

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ACTC  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

*These minutes follow the order of the Agenda numbering*

**1 Election of Officers**

No nominations have been received for the vacant post of Vice Chairman. All Clubs and Officers are encouraged to identify potential candidates for this important position.

**2 Apologies for Absence**

The following apologies have been received:

Greg Warren (Torbay)	Stuart Harrold (Secretary)
Brian Osborne (MGCC)	Steve Knight (NDMC)
John Barthram (NDMC)	Rodney Murch (NDMC)
Jim Wood (Holsworthy MC)	Greg Dixon-Smith (Morgan SCC)
Dudley Sterry (MCC)	Mark Tooth (Bristol MC)
Alan Foster (Vice President)	

**3 Minutes of Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The minutes were considered and there being no objections or amendments were approved.

**Proposed: R&DMSC**

**Seconded: VWOC**

**Passed Nem Con**

**4 Matter arising from the Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> May**

No matters were raised

**5 ACTC Club Membership**

There have been no new club membership applications or resignations.

**6 Financial Report**

**6.1 Accounts to December 2008**

There were no queries on the 2008 accounts and they were accepted.

**Proposed: R&DMSC**

**Seconded: MGCC**

**Passed Nem Con**

**6.2 Budget for 2010**

The Treasurer presented the 2010 budget document.

It was noted that the Scrutineer's stipend had been increased and that the cost of hiring the meeting facility had also increased.

It was felt that the individual club and member subscriptions should remain unchanged.

The 2010 Budget is included as Attachment 6.2

**7 MSA Trials Committee**

The Chairman reported that there were no points affecting Classic Trials specifically but that we would be wise to note that the MSA are widening the requirement for 'spillage kits' to be carried in an increasing number of disciplines and that clubs and entrants should be aware of this.

Entries for Sporting and Car Trials appear to be dropping and the meeting believed that the Classic Trial world should be proactive in seeking to attract new entrants.

Suggestions for this included:

- \* A 'Standard' Class for trials outside of the current class structure
- \* Information of specialist trials car engineers to be made available on both Club and ACTC websites
- \* A series of articles on the website on 'How I started in Classic Trialling' to provide more basic information for beginners.  
Andrew Martin and Bill Bennett agreed to provide articles and James Shallcross (as a relative newcomer in Class 1) is to be approached by the Championship Sec to contribute.

## 8 Technical Panel

A Technical Panel Meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009, and the following decisions reached:

### 8.1 Toyota Corolla wheelsizes

Significant research has been carried out to establish the specification for wheel sizes on the Toyota Corolla range.

- \* The E30 and E 50 series are considered to be essentially the same model and were specified to run on 13inch wheels. Competing cars in these series are thus restricted to 13 inch wheels.
- \* The E70 and E86 series are considered to be a separate model range and were specified with 13 or 14 inch wheels. Competing cars in these series may use 13 or 14 inch wheels.

### 8.2 Ford Escort Mk1 and II gearboxes

Four speed gearboxes for these two models are becoming increasingly rare and expensive. The Technical Panel considered that there was no competitive advantage in using a five-speed gearbox (Type 9) and these will be allowed on competing cars in Class 3.

### 8.3 Axle Casing Modifications

The Technical Panel consider that competitors should be allowed to add material to the casing (mounting brackets etc) but are not allowed to remove material.

Cars competing in Class 7 because they have been modified beyond permitted limits will also be allowed to add material to the axle casing.

### 8.4 Engine Changes

The use of modern engines eg Ford Duratec and Type 4 VW engines was considered by the Technical Panel and the Panel proposes that there be a wider discussion between the Clubs and the Members on their suitability, or otherwise, with a view to reporting back at the next Council meeting in May 2010.

### 8.5 Class 7 Elegibility

The Technical Panel is aware of the discussion among members on the suitability or otherwise of some Class 7 modifications. It is considered that there is considerable ambiguity in some areas and that a 'points' system relating to changes might be considered.

Pete Hart has produced a first draft of how this points system might work and this is included as Attachment 8.5

### 8.6 Differential Testing

- \* Progress on the twin roller diff tester is seemingly stalled.

- \* Tris White (Camel Vale) and colleagues have been testing a Quaife torque-biasing differential fitted to a Ford Capri. Grip is said to be improved significantly but the car passes the 'single roller' diff test. The axle will also pass the test where both wheels are jacked off the floor and one wheel turned, unless a very experienced person is doing the test.  
Tris White and his team are to continue testing to try and find a fool-proof method of detection.

The above report led to the suggestion that if it were next to impossible to detect torque biasing differentials that it might be pragmatic to allow them to be used. A second suggestion that this could be used in conjunction with a handicapping system was seen as an idea worth pursuing. It was proposed that the handicap system should be looked at officially.

**Proposed: L&NMC**  
**Seconded: MAC**

*See also Item 17, AOB Championship Business*

## **9 Rights of Way**

There was no RoW report but the Chairman advised that LARA had been successful in it's legal challenge on TROs in Yorkshire and their illegally written orders.

## **10 PR Report**

There was no PR report but the PR Officer (Ian Davis) has provided an attachment for the minutes (Attachment 10).

## **11 Restart/Website/Calendar**

Pat Toulmin reminded the meeting that the copy date for the November Restart was October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pat also requested that ACTC members remembered to let her have a selection of photos for Restart for any Trial that they had photographed.

The 2010 ACTC Calendar is available, priced £7.00 + P&P, from Pat Toulmin or Simon Woodall

## **12 Championship Calendars**

### **12.1 2009 Issue 5**

There were no changes to the remaining dates for 2009 (Attachment 12.1)

### **12.2 2010 Draft 5**

There were no changes to 2010 calendar and it is now Issue 1 and Attachment 12.2

## **13 Championship Reports**

### **13.1 Car Championships**

The Championship Secretary (Chris Philips) noted that the Exmoor Trial had issued a set of Final results after queries from competitors and that he had not received these until September, from a competitor.

He requested all event officials to ensure that any changes to the results, however minor, were sent to him as soon as they were issued.

Overall member numbers are slightly down on 2008 although a recruiting drive in August had reasonable results.

Passenger licence numbers continue to increase and are now over 300, including 90 since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

### **13.2 Motorcycle Championships**

All but two of the Motorcycle cups have been located.

The Muddy Fox Cup is still missing and Richard dawe, the original donor, has agreed to replace it.

The Bude and District Challenge Cup has still to be located/replaced

Janet Bailey has taken over the stewardship of the Motorcycle awards and has donated £50 towards the provision of the 2009 replica awards.

The Motorcycle Co-ordinator (Stephen Bailey) advised that some events were still using non-standard names for their motorcycle classes even though the bikes specified were correct.

All Clubs running Motorcycle classes are asked to use the lettering system set out in the ACTC Rules (Section 5.1)

### **14 Championship Quality**

There was no report from the Championship Monitor, because no event reports have been received post-Ilkley.

The name of the Championship Monitor on the ACTC website is incorrect and will be changed by the website manager.

### **15 Any Other Business – Championship**

None brought forward

### **16 Championship Trophies**

Tina Allaway will continue to manage the car championship trophies and replicas.

### **17 Any Other Business – Non Championship**

#### **17.1 Proposed Handicap System (See 8.6 above)**

A small sub-committee to look into the feasibility of such a scheme has been formed under the chairmanship of Jonathan Toulmin. Andrew Martin and Robin Moore have volunteered to be part of the study.

To report back at the May 2010 ACTC Meeting.

#### **17.2 Organisers participation in events**

Organisers are reminded that they are not allowed to organise events and then 'change hats' at the last minute and compete if named in any of the event paperwork.

#### **17.3 Retiring Vice President – Giles Greenslade**

The Hon. Sec is to write to Giles expressing the Council and membership's thanks for his work as VP and in particular with his organisation of the annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

#### **17.4 Noise Levels**

Work on collection of data on this topic is continuing.

## **18 Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2pm at the Major's Retreat, Tormarton.

### **Members and Officers Present:**

Barrie Kirton – MCC

John Blakeley – Scrutineer

Simon Woodall – Chairman

RW Andrews – R&DMSC

Ian Hutchings – Minehead MC

Bill Bennett – MGCC

Jonathan Toulmin – Midland AC

Tristan White – Camel Vale MC

Robin Moore – President/L&NCCMC

Stephen Bailey – Motorcycle Co-ordinator

Pete Hart – Class 7 Co-ord/Bristol MC

Barbara Selkirk – Treasurer/VWOC(GB)

Brian Alexander – Holsworthy MC

Dick Hutchings – Minehead MC

Terry Coventry – S&DMC

Pat Toulmin – Website and Restart Editor

Andrew Martin – Holsworthy MC

Chris Phillips – Championship Sec.

18 persons present, with 11 member clubs represented.

### **Attachments:**

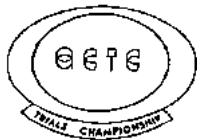
6.2 2010 Budget

8.5 Class 7 'Points' system discussion paper

10 PR Report

12.1 2009 Calendar Issue 5

12.2 2010 Calendar Issue 1



**2010 - Budget Income & Expenditure ACTC Ltd**

**Budget**

**Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 1.1.2010**

**3,000.00**

**Bank accounts estimate @ 1.1.20010.**

**7,500.00**

**Income**

Clubs - 23 @ £40	920.00	
Motorcycle Championship Clubs 9 @ £15	135.00	
Advertising income	295.00	
Championship contenders	3,177.00	4,527.00

**Expenditure**

Feb Restart	420.00	
Feb Restart postage	75.00	
June Restart	450.00	
June restart postage	75.00	
General Secretary's expenses	75.00	
October Restart	472.00	
October Restart postage	75.00	
Championship stickers	60.00	
Postage for Championship Monitor	50.00	
Postage of regulations	30.00	
Trophies engraving	300.00	
Trophies replicas	550.00	
Meeting room hire	125.00	May
Xmas Restart	500.00	
Xmas Restart postage	90.00	
Scrutineering Stipiind	250.00	
Scrutineering Printer supplies	100.00	
Championship regs	25.00	
ACTC promotional material	0.00	
Web Site Fasthosts	120.00	
MSA annual Fee	60.00	
Meeting room hire	125.00	Sept
Byways & Bridleways	0.00	
Lara Subscription	0.00	
Secretary Expenses	20.00	
Limited company ongoing expenses	15.00	
PR costs - DVD	0.00	
Dinner & Dance	450.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>4,512.00</b>

**Profit/Loss for year**

**15.00**

**Bank accounts @ 31.12.10.**

**7,515.00**

**Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 31.12.10.**

**3,000.00**

**Retained Earnings for Year 2010.**

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**£10,515.00**  
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## Modified Beyond - Scoring (Class 7)

Original Chassis / Floor Pan must be retained, Wheelbase standard.

Points scoring loosely based on DVLA system to retain registration plate.

Item	Score	
Suspension	2	Score 1 for each Front / Rear
Axle	2	Score 1 for each Front / Rear
Transmission	1	Std Gearbox/ Transaxle
Engine	1	Std Engine
Steering	2	Std Steering, Rack/box
Body Silhouette	2	Std Body Silhouette

Threshold **4 or More to stay in class 7, less than 4 class 8.**

### Examples

Car	Suspension	Axle	Transmission	Steering	Body	Engine	Total	
Imp	1	1		2	2		6	Note 1
Midget	1			2			3	Note 2
Baja	2	2	1	2			7	Note 3
Ford pop	1	1			2		4	Note 4

### Notes

- 1) Std front suspension, axle and steering, modified engine gearbox rear suspension and axle.
- 2) Std front suspension and steering, modified engine gearbox rear suspension and body.
- 3) Body profile and modified engine
- 4) Std front suspension, modified engine gearbox rear suspension and axle.

## **PR Report September 2009**

### **Publicity**

I continue to publicise the sport via the Colin Lewis RaceDates Website which is a free listings service that emails lists of events to MSA licence holders on a monthly basis. I also write Press Releases for the MCC events. Cornish Life magazine may run a feature on the Lands End next year.

Following a good news story and some pictures of the Lands End in Volksworld magazine earlier in the year I have written them several more event reports – which have been completely ignored!

Fifth Gear have now put all previous shows on the web with free access – meaning we can probably use the excellent Exeter programme for publicity purposes without any concerns over broadcast rights.

### **PR Issues**

Contributed to the ‘Open Letter’ sent to all ACTC members in early summer. Wrote a reply to several letters in MCC newsletters which questioned the approach of the ACTC and organising clubs to this matter. Not all triallists understand or agree with the sentiments expressed in the ‘Open Letter’ and I can understand that people will have different points of view. But I do believe the issues raised in the letter are important for the future of our sport.

I don’t believe that the letter itself will lead to a significant change in behaviour, either in terms of how trials drivers behave on hills or in terms of how the sport is portrayed on the internet. I believe that the organising clubs and bodies need to show some leadership in terms of both behaviour and portrayal of our sport.

Taking the issue of portrayal of our sport first, we should consider not just whether photographs and videos on club and organising body websites and in hard copy publications portray the sport as exciting and interesting but also whether they portray the sport in such a way that objectors could use as ammunition against us. The fact that we have no control and little influence over what independent people chose to publish on the web or elsewhere about our sport is all the more reason for our taking a clear and responsible position. In particular pictures and videos featuring excessive smoke and cars continuing to ‘burn’ noisily whether they are moving forwards or not should be discouraged.

‘Wheels in the air’ pictures are probably less of an issue than environmental concerns such as noise and smoke. But pictures of people doing massive wheelies on public roads such as Nailsworth Ladder or the video of the Midget bouncing on Simms and narrowly missing spectators are probably not good for the long-term future of the sport.



But the real change needs to be in behaviour and this requires organising clubs to take these matters seriously. Holsworthy gave a very clear message about exhaust noise in the regs for the Taw and Torridge and Class 4 was practically non-existent on the start sheet. I don't know if those two statements are connected. But unless other clubs take a similarly strong line the noise problem will just go somewhere else rather than go away.

I'm not sure anyone has thought of a way to tackle the issues of excessive smoke and 'burning' yet although arguably stricter enforcement of the most basic rule of trialling – that forward motion should be maintained non-stop – would go along way to sorting this issue out.

To this end I am planning to provide the Exeter organising team with a disc of 'video nasties' taken from youtube so that they can use this in their chief officials briefing to show what is and what is not acceptable in our sport. In doing this we are not having a go at particular individuals - indeed if the use of youtube was more widespread a few years back I'm sure I would be able to include videos of myself. The aim is to show marshals what sorts of behaviour we think are wrong and should be penalised, not to have a go at individual triallists. Given that these videos are in the public domain I think it is fair to use them in this way. But if the subjects of the videos object to their inclusion in these briefings they should ensure these videos are removed from the public domain before contacting me to say they'd rather we didn't use them in this way.

### **Community Relations**

I am also planning to write some additional material for the ACTC website to highlight our approach to community relations along the lines of the MCC page. I will need some suitable stories from organisers so please respond when I ask for more information on this.

### **Litton Slack**

As you are probably all aware the MCC was unable to use Litton Slack this year and had difficulties with access to a number of other hills. I am working closely with Dick Peachey and the Edinburgh team to attempt to secure our future use of Litton in particular but also to other Derbyshire sections. The problems are mostly with statutory bodies and quangos and are mostly 'environmental' in nature. All the more reason not to continue to shoot ourselves in the foot by publishing pictures and videos of excessive smoke and burning on sections.



# ACTC 2010 Calendar

Issue 1

29 Sept 2009

2010 Week No	Draft 2010 Dates	Event	Organising Club	ACTC Cars Champ 2010	ACTC Invite	Car and M/C Mail List	E-Regs?	Car Class 0?	Pouncey League 2010	Red Rose 2010
1	Sun 3 Jan									
2	<b>Fri 8 Jan</b>	<b>Exeter</b>	<b>MCC</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 1</b>
2	<b>Sat 9 Jan</b>	<b>Exeter</b>	<b>MCC</b>							
3	Sun 17 Jan									
4	<b>Sun 24 Jan</b>	<b>Clee</b>	<b>MAC</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
5	Sun 31 Jan	<b>Exmoor</b>	<b>North Devon MC</b>	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Round 2</b>
6	<b>Sun 7 Feb</b>	<b>Cotswold Clouds</b>	<b>Stroud MC</b>	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>			
6	Sun 7 Feb	North Coast	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
7	<b>Sat 13 Feb</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Fellside</b>	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Round 3</b>
7	Sat 13 Feb	Exmoor Fringe	VSCC							
7	Sun 14 Feb	Launceston	L&NCCMC		No	No	N/A			
8	<b>Sun 21 Feb</b>	<b>Chairmans Trophy</b>	<b>Holsworthy</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Round 4</b>
9	Sun 1 Mar	Camel Heights	Camel Vale		Yes	Yes	Yes			
10	Sat 6 Mar	Derbyshire	VSCC							
10	Sun 7 Mar	March Hare	Falcon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
11	Sat 13 Mar	Hereford	VSCC							
11	Sun 14 March	Mechanics	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes				
12	<b>Sun 21 Mar</b>	<b>Torbay</b>	<b>Torbay MC</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>
13	Sun 28 Mar									
14	<b>Fri 2 Apr</b>	<b>Land's End</b>	<b>MCC</b>	<b>Round 7</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Round 5</b>
14	<b>Sat 3 Apr</b>	<b>Land's End</b>	<b>MCC</b>							
14	Sun 4 Apr	Presidents	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
15	Sun 11 Apr									
16	Sat 17 Apr	Kimber								
16	Sun 18 Apr	Scottish	VSCC							
16	<b>Sun 18 Apr</b>	<b>Kyrle</b>	<b>Ross &amp; District</b>	<b>Round 8</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
17	Sun 25 Apr	Bovey Down	Windwhistle MC							
18	Sun 2 May									
19	<b>Sun 9 May</b>	<b>ACTC Council Meeting</b>								
20	<b>Sun 16 May</b>	<b>Ilkley Trial</b>	<b>Ilkley MC</b>	<b>Round 9</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>Round 6</b>
21	Sun 23 May									
22	Sun 30 May									
23	Sun 6 Jun									
24	<b>Sat 12 Jun</b>	<b>ACTC Dinner and Dance-Cullompton</b>								
25	Sun 20 Jun									
26	Sun 27 Jun									
27	Sun 4 Jul									
28	Sun 11 Jul									
29	Sun 18 Jul									
30	Sun 25 Jul									
31	Sun 1 Aug									
32	Sun 8 Aug									
33	Sun 15 Aug									
34	Sun 22 Aug									
35	Sun 29 Aug									
36	Sun 5 Sep									
37	<b>Sun 12 Sep</b>	<b>Taw &amp; Torridge</b>	<b>Holsworthy</b>	<b>Round 10</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 8</b>	<b>Round 8</b>
38	Sun 19 Sep									
39	<b>Sun 26 Sept</b>	<b>ACTC AGM</b>								
40	<b>Sat 2 Oct</b>	<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>MCC</b>	<b>Round 11</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Round 9</b>	<b>Round 9</b>
40	Sun 3 Oct									
41	Sat 9 Oct	Ebworth	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
41	Sat 9 Oct	Welsh	VSCC							
41	Sun 10 Oct									
42	<b>Sun 17 Oct</b>	<b>Exmoor Clouds</b>	<b>Minehead</b>	<b>Round 12</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 10</b>	<b>Round 10</b>
43	<b>Sun 24 Oct</b>	<b>Tamar</b>	<b>L&amp;NCCMC</b>	<b>Round 13</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Round 11</b>	<b>Round 11</b>
44	<b>Sun 31 Oct</b>	<b>Tarka</b>	<b>North Devon MC</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 12</b>	<b>Round 12</b>
45	Sat 6 Nov									
45	Sat 6 Nov	Lakeland	VSCC							
45	Sun 7 Nov	Bodmin	Camel Vale		Yes	Yes	Yes			
46	<b>Sun 14 Nov</b>	<b>Hardy</b>	<b>Woolbridge</b>	<b>Round 14</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Round 13</b>	<b>Round 13</b>
47	<b>Sun 21 Nov</b>									
48	<b>Sun 28 Nov</b>	<b>Allen</b>	<b>BMC&amp;LCC</b>	<b>Round 15</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>			
48	<b>Sun 28 Nov</b>	<b>Neil Westcott</b>	<b>Exmoor MC</b>						<b>Round 14</b>	<b>Round 14</b>
49	<b>Sun 5 Dec</b>	<b>Camel Classic</b>	<b>Camel Vale</b>	<b>Round 16</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>			
50	Sun 16 Dec									
51	Sun 19 Dec									
52	Sun 26 Dec									

Draft 3 to Draft 4: Torbay moved from 17 Jan to 21 March. Motorcycle inclusion still to be decided.

Draft 4 to Draft 5: T&T moved to second Sunday in Sept from third