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James Harland, who rode a lot of club trials in the island as a youngster, produced a superb ride to win the Manx International Classic Trial last weekend. Riding a 350 Triumph twin, Harland remained feet-up for the entire two days to edge home in front of joint runners-up Chris Gascoigne (Francis Barnett) and Rob Bowyer (500 Triumph) on one mark apiece. The leading local was Stephen Lace of Laxey, who piloted his 250 Triumph Cub to 16th place overall.

No fewer than nine of the Pre-65 Premier class riders managed to clean the opening day as the event enjoyed an idyllic start at Poyll Vaaish, Ballarock, Sloc, Cronk Fedjag, Glen Rushen Gully and Arrasey. After the lunch stop, the day concluded with 16 further sections at South Barrule and Old Stoney quarries, Tosaby, Moaney Moar, Billown Glen and Scarlett. The nine riders to remain clean all day were Harland, Gascoigne, Bowyer, Mark Buckworth (Villiers), Michael Irving (Ariel), Ian Strickland (Triumph Cub), John Maxfield (Cub), Paul Heys (Cub) and Graham Brown (James). The leading locals were Colin Scarffe (Triumph), 18th on four marks, Shaun Huxley (James) 19th on five and Stephen Lace on six, directly ahead of TT legends Mick Grant and Ian Hutchinson on seven and eight respectively.

Harland, Maxfield and Buckworth were clean on Sunday until Cluggid Gate in Sulby Valley, where the latter man had a costly five. Twice former winner Maxfield dropped three in the closing stages, but Harland kept his boots nailed firmly to the footrests of the twin to be one of a select number of riders to clean the entire event over the past 19 years. James, who won the 2013 Pre-65 Scottish, lives in the Wylam area of Northumberland, but his parents have been residents of Ballaugh since the 1980s. An initial error on the score cards saw Strickland down in eighth place, but it later became apparent that he had been given a rogue five at the final group close to Douglas Rugby Club in Port-e-Chee. Once corrected, he moved back up the order to fourth in front of Maxfield and Blythe (on tie-breaks), Irving, Heys, Buckworth, Paul Dennis and former world champion Yrjo Vesterinen. 2014 winner Eddie Aitkin retired at Bullrenny on Sunday when he used up his third and last spare tube in the Cub, only to discover that broken spokes were the cause of his problems. Lace added 15 to his day one tally and moved up six places to 16th and receive the Juan Cannell Trophy for the best Manx resident. Kevin Whiteway produced some typically solid rides on his Cub to move Manx Classic up 10 places to 24th, winning the Cyril Huxley Trophy. The best overseas rider was Jean Pierre Pregardien of France in 47th place. The battle of the TT riders saw Hutchy 20th (in his first classic trial), Mick Grant (now 71) 29th, local former Senior MGP winner Buddy Yardsley 42nd and Classic TT stop-over Arthur Browning 49th.

Peter Carson of Derbyshire leapt from seventh place overnight to win the Pre-65 Clubman class on his rigid BSA Bantam. Two similar Bantams, ridden by Mick Chapman and Gavin Andrews, led the way on Saturday with two apiece. Carson was on seven. But he turned it around on Sunday to drop just three and finish in a four-way tie for first place on 10 marks with Andrews, Gerry Minshall (James) and newcomer Gary Shaw (Bantam). Carson took the honours on a count of cleans.

Northern Ireland riders won both of the twinshock classes. Stephen Murphy made it four wins in succession in the Premier class on his Yamaha Majesty. He rode clean on day one and had six on Sunday to beat close friend, local man Graham Christian, on the near standard TY250, by three. Eurocup Twinshock Champion Steve Martin was a close third in his first attempt at the Manx event. Regular former national rider James Noble was fourth and local man Wayne Wardell, second overnight on one, slipped to fifth with his Majesty on 14. Newcomer Gareth Mackey won the Twinshock Clubman class on his 156 Fantic. He and fellow countryman Gary Long (349 Montesa) got through the opening day with a single dab each, but Mackey edged clear on Sunday with eight additional marks to Long's 18. Leading locals in this class were Nigel Woods (Seeley Honda) eighth, Neil Kerruish (175 Yamaha) ninth and Ian Lees (Yamaha Majesty) 10th.

Manx International Classic Trial 2015 Pre-65 Premier

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Pos	No	Name	Machine	Class	Grand Total	Total Cleans		
1	119	James Harland	Triumph 3TA	E	0	62	Best Overall Performance	Manx Classic Premier Award
							Unit Construction 4 Stroke	Derek Batty Trophy
2	96	Chris Gascoigne	Francis Barnett	F	1	61	Two Stroke Springer	Manx Trials Club Tankard
							First Class	
2	105	Rob Bowyer	Triumph Twin	E	1	61	First Class	
4	135	Ian Strickland	Triumph Cub	E	3	59	First Class	
5	139	John Maxfield	Triumph Cub	E	3	59	First Class	
6	113	Stuart Blythe	Triumph Cub	E	3	59	Best Newcomer (Premier Route)	Classic Racer Magazine Trophy
							First Class	
7	106	Michael Irving	Ariel	D	6	59	Pre-Unit Springer	Manx Trials Club Rosebowl
							First Class	
8	132	Paul Heys	Stealth Cub	E	6	59	First Class	
9	85	Mark Buckworth	James	F	9	59	First Class	
10	114	Paul Dennis	Triumph Cub	E	10	57	First Class	
11	140	Yrjo Vesterinen	Triumph	E	11	55	First Class	
12	151	Graham Brown	James	F	13	57	First Class	
13	158	Paul Edwards	Ariel	D	15	55	First Class	
14	71	Tim Blackmore	James	F	15	54	First Class	
15	120	Alan Nicklin	Greeves	F	16	53	First Class	
16	117	Stephen Lace	Triumph Cub	E	21	47	Best Manx Resident	Juan Cannell Trophy
							Best Manx Trials Club Member	MTC Members Award
							First Class	
17	143	Jerry Hawker	Francis Barnett	F	26	50	First Class	
18	166	Alan Aslett	Triumph Cub	E	26	48	First Class	
19	84	Richard Jackson	BSA C15T	E	27	47	First Class	
20	149	Ian Hutchinson	Triumph Cub	E	27	47	First Class	
21	185	Peter Morris	Triumph Cub	E	28	50	First Class	
22	172	Jim Pickering	Drayton Bantam	F	32	46	First Class	
23	175	Steve Thompson	BSA	D	32	43	First Class	
24	118	Kevin Whiteway	Triumph Cub	G	33	46	Special	Cyril Huxley Trophy
							First Class	
25	187	Glyn Moses	Francis Barnett	F	34	48	First Class	
26	116	Jim Davidson	Triumph Cub	E	35	45	First Class	
27	142	Andrew Scott	Triumph Cub	E	35	42		
28	65	Carl Blakely	BSA C15	E	36	45		
29	157	Mick Grant	BSA Bantam	F	40	46		
30	102	Pete Clibburn	Triumph Cub	E	40	43		
31	87	David Ingram	BSA	E	41	42		
32	90	Alan Brown	Triumph	E	42	44		
33	163	Colin Scarffe	Triumph Cub	E	42	43		
34	104	Tony Dillon	Triumph Cub	E	45	38		
35	69	Barry Burton	Triumph Cub	E	48	40		
36	196	Neil Buckley	Triumph Cub	F	50	40		
37	110	Roy Wilson	Triumph Cub	E	51	42		
38	188	George Gorvett	BSA C15	E	52	41		
39	203	Kevin Ellis	James	F	60	37		
40	138	Andrew Dean	BSA Bantam	F	61	40		
41	125	John Chatto	BSA C15	E	62	38		
42	109	Buddy Yeardsley	Triumph Cub	E	63	37		
43	94	Rob Mellor	Triumph Cub	E	64	40		
44	88	Stu Ormsher	BSA	E	65	41		
45	126	David Emmott	Triumph	D	69	37		
46	144	David Harding	Triumph Cub	E	73	37		
47	82	Jean Pierre Pregardien	Triumph Cub	E	74	38	Best Overseas Rider	Paul Skott Trophy
48	123	Stuart Chapman	Triumph	E	87	33		
49	77	Arthur Browning	Jawa	G	90	36		
50	168	Dave Burroughs	James	F	90	34		
51	199	Colin Fray	DOT	F	93	31		
52	164	Neil Hammersley	Triumph Cub	E	94	30		
UNDER 35								
1	134	George Emmott	Triumph Twin	I	18	52	Best Under 35 Rider	Abbotswood Trophy
2	145	Grant Harding	Francis Barnett	I	25	49		
3	74	Jacob Ingram	Triumph Cub	I	47	44		
4	162	Daniel Smith	Triumph Cub	I	47	43		
5	192	Robert Spencer	Ariel HT	I	57	41		

Manx International Classic Trial 2015 Pre-65 Clubman

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Pos	No	Name	Machine	Class	Grand Total		Cleans		
					Total	Cleans			
1	191	Peter Carson	BSA Bantam	C	10	57	Best Clubman	Manx Classic Trophy	
							Two Stroke Rigid	Andy Sykes Trophy	
2	174	Gavin Andrews	Drayton Bantam	F	10	56	First Class		
3	89	Gerry Minshall	James	F	10	55	First Class		
4	201	Gary Shaw	BSA Bantam	F	10	53	Best Newcomer (Clubman Route)	Lancaster Trophy	
							First Class		
5	98	Alan Whitton	Triumph Cub	E	11	56	First Class		
6	103	Philip Clarkson	BSA C15	E	12	55	First Class		
7	108	Keith Hobson	Triumph Cub	E	14	57	First Class		
8	92	Jonathan Harrison	Triumph Cub	E	15	52	First Class		
9	208	James Morton	Triumph Cub	E	18	56	First Class		
10	183	Gwilym Hoosen-Owen	BSA Drayton B40	E	21	49	First Class		
11	76	Mark Spencer	Francis Barnett	F	22	51	First Class		
12	101	Carl Winstanley	James	F	25	51	First Class		
13	146	Bruce Watts	Triumph Cub	E	29	50	First Class		
14	198	Les Ashby	BSA B40	E	29	49	First Class		
15	136	Tim Baker	Ariel	D	31	51	First Class		
16	211	Neil Sinden	Ariel	D	33	51	First Class		
17	154	Paul Kirkby	Triumph Cub	E	33	48			
18	184	Jim Oppen	Triumph Cub	E	33	47			
19	179	Alan Halford	Triumph Cub	E	33	46			
20	200	Paul Owen	BSA Bantam	C	34	45			
21	91	Kevin Scott	Triumph Cub	E	35	50			
22	160	Geoff Walker	BSA Bantam	F	38	46			
23	107	Colin Benson	Ariel	D	38	42			
24	214	Steve Rayner	Triumph Cub	E	40	46			
25	152	Gary Carter	BSA	E	40	44			
26	137	David Wear	Royal Enfield	D	41	40			
27	195	Michael Dorricott	Triumph Cub	G	42	47			
28	127	Graham Wilkinson	Triumph	B	43	48	Tele-fork Rigid	Corkill Trophy	
29	224	Mervyn Powell	Ariel HT	D	44	42			
30	204	Ashley Gardner	BSA C15	E	44	42			
31	220	John Colclough	James	F	45	44			
31	128	John Feather	Ariel	B	45	41	Oldest Combined Age, Bike & Rider	Ramsey Press %Old Dabbers+Perpetual	
32	178	Tony Bradley	Triumph Cub	E	47	44			
33	130	John Patefield	Triumph Twin	D	48	41			
34	223	Neil Walker	Francis Barnett	F	48	40			
35	147	Walter Frei	BSA B40	E	49	44	Best Overseas Newcomer	Davied Rowe Trophy	
36	155	Michael Dawson	BSA Bantam	C	49	41			
37	197	Tim Britton	BSA B40	E	50	43			
38	170	Ian Watkins	AJS	B	53	41			
39	210	Eric Boocock	Triumph Cub	E	55	41			
40	156	Michael Clay	Sprite	F	56	40			
41	190	Tim Lewis	Triumph Cub	E	57	39			
42	78	Ian Bullock	DOT	F	59	39			
43	115	Robert Moore	UPB Evo Cub	E	61	38			
44	99	Rob Goodwin	Francis Barnett	F	63	37			
45	222	Mike Sanderson	Triumph Cub	E	63	37			
46	216	Terry Watkins	Drayton Bantam	F	64	35			
47	218	Dave Harrison	BSA	E	67	34			
48	173	Alex Crane	Drayton Bantam	F	69	37			
49	180	Roger Galpin	Triumph Cub	E	71	37			
50	79	Robert Davis	BSA Bantam	F	72	31			
51	81	Andy Hunt	BSA C15	E	73	37			
52	221	Stephen Leyshon	Drayton Bantam	F	74	37			
53	165	Jason Hammersley	Triumph Cub	E	74	31			
54	209	Pete Kirby	BSA	E	76	37			
55	189	Bernard Sutton	BSA Bantam	F	76	29			
56	72	Richard Griffiths	500 Norton	B	78	33			
57	86	Trevor Buckworth	Greeves	F	79	31			
58	176	Mark Lucas	BSA C15	E	79	29			
59	206	Peter Peniata	Triumph Cub	E	83	27			
60	131	Roger Feather	Ariel	D	84	29			
61	80	Keith Hartill	BSA Bantam	F	85	32			
62	73	Shaun Gent	BSA Bantam	F	87	30			
63	133	Max Heys	Triumph Cub	E	94	32			
64	213	Eddie Bull	Triumph Cub	E	95	28			
65	129	Colin Pawson	Triumph Cub	E	100	24			
66	207	David Haynes	Triumph	E	100	21			
67	153	Robert Sumner	Triumph Cub	E	102	28			
68	93	Linden Thorpe	BSA Bantam	F	112	25			
69	62	Antoni Guillen Vidal	Triumph	G	113	36			
70	167	Mark Stubberfield	BSA C15T	E	114	18			
71	171	Chris Woodcock	BSA	E	115	24			
72	212	Eric Atkinson	James	F	151	23			
73	124	Julian Wade	BSA B32	B	154	14			
74	217	Andy Morgan	BSA Bantam	F	167	12			
75	228	Jock McComisky	BSA Bantam	F	193	13			
UNDER 35									
87	141	Hanna Vesterinen	BSA Bantam	I	38	48			
128	169	David Dodd	BSA	I	84	27			
68	Michael Batty						Sercu Award	First rider to retire with mechanical problems!	

Manx International Classic Trial 2014 Twinshock Premier 5 and 6 September 2015

Pos	No	Name	Class	Grand Total	Total Cleans	
1	26	Stephen Murphy	H	6	58	Best Premier Twinshock Peter Dawson Trophy
2	25	Graham Christian	H	9	55	First Class
3	33	Steve Martin	H	10	57	Best Newcomer Twinshock EDP Photography Trophy First Class
4	37	James Noble	H	14	55	First Class
5	29	Wayne Wardell	H	14	54	First Class
6	38	Paul Jackson	H	20	50	First Class
7	35	Neal Perry	H	25	46	First Class
8	46	Dave Wood	H	35	43	First Class
9	42	Danny Littlehales	H	40	44	First Class
10	41	Ryan Mogford	H	41	41	First Class
11	32	Dave Renham	H	41	41	First Class
12	39	Mick Thurman	H	53	42	
13	48	Martin Beech	H	63	32	
14	40	Martyn Snutch	H	80	29	
15	24	Mark Caley	H	85	34	
16	20	Paul Edwards	H	97	21	

UNDER 35

1	47	Rob Carson	J	31	48	Best under 35 Twinshock	Kissack Brothers Trophy
2	11	Matthew Lund	J	52	42		
3	22	Aleyn Taggart	J	80	28		

Manx International Classic Trial 2014 Twinshock Clubman 5 and 6 September 2015

Pos	No	Name	Class	Grand Total	Total Cleans	
1	28	Gareth Mackey	H	9	55	Best Clubman Twinshock Label Mann Trophy
2	36	Gary Long	H	19	50	First Class
3	14	Michael Ernst	H	26	49	First Class
4	43	Paul Cook	H	27	51	First Class
5	17	Andrew Blacker	H	28	47	First Class
6	59	Frederic Bergada Laseca	H	29	47	First Class
7	6	Nick Hammerton	H	33	52	
8	31	Nigel Woods	H	34	47	
9	12	Neil Kerruish	H	35	47	
10	9	Ian Lees	H	37	41	
11	15	Ralf Goerlich	H	38	45	
12	19	Eckehard Wienstroer	H	42	42	
13	7	Harold Whiteway	H	46	41	
14	49	Andrew Sidebottom	H	48	40	
15	56	Geoff Griffiths	H	49	41	
16	44	Dave Pengilly	H	50	42	
17	54	Ephy Wilson	H	52	42	
18	13	Mike Kerruish	H	55	37	
19	3	Andrew Wilson	H	56	39	
20	10	Allan Lund	H	59	35	
21	23	Shane Gallagher	H	61	37	
22	18	Ian Mackie	H	63	37	
23	60	Mark Moyer	H	64	35	
24	34	Nigel Rooksby	H	64	34	
25	1	Paul Ansermoz	H	66	31	
26	50	Ian Parsons	H	68	36	
27	55	Brian Kinrade	H	72	37	
28	5	Phil Parkinson	H	76	31	
29	57	Ian Gribble	H	79	31	
30	51	Kevin Pettit	H	80	28	
31	16	Bill Andrews	H	81	31	
32	52	Gary Dudley	H	96	22	
33	2	William Booth	H	100	26	
34	8	Trevor Denning	H	112	17	
35	53	Graham Pennington	H	129	16	

UNDER 35

17	21	Alex Aslett	J	51	43	under 35
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