



# The Club

## Minutes of the General Meeting

De Vere Staverton Park Hotel  
Daventry. October 2008

1) **Apologies for Absence:** Dennis Bates, Ray Battersby, John Nelson, Mike Evans, Bill Colquhoun, Ken Sprayson, Geoff Selvidge, Dave Plummer, Alan Halford, Maurice Knight, Mike Jackson, Tom Waterer, David Dixon, Wilf Harrison.

2) **Approval of Minutes** of the General Meeting, Wroxton, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2007

**Proposed:** Andrew Smith

**Seconded:** Graham Matcham

3) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman thanked Members who had made donations towards the cost of this as follows: Nick Jeffery, Andrew Smith, Wilf Harrison, Peter Sheen, Maurice Knight, Peter Meek, John Nelson, Tony Jakeman, Nick Hopkins, Tom Waterer, Rick Parish, Keith Davies, Mike Jackson, Graham Goodman, David Taylor.

The Chairman looked back over the four runs since becoming Chairman saying the highlight for him of the Dorset run was the visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton. He also enjoyed the Wroxton run being on relatively local roads, and apologised for the fumes as he was riding a 2 stroke at the time. This was also the run where Rick took over Treasurer duties for the first time. The chairman thanked Andrew and David for the Scotland run, recognising the hard work that went into the organisation and saying he would remember that week end for many years to come as one of *the* runs. (Applause)

To this week end, organised by Greg and Nich who, whatever was thrown at them came up trumps. Roads were fantastic, lunch stop unforgettable, like stepping on to a WW2 film set – brilliant. The food at the hotel was very much better than

expected, rooms very comfortable and the location pretty good for most people. First class effort, thanks to Greg and Nich. (Applause)

The Chairman then thanked the Treasurer, acting Treasurer and the Hon. Sec. for work done behind the scenes, the acting Treasurer in particular standing in twice at short notice. The Chairman thought that collecting kitty money at the dinner table was a good idea and felt that system should continue as it proved much quicker allowing the Treasurer to socialise.

In closing the Chairman remarked that it had been fantastic fun and a great honour to be chairman, making one feel essential to the running of the Club together with the committee, and hoped Andrew would get as much out of it as he had. (Applause)

- 5) **New Chairman:** Andrew Smith said he would first like to thank Martyn for his efforts over the last four runs having come to the role after a delay due to family issues which were now going in the right direction. Martyn had done a great job in his own unique style. (Applause)

Like Martyn, Andrew said it is indeed a great honour to be Chairman having joined in the mid eighties and enjoyed every minute of being a Member.

The Chairman thought his first job would be to find someone to take over the raffle prize giving which could perhaps now revert to being genuine. Volunteers please.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Acting Treasurer Rick Parish reported that Dennis had sent some notes indicating that we have about £7000 in the bank plus some Club ties. The Scotland run was expected to show a loss but due to better than average raffle and Sergeant at Arms money together with high-pressure kitty sales the run came out with a surplus. Rick said that we had about 50 people on the run and if everyone had drunk an extra couple of pints the result would have been a loss, showing how difficult it is to cost a run. The current run is bound to show a loss. Rick felt the Treasurer and committee would have to set rates higher in the future or our deposit account would become depleted. Rick thanked the meeting for agreeing the new method of collecting the run top-up (kitty) as this allowed him to have a drink.

Martyn Roberts asked if we really have a problem with £7000 in the bank. Rick replied that we would probably lose about £700 on this run and although we could afford this on a couple of runs or so we must be vigilant as to the trend long term.

6) **Future Runs:**

<b>Spring 2009 Organisers</b>	Dave Plummer Frank Finch	Date 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009 Location Buckingham
<b>Autumn 2009 Organisers</b>	David Dew David Taylor	Date 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> October* Location Goodwood*

\* **Provisional**

<b>Spring 2010</b>	Graham Matcham	Date	TBA
<b>Organisers</b>	Keith Davies	Location	South West
<b>Autumn 2010</b>	David Martin	Date	TBA
<b>Organisers</b>	Andrew Smith	Location	Scotland

In the absence of Dave Plummer and Frank Finch, David Martin advised the meeting that the run, based in Buckingham would take in four counties incorporating some roads on which Mr Finch set up his bikes prior to racing on the I.O.M. We will be based in an historic 4 star hotel which enjoys double AA Rosette dining. This will be slightly more expensive than usual but will be offset by a higher than normal standard hotel and facilities.

Graham Matcham kindly offered to organise a run covering the Southwest peninsular with Keith Davies.

David Dew explained that although nothing was as yet set in stone he and David Taylor were looking at Goodwood as a venue. David explained that he has done some consultancy work for Lord March who is keen for the Club to visit. David Taylor is looking into the possibility of a factory tour of the Rolls Royce facility at Goodwood.

The meeting was keen for this venue to go ahead.

The Chairman said we would have to look at the costs in committee.

David Martin and Andrew are planning another trip to Scotland. The hotel has offered the same rate and the plan this time involves also staying in Inverness and running up to John O'Groats.

- 7) **New Members:** The Chairman said that having spoken with past chairmen he realised that part of the role was to ensure that new members joining the Club brought value in as well as taking value out. It seems that there are quite a few people in the industry who are now keen to join, which is good news. We just need to ensure that those members coming in meet the criteria. Members will remember during the chairmanship of Geoff Selvidge, we tried to bring in a new system that would be fair to all members new and old. It was clearly minuted that a potential member would enjoy two runs and before they went on to a third we would receive from their proposer a representation outlining industry credentials etc. that would be put to committee. That would be based around their *eligibility* to join the Club. If the committee felt that the eligibility was satisfactory this would be communicated to the proposer in order that the potential member could be invited on a third run and a vote be taken by members as to his *suitability*. Eligibility by committee, suitability by Members. When inviting guests on their first run Members should consider if there might be future issues.

The chairman suggested that after the second run the proposer should put his representation regarding eligibility in writing to the committee for consideration. The committee would make the decision known to the proposer in good time before the next run.

Some discussion took place regarding the status of guests together with the number of runs they may have attended. It was suggested that the booking form should include provision against a guest's name for information - friend or industry, number of runs attended, potential member etc.

- 8) **A.O.B.:** Nick Jeffery enquired if there was some way in which we could thank the R.A.C. for the assistance he received yesterday following the demise of his steed. Greg suggested that the Chairman write to him thanking him for the support, as this would help him to push Patrol attendance through the business. Andrew agreed to this.

Alan Blake reminded the meeting that he had made a plea to Members for anecdotes regarding past presidents and chairmen. The book Alan is preparing comprises photographs and CVs of the individuals for Club records and he would like to add a little colour with anecdotes from Members who knew or worked with them. Alan sent out e-mails but has received only a few replies. Alan can be reached at: **alan.blake01@btinternet.com**

Tony Jakeman thanked everyone for their help and concern after his close examination of the tarmac yesterday.

Andrew closed the meeting by promising to uphold the values of the Club and would try to ensure that everyone enjoyed themselves on Runs

**Meeting closed 10.10**

*A committee meeting was convened after the Members meeting, and, having received a letter from David Taylor outlining the industry credentials of Mr Craig Carey-Clinch the eligibility for membership of Mr Carey-Clinch was discussed and unanimously approved.*

*Further clarification of guest procedure was decided upon as follows:*

- 1) *Guest is invited by Member who gives additional information on new booking form.*
- 2) *After second run the Proposer forwards the guest's industry credentials in writing to the committee for eligibility approval or otherwise. If no approval, no third run.*
- 3) *Following approval in writing guest to be proposed at the Members meeting following his third run, when Members will vote on his suitability.*
- 4) *If successful Members not present will have fourteen days after the publication of the Minutes to register any objection.*
- 5) *If no objection the Secretary will write to confirm Membership.*
- 6) *The Member who originally invited the guest should remain the sponsor through out the procedure if possible.*

**30-10-2008**