



DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Newsletter

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Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope that Santa brought all that you wished for, and that 2010 has started well.

This edition of the club newsletter is always the last in the club year, and where I traditionally get to say my thank yous, so please bear with me.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone on the committee who has put their time in to the running of the club this year. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the programme of events the club has organised this year. (It's good to be known as a club who organises a range of events that everyone is welcome to come and participate in.) Last but by no means least I would like to thank everyone who has been out and represented Durham Automobile Club in 2009. There have been some cracking results in navigational, autotesting and stage rallies, with a number of club members winning awards. Well done.

To finish off the year we have our traditional AGM and awards night to which everyone and friends are invited. (Only club members can vote at the AGM.) There are a couple of vacancies on the committee, if you wish to stand please make sure your nomination is lodged with Gordon Dundee prior to the meeting starting.

The AGM is followed by the awards which includes a buffet and raffle. (If anyone would like to donate a prize to the raffle I would be very grateful) We then get straight into our 2010 plans by hosting the ANECCC inter club social on February 3rd. Be good to see as many club members as possible attend.

Just to remind everyone our club year runs from 1st February until 31st January, but point scoring runs from 1st January until 31st December. If you have competed in any events in January please can you get your results to Gordon so that they count for the 2010 championships. Anyone is eligible to enter the championships provided they have joined the club prior to September 1st.

Finally best of luck in all your competitions this year, we look forward to receiving your reports and photos for the magazine and website!

Lindsay

Eden Vally MC Autosolo Lowther Castle, Sun 20th December

It was the weekend that lots of snow fell in Co Durham and not a lot in Cumbria. That meant all the Durham lads did not make it over as the A 66 was closed. Luckily for me I was staying over in the lakes with my Mountaineering club for their Christmas meeting and meal at Caldbeck. It was only a short drive for me down to the brilliant venue right beside Lowther castle. It was icy but only a couple of inches of snow on the ground.

It was a late start as they are not the most organized club I know. No entry form to fill in, just sign on. £12 for none members seems quite cheap for a stage rally, sorry I mean autosolo. The first stage, sorry I mean test, started about 10.30. There were 20 odd competitors turn up, and I mean odd. There was quite a selection or road , rally, scrap cars anything goes really.

Traction was again the name of the game here. I started off on worn out M & S tyres on the front with road tyres on the back, but quickly changed to my brand new M & S road tyres on the front, just to get any sort of traction. I did not want to wear them out really as they are only new tyres I have bought for many years. With the large numbers and slippery condition we only got 4 stages, I mean tests completed before it got dark. It was still a brilliant event and a laugh a minute as they are a friendly lot over there. One farmer who towed his buggy there behind his tractor let me sit in it. I refused to drive it as the throttle was a motorcycle brake lever, I could not find the brake pedal and the clutch was about chest height off the floor. If I said it was lethal I was being kind.

I managed to finish second, but that was down to my good tyres not driver skill. I was beaten by a young nutter in the roughest Focus I have seen. He had four snow tyres on his car though. He should be a rally driver.

Peter



Thank you to Paul Forster for the photo. (Streatlam Dec 27th 2009)

Baptism on Ice (not fire)!

At the beginning of December I was asked by Ed Todd if I would be prepared to navigate for him on the Christmas stages in a Rally car he was planning to buy! After a two year layoff from stage rallying I was well up for the task. The new car was a GTM coupe with a 2 litre Vauxhall engine squeezed into the boot! It looked like a really well prepared car. When Ed returned with the car on 30 Dec it didn't disappoint either. Trouble is the engine wasn't the only thing to be squeezed into the car. I found that I "just" fitted and needed to re-enact the Dukes of Hazard approach to entering and leaving the car. For the Christmas stages we needed to fit a spare tyre & spot lights. We had to remove the Perspex engine cover to mount a bracket & fit a spare tyre. But after considering where to fit the spot lights we finally gave up. We decided to run with the standard lights.

We arrived at Croft bright and early and the car passed noise test "just" and flew through scrutineering. We had fitted wet tyres and found out that the track was covered in sheet ice. We had no option but to use these as the only other tyres we had were drys. We were car 93 and running last on the road.

We didn't start well as we stalled on the start line for stage 1, but Ed got it going quickly so we didn't lose much time. After only 6 corners we approach a double chicane and as Ed selected first gear the car stalled. It refused to turn over and it looked like our rally was over. The marshals approached to push us off the circuit and Ed tried again and it started. We lost about six minutes and after struggling to negotiate every corner we finished with a max of 20 minutes. On stage 2 we found that running on the snow at the side of the track gave a little bit more grip, extremely small amount. We finished the stage some 7 minutes quicker than stage 1.

In the service area, crowds were gathering around us and many people commented on how good it was to see something different from the usual Pugs & Corsas.

The snow & ice had started to melt and on stage 3 & 4 we really started to find some grip as "dry" lines started to appear. We also caught and passed our 30 sec & minute man. At the stage stop line, Lindsay informed us that we were no longer running last on the road and holding up the course closing car.

(There was a cheer from the other radio crews! Lx)

Just before stage 5 it started to snow heavily again and we were back to square one, sliding all over the place. Our times started to tumble as we struggled for grip. Stage 8 had been cancelled so we started our last stage, stage 7. After a couple of spins and a trip onto the grass or slushy mud we finally crossed the finish line.

We were so pleased to have finished our first event in the GTM! Many crews refused to start or had given up & left earlier. Only 53 crews finished.

The Organisers and Marshals need a medal for their efforts to ensure the event ran in some very difficult weather conditions.

Weather permitting we intend to have a run or slide out on the Jack Frost.

Andy Brown



CROFT HISTORIC RALLY 2011 (Feb 6th 2011 tbc)

Volunteers are being sought to help with the organisation of the 2011 Croft Historic Rally which we are promoting jointly with Stockton Motor Club. If you would like to volunteer for any of the positions please can you email your offer to Lindsay by February 8th. Positions will be allocated at the February committee meeting. (This is not an exhaustive list!)

Clerk of the Course- overall responsibility for the event from the publication of the regs

Deputy Clerk of the Course- responsible for overseeing the organisation of the event

Deputy Clerk of the Course- responsible for arranging test venues, drawing test, creating test diagrams,, compiling roadbook

Secretary of the Meeting- responsible for all the paperwork!

Entries Secretary- responsible for the distribution of regs, collecting entries, signing on.

Safety Officer- ensures correct equipment is made available to enable safe running of event

Chief Marshal- organises manpower to staff the event, arranges marshals rewards

Press Liaison Officer- ensures press coverage of the event

Timekeeper- ensures all timing equipment is working, and that marshals know what to do with it

Competitor Liaison Officer- deals with competitor queries at the event

We have had a number of offers of help for the event. If you would like to offer to fulfil a task which is not mentioned we would love to hear from you.



Not strictly a Croft photo, but you get the idea!

Durham Automobile Club Limited – Annual General Meeting 2010

I hereby give notice that the Motor Club will hold it's AGM Meeting on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at the Prospect Club, Willington, and that the meeting will start at 20.30hrs providing that a quorum is present.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Minutes of the previous AGM meeting: 28th January 2009.
2. Chairman's report.
3. Secretary's report.
4. Treasurers Report.
5. Election of Officers for the coming year.
 - a) President.
 - b) Chairman.
 - c) Vice-Chairman
 - d) Secretary.
 - e) Treasurer.
 - f) Comp. Secretary.
 - g) Social Secretary.
 - h) Magazine Editor
 - i) Chief Marshal.
 - j) Membership Secretary
 - k) Website Editor
 - l) General Committee members (x9)
6. Consideration of members resolutions.
7. Consideration of the annual subscription rates.
8. Appointment of Directors of the Club.
9. Amendments to the club rule book.
10. Any other business.
11. Date of the next AGM Meeting.

The committee also hereby invite members to submit written nominations for any official or general committee post. All nominations must be received by the Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM Meeting. All parties, proposers and nominees must be members of the Club and have paid their annual club subscriptions for 2010.

The committee also invite any member to submit a resolution to be discussed under item 6 above. Any such resolution must be in writing, signed by the proposer and lodged with the Secretary prior to the start of the AGM Meeting.

Gordon Dundee
Hon. Secretary

THIS WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE CLUB AWARDS NIGHT.
Refreshments and raffle

DURHAM AC WILL BE HOSTING THE INTERCLUB SOCIAL ON FEBRUARY 3RD 2010. YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Armchair motorsport 2009 final results

Round 9 took place on Wednesday 2nd December 2009. Chris Anderson finished the year strongly, which resulted in dropped scores once again being crucial. (The highlighted squares are the dropped rounds.)

This means for the second year running the armchair motorsport championship goes to Jonathon Chrisp. CONGRATULATIONS.

Next year's regs. and dates will be published in the magazine. The co-ordinator is Alistair Dundee contact Ali-D-1991@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Thank you,
Lindsay

Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Total
Jonny Chrisp	10	10	10		10	7	8	8	6	63
Alistair Dundee	7	8	8	8		8	10	10	7	57
Jamie Coulson	8	7	7	7		10	6		8	53
Chris Anderson				10	10	6	7	7	10	50
Tony Chrisp	6	6	6		10	4	5	6	5	44
Lewis Thirling				6	10		4	5	3	28
Ian Coulson	5	5	5	3		3	2		2	25
Chris Thirling				4	10	5			4	23
Thomas Chrisp	4				10		3			17
Neil Foster	3		4	5				4		16
Peter Masters		4	2	2		2			1	11
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DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd
ARMCHAIR MOTORSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd.

Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows - 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers.

Rounds

There will be 8 rounds to the championship, dates listed below, best 6 scores will count. If less than 8 rounds are run it will be the number of rounds run less 2 to count, if 5 or less rounds are run all rounds will count.

27th January

3rd March

21st April

5th May

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December

Tie-breaker

If competitors are tied then the person with the highest number of wins will be deemed the winner, if this does not resolve the tie the highest number of 2nd places will be deemed the winner, and so on until the tie is resolved. If this still does not resolve the tie then whoever was the highest placed on the first round that both competed on will be declared the winner.

Running Order

Competitors will complete there run in current championship order, the order for the first round will be the final positions on the 2009 Championship.

Game Format and Event

At the preceding round the game format and event for the next round will be agreed

Results

Results will be published in the following month's club magazine, along with the format and event of the next round.

Any questions contact Alistair Dundee.

Ali-D-1991@hotmail.co.uk

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd **CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009**

Final score!

Duration

From 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009.

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd.

Scoring

Points are awarded for the driver or co-drivers position in class on any event they compete on: - 1st in class = 10 pts, 2nd in class = 9 pts, 3rd in class = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers. Best 8 results to count.

Can any club member who have competed in an event please pass your results to Gordon Dundee on 0191 3773228 or gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk within 1 month to ensure points are awarded. To score points a competitor has to have joined DAC before 1st September 2009

Results to 31st Dec 2009

Stage Rally

Grizedale Stages

Stephen Petch – 3rd class WRC – 8 pts

Steve Petch – 2nd class B13 – 9 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Mark Thompson – 34 pts

Chris Anderson – 20 pts

David Seeds – 20 pts

Tony Thompson – 19 pts

Stephen Petch – 17 pts

Gordon Dundee – 10 pts

Steve Petch – 9 pts

Barry Johnson – 8 pts

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 75 pts

Matthew Thompson – 31 pts

Chris Thirling – 28 pts

Mick Morpeth – 20 pts

Alistair Dundee – 10 pts

Andrew Lees – 1 pt

Speed

Points Standings

Peter Sewell – 37 pts

Martin Hall – 33 (36) pts

Peter Robinson – 10 pts

Michael Stead – 8 pts

Nigel Cardale – 6 pts

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Final score!

Road Rally

Points Standings

Drivers

Nigel Cardale – 39 pts
Mike Smailes – 28 pts
Martin Ibbotson – 26 pts
Graeme Broom – 21 pts
Peter Masters – 19 pts
Michael Steed – 15 pts
Jeff Hodgson – 10 pts
Roger Broom – 9 pts
Tony Chrisp – 9 pts
Alistair Dundee – 8 pts
Tom Hall – 8 pts
Alan Bennison – 8 pts

Navigator

Peter Littlefield – 40 pts
Andy Brown – 21 pts
Sarah Navin – 19 pts
Tony Chrisp – 10 pts
Mark Thornton – 9 pts
Helena Teasdale – 9 pts
Phil Mayne – 9 pts
Jamie Coulson – 8 pts
Jeff Hodgson – 8 pts
R Bennison – 8 pts

Marshals award

Can anyone that has marshalled on any events in between 1st Dec and 31st Dec please forward details to Gordon Dundee on 0191 3773228 or gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk so as the appropriate points can be awarded to them.

Events Durham members are known to have marshalled in the last two months are

Teesside Formula 1000 rally

Peter Masters, Gordon Dundee, Mike Smailes, Lindsay Burnip and Chris Burnip

Christmas Autotest

John and Joan Wood, Lindsay Burnip, Chris Thirling and Stuart Anderson

Points Standing

Lindsay Burnip – 51 pts
Chris Burnip – 38 pts
Ian Coulson – 34 pts
Jamie Coulson – 31 pts
Alistair Dundee – 26 pts
Gordon Dundee – 26 pts
Pam Broom – 25pts
Ian Dixon – 20 pts
John Wood – 17pts
Sarah Navin – 15 pts

Events Durham have received request for marshal assistance are.

17th Jan – Jack Frost Stages

31st Jan – Johnston trophy

14th Feb- Riponian Rally

Christmas Autotest Streatlam

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event, (possibly our last at Streatlam) successful. 27 competitors braved the snow, slightly fewer marshals, (thank you to the Whickham boys!), and managed to fit in 13 tests and a barbecue lunch. The weather meant that it truly wasn't a day for the rear wheel drive cars!

Driver	Car	Class	total
Tom Hall	Mini	B	564
Phil Mayne	Mini	B	615
Julia Mayne	Mini	B	620
Darren Ansbro	Mini	B	634
William Jarman	Peugeot 205	C	651
Peter Masters	Alto	C	652
Steven Dixon	Peugeot 205	C	655
Chris Anderson	Micra	E	660
Jeff Hodgson	nova	E	666
Neil Hudson	Mini	B	669
Angela Jones	Peugeot 205	E	683
Tony Chrisp	Astra	C	692
Ben Leighton	Mini	E	715
Neil Foster	Tigra	C	717
Ann Forster	Corsa	E	721
Josh Stones	Mini	E	737
Mark Jones	Fiesta	E	742
Peter Littlefield	Ford Ka	E	744
Paul Swift	Escort	D	746
Lewis Thirling Tony	Ford Ka	E	751
Tomlinson	Lotus Sunbeam	D	788
Mark Thornton	Peugeot 205	C	789
Mark Wade	Peugeot 205	C	792
James Bean	Peugeot 205	E	819
Michael Stead	Buckler	E	824
Phil Allen	BMW	D	918



Tom in the mini



Peter Littlefield (and Tom!)



Mick in the Buckler, absolutely barking!

2009 Autotest Championship

Final results

Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 9	Total
Peter Masters c		18	21	17	21	19	17	17	130
Tom Hall b	16	21		21		21	21	23	123
Phil Mayne b	14	14	17	19	18		14	21	117
Neil Hudson c/b	12 c	16 c	19c				16 b	14 b	77
Phil Allen c/d	11c	15c	18c	18 c		16 d	12d	1d	74
Julia Mayne b	10				17			20	47
Josh Stone e					19	18		10	47
Tony Chrisp c		19	Rtd driveshaft				15	12	46
Michael Stead a	8	17				17		2	44
William Jarman c							19	18	37
Darren Ansbro b	9							19	28
Angela Jones e							13	13	26
Mark Thornton c							18	5	23
Richard Pinkney a	21								21
Keith Walton a	19								19
Joe Pinkney a	18								18
Lee Valentine c	17								17
Kevin Stone e				16					16
Chris Anderson e								16	16
Darren Walton d	15								15
Jeff Hodgson e								15	15
Geoff Morson b	13								13
Roger Broom e		13							13
John Mayne e		12							12
Neil Foster c								11	11
Mark Jones e								9	9
Peter Littlefield e								8	8
Adam Sprot e	7								7
Lewis Thirling e								7	7
Mark Wade c								4	4
Tony Tomlinson d								6	6
James Bean e								3	3

Green boxes = dropped score, round 8 was a dropped score for everyone.

1st overall Peter Masters

1st Front Wheel Drive Neil Hodgson (47points scored as FWD)

1st Mini or mini variant Tom Hall

1st Rear Wheel Drive Phil Allen (28 points scored in RWD)

1st Novice Josh Stone

1st Sports Car/Special Michael Stead

Congratulations to the award winners, and thank you to everyone who competed and marshalled in this year's championship.

The 2010 championship regs and dates will be published in February. (Or at the AGM!)

Diary Dates

A busy few months are approaching for motorsport. If you need further information on any of the events do please get in touch and I will do my best to help.

There are obviously a few club events we would love to see you at, the AGM/Awards night, the inter club social and the Weardale Navigational Rally. The first two will be held at the Prospect Club and Institute in Willington with 2030 start time. The latter will start from the garage in Mickleton, and will finish at the Barnard Castle golf club where food will be served. Please let me know if you are available to marshal.

13 th January	Committee meeting
17 th January	Jack Frost Stages
20 th January	CLUB AGM AND AWARDS NIGHT
27 th January	Armchair Motorsport round 1
31 st January	Johnston trophy Rally
3 rd February	INTER CLUB SOCIAL DURHAM
10 th February	Committee meeting
14 th February	Riponian Rally
17 th February	Table Top Rally – round 1 2010 navigational championship
20 th February	Buglass Trophy
24 th February	Karting at Top Gear Karting
28 th February	Autotest (Hartlepool) Round 1 2010
28 th February	Saltire Classic
3 rd March	Armchair Motorsport round 2
6 th March	Malcolm Wilson Rally
10 th March	Committee meeting
13 th March	WEARDALE NAVIGATIONAL RALLY marshals required please
17 th March	Club night
20 th March	Brick and Steel Border Counties Rally (marshals please)
24 th March	Quiz
27 th March	Chris Pringle Memorial Rally
28 th March	Autotest Round 2

And finally a subtle hint! (2009 membership expires on 31st January 2010)

Durham Automobile Club

Membership Application Form



The current fees are **£12** for single and **£15** for family/joint membership. Junior/Student member that requires a club card **£5**

Family Membership is only available to partners living at the same address and shall be deemed to include for the membership of their children up until the age of 16 or until they require a competition licence, whichever is sooner. No club card will be issued to or for any child. (As set down in section 6.3 of in Articles of Association of DAC Ltd.) Unless they have paid the **£5** Junior/Student membership.

Name.....	Membership Type
Address.....	Single.....
.....	family.....
.....	if family, give name(s) for partners card.
.....
.....	Junior/Student.....
Telephone.....	Fee enclosed £.....

I hereby apply for membership of Durham Automobile Club Ltd and if accepted as a member hereby agree to abide by the club rules and regulations, including the rules of the Motor Sports Association and any other motorsport body of which the club is a member.

Make Cheques payable to Durham Automobile Club .

Signed.....date.....

Return this form to :-The Membership Secretary

Peter Masters
33 Wilson Avenue
Coundon
Bishop Auckland
Co Durham
DL14 8LW

Tel: 01388 663262

Data Protection

The Club's membership records are held on a computer system, which is administered in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1984 (as amended). The membership list is normally not divulged to any other organisation or individual other than the Club's Officers. However, with permission details may be passed to other Motor Clubs organising similar events. **Please notify us if you do not wish this information to be passed on.**

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