

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – October 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**

**Croft Autotest – 29th August**

Thanks to the efforts of Fred Henderson and Peter Masters the club gained access to an area at Croft Circuit for an Autotest on the 29th August. It was run as an All Forward Production Car Autotest with straight forward tests, to encourage new competitors. This was a successful idea as out of the 22 starters there were 5 entries from people entering their first ever event, David and Angela Garvie, James and William Henderson and Chloe Mortimer.

Three tests were run in the morning with a further three in the afternoon, all tests were completed 3 times each. In the morning the entry was split into three groups each completing a specific test three times, then the groups rotated so as everyone did each test three times, this was so as only one test had to be learned at a time. In the afternoon competitors had to learn three different tests and drive all three tests consecutively.

At the end of the 18 tests the results couldn’t have been any closer with one second separating 1st and 2nd. Final results were:-

1st – Peter Masters – 767secs

2nd – Neil Raven – 768secs – 1st car driven to the event

3rd - Philip Hodgson – 774secs – 1st Rear Wheel Drive

4th – Richard Young – 784secs

5th – Alan Hawdon – 788secs

6th – David Henderson – 789secs

7th – Nick Brown – 799secs – 1st Front Wheel Drive

Thanks to Fred Henderson and Peter Masters for getting the venue, and Lindsay, Andy, Tony, Roger, Pam and peter for their assistance on the day. As the event was such a success the club will work with Croft Circuit to see if we can identify 2 or 3 dates for next year, but will not know what is available until about February or March.

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

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**

**Targa Rallies**

Simon Jennings – 6th in Class – Blue Streak Targa Rally

**Autotest**

Richard Pinkney – 1st Overall Alwoodley Autotest – 7th round BTRDA Championship

**Autocross**

Lee Valentine – 3rd and 4th overall with 2 off 1st in class in Cramlington September Autocrosses Double Header

**Stage Ralllies**

David Henderson – 1st Overall Galloway Hills

David Henderson – 1st Overall Trackrod Rally

David Henderson – 6th Overall, 3rd Scottish Championship – Grampian Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 4th Overall Woodpecker Stages Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 4th Overall Trackrod Rally

Stephen Petch – 6th Overall Tyneside Stages Rally

Ed Todd – Andy Brown – 30th Overall - 6th in Class Tyneside Stages Rally

Mark Blenkinsop - Adam Blenkinsop – 32nd Overall – 8th in Class Cheviot Stages

Andy Brown – 41st Overall – 8th in Class Cheviot Stages

**Other events in the coming months**

October

7th – 8th – Jersey Rally – Closed road rally on Jersey

8th – 9th – Brands Hatch - 10th round of the British Touring Cars

9th – Knockhill - Scottish Motor Racing Club meeting

14th – 16th – Mull Rally – Closed road rally on Mull, a round of the Scottish Tarmac Championship.

22nd – Carlisle Stages – A round of the Scottish and ANECCC Stage Rally Championships based in Kielder Forest, run by the Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club.

23rd – Solway Classic Targa Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge run by Wigton Motor Club

29th – Cambrian Rally - 7th Round of the British Rally Championship, also a round of the BTRDA based in Llandudno

November

5th – Kingdom Stages – A round of the Scottish Tarmac Championship at Crail Raceway

6th – Malton Forest Rally – A round of the ANECCC Stage Rally Championship based at Adderstone Field in Dalby Forest

12th – Saltire Classic Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge based at Blair Atholl

19th – Milltown Stages - A round of the Scottish Tarmac Championship

27th – Winter Stages Rally – A new event at Croft Circuit being organised by Northallerton and Darlington Motor Clubs.

27th – Solway Coast Targa Rally – A round of the NESCRO Challenge run by Solway Car Club

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.