

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the ACTC  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
At The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

**Members and Officers Present:**

Barrie Kirton – MCC	Stephen Bailey – Motorcycle Coordinator
John Blakeley – Scrutineer	Pete Hart – Class 7 / Bristol MC
Simon Woodall – Chairman	Barbara Selkirk – Treasurer/VWOC(GB)
Richard Andrews – R&DMSC	Dudley Sterry - MCC
Hans Viertel – Camel Vale MC	Dave Wall – Dellow Register
Bill Bennett – MGCC	Barry Clarke - VSCC
Tristan White – Camel Vale MC	Nigel Moss – Stroud & Dist. MC
Robin Moore – President / L&NMC	Chris Phillips – Championship Sec.
Stuart Harrold – Hon. Sec.	Neil Forrest – R&DMSC
Keith Sanders – Torbay MC	Jonathan Toulmin - MAC
Dave Haizelden – Champ Qual./ Torbay MC	Greg Dixon-Smith Morgan SC
Brian Partridge – Vice-Chairman	Pat Toulmin – Restart Editor

24 persons present, with 14 member clubs represented.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Brian Osborn – MGCC	Tim Whellock – Windwhistle MC
Andrew Brown – ROW Officer	Mark Tooth – Bristol MC
Colin Harris – Morgan 3 Wheeler	John Barthram – North Devon MC
Steve Knight – North Devon MC	Alan Foster – Vice President
Carl Talbot – Stroud & Dist MC	

**2. Election of Officers**

All officers elected at the May meeting. The new vice-chairman Brian Partridge was welcomed.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

Were accepted. Proposed, Ross, Seconded, Vice-chairman.

**4. Matters Arising - None**

**5. ACTC Club Membership – No new Clubs**

**6. Financial Report**

- 6.1 The Budget for 2011 was reviewed by the treasurer. See **Attachment 1**.
- 6.2 It was decided not to buy the Up-lights for after dark scrutineering.

**7. MSA Trials Committee Report**

7.1 Spill Kits. Simon Woodall displayed a typical small spill kit, it was the size of a small cushion. It is hoped that smaller kits can be sourced and used. The requirement for competitors to carry a spill kit has been postponed until 2012 and the supply by organisers is postponed until we hear otherwise.

7.2 Event Grading. There was a long discussion on how ACTC clubs can run their events at Clubmans level to negate the use of a competition licence but still being able

to have competitors register for the championship. Clarification is required from the MSA.

**Action : Simon Woodall**

It was proposed that **all** ACTC championship events in 2011 are run at NB status.

Proposed, Ross, Seconded MAC, Passed unanimously.

7.3 Marshals as Judges of Fact. Currently only 'Officials' can be Judges of Fact. There were suggestions of making Marshals Officials. The general feeling was they should stay as Marshals.

## **8. Technical Matters**

8.1 Wheel Diameters. There was discussion on wheel diameters generally as the Adrian Tucker-Peak letter circulated with the agenda. The meeting was in agreement to allow smaller diameter wheels. This should be in place for 2012.

Suitable wording was required for the 'Blue Book', possibly that matches the Car Trials events.

**Action: Simon Woodhall & Dudley Sterry**

8.2 Quaife Differentials in Class 1. This was discussed at the last meeting and delegates had taken it back to clubs for further discussion. Camel Vale reported on a detailed poll that had been taken at a club meeting. There were four options to vote on and the options and votes received were as follows:-

- 1) ATB differential to be used in Class 1 only. 1 vote
- 2) ATB differential to be used in all Classes. 3 votes
- 3) No ATB differential to be used in any Classes. 4 votes
- 4) ATB differentials to be used in Class 1 as a trial for 12 to 18 months with a view to using it in all classes. 17 votes.

It was then proposed that Quaife/Torque Biasing Differentials should **not** be allowed in Class 1.

Proposed, Launceston & North Cornwall, Seconded, MCC, Motion carried 9 for and 2 against.

8.3 Splitting Class 1 at 1400c.c. Generally agreed that this was **not** a good idea and this will not happen. Concern was that any attempt to make this an attractive class for novices would be negated by the prospect of an 'expert' building a car to match this class's requirements.

8.4 ACTC Differential Test Machine. There were various statements on how effective the machine was. It was used on the Taw & Torridge Trial and worked well with cars that had tyres inflated to road pressures. Agreed to continue testing the machine.

8.5 Change of Regulations to Incorporate the Diff. Test Machine. We are not ready to change the regulations yet.

8.6 Stroud & Dist MC Papers and Visit by Pete Hart and Simon Woodhall.

Carl Talbot has been invited to join the ACTC Technical Panel as a representative of Stroud & District MC.

The decision that Type 9 gearboxes can be used in Ford Escorts has been reviewed again by the ACTC Technical Panel and the decision **stands**.

Engine replacement The proposal to restrict engine changes to 'period' was discussed and passed back to the clubs for further discussion.

For Class 7a modified production cars a 'points' system was agreed and we should go forward with developing a 'points' system.

Proposed, Camel Vale, Seconded, MGCC, Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Pete Hart & Simon Woodhall to develop points system.**

## **9 Handicapping.**

Jonathan Toulmin was thanked for his paper on handicapping. It was unanimously decided not to take handicapping any further.

**10. Rights of Way.** Nothing to report.

**11. Public Relations.** Nothing to report.

**12. Restart & Web Site.** Nothing to report. The Restart editor has 2011 ACTC Calendars for sale at £7.50 each if supplied direct , or £8.00 if posted. Please contact Pat Toulmin to order them.

## **13. Championship Calendar**

13.1 Remaining 2010.

Woolbridge MC will run The Hardy Trial on Nov.14<sup>th</sup> as a non-championship event. The Camel Classic will be a reduced event running in 3 adjacent forests due to the tree disease (sudden oak death) rife in the south-west.

13.2 2011 ACTC Schedule Draft 1 is available, see **Attachment 2**

It has now been agreed that the ACTC events calendar will now be known as **The ACTC Schedule** to prevent confusing it with the ACTC Calendar, which Pat Toulmin sells to members.

## **14. Championship Reports**

14.1 Car Championship. There are 136 drivers and 19 navigators registered for the championship. Chris Phillips gave the position in the latest Crackington, Wheelspin, Navigators and Team championship positions. The Team championship is very poorly supported again this year.

14.2 Motorcycle Championship. Stephen Bailey provided an extensive report on the championship and motorcycle business in general. Please refer to **Attachment 3**  
It was decided for 2011 to try the points scoring for starting and finishing an event, including MCC events for motorcycles only.

**15. Championship Quality.** Dave Haizelden has sent out some Trial Quality Report forms for the Taw & Torridge Trial. Dave also plans to send Report Forms out as an attachment to the results. Thus all competitors on eMail will be able to comment on a trial. In addition he will have a panel of regular competitors who will report back to him when they are 'out'.

**16. Any Other Business.** None

**17. Date of Next Meeting.** 2:00 pm, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at The Major's Retreat, Tormarton.

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If you now have E-Mail can you please let me have your E-Mail address as it reduces costs and time. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW eMAIL ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY**



2011 - Budget Income & Expenditure ACTC Ltd				Budget	
Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 1.1.2011				3,000.00	
Bank accounts estimate @ 1.1.2011.				8,500.00	
Income					
Clubs - 24 @ £40			960.00		
Motorcycle Championship Clubs	9 @ £15		150.00		
Advertising income			230.00		
Championship contenders -	140 Drivers £17	20 Nav no restart £11	3,105.00	4,445.00	2380 140 Drivers
	40 Restart £11	15 Nav with restart £6			440 40 Restart
Expenditure					
Feb Restart			400.00		120 20 Nav no restart
Feb Restart postage			80.00		165 15 Nav with restart
June Restart			420.00		3105
June restart postage			85.00		
General Secretary's expenses			70.00		
October Restart			420.00		
October Restart postage			85.00		
Championship stickers			70.00		
Postage for Championship Monitor			50.00		
Postage of regulations			10.00		
Trophies engraving			420.00		
Trophies replicas			400.00		
Meeting room hire		May	125.00		
Xmas Restart			450.00		
Xmas Restart postage			85.00		
Scrutineering Stipend			275.00		
Championship regs			25.00		
ACTC equipment - uplight			211.20		
Web Site Fasthosts			21.00		
MSA annual Fee			65.00		
Meeting room hire		Sept	125.00		
Byways & Bridleways			0.00		
Lara Subscription			0.00		
Secretary Expenses			20.00		
Limited company ongoing expenses			15.00		
PR costs - DVD			0.00		
Dinner & Dance			400.00		
Total Expense				4,327.20	
Profit/Loss for year				117.80	
Bank accounts @ 31.12.11.				8,617.80	
Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 31.12.11.				3,000.00	
Retained Earnings for Year 2011.				=====	
				£11,617.80	

ACTC **2011** Calendar

## Issue 1

**28th September 2010**

2011 Week No	Draft 2011 Dates	Event	Organising Club	ACTC Cars Champ 2011	ACTC Invite	Car and M/C Mail List	E-Regs?	Car Class 0?	Pouncey League 2011	Red Rose 2011
1	Sun 2 Jan									
2	Fri 7 Jan	Exeter	MCC	Round 1	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 1	Round 1
	Sat 8 Jan	Exeter	MCC							
3	Sun 16 Jan									
4	Sun 23 Jan	Clee	MAC	Round 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
5	Sun 30 Jan	Exmoor	North Devon MC	Round 3	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 2	Round 2
6	Sun 6 Feb	Cotswold Clouds	Stroud MC	Round 4	Yes	Yes	Yes			
		North Coast	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
7	Sun 13 Feb	Launceston	L&NCCMC		No	No	N/A			
8	Sat 19 Feb	Northern	Fellside	Round 5	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 3	Round 3
		Exmoor Fringe	VSCC							
	Sun 20 Feb									
9	Sun 27 Feb	Chairmans	Holsworthy		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 4	Round 4
10	Sat 5 Mar	Derbyshire	VSCC							
	Sun 6 Mar	March Hare	Falcon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
		Camel Heights	Camel Vale							
11	Sun 13th March	Mechanics	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes				
12	Sat 19 Mar	Hereford	VSCC							
	Sun 20 Mar	Hereford	VSCC							
	Sun 20 Mar	Bovey Down	Windwhistle							
13	Sun 27 Mar	Torbay	Torbay MC	Round 6	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 5	Round 5
14	Sun 3 Apr	Mothering Sunday								
15	Sun 10 Apr	Kyrle	Ross & District	Round 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
16	Sat 16 Apr	Kimber								
		Scottish	VSCC							
	Sun 17 Apr									
17	Fri 22 Apr	Land's End	MCC	Round 7	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 6	Round 6
	Sat 23 Apr	Land's End	MCC							
	Mon 25 Apr	Presidents	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
18	Sun 30 April									
19	Sun 8 May	ACTC Council Meeting								
20	Sun 15 May	Ilkley Trial	Ilkley MC	Round 9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Round 7	Round 7
21	Sun 22 May									
22	Sun 29 May									
23	Sun 5 Jun									
24	Sat 11 Jun	ACTC Dinner and Dance-Cullompton								
25	Sun 19 Jun									
26	Sun 26 Jun									
27	Sun 3 Jul									
28	Sun 10 Jul	Testing Trial (TBC)	MCC							
29	Sun 17 Jul									
30	Sun 24 Jul									
31	Sun 31 Jul									
32	Sun 7 Aug									
33	Sun 14 Aug									
34	Sun 221 Aug									
35	Sun 28 Aug									
36	Sun 4 Sep									
37	Sun 11 Sep	Taw & Torridge	Holsworthy	Round 10	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 8	Round 8
38	Sun 18 Sep									
39	Sun 25 Sept	ACTC AGM								
40	Sat 1 Oct	Edinburgh	MCC	Round 11	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 9	Round 9
40	Sun 2 Oct									
41	Sat 8 Oct	Ebworth	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
		Welsh	VSCC							
	Sun 9 Oct									
42	Sun 16 Oct	Exmoor Clouds	Minehead	Round 12	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 10	Round 10
43	Sun 23 Oct	Tamar	L&NCCMC	Round 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Round 11	Round 11
44	Sun 30 Oct	Tarka	North Devon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 12	Round 12
45	Sat 5 Nov	Lakeland	VSCC							
	Sun 6 Nov	Bodmin	Camel Vale		Yes	Yes	Yes			
46	Sun 13 Nov	Hardy	Woolbridge		Yes	Yes	Yes			
47	Sun 20 Nov									
48	Sun 27 Nov	Allen	BMC&LCC	Round 14	Yes	Yes	Yes			
		Neil Westcott	Exmoor MC						Round 13	Round 13
49	Sun 4 Dec	Camel Classic	Camel Vale	Round 15	Yes	Yes	Yes			
50	Sun 15 Dec									
51	Sun 18 Dec									
52	Sun 25 Dec									

## ACTC Motorcycle Report September 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

At present including the results from the Taw and Torridge are:

Pouncy League:

Tom Beckerleg	37
Stephen Bailey	31
David Craddock	27
Roger Tushingham	25
Julien Slade	22
Andrew Craddock	22

Red Rose Bowl:

Yoshi Adams	51
Simon Eddy	48
Alexander Lidgate	23

All so far with the exception of the Northern Trial ran the Approved class structure. They for some as yet unexplained reason put all the bikes including the sidecars into Class 0.

I trust they can rectify this for next year.

It is also noted that quite a few clubs have split the Class B entry into B1 & B2 I am hoping that this will continue.

Only seven of the ACTC member clubs as yet have a link into the ACTC web site.

Again I am requesting that the remainder of the clubs including the MCC put this link in as without any publicity the numbers may drop again next year.

I also asked last year for all clubs to put an ACTC membership form out to their members and I stated that I would print these off for any club that requested them. Again I will do this for this year.

In the past it has been suggested that Trials are getting harder and again there is the fact that clubs should not lay out sections to please a small number of expert competitors. It is much harder to control a bike going downhill and getting into and out of (or down from) some sections is difficult sometimes extremely difficult.

So I ask again please do not put special bike only routes and sections in or only if it really is an easy detour and safe. The main reason motorcycle competitors enter the ACTC series, is that the sections are suitable for cars and bikes.

Also not so many restarts, particularly steep ones. Cars just sit there with their wheels spinning. Motorcyclists invariably fall off and this can lead to injury. We still need to attract more motorcycles into the sport.

There are other trials for experts to compete in if they want. The rest of us are up for a good day out.

As for adding a point for entering a trial and a point for finishing this has had no effect on the position of the league tables so far this year.

So this scoring will be included for the motorcycle championships in 2011.

Also the Motorcycle solos Class B, will be split into B1 and B2. Which it will hope make a more closely run championship.

Good to see the Tarka Trial offering discount to e-mail instruction and route entrants.

I would also like to see the Regulations go out a bit earlier with a longer entry time and also the route posted out and e-mailed out at least 10 days before hand to give competitors time to sort things out.

Stephen Bailey, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010