

**Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 20:00**

Attendees:

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| Paul Steddy | PS |
| Tom Pederson | TP |
| Mirek Wojdyla | MW |
| Leighton Smith | LS |
| Rob Coleman | RC |
| Geoff Bessant | GB |
| Matt James | MJ |
| Hannah Luke | HL |
| Gary Morgan | GM |

Apologies:

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| Daria Pawlowska | DP |
| Dylan Lewis | DL |

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

RC again Commented on the low numbers now competing in the Nav Scatters and suggested that the number of events should drop from 6 to 3 per year.

The organised table top rally in the Barley Mow was postponed due to lack of attendance LS to ask Colin Coleman if he would set a new date.

The first Nav Scatter will be on 2nd February 2010.

LS and TP have negotiated the use of St Athan as an auto test venue until the end of September with the possibility of an extension for a fee of £200. Access into the venue will only be possible between 12 & 1 pm as the gates will need to be closed for the rest of the event. Event rules will also have to be strictly enforced so not to risk losing the venue. The chairman thanked LS + TP on behalf of the club for their excellent work in acquiring the use of the venue.

The owner of our Llandow venue has put the price up to £100 which was the catalyst in looking for a new venue however LS negotiated £85 ?

TP to write a nice letter to explain the situation to the owner of llandow, thanking him for all his help over the years with the intention of using his venue again in the future.

LS to speak to Margam park and cancel next event as this will be held at St Athan

Finances

TP sent a cheque for £250 to Cooke and Arkwright to pay for the annual use of Ewenny Woods.

The club received a refund from the MSA for cancelled events.

AOB

This years AGM should be sometime in March opinions of venue, format and date to be canvassed from the club. The pheasant Pen y fai, Ilanharan RFC and Pencoed RFC were suggested

TP asked GB to continue with the bulk emailing to members, and also asked him to go ahead with the bulk texting using the software that GB had found.

TP suggested the club buy a bottle of whiskey each for the two co-owners of the quarry as a thank you for letting the club use the venue.

TP stated the club handbook will need updating for 2010. Also new supplementary regulations should be added as well.

PS reported that Mr. Gethin Jones Senior and Terry Donovan had declined an offer to arrange the BAC 50th Anniversary night. RC said he would ask, Byron Butler if he was interested. TP said he would ask Mr. James if he was interested.

MW asked if the new timing equipment would need a laptop to read and store times at autotests – it was agreed it would. Since the last meeting TP withdrew his offer of a laptop as did RC and Rob James.

HL will organise a pub quiz in 3 weeks

Website hosting 95 % full GB to sort out

End of committee meeting 21.35

Next committee 9th February 2010

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Events

The first Nav Scatter of the year only had 3 entries, following lengthy discussion it was agreed that after the event already arranged for Tuesday 2nd March, not to hold anymore Nav Scatters on a regular basis and probably arrange one a year.

Gareth Tilleke raised concerns over the information concerning Nav Scatters that was required from the RLO that was circulated by TP recently in particularly informing the Police in the area the event was staking place.

The first event held at St.Athan was a success with over 20 entries, the next event is on Sunday 14th February with a morning and afternoon Autotest. Entry will be £10 for one test and £5 for the second.

It was agreed there would be championship points awarded for up to 6 people who took part in the organising of the event

TP read out a draft letter to the owner of the land at Llandow explaining the clubs position concerning the rise in the cost of using the venue. The letter was accepted by the committee and TP will send the letter out.

LS to spoke to Margam Park and cancelled the event we had pencilled in for the 14th February as this will be held at St.Athan. Next scheduled event at Margam Park is 3rd October.

TP had received an email from Andy Kennedy of the Formula 1000 Rally Club asking about entry to BAC PCAs. The opinion of the committee is that we could accommodate a small number of entries (Juniors), at each event. TP to respond following the Autotest on 14th February after seeing how many entrants.

Finances

TP received an invoice for St.Athan from the WAG for £200 for 4 dates ending 27th March. There was some confusion if BAC would have to pay another £200 for further events after March. LS will speak to Anne Reynish at the WAG to clarify.

Following TP sending a cheque for £250 to Cooke and Arkwright to pay for the annual use of Ewenny Woods he received a letter from C&W acknowledging receipt of monies for 'last years events'. In addition their client has approved the dates for 2010 and they would appreciate payment in advance of first event (May 2010). TP to follow up.

AOB

AGM: Lack of response from members following email sent out last month and a notice posted on the website, a number of suggestions made on how to move this forward including having the AGM on a Tuesday evening at the Barley Mow, then arrange an awards night for a Saturday evening – possibly at the Barley Mow.

GB to send another bulk email naming a few venues and asking for suggestions.

LS reported he has nearly all the trophies in and will organise the engraving ready for the AGM.

GB reported that the bulk texting seems to be working well, GB purchased 500 credits (500 messages) at a cost of £28 and currently has just under 300 credits left.

TP reported that updating the club handbook was in progress for 2010. Also new supplementary regulations should be added.

BAC 50th Anniversary night - RC said he had left a message for Byron Butler to see if he was interested, no response yet.

TP said he would ask Mr. James if he was interested.

It was also suggested that we could book some space at the Pencoed Car Show as part of 50th celebrations. LS to investigate.

Another suggestion was getting some club memorabilia, key rings, pens etc. GB to investigate

RC suggested carrying out local advertising, flyers or a leaflet drop although this had been carried out in the past. No firm conclusion on that.

HL has organised a pub quiz for Tuesday 16th February

End of committee meeting 21.25

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The Nav Scatter held on the 2nd of March 2010 only had 3 entries, RC then suggested only running one larger Nav Scat each year. This event could replace the nav scat championship, having one event and one trophy.

St. Athan arranged for the 14th March will comply with the owner's wishes and only run from 12pm till 4pm. If no complaints arise from neighbouring houses then more dates can be arranged for 2010. LS to email Anne Reynish asking to change the date for the event from Saturday 27th March to Sunday 28th March.

LS has received confirmation for the Margam Park event on the 3rd October. The event price will be £200 no negotiations and a risk assessment is to be filled out and forwarded before the event. RC commented that the event should run as it is always popular and helps advertise the motor club.

Argoed Quarry arranged for 8th May will run as normal. The event will be run as the last event was, closing the outside gate to stop cars driving in and out. The course will have to be more carefully set out following the proceedings of the 28th February.

LS proposed going into the quarry before the next event to clear bushes so that more of back end of the quarry can be used.

Finances

LS - Anne Reynish requires another £200 for the next set of events.

A.O.B.

GB requests that entrants for each event fill out the signing on sheet with full names to avoid confusion.

E.g. M James > Matthew James

GB – No response for AGM venue. RC will ask The White Horse. 10th April has been decided as a provisional date for the AGM.

LS has had all but one trophy back from last year. Some championships still need to be decided. LS will now go ahead with engraving the trophies.

Classic car show 9th May 2010 – RC - Possibly have a stand, if all cars arrive together they can be put together in the show. Hand out BAC flyers and key rings at the show, GB to investigate.

Meeting ended 9:10pm.

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Paul Steddy PS
Tom Pederson TP

Apologies: Hannah Luke HL, Gary Morgan GM, Daria Pawlowska DP,
Resigned, Dylan Lewis DL, Geoff Bessant GB, Matt James MJ, Mirek
Wojdyla MW - Resigned

Minutes: Jan - LS; Feb - GB; Mar - MJ; Apr – RC- July PS

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Election Of Chairman

Paul Steddy was duly re elected as chairman

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The use of St. Athan for auto tests has been lost due to the Welsh assembly government being unable to insure the venue for our use, even though our event insurance is in place, this is a great shame as the venue was terrific.

LS has confirmed Margam Park event on the 3rd October. The event price will be £200 and a risk assessment has been carried out by PS and the event is on schedule.

Argoed Quarry event 8th May – was replaced by Ewenny due to recent good weather. Next Quarry event is De4c 12th

Pencoed Classic Car show 9th May – was attended by the members of the club and was deemed a success.

Llys y Fran hillclimb on 18th July will be attended by several club members (social and competing), details on Forum thread. Entry forms on Swansea Motor Club website.

Finances

Has Garry paid the invoice for the woods? are accounts due? Tom to Email Gary.

A.O.B.

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John James is still in touch re the possibility of a 50th anniversary event, it is hoped he will be able to help us organise something. RC to contact John to discuss further. PS reported that John confirmed he has the original BAC Minutes book.

Meeting ended 8:55 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th September 2010 (AGM)

BAC Minutes of Meeting Held on 14th September 2010

Attendees:

Geoff Bessant (GB)
Robert Coleman (RC)
Matt James (MJ)
Hannah Luke (HL)
Tom Pederson (TP)
Leighton Smith (LS)
Paul Steddy (PS)

Apologies:

Dylan Lewis (DL), Gary Morgan (GM)

Minutes:

Jan-LS, Feb-GB, Mar-MJ, Apr-RC, Jul-PS, Sep-HL

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events:

LS has had to cancel some events due to the poor attendance levels and is questioning whether to run extra events. PS suggested asking other motor clubs to improve the attendance at events. MJ is to ask Swansea Met students for their attendance at the Margam event. GB is to send emails to other existing clubs such as Griffin, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. TP is to refer to the blue book for rules of inviting other clubs. GB is to create a link for guests to view the event forum.

LS has emailed Margam, and the event organised for the 3rd Oct is to go ahead as permit has been received. LS still to enquire about new cones at the venue.

LS stated that the nav scat plots need to be sent 4 weeks before the event on the 2nd Oct, committee decided an experienced organiser is required to make the last nav scat memorable. PS to ask Colin Coleman about organising the nav scat and running a table top rally in December.

Committee decided to approach WAG about holding events at the St. Athan venue again as the redevelopment plans have been put on hold. LS set to enquire further. RC suggested asking about an area in Bridgend which could be suitable to hold events.

TP suggested cutting back events to one a month to see if attendance will pick up.

PS suggested adding Griffin club members to the karting championship, however only Bridgend members will be able to contribute their points to the club championships. The committee decided an open championship for karting was a good idea. PS is to chase up the idea.

LS on behalf of Gareth – Gareth is confused as to giving points on the driver's championship. LS suggested next years championship people will have to provide a form and evidence of where points are coming from. TP suggested the club goes back to when claim forms had to be handed in. The committee decided that from now on claim forms are to be handed to Gareth for driver's championship points. GB is to publicise the fact that claim forms are to be filled in on website and amend the current form.

Next events: Woods -26th Sept organised by RC, and Margam – 2nd Oct BBQ to be organised and funded by club.

It was recognised that Llysyfran was a successful event that was attended by many and those who did attend enjoyed it thoroughly.

Finances:

TP contacted GM about payment of the woods venue; GM has not yet paid but is planning to pay soon.

AOB:

RC has spoken to John Jones who is still interested in organising a 50th anniversary event for the club. RC asked the committee about ideas for a venue and timing? The committee suggested awards could tie in with the celebrations but have the AGM separate. The committee also suggested that the celebrations should be held sometime in early March. Venues suggested were the Heronston Hotel, Bear Hotel and Coed-y-mwstwr. Committee suggested that there would be over 100 guests for a sit down meal. RC also suggested inviting a celebrity with a motorsport background as a guest-committee agreed, RC to look into it.

End of Meeting – 9:25pm

BAC Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th October 2010

Attendees:

Matt James (MJ)
Hannah Luke (HL)
Tom Pederson (TP)
Leighton Smith (LS)
Paul Steddy (PS)

Apologies:

Geoff Bessant (GB), Robert Coleman (RC), Dylan Lewis (DL), & Gary Morgan (GM)

Minutes:

Jan-LS, Feb-GB, Mar-MJ, Apr-RC, Jul-PS, Sep-HL Oct - LS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events:

Unfortunately the nav scat arranged for Nov. 2nd has been cancelled, due to no organiser coming forward.

PS was asked if he could contact Colin Coleman to do the table top rally on Nov 2nd, that he previously set and was cancelled.

LS has made enquires to Penllyne estates about the possibility of the car club using the Moorlands estate access road for an auto test – still waiting for reply.

TP to email other local motor clubs inviting them to our auto tests.

PS has organised another Karting event with Griffin Motor club – date to be announced for Nov.

LS contacted W.A.G. to see if there is a *chance* of the club using St.Athan again.---- They have replied No.

LS stated Margam Park event was a success, well attended with lots of new members- Although the event made a loss of approx £60, including the free members BBQ.

LS stated he has provisionally booked Margam Park for Feb, 2010

TP stated that the New Email for points claiming is up and running and the new forms are available for download on the club website.

Finances

LS has asked Gary for a cheque to cover the deposit of £250, for the Heronston Hotel, re, the 50th Anniversary do.

TP to ask Gary if he has sent the cheque to Cooke and Arkright to pay for Ewenny Woods.

PS mentioned that Gary intends to resign as treasurer at the end of this year. Hannah Luke stated she would be interested in the post – PS stated the club could purchase 'Sage' to aid her in doing the accounts on her laptop.

AOB

TP asked on behalf of RC:-

1. Would the club subsidise the, meal at the anniversary 'Do'? – the committee decided NO.
2. Would the club be buying any anniversary stickers or badges? – the committee they would provide a metal pin anniversary badge for all attendees of the Dinner Evening. And Anniversary car stickers for all members joining for 2011.
3. Would the club pay the fees and expenses for any guest speakers? – The committee decided that as long as they were reasonable – Yes

PS stated that organisers of auto tests should state at the beginning of the event if they intend to drop the slowest run or count all times.

PS –Asked why people who go on the club website have to register to see the events dates page. LS will speak to GB about altering it for easier access.

Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Attendees:

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Paul Steddy (PS)
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Robert Coleman (RC)

Apologies:

Dylan Lewis (DL), & Gary Morgan (GM)

Minutes:

Jan-LS, Feb-GB, Mar-MJ, Apr-RC, Jul-PS, Sep-HL Oct – LS, Nov - GB

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events:

The table top rally on Nov 2nd did not go ahead as PS unable to make contact with Colin Coleman.

LS had a drive around the Penllyne estate concerning the possibility of the car club using the Moorlands estate access road for an auto test. Discussions took place on how an event would be run at that location. TP to draft a letter for LS stating how BAC would propose to run events at the location, LS will then progress.

The committee thanked LS for his efforts in following this up.

TP to email other local motor clubs inviting them to our auto tests - Done

PS is trying to organise another Karting event with Griffin Motor club – date to be confirmed.

TP report he has had an invite from Jason Noder (new member), to attend an endurance event in the Llanelli area, TP to follow up.

It was requested that on event results it would help if membership numbers were detailed to enable Gareth Tilleke to identify entrants when compiling the championship standing etc. Sheets from event to be forwarded to Gareth with the details

PS proposed that for 2011 that only 12 events be counted towards the tarmac championships and 5 events for off road events – drop the lower ones. In addition could the standings be presented on a spreadsheet rather than the current graphs. GB to follow up with Gareth Tilleke.

GB raised that a comment had been made on the forum concerning Nav Scats and would there be anymore, the last one was cancelled due to lack of organiser. LS proposed to run one more in February 2011.

LS tabled a proposed list of events for 2011, these were discussed, it was agreed as always there will be problems getting organisers.

TP to write to the Farmer and Cooke & Arkwright concerning the dates of events for 2011.

Organiser required from Event on Tuesday 28th December, GB to speak to Gareth Tilleke as he had mentioned it.

Finances

LS has asked Gary for a cheque to cover the deposit of £250, for the Heronston Hotel, re, the 50th Anniversary do - Done

TP to ask Gary if he has sent the cheque to Cooke and Arkwright to pay for Ewenny Woods – Gary report back it was in the post.

Gary Morgan is retiring from the post of secretary at the end of 2010, Hannah Luke has kindly agreed to take on the role. It was agreed that she purchase a copy of “SageLine50” software. HL to investigate purchase options and make purchase as soon as possible.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

RC has spoken to John Jones re contacting old members and will follow up. RC has been requested by the committee to proceed in organising the menu and get a cost per head. (Target £25). The entertainment requirements need to be decided, PA, Speakers, music etc.

A suggestion was made to have a board with old photographs on it of old, not so old and current members at events etc.

TP suggested we get pin badges and stickers to give to every attendee, GB to follow up.

AOB

PS –Asked why people who go on the club website have to register to see the events dates page. LS will speak to GB about altering it for easier access.

GB stated that you can get on the forum as a guest, however the website was only altered a few months back to have this access method as requested by the committee.

Annual Christmas Curry will take place on Tuesday 14th December, meet at the Wyndham Arms (Wetherspoons) in Bridgend town centre approx 8:00 - 9:00 pm and then on to the Natraj in Wyndham Street.

TP advised that other car clubs that meet in the Barley Mow will be having a general quiz night with a curry for £5 on Tuesday 28th December, 7pm for 7:30pm start.

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th January 2011.