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Some of the cars in the Prodrive Heritage Collection

Club nights March to May

Durham Auto Club now meet every Wednesday at 8:00pm at the Honest Lawyer Hotel (see address and web link below).

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Forthcoming Events

March	28th	Club Navigational Series Briefing and Help night Please see Social Sec report in magazine for more details	<u>POSTPONED</u> Nog and Natter in place.
April	11th	Nog and natter	
	18th	Navigational SCATTER (Peter Masters)	More details to follow
May	2nd	TREASURE HUNT (Nikki Halliwell or Pam Broom)	More details to follow
	9th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
	30th	Navigational SCATTER (Gordon Dundee)	More Details to follow

Editorial

What a fantastic night we had at the Oldcomers event at the Honest Lawyer! It was great to see so many past members of DAC, some of which I hadn't seen or spoken to for over forty years! It was almost like a who's who of Durham Automobile Club, with several ex-Chairman, Committee members and competitors taking the opportunity to renew friendships and talk about past exploits. I was also given a lot of memorabilia to go through thanks to Joan Hetherington which included copies of the magazine from the late 70's early 80's and a host of competition regulations and road books, plus some photos of the Lambton Lion Park Stages and a field event Fred and I held near Brancepeth many moons ago. It's going to take a while to go through them all, but I will be putting the scanner to good use. There was also a very good action photograph of past President Jim Chapman which Mick Stead brought from Jim's wife.

It was especially good to see some members who are not enjoying the best of health manage to make it and to you all, could I wish you a speedy recovery.

With quite a few people joining the veterans membership (great value at £5 a year, especially as you get a copy of the mag emailed to you every month!) I think we need to look at putting on future events for these members. One suggestion was a get together around Christmas, and perhaps Dinner at a half decent restaurant would fit the bill?

Thanks to Fred for sponsoring the event and John Nicholson for providing the projector so that we could run some old rally footage in the background and thanks also to Mick Stead who brought along the DVD of a 1960's Dales Rally.

I've had a good month in many ways, not least with a surprise visit to Prodrive whilst we were visiting my Son in Banbury on Mother's Day. What I hadn't realised was how much stuff they do apart from Racing and Rally cars. Prodrive, set up by Dave Richards after he had finished demolishing various parts of the scenery with driver Ari Vattanen, are very active in the aerospace, marine and automotive sectors. Confidentiality agreements don't allow me to go into any detail, or provide pictures, but I was like a kid in a sweetie shop as we were shown around by our host and number one Prodrive petrol head Jackie. The front cover photos are of some of the heritage collection, and I was very kindly granted permission to use these photos. What I can say is the place was immaculate, the engineering was of the highest order, and if you get a chance to visit, you must! Also, look out for some announcements from Prodrive in the near future. Whilst not especially up Mrs Hall's street as far as a Mother's Day treat was concerned, I think she enjoyed it, however a ride out in the black car outside would have probably gone down better!

Ex DAC Magazine Editor and one time CCC and Rallysport Editor Colin Wilson made a very interesting proposal a few weeks back. Essentially it was to promote a 1000mile trial for electric vehicles. This sparked a flurry of correspondence to Colin, myself included, as I think that as we "progress" to a world of Hybrid and Electric vehicles in the future, events such as this will gain relevance. Clearly I don't think it is possible at the moment due to the lack of range of an electric competition vehicle, but providing battery and capacitor technology progress, Colin's suggestion would make for a super event, that I would love to take part in. As it stands at the moment, there is only one vehicle that could do the event on one charge, and the problem with that is that the mains lead is a bit long!

It never ceases to amaze me how a little bit of snow can cause absolute havoc on the roads! With so many mild winters behind us, it's clear to me that a lot of drivers have lost the art of driving in slippery conditions. Worse still are the characters with four wheel drive vehicles who have bought them because "they don't want to get stuck if it snows" that have absolutely no idea how to use the diff locks! Add to this the sheer disregard for other road users and it's not surprising that we suffered hours of hold ups. A case in point, travelling back from the Metro Centre, a car was travelling very slowly on the road up to Birtley. I indicated, pulled out, and was greeted by the car I was overtaking trying to drive into me! Clearly, they thought that no one should be going faster than them in the snow so decided to try and desuade me from overtaking by driving into me! I'm not totally innocent on this however as many years ago I borrowed my Brother in Law's Audi Quattro and was having a super time travelling very quickly in the snow. With the roundabout at Pity Me coming into view at a rate of knots, I tried to slow down. To this day I'm not sure how I got round that roundabout, as for most of the time I had my eyes shut and my brain working overtime on how to explain the damage that was bound to occur!

The new F1 season is upon us and don't the cars with the HALO device look ridiculous! Only in F1 could something be designed and introduced to protect a driver from an incredibly rare accident whilst reducing the forward vision of the driver! Toto Wolf would love to take a chain saw to them, and Jean Todt cannot understand why people don't like them. I have looked back at how many drivers in F1 have been injured by a wheel or other item hitting them and the only one I can find is Philippe Massa when he was driving for Ferrari. In all likelihood, the HALO wouldn't have made any difference. Other than that I can't find anything. F1 is open wheel racing, if you don't like the risks, do something else. I'm 100% behind Mr Wolf on this one!

The World Endurance racing series will kick off on its mega season in May, and if you have never watched the coverage of this series then I can heartily recommend it. I'm still trying to find a way to make the first event at Spa, but trying to get over there for a weekend is prohibitively expensive. However, come hell or high water I will be at Silverstone in August! With Aston Martin, BMW, Porsche and Mercedes competing in the GT Pro category, it's going to be a great season with close racing assured by the Balance of Performance rules. I have to say the new Aston looks and sounds fantastic, but I suppose I'm a bit biased on that one. However the new Porsche 911 and BMW also look and sound great and I think that Aston will definitely have a bit of a fight on their hands.

Things are progressing with regard to a return to competition for myself and with a bit of luck a couple of flying lessons. Following a health issue a few years ago, before they will let me get into an aeroplane I had to pass a very stringent medical. This included nine – yes nine! – minutes on a treadmill. I have to say that the last minute and a half was more than a bit tough, and I only just managed, but the squiggly bits and blood pressure readings were fine, and I eventually ended up with a certificate endorsed by the Civil Aviation Authority. The other part of this, and probably more important, is that the application for my racing license was also completed at the same time. Next step is a written ARDS test at Croft on the 4th April, and providing I achieve a pass in that, I can apply for a new Race National B license. There may be a bit of life left in this sixty year old after all!!!

That's it for this month, good luck if competing!

Marty

Chairman's report

Well it's been a strange start to the year, what with the rule changes in rallying and the weather almost stopping motorsport in the UK.

To keep it short - ha ha - well maybe not, there will be a few changes in the rallying section of the blue book which will come into force in the next 4 years which included Fire Extinguisher, Log Book and Roll Cage. The Fire Extinguisher change has caused massive confusion and even after 3 months and an MSA technical bulletin, the confusion is still there. This is all leading to 2022 when all Fire extinguishers must be FIA Homologated and approved and serviced by the manufacturer every 24 months or sooner depending on the manufacturer's guidelines. Now I work in the automotive industry and I know there are rules regarding allowing fair competition from independent companies. But I can't see how our governing body can apply these rules which clearly prevent competition from local Fire Extinguisher companies.

I've heard arguments stating the extinguishers must be homologated and servicing outside of the manufacturer's network breaks this homologation. But vehicles also have to be homologated and approved and a manufacturer can't stop Mr Joe Public getting his vehicle serviced by A.N.Other garage down the road and they can't void his warranty because he used A.N.Other garage. There may be special dispensation by the EU for pressure cylinders such as Fire extinguishers but I'm interested to know how the Governing body can be exempt from these competition rules. Don't get me wrong I fully agree with safety equipment in motorsport, but 5 years for seats and harnesses and now this restriction on fire extinguishers, what will be next, to squeeze the life out of the clubman's wallet.

At the start of the year I competed in two rallies at Croft. Both had ice and snow in copious amounts but they both ran. Now as the Beast and the Mini Beast from the East passed over the UK, many rallies and motorsport events were cancelled or postponed. It must be a very difficult decision to cancel or postpone a rally after months and months of preparation. But the safety of our competing crews, marshals and officials must always come first. The Malcolm Wilson Rally was cancelled due to the amount of snow on the stages making it impossible for the marshals to get to their posts in the forest. Then pictures appeared on social media showing just how dangerous the stages were. High winds had caused snow drifts but had also felled trees which were blocking the stages as well. Last week an Auto test organised by Hartlepool motor club, was cancelled not for the snow but for the high winds and sand blowing off the dunes. Now I love competing in motorsport but I have the utmost respect for the volunteers who stand out in some horrendous weather at this time of the year and also have to make these very difficult decisions.

When you read this magazine, the Veterans night will have been held at the Honest Lawyer. Thank you to Fred Henderson for sponsoring this night and I hope you all attended the evening as you didn't need to be a new member or an ex-pat member. I believe Marty may jot down a few words on this event in his editorial.

The club Navigation and Autotest championship will begin very soon, so please support these events and you never know you may win a trophy at the end of the club year. As they say "You have to be in it to win it".

Have a good and safe month.

Andy Brown

Social Secretary Report March 2018

Hello all another month has flown by and on Sunday 25th we really will see the lighter nights and be able to enjoy some 'outdoor' time after work on a night! How nice!

Until last night we had a quiet few weeks at the Club after a hectic January & February. However the atmosphere was 'BUZZIN' last night at the Honest Lawyer when we had our DAC VETERANS and SOCIAL night... it was Mega...(Despite my requests in all the publicity about the night to let me know who was coming there was no more than ten people told myself or other committee members they were coming along so we really did not know what to expect.)

John, Marty and Mick were there before 7.30 and already had the big screen and TV set up to show old rally films by the time I arrived just after 7.30 and other people were already beginning to arrive. By 8pm there was a good turnout and by 8.30 it was definitely standing room only! There must have been in excess of 70 people present.....Lots of names and faces from the past, it will be interesting to see the list of people that 'signed in' on the night. At half past eight I went to find the manager and chef to ask for some extra food to cater for the higher numbers. I had visions of people going away and not even having a sausage roll! NO PROBLEM the Honest Lawyer rustled up some extras and just after 9 o'clock we all tucked into a good spread.

Just before the food was served Chris Thirling said a few words of welcome and then Fred spoke a little about the reason for holding such a night and how thrilled he and the committee were at such a splendid turn out.

The aim of the night was to encourage previous Durham members out of the 'closet' and to come along and meet other current club members as well as each other who over the years have lost touch with each other. DAC is a friendly club and last night certainly proved it. There were 'names' I knew but did not know the faces and vice-versa people I recognised but could not put names to.

Pete Masters was kept busy with around 20 people taking up membership on the night, some taking advantage of the 'Veteran/Social membership and others taking up full membership, and I got a couple of entries for CLASSICS at the CASTLE.

Things started to quieten down with people drifting away gradually from 10pm (As one person said 'We are all OLD CODGERS now and need our beds!'), That said I was worn out and hit the road about 10.45 and there was still a couple of small groups sat chatting and reminiscing.

I really hope that after such a night more of you will come along on a Wednesday night for a catch up and a chat. EVERYONE is truly welcome and a very special welcome goes out to all those NEW 'OLD 'MEMBERS who helped make last night such a success....I wish I had the list of who was there because it was a role call from the past... 'Tiger' Hodgson, Russel Close, Trudy Binks...hopefully whoever has the 'list' will add to this report at a later date..... THANK YOU FRED, Thank you all.

MOVING ON...Wednesday 18th April PETE MASTERS SCATTER will START at Nicky Porters Garage at West Auckland (OAKLEY SERVICE STATION) – I will confirm time.....It will finish at Cross Keys Hamsterley.

WE had planned to have a 'briefing night' on 28th March for the Navigational series, with info about Treasure Hunts. Scatters etc. but this has been CANCELED/POSTPONED as I will be on holiday and the Hexham March Melee event that was cancelled at the beginning of the month due to snow is running on 28th and Andy and a few others from the Club are competing!.....SO if

anyone wants more info on the navigational nights COME ALONG on Wednesday 4th April or Wednesday 11th April to a Club night and we can discuss it then.

Phew.., that's it for another month **except** to say that as soon as I am back after Easter I will be calling a sub-committee meeting for Classics at the Castle.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a good supply of A4 and A5 POSTERS and lots of postcard size leaflets for Classics at the Castle if anyone would like posters to put up anywhere or leaflets to give out at other clubs or events let me know.....

Pam.



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Wish you were here?

It was once said that “A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.” It’s true! I have been abroad many times but it’s only in the last week that I have discovered the paradise that sits 4.1 miles from my house (11 minutes by car!).

This paradise is well hidden – just a single understated sign down a country lane that says “Aston Martin Service Centre” on a driveway that appears to go nowhere. Round the corner and there are some pretty standard ‘tin sheds’ – the type seen on many industrial estates. However, as you go round the back of the buildings it hits you – a glass wall is all that is between you and about 100 Aston Martin cars of all ages and all models in various stages of service or restoration! It takes your breath away!

I had a Golden Ticket courtesy of the Black Horse pub next door which gave me a 1.5 hour tour of the Aston Workshop followed by a superb 2-course lunch in the pub (allow another 1.5 hours). It wasn’t cheap but it was worth every penny! Our guide was a Detailer (the guy that puts the polish on!) and he had done a great job – every single paint job looked like it had 100 layers to it. That was the first thing that caught my eye. But I’m really into engines and asked for nearly all the bonnets to be opened – what a sight – long straight 6s, V12s, Weber’s, 8 downdraught Weber’s!!!, it just got better and better! The tour was full of information and very relaxed – at one point 3 of us got distracted by a guy who looked like Shaggy from Scooby-Doo but was in fact the engine builder – this man is a god of engineering and won’t settle for anything but the best – rubbish cylinder-head casting made in the UK – send it back, order a decent one from Japan! Next to his area was the dyno tester – after all his hard work rebuilding, Aston run every engine back in for 230 hours – just to make sure it’s right!

I could write for hours about this trip but don’t take my word for it – go there and have a look! Just don’t touch! (Photos are fine). The car I wanted to touch the most was the one with the peacock blue body and silver top – it turned out that this 1954 car is the only one of its type in the world and was built for the King of Belgium, based on an Aston DB2/4 chassis which was then sent to Vignale in Italy for tweaking into a fast-back design! You have to see it to believe it! At the moment it’s in bits as Aston wanted to make it look its best! However, it’s for sale (as most cars there are) and could be yours for the tidy sum of £2.2M (yup, £2,200,000!)

One day!

John Ward

DAC Chief Marshall





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EVENTS

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White Heather Tests

Wigton MC, Kirkbride Airfield, Cumbria.

Saturday 10th March

This ran with a full entry of 30 cars. 13 Historic and the rest Targa Rally cars. It was a very wet day with mud and puddles making it very slippery. Some tests were on gravel, so it was a bit of a mud bath. Just how I like it. Made my little Alto feel more powerful as you got wheelspin all the time.

The record for the furthest off into the mud that required a Land Rover to pull it back on was Carl and Lee in the MG ZR from Durham Club. About 50 meters. They must have been traveling when they lost it. Mick Stead did a good job of navigating me. Pity I ignored him a few times and made mistakes. Must remember to listen in future. I finished 19th with Carl a couple of places behind. Think we both need more practice.

A mini was 1st Historic and MX5 first Targa. The event ran smoothly with not too much waiting around. We were treated to a first class roast diner too.

Amy Henchoz, driving a Volvo 132 had to be admired for driving up from Wales that morning, compete and drive the car back. She was only 19 or 20 with a complete novice navigator. Mind you her parents build and race Volvo Amazons for a living, so she knows that sort of car very well. Best turned out car had to be a Vauxhall Viva HB. Pity it retired though. Another well organised Wigton Event.

Peter Masters



Some more photos of the Prodrive Heritage Collection. Somewhere I have a photo of my Son James standing in front of this very car at Croft with Alain Menu and Anthony Reid

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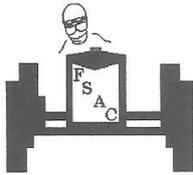
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The Northern Classic Trial 2018

All of us at Fell Side Auto Club would like to thank you for your assistance with marshalling on this year's classic trial. The trial was, once again, well received and we had very positive feedback from competitors about the friendly and helpful marshalling.

As is usual, we have a marshal's draw for prizes donated to our club and are pleased to say that your number was successful and your prize is enclosed.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

With Best Regards from all at Fell Side Auto Club.

Myke Pocock

Chairman
Fell Side Auto Club

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Andrew Kellit - Summerfield Trophy & Replica
- 2nd Overall - Car No. 4 - Alan Hardy / Paul Veitch - Chevette HS
£10 & awards
- 3rd Overall - Car No. 6 - Dave Garth / Neil Parkin - RS2000
Awards

Class 1 - up to 1300cc

- 1st - Car No. 13 - Steve Retchless / Graham Bell - RS1300
Awards - CCC Challenge Trophy & Replica & £10
- 2nd - Car No. 24 - Jeff Sharp / Kevin Stones - Astra 1300
Awards
- 3rd - Car No. 25 - Derek McLean / Doogie Small - Mini Cooper S
Awards

Class 2 - 1301 - 1600cc

- 1st - Car No. 5 - John Mennell / Roy Jarvis - Sunbeam 1600
£10 & Awards
- 2nd - Car No. 19 - Kevin Knox / Keith Knox - Escort 1600
Awards
- 3rd - Car No. 18 - Mike Brooke / Richard Walker - XR3i
Awards

Class 3 - Cars Over 1600cc

- 1st - Car No. 8 - Graham Blackbourne / Lindsay Brook - RS2000
£10 & Awards
- 2nd - Car No. 3 - Mac Bater / Chris Pringle - RS2000
Awards
- 3rd - Car No. 7 - David Loraine / Paul Taylor - RS2000
Awards

Class 4 - Novices

- 1st - Car No. 40 - Ian Lamb / Mike Mawby - Escort 1600
£10 & Awards & free entry Dales Rally 1985
- 2nd - Car No. 46 - Derek Nevison / Steve Morley - RS2000
Awards
- 3rd - Car No. 38 - Mick Hood / Mike Ward - Escort 1600
Awards

No.	CREW
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- 1st DAC Crew - Car No. 24 - Jeff Sharp / Kevin Stones - Astra 1300
Awards - Jeff Sharp - Gordon McIntyre Trophy & Replica
Kevin Stones - Rodney Trophy & Replica

- 2nd DAC Crew - Car No. 10 - Mike Gascoigne / Andy Turnbull - RS2000
Awards

- 1st DAC Novice - Car No. 34 - David Dick / Ian Atkinson - Datsun 1800
The Oakley Shield.

Awards will be presented at the Civil Service Club, Belmont on Wednesday
19th September at 9.00pm.

RESULTS - SHEET 1

No.	CREW	SEL 1	SEL 2	SEL 3	SEL 4	PERIOD POS	SEL 5	SEL 6	SEL 7	SEL 8	SEL 9	SEL 10	SEL 11	TOTAL	CLASS POS	O/A			
1	LEWIS/ CHIPCHASE	100	415	183	190	888	167	118	173	105	67	180	308	2006	1/6 th	24			
2	EASSON/ KELLIT	52	135	79	108	374	94	70	112	69	38	111	130	998	N.A.	1			
3	BATER/ PRINGLE	67	192	111	124	494	118	58	120	76	48	100	172	1186	3/2 nd	6			
4	HARBY/ VEITCH	64	216	94	108	482	107	61	113	68	37	101	134	1103	N.A.	2			
5	MENNELL/ JARVIS	4=	7	8	1=	4	5	4	2	1	1	2	3	1164	2/1 st	5			
6	GARTH/ PARKIN	61	175	110	116	462	105	59	118	80	45	175	120	1109	N.A.	3			
7	LORRAINE/ TAYLOR	2	2	4=	4	3	4	2	4	6	5		1	1109	N.A.	3			
8	GAETH/ BLACKBOURNE/ BROOK	62	197	80	110	449	95	60	117	78	40	111	159	1109	N.A.	3			
9	DAVISON/ BLACK	3	5	2	3	2	2	3	3	4=	3	4=	5	1470	3/3 rd	8			
10	GASCOIGNE/ TURNBULL	75	229	134	138	576	129	80	212	88	63	121	201	1470	3/3 rd	8			
11	COATES/ MORGAN	9	10	9=	9	9=	8	8		9		6	8	1161	3/1 st	4			
12	HOLMAN/ COCKER	64	191	110	121	486	99	73	123	78	44	107	151	1161	3/1 st	4			
13	DAVISON/ BLACK	4=	3	4=	5	5	3	6	6	4=	4	3	4		-	-			
14	GASCOIGNE/ TURNBULL	101	434	191	311	1037	RETIRED -												
15	COATES/ MORGAN	98	347	149	174	768	131	77	160	92	46	131	344	1749	5/6 th	15			
16	HOLMAN/ COCKER	7	7	9=	8	8	7	9=											
17	CHAPMAN/ BROERE	73	209	132	132	546	142	87	136	84	59	131	200	1385	1/1 st	7			
18	STAINTHORPE/ CORNER	8	6	8	7	7			9=	7	8	7=	7	1784	3/7 th	16			
19	ELLIS/ THWAITES	78	332	186	170	766	160	112	159	108	72	160	247	1784	3/7 th	16			
20	CHAPMAN/ BROERE	80	336	155	155	726	138	86	136	87	60	131	315	1679	3/5 th	13			
21	CHAPMAN/ BROERE	NON-STARTER.					-												
22	BALGH/ SIDNEY	RETIRED.					-												
23	BROOKE/ WALKER	85	330	134	145	694	155	93	145	95	60	137	236	1615	2/3 rd	12			
24	KNOX/ KNOX	80	226	128	142	576	133	92	149	94	60	141	315	1560	2/2 nd	10			
25	HANDYSIDE/ GRANT	85	301	155	170	711	157	91	155	98	68	151	278	1709	2/4 th	14			
26	GLOVER/ NORMAN	89	361	163	168	781	154	117	152	95	70	150	307	1826	3/8 th	18			
27	BOWNESS/ PERCIVAL	103	319	171	188	781	186	115	168	105	78	161	297	1891	1/4 th	20			
28	SHARP/ STONES	89	225	143	152	609	160	95	149	99	65	141	222	1540	1/2 nd	9			
29	MCLEAN/ SMALL	83	351	192	170	796	220	117	159	110	80	141	260	1883	1/3 rd	19			
30	HART/ WILSON	81	892	161	168	1302	150	85	154	102	72	150	714	2729	1/12 th	34			
31	HALL/ BILLS	91	314	187	167	759	168	120	162	105	73	250	380	2017	1/7 th	26			
32	TOWLER/ TOWLER	109	484	197	194	984	193	158	225	117	85	207	358	2327	1/10 th	31			
33	BROOM/ ELDERS	117	512	254	214	1097	217	170	222	137	103	202	436	2584	1/11 th	32			
34	RAW/ MISS GIBSON	96	424	204	188	912	182	128	178	118	85	204	313	2120	3/11 th	27			

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2018 Autotest Championship

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

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A – Mini and Mini variants (Produced pre 2001) and Autotest Specials*

B – Rear Wheel Drive Sports Cars (MX5, Midgets etc.) only two seaters

C – Front Wheel Drive

D – Rear Wheel Drive

*The championship coordinator will decide which cars are Autotest Specials.

Scoring

Points are awarded for overall and class positions: - 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers

Events

Dates of counting rounds will be published in the club magazine, website and Facebook at least 4 weeks before the event. All rounds count in the final result

Current Provisional Calendar is:-

13th May – Hartlepool – Eden Part Autotest Site

27th May – Durham – Ebac, Newton Aycliffe

TBC October – Durham – TBC

9th December – Hartlepool – Funfair Carpark

TBC December – Durham – Christmas Autotest TBC

Awards

Overall Autotest.

Class Autotest.

Championship Coordinator is Gordon Dundee, 07799 140427 or gandjdundee@gmail.com

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd
2018 Championships

Duration - From 1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Points will be published in the club magazine, if you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee, gandjdundee@gmail.com

Stage Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

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 6 results to count.

Awards

Stage Rally – Driver.

Stage Rally – Co-Driver.

Clubman Rally and Classic Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, who are members before 1st September 2018, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

Counting events are those listed in the NESCO calendar, and the points calculation is those used in the NESCO Challenge

Awards

Clubman Rally – Driver.

Clubman Rally – Navigator

Classic Rally – Driver.

Classic Rally – Navigator

Navigational Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

Points will be awarded 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers, for all navigational events run on club nights, Treasure Hunts, Scatters and 12 Car Rallies etc.

If 5 or less rounds are run all rounds will count, if 6 or 7 rounds are run worst score will be dropped, if more than 7 rounds are run worst 2 rounds will be dropped.

10 points will be awarded for organizing or marshaling on one or more rounds (max of 10 points available for organizing/marshaling)

In the event of a tie the result of the first event both people competed in will decide the winner.

Awards

Navigational Rally – Driver.
Navigational Rally – Co-Driver

Autotest

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Classes are

- A – Mini and Mini variants (Produced pre 2001) and Autotest Specials
- B – Rear Wheel Drive Specials and Sports Cars (MX5, Midgets etc.) only two seaters
- C – Front Wheel Drive
- D – Rear Wheel Drive

Scoring

Points are awarded for overall and class positions: - 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers

Events

Dates of counting rounds will be published in the club magazine, website and Facebook at least 4 weeks before the event. All rounds count in the final result

Awards

Overall Autotest.

Class Autotest.

Marshals Award

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

5 Points per day for signing on as an Official on each of the following events.

Wearside Classic/Targa rallies. Club Autotests

3 Points per day for signing on as an Official (or organize) in any of the following events.

12 Car Rally, Scatter, Treasure Hunt, Gymkhana, PCT Etc,

1 Point per day for signing on as an Official in any of the following events.

Any other event not organized by Durham Automobile Club

Club Competition Secretary to be notified within 1 month of any days marshaled, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Awards

Marshals Award.

Durham Automobile Club Forthcoming Event Calendar

January 24 th	AGM Honest Lawyer 7.30 for 8pm Start	ALL WELCOME followed by Buffet.
February 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer (date TBC)	
February 21 st	Karting night organised by Whickam Facebook for more information	See article in magazine, on website and
March 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
March 21 st	‘OLD’ COMERS NIGHT!! EX members!!) Social get together and buffet night. **Come along! Its FREE**	(ALL welcome, members, non-members &
March 28 th	Club Navigational Series Briefing and Help night magazine for more details ALL WELCOME	<u>Postponed</u> See Social Sec report in
April 11 th	Nog and Natter	
	18 th Navigational SCATTER (Peter Masters)	More details to follow
May 2 nd	TREASURE HUNT (Nikki Halliwell or Pam Broom)	More details to follow
	9 th Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
	30 th Navigational SCATTER (Gordon Dundee)	More Details to follow
June 13 th	Nog and Natter	
July 11 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
July 15 th	CLASSICS at the CASTLE	
August 8 th	Nog and Natter	
September 9 th	WEAR SIDE TARGA at Nissan (more details to follow)	
September 11 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	

Between June and September we will be having a few more Navigational Events including Regularities/Jogularities and probably another Scatter and Treasure Hunt. We are also hoping to soon secure dates for a Social Night at Fury Events and a Gymkhana. There will also be dates appearing for Auto Tests so please look out for additional Emails and information appearing in magazines, on the website and our facebook pages.

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