

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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This week our sympathies go to Roger Ugalde whose wife and constant companion Annie lost her long fight against cancer last week. We shall all miss her cheerful presence and the unseen work she did in the background to help Roger make the Lands End such a success.

As we go to press we have just hear that MCC members Denis Greenslade and Graham Brasier were involved in a serious accident while taking part in the Le Jog Classic Trial at the weekend. It seems that the car hit a tree on a stage in Wales and although Denis escaped lightly Graham later died in hospital from his injuries. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends

ACU TRIALS REGISTRATION FORMS Applications for 2005 are now being issued by the ACU with the wording and appearance changed from 2004. In particular it suggests that the application can only be endorsed by the club secretary; in fact if you prefer to send yours to the Chairman for verification this will be quite in order as has been the case in the past. However please remember to complete the form fully, enclose a stamped envelope addressed to the ACU and the appropriate cheque.

MEMBERS SURVEY We have just received the following from Ian Davis:-

The first thing to be said is a big thank you to all of those who completed their surveys and returned them. The level of response has been amazing and at times a little over-whelming. A detailed report for members will be made available in early 2005, once I have had time to really get to grips with the section where I invited members to add their own thoughts on matters of importance regarding the club.

Some of the interesting facts that have already emerged are:-

- -1 in 8 bike riders and 1 in 3 car drivers think that there are sections on MCC trials which are 'too rough'
- -Less than 10% of members use their everyday vehicle for MCC trials
- -60% support the introduction of Class 0, 11% think too much emphasis has been given to it and only 5% actively oppose it
- -Some 79% want MCC trials to continue in their existing format rather than be made more suitable for everyday modern road cars

NEW EVENT Looking over Ian's shoulder at some of the answers it does seem that lots of members are still hoping for an event to replace the old race meeting which had to be abandoned a few years ago due to modern rules making it hard for members to take part or even marshal. Traditionally this MCC event gave lots of non racing members the opportunity to sample the delights of track driving. Has anyone out there got any ideas for a new event which would do this but still keep prices and red tape to a minimum? When the Curborough Regularity Trial was introduced three years ago it was hoped it would do this but the lack of support it received showed it did not appeal to members. Whether the format or the geography was wrong we do not know but it certainly left a bitter taste with those who worked so hard to make it a success; something to avoid in the future.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS At the December committee meeting some new appointments were made when it was agreed that Ian Chantler would represent the club on the MSA Competitions Committee, Dudley Sterry at the ACTC and Nick Bowler would be the motorcycle press officer.

A draft Safety Policy for all MCC events to keep in line with modern requirements was agreed.

Dick Richardson who runs Popham Airfield and supports the MCC so well was elected an honorary member.

Other items on the agenda included details and progress on the forthcoming Exeter Trial, confirmation of dates for 2005, the location of the AGM in the Exeter area and the club's representation on the ACTC stand at the Historic Motor Sports Show at the NAC Stoneleigh in February.

SEASON'S GREETINGS Already cards are dropping through the letterbox and hints are flying around about presents so that great winter festival must be drawing near. Whether you celebrate the true Christmas or just see it as a time to entertain relatives and in-laws when you would prefer to be in the workshop fettling the machinery ready for the Exeter, we of the MCC committee and communications team wish you a Happy Christmas and successful New Year.