

Many competitors competing in Motorcycle Trials today do not know who Graham Stevens was and his involvement in the sport both 2 wheels and 4 wheels. He joined Leinster Motor Club as a member in the 1960's, joining his Dad who was a member of the Club for a long time before then. Graham competed in trials, sharing the bike with his brother Ian, in the late 1960's. He was never a serious contender for any championships but that did not bother him as he just loved getting out on the bike, having fun and the comradery at the events. After suffering a knee injury he gave up riding but was at every event as an Observer, winning the Observer of the Year award in 1978 which he had to share with me and his Dad Sam, as all 3 of us were at every event for many clubs as observers for a long time. Sam officiated as COC for LMC trials from around 1970 to 1978 and in 1979 Graham took over as COC for all LMC motorcycle trials up to 2006 – 27 years in all. He was invited to join LMC Board of Directors in the 1970's by Nathan Lepler, a founder member of LMC. He was a member of the Trials Management Committee for many years. He held officials' licences from both the MCUI and Motorsport Ireland, which was pretty unique. He was involved with running the Leinster 100 and Leinster 200 bike races, International Leinster Trophy, Dundalk Classic Races in 1989 and The Phoenix Park Motor Races all through the 1990's, not forgetting the first World Championship Trial held in the South of Ireland. He also held the position of LMC President in the mid 1990's. Sam is remembered by the Sam Stevens Trophy which is presented annually at the Patland Cup Trial and now Graham is remembered by the new trial 'The Graham Stevens Cup'. Hopefully you now know about the passion Graham had for motorsport and I wish to thank LMC for naming this trial in his memory.

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