

# ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIAL CLUBS

Minutes of the Meeting of the Association of Classic Trial Clubs held at Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Gloucestershire on Sunday 16th May 1982.

PRESENT:	J. West	Chairman (Stroud & Dist. MC)
	S. Woodall	Vice Chairman (VWOC)
	K. Green	VWOC
	T. Goggin	SODC
	R. Moore	Launceston & N.Cornwall MC
	B. Cullimore	Bristol MC & LCC
	A. Cullimore	" " "
	R. Baldwin	Ross & Dist. MSC
	D. Andrews	" " "
	H. Tucker-Peake	MCC
	T. Morse	Minehead MC
	A. Winter	" "
	M. Halliday	Secretary
	J. Hayes	Bristol MC & LCC
	B. Cope	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Were received from E.Wall (Stroud & Dist. MCC) and from both the Cheltenham MC and Holsworthy MC who had been asked to send observers.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Were duly passed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
3. MATTERS ARISING: Mr. West hoped to commence work on the organisational booklet in the near future. (Para.36 1981)

Remaining items were dealt with under the Agenda.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer stated that a current account in the name of ACTC had been opened at the Poultry and Princes Street London Branch of the Midland Bank PLC. Cheques have to be signed by two officers of the Association.

Bristol MC and LCC had paid their 1981/82 subscriptions and allowing for the hire of the room for the meeting and covering the debit from last year the outstanding credit stood at £14.30p.

Mr.Halliday stated last year's accounts showed the financial year as 1st June to 31st May when the Rules state the financial year is 1st July to 30th June. Records to be amended.

It was agreed by those present that two independent auditors should be appointed to check the accounts at the end of the financial year.

5. DATES FOR CLASSIC TRIALS FOR PERIOD 1.1.83 to 31.3.84: Much discussion ensued and finally the dates shown on the enclosed sheet were agreed.



6. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: The Secretary distributed notes which may be useful to classic trial organisers. In addition photocopies of the law report contained in the Byways and Bridleway Trust Bulletin No.4 (1982) were handed out.

This gave details of the case known as Compton v Somerset C.C. which has resulted in the closure of a public highway by local magistrates. Mr Halliday stated further investigation was required in to the implications of this case but certainly a very difficult legal precedent has now been set which could possibly affect our right to use unsurfaced highways in the future.

7. COMPETITORS INSURANCE: The Secretary confirmed he had completed his negotiations with C.T.Bowring (Motor Sport) Ltd. which has resulted in Association Clubs being able to obtain third party cover under Anchor Rally Scheme for a charge of £5.00p. per competitor for any classic trial.

All delegates agreed that in future organisers of events using the public highway must offer competitors the option of arranging cover under the Bowring scheme. This must be clearly stated in the regulations.

8. NOISE: Mr.H.W.Tucker-Peake mentioned the noise regulations contained in the RACMSA Blue Book were not practical. He felt that Technical Regulation QA 17 (c) page 116 should be amended to allow noise readings to be made at 2/3 of maximum engine revs. Mr.West pointed out that under i 6-1-5 (page 68) there must be two noise checks manned by Judges of Fact. It was not necessary for these Judges of Fact to be equipped with noise meters.

Much discussion followed and it was finally agreed by all present that as noise meters are not mandatory now was not the time to press for a change in the noise meter rules. It was felt that if a strong stance against competitors with noisy vehicles is adopted by all organisers using the existing rules then this should achieve the desired result.

9. SEATING REGULATIONS: The meeting discussed the practice used by certain competitors of allowing their passengers to sit or lay in unconventional positions whilst attempting observed sections. It was agreed that apart from being possibly dangerous it could create a bad impression with the general public and organisers are requested to enforce RACMSA regulations L 5.2.2. and 5.2.12. A note should be included in the regulations.

10. INDEPENDENT (FIDDLE) BRAKES: The Chairman stated that the use of fiddle brakes made cars even more difficult to stop on observed sections. After discussion it was proposed by R.Moore, seconded by H.W.Tucker-Peake and agreed by all present, except S.Woodall "The Association recommends to the RACMSA Trial and Autotest Committee that from 1983 Technical Regulation QK 2.5 (page 164) is amended to prohibit separate braking of individual driven wheels.



11. RADIO TRANSMITTING DEVICES in COMPETITORS VEHICLES:

Mr. Tucker-Peake stated there had been four complaints on the 1982 Lands End Trial resulting from competitors using Citizen Band Radio. The VWOC delegates were against banning the use of such equipment stating ordinary radio noise causes just as many complaints.

Much discussion followed with certain delegates expressing the view that there was a possibility of unfair advantage where competitors operated as a team and transmitted information on the state of the hills or arranged outside assistance. It was possible local clubs may use CB radio in the organisation of trials but the meeting was reminded that this form of communication is not secure and hostile third parties could listen in - see RACMSA Club News No. 80 page 13. (NOTE: RACMSA Club News No.84 July 1982 page 8, penultimate paragraph)

It was finally left to individual clubs to take what action they thought necessary. One course may be to ban the use of ariels on observed sections particularly on the grounds of marshals and spectators safety.

12. ACTC CLASSIC TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Mr. Andrews reported he had discussed the matter with many competitors and had come to the conclusion it is very difficult to produce a fair championship. The feeling was it would only be possible to have class winners and although all ACTC events could be championship rounds only a specified number of trials would be counted towards the final result.

Delegates were asked to consider the matter further, discuss the problem with their committees and the subject will be discussed at our September meeting.

13. TYRE REGULATIONS: Certain clubs are still allowing the use of grip tyres in classic trials. The meeting was reminded that grip tyres can cause considerable damage to the surface of an unmetalled highway and lead to large volumes of mud being left on surfaced roads.

RACMSA Regulation QK 2.7. (c) page 164 clearly only permits the use of Standard tyres mentioned in Lists I and II. Grip tyres are not allowed. (NOTE: RACMSA Club News No.84 July 1982 page 9).

The MCC delegate suggested the use of previously listed tyres should now be stopped but after much discussion it was agreed this should be left as it stands.

14. ACTC EXPERTS TRIAL: The Chairman and Secretary had considered the possibility of organising an "Experts" trial but after discussing venue, qualification for entry etc. the meeting felt now was not the time to proceed further.
15. RACMSA OPEN DAY 22.6.82: It was agreed the Secretary would represent the Association on the subject of banning fiddle brakes and making the RAC regulation on the use of standard tyres clearer.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The Bristol MC & LCC delegate is Jim Cullimore, 124, Westerleigh Road, Downend, Bristol. Telephone Bristol (0272) 560908.
- b) R. Moore's number is now 0840-213273.
- c) E. Wall's address is now "Corvara", Blue Boys Park, Minchinhampton. Telephone Brimscombe 883021.
- d) Maidstone & Mid Kent delegate is now Stuart Perren, 5, Belmont Close, Barming, Maidstone, Kent. Telephone Maidstone 20303.
- e) Mr. Green suggested organisers should provide a "Novice" award on their events to encourage newcomers.
- f) It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all present that the Association should join the Byway and Bridleway Trust.
- g) The Secretary asked for confirmation that he should continue sending copies of Minutes to delegates rather than Club Secretaries. Agreed by all representatives.

17. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

5th September 1982 at 3p.m.

Charterhouse Manor,  
Charterhouse,  
Blagdon,  
Avon.

Directions to follow with Agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

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Goldfinch Cottage,  
Sedgwick Lane,  
Sedgwick,  
Horsham,  
West Sussex.

SECRETARY



CLASSIC TRIAL DATES 1ST JANUARY 1983 TO 31ST DECEMBER 1983

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
JANUARY	7/8th	MCC	EXETER	C
	23rd	BRISTOL MC & LCC	ALLEN/MILLINGTON	CJ
FEBRUARY	6th	STROUD	COTSWOLD CLOUDS	CJ
	20th	LAUNCESTON & N. CORNWALL	LAUNCESTON TRIAL	C
MARCH	6th	MAIDSTONE & MID KENT	TYRWHITT DRAKE	CJ
	20th	VWOC	WEAVERS DOWN TRIAL	CJ
APRIL	1st/2nd	MCC	LANDS END	C
	17th	CHELTENHAM		CJ
MAY	1st	ROSS	KYRLE	CJ
OCTOBER	1st	MCC	EDINBURGH	CJ
	22nd	STROUD	EBWORTH	CJ
	23rd	LAUNCESTON & N. CORNWALL	TAMAR	CJ
	30th	MINEHEAD	EXMOOR CLOUDS	CJ
NOVEMBER	20th	VWOC	CLEE HILLS	CJ
DECEMBER	4th	SODC	CONQUEST	CJ