



DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Newsletter

January 2012

Company Number 01754958

There are no chairman's rambling for January, and I apologise for the late running magazine! If anyone would be willing to take over the club magazine please do let me know – I would be really grateful!

A couple of important things to remember...

- Club AGM 25th January 2030 The Black Horse, Willington
- Club Awards Night and Anniversary Dinner 28th January, The Park Head Hotel
- January 31st Club membership due for renewal!

There has been a cosmetic update to the website, and a video page has been added. Please send any contributions for the website to Ian Coulson.

Finally, thank you to everyone who was at LeFarge, Eastgate for our autosolo and Le Jog. The test venue was mentioned on the HERO website as the best marshalled of the event. Many thanks to everyone who braved the cold and slipperyness!

That's all from me, (for the moment), thank you to everyone for their contribution to the club in 2011, and here's to a 2012 filled with a much motorsport as you can manage.

Take care,

Lindsay

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Tickets are available now for the dinner, which will be held on January 28th 2012 at the Park Head Hotel near Bishop Auckland. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Lindsay (07727098450 or poshbirdincontrol@sky.com). Tables seat 10.

Accommodation is available at a cost of £40 per double room. Please book directly with the hotel.

Durham Automobile Club Limited – Annual General Meeting 2012

I hereby give notice that the Motor Club will hold it's AGM Meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at the Black Horse, 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: 26th January 2011.
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 Marshall.
 - j) Membership Secretary
 - k) Website Editor
 - l) Press Officer
 - m) Junior Representative.
 - n) 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 2011.

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.

Joan Wood
Hon. Secretary.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ORGANISE THE CLUBS NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A SCATTER OR A TREASURE HUNT PLEASE LET US KNOW.

THANKS.

Eden Valley MC, Christmas Autosolo, 18th Dec

There were 6 members of DAC at this event. One of the best Autosolo's around. It is ran on the old tank training grounds around Lowther castle, Penrith.

It was as slippy as it always is. The last 3 years has seen the venue ice bound. This makes for some very interesting driving. It also levels the field when it comes to power.

Tony was on form and young Jonny was doing very well for his first event. He will soon be beating us all. Tom kept making mistakes trying to match Tony's times. For some reason he does not like to get beaten.

Phil was having great fun in the Mazda and Willie, again was in form in the 205 to finish second. I had a good run, but could not match the times of the leaders.

Another great day out and it was the Alto's 70th event. The brakes are now fixed after failing completely at the Eastgate event.

1	MINI	TONY CRISP	7	55	53	51	53	46	48	48	49	403
2	P205	WILLY JARMAN	10	62	65	53	51	48	49	54	51	433
3	FIESTA	DARREN	22	64	60	55	52	49	49	54	52	435
4	SUZUKI	PETE MASTERS	1	63	62	55	54	50	48	53	53	438
5	IMPREZA	PAUL SCHATZ	16	63	58	53	51	49	45	59	61	439
6	ESCORT	NEIL RUDD	15	85	54	49	48	48	50	54	52	440
7	MINI	TOM HALL	12	59	55	52	65	49	50	61	51	442
8	ESCORT	MARTIN WRIGHT	14	59	58	52	52	65	50	53	61	450
9	P205	JEFF ALEXANDER	19	68	63	58	58	53	53	54	53	460
10	STARLET	TOM WILCOX	23	85	54	52	62	49	47	59	57	465
11	ESCORT	DAVE TAYLOR	6	65	60	65	51	76	47	51	51	466
12	MG	JAMES HALL	3	85	61	58	56	53	52	52	51	468
13	FIESTA	REBECCA DICKENS	13	85	61	54	66	51	51	55	53	476
14	MXS	PHILIP MAINE	9	75	62	58	68	64	53	55	55	490
15	IBIZA	DAN HAYNES	24	67	61	77	52	51	67	53	62	490
16	MG	JACK HALL	4	61	79	79	71	50	49	52	54	495
17	PORSCHE	DAVE AGNEW	2	85	68	69	58	52	52	59	54	497
18	GOLF	WOODY	18	63	58	55	78	51	75	64	66	510
19	PULSAR	ANDREW BRENCH	5	85	83	68	57	64	51	52	52	512
20	MINI	JONNY CHRISP	8	73	73	63	60	60	59	56	71	515
21	GOLF	TITCH	17	61	78	74	78	53	52	78	53	527
22	P205	KATIE PROCTER	21	62	78	79	61	64	57	55	79	535
23	CAPRI	SOW	11	85	83	75	70	76	59	57	58	563
			MAX	85	83	79	78	76	75	78	79	633

The Cummins Christmas Autotest.

Christmas came and went, and 21 drivers seemed desperate to leave the house for a days motorsport.

Cummins engines welcomed us for the second year running, and we based the format on last years since it was successful, albeit with a new set of tests.

The entry list could not have had a more varied range of drivers, from those competing for the very first time, through to BTRDA challengers.

It was great to see, and catch up with some old faces, and the sprit of the event took me back to the original Durham autotest scene in early 2000's when competition was pretty intense.

Signing on complete we set about getting the day rolling, the Christmas stages date being moved certainly helped in terms of acquiring marshals, of which were greatly appreciated.

Car 1 happened to be yours truly and felt a bit of pressure in terms of getting the tests right since I drew them!! A little rusty the 2 tests were completed and everyone behaved well remaining in number order, and keeping any manoeuvres to the test area.

We had the Chapmans who regularly compete in BTRDA with us and testing their new car, which did have the odd weekness and retired with Ian finishing the day in his second car, Richard Pinkney was hoping to use an MG but failed to revive it sufficiently on boxing day to come to the event, so brought his Caterham (never forgave him for that) and Joe was out in his Mini, a bit of misfire early on soon cleared with the abuse he put on the old girl.

Toms car continually goes well.....which is surprising given its appearance.....am sure tom has it like that to lull you into a false sense of security, he and his standard engined?????? Mini came in a respectable 3rd.

There is some real competition in the FWD class with young Ben Leighton coming up through the ranks, and with more practice at some autotests and some coaching could well be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Alex Fawcett did well on his first event, he is more used to driving a musical instrument with Paul Swift spinning round him entertaining the crowds, but today swapped to the role of driving, his smile all day was proof enough he was having a ball.....and I am just pleased Paul did not adorn the instrument!! He was supposed to be joined by the drummer of the band but hear the pressure got too much for him and failed to show.

Peters Alto continued to defy gravity and regularly cocked a wheel, but was consistant as ever, and Ross made a welcome return in the nova special.

Phil Mayne and John brought along their new weapon, and Phil your choice of colour.....we all thought you had brought Chris Langan's motor, and did not realise it was his daughters old XR3i, it was its first outing and sadly retired, but in true Phil determination it will be back, and I don't doubt it for a second seeing what he has done to my car (in a good way!)

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Tony seemed to struggle for some reason, just saying his heart was not in it, and hope it was an off day for him and Katie, Graham and Mark doing battle in the poole car, and am certain with a bit of preparation and time spent on it they will also show real improvement.....but sorry Graham...Ben has you at the minute!!! So time to get your spanners out.

Once we had concluded the tests for the day to aid Gordon's maths we ran a tandem test Knockout which proved very popular and entertaining. There was some suprise results along the way and ended up in a farther son final, but they had been sharing the car, so Richard kindly loaned the caterham to allow the final to conclude.

Finally I must extend our thanks to Cummins once more, and hope we will be allowed back this year, and also to Gordon Dundee for his efforts on the day, and also Paul Swift & Neil Wennington (my colleague from work) for their timekeeping skills all day.

In all the event seemed to go well, and am already planning improvements for the next round.

Thanks to all who had input on the day.

Mark.

And finally

AUTOTEST PLEA.....

I refer in this article to the Durham championship being great in the early 2000's, we were spoilt back then with a co-ordinator, regular venues, and keen competitors.

As the years have gone on things evolve, competitors move up to higher championships and have less time available to do local rounds, venues change hands and become unavailable and lives change meaning that persons time is less available and so things can slip through nobody's fault, and then you find yourself in the situation where its difficult to run events because of the lack of venues and organisation.

Durham works closely with Hartlepool club and merges our championship with their rounds, but my plea is to find the venues to allow us to revive the clubs autotesting scene. If we can achieve Cummins there must be loads of other venues where someone knows someone.....as this is exactly how Cummins came about. We have the risk assessments already done so lets work together and get some new places.

From an organisation point of view once more if we all work together and do a little bit then alot is possible, to run the championship on your own requires alot of commitment and its appreciated that we are all busy, but if we join forces like we did on Cummins then we can bring autotesting back.

If we get the venues and the events locally then this will hopefully bring in new blood and bring things back.

I hope 2012 see's the return of some old faces, and some new ones

Happy Autotesting

Mark.

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB
CHRISTMAS AUTOTEST - CUMMINS DARLINGTON
27th DECEMBER 2012
RESULTS**

No	Name	Class	Test Number												Total	Overall	Class
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1	Mark Thornton	A	54	38	48	46	48	35	42	46	43	50	42	46	538	5th	3rd
8	Archie Simmons	A	57	40	58	37	54	41	51	46	46	50	48	46	574	6th	4th
11	Ross Hobson	A	56	54	59	51	54	42	52	44	45	58	60	46	621	10th	5th
14	Phil Peek	A	63	54	61	51	61	50	60	57	60	58	60	57	692	15th	6th
16	Ian Chapman	A	53	37	61	32	43	32	41	48	40	38	42	38	505	4th	2nd
17	Chris Chapman	A	44	34	47	31	42	36	40	37	49	38	40	37	475	2nd	1st
19	Richard Pinkney	A	43	40	41	31	41	31	41	37	40	38	41	37	461	1st	
2	Josh Stone	B	63	52	62	46	59	44	57	60	52	47	62	57	661	11th	4th
6	Mick Stead	B	64	52	61	50	64	43	54	57	62	55	55	53	670	13th	5th
9	Tom Hall	B	46	36	47	37	44	36	42	40	42	41	42	41	494	3rd	1st
10	Tony Chrisp	B	63	44	58	57	58	37	55	45	48	43	49	44	601	8th	3rd
18	Joe Pinkney	B	55	39	52	57	51	37	62	43	49	43	44	44	576	7th	2nd
4	Pete Masters	C	83	51	78	49	61	48	50	49	51	50	50	69	689	14th	3rd
12	Ben Leighton	C	64	54	58	40	61	41	50	50	52	51	47	49	617	9th	1st
13	Mark Jones	C	65	49	65	60	80	57	50	63	52	65	67	65	738	16th	4th
15	Graham Nicholson	C	63	69	62	44	60	61	68	46	50	45	49	51	668	12th	2nd
5	John Mayne	D													Retired		
6	Phil Mayne	D													Retired		
7	Lewis Clark	E	97	65	92	63	73	64	58	93	82	93	60	105	945	19th	3rd
20	Alex Fawcett	E	91	69	74	56	82	56	57	93	64	93	80	105	920	18th	2nd
21	Dave Angles	E	77	66	94	76	76	65	68	93	62	73	69	85	904	17th	1st



Croft Historic Rally

Sunday 12th February 2012

Promoted by

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and
Durham Automobile Club Ltd

Regs are online at www.crofthistoricrally.co.uk

Or www.durhamautoclub.org.uk

If you would like to marshal please contact Steve Allan

steaallan@hotmail.com

Corporate Day, Chris Birkbeck Rally School

As a Company we recently held a full day rally school for a number of Clients and Colleagues.

The day started with bacon sarnie's and coffee about 9.30 before being let loose in the Focus training cars.

The first laps gently trying hand-brake turns on the gravel sections with some very tentative driving by the Group, then as the morning progressed they were trying more difficult corners, left and right corners on gravel and tarmac, we could see the confidence gradually growing.

Amongst people practising the driving we also had 6 wheel skid-steer fun buggies to fill in the time while waiting for the next time in the Focus

After the lunch break it was a tour of the Workshop where Chris Birkbeck showed people around Chris Anderson's Fiesta and gave a run-down of his history from his first Junior rally day at the School. Then it was back out in the cars and the buggies and putting together what they had learnt on the morning into actually doing laps of the track, the confidence could be visibly seen to be growing as they started to gain speed through the corners. It wasn't long before the first run up an embankment by one of the more enthusiastic drivers, but luckily the car stayed the right way up.

The competition hotted up as they started to get marked on their performance and then the competitive spirit and red mist started to show, even on the fun buggies competition was fierce as Teams competed against each other with much shouting and abuse being hurled around.

After this part of the day had finished it was time for a Demo run on the tarmac section by Chris Anderson in the Fiesta, people being strapped in and taken for 2 or 3 laps of the tarmac. The first few laps were a little strange with different braking characteristics on the car since it was last out. It was found that after it had been sat-in by numerous people at the Motorsport Show in Gateshead there wasn't a knob or button that hadn't been altered, and all the braking being on the rear causing it to step out at every opportunity. After re-setting everything and a different set of tyres, removing the Yokohama's that he was trying and getting back to good old Dunlop everyone had a very enjoyable and some a very nervous run round with Chris driving about 70% as he had the last rally of the Season 3 days later.

We were all hoping for a 'Screamer' on the Demo-run, and we got one, to the extent that we have totally embarrassed her by putting it on You Tube, Catherine's scary ride can be seen on the following link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WHaDcNzQyw>

To finish the day it was back to The Arches as the full party were staying there, after rally drinks and a look at the in car to embarrass everyone, then out for a meal, back to the Hotel for which Chris left us with the Honesty Bar, latest to bed 4.00am, latest up next day 2.00pm, a tremendous day and many thanks to Chris Birkbeck and his Team for making it such a memorable event.

Stuart Anderson

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MARSHALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Can anyone that has marshalled on any events in between 11th Nov 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 on

Lakeland Trial- Mike Smailes

Durham 12 Car- Peter and Sue Sewell, Ian Coulson, Lindsay and Chris Burnip, Des Toward Gordon Dundee and Mick Stead

Grizedale Stages- Des Toward

RAC Rally- Pete Masters, Mick Stead, Lindsay Burnip, Des Toward, Ed and Peter Littlefield, Ian and Jamie Coulson

Eastgate Autotest- Lindsay Burnip, Graeme Broom

Le Jog- Roger Broom Pete Masters, Peter Sewell, Mick Stead, Alistair and Gordon Dundee, Jamie Coulson, Lindsay Burnip, Ken Billingham, Jeff Hodgson, Colin Payne and Dennis Hope

Christmas Autotest- Ian and Jamie Coulson, Gordon and Alistair Dundee

Points Standing

Lindsay Burnip – 38 pts

Chris Burnip – 27 pts

Gordon Dundee – 23 pts

Ian Coulson – 20 pts

Jamie Coulson – 18 pts

Des Toward– 16 pts

Peter Sewell – 15 pts

Peter Masters – 15 pts

Alistair Dundee – 14 pts

Joan Wood – 10 pts

Sarah Navin – 10 pts

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Navigational Championship

The final round of the 2011 DAC Navigational Championship was a 12 Car Rally on the 30th November. Thanks to those who marshalled on the night, Peter and Sue Sewell, Ian Coulson, Lindsay and Chris Burnip, Des Toward and Mick Stead

Results:-

- 1st – Roger Broom – Andy Brown – 2 mins
 2nd – Tom Hall – Tony Chrisp – 6 mins
 3rd – Nigel Cardale – Peter Littlefield – 10 mins
 4th – Peter Masters – Steve Perry – 15 mins
 5th – Alistair Dundee – Jamie Coulson – 17 mins
 6th – Sandra Shale – Pam Broom – 31 mins
 7th – Colin Payne – Stuart Whitfield – 53 mins

Position	Driver	Organisors Points	Rd 1 Table Top Rally	Rd 2 Scatter	Rd 3 Scatter	Rd 4 Photo Scatter	Rd 5 Table Top Rally	Rd 6 1 Scatter	Rd 7 12 Car	Total
1st	Sandra Shale			10	10	8	10	10	5	53
2nd	Roger Broom		8	6	9	6		9	10	48
3rd	Michael Stead	10		9	6.5	10		5		40.5
4th	Janelle Dundee			7	8	9		6		30
5th	Chris Burnip	10	6	8						24
6th	Alistair Dundee		5	5	4				6	20
7th	Nigel Cardale		10						8	18
8th	Colin Payne							7	4	11
9th	Chris Anderson				5	5				10
=10th	Andrew Jackson		9							9
=10th	Tom Hall								9	9
12th	Steven Jackson							8		8
=13th	Graeme Broom		7							7
=13th	Sue Stewart					7				7
=13th	Peter Masters								7	7
16th	Chris Thirling				6.5					6.5

Navigator

1st	Andy Brown		8	10	10	8	10	10	10	66
2nd	Peter Masters	10	9	9		10	9	5		52
3rd	Gordon Dundee	10		7	8	9		6		40
4th	Lindsay Burnip	10	7	8	9					34
5th	Jamie Coulson		6	5	4				7	22
6th	Tom Hall		10					8		18
=7th	Helena Teasdale			6		6				12
=7th	Stuart Whitfield							7	5	12
=9th	Sarah Navin	10								10
=9th	Lewis Thirling				5	5				10
=11th	Neil Foster							9		9
=11th	Tony Chrisp								9	9
13th	Peter Littlefield								8	8
14th	Nigel Cardale					7				7
15th	Stuart Anderson				6.5					6.5
16th	Pam Broom								6	6

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

Duration

From 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011.

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 2011

Results to 31st December 2011

Stage Rally

Grizedale Stages

Graham Gaskell – 2nd class 1.4S – 9 pts Michael Wilkinson – 1st class B13 – 10 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Chris Anderson – 42 pts
Tristan Pye – 40 pts
Dave Seed – 30 pt
Graham Gaskell – 24 pts
Mark Thompson – 15 pts
Steve Petch – 13 pts
John Bainbridge – 9 pt
Ed Todd – 8 pts
Neil Ayre – 7 pts

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 56 pts
Chris Thirling – 42 pts
Mick Morpeth – 22 pts
Colin Tombs – 16 pts
Andy Brown – 8 pts
Matt Thompson – 7 pts
Peter Littlefield – 6 pts

Speed

Points Standings

Peter Sewell – 44 pts
Mike Smailes – 13 pts
Gordon Dundee – 9 pts

Road Rally

Hexham Historic

Nigel Cardale – 4th class – 7 pts

Peter Littlefield – 4th class – 7 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Archie Simmons – 70 pts

Michael Stead – 25 pts

Tom Hall – 20 pts

Peter Houghton – 20 pts

Nigel Cardale – 19 pts

Keith Barnard – 13 pts

Mike Smailes – 8 pts

Nicky Porter – 8 pts

Roger Broom – 1 pt

Mike Boast – 1 pt

Navigator

Peter Littlefield – 35 pts

Sam Wainwright – 26 pts

Sheila Houghton – 20 pts

Tony Chrisp – 20 pts

Jake Burns – 10 pts

Phil Mayne – 9 pts

Wendy Gardner – 8 pts

Pete Masters – 7 pts

Andy Brown – 7 pts

Helena Teasdale – 1 pt

Jeff Hodgson – 1 pt

DURHAM AC ARMCHAIR MOTORSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

Position	Name	2nd Feb	2nd Mar	6th Apr	4th May	6th Jul	7th Sep	Total
1st	Lewis Thirling	10	8	10	9	9	9	55
2nd	Chris Anderson	8	9	9	10	8	10	54
3rd	Alistair Dundee	9	10	8	8	10	8	53
4th	Chris Thirling	7	7		6		6	26
5th	Peter Masters	5	5	7	4			21
=6th	Mike Stead		6		5			11
=6th	Gordon Dundee	6					5	11
=8th	Jamie Coulson				7			7
=8th	Mimi Man						7	7

DIARY DATES JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

Wed 18th Jan

Dates night

Wed 25th Jan

AGM MINUTES ATTACHED

Sat 28th Jan

AWARDS NIGHT ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sun 29th Jan

Marshals Training York

Wed 1st Feb

Club Night

Wed 8th Feb

Committee meeting

Sun 12th Feb

CROFT HISTORIC RALLY

Wed 15th Feb

Club Night

Sun 19th Feb

Riponian Rally (I am Stage Commander for College Moor marshals wanted please)

Wed 22nd Feb

Club Night

Wed 29th Feb

Club Night

Sat 17th Mar

Brick and Steel Border Counties Rally marshals wanted

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