



# DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB

## Newsletter

### February 2010.

Company Number 01754958

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the start of the new club year. It's great to see so many people have already sent in their applications to join the club in 2010. (48 as of Wednesday night!)

The AGM was held last Wednesday and was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes. This year we have a full committee of 22 which is a quorum of the motor club and includes representatives from all disciplines. (There is no truth in the rumour that the committee meetings run on brown ale!)

The club Articles of Association and rules have been updated, (the first time since 1996), and those changes were ratified at the AGM. They included the formal acceptance of student membership, our changed meeting place and the need to have an identified Child Protection Officer. It was also highlighted that should the club go bankrupt each club member would be liable for a maximum of £10 of the debt. If anyone would like a copy of the rules then please contact Gordon Dundee.

Wednesday was also our awards night, and the majority of winners were able to collect their awards. I shall try to get the two remaining awards delivered as soon as possible. Further in the magazine there is a list of notable achievements in 2009, and also of club award winners for 2009. Well done and thank you for representing the motor club.

**Go Karting has been booked for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Top Gear Karting in Durham. There is a maximum of 24 places available. The evening will start at 7pm and qualifying will be in 2 x 20 lap sessions. There will then be a race of champions which will last for 10 laps. Please can you let me know if you are wishing to attend.**

Finally, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February sees Durham hosting the inter club social evening. The evening starts at 8.30pm, Fred Henderson will be giving a short talk on his motorsport experiences and there will be food! Hope to see you there. (Prospect Club and Institute, Prospect Terrace, Willington. Behind the main street.)

Thanks,  
Lindsay

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## 2009 Achievements

**Congratulations, and thank you, to everyone who represented DAC in competition in 2009. Notable achievements were;**



### Stage Rally

Mark Thompson –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Fostek Engineering ANCC Stage Rally Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 Fostek Engineering ANCC Tarmac Stage Rally Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 AS Performance North of England Rally Championship
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 3 SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship

Matthew Thompson –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 AS Performance North of England Rally Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 Fostek Engineering ANCC Tarmac Stage Rally Championship

Michael Wilkinson –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class B13 BTRDA Stage Rally Championship

Chris Anderson –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Newcomer AS Performance North of England Rally Championship

David Seeds –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 3 AS Performance North of England Rally Championship

Mick Morpeth –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 3 AS Performance North of England Rally Championship

### Speed

- Peter Swell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class C2 Northern Speed Championship

### Road Rally

- Nigel Cardale – 1<sup>st</sup> Newcomer TMSG Navigational Championship

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## Autotest

Richard Pinkney – 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall MSA Autotest Championship  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall BTRDA Gold Star Autotest Championship  
1<sup>st</sup> Class C MSA Autotest Championship  
1<sup>st</sup> Class C BTRDA Autotest Championship

Lee Valentine – 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall BTRDA Silver Star Autotest Championship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class B MSA Autotest Championship  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class B BTRDA Autotest Championship

Keith Walton – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class C MSA Autotest Championship

Richard Pinkney represented England in the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotest

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### 2009 Awards

Overall Autotest. –	Tom Hall
Sportscar/Special –	Michael Stead
Mini –	Phil Mayne
Front Wheel Drive –	Peter Masters
Rear Wheel Drive –	Phil Allen
Novice –	Josh Stone

Navigational Rally – Driver –	Roger Broom
Navigational Rally – Navigator –	Andy Brown

Stage Rally – Driver –	Mark Thompson
Stage Rally – Co-Driver –	Michael Wilkinson

Road Rally – Driver –	Nigel Cardale
Road Rally – Navigator –	Peter Littlefield

Speed Events –	Peter Sewell
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Allrounders Award –	Alistair Dundee
Armchair Motorsport –	Jonathan Chrisp

Marshals Award –	Lindsay Burnip
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# Jack Frost 2010

After the Christmas stages, Ed and I prayed for better weather so we could see the potential of the GTM. Preparation before the Jack Frost rally comprised of removing the spare tyre (please remember this for later), fixing the rear lights as only the license plate lamp was working and installing a muffler just in case we failed the noise test. Prays to the Weather Gods were answered and on Sunday 17 January almost all of the snow and ice had melted.

Noise test passed without drama and we didn't need to fit the muffler either. However in Scrutineering we were told we could not start unless we fitted a mechanical handbrake. I found a block of wood on the side of the Scrutineering bay and chocked the hydraulic handbrake "on". This was acceptable to the scrutineer. Isn't it amazing how the simple ideas can get you out of a situation! Nothing was mentioned about the lack of a spare tyre!!!!

Ed and I watched the first 30 cars and noticed how slippery it was! I noted this for our first run which we decided to take it easy, yeah right!

As we left the start line on stage 1, it was evident how good this little car was going to be. On our first lap when we were approaching a 90 right, the back end of the GTM stepped out and Ed had to catch the slid to prevent us spinning. We ended up on the grass on the infield for some 300 yards. Water, mud and grass were splashing over the car and yes my window was open and yes I got a good soaking. Gordon Dundee was watching with dismay as I was wearing his overalls... Haa haa.

When we arrived at the end of stage 1 we were not disappointed. In fact we were ecstatic with how fast the little car was and how much fun we had had. Even with an off onto the grass we had caught our 30 second and minute cars.

As we waited to start stage 2, a scrutineer asked where our spare tyre was. We explained we didn't have one but had, as described in the regs, a means to repair it! Remember the car had passed scrutineering like this. The scrutineer told me we didn't have a means to repair the tyre and would check the regs and get back to me.

On stage 2, Ed was getting used to the car and we recorded a time some 45 seconds quicker than stage 1. We had nearly hit a barrier on a 90 left and this was followed by the car weaving from side to side up the straight as Ed attempted to control the rear end.

Back in the service area, 3 scrutineers approached and told us we must fit the spare tyre or we would have to retire on the spot if we had a flat tyre. We promptly fitted the spare tyre. Afterwards I checked our position after 2 stages. We had started car 71 and we were lying 24<sup>th</sup> overall. I tried to kid Ed that we hadn't done very well but as I was grinning like a Cheshire cat he guessed I was lying.

After stages 3 & 4 we had climbed up to 20 overall and we were having a ball on every stage catching & passing cars which is a total new experience for us! During the stages I was becoming aware I was constantly repeating myself and saying "watch your back end"!!! I apologised for my repeated warnings but Ed said he needed them as a reminder of how slippery it was in places.

On stage 5 we caught and passed Car 66, a black Peugeot servicing next to us. He told us afterwards that he had never seen a car so sideways in his rear view mirror. After stage 5, I checked our position on the results and was shocked to see we had dropped to 37<sup>th</sup>. A visit to the results hut identified a marshal had entered an incorrect time on our time card. When corrected we were lying in 19<sup>th</sup> overall.

After stage 6 we had moved up another place to 18<sup>th</sup> overall and only a few seconds separated the cars in front of us.

For stage 7 the light was fading fast and of course we had no spot lights. The failing sun was very bright in the sky and in places we struggled to see where we were going. As we left the "Farm yard" section I noticed a Rover 200 next to us. When you're that low to the ground it felt like the Rover was on top of us. He managed to pass us but we followed him around the track and gained the use of his spot lights which helped. In the service area we hadn't noticed the damage to the rear wheel arch after the Rover had "tagged" us.

Into the final stage and although it was now pitch black we had a very good run, equalling our previous time. The only problem we had was seeing the tyres marking out the hairpins.

We were so pleased to have finished and with no damage. Haa, that was until we loaded the car onto the trailer and pulled off the damaged wheel arch. We didn't realise the Rover had done this until he apologised on the Rally forum for tagging us!

We finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in class 3 (1600 – 2000). We hoped we entertained the spectators because we certainly had an excellent time. What a car! What a drive! Many thanks Ed, for one of the best days rallying I've ever had! I can't wait for our next outing.

Many thanks to Gordon & Alistair for the loan of their helmets & overalls at short notice.



Andy Brown

# **DAC Autotest Championship 2010**

## **Regulations**

1. DAC Ltd will promote a closed to club autotest Championship.
2. **The Championship is open to registered contenders who also must be a member of DAC Ltd.**
3. There are no registration fees. The Co-ordinator for 2009 is  
  
Tom Hall  
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Rock Road  
Spennymoor  
DL16 7DD  
tel 07946-515-848 e-mail tom@g2fps.fsnet.co.uk
4. The championship will consist of 9 rounds with your best 5 counting.
5. The Championship will be open to any contender and in any vehicle or vehicles over the season.
6. Classes are a) Sportscars & specials b) minis and mini variants (excluding BMW Mini) c) front wheel drive d) rear wheel drive e) Novice (Competitor in the first years of this sport). All subject to a minimum of three in class. If insufficient entries for the class you will be placed in the next appropriate class.
7. Each round you will be awarded points in class even if you are the only registered contender, subject to there being a minimum of 3 registered competitors.
8. You must complete half of each event to class as a finisher. Maximums will be given for unfinished tests.
9. Ties will be decided by fastest first principle. A tie at the end of the championship will be resolved by the competitor who scores the highest first.
10. The awards at the end of the season are as follows  
1st overall  
1st in Class  
Other awards may be given at the discretion of the co-ordinator.
11. Results will be sent to each contender by e mail. The onus is on the contender to supply full e mail address by requesting from the co-ordinator a set of results. Report any errors or omissions asap..

## 12.Dates

Feb 21	Seaton Carew
March	Berwick
April 18	Hartlepool Town Centre
June 6	Seagraves, Bishop Auckland
August 7 or 15	Whitby
September 26	Hartlepool
October 31	Seaton Carew
November 28	Nat B
December 27	Christmas Autotest
January 2	Hangover Hawick



Regulations for Round 1 at Hartlepool are attached to the newsletter and available on the website.

## **Armchair Motorsport**

Round 1 was on Xbox 360, Colin McRae Dirt 2, in Malaysia using a Mitsubishi Evo

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis Thirling	3.57.51
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Anderson	3.59.82
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alistair Dundee	4.01.52
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Coulson	4.17.46
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Coulson	4.39.24
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Chrisp	4.56.89
7 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Thirling	5.06.82
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Chrisp	5.12.08
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Chrisp	5.14.00
10 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Masters	8.00.00

Round 2 is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March Contact Alistair Dundee for further details.

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## **2010 Marshals Awards**

Can anyone that has marshalled on any events in between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and 25<sup>th</sup> Jan please forward details to Gordon Dundee on 0191 3773228 or [gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk](mailto: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;

### Christmas Stages

Chris and Lindsay Burnip, Peter Littlefield, and Jerry Plews

### Jack Frost Rally

Ian Dixon, Lindsay Burnip, Ian and Jamie Coulson, Peter Littlefield, Jerry and James Plews, John Wood

### Points Standing

Jerry Plews – 2 pts  
Peter Littlefield – 2 pts  
Lindsay Burnip – 2 pts  
Chris Burnip – 1 pts  
Ian Coulson – 1 pt  
Jamie Coulson – 1 pt  
Ian Dixon – 1 pt  
James Plews – 1 pt  
John Wood – 1 pt

### Duration

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

### Eligibility

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

## **Weardale Rally 2010**

This years Weardale navigational Rally takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The start venue is Mickleton service station in Mickleton.

Regs are now available for the event, contact Gordon Dundee on 0191 3773228 or [gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk)

If you are available to marshal please contact Lindsay [poshbirdincontrol@sky.com](mailto:poshbirdincontrol@sky.com) or on 07727 098 450.

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## Championships 2010

### Scoring

Points are awarded for the driver or co-drivers position in class on any event they compete on: - 1<sup>st</sup> in class = 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class = 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> in class = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:gordon@dundee.fsworld.co.uk) within 1 month to ensure points are awarded. To score points a competitor has to have joined DAC before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

Results to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010

### Stage Rally

#### Christmas Stages

Ed Todd – 17<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 1 pt

Neil Ayre – 11<sup>th</sup> class 5 – 1 pt

Andy Brown – 17<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 1 pt

#### Jack Frost Stages

Malcolm Davey – 2<sup>nd</sup> class 6 – 9 pts

Ed Todd – 4<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 7 pts

Neil Ayre – 14<sup>th</sup> class 5 – 1 pt

Paul Slingsby – 2<sup>nd</sup> class 6 – 9 pts

Andy Brown – 4<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 7 pts

### Points Standings

#### Drivers

Malcolm Davey – 9 pts

Ed Todd – 8 pts

Neil Ayre – 2 pts

#### Co-Drivers

Paul Slingsby – 9 pts

Andy Brown – 8 pts



# Diary Dates

31 <sup>st</sup> January	Johnston trophy Rally
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>INTER CLUB SOCIAL DURHAM</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Committee meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Tees Group quiz- team of 6 required if possible!
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Riponian Rally- marshals needed
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Table Top Rally – round 1 2010 navigational championship
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Buglass Trophy
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Autotest (Hartlepool) Round 1 2010
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Karting at Top Gear Karting 24 places max
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Ryemoor Trophy
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Saltire Classic
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Armchair Motorsport round 2
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Malcolm Wilson Rally
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>WEARDALE NAVIGATIONAL RALLY</b> marshals required please
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Club night
20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Brick and Steel Border Counties Rally</b> (marshals please)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Quiz
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Chris Pringle Memorial Rally

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