

# TVR Car Club Annual General Meeting

Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon Works, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2002, 11:00 am

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## Committee Members/Officers present:

Chairman	Chris Wright	Publicity	Martin Payne
Secretary	Claire Hilton	Treasurer	Tony Connor
RO Co-Ordinator	Paul Shrimpton	Dep Events Co-ordinator	Jane Payne
Track Day Co-ord	Bernie Hartnett	Model Registrar	Mervyn Larner
Club Office	Carol Folkard		
Advertising	Pietro Abate		

Apologies were received from:

Bruce Smith      Stuart McQuillan      Richard Mayoh

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the members of the committee present.

## 1 Minutes of the last AGM Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM meeting were approved. Proposed by Carol Folkard, seconded by Richard Abbott.

There were no matters arising.

## 2 Chairman's Report

The chairman read his report to the meeting.

## Chairman's Report

I think everyone would agree that 2002 has been an outstanding year for the Car Club: We've had many memorable events, a wringing wet Back Home, the best ever stand at the NEC Sportscar Car Show; an excellent Motorsport Mania at Castle Combe, a very festive Festival of Speed; a monster Mania at Duxford with possibly the second largest gathering of TVRs ever and plenty of trackdays to name but several national events.

At a local level there have been numerous car shows, outings and runway blasts.

On the PR side Sprint is now well established as an excellent A4 glossy magazine, we have added to the editorial team with a deputy editor and the editor will now be working full-time on Sprint. We have the use of a 40' trailer sponsored by Jeld-Wen for major events. The Club office has continued to develop its services with extensive on-line regalia sales.

Relations with the Factory are their best ever and sponsorship of Tuscans and Speed 6 Cerbera continue to raise awareness of the Club. The Tasmin Challenge has seen significant grids racing at many major race circuits and the sprinters have enjoyed a successful season.

We owe the above achievements mainly to the work of a volunteer group of individuals and their partners and a handful of paid persons. There are too many people to mention individually but, on behalf of the many members who've enjoyed these events, reading Sprint and receiving Club office support, I would like to thank you all publicly for the time and effort you have given to make this a very memorable year for the Club. You've set a very high standard.

I hope that the coming Club year will see more of the same, however, for it to be successful we not only have to provide events which members enjoy and will support, we also need new volunteers to replace those who move on and to help existing members, many of whom are trying to hold down busy day jobs or other significant personal commitments. So if you've enjoyed events, have bright ideas or don't think

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present efforts hit the mark for you then this year's your chance to join the happy band of people who make things happen both at Regional and National levels.

There were no questions arising from the report.

### 3 Secretary's report

Claire Hilton gave her report to the meeting.

She recognized the significant effort and contribution that Carol Folkard and her team had made to the Club.

Membership numbers had increased significantly with a threefold increase over last year. Membership currently stands at 6348. The increase in numbers is mainly attributable to the feedback form on the Club website. The Office receives 10-15 new members a day through this route. Renewal rate has also improved; magazine believed to be the main reason for this.

### 3 Treasurer's Report

The 2002 accounts were available for the meeting to read. The Chairman, Chris Wright, presented the accounts on behalf of Tony Connor and read the Treasurer's report:

Treasurers Report for Financial year ending 31.5.2002

This has been a highly successful year for the Club, with a net profit of almost £40,000, and a cash position better than it has ever been, with £110,000 in hand.

This very satisfactory position has been made possible by prudent spending on the part of the Committee, coupled with a healthy growth in membership numbers, and in advertising income from the magazine.

Our sound financial position will give us a solid base from which we can continue to offer our members an ever-improving range of events and services to choose from.

Because of our healthy position, I have not recommended an increase in membership fees this year, and I hope the membership will agree that we offer exceptional value for money when compared to most other car clubs.

I will be standing down as Treasurer after the AGM, to allow me to concentrate fully on the Club magazine. I wish my successor the very best of luck and will, of course, make myself available for support, should it be needed.

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Question asked relating to who the Club's bankers are as the charges appear to be high. Lloyds were the bankers at the beginning of the year but the account has now been moved to the Bank of Scotland where the charges are much lower.

The accounts were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Richard Abbott and seconded by Bernie Hartnett.

### 5 Election of Officers

The Chairman handed over the meeting to the Secretary for the final voting for Club Officers. It was noted that 121 postal voting forms had been received. Following voting from members present, the following officers were elected.

Chairman:	Chris Wright
Treasurer:	Tony Connor
Advertising Manager:	Pietro Abate
Competition Secretary:	Stewart McQuilian
Track Day Coordinator:	Bernie Hartnett
Deputy Track Day Coordinator:	Bruce Smith

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National Events Manager:	Richard Mayoh
Deputy Events Manager:	Jane Payne
Regional Organiser Coordinator:	Paul Shrimpton
Model Registrar:	Mervyn Larner
Technical Editor:	Steve Heath

Daw, White and Murrall were confirmed as Auditors for 2002/2003.

## 6 Open Forum

Proposal for more notice of the AGM and better publicity of the meeting. There was a further suggestion that the AGM should be held concurrently with another event e.g. a race meeting and possibly with a social event. Noted that the Heritage Centre was a good venue for the AGM.

Was there a track day log book introduced? Bernie Hartnett stated that the question was raised last year but the administration of a log is deemed to be too difficult. He noted that it is difficult to assess standard of someone's diaries without the involvement of an instructor. Bernie highlighted the etiquette and protocol for track day events. Safety is paramount and adherence to the standards are rigorously upheld.

Is there a role for publishing Sprint electronically on the internet. Chris Wright responded that many people still may not have online access and that the Magazine stands as a record of the marque. Some parts of the magazine could be published on the web site – merit in the proposal, pass on to Tony. Carol Folkard's feedback is that from experience with Regalia, many can't access the web. Martin Payne suggested that Sprint is one of the things that is guaranteed to members. General feeling that in its printed form, Sprint is a good thing to have.

Future events: Proposal that more should be made of the 'future events section, but understood that space is an issue. There was also a question of insurance whereby only events included in the future events section are covered by insurance. To cover eventuality of last minute events, CF has agreed with the insurance company that any event notified to the club office and added to the planner is covered. ROs manual need to reflect this. Re-emphasised that Club insurance is not a safety net for all. Could more be made of the web site?

Chris Wright sought feedback on the website. Carol Folkard pointed out that huge increase in membership is largely due to the website. Paul Calland had set up a feedback form asking people what sort of information potential members required. Office then sends out information pack to those who complete form.

Use of factory publications on the web raised. Steve Heath advised that the Factory has copyright on material for 80 years after company folds. Possible could be looked at for older models (rights held elsewhere). Steve has found the factory incredibly supportive given their resources. Suggestion of 'fix list' Steve noted that some of the fixes require significant knowledge of the cars and unless the user has this knowledge, they could make matters worse. Could work out a middle way.

Suggestion for photos of new committee on members only part of website. Agreed.

Thoughts and ideas for next years. Martin Payne noted acquisition of the trailer. Jeld Wen has been extremely generous in its sponsorship. Potential for No 2 to go out to Woodwork (American version of Back Home). 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October in New Jersey. Might be able to get support to take the car to various events around the world to promote the marque.

CDL have suggested an idea for each of the regions to support one of the Tuscan Challenge teams.

9<sup>th</sup> November – 6 cars will take part in the Lord Mayor's show including the Eclipse Tuscan R race car.

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Ideas for archive/event CD were sought.

Classic Le Mans a tremendous success. 3 Granturas crossed the line together 40 years after they last raced on the circuit

All reports were approved.

The meeting closed at 13:00