**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – August 2022**

**Durham Automobile Club is open for business**

The club is open every Wednesday night at the Honest Lawyer and it would be great to see more people there, if there is some type of activity that we could run that would encourage more people to attend please let the committee know.

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Treasure Hunt 8th June**

Thanks to Peter Masters for organising this event, it started from the Hill End side of Bollihope common, and the route looped back and forwards between Weardale and Teesdale, finally finishing at the Cross Keys in Hamsterley. I never knew there were so many cattle grids on these roads, for those who didn’t take part cattle grids were where most of the clews were. The results were close with a tie for first place between Andy Brown/Lindsay Burnip and Gordon and Janelle Dundee.

**Treasure Hunt 20th July**

Thanks to Lindsay Burnip for organising this event, it started near Consett and included roads that have not been used on a Durham event for many years, around Iveston, Maiden Law, Burnhope and Sacriston, before using more familiar roads through Ushaw Moor, Brancepeth, Oakenshaw, and Willington to again finish at the Cross Keys in Hamsterley. 9 crews started and 9 crews finished the event despite one instruction missing, but this made it all the more challenging, all competitors enjoyed the event and this included Peter Masters who did the event solo on his motorbike, and returned to the finish with a sodden results sheet as he got caught in a rain shower. The winners were Mick Stead and Val (sorry I didn’t get your surname).

**Classics at the Castle**

After an absence of 2 years The Classic at the Castle returned to ran successfully on the 26th June, over 250 competitors showed their cars. There was an issue with the late change of the spectator parking area, and the cancellation of another show which resulted in higher than expected spectator numbers, this caused some congestion which required a lot of quick thinking to keep things moving. Feedback received quoted the event as one of the best in the North East. A possibility for next year is a possible area for people to show cars but not enter the competition. Thanks to the team for organising such a successful event.

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

Thanks to the efforts of Fred Henderson and Peter Masters the club have access to an area at Croft Circuit for an Autotest on Monday 29th August. Regulations have been issued to all club members and invited clubs. This is an All Forward Production Car Autotest with straight forward tests suitable for standard cars, so if you ever thought of trying an Autotest this is an ideal event to start with

Between now until the end of the year the club plan to run a couple more Scatters/Treasure Hunts, and possibly another Karting event. If any member has any ideas of types of events the club could run please let the committee know, or if you would like to organise and event the club would be please to assist you.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Stage Ralllies**

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 3rd Overall Kielder Rally

David Henderson – 2nd Overall Argyll Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 5th Nicky Grist Stages

David Henderson – 3rd Overall Scottish Rally

**Autocross**

Lee Valentine – 2x 1st in class and a 2nd overall in the two Cramlington Autocrosses held so far this year

**Autotest**

Richard Pinkney – 3rd Overall Alwoodley Autotest – 4th round BTRDA Championship

Richard Pinkney – 4th Overall Knutsford Autotest – 5th round BTRDA Championship

**Other events in the coming months**

August

6th – 7th \_ Croft Circuit – BARC Club Meeting

7th – Tyneside Stages - Tarmac rally on the Otterburn Ranges, a round of the ANECCC Stage Rally Championship, North of England Tarmac and Scottish Tarmac Rally Championships Marshals are required if you can help please contact  Chief Marshals, Martin O’Hanlon and Darren Smith, by emailing darren1979smith@gmail.com or by ringing 07834 989456

13th – Grampian Rally - A round of the British and Scottish Rally Championships, based in Milton of Crathes, near Banchory

13th – 14th – Snetterton - 7th round of the British Touring Cars

14th – Blue Streak Rally - Spadeadam Motor Club round of the NESCRO Challenge starting from Warwick Bridge, Carlisle

20th – 21st – Croft Circuit – Darlington Motor Club race meeting

21st – Knockhill - Scottish Motor Racing Club meeting

27th – 28th – Thruxton - 8th round of the British Touring Cars

28th – Rainworth Stages - a round of the ANECCC Stage Rally Championship at Leconfield, East Yorkshire.

29th – Durham Production Car Autotest at Croft Circuit, if you are able to assist on the day contact Gordon Dundee.

September

3rd – Woodpecker Stages – Round of the BTRDA Stage Rally Championship

3rd – 4th – Croft Circuit – Historic Sports Car Club race meeting

3rd – 4th – Rali Bae Cerefigon Rally – 5th Round of the British Rally Championship based in Aberystwyth

10th – Galloway Hills - A round of the Scottish Rally Championship based in Dumfries & Galloway

14th – Durham AC Committee Meeting

17th – 18th - Autocross – Cramlington &DMC – North of Ponteland

17th – 18th – Croft Circuit – BRSCC race meeting

18th – Doonhamer – South of Scotland round of the NESCRO Challenge.

23rd – 24th – Trackrod Rally – 6th Round of the British Rally Championship, also a round of the BTRDA and ANECCC Stage Rally Championships based in Filey.

24th – 25th – Silverstone - 9th round of the British Touring Cars

25th - Cheviot Stages – A round of the North of England Tarmac Championship

If there are any other forth coming events that members want the details shared with other club members, or any results or items that may interest club members, please let Gordon Dundee know and they will be included in the next News Sheet.