

association of classic trials clubs

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TO ALL ACTC COUNCIL DELEGATES AND CLUB SECRETARIES.

Dear Sportsman,

3rd December 1985

Please find enclosed the Minutes and enclosures for the last Council meeting. I do apologise for the delay, due entirely to a variety of personal reasons. There has also been a lot of ACTC and classic trials business to attend to since we last met in Council, all of which will be reported to you at the next meeting. Meanwhile, may I stress the following points:-

1. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18th May at the Bung Inn, Wrington, Avon. It should be possible to arrange a roast lunch for those interested. More later.
2. Will all clubs please submit their draft dates for classic trials for 1987 to me by the beginning of April at the latest. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to plan the calendar for everybody's benefit with more and more classic trials (re) appearing.
3. Will all Secretaries of Meetings please ensure, for your club's protection, that the Indemnity you ask the competitors to sign on the Entry Form and Signing On Sheets is correct and up to date (RAC MSA D 11.3 p22-24).
4. ACTC (and all its member clubs) as an Association will only be eligible for invitation to events of Restricted Status from 1986 onwards. Please ensure that you apply for the correct RAC MSA Permit.
5. In the interests of avoiding extra paperwork, I have delegated the task of accepting invitations for Restricted Trials to Brian Cope, whether the event is a Championship round or not. Brian can therefore send you our up to date Competitors Mailing List direct.
6. If organisers would like a second opinion to check that their Supplementary Regulations are as "watertight" as possible, BEFORE going to print, feel free to send them to me - its all part of the service. Remember the Association exists to pool resources and help you. On this point, the ACTC Organisers Check List has been revised in view of the Re-organisation of club level motor sport.
7. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Treasurer would be pleased to accept a donation from your club to the fund for the John Tucker-Peake Memorial Seat.
8. Since the last Council Meeting, an application for National Status for our

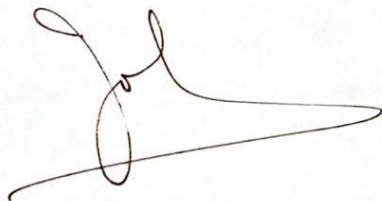
8. Since the last Council Meeting, an application for National Status for our championship was turned down from Belgrave Square (but not by the staff!) and very regrettably, I have to advise you that the RAC MSA are considering promoting a "National British Classic Trials Championship" in PARALLEL and taking precedent over our own. The way in which events turned was unfortunate and the RAC MSA have missed a golden opportunity. If a parallel major championship should be established, at this time, I can only see a lot of problems being caused both old and new.

Whilst clearly each member club must take its own decision, I would ask you to carefully consider whether your club's participation in any move that might cause national diversification would be both wise and in the long term interests of the sport. Remember we are enjoying a boom time within British motor sport and have a unique and coveted situation in that we are currently a united sport. Let us keep it that way.

9. On Saturday 8th March the ACTC officers are meeting with a view, hopefully, of submitting some proposals for amending our current class structure and technical regulations, to be put before you for your consideration. Our current regulations have served us extremely well for a number of years but, as organisers of recent trials will realise, an increasing number of problems are appearing that would indicate that, perhaps, a review is at last becoming necessary, in addition to the proposals from the "pre 1941 Working Group". I would therefore hope to be able to submit the Officers' report to you with the agenda.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' or 'J' shape with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs held at the Bung Inn, Redhill, Wrington, Avon on Sunday 1st September 1985.

<u>PRESENT</u> :	J. West	Chairman
	A. Penhale	Vice Chairman & M.C.C.
	A. Foster	Treasurer
	B. Cope	Championship Secretary
	D. Pattison	Shenstone & District C.C.
	L. Woodward	Minehead M.C.
	A. Winter	Minehead M.C.
	K. Green	V.W.O.C.
	S. Woodall	V.W.O.C.
	R. Pole	Holsworthy M.C.
	R. Penhale	Holsworthy M.C.
	R. Andrews	Ross & District M.S.C.
	C. Andrews	Ross & District M.S.C.
	D. Wall	Stroud & District M.C.
	K. Buckle	Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.
	L. Neal	Bognor Regis M.C.
	M. Neal	Bognor Regis M.C.
	H. Tucker-Peake	M.C.C.
	P. Allen	Camel Vale M.C.
	B. Mulebal	Silverton M.C.
	R. Prouse	Silverton M.C.
	R. Grimwood	Silverton M.C.
	A. Webb	Woolbridge M.C.
	E. Moxom	Woolbridge M.C.
	R. Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
	T. Goggin	S.O.D.C.

Before the meeting those present stood in silence in memory of the late John Tucker-Peake.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from M. Halliday (Secretary), A. Curtis (Crane Valley M.C.), K. Petit (Crane Valley M.C.), L. Knight (S.O.D.C.), J. Hayes (Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.), H. Viertel (Camel Vale M.C.), T. Maynard (Stroud & D.M.C.), N. Ryle (V.W.O.C.).

84. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING were duly passed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Ross & D.M.S.C. had not received Championship Observers Reports for the Kyrle Trophy Trial. The Championship Secretary confirmed that Observers Reports will be sent to all clubs well in advance of the subsequent event as previously agreed.

ACTION: Championship Secretary

- b. The request for the standardisation of the rear competition number on cars was clarified for V.W.O.C. and the Chairman took the opportunity to remind delegates that the relevant items from ACTC Council meetings should be publicised in all club magazines as well as Four Wheels Out. (See later note - PUBLICITY).

ACTION : All Delegates

- c. The Chairman confirmed that the Vice Chairman and himself had jointly written to Ken Mumford, Secretary of the new Classic Trials Drivers Club (See Minute 73), but no reply had been received.
- d. Dates (See Minute 69). On a reminder from the Chairman both M.C.C. and V.W.O.C. hoped that the January dates problem could be resolved in future years so that entries in the Clee Hills Trials do not suffer.
86. PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULE 8 OF THE GENERAL RULES

A Proposal by Shenstone & D.C.C., Seconded by V.W.O.C. to amend the rules concerning the election of officers so that nominations could be made at the meeting provided the candidate was present and to incorporate a secret ballot when there was more than one nominee. It would still be possible to nominate officers before the meeting as is the current practice. The following action was CARRIED, being at least 2/3 majority, by 12 Clubs FOR; 1 Club ABSTAINING.

DECISION: General Rule 8 to become

"The Officers should be elected at the Annual General Meeting of each year by a secret ballot of delegates, the Association to allow for nominations at the meeting provided the nominee has agreed to stand and is present at the meeting."

87. THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/6/85 were adopted. Proposed by Stroud & D.M.C., Seconded by M.C.C. and carried unanimously.
88. THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN expressed his thanks to all the previous Officers for their work, expertise and support in the past. He stated that Martin Halliday would not be seeking re-election as Secretary and the Association's appreciation for his efforts was expressed and a gift would be made at a suitable future date. The Chairman outlined that Martin Halliday had offered to continue to act as Rights of Way Officer for the Association and this was gratefully accepted by all those present.

Before retiring the Chairman outlined that the sport of classic trials was already going through a difficult period and asked the question "Do we want classic trials to continue as they currently are?" If the answer was "yes" the Chairman appealed to all delegates to act and take decisions in Council that would ultimately achieve this major objective. The Chairman highlighted the fact that classic trials were destroyed during the 1950's and 1960's because there had been no overall co-ordinated policy (and no A.C.T.C.!) with sporting trials and production car trials evolving from classic trials and only a few "classic" events survived. The Chairman suggested that classic trials should be considered a "conservation area".

89. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Chairman	: Allin Penhale	Proposed by Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.
Vice Chairman	: Simon Woodall	Proposed by Shenstone & D.C.C.
Secretary	: John West	Proposed by Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.
Treasurer	: Alan Foster	Proposed by Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.
Championship Secretary	: Brian Cope	Proposed by Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.

The meeting expressed their appreciation for the efforts of John West, the retiring Chairman.

90. APPLICATION TO MEMBERSHIP BY WOOLBRIDGE M.C. & SILVERTON M.C.

The delegates from both clubs outlined their current activities and their intent to organise classic trials in the future. Both clubs were reminded that the Council did not approve of advertising on competing cars and this was specifically banned in championship events.

Woolbridge M.C.	Proposed by Minehead M.C., Seconded by M.C.C. were elected to ACTC Membership with 1 Abstention.
Silverton M.C.	Proposed by S.O.D.C., Seconded by Holsworthy M.C. were elected to ACTC Membership with 1 Abstention.

91. ACTC CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT was tabled by the Championship Secretary (see attached). It was noted that all Qualifying Events MUST be, at least, RESTRICTED status from 1986 onwards. It is further noted that RAC MSA Competition Licences were not required for the Bonus Events (MCC Trials) and that the cheapest Licence available and valid for the Championship was the CLUBMANS C.

Robin Moore presented his TROPHY for the best performance in Class 7 (pre 1941 Production Cars) to the Council and those present expressed their appreciation.

NOTE: This delightful trophy is made from all vintage or pre-vintage parts, including name plates, and is silver plated.

It was clarified for Bristol & M.C. & L.C.C. that the request for a minimum of 70 competitors in championship events was a REQUEST, not mandatory, and it was recognised that a smaller number of competitors was sometimes appropriate especially in PR sensitive areas.

The Treasurer, with a long term view for future regulations, asked if the Championship Secretary could provide an analysis of the number of events entered by competitors in following the championship. The Championship Secretary agreed to do this.

ACTION : Championship Secretary.

NOTE: Regulations and Entry Forms for the 1986 Championship are currently available from the Championship Secretary.

92. DEFINITION OF A CLASSIC TRIAL (Minute 73).

The Chairman read out a written submission on this topic from himself, Martin Halliday and Shenstone & D.M.C. (See attached).

In those documents the only significant differences were the number of sections per location and the public/private status. It was noted that if a trial route is spread out the nuisance factor could be minimal. It was further noted that our events are "classic reliability trials" and that mileage can be a test of reliability.

Roger Pole questioned the need for a definition or guidelines in view of the current varying nature of the sport. He further highlighted that our trials needed to be competitive whilst retaining "classic" character.

The discussion was concluded, for the time being, by suggesting that any club or individual who wished to submit ideas on "the definition of a classic trial" should be sent to the Secretary before the end of the year.

ACTION : All delegates.

93. PROGRESS REPORT OF ACTC REPRESENTATION TO RAC MSA (Minute 74)

A report from the previous Secretary and Championship Secretary was tabled. (See attached).

The Secretary outlined that the interests of ACTC had been safeguarded within the RAC MSA although they had been unjustifiably slow in responding to our request for official representation on the Autotests & Trials Committee and the Regional Committee.

The Secretary who is closely involved with the Re-organisation of Motor Sport at RAC MSA level advised that matters be allowed to take their course and saw no reason why the RAC MSA should not invite an official ACTC representative to the Autotests & Trials Committee in 1986 and as the Council was not scheduled to meet until May 1986, our Representative should be elected at this meeting.

Nominees: Chairman, ex officio	Proposed M.C.C. Seconded Bognor Regis M.C.
Brian Cope	Proposed V.W.O.C Seconded Camel Vale M.C.

It was agreed that a secret ballot be conducted.

Chairman (6 Clubs) in favour

Brian Cope(7 Clubs) in favour

It was therefore decided that Brian Cope should represent the Association on the Autotests & Trials Committee for 1986, assuming that the Association is to be invited to send a representative.

Note:

Currently H.W.Tucker-Peake represents MCC on Autotests & Trials Committee
J.West represents RAC on Autotests & Trials Committee

It was assumed that in line with Regional Associations, the Chairman and Secretary would be asked to represent the Association at the Regional Committee in the event of the A.C.T.C. being invited to be represented by RAC MSA.

94. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a. Eligibility Rules of Class 7 (Minute 71)

Robin Moore gave an interim report detailing that subsequent to verbal consultations with current Class 7 competitors the following conclusions are indicated:

- (i) 1941 date, in line with RAC date, appears about right.
- (ii) Start lines for Class 7 should be the same as for Class 1 (FWD).
- (iii) Radial ply tyres are not favoured generally.

Robin Moore further suggested that a full questionnaire survey was recommended by the Working Group and Council accepted the funding of the exercise. Brian Cope also offered secretarial help with the exercise.

ACTION : Working Group, Championship Secretary, Treasurer.

b. Tyre Pressures (Minute 80b)

The Treasurer reported that a tyre/ballast testing session had been arranged for 29th September in the Stroud area. He hoped that about 20 cars could be offered especially in Classes 2 - 6B. It was agreed that the test session be jointly funded (to a maximum of £40) by General Funds and Championship Funds.

ACTION : Working Group, Championship Secretary, Treasurer.

95. PRESSURISED GAS CONTAINERS

H.W.Tucker-Peake tabled a report from his research (see attached). Essentially gas cylinders should be secure and not located outside the vehicle. British Oxygen Company have undertaken to advise H.W.T-P when any new regulations are issued.

It was agreed that our current Code of Practice did not need revising at this stage.

96. RULE CHANGES FROM RAC MSA AUTOTESTS & TRIALS COMMITTEE

The Secretary reported the following:-

- a. The Trials Organisation Regulations I5 and I6 were being revised for 1986 to bring them up to date.
- b. The Goodyear All Weather Radial Tyre (an "intermediate winter pattern" and labelled M & S) is to be added to the list of excluded tyres in QK2.7(c). The All Weather crossply is still an acceptable tyre under List II.
- c. A specific penalty will be added so that organisers can impose 50 penalty points to a competitor who varies ballast in breach of regulation QK2.3(f).

NOTE : Items b. and c. also apply to Production Car Trials.

97. UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE

The Treasurer was mandated to underwrite a £30 contribution to the John Tucker-Peake Memorial Seat Fund, to be placed at Darracott. Clubs were asked to contribute to the fund via the Treasurer.

ACTION : All Delegates and Treasurer.

98. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Clubs were reminded by the Secretary that Dates for Classic Trials

were required, at least, 6 weeks before the next meeting.

ACTION : All Delegates

- b. The Secretary advised all delegates that the RAC Motoring Services now offered Rescue & Recovery Services to member competitors whose vehicles were disabled as a result of classic trials.
- c. The Secretary appealed to all clubs to keep him informed of any changes of their following officials:
 - (i) Secretary
 - (ii) Competition Secretary
 - (iii) ACTC Delegates

ACTION : All Delegates

- d. It was agreed to consider the position of commercial vehicles e.g. vans & pick ups in classic trials at the next meeting as there appeared to be a problem.

ACTION : Secretary.

99. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday 18th May 1986 at the Bung Inn, Redhill, Wrington, Avon. Map reference 172 - 513640, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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PUBLICITY FOR CLUB MAGAZINES AND FOUR WHEELS OUT

- 1. Position of Rear Competition Number
- 2. Appointment of Rights of Way Officer
- 3. Election of Officers
- 4. Woolbridge M.C. & Silverton M.C. - Membership of ACTC
- 5. 1986 ACTC CLassic Trials Championship
- 6. Rule changes from RAC MSA
- 7. RAC Motoring Services