10 and three years old entering Elite will be subjected to a 3-point handicap.

Previous 'walkover' winners are not acceptable as Elite Class entrants until they have beaten valid class competition. A car **MUST** win its Primary class to gain the opportunity of entering Elite Class, for a period of two years (or four AMOC events). Once promoted to the Elite Class, a car remains there for two Spring and two Autumn Concours without winning the Elite Class. Entrants that prefer to remain in their Primary Class may do so for the same period but with less than five marks from their score.

Elite Class entrants will be required to produce factory or other documentation to determine original specification, copies **must be included** with the entry form or emailed to the Chief Judge, who will print it and attach it to the judging sheet. You may wish to be available to the Judges to assist them on the day. It is not mandatory for Primary Class entrants to produce this documentation, but it may assist judges if this information is available.

When a car wins Elite Class, it is restricted from entering Concours for 2 years, but may then join its Primary Class again.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

A trophy (to be held for one year) will be awarded to the winner of each class. Commemorative plaques (for retention) will also be awarded to the first, second and third in each class.

The awards for the first three places in each class will be presented on the day.

In the event of a tie for first or second place, no third place will be awarded

In the event of a three-way tie for first place no second or third place will be awarded.

In the event of a class having only one entrant, that entrant will be awarded first prize if, in the view of the judges, the car is of sufficiently high standard.

Annual Trophies

- John Wyer Trophy - Best kept post-war car of the year

- Sir Arthur Sutherland Memorial Trophy - Best kept pre-war car of the year
- Horace Wilmshurst Trophy - Most interesting AMOC Concours newcomer during the year

Event trophies awarded at both Spring & Autumn Concours:

- Derrick Edwards Trophy & Ray Eve Trophy Pre-war Class. Loveridge Salver & Barry Weir Challenge Trophy Feltham Class. Gittins Trophy & Portman Trophy Newport Pagnell 6cyl Class
- Barclays Insurance Services Trophy & Valspar Trophy Newport Pagnell 8cyl Class Heyworth Trophy & Holt Trophy Elite Class
- AMOC Lagonda Salver & Goddard & Smith Trophy Lagonda Class Johnson Cup & James Johnson Trophy Bloxham Class
- Chiltern Aston Centre Salver & Solent Trophy Modern Class
- Aston Martin Works and Parts Operation Trophies Gaydon Class

It is the responsibility of the trophy recipient to have the trophy engraved with their name and date before returning it to AMOC HQ for the next Concours event.

RESULTS:

Results are announced on the day at an 'awards ceremony'.

Entrants will be able to examine the marking sheets on the day of the event to discover how they fared. In the event of a dispute in marking, the Chief Judge assisted by two senior judges will be available to adjudicate. The judges' decision will be final, the Club or the Concours Organiser will not enter into correspondence or other dialogue after the event.

Notes:

To comply with legal requirements of the General Regulations of Motorsport UK, entrants will be required to add their name and car details to a form made available at the point of entry to the competitor's arena on the day of the event.

Trailing

Cars must not be trailed to the Concours on the day and entrants will be asked to confirm to the Judges that they have not trailed their car to the event. The car entered must be driven from its place of overnight stay to the event. If a car is trailed to the event on the day, 15 points will be deducted. This excludes cars in the Bamford and Martin variants and cars that cannot be registered for road use, which may be trailed for any distance without penalty.

Removal of all non-standard items

In all classes, entrants should assist in Cleanliness marking, by removing all luggage, etc. from the cars (including boot and glove box) before judging commences. Points will be deducted if personal items remain in the car whilst the judging is taking place.

Marking

Marking is simply a means to an end, thus points scored may vary between different Concours and/or individual Classes. Score comparisons between Classes or Events are therefore meaningless.

Originality

Originality is considered to be as the car was the moment before registration for the public highway. Any modifications after this date, either by Aston Martin or otherwise, will be considered as non-original.

Cancellation

In the unlikely event of Concours cancellation at short notice due to circumstances beyond the Club's control, competitors will be offered a full refund of any pre-paid entry fees, but no other compensation.

Free Entry

Competing drivers will gain free entry to the grounds of the event provided they have paid their entry fees to AMOC HQ by the deadline date or, if necessary, on the day, show their membership cards and display their "Entrant" sticker in the windscreen. All others, i.e., passengers and non-competing Members, will be required to pay the appropriate admission fee unless special free entry arrangements have been negotiated. Those arriving without their cards and non-members will have to pay the full rate.

Regulations

These events will be held under the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations. Motorsport UK, as described in paragraph B.5.1, will have issued "Certificates of Exemption" of the above-mentioned General Regulations.

It should be noted that under no circumstances will entries be accepted after the scheduled start of judging. No further paperwork will be issued for either the event or any amendments to timings or arrangements. These will be announced on the Club Website or in AM Monthly.

Michael Reed
Chief Judge
January 2023

APPENDIX: Scoring Guide

Check List

The checklist set out below has been designed not only to help entrants, but also to provide a quick reference for newcomers to Club judging. It concentrates on details which may not be immediately apparent, but which require examination. Extras, such as additional spot or fog lamps, may incur penalties for non-originality if they are not factory options. Where an Aston Martin differs from standard ex-works specification, competitors are advised to produce documentary evidence that their car was “Works modified” when originally delivered. Failure to do so could result in considerable points deduction.

Engine compartment

All exposed surfaces, linkages, cables and fittings, undersides or hidden faces of carburetors, dynamo/alternator, pumps for water, power steering, air conditioning, fan cowling, inlet and exhaust manifolds, all oil filler & vent pipes, hydraulic reservoirs, servos and underside of bonnet.

Chassis

All exposed surfaces of the chassis, floor pan, suspension and running gear, the inside of all chassis rails, outriggers, jacking points and protective shields (such as master cylinders on DB4/5/6 models), top of gearbox, back axle and exhaust system, brake system components.

Body exterior

All exposed paintwork, glass, chrome and other trim, plus alignment of all panels at abutment areas, the line of all panels in silhouette (including headlamp covers), window and door seals, undersides of bumpers, drainage channels to bonnet and boot openings, air vents, fuel filler access(es), spare wheel covers, hood frames and tonneau, sliding roof channels and wheels.

Body interior

All exposed surfaces plus underneath all removable carpets including boot, beneath seats, including front seat runners, spare wheel and spare wheel well, tool & battery compartment(s), ashtray(s), glove box(es) and storage areas, both sides of sun visors, contact areas of folding seats and armrests, underside of steering wheel and pedal area.

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