

Minutes of the AGM Meeting of the Council of the ACTC
Sunday 7th September 2014
At The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

Members and Officers Present:

Giles Greenslade	- Chairman	Brian Partridge	- Vice-Chairman
Simon Woodall	- President & VWOC(GB)	Stuart Harrold	- Hon. Sec.
Richard Andrews	- R&DMSC	Andrew Brown	- ROW Officer
Bill Bennett	- MGCC	Barrie Kirton	- MCC
Carl Talbot	- Stroud & DMC	Dudley Sterry	- MCC
Brian Osborn	- MGCC	Rodney Murei	- NDMC
Neil Forrest	- R&DMSC	Stephen Bailey	- Motorcycle Cord.
John Barthram	- North Devon MC	Chris Thompson	- Bristol Pegasus MC
Mal Allen	- Bristol Pegasus MC	Adrian Tucker-Peak	- MAC
Keith Sanders	- Torbay MC	Hans Viertel	- Camel Vale MC
Barbara Selkirk	- Treasurer/VWOC(GB)	Chris Phillips	- Champ. Sec.

22 persons present, with 11 member clubs represented.

1. Apologies for Absence

Tim & Anne Whellock	- Windwhistle MC	Alan Foster	- Vice President
Derek Reynolds	- Fell Side AC	Jonathan Toulmin	- MAC
Mark Tooth	- Bristol MC	Greg Warren	- Torbay MC
John Blakeley	- ACTC Scrutineer	Geoff Westcott	- Exmoor MC
Barry Clark	- VSCC	Robin Moore	- L&NMC
	Pete Hart	- Bristol MC & Class 7 Pat Toulmin	-
Restart Editor			
Dave Haizelden	- Torbay MC		

2. Officers

2.1 The new officers were introduced. The best wishes of the ACTC were extended to Robin Moore and he was wished a speedy recovery.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 27th April 2014.

Acceptance proposed by Ross & District MSC and seconded by Torbay MC. Passed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising from the April 27th minutes.

- 4.1 Clubs were again reminded that if John Blakeley was not scrutineering the scrutineering cards must be fully filled in including MOT dates. **Action: All Clubs**
- 4.2 Fire extinguisher mounting guidelines to be published. **Action: John Blakeley**
- 4.3 Championship quality reporting. Try to set up something on the web-site, this will be an ongoing activity. **Action: James Shallcross**
- 4.4 Carrying fuel cans. There is nothing in MSA regulations to say that fuel cans cannot be carried within the boot of a car or externally on the car.
- 4.5 Steering Committees. Giles hopes to get this in place by the start of next year and is seeking class representatives for the steering committee. **Action: Giles Greenslade**
- 4.6 Technical Rules. Brian Partridge had received no responses from any clubs. Stroud MC would like to see a technical committee meeting before the next ACTC Council Meeting.
- 4.7 Confusion about ACU and AMCA licences. A change to rule 3.6 was agreed, Stephen Bailey will advise Giles G. and Giles G. will make changes. **Action: Stephen Bailey/Giles Greenslade**
- 4.8 One day trials and non ACTC members. This is covered later in these minutes.
- 4.9 Assistance to Novices. This is covered later in these minutes.
- 4.10 Stroud MC section numbers. The manufacturer Stroud MC uses is not interested in the manufacture and they would be priced at approximately 2 pound per number or 24 pounds per section.
- 4.11 Date of the 2015 Clee Hills Trial. It was announced that the Clee Hills Trial will most likely be taking a sabbatical in 2015.

5. Financial Report

- 5.1 The Financial report for 2013 was circulated with the agenda Barbara noted that the money from championship entrants was reducing.
- 5.2 The 2015 Budget was reviewed and accepted.

6. MSA Trials Committee Report

- 6.1 Simon Woodall reported that there was not much of interest for trials at the last MSA meeting.

There was lots of discussions on safety at Sporting Trials and weight distribution of sporting trials cars. There was almost no difference on weight distribution between a traditional car and one using a transaxle. The biggest difference was made by the movement of the crew.

The rules regarding fire extinguishers in classic trials cars allows fitting of more than one extinguisher provided the combined total of extinguishant is 1.75 litres.

7. Technical Matters

7.1 Nothing to report.

8.0 Rights of Way Report.

8.1 Andrew Brown's ROW report is attached to these minutes.

Attachment 1

8.2 The Deregulation Bill has gone thru the Commons and hope it will also go thru the Lords unchanged. LARA finances are in a bad way. ACTC will contribute £500 in 2015 but will make the contribution before the next meeting.

8.3 It was proposed by MAC, seconded by Ross & District MSC that an additional £500 should be donated to the LARA fighting fund out of the 2015 ACTC budget. Carried unanimously with no abstentions.

9. 'Restart' & Web-site

9.1 'Restart' Pat Toulmin requested reports on the Taw & Torridge trial and some pictures as neither Pat nor Jonathan will be able to attend the trial.

9.2 Web-site. James Shallcross is ready to start with further development of the web-site. James asks if there is any ad

10. Marketing Report

10.1 Keith Sanders Marketing Report is attached to these minutes.

Attachment 2

10.2 One day trials for non ACTC members. Keith Sanders reported that generally on 1 day trials 30% to 35% of entrants are ACTC members. Is it fair that ACTC members sustain this? Keith suggested that non ACTC members should pay a small levy on their entry fee. The levy would go to the ACTC. Andrew Brown suggested a levy of £1 for every entrant. This will be looked at with a view to do something which is simple to administer.

10.3 Assistance to novice competitors. There was a general discussion. It was agreed that where entries in a class are all run together then generally the 'experts' do help novices. There is no easy way with mixed running order, in this case clubs should look at where they place novices and try to get them close to an expert. It is also important to place novice marshals with experienced marshals.

10.4 General marketing report. Keith has refreshed the list of cars to be used in classic trials on the ACTC list. Generally the 'getting started' guides are OK. Keith would like to get some flyers out. How to get new people into classic trials, possibly through marshalling or 'taster days'.

11. Championship Calendar

11.1 Remaining 2014 calendar. The only change is the cancelation of the Tarka trial. It is planned to run the Tarka again in 2015.

11.2 Draft 2015 calendar. The Clee Hills trial will take a sabbatical in 2015. Draft 2015 calendar reflecting this is attached to these minutes.

Attachment 3

12. Championship Reports

12.1 Car championship. Numbers of registered competitors are only marginally down on 2014. 101 drivers against 103 in 2014, 13 motorcycles against 11 in 2014, 24 navigators against 19 in 2014.

12.2 Motorcycle championship. Nothing to report.

13. Championship Quality Nothing to report.

14. Agenda Item from Stroud MC.

14.1 This item, detailed on the agenda for this meeting, should be discussed by delegates within the club they represent. They can then be fully briefed for a full discussion at the April 2015 Council meeting. To remind you all the Stroud MC discussion is:-

For ACTC to look at the feasibility of Regional Championships, or a Minor Championship.

This proposal results from concerns over the high cost of travel etc to do the whole ACTC Championship.

This Regional championship could be run wholly within the current ACTC Championship structure, so no extra organisation other than results correlation.

An outline suggestion is 4 Regions : North, Midlands, West, South.

5+ Trials per Region, an equal number for each Region, with 2 or more Trials overlapping into adjacent Regions.

Crackington scoring would be used.

The initial cost of purchase of set of trophies could be met by a pot of funds from all the participating Clubs.

[or alternatively ,as was evident at the annual Awards/dinner event , the ACTC could make an effort to find the lofts full of their lost trophies]

The top 3 Wheelspin and Crackington would not be eligible for a Regional trophy.

A Minor Championship could be run wholly within the current ACTC Championship

On registering for the ACTC competitors would nominate their chosen 5+ Trials to be scored for points that year.

15. Agenda Item from Stephen Bailey, Motorcycle Co-ordinator

15.1 There was a long discussion on the motorcycles and motorcycle classes. Generally agreed was the following:-

15.2 Minimum wheelbase for classes A, B, C & D is 1320 mm.

15.3 Vehicles that have a wheelbase less than 1320mm will be placed in Class X. (Compete for honour only).

15.4 Vehicles that are not in the spirit of the event will also be placed in Class X at the organisers discretion (Or not be allowed to compete).

15.5 Sidecar Outfits that do not meet the ACU Sidecar Outfit Specification May be Placed in Class X.

15.6 All Sidecar Outfits (Including those in Class X) Must have a Nosecone and Padded Passenger Seat to the dimensions of that stated in the ACU Handbook for Trials Sidecars.

15.7 All Vehicles must have fully functioning Lights. (Some Clubs may Exempt Class A. With regards to Lights only if stated that they are not required in those particular events SSR's.)

15.8 When Fully Functioning Lights are Required, Vehicles without Fully Functioning Lights. Will not be allowed to Start and will be excluded.

15.9 Any Vehicle on tyres that do not meet the ACU (ACTC) Tyre specifications of Trials Tyres. Will not be allowed to start and will be excluded.

16. Agenda Item from Windwhistle MC

16.1 Mud-flaps. Adrian Tucker-Peak presented some information on the ability of mud-flaps preventing flying stones from the front wheels of front wheel drive cars. It was generally agreed that once the front wheels were on some lock it was impossible to prevent stones flying. Clubs must educate marshals and spectators of the danger of flying stones particularly from front wheel drive cars.

16.2 Rephrasing of the question on entry forms about limited slip differentials. This has been dealt with.

17. Awards Evening

17.1 Giles Greenslade reported that in 2014 the numbers had been down on the previous year. Giles asked if we really wanted an awards dinner dance evening. ACTC contributes about £300 to the awards evening each year. The continuation needs the backing of all the member clubs.

It was proposed by Stroud MC and seconded by MCC that the awards evening continues with a spend from ACTC of a maximum of £500. For 9, Abstentions 1 so motion was passed.

18. ACTC Trophies

18.1 All car trophies are accounted for with one exception.

18.2 There are many motorcycle trophies missing. Someone from the motor cycles needs to 'take responsibility' for the motorcycle trophies and find out where all the trophies are.

18.3 Trophy costs need reviewing, Giles will work with Barbara on costs. **Action: Giles G/Barbara S.**

18.4 Discretionary trophies. It was decided to drop replicas of discretionary trophies and to drop the team trophy and the 'Bouncer of the year' trophy. The proposal on trophies was passed nem con.

Giles will write a piece for 'Restart' on what is happening.

Action: Giles Greenslade

19. ACTC Calendars for 2015

19.1 It was generally agreed that ACTC calendars were wanted for 2015. **Action: Pat Toulmin**

20. Any Other Business

20.1 Stroud MC had a proposal on tyre sizes for Class 8. Under our latest rules this must be notified in the agenda so Stroud MC will submit the proposal in time for it to be included on the April 2015 agenda.

21. Date of the Next Meeting

21.1 Sunday 26th April 2015 at The Majors Retreat, Tormarton. (The usual venue).

All documentation & agenda items for this meeting to be with the secretary by 15th March 2015

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ACTC COUNCIL MEETING - 7th SEPTEMBER 2014

RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

1 LARA

- 1.1 I have attended one LARA Steering Committee meeting, on 14th May, since my last report to ACTC Council in April 2014. The next Steering Committee is on 24th September and I currently plan to attend.
- 1.2 The main items of discussion were the Deregulation Bill and LARA Finances. The Deregulation Bill is dealt with in detail below.
- 1.3 LARA's finances were, at May 2014, in a precarious state. There were two main issues: (i) fighting, concurrently, the Powys s56 Appeal and the threat of amendments to the Dereg Bill had virtually wiped-out LARA's Fighting Fund, and (ii) LARA faces a significantly reduced income for 2014-15 as two members have elected to renew as Associates rather than as Full members. Various proposals were discussed and there will be an update on 24th September. I anticipate there will be more rigid control over which of LARA's activities are funded from subscriptions and which from the Fighting Fund (I believe this is already in place), but there will be annual calls to top-up the Fighting Fund. Giles, Stuart, and Barbara are aware of this already.
- 1.4 Powys s56 Appeal. The court hearing is currently scheduled for December this year.

2 THE DEREGULATION BILL

- 2.1 For a full background to the issues, please refer to the Rights of Way Report submitted to ACTC Council on 27th April 2014. The notes below cover only actions since April 2014.
- 2.2 I would like to thank the many ACTC members who wrote to their MPs, and especially those who have forwarded the replies they received to me. This was just part of a much wider letter-writing campaign, co-ordinated by LARA and including all LARA member organisations.
- 2.3 The Bill passed from the Commons to the Lords without amendment to the section that might have affected classic trails. This counts as a "battle won", although the war may continue in the Lords. The Bill was still without amendment (as it affects classic trials) when Parliament started its summer recess, and we believe that the Committee stage in the Lords will take place any time from 13th October onwards. There is still a strong possibility that amendments, detrimental to our interests, may be tabled in the Lords and LARA are making proposals to various Government agencies in an attempt to minimise the chance of any such amendments being included.
- 2.4 At the moment it seems likely that the best we (users of the unsurfaced public road network) can hope for is that the Minister agrees to convene a working group to review the whole subject of motorised vehicles in the countryside. This should defuse any desire by Peers to amend the Dereg Bill (which the current Government is desperate to see passed before the General Election). This will be no more than a temporary victory, and we can expect the issue to return soon after the General Election, so during summer 2015.

3 ASSISTANCE TO CLUBS

- 3.1 I have provided advice to Fell Side Auto Club following issues raised after this years Northern Classic Trial.

ATTACHMENT 2

Marketing Report and Agenda Items 4.8 & 4.9 by Keith Sanders

Agenda 4.8 - One Day Trials & Non ACTC Members

- Only 1/3 of competitors are ACTC members
 - This minority is providing the funding to safeguard and ensure the future of our sport.
 - not a fair expectation on ACTC members to continue subsidising non-members
 - not sustainable as memberships are showing a decline

Consider - if the ACTC was to decline and cease, what would be the adverse effects to our Sport?

How can we ensure everyone who competes contributes?

- Charge non-members an ACTC levy on entry fees?
 - Gives a cost saving incentive for regular competitors to join ACTC
 - Gives a “pay as you go” option for occasional competitors

ACTION – There we’re no objections in principle and Stroud expressed support. KS to work with GG and BS and produce a financial model.

Agenda 4.9 - Assistance to Novice Competitors

Discussions with some existing competitors, some of which are fairly new, this has concluded the following.

- Where events run in Class order, new faces and cars are quickly recognised and conversations offering advice & guidance are commonplace – especially when in queue for Sections.
 - Therefore support generally happens already.
- Harder when mixed running order.
 - Suggest that the Club identifies “N” on entry list and place near experienced trialists (or Travelling Marshall) and encourage them to offer advice.
- Clubs should also consider suitability of a Novice for difficult Sections, especially where Recovery is difficult.
 - Better to advise them to miss Sections X, Y & Z than create a massive delay and demoralise them!

ACTION – All Clubs Please Note & Action

Marketing Report

Revisions to current materials:

- Carried out an interim update of some “Getting Started Guides” to reflect the types of vehicles now being used – previous version was very “1980’s”!
 - Used by Adrian T-P at MGCC Show in June.
- New Materials:
 - Need to review all existing materials, though generally looking ok.
 - Need more “Promotional” materials for ACTC memberships which highlight benefits and incentives. (linked to Agenda Item 4.8 – One Day Trials)
 - Flyers for circulation at sign-on

Research:

- Plan to have several discussions with Competitors during the Autumn Trials
 - What do they know about the ACTC and what we do?
 - What does the ACTC need to do for them to be interested in joining? Etc etc.

Getting new people into the Sport

Getting people who’ve never heard of the sport, to come in to the sport, through methods such as Stands at Classic Car Shows has proved to be considerable effort and has had very little success.

Initial focus will therefore be on “easier targets”, i.e. people who may already be aware of the sport, to encourage them to compete.

- Encourage competitors to bring new passengers along – easy and effective
- Flyers to hand out at large spectator Sections i.e. Simms.

Clubs could also consider events to attract newcomers such as

- Taster Days
- Single Venue events offering dual-driver entries

Keith Sanders - September 2014

ACTC 2015 Schedule

Draft 2

15-Sep-14

2015 Week No	2015 Draft Dates	Event	Organising Club	ACTC Cars Champ 2015	ACTC Invite	Car and M/C Mail List	E-Regs?	Car/Bike Class 0?	Pouncy League 2015	Red Rose 2015
1	Sun 4 Jan									
2	Fri 9 Jan	Exeter		Round 1	No	No	N/A	Yes-Both	Round 1	Round 1
	Sat 10 Jan	Exeter	MCC	Round 1	No	No	N/A	Yes-Both	Round 1	Round 1
	Sun 11 Jan									
3	Sun 18 Jan	Clee	CANCELLED		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Cars		
4	Sun 25 Jan	Exmoor	North Devon MC	Round 2	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 2	Round 2
5	Sun 1 Feb	Cotswold Clouds	Stroud MC	Round 3	Yes	Yes	Yes			
		North Coast	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
6	Sun 8 Feb	Launceston	L&NMC		No	No	N/A			
7	Sat 14 Feb	Northern	Fellside	Round 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Both	Round 3	Round 3
		Exmoor Fringe Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 15 Feb									
8	Sun 22 Feb	Chairmans	Holsworthy		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 4	Round 4
9	Sat 28 Feb	Derbyshire	VSCC							
	Sun 1 Mar	March Hare	Falcon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Cars		
		Camel Heights	Camel Vale							
10	Sat 7 March	Ebworth	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes				
	Sun 8 March									
11	Sat 14 Mar	Herefordshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 15 Mar	Herefordshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 15 Mar									
	Sun 15 Mar	Mothering Sunday								
12	Sun 22 Mar	Torbay	Torbay MC	Round 5	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 5	Round 5
13										
	Sunday 29 March									
14	Fri 3 April	Land's End	MCC	Round 6	No	No	N/A	Yes-Both	Round 6	Round 6
	Sat 4 April	Land's End	MCC							
	Sun 5 April									
15	Mon 6 Apr	Presidents	Camel Vale							
	Sat 11 Apr	Scottish Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 12 Apr	Kyrle	Ross & District	Round 7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
16	Sat 18 Apr									
	Sun 19 Apr	Bovey Down	Windwhistle							
17	Sun 26 April	ACTC Council Meeting			Yes	Yes	Yes			
18	Sun 3 May									
19	Sun 10 May	Ilkley Trial	Ilkley MC	Round 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Both	Round 7	Round 7
20	Sun 17 May									
21	Sun 24 May	Durham Dales	Durham AC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Both		
22	Sun 31 May									
23	Sun 7 Jun									
24	Sat 13 Jun	ACTC Dinner and Dance-								
	Sun 14 Jun									
25	Sun 21 Jun									
26	Sun 28 Jun									
27	Sun 5 Jul	Testing Trial (TBC)	MCC							
28	Sun 12 Jul									
29	Sun 19 Jul									
30										
	Sun 26 Jul									
31	Sun 2 Aug									
32										
	Sun 9 Aug									
33	Sun 16 Aug									
34	Sun 23 Aug									
35	Sun 30 Aug									
36	Sun 6 Sep	ACTC AGM								
37	Sat 12 Sept	Yorkshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 13 Sept									
38	Sun 20 Sept	Taw & Torridge	Holsworthy	Round 9	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 8	Round 8
39	Sun 27 Sept	Tarka	North Devon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 9	Round 9
40	Sat 3 Oct	Edinburgh	MCC	Round 10	No	No	N/A	Yes-Both	Round 10	Round 10
	Sun 4 Oct									
41	Sat 10 Oct	Welsh Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 11 Oct	Welsh Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 11 Oct	Exmoor Clouds	Minehead	Round 11	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 11	Round 11
42	Sun 18 Oct	Mechanics	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
43	Sun 25 Oct	Tamar	L&NMC	Round 12	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 12	Round 12
44	Sun 1 Nov	Bodmin	Camel Vale		Yes	Yes	Yes			
45	Sat 7 Nov	Lakeland Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 8 Nov									
46	Sun 15 Nov	Hardy	Woolbridge	Round 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes-Both	Round 13	Round 13
47	Sat 21 Nov	Cotswold Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 22 Nov									
48	Sun 29 Nov	Allen	BMC&LCC	Round 14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
		Neil Westcott	Exmoor MC						Round 14	Round 14
49	Sun 6 Dec	Camel Classic	Camel Vale	Round 15	Yes	Yes	Yes			
50	Sun 13 Dec									
51	Sun 20 Dec									
52	Sun 27 Dec									

Notes on changes from Draft 1 to Draft 2

- 1 Cancellation of Clee Hills Trial (Jan 18th)
- 2 Re numbering of subsequent car championship events