

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIAL CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Classic Trial Clubs held at Charterhouse Manor, Charterhouse, Blagdon, Avon on Sunday 28th August 1983..

PRESENT:	J. West	Chairman
	S. Woodall	Vice Chairman (VWOC)
	A. Penhale	Holsworthy MC
	R. Penhale	" "
	A. Foster	By Invitation
	B. Cope	" "
	A. Cullimore	Bristol MC & LCC
	B. Cullimore	" "
	G. Millington	" "
	J. Hayes	" "
	H. Tucker-Peake	MCC
	R. Andrews	Ross & District MSC
	C. Andrews	" "
	L. Knight	SODC
	T. Goggin	"
	K. Green	VWOC
	R. Moore	Launceston & N.Cornwall MC
	M. Halliday	Secretary/Treasurer

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Were received from E.Wall and T.Maynard (Stroud & District MC) K.Buckle (Bristol MC and LCC) and M.Furse who had been invited to attend as he is contemplating organising a classic trial.
16. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: After is was confirmed that A. Cullimore had not attended the last meeting and the words "The meeting gave unanimous approval for Mr.Cope to proceed with the preparation of the Championship Regulations and secure donations for the awards" had been inserted in paragraphthree referring to item 1982/30 the minutes were duly passed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
17. MATTERS ARISING: Item 1983/6. The proposal to amend the Class 6 wording had been agreed by the RACMSA Autotest and Trials Committee. They also agreed to include the proposed new Class 7 but the date had beenamended from 1940 to 1941. It was suggested that clubs immediately start using the revised wording in their regulations:-

Class 6 (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 wheels..

Class 6 (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.

Class 7 Production cars manufactured before 1941.
The Blue Book will be amended in 1985.

Item 1983/8: The revised wording for QK 2.8(c) and 2.8 (d) was also agreed by RACMSA Autotest and Trials Committee.

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

New Req: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)

It is hoped that the stability rules will be waived and the the revised wording appear in the 1984 Blue Book. Again clubs should allow the relaxation of regulations from the 1st January 1984.

18. RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1983: Copies of the Accounts had been circularised with the Agenda. It was proposed by A.Cullimore, seconded by K.Green and agreed by all concerned the accounts should be adopted.

After much discussion it was proposed by A.Cullimore, seconded by S.Woodall and agreed by all those present that the subscription from the 1st July 1984 should be raised to £10.00p.

H.W.Tucker-Peake requested the Auditors be thanked for their services.

19. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Secretary reported he had received a letter from the Bristol MC and LCC nominating J.West and M.Halliday as Chairman and Secretary respectively. The following were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously:-

Chairman	J. West	Proposed	A. Cullimore
		Seconded	L. Knight
Vice Chairman	S. Woodall	Proposed	K. Green
		Seconded	A. Penhale
Secretary	M. Halliday	Proposed	A. Cullimore
		Seconded	L. Knight
Treasurer	M. Halliday	Proposed	A. Cullimore
		Seconded	R. Andrews

20. GENERAL RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION: The Chairman stated that in view of the proposed ACTC Classic Trial Championship Rule 2 should be amended to the following:-

Rule 2: The primary object of the Association shall be liaison between Member Clubs, the RACMSA, the ACU and other Associations, Authorities and Bodies and consultation on all matters connected with Classic Car Trials. In addition

Rule 2 cont...

the Association may promote classic trials held under RACMSA regulations and provide an annual Classic Trial Championship for registered competitors.

L. Knight proposed, S. Woodall seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the wording of Rule 2 should be amended to the aforementioned.

It was proposed by K. Green, seconded by A. Cullimore and agreed by all present that the words RAC be amended to read RACMSA in Rule 3.

21. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS - VEHICLE FORMULA: The RAC Autotest and Trials Committee has requested the comments of the ACTC Council on the proposal to amend QK 2.7 (b) as follows:-

QK 2.7 (b) "Width of rims may be changed and tyre sizes may vary one size in section between the front and rear wheels e.g. radials 155 front 165 rear, cross-ply 560 front 590 rear. There are no limitations on tyre sizes in Class 6"

Considerable discussion took place on the subject of tyres and rims. The VW and Morgan drivers require the change to allow them to use tyres on the front which do not foul the bodywork and yet retain a reasonable size tyre on the rear.

RAC Legal Department had expressed an "off the record" view that it would not directly contravene the Construction and Use Regulations under the Road Traffic Act.

H.W.Tucker-Peake stated the reason for the regulation was to prevent the use of very large section tyres on the rear of what is basically a production car.

Finally on a vote of the clubs' delegates five were for the proposed change, one against and one abstention.

Mr. West will advise RACMSA Committee accordingly but it is doubtful if the change would appear in the Blue Book before 1985.

22. ACTC CLASSIC TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Mr. Cope gave a report on his progress - see note enclosed with these Minutes.

Generally discussion then took place. Mr. Knight pointed out that under Item 10 (ban on advertising) this would apply to non registered ACTC Championship competitors' vehicles as well as registered contenders' cars. Further more it would be difficult to check if registered competitors were receiving sponsorship. Mr. Cope agreed the latter aspect was a problem but the meeting agreed the rule was necessary and that advertising should be banned.

Mr. Moore requested information on the current difficulties which appear to have arisen with the Chester Motor Club following the publication of an anonymous letter by two members of that club. Mr. Cope stated that he had spoken to official delegates of Chester and they have decided to continue running the David Paull Championship at least for 1984. They had formed the view that until the ACTC Championship had proved itself in operation they did not

wish to join ACTC. However, despite a number of rumours the relationship between ACTC and Chester Motor Club was still very cordial and no doors had been closed against future developments. Chester Motor Club had disassociated itself with the anonymous letter.

In reply to a question from Mr. Hayes Mr. Cope stated the press releases would be sent to eight or nine motoring journals and would only consist of general details of the Championship.

H.W. Tucker-Peake felt the fitting of a vertical metal strip to some competitors' vehicles to assist special test timing may not be a good P.R. feature.

The Chairman then asked for a formal proposition to commence the Championship. A. Cullimore proposed and L. Knight seconded the following:-

That the ACTC promote an annual Classic Trial Championship commencing on the 1st January 1984 as described in the Directory dated 24th June 1983.

Agreed by all present.

The meeting then agreed Mr. Cope should be given a mandate to proceed with the purchase of awards and other arrangements necessary for the Championship to commence on 1st January 1984. It was proposed by S. Woodall and seconded by R. Moore that Mr. Cope's report dated 28th August 1983 be adopted (copy attached) and such a mandate given to Mr. Cope. Agreed by all present.

K. Green proposed, A. Penhale seconded and it was agreed unanimously that Mr. Cope be appointed Championship Secretary for the current year. The position of Championship Secretary is to be held for one year with the election of the Officer to be undertaken at the AGM.

23. RACMSA AUTOTEST & TRIALS COMMITTEE OPEN DAY: The Secretary had attended on behalf of the Association.

J. West stated that the PCT regulations are being reviewed and that there may be a class for production vehicles complying generally to the Classic Trial regulations.

Mr. Foster had requested that QK 2.7(b) be amended but the Committee referred the matter to ACTC (see minute 21)

H.W. Tucker-Peake stated that the regulations for vehicles on road rallies may be revised and we must be vigilant that any changes are not included in Classic Trial Regulations without our knowledge.

The Chairman and H.W. Tucker-Peake attended the Rallies Open Day to look after our interest.

24. CHANGES IN DATES 1983/1984: The following changes should be noted:-

<u>1983</u>	12th November	SODC	CONQUEST (Derbyshire)
	11th December	BRISTOL	ALLEN TRIAL

CHANGES IN DATES cont...

1984

Delete VWOC Trial 23rd September - new date to be announced.

23rd September	HOLSWORTHY	N.DEVON TRIAL
21st October	L & N.CORNWALL	TAMAR
28th October	MINEHEAD	EXMOOR CLOUDS
17th November	SODC	CONQUEST

Note: The Tyrwhit Drake (Maidstone & Mid Kent) will not be a Classic Trial.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) It was requested that the activities of the ACTC Council are reported in the Club Magazines. The Chairman agreed to write an article on the ACTC with the request that clubs give maximum publicity to the Association.
- b) K.Green requested that clubs try to maintain uniformity of classes in classic trials which form part of the ACTC Championship. It had been rumoured that the MCC wish to revise certain classes and introduce a requirement for "standard" engines in the production classes.

The Chairman stated ACTC could not dictate to individual clubs but hoped that continuity could be maintained. Various of the delegates present felt a standard engines rule was very difficult to scrutineer satisfactorily and may lead to bad feeling amongst competitors. The Championship Secretary was concerned that technical regulations should not change frequently.

- c) R.Moore requested that an item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss the number of delegates allowed by each member club at our Council meeting.
- d) Holsworthy MC are to organise a new trial in September 1984 which may include many old hills such as Cutcliffe Lane in the North Devon area.
- e) Mr.Foster enquired if ACTC could now organise an event their own right. Confirmed.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday 13th May 1984 at 3.00 pm

Charterhouse Manor, Charterhouse, Blagdon, Avon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

M.S.HALLIDAY
SECRETARY