Durham Auto Club

NEWS LETTER

Durham Auto Club meets at:
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If you have any results or reports of your motorsport outings or articles you would like adding to the Newsletter, please forward them to Andy Brown (aslscrat@gmail.com). I would also be interested in your comments regarding the new NEWSLETTER format and content. We are trying to keep it simple and informative but we would welcome your comments.

Committee

The following roles have become vacant on the committee and we need to fill these posts. If you would like to volunteer for these posts please contact Tom Hall (07946515848) or pop along to the next committee meeting on 11th November at 8.00 pm.

1) Treasurer
2) Social Secretary
3) Competition Secretary
4) Chief Marshal

Our long standing Membership Secretary Peter Masters, who has been in this role for over ten years, would like to hand the reigns over to another DAC club member at the next AGM. If you would like to take over this role or would like to understand what is required of a membership secretary, please contact Peter Masters or Tom Hall.
If you would like to know more about the roles above, please contact Tom Hall (07946515848).
The Club needs the support of the membership to run. If you would like to organise a social event or a navigational event for example, please contact a member of the committee.

Club Dairy and other Events

7th	October 2015	➢ Club night at 8.30 pm
14th	October 2015	➢ Committee Meeting at 8 pm
17th	October 2015	➢ Cambrian Rally (Wales)
18th	October 2015	➢ Croft Auto Test start at 9.00 am for Scrutineering etc
18th	October 2015	➢ Peter Lloyd stages (South Wales)
25th	October 2015	➢ Dukeries Rally (Donington)
1st	November 2015	➢ Malton Forest Rally (North Yorkshire) – Request for marshals
4th	November 2015	➢ Chilli and Quiz night at 8 pm
11th	November 2015	➢ Committee Meeting at 8 pm
12th	November 2015	➢ Rally of GB (Wales)
14th	November 2015	➢ Kingdom Stages (Crail, Scotland)
21st	November 2015	➢ Grizedale stages (Cumbria)
27th	November 2015	➢ Roger Albert Clark Rally
2nd	December 2015	➢ Club night at 8.30 pm
9th	December 2015	➢ Committee Meeting at 8 pm
27th	December 2015	➢ Christmas stages at Croft

Auto Test Wheel Spin

Durham Auto Club Croft Autotest

The next round of the DAC - Croft Auto Test Championship will take place on 18th October at Croft race circuit. Noise test, scrutineering and documentation will start at 9 am. The event will start a little later at 10am. Noise test is mandatory for Croft and must be passed before you can start.

It only costs 20 of England's finest pound sterling to enter and you are even allowed to practise the tests before going for your timed run.

There will be 4 tests with 3 runs at each test.

Past Croft auto test results will be included in the next newsletter.

Hartlepool MC Autotest

Hartlepool MC held an Autotest at Seaton Carew on 27th September. Only 11 crews turned out for another good event in the sea front car park, but this gave us more runs. DAC had a good turn out again.
Philip Mayne won in his newly restored Mini. It had been getting rougher over the years and was due a rebuild. As usual, Philip made a good job.
Mark Nicholson from Hartlepool MC was second in his Mini Scamp.
Steve Brown from Durham AC was third in his MX5. As usual, he spent most of the day completely sideways, whether he needed to be or not. He just likes going sideways.
Stuart Leighton from H & DMC was a well-deserved fourth. He seems to be happy with this new car. Let's hope he keeps it a little longer than he normally keeps his cars. Usually selling them after only one or two events.
I was fifth in the Proton Savvy. Not the best competition car I have ever had, but it usually gets to end of the day unscathed. Well it did until now. I had to get the power steering pipes replaced and a new flexi pipe fitted on the exhaust. Both went on the day, which hurt me a little in the pocket, but I've spent very little on it and it has completed 43 events so far.
Close behind me was Phil and Josh in the big BMW. Very entertaining to watch. They do make that big car dance. Bog standard apart from welded diff.
Good day out for only £20 entry.

Peter Masters

Road, Navigation and Stage Rally Round up

Doonhamer Rally

Tom Hall and Andrew Fish competed on the Doonhamer rally in September.
Tom finished a respectable 2nd overall and 1st in class H1 in his Riley Elf. Andrew finished 3rd overall and 1st in class H4 in the Escort driven by John Bertram.

Trackrod stages

Three DAC members competed on the Trackrod stages through the classic stages in the North Yorkshire forests. Steve Petch finished 16th overall in the WD-40 Ford Fiesta S2000. Andy Brown co-piloting Colin Payne in the SWP Motorsport Subaru Impreza finished 45th overall.
Sadly Stephen Petch in the WD-40 Ford Fiesta R5+ entered stage 7 but failed to reach the finish when his throttle stuck open. Stephen went off the road at a square right & went no further. Both car and crew were ok.

Beatson's Mull rally

DAC members Tristan Pye and Andy Brown competed in the Beatson's Mull rally on 9-11 October. After leg 1 Tristan was lying 9th overall and Andy Brown co-piloting Graeme Broom was 119th overall. After a fatal accident on the second stage of leg 2 (stage 7 Loch Kinlock 2), the organisers immediately abandoned the rally and the results from leg 1 were deemed to be the final result.

Old Codgers and Off Roaders (Historic, Classic and Trials)

Edinburgh Trial 2-3rd October

Bernie Pugh had entered this event in the little Peroda, but circumstances prevented him from competing. I went down to marshal on one of the hills (Putwell B), where I marshalled the restart box. I never got to this hill last year, as I failed to get off the start line of Putwell A. Only one FWD made it to my section and that was a very specialised Golf. It was a very entertaining day, with 200 competitors attempting the hill. Class O which are the more delicate or less modified vehicles did not attempt this hill.
The bikes found this hill very easy, but the sidecar outfits were much more exciting to watch. Wheel spin, lots of bouncing and some interesting lines were used to get to the top.
Most cars made the hill look easy too. The hill below this is much more challenging, which meant the less competent vehicles never got this far up the hill.
One of the cheapest forms of Motorsport. 200 plus miles, lots of hills to climb and less than £60 to enter. Wish I was doing it. My Starlet won the FWD class last year, but already had one foot in the scrap yard then. Must convert the Proton or get a small light bike to do this event.

Peter Masters

General and other business

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