

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIAL CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Classic Trial Clubs held at Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Gloucestershire on Sunday 8th November 1981.

PRESENT:

J. West	Vice-chairman (Stroud & Dis. MC)
S. Woodall	VWOC
K. Green	VWOC
M. Smith	VWOC
R. Andrews	Ross & Dis. Motor Sports Club
R. Baldwin	" "
E. Wall	Stroud & Dis. MC
F. Roseblade	" "
T. Morse	Minehead MC
A. Winter	" "
J. Hayes	Bristol MC & LCC
M. Halliday	MCC
R. Moore	North Cornwall MC

227 23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Were received from the Chairman H.W.Tucker-Peake (MCC), the Secretary/Treasurer R. Warren (Falcon MCC), D.Stephenson (Maidstone & Mid Kent MC), L. Knight and H.Spencer (SODC).

24. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Were duly passed by those present and signed by the Vice-chairman.

25. MATTERS ARISING:

a) P.R. work for classic trials (para.18a). The Vice-chairman stated that certain members of the Association managed to achieve a major revision in the original P.R. requirement for daylight events.

b) Permits (para.19). There is now a universal Permit Application Form but the Regulation wording does not suit our type of event. Mr.West stated RAC Motor Sport appears to issue a permit provided it receives a universal Permit Application Form duly completed (excluding regulation section) and a complete copy of the proposed ~~Additional~~ Supplementary Regulations.

26. FINANCIAL REPORT: A statement of accounts for the period 1.6.79 to 31.5.81 was circulated with the agenda.

Concern was expressed at the loss incurred but the Vice-chairman stated provided all clubs paid their subscriptions for the year 1981 to 1982 the deficit would be absorbed.

Mr. Moore proposed, Mr. Woodall seconded and it was agreed by those present to adopt the accounts.

The clubs that have paid 1981/82 subscriptions are North Cornwall MC, Minehead MC, Stroud & Dis. MC, VWOC and SODC. Outstanding are the MCC and Ross & Dis. Motor Sport Club.

It appeared the Association does not yet have banking facilities and it was proposed by Mr. Woodall seconded by

FINANCIAL REPORT cont..

Mr. Wall and agreed by all present the Treasurer should open a current account, in the name of the Association of Classic Trial Clubs, with Midland Bank Ltd. Cheques must be signed by two of the Association's officers.

27. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected unanimously:-

Chairman	J. West	Proposed by R. Moore Seconded by S. Woodall
Vice-chairman	S. Woodall	Proposed by M. Halliday Seconded by D. Andrews
Secretary and Treasurer	M. Halliday	Proposed by R. Moore Seconded by K. Green

28. SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1982/83: It was agreed by all delegates that the existing level of subscription (£7.50) should be maintained for the year 1982/83.

29. DATES FOR CLASSIC TRIALS 1.1.82 to 31.3.83: The dates detailed on the enclosed statement were agreed. Mr. Woodall stated he is awaiting confirmation of the March date from the PSA for the use of Weavers Down. Mr. Hayes informed the meeting he hoped the Allen Trial would run next year, a sentiment endorsed by those present.

Mr. Halliday asked all clubs when deciding on dates to carefully consider the relationship of their event to other trials. It has been common for some years for certain trials in one general area to fall on consecutive weekends resulting in considerable mileage and expense in a short period for competitors living many miles from these events. Ideally there should be at least a fortnight between events giving a balanced calendar in the trials season. Those present agreed to refer the matter to their respective Committees and try to improve the situation for 1983.

30. WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981: Mr. Halliday and Mr. West gave the meeting details of the new Act so far as it related to public rights of way.

A separate Classic Trial organisers guide to the Act will be issued by the Association in due course.

31. COMPETITORS INSURANCE: Discussion ranged over the subject and it was agreed clubs within the Association should provide competitors with the option to effect cover under the Bowring scheme for any trial which involves the use of public highways. This applies even when the highway is only used to link sections on private land.

Mr. Halliday agreed to approach Bowrings on behalf of the Association in an effort to obtain more favourable terms for the cover provided.

Mr. West reminded delegates that the latest indemnity wording (page 26 of the RAC Blue Book) should be used. Under no

COMPETITORS INSURANCE cont..

circumstances should clubs inspect competitors certificates of insurance as this does not provide an accurate guide to the limitations of the competitors motor insurance policy and by inspecting the certificate it is possible the club could be considered liable should the competitor subsequently prove to be uninsured. *Especially in the case of a member's own*

32. TIME SCHEDULE: The meeting was advised the average speed for events using 'B' class roads at night has been raised from 15 to 20 mph (see page 62 para. 6.1.1. of the RAC Blue book). *At the time schedule was made for one day trial*
33. AUXILIARY LIGHTS ON TRIALS CARS: It was agreed that trials organisers should follow current rally practice and only allow a maximum of 4 forward facing lights (excluding side lights) on competitors vehicles.
34. NOISE: Mr. West drew attention to the regulations regarding noise on page 62 para. 6.1.5 and stated from January 1982 RAC Motor Sport are deleting reference to "restricted and higher status events". This means there must be TWO noise checks on any classic trial.

The MCC representative stated his club is endeavouring to take action against noisy vehicles in their events and looked to other clubs for support.

Mr. Woodall suggested a list of competitors with noisy vehicles be compiled and passed to each club but after much discussion it was agreed that organisers would exchange the information on an informal basis for the time being. Problem to be discussed at next meeting.

35. CLASSIC TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP: The subject was discussed at length and it was finally agreed in principle it would be in the sports best interest if the Association was to run a championship. The important role played over the years by Chester Motor Club's David Paull championship was appreciated by the delegates, but it is necessary for participants to join Chester Motor Club in order to take part. If the Association undertook a championship then members of clubs within the Association would automatically be eligible.

Mr. Andrews agreed to draw up draft regulations for the proposed championship details of which can then be circulated ready for comment at the next meeting. It would be necessary for clubs organising round of the championship to have similar regulations and classes. *??*

36. PUBLICATION OF BOOKLET ON ORGANISATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS: Mr. West is to prepare a guide detailing methods of organising classic trials. At Mr. Moor's request this will include a definition of a classic trial.
37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. West pointed out that under the Association's rules the AGM should have been held in September but unfortunately a suitable date could not be found and this meeting was the earliest that could be arranged. It is hoped to return to the May and September meetings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS cont..

- b) The new Secretary explained the benefits of joining the Byways and Bridleways Trust. This organisation helps protect rights of way.
- c) Mr. Hayes requested more publicity for our events. Mr. Halliday stated if clubs arrange for reports of their events to be compiled he would ask the MCC if these could be published in Triple magazine.
- d) Mr. Andrews felt clubs should make more effort to issue their major awards. The MCC was particularly guilty of late issue of Triple awards.
- e) The question of section sub-division was raised by Mr. Morse. After much discussion the meeting felt in the interests of continuity clubs should only use the widely accepted sub-division of 1 to 12 or if the section is not sub-divided 6 marks would be lost for a failure.

38. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING: 16th May 1982 at 3 p.m. possibly at Dursley Community Centre, Dursley, Gloucester. The Chairman to ascertain if a hostelry in the area would accommodate the meeting. Location to be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

M.S.HALLIDAY
Goldfinch Cottage,
Sedgwick Lane,
Sedgwick,
Horsham, West Sussex.

SECRETARY

association of classic trials clubs

please reply to:

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM 1st JUNE 1979 TO 31st MAY 1981

1st JUNE 1979 - 31st MAY 1980

INCOME:

Subscriptions from clubs £20.00
(MCC, Falcon, SDMC, SODC)

EXPENDITURE:

RAC Registration £20.00
Letter Headings £12.19
Duplicating £4.60

Loss carried forward of £16.79

1st JUNE 1980 - 31st MAY 1981

INCOME:

Subscriptions from clubs £30.00
(MCC, SDMC, Maidstone,
Launceston & N. Cornwall)

EXPENDITURE:

Brought forward from 1980 £16.79
RAC Registration £20.00
Stationary £5.80
Postage £5.77

Loss carried forward of £18.36.

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please reply to:

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs will be held on Sunday 8th November 1981 at 3.00 p.m. at the Dursley Community Centre, Rednock Drive, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

(The Dursley Community Centre is adjacent to Rednock School, Dursley.
M.R. 162/754986.

Approaching From the North. Leave M5 at J13. 3rd Exit at Roundabout A419. 1st Exit at Roundabout A38. In $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles L A4135. Continue for 3 miles. Take 2nd road on left (Rednock Drive) after Pelican Crossing. Community Centre Car Park shortly on left.

Approaching From the South. Leave M5 at J14. Turn L B4509. Shortly R at T A38. Continue for 5 miles to Berkeley Road where R B4066 at Prince of Wales Hotel (famous Starting Point of the past!!). SO for 2 miles to A4135 where R (opposite Police Station). Take 2nd road on left (Rednock Drive) after Pelican Crossing. Community Centre Car Park shortly on left.

Approaching from the East. Enter Dursley on A4135. Continue through Town Centre keeping to main road A 4135. Shortly R (Rednock Drive). Community Centre Car Park shortly on left.)

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2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Financial Report.
5. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
6. Subscription for 1982/3.
7. Dates of Classic Trials for the Period 1st January 1982 - 31st March 1983.
8. Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.
9. Competitors Insurance.
10. Time Schedule I 6 l.l.
11. Auxillary Lights on Trials Cars.
12. Noise.
13. Classic Trials Championships.
14. Publication of Booklet on Organisation of Classic Trials.
15. Any Other Business.
16. Date and Location of Next Meeting.

It is hoped to show a film of the 1981 VWOC (GB) Clee Hill Trial after the meeting.
John West
Vice Chairman

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Wotton-under-Edge,
Gloucestershire,
GL12 7BB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs will be held on Friday 25th September 1981 at 7.30p.m. at the Crown Inn, Minchinhampton, Nr Stroud, Gloucestershire.

The Crown is literally in the middle of Minchinhampton village 3 miles south of Stroud.
Map Reference 162/872007)

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John West
(Vice Chairman)

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Our Ref: JW/JK

11th August 1981

Dear Sportsman,

I am writing to advise you that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place in September. May I draw your attention to the enclosed Agenda for the meeting.

Unfortunately, our Secretary has resigned and hence my letter. I do hope that your club will continue to support the Association. Recent history has shown us that the sport of classic trials has come under attack, sometimes inadvertently, from several quarters. Members of the Association feel that ACTC is a watchdog for the sport and will act to protect and further the interests of classic trials. Of course, any association is only as strong as its members!

The Association is only two years old and the track record of achievement is good. Through its officers, ACTC played a very prominent part in successfully opposing the introduction of Universal Licencing of competitors - a very sensitive point in our sport. A Herculean effort has been made in order to safeguard trials interests in the impending Wildlife and Countryside Bill, which currently lies in the House of Commons. So far, our interests seem to be very well safeguarded in this legislation that could have had a disastrous effect, particularly on classic trials that utilise public highway observed sections. Furthermore, without strenuous opposition all classic trials organisers would have had a vast burden of excessive PR requirements for a sport that really causes very few problems in the countryside. The current RAC requirement for PR essentially follows the code adopted by experienced organisers for several years.

The sport of classic trials does seem to be gaining in popularity and momentum with three new or revived events taking place within the past two years:- V.W.O.C. Cleve Hill Trial; Maidstone & Mid Kent M.C. Tywhitt Drake Trial; Ross & District M.S.C. Kyrle Trophy Trial. There is talk of other new events in the calendar

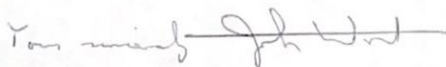
An additional advantage of Membership of the Association is that being Recognised by the RAC, apart from the advantage of insurance cover etc., if the ACTC is an invited club to an event, all member clubs are covered thus leaving greater scope for filling entry lists.

The ACTC has a direct voice on the RAC British Motor Sports Council Committee (Autotest & Trials) that governs classic trials as I sit on that Committee, currently as Vice Chairman and an officer of this Association.

Membership of the Association, recognised by the RAC, runs from 1st July annually and the subscription is £7.50. There are two meetings per year, one at the beginning of the trials season (September) and one at the end (May).

I hope that your club will support the Association in the future and send delegates to the next meeting. May I also ask for your co-operation in returning the enclosed form as soon as possible, please.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely 

JOHN WEST VICE-CHAIRMAN