

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIAL CLUBS

Minutes of the meeting of the Association of Classic Trial Clubs held at Charterhouse Manor, Charterhouse, Blagdon, Avon on Sunday 8th May 1983.

PRESENT:	J. West	Chairman
	L. Knight	Sporting Owners Drivers Club
	T. Goggin	" " "
	E. Wall	Stroud & District MC
	T. Maynard	" " "
	B. Cullimore	Bristol MC & LCC
	J. Cullimore	" "
	A. Cullimore	" "
	J. Hayes	" "
	C. Millington	" "
	R. Andrews	Ross & District MSC
	R. Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall MC
	K. Green	VWOC
	A. Foster	MCC/VWOC
	B. Cope	
	M. Halliday	Secretary/Treasurer
	C. Andrews	Ross & District MSC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Were received from H.W. Tucker-Peake (MCC) A. Penhale (Holsworthy) and S. Woodwall (VWOC).
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Were duly passed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
3. MATTERS ARISING:

Item 1982/26: The Chairman reported that from 1984 RACMSA will amend the regulation wording to the effect that if a hill is sub divided and a competitor's vehicle hits a marker after his front wheels are past the Section Ends marker then he must be penalised.

Item 1982/28: It was generally agreed that as it is very difficult to scrutinize for major engine modifications the regulations are best left as they stand.

Item 1982/30: Mr. Cope gave an excellent presentation of his ideas for a new Classic Trials Championship. The objective is to provide a worthwhile Championship and so improve the number of entries and quality of Classic Trials.

Many constructive suggestions were made by those present and it is hoped that all clubs will be circularized with full details in time for the matter to be fully discussed at our Autumn meeting.

Mr. Cope offered to be ACTC Championship Secretary and be responsible for the administration. Two classes are envisaged one based on overall performance in trials and the other on class wins.

(Full details to be sent to the clubs in due course)

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer stated that the Association had currently £33.42p to its credit in the Bank but after payments for room hire, supply of note paper and postage etc. this should reduce to approximately £10.00p by the end of the financial year. Subscriptions for 1983/84 should remain at £7.50p per club.
5. DATES FOR CLASSIC TRIALS FOR PERIOD 1.1.84 to 31.3.85: After much discussion the dates on the enclosed list were agreed.
6. PROPOSAL TO AMEND WORDING OF CLASS 6 IN RACMSA REGULATIONS: The current wording gives rise to some confusion and all present agreed it would be more satisfactory to adopt the MCC wording as follows:-
 - (a) Any car including non production and production cars modified beyond the limits specified in the following regulations with the rearmost part of either front seat cushion(s) rearward of any part of the back tyres.
 - (b) Non production cars and production cars modified beyond the limits specified in the following regulations with the rearmost part of either front seat cushion(s) forward of any part of the rear tyres.

To encourage entries from competitors with older vehicles all present agreed there should be a new Class 7 for "Production cars manufactured before 1940."

The meeting requested that our views be made known to the RACMSA Autotest and Trials Committee with hopefully implementation in 1984.

7. The meeting considered an idea that clubs within the Association contribute to a central award scheme with the objective of providing fewer but higher quality awards. Delegates indicated that their clubs prefer to provide their own awards and no further action will be taken.
8. The Secretary explained he had received letters from competitors using older cars requesting a relaxation of the rules to allow non standard rear axle cases to be fitted when spares for the original cars are difficult to obtain. Those present felt it was vital these old cars are encouraged to compete and the majority accepted some amendment was necessary. All club delegates agreed the revised wording should be sent to the RACMSA Autotest and Trials Committee with a request that our regulations be altered.

Amend: QK 2.8(b) It is not permitted to change the gear-box or transaxle casing (except in Class 6).

New Reg: QK 2.8(c) It is not permitted to change the rear axle casing except for cars in Class 6 and Classes 1-4 whose model and mark type was originally manufactured before 1955. (This is to allow older cars to change axles when spares for the original are difficult to obtain).

Re-word existing 2.8(c) to 2.8.(d).

9. Attention was drawn by the Chairman to changes in the RACMSA regulation.

QK 2.9 Lights
2.10(f) Noise - $\frac{3}{4}$ max. R.P.M.
2.10(g) Fiddle brakes.

10. Discussion turned to the proposal by Maidstone & Mid Kent Club that the Association produce route and section marking equipment that clearly show our events are trials but as nearly all clubs manufacture their own materials the idea found little support.
11. RACMSA OPEN DAY 21.6.83: The Secretary stated he will attend but the meeting did not have any specific subjects for him to raise.
12. MAILING REGULATIONS TO COMPETITORS: It was agreed if the proposed new Championship takes place then contenders will be sent regulations by organising clubs.
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- a) 1983 dates SODC Conquest 5.11.83 Derbyshire area.
Bristol MC/LCC Allen Trial 11.12.83 Bristol area.
 - b) John West's Telephone No. Dursley (code 0453) 843497
 - c) Robin Moore enquired how the Chairman's organisational booklet is progressing. Mr. West stated pressure of work was causing delay.
 - d) In reply to a question from Mr. Moore the Chairman stated tyre pressures can be imposed in classic trials provided written notice is given to the competitors.
 - e) The meeting was told by the Secretary that Mr. Penhale may be able to obtain the use of Fingle Woods in Devon for a one day trial. It had been suggested that this may be a suitable venue for an "Experts" trial but the feeling of the meeting was that there may not be enough support from the competitors and there did not appear to be any volunteers to act as organisers. Matter deferred.
 - f) Simon Woodall's new address is The Chimneys, Frith Common, Nr. Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire. Telephone Eardiston (Code 058-470) 371.
 - g) In answer to a question from Stroud & D.M.C. concerning the effective capacity of forced induction engines, delegates were reminded that according to RACMSA technical regulations (QA 4 A) an engine fitted with a supercharger or turbocharger is classified as having a cubic capacity increase of 40%.

In view of cubic capacity being frequently quoted as a second or further tie decider, after special test times organisers and competitors ought to be aware of the forced induction capacity increase.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS cont...

- h) Ross and District MSC felt that the Route Authorisation Department at RACMSA should clearly distinguish in the reference number whether an event is a trial or rally. It was suggested the RACMSA is unlikely to alter its existing procedure for the number of classic trials.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 1983 at 3pm

Charterhouse Manor, Charterhouse, Blagdon, Avon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.46pm.

M.S.HALLIDAY
SECRETARY

CLASSIC TRIAL DATES 1ST JANUARY 1984 TO MARCH 1985

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
JANUARY	6/7th	MCC	EXETER	C
	22nd	VWOC	CLEE HILL	CJ
FEBRUARY	5th	STROUD	COTSWOLD CLOUDS	CJ
	19th	LAUNCESTON & N. CORNWALL	LAUNCESTON TRIAL	C
	26th	MINEHEAD	NEW TRIAL	CJ
MARCH	4th	MAIDSTONE & MID KENT	TYRWHITT DRAKE	CJ
	17/18	VSCC	WESSEX TRIAL	C
	18th	VWOC	WEAVERS DOWN TRIAL	CJ
APRIL	20/21	MCC	LANDS END TRIAL	C
	22nd	VSCC	SCOTTISH TRIAL	C
MAY	6th	ROSS & DISTRICT	KYRLE	CJ
SEPTEMBER	23rd	VWOC	NEW TRIAL	CJ
OCTOBER	6th	MCC	EDINBURGH TRIAL	C
	13/14th	VSCC	WELSH TRIAL	C
	21st	MINEHEAD	EXMOOR CLOUDS	CJ
	27th	STROUD	EBWORTH TRIAL	CJ
	28th	LAUNCESTON & N. CORNWALL	TAMAR TRIAL	CJ
NOVEMBER	3rd	SODC	CONQUEST RIAL	CJ
	10th	VSCC	LAKELAND TRIAL	C
DECEMBER	2nd	BRISTOL MC & LCC	ALLEN TRIAL	CJ
JANUARY 1985	11/12th	MCC	EXETER	C
FEBRUARY	3rd	STROUD	COTSWOLD CLOUDS	CJ
	17th	LAUNCESTON & N. CORNWALL	LAUNCESTON TRIAL	C