

# Minutes of the AGM of the Council of the ACTC

## Sunday 25th September 2011

### At The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

#### Members and Officers Present:

Simon Woodall	– Chairman & VWOC(GB)	Pete Hart	– Class 7 / Bristol MC
Bill Bennett	– MGCC	Dudley Sterry	– MCC
Terry Coventry	- S&DMC	Robin Moore	– President / L&NCCMC
Chris Phillips	– Championship Sec & R&DMC	Jonathan Toulmin	– MAC
Joshua Moss	- S&DMC	John Blakeley	- Scrutineer
Dave Haizelden	– Champ Qual./ Torbay MC	Brian Partridge	– Vice-Chairman
Pat Toulmin	– Restart Editor	Barry Kirton	- MCC
Brian Clutterbuck	- MTWC	Dave Sapp	- MSCC
Graham Austin	- MAC	Nigel Moss	- S&DMC

18 persons present, with 9 member clubs represented.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Brian Osborn	– MGCC	Tim & Anne Whellock	– Windwhistle MC
Andrew Brown	– ROW Officer	Alan Foster	– Vice President
Stephen Bailey	– Motorcycle Coordinator	Richard Andrews	– R&DMSC
Barbara Selkirk	– Treasurer/VWOC(GB)	Jim Wood	– Holsworthy MC
Dave Wall	– Stroud / Dellow Register	Tristan White	– Camel Vale MC
Mark Tooth	– Bristol MC	Stuart Harrold	– Hon. Sec
Neil Forrest	– R&DMSC	Keith Sanders	- Torbay MC
Derek Reynolds	- Fellside AC	Barry Clarke	- VSCC
John West	- Vice President	Stan Peel	- Ilkley &DMC

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Were accepted.

Proposed: MGCC, Seconded: MAC. Passed *nem con*

#### 3. Matters Arising – None

#### 4. Election of President and Vice Presidents –All positions filled.

#### 5. Election of Chairman and Other Officers –All positions filled.

The Chairman remarked that the Association was always looking for fresh talent to fill positions and that all elected positions were open to people to volunteer to fulfil the duties, especially for those posts that had been filled by the same people for a number of years, such as Chairman, Treasurer and President.

#### 6. ACTC Club Membership – No new Club applications.

#### 7. 2012 Budget

- 7.1 Copies of the 2012 budget were circulated on behalf of the Treasurer. There were no queries. Further discussion and comment at the May 2012 meeting.

**Attachment 1**

#### 8. MSA Trials Committee Report

- 8.1 **Spill Kits.** The requirement to carry a spill kit in every competing car has been ratified. No spill Kit = No Start. Kits will be available to purchase at scrutineering on ACTC events

- 8.2 **Insurance.** Bill Bennett has had difficulty finding any insurance which confirms (in writing) its coverage of Classic trials. Adrian Flux policies are said to do so but are not entirely specific in writing.

- 8.3 **Class 1 differentials** A rule allowing Class 1 cars to make use of fully free differentials which had been made by recognised manufacturers from LSD differentials (currently forbidden) is being drafted.

The sentiment of the meeting was that this should apply to all classes and wished the topic to be taken back to the MSA Trials Committee for suitable amendment.

**Action: Simon Woodall**

## 9. Technical Matters

- 9.1 Differential Test Machine (DTM).** After some discussion the meeting felt that a system needed to be developed for the DTM to be transported to the various trials. In addition it is necessary that for safe siteing, a clear set of instructions is required, together with a suitable set of written operating instructions.  
There were no volunteers for either of these tasks and both requirements are to be publicised through the Clubs and the ACTC website. **Action: All Clubs and Pat Toulmin**  
In the absence of the DTM individual clubs were encouraged to use the simple roller test.

- 9.3. 'Modified Beyond' Scoring Scheme** A draft of the proposed scoring system was circulated for discussion. The meeting decided that the general direction of the scheme was suitable and it was proposed that Pete Hart produces a written proposal which will be discussed at the May 2012 meeting. **Action: Pete Hart**

**Proposed: S&DMC, Seconded: MAC passed *nem con***

- 10. Rights of Way.** Andrew Brown's report is attached. **Attachment 2**  
The Bristol MC representative noted that LARA had been very supportive in the challenge to the detrimental change of status to the Burledge section proposed by the local authority

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

## 12. Restart & Web Site.

- 12.1** The ACTC Website Blog has been opened.

- 12.2** 2012 Calendar is complete and clubs and individuals are urged to place their orders as soon as possible.

### 12.3

The Restart editor, Pat Toulmin, has assembled an extensive collection of Restart's forerunners, 'Wheelspin' and 'Four Wheels Out' and suggests that these be bound and then archived. The Jan 84 and April & July editions of Wheelspin are missing and help is sought to find copies. It was agreed that the magazines should be archived, subject to the costs involved being passed to and approved by the Treasurer. Three quotations had been received as follows.

John Richards, Leamington Spa. £60 to £70 per volume.

New Leaf Bindery, Birmingham. £35 to £40 per volume.

The Binding Place, Worcester. £15 for Wheelspin, £18 for Four Wheels Out (per volume)

There are 8 volumes of Four Wheels Out and 4 volumes of Wheelspin. At The Binding Place this would be £204. There are also 6 volumes of Restart but the editor suggests these are done next year. **Action: Pat Toulmin and Barbara Selkirk.**

## 13. Championship Schedule

- 13.1 2011 Schedule** No changes to the remaining 2011 schedule.

### 13.2 2012 Schedule

- a) Ebworth date to be determined and advised to the Championship Sec. **Action: S&DMC**  
(post meeting this was advised as Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October)  
b) MAC are proposing to run motorcycles and combinations in their 2012 Clee Hills Trial  
c) The May 2012 ACTC meeting is to change to 20<sup>th</sup> May to avoid the bank holiday  
The 2012 schedule will be changed and re-issued as Issue 1 with these minutes as **Attachment 3**  
**Action: Chris Phillips**

## 14. Championship Reports

- 14.1 Car Championships.** Were summarised by Chris Phillips.

- 14.2 Motorcycle Championships.** Stephen Bailey provided a report on the championship and some other motorcycle business.. Please refer to **Attachment 4**

There is a discrepancy between information provided by Stephen Bailey in his report and the minutes (item 9.5) of the May 2011 meeting. This item is to do with the requirements (or not) of lights on competing motorcycles. The situation will remain as minuted in 9.5 May 2011.

#### 14.2 Championship and Event Entries

There was a wide ranging discussion covering the current reduction in entries to individual trials, those joining ACTC as competitors and the shortage of young competitors coming forward. It was thought that there were likely to be a multiplicity of causes for the reductions and thus no one single solution.

The Championship Secretary suggested that a form of Class'0' series might address some of the aspects of all three and was actioned to write a paper on his suggestion for circulation before and discussion at the May 2012 meeting.

**Action: Chris Phillips**

In addition the paper on a related subject written by Dave Wall will also be considered at the May 2012 meeting. DW's paper forms

**Attachment 5**

**15. Championship Quality.** Dave Haizelden reported that the formal reports had been withdrawn, in line with the discussion at the May 2011 meeting. However, feedback to organisers was to be encouraged (positive and negative) to ensure that events continued at their current high standard.

#### 17. Any Other Business.

**17.1** The 2012 Dinner and Awards evening was confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**17.2** The Association scrutineer (cars), John Blakely (JB), made a number of points:

a) the original plan for having a series scrutineer for cars envisaged the person being in addition to, not instead of, club scrutineers. All too often the latter situation happens. This point needs to be reinforced with the organising clubs, especially in the light of b) below.

**Action: All Clubs**

b) JB is now an MSA qualified Environmental scrutineer and has the necessary equipment and training to carry out accurate noise tests. However, if these are to be carried out at the start clearly JB cannot do both jobs.

c) As from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012 for noise tests carried out by JB, breaches of the regulation noise level will be entered on the scrutineering card and treated as any other scrutineering failure.

**17.3 Morgan Three Wheelers.** The MTWC is not currently an MSA club but were recommended to change this as this would then allow pre 1941 three wheelers to compete in car only ACTC events in Class 2.

**18. Date of Next Meeting.** 2:00 pm, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at The Major's Retreat, Tormarton.  
(Rescheduled to avoid May Bank Holiday weekend)

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Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, SOME ARE STILL USING THE OLD ADDRESS.**

Appendix 1	2012 Budget (BS)
Appendix 2	RoW Report (AKB)
Appendix 3	2012 Schedule (CNP)
Appendix 4	Motorcycle report (SB)
Appendix 5	Dave Wall paper (DW)



2012 - Budget Income & Expenditure ACTC Lt					Budget
Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 1.1.2011					3,000.00
Bank accounts estimate @ 1.1.2012.					8,500.00
<b>Income</b>					
Clubs - 24 @ £40					960.00
Motorcycle Championship Clubs	10 @ £15				150.00
Advertising income					365.00
Championship contenders -	130 Drivers £17	10 Nav no restart £11			2,820.00
	40 Restart £11	10 Nav with restart £6			4,295.00
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Feb Restart					370.00
Feb Restart postage					80.00
June Restart					370.00
June restart postage					80.00
General Secretary's expenses					70.00
October Restart					400.00
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					420.00
Xmas Restart postage					80.00
Scrutineering Stipiind					325.00
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
<b>Total Expense</b>					4,237.20
<b>Profit/Loss for year</b>					57.80
<b>Bank accounts @ 31.12.12.</b>					8,557.80
<b>Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 31.12.12.</b>					3,000.00
<b>Retained Earnings for Year 2012.</b>					£11,557.80

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## RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

### Attachment to Agenda item 10

After several years of having “Nothing to report” there has been a flurry of activity in the past few months. Not all the items are strictly rights-of-way matters but, as they concern access to land that we use for our events, I think it is worth reporting them here under this heading.

#### 14/28 Day Rule under threat

- In June 2011 the Department for Communities and Local Government published an “issues paper” entitled “*How change of use is handled in the planning system – tell us what you think*”.
- One of the “issues” concerned what is known as the 14/28 Day Rule. This permits the temporary use of land, without planning permission, for a number of activities. For motorsport the permitted development rights are limited to not more than 14 days in total in the calendar year. The DCLG questioned whether this temporary use, without permission, was still appropriate.
- LARA responded immediately and organised a robust defence of maintaining the current status quo. Although there has been no official statement from DCLG since the end of the consultation period, I understand that LARA are quietly confident that the matter will “go away” for the foreseeable future (it was last raised in 2002 after which it disappeared for the intervening nine years).
- More information is available at <http://www.laragh.org/>

#### Government Forestry Review Panel

- In July 2011, the MSA organised a nationwide campaign in response to a perceived threat to the continued use of forests for motorsport. The response from motor sport enthusiasts exceeded everyone’s expectations and we now await the results of the consultation process.
- MSA News: <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=210&nid=1436>

#### Threat to Burlledge

- In June 2011, Bristol Motor Club were alerted that Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES) were proposing to make a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order which would have had the effect of banning all motor vehicle use of the Byway that we know as Burlledge.
- LARA responded to Bristol MC’s request for help and a meeting was held on site at Burlledge on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Attendees included representatives of BANES, the local police, LARA, and Bristol MC.
- LARA proposed a time-limited TRO, which would allow the continued use of Burlledge by Bristol MC for the Allen Trial, and this is now being considered by BANES. The police, who were not familiar with the concept of time-limited TROs were extremely enthusiastic.
- Pete Hart may have more up-to-date information to report at the AGM.

## **Temporary closures for motorsport events**

- Some local authorities (Gloucestershire is one that I know of) are threatening to require temporary closure orders where rights of way are “affected” by motorsport events requiring approval under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act. The wording of the latest Gloucestershire Rights of Way Improvement Plan implies that these closures could apply both where the route of an event is along a right of way (which requires Section 33 approval but not, at the moment, a temporary closure) and where the route of an event crosses a right of way.
- My understanding is that the latter situation (where the route of an event crosses a right of way) is intended primarily for speed events, such as rallies and enduros, where organisers do not marshal every footpath crossing and there is the possibility of members of the public straying into the path of a speeding vehicle.
- Gloucestershire provides a neat get-out which allows a risk assessment as an alternative to the (expensive) temporary closure order.
- I do not believe that this is yet a major issue but trials organisers need to be aware that they may be asked for risk assessments wherever a right of way is used or crossed. Placing a marshal at the end of the section, and at any crossing, is an obvious solution but it is then imperative to ensure that the crew running the section are aware of these obligations.

My apologies that, once again, I am unable to attend an ACTC AGM/Council Meeting.

*Andrew Brown*  
*13<sup>th</sup> September 2011*

# ACTC 2012 Schedule

Issue 1

9th October 2011

2012 Week No	Draft 2012 Dates	Event	Organising Club	ACTC Cars Champ 2012	ACTC Invite	Car and M/C Mail List	E-Regs?	Car Class 0?	Pouncey League 2012	Red Rose 2012
52	Sun 1 Jan									
1	Fri 6 Jan	Exeter	MCC	Round 1	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 1	Round 1
	Sat 7 Jan	Exeter	MCC							
2	Sun 15 Jan									
3	Sun 22 Jan	Clee	MAC	Round 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Round 2	Round 2
4	Sun 29 Jan	Exmoor	North Devon MC	Round 3	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 3	Round 3
5	Sun 5 Feb	Cotswold Clouds	Stroud MC	Round 4	Yes	Yes	Yes			
		North Coast	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
6	Sun 12 Feb	Launceston	L&NMC		No	No	N/A			
7	Sat 18 Feb	Northern	Fellside	Round 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Round 4	Round 4
		Exmoor Fringe Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 19 Feb									
8	Sun 26 Feb	Chairmans	Holsworthy		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 5	Round 5
9	Sat 3 Mar	Derbyshire	VSCC							
	Sun 4 Mar	March Hare	Falcon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
		Camel Heights	Camel Vale							
10	Sun 11th March	Mechanics	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes				
11	Sat 17 Mar	Herefordshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 18 Mar	Herefordshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 18 Mar									
	Sun 18 Mar	Mothing Sunday								
12	Sun 25 Mar	Torbay	Torbay MC	Round 6	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 6	Round 6
13	Sun 1 Apr									
14	Fri 6 April	Land's End	MCC	Round 7	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 7	Round 7
	Sat 7 Apr	Land's End	MCC							
	Sat 7 Apr	Scottish Trial	VSCC							
15	Mon 9 Apr	Presidents	Camel Vale		No	No	N/A			
	Sat 14 Apr	Kimber								
	Sun 15 Apr	Kyrle	Ross & District	Round 8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
16	Sun 22 Apr									
17	Sun 29 April	Bovey Down	Windwhistle		Yes	Yes	Yes			
18	Sun 6 May									
19	Sun 13 May	Ilkley Trial	Ilkley MC	Round 9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Round 8	Round 8
20	Sun 20 May	ACTC Council Meeting								
21	Sun 27 May									
22	Sun 3 Jun									
23	Sun 10 Jun									
24	Sat 16 Jun	ACTC Dinner and Dance-Cullompton								
	Sun 17 Jun									
25	Sun 24 Jun									
26	Sun 1 Jul									
27	Sun 8 Jul	Testing Trial (TBC)	MCC							
28	Sun 15 Jul									
29	Sun 22 Jul									
30	Sun 29 Jul									
31	Sun 5 Aug									
32	Sun 12 Aug									
33	Sun 19 Aug									
34	Sun 26 Aug									
35	Sun 2 Sep									
36	Sun 9 Sep	Taw & Torridge	Holsworthy	Round 10	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 9	Round 9
37	Sat 15 Sept	Yorkshire Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 16 Sep									
38	Sun 23 Sept	ACTC AGM								
39	Sun 30 Sept									
40	Sat 6 Oct	Edinburgh	MCC	Round 11	No	No	N/A	Yes	Round 10	Round 10
	Sat 6 Oct	Welsh Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 7 Oct									
41	Sun 14 Oct	Exmoor Clouds	Minehead	Round 12	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 11	Round 11
41	Sat 20 Oct	Ebworth	Stroud MC		Yes	Yes	Yes			
	Sun 21 Oct	Tarka	North Devon MC		Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 12	Round 12
43	Sun 28 Oct	Tamar	L&NMC	Round 13	Yes	Yes	Yes		Round 13	Round 13
44	Sat 3 Nov	Lakeland Trial	VSCC							
	Sun 4 Nov	Bodmin	Camel Vale		Yes	Yes	Yes			
45	Sun 11 Nov	Hardy	Woolbridge		Yes	Yes	Yes			
46	Sun 18 Nov									
47	Sun 25 Nov	Allen	BMC&LCC	Round 14	Yes	Yes	Yes			
		Neil Westcott	Exmoor MC						Round 14	Round 14
48	Sun 2 Dec	Camel Classic	Camel Vale	Round 15	Yes	Yes	Yes			
49	Sun 9 Dec									
50	Sun 16 Dec									
51	Sun 23 Dec									
52	Sun 30 Dec									

## Changes from Draft 2 to Issue 1

- 1 Clee Hills to run classes for Pouncey and Red Rose Bowl (Round 2 of each) in 2012. Other events motorcycle round numbers amended
- 2 ACTC May meeting moved to May 20th to avoid bank Holiday weekend
- 3 Ebworth Trial date confirmed as Sat 20th October 2012

Motorcycle championship report September 22nd 2011

I cannot attend the Committee today, as I am active otherwise in one of the biggest threat to motorcycling to hit the UK and Europe.

There is a raft anti-motorcycling legislation trying to be passed by the EU parliament which no sane person would uphold....

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/5334>

I would hope all motorsport enthusiasts as well as any other person that is pro-freedom would support action against this.

This is felt to be the thin? Edge, to the banning of Motorcycles in the EU.

### **Championship Places:**

The Championships' are being reasonably supported and in the Red Rose Bowl Simon Eddy is in first place, Geoff Westcott second and Al Lidgate Third.

In the Pouncey league Stephen Kingstone Leading by some considerable margin, David Craddock Second, Andrew Craddock Third, Julien Slade Fourth and Buster Griffin fifth...

### **Other:**

We have a new member Lloyd Barwick from the leaflets I put out at the MCC Testing Trial.

I also had an ACTC promotion stand at the Popham Mega meet.

I again ask the members of the committee to actively publicise the ACTC and if at all possible sent entry forms for 2012 to their members when they send out their own club membership reminders.

The Championship contenders were again contacted re the question of Side-car specifications.

I received no reply to my e-mails from the MCC, however a short reply from their championship secretary was "The MCC has republished its specifications the same as last year and they have not altered"....

The ACTC Red Rose Bowl Contenders were in agreement that the Specifications should stand and if Sidecars were entered in a championship round that were not as required then they should be put into a separate class or not run. The onus on the organising club to police via there scrutineering.

As regards to Motorcycle lights being required again the census of opinion was that Lights should be required, However it would be up to the organising club to state this or not in its Regulations for the event and up to the organising club to police via their scrutineering.

In the case of vehicles without lights, they must stop, if conditions are such that lights would be required by law.

So the advice from the ACTC should be that light are required unless otherwise specified.

Many thanks.

Best regards  
Stephen Bailey



# Championship Proposal

What follows, started off as a championship proposal to encourage more ACTC memberships and interest in the competing in a championship. As I've given it more thought, it has evolved as a group of ideas with differing merit, but hopefully will serve as a good discussion point at the meeting. DW

## Introduction

In recent years The ACTC championship has fallen with it being contended seriously by probably only 20 or so competitors nationally each year. In times gone by joining the ACTC was a sure-fire way of getting the regs posted for each event. Whilst this is still a draw the regs for each event are now easily accessible online so the perceived 'value for money' aspect has been a little diminished.

Whilst very few now compete in a 'full season' of trials there are quite a few who compete in the MCC's plus 1 or 2 local events each year.

## Proposal

This proposal is that the ACTC consider running a mini championship. Any member competing in 5 or less events during the year would be eligible, those competing in more than 5 events would automatically be 'bumped' into the main Wheelspin and Crackington championships. Qualifying events could be the best 3 scoring events from all the ACTC rounds, with a maximum of 2MCC rounds counting.

## Scoring

I'm unsure exactly how to tackle this. Certainly the existing system has been used (successfully?) for a good few years, but I must admit it leaves me confused most of the time (and I am aware this is felt by some others also) and *maybe* a contributing factor lack of 'contenders'. In addition it may not help with attracting 'contenders' from the smaller classes.

e.g.1. Bill, John Bell and myself enter a trial as the only class 2 cars. I have the trial of my life and win the class – result 10.3pts (I think!?)

e.g.2 I enter the Dellow in the same trial, (busy class 8 that day) the trial suits big wheels (Dudley is hasn't entered) I do ok and win the class – result 10.11 (I think!?)

The current system works on the basis that the more in the class the more difficult it is to win. Understandable, but in most classes, we have the select 3 or 4 who are likely to contend a class win and the rest as 'possible outsiders' so in reality I'm not sure the size of the class makes all that much difference?

A simpler integer system might help to attract some other members who have not considered the championship before. Rather than a 10 – 0 system why not have a 25-0 system with smaller gaps towards the top positions that gradually increase, and makes it easier to catch up?

Unfortunately though, some poor soul has to work all this out and running two parallel scoring systems is probably totally impractical!? .....Unless members register for the Mini Championship rather than the main championships???

Dave Wall – September 2011