



# The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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**Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004.**

## Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Iain Tullie (Hon. Sec), Tim Bendelow (Dates).

Delegates were present from the following 25 clubs:

Alwoodley, BARC (Yorks), BRMC, BRSCC (N), CSMA, Clitheroe, Craven Old Wheels, Darlington, De Lacy, Durham, Ecurie Royal Oak, Glossop, Hadrian, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Lancs AC, Malton, NHMC, Ripon, SD34, S&H, Trackrod, 2300, Wakefield and Wigan.

## 1. Apologies.

Dave Barker (Hon Treasurer), Mike Yates (Stage Championship), Neil Bye, Gordon Waddington, Bury AC, Lancs & Cheshire, Lindholme, Liverpool, Motor Cycling Club, Pendle, Slaitwaite.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2004.

The minutes were accepted as a correct account of the meeting. Proposed by Trackrod and seconded by Wakefield.

## 3. Matters Arising.

- Green Lanes – The Ministry has set up a consultation group, which includes both the MSA and LARA as well as representation from other branches of Motor Sport.
- Our meeting was Simon Fowler's first visit to any Association meeting. Apparently he was glad we 'Didn't give him a hard time'.

## 4. Treasurers Report.

Iain Tullie presented the 2003 accounts which had been deferred from the June meeting (*copy attached to these minutes*). While expenditure had been higher than in 2002, this was due to a number of exceptional items and finances were still healthy. On the strength of this Subscriptions remain at the same level for 2005.

## 5. Invitations to the Association.

Alwoodley MC Autotest, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Rufforth. Final Championship Round. Graham Whittaker 01132 654182.

CSMA Rally, 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> December. Final Road Rally Championship Round. Steve Johnson 01254 392663.

Grizedale Stages Rally – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Furness & DMC. Sarah Moore 01946 841332. [www.grizedalestages.co.uk](http://www.grizedalestages.co.uk)

Malton Forest Rally – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Malton MC. Nicola Harper 01904 761173. [www.maltonmc.co.uk](http://www.maltonmc.co.uk)

2005:

Jack Frost Stages, 15<sup>th</sup> January, Croft, Darlington & DMC.

Riponian Stages – 16<sup>th</sup> February, Ripon MSC. Sheila Dawson 01423 566275. [www.riponmotorsportsclub.co.uk](http://www.riponmotorsportsclub.co.uk)

Tour of Cheshire Historic Road Rally – 12<sup>th</sup> March, Knutsford & DMC.

Hamsterley Forest Stages, 4<sup>th</sup> September, Ripon MSC.

## 6. Applications for Membership.

None.

## 7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

North Humberside Stages 2005 now on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## 8. Mailing List Alteration.

CSMA enquired whether it would be possible for the Association to have a list of email contacts available to clubs for use when notifying events, sending invitations, regs, etc. Iain Tullie said that he work on this and consult with our webmaster regarding the possibility of making it available to clubs via the website.

## **9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.**

**Autotests** - We are now approaching the final three events to this years Championship. Although we have only had 18 Registrations this year we have been averaging 9/10 entries per event. To date we have had two events that have not run, Grimsby M.C. (lack of entries) and Trackrod M.C.(no information), shortly I will be preparing the events for inclusion in next years Championship, therefore if there are any ANCC registered clubs would like their event considering for inclusion please forward to me at the address above. With event scores now being 'dropped' the tables are closing up and the awards appear to be going to the wire. Finally I would like to clarify that the 2004 Inter Association meeting to be held in Northern Ireland did not materialise due to lack of support and misunderstandings, although our Association had a team selected and a small amount of financial assistance approved. In 2005 our Association has been invited to organise a similar event to that which was organised in 2003 by Alwoodley M.C., watch this space for developments.

**Production Car Trials** – Wakefield & DMC reported their disappointment that no championship contenders entered their event, for the second year in a row. Their committee felt it is not worth putting an event on if the contenders don't support it. Unfortunately John Spencer was not at the meeting to comment on this.

**Road Rallies** – Three rounds to go in November and December and still all to play for. Over 100 registered contenders and events generally well supported, although the two events in September had disappointing entries and deserved more. A team will be going to Northern Ireland to contest the Inter Association event next month.

**Stage Rallies** - The Championship has one round still to run - the Grizedale Stages in December. All events have run as planned and the Championship remains very competitive in all sections and classes with nothing yet decided. Most events have been well supported. Planning for 2005 is underway and a provisional calendar should be issued shortly. Any club that has not submitted a date or has changed a date is urged to urgently contact the Dates Secretary and the Championship Coordinator.

## **10. Time, Date & Place of next Meeting**

Dates for 2005 are to be discussed at Management Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November and would then be advised to clubs. It was agreed that we should again liaise with our neighbouring associations, particularly ANEMMC, to try and avoid clashes. Delegates were asked for input into the date and format of the Awards Evening, the consensus being that the current format was acceptable, although as usual championship coordinators should canvas the views of the competitors.

*Dates for 2005 delegates meetings have now been finalised:*

*31<sup>st</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> June (AGM), 31<sup>st</sup> October – All are the last Monday of the month.*

*Prize Presentation Evening - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, also at Whitcliffe Mount, 8pm start, free entry, all welcome.*

## **11. Correspondence.**

*Please contact the Hon. Secretary if you require copy of any of the following items:*

Requests for marshals from both the Revival and Roger Albert Clark Rallies.  
Stage Rally, Road Rally & Autotest Championship Newsletters.

### **Minutes/newsletters from:**

LCAMC, EMAMC, WAMC, ANECCC, ANICC and ANWCC

### **MSA letters:**

Motor Sports Now!, Paramedic and Doctor Regional Listing, Forestry Allocations for 2005, Letter regarding the new 'on line' fixture list for 2005 (see below).

### **Club newsletters from:**

Ilkley, COWS & Knutsford.

The meeting felt that the new MSA 'on line' fixture list was not very user -friendly and a number of delegates reported that their clubs had tried, unsuccessfully, to access the site and input dates. John Richardson agreed to pass our feedback on to Kevin Pay at the MSA. *Details of the login procedure are at the end of these minutes.*

## **13. R.L.O. / F.L.O. / Training Officer Reports.**

### **F.L.O:**

Rod Parkin stated that Forest Enterprise are looking into different methods of road engineering to benefit both their trucks and rallies. They acknowledge that road surfaces are generally worse than 10 years ago, they are targeting improvements in this area but it is increasingly expensive to repair the roads. Double usage was to be encouraged and those events / vehicles causing more damage could charge higher entry fees.

In future all events using FE land will come under the master agreement, so road or endurance rallies would be included, though not necessarily at the same costs as stage events.

North Yorkshire Allocations for 2005 are as follows: Ripon (Riponian); De Lacy (Kall Kwik); North Humberside; Trackrod; Malton. Reserve: York.

### **R.L.O:**

Organisers of road rallies are advised to inform the 'Comms Rooms' of the forces whose areas they pass through, as well as the traffic depts.

#### **TRAINING:**

Bob Wright reported that training seminars have been planned for: Myerscough 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan; Askham Bryan - 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan; Ponteland – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005. There would be extended sessions for stage commanders, with further seminars throughout the country in Spring. Mailings would be sent out to all clubs. *Application Form attached, please copy and circulate via notice boards, newsletters, club meetings, websites, etc.*

The national marshals register currently stands at about 5,000, who should receive information about the 2005 seminars direct. There was some discussion about grading and particularly the lack of genuine competency assessment, that may put some marshals off progressing through the grades. The seminars currently are the best method we have of ensuring a satisfactory level of competence had been reached. Clubs would be receiving a questionnaire from Sue Sanders-Pepit in the near future.

There was a brief discussion regarding Children in Motor sport. The MSA seem to be a long way behind in this area.

#### **14. MSA / Regional Committee / ACU / Sports Council matters.**

Clubs are recommended to use the new 'Club Scene' page in Motorsport News. If clubs do not use this facility it will be lost. Those clubs who have used it have already seen the benefits, with new members and extra entries and marshals on events. *Send your latest club news to:*

*Club Scene, Motorsport News, Somerset House, Somerset Road, Teddington, TW11 8RL  
Or email [jo.holland@haynet.com](mailto:jo.holland@haynet.com).*

*Money is still available in the MSA Club Development fund for facilities / safety purposes.* Steve Johnson recommended wet weather clothing that CSMA had purchased from Protec – *a flier with details is attached.*

Bill Troughear retires as Chairman of Regional Committee at the end of 2005, it was agreed that we should write to him nearer the time to thank him for his contribution to the sport, with either a gift or a donation.

The first draft of the MSA's 'Child Protection Policy' has been produced but is still being revised.

*MSA Officials Seminars have now been confirmed for 2005, the full list is attached to these minutes.*

#### **15. Motions received.**

None.

#### **16. Other Business.**

- Steve Johnson put forward a proposal for exemption from having to obtain rally school qualification, in order to obtain a stage rally competition licence. The Chairman suggested that this be included with the agenda for our January meeting, so it could be discussed and then submitted to rallies committee. Steve would send a copy to the Hon. Secretary.
- Rod Parkin requested that any views and ideas regarding motor sport in the UK be submitted to Graham Stoker, Chairman or the Motor Sports Council. He is very receptive and wants to hear views from individual members, club committees and regional associations on ways to develop and improve the sport.
- The subject of pump fuel for stage rally cars, particularly trying to reduce the cost to clubmen, is still an ongoing debate at rallies committee – all comments and input to either John Richardson or Rod Parkin please.
- Section K of the blue book is under review with regard to 'specials' on stage rallies, particularly what should be eligible to get a log book with regard to safety. Again, comments welcome, to Rod or John please.

Meeting closed at: 10.15pm

#### **Enclosures:**

*2003 Accounts and accompanying notes. (excel and word files)*

*Training seminar application Form. (word)*

*High Visibility Wet Weather marshals' clothing & MSA officials' seminar dates. (word)*

*All these files are available as downloads at [www.ancc.co.uk](http://www.ancc.co.uk)*

#### **MSA WEBSITE LOG-IN PROCEDURES FOR CLUB & COMPS SECRETARIES**

If you don't know your club's user name and password from the old MSA 'mini web', you need to email [sfowler@msauk.org](mailto:sfowler@msauk.org) and he will reset them for you.

Go to the MSA website at <http://www.msauk.org/>

At the bottom of the page, click on the line "Visit the new MSA web section...Click here to register."

Log on with your club's user name and password.

On the 'Home' page, you should find a link entitled 'Guide for Club Secretaries to enter events on fixture list – click here.' Click on this link and then print off a copy of the guide, which will then help you create and submit your dates.

**N.B. ANY DATE SUBMITTED TO THE MSA SITE MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO OUR DATES CO-ORDINATOR, TIM BENDELOW, AS WE HAVE TO RESOLVE ANY CLASHES AT A LOCAL LEVEL BEFORE THE MSA WILL APPROVE THE DATE.** The MSA on-line fixture list replaces the little white book issued in recent years, which was always out of date even before printed. By informing the Association AND the MSA of any date changes, we can all ensure that both the ANCC and MSA fixture lists are up to date.