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Ayrshire Classics
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Hi folks,

Welcome to the August newsletter.

Committees . I thought I had better put in a reminder, mainly for our new folks, of who is on your Committees. The Club Chairman is me, Davey McColl, and I am supported by Sam Boyd who is membership secretary and both recruits and looks after the membership list, Steve Boyd who has the hard work of marshalling folks to events, Francis Fisher looks after the money (we don't have enough yet for him to abscond), and Hugh McLachlan who keeps the minutes and does all manner of other things, some of which can actually be made public. The Dean Park show committee comprises Francis, Davy and Hugh plus Jim Black (photographer in-chief), Stuart Smith and Andrew Paterson; so now if you didn't know before, you know now!

EVENTS

Dean Park Well done to all who came along and helped to make Dean Park such a good day on Sunday 30 Aug, despite the Met office forecast; we hope that you all enjoyed it. Barrie gets a special mention again this year for running the setting up of the place as do Sandra and the girls who did such a good job in the control tent. Andrew's land rover relived a bit of it's past in providing a base for the Provost to open the show and son Euan's piping enhanced the uniquely Scottish flavour of the event. I must also mention our Dean Park team who put so much into making the day work and in particular Hugh who mustered the attendees and drew up the parking plans. His job was made the more difficult by our decision made on the Thursday before to stay at the Park even though we had to reduce the area available to us because of water logging. I must also congratulate East Ayrshire Council, both Louise Kyle from Dean Castle who cheerfully said yes to all of our requests and made them happen and Tommy Milgrew, who had St Joseph's campus on standby on Sunday morning 'just in case' the park was flooded. You can't beat that sort of support and letters of appreciation have been sent on your behalf!

Bo'ness and Selkirk Events . The Bo'ness Event is on the 12/13 September and the club outing will be on the Sunday 13th. The hill climb will feature about 75 competitors and 160 or so Classics are expected. The Selkirk Show is Sept 30th. Steven urgently needs the names of everyone attending these shows.

B.B.Q. Aarg the BBQ!! Has anyone out there got a crystal ball that forecasts weather? Other than Dean Park where folks were delighted to see the smoke rising from behind our cars, we still have not had a Club BBQ..but we will!

Away Weekend The away weekend to Inverary will be on the 4th/5th September. Price will be £200 per couple for dinner, bed & breakfast and Steve will be arranging a classic-car friendly run. The local group will trundle up to Luss for a morning snack on Friday before going on to the northlands. Please contact Sam Boyd for more information.

Christmas Dinner Reminder . Christmas Dinner is planned for Friday 18th December at the Ardneil Hotel, Troon. A good price had been negotiated; £17.50 for 3 course dinner and £60 per couple (or per room for however many people care to occupy it)! **Names; to Sam please to finalise the booking.**

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Club Funds The Treasurer notes again that the Club has assets of around £900 and it would be appropriate if some of this money were to be used to purchase items of general value to the Club. Perhaps a suite of tuning equipment might be suitable? Your suggestions are welcomed; please contact any committee member.

Web Site The Club Website at <http://www.ayrshireclassics.org.uk/> is getting good attention from near & far (Egypt & Croatia!!) and has recently been updated. It is available for advertising, selling, displaying car photo's etc. If you want to advertise on it, just click the appropriate button on the front page. You can sell your toys or advertise a need for something that a club member might be able to provide. The costs involved are small and offset the running of the site. We are open to suggestions for improvement – just contact the webmaster through the site.

Scottish Maritime Museum Irvine. Eight cars went to what turned out be a pleasant day. Ayrshire Touring Motorcycle Club had 21 'bikes along and the two clubs had a good blether over the free tea and biscuits. The museum staff (mostly volunteers), were welcoming & enthusiastic although the public failed to appear in any numbers. The museum intends another open day in September and will invite the club again when the date is finalised.

Coach Trimmer . Andrew Paterson had the name of a good coach trimmer for anyone in need of his services; just have a look at his Jaguar. These guys are rare in Scotland so it's useful to know a good one.

Pampered Chef . Sam Boyd has organised "Pampered Chef" charity night at the Ardneil on 17th September For Lady members and friends. This will involve a cookery demonstration and who knows what else! Bring friends and neighbours. Contact Sam for further details.

Davy,
Chairman and BBQer in chief.