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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

In this, my final newsletter, let me first wish all of you who were unable to attend the AGM on 14th January a Happy new Year.

Introduction

Well I reckon that it has been a pretty good year for our club with increasing membership, a new website and a nice spread of activities between visiting shows and taking part in events and I look forward to an even better time and weather in 2010. Our Dean Park show goes from strength to strength and thanks to your efforts we again hope for even better this year. Ideas are always welcome and it only succeeds because it demonstrates the spirit of our club, so please keep 9 May 2010 clear in your calendars.

January Meeting and AGM 14th January 2010

The minutes of the AGM are attached to this note, but it is worth just highlighting a few points: Ordinarily elections for the committee would have taken place at the AGM, but because of the small turn out, elections will now take place at our February meeting. Also, an amendment in the clubs' favour has been made to the financial statement accepted at the AGM and the new statement is summarised below. I am pleased to be able to announce that, provided our meeting room continues to be free, the annual membership fee will remain at £12; just a reminder that it is due on 1 Feb 2010. Please either bring your cheques *made out to the club* to the next meeting, or send them to the treasurer at 4 Benston Crescent, Hollybush, Ayr KA66RA before then. **Do please note that the February 11th meeting will be at the Riverside Inn on the A77 near Minishant**, where the future location for our meetings will be further discussed. I have therefore delayed the scheduled talk by Dr Brian East to March.

Christmas Function Friday 18th December

The 37 folk who attended the Christmas Function were delighted by the quality of the food and wine. We were treated to a glass of fizz on arrival and the good humour it engendered was re-enforced by the cheerfulness of our club throughout the meal. In all it was a most pleasant night and our thanks are due to those from the club who organised it and the efforts of Peter from the Ardneil who made the whole evening go so smoothly and ensured that glasses remained topped up!

A Wedding Invitation

We have been approached by Neil Gillies from Arran who asks whether any of our members would consider going over in a classic car to drive his daughter Sarah from Lamlash to Kildonan for her wedding (around 8 miles) on Saturday May 8th. The ferries leave Ardrossan at 0945 and 1230, and return at 1640 and 1920. She will leave Lamlash around 2.45 arriving at 3 pm. Neil is happy to pay all costs including ferry returns (for car and two passengers), meals, and if requested possibly a hotel or a B and B for two. As Sarah is coming all the way from New Zealand, though on a budget, he would like to make her day special. Contact Neil on 01770 600590 if you can help.

Spring Away Weekend 26/27 March 2010

Sam has provisionally booked 6 rooms in the Murrayshall House Hotel near Scone for the w/e of 26 & 27 March. The cost for DBB will be £59, or £69 for a superior room. Golf, obviously

depending on the weather, is available at £10 a round! Please contact Sam as soon as possible on either steveandsam@gmail.com or 01560 483980 if you wish to go.

Strathkendrick Rotary Club Classic Car Tour Sunday 25th April 2010

One of our members has recommended this tour: 'This year jointly sponsored by The Beech Tree Inn, Dumgoyne, by Killearn, G63 9LA and the NFU Mutual. The valuable and generous sponsorship will cover the majority of costs and funding of the Rally Plates, Maps and Souvenir Awards for each entrant. To take part in the 2010 Tour there is no entrance fee, however competitors are expected to raise a minimum amount of £25 per car which is to be donated to the Rotary Club of Strathendrick Charity Fund for distribution to the two principal charities and also other local and national deserving causes which the Fund supports.

The Tour coincides with "Drive It Day" www.fbhvc.co.uk – as many of you will know this is the day for Classic Car owners to take their special cars out for the day to show the nation the popularity and importance of the Classic Car movement – this is the day for you.

The approx 125 mile route on glorious roads through Stirlingshire, Perthshire and the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park this year starting from The Beech Tree Inn, Dumgoyne, by Killearn G63 9LA and finishing back at Culcreuch Castle, Fintry G63 0LW for High Tea and Award Ceremony. A Tulip Plan Route Book together with a map to ensure no one gets lost will be provided. Entrants will have the choice of making their own way, individually or driving in small groups. The event has been organised essentially for driving enjoyment on quieter traffic free roads. It is estimated that those parts of the route on A, B, and better minor roads will be easily covered at an average of 30mph with the more interesting single track roads at a lower average. Application Forms can be found on the website www.strathendrickrotary.org.uk or contact Joe Norman on 01877 382075 or email joe@jnclassic.co.uk. The event was oversubscribed last year, so entries should be sent in right away.

See you at the Riverside,
Davy,
Chairman and BBQer in chief.



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Minutes of meeting, Ardniel Hotel Troon, 14 Jan 2010

1. Chairmans Report

The January meeting had been scheduled as the AGM at which the election of the club committee for 2010 would take place.

In view of the unusually low turnout of members, it was proposed and agreed that election of the committee should be deferred until the February meeting when, hopefully, more members could take part. The Chairman, David McColl thanked the committee and members for their help and co-operation over the past year.

2. Financial Report

A financial statement for 2009 was provided by Club Treasurer Francis Fisher and was approved. Club finances were still healthy and it was agreed to retain the annual membership fee at £12.00. Fees are due on 1st Feb and members are requested to forward payment by post to Francis or at the Feb. meeting.

3. Capital Spend

The purchase of a barbeque and gazebo was already approved. The gazebo would have to be able to be dismantled to components small enough to be transported in members' cars. Anyone knowing or finding a suitable model should advise the committee.

A proposal that club funds could be used to subsidise visits to major, more distant shows was not adopted on the grounds that this would disadvantage those not taking part. It was agreed, however that the Club may subsidise visits to special events subject to these being discussed and agreed on an individual basis at monthly club meetings. A proposal to use funds to subsidise a mid-season Club Dinner was adopted, venue to be agreed later.

4. Club Meetings – Venue.

The Ardniel Hotel will be closing down on 31st Jan. Stuart Smith had canvassed about fourteen possible venues, most of which were asking for payment. Only 3 of these were keen to have the club at no charge as long as members would be using the bar. None of these met full approval, being too distant for some members. It was decided, in the interim that the February meeting will take place at the Riverside Inn on the A77 near Minishant at which a permanent venue may be agreed by members. A later proposal was made that if a suitable, more central venue was found at a reasonable cost – say £25 per meeting, this could be paid by those present paying £1 on the night. It is possible that the Belleisle Hotel may be back in business by March and this is known to be an acceptable venue. Fulton Beaton will visit the Belleisle to inquire and will report at the Riverside in Feb.

5. Any Other Business.

- a. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Sam Boyd for having organised our last get-together, the very enjoyable Christmas party.
- b. Members were reminded that the Club Website was functioning well and available for advertising.

Original signed *Hugh McLachlan*

Post Meeting Note to all members.

The February meeting at the Riverside Inn, A77, near Minishant will be the deferred AGM at which the 2010 Committee will be elected, the new club venue agreed and membership fees collected. It is vital to the continued success of Ayrshire Classics that members should make every effort to be present.