



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

From the Hon. Secretary:
Iain Tullie, 26 Queen Victoria Street, YORK YO23 1HN.
☎ 01904 631810 (H)
E-mail: iain.tullie@ancc.co.uk



Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 30th October 2006.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Iain Tullie (Hon. Sec.), Tim Bendelow (Dates), Mike Yates (Stage Rally Coordinator), Rod Parkin (FLO), Bob Wright (Training Officer), Ian James, Derek Slater, Gordon Waddington, Graham Whitaker, Chris Woodcock (all Management Committee), Peter Sowray (MSA).

Special guests – Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive; Graham Stoker, Chairman of the MSA Motor Sports Council and Alan Gow, Chairman of the MSA Board.

Delegates were present from the following 28 clubs:

Alwoodley, Border, BARC (Yorks), BRMC (NE), BRSCC (N), Bury, Clitheroe, CSMA, Darlington, De Lacy, Durham, Glossop, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Knutsford, Lindholme, Liverpool, Malton, North Humberside, Pendle, SD(34), Selby, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Slaithwaite, Trackrod, 2300, Wakefield, York.

The Chairman welcomed our guests to the meeting and apologized for the late distribution of minutes and agendas. He also apologized for the bar not being open, something that we had not been made aware of before our arrival tonight.

1. Apologies.

Were received from: Dave Barker (Hon. Treas.), John Spencer (PCT Coordinator), Auto 66, Dukeries, ERO, Kirkby Lonsdale, Motor Sport (NW), Stockport, Wigan, Steve Stringwell (MSA).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2006.

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

3. Matters Arising.

1. 2300 Club's apologies to be added, they had been omitted in error.
2. The 'one spectator event' restriction in the North Yorkshire Forests was the National Parks' perception, not Forest Enterprise's.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The current account balance stood at £4364.02, although there was still a batch of subscriptions cheques to be paid in.

5. Invitations to the Association.

22 nd October	Adrian Barker Memorial Stages, ERO, Wilbarston
5 th November	Malton Forest Stages, Malton, North Yorkshire
10 th / 11 th March 2007	Alternative Sign Centre Robin Hood Forest Stages, Lindholme, Sherwood Forest

6. Applications for Membership.

None.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Furness & DMC 'The Coppermines & Lakes Cottages' Grizedale Stages is now on Saturday 9th December 2006.

8. Mailing List Alterations.

Bob Wright: bob.wright1@tesco.net

Durham Automobile Club Secretary: Gordon Dundee., 73 Ashbourne Drive, Coxhoe, Durham, DH6 4HA Phone - 0191 3773228 e-mail gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk

Mike Yates Slaitthwaite Motor Club Competition Secretary ANCC Stage Rally Championship Coordinator
msyates@tiscali.co.uk

G. Waddington, Lindholme & Mgt Com: 11 Cantley Manor Avenue, Cantley Manor, Doncaster DN4 6RJ.

Karen Spencer, Ilkley Comp Sec: karen.spencer@ringways.co.uk

Airedale and Pennine Motor Car Club: www.apmcc.co.uk

9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Unfortunately the final round had been cancelled, but it had been a better year than 2005. The battle for overall honours went down to the wire, with only two points separating the top three. Congratulations to Howard Everingham, who is the 2006 champion. Plenty of interest for 2007 already.

Production Car Trials – No report.

Road Rallies – After a number of event cancellations, only ten rounds will have run this year, with the final round Beverley's Beaver Rally at the end of November. The champions will be decided on this event, with three drivers and three navigators in contention. The 2007 calendar is still to be finalized.

Stage Rallies – With two rounds to go (Malton and Grizedale), the Forest Challenge is still wide open. Congratulations to the Overall Champions, Chris Platt and Mick Robinson. 111 registrations, the same as 2005. Still awaiting dates from some clubs for the 2007 calendar.

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Investigation would be carried out to see if the bar closure is a temporary situation. The preferred day for the meeting is still Monday and the last week of the relevant months avoids clashes with other associations. Another venue will be sought if the bar situation cannot be resolved.

11. Correspondence.

MSA letters: Letter and Information pack re. National Motorsport Week; 2005 Accounts; Volunteers In Motorsport 'Best Practice' Guides; Forest Enterprise allocations for 2007; Club Bulletin 1/2006; Letter and Guidelines re. Child Protection Policy; Regional Committee Nomination (John Richardson); 'Wheels' supplement, Aug – Nov; Motorsports Now! Summer & Autumn; Wales Rally GB information.

Minutes from: A.N.I.C.C, A.N.E.C.C, T.M.S.G, A.N.E.M.M.C, A.C.S.M.C, E.M.A.M.C.

Other Correspondence: Various sets of regs;
Stage Rally & Autotest Championship bulletins;
Letter from Coba Graphics, new trading name for Boost Graphics;
Letter from Karting N.E. detailing their National Motorsport week activities;
Announcement of the 2007 Historic Motorsport Show at Stoneleigh.

12. Route Liaison Officers / Forestry Liaison Officer / Training Officer Reports.

R.L.O: JR re-iterated the timescales for route submission, even for club 12 cars. Ian Dixon asked if there had been any feedback after the Tour Ecosse, an event run by the Dutch Austin Healey Club which had created issues in North and

East Yorkshire. Colin Hilton reported that the MSA is powerless to act if a club is not affiliated to an ASN abroad, we can only ask the appropriate authority to investigate.

F.L.O: Rod Parkin explained that with the cancellation of the Riponian, we only have the North Humberside event running in the forests in the first half of the year. The FE agreement is due to be re-negotiated in 2007 for 2008. There seems to be a local issue with FE waiting until just before the next event before regrading in Yorkshire. Please remember that forest routes must be submitted 6 months before an event. The Russel Brookes Rally Star initiative is still likely to happen, with some work going ahead on tyre testing.

Finally Rod thanked everyone who was out on Trackrod Rally Yorkshire and asked delegates to pass on his personal thanks to all who had been out on what was a very long day. Lindholme won the 'Best Location' Award and a trophy and cheque for £200 was presented to Gordon Waddington.

Training: Details of the training sessions in early 2007 will go to all club secretaries and registered marshals. Stockport and York would be on the last weekend in January, Gateshead on the first weekend in February and Carlisle in March. Submissions can also be made to the MSA for grants to run training evenings at clubs, which Bob Wright and his team will help to run. Volunteers In Motorsport stands and literature are also available to book, free of charge.

13. MSA / Regional Committee / ACU / Sports Council matters.

JR asked our guests to each say a few words by way of introduction:

Colin Hilton reported that the MSA is currently looking at its development and communication, issues which have not been progressed since the 2001 strategic review. He reminded delegates that any 'profit' the MSA makes always goes back into the sport, for training or the Motorsport Safety Fund. 'Volunteers in Motorsport' was now in its second year, DTI funding may continue in future but VIM will continue even if the funding does not. Also into its second year was 'Rally Elite', also going well, something similar will be launched for racing in the New Year.

Graham Stoker explained that he deals with policy, rules, regulations and judicial matters, both at MSA and world level with the FIA in Paris. He is keen to remove the perception of 'Ivory Towers' (indeed he pointed out that none of his predecessors had ever been to visit any of the Regional Associations or Clubs) and welcomed anyone to write to him directly about issues, as well as going through Regional Committee.

Alan Gow, in his own words 'the rough diamond from Australia', was here to learn from us and doesn't pretend to know everything about every aspect of Motorsport. He wants to accelerate the modernization of the MSA, for example with Credit Card Licences, and considers the 'blue book' unwieldy, hence why it is undergoing an expensive and extensive review (2007 will only see it 10% of the way there, 2008 should be easier to use and more relevant, though the regs themselves will stay the same). Other areas at the MSA, such as IT, also need further investment, to make them more efficient and easier for us at club level as well.

Questions were then taken from the floor, any that could not be answered would be taken back and responded to later (see attachments to these minutes). The following topics were discussed:

The Environment.

What is the MSA doing in response to pressures from the Government, the Green lobby, etc. about CO2 emissions?

A fuel working group has just been conducted with various bio-fuel manufacturers. Rally Star is an opportunity to use a control fuel from a green energy supplier. The FIA looking at following what the MSA are doing, but we do need to move faster with the initiatives that are there to avoid getting singled out for political reasons. Championships and categories can also take the lead on this (as the BTCC did in 1991, for example).

K37 Changes.

What are the MSA doing for competitors whose vehicles may be outdated by the new technical regs?

Rallies Committee will still be looking at this for another year. It is envisaged that the vast majority of such vehicles will still be able to compete for up to four more years. The MSA has a responsibility to make sure that these vehicles will slowly be phased out of events that use the public highway.

FIA World Rally Championship.

What is the MSA policy towards the WRC? Entries have declined and some regs don't seem to have been thought out.

MSA doesn't have a policy although they are concerned about the number of manufacturers withdrawing. There is a new man at the helm, they were confident he would take the series in the right direction. It was agreed about the regs!

Noise.

Further to the Environmental issues touched on earlier, what are we doing about noise?

This will become an increasing issue, it is about striking the right balance. One of the appeals of Motorsport can be how 'good' a car sounds. No audit has been carried out on Environmental Scrutineers, this needs to be tightened up. Some Clerks of Course on Road Rallies are failing to act on their reports – this will be re-iterated at Clerk of Course seminars, etc. We are the most responsible of all the 'noisy' sports (model aircraft, shooting, etc.). It is down to Race Circuits and Championships to self govern in certain cases to achieve the right balance as mentioned earlier. Unfortunately the MSA cannot legislate against noise on track days, although they get the litigation.

Forest Concordat.

Clubs using forests are asked to sign the Master Agreement but don't actually see what it is.

This has now been split into sections but if it has not been done correctly, we should let the MSA know. There was a 'breakdown' of the agreement issued a couple of years ago.

Credit Card Licences.

Will the cost of rolling out these be reflected in a decrease in profit?

Yes, but licence fees will not be increased to offset the cost.

Judicial reports will go back to the MSA as before and be kept on a licence holder's file. There will be a 24-hour automated phone line for all event Stewards (not just MSA) to obtain information on licence holders. Upgrade cards will still be in the blue book. This is the first step towards a smart card, but that is a long way off and will need card readers at club level. It is not intended to remove postal applications, so anyone not 'on-line' can still apply!

Blue Book Review.

The regulations themselves will not be changed as part of the review, the sections will be colour-coded and include summary paragraphs. The book MAY be split into sections, but every licence holder will still receive the whole thing, as many compete across a number of disciplines.

Regional Development.

Is it time to have a 'regional' member of staff to assist the MSA?

At the review five years ago, Regional Committee decided there were too many people carrying out too many duties on a voluntary basis to be replaced. Colin Hilton wanted to appoint five or six Regional Development Officers, but was over-ruled. Perhaps it is time to review this issue again – positions could be part-time rather than full-time and some contribution could be sought from the Government. There are some multi-regional, but not national, issues that we could do with help with, like the Rally Code of Practice.

DEFRA.

DEFRA wnet back on every promise it made to LARA. Can the MSA lobby any Senior Ministers or Lords?

Yes, we need to play on the importance of Motorsport to the British economy.

Review of Competitions & Trials Regulations.

How is this review progressing?

Colin Hilton would like to know this too! The process has taken two years so far. There are rumours of closed roads in Wales, as the Welsh Development Agency is a big supporter of Motorsport.

Run what you've brung.

The MSA are keen to encourage 'arrive and compete' events in ordinary cars and an idea is currently before Council. Codes of practice are in place for organized 'cruises', BRSCC is running events already.

Local Authority Safety Committees.

Police in some areas are referring event organizers to these committees. Have the MSA been consulted by the Home Office on this?

A Home Office document on a British Cycling website refers, the MSA must tell the Home Office that our events are already legislated. Colin Hilton will look into this as he believes Ian Davis has copies of some correspondence.

JR thanked our guests and made a presentation to each of them as a memento of their visit to the ANCC.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business. - None

Meeting closed at: 10.15 pm