



Austin Healey Club

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**MINUTES OF
THE SOUTH WEST CENTRE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT
THE HIGHWAYMAN INN, NR CIRENCESTER
ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2008**

Item 1.

The meeting was opened and Steve Jones gave the committee the confirmed dates of the National Healey 3000 50th anniversary events to date.

Item 2.

Joe Cox was then invited to brief the committee on a proposal of a joint venture between HDI and South West Centre hosting a 50th anniversary event, as part of the national event.

Joe outlined the proposal of holding a week day meeting for all AHC members at Shelsley Walsh and South West organising other events for the following two days, making a 3 day long event. The committee considered the proposal and discussed the possibility of holding a 'Cotswold Tour' on the Saturday, followed by an Autotest / Gymkhana for the Sunday. The date for the event was suggested as May 22 - 24. Following the debate, the committee agreed in principal to hosting the event, however further details were required before final agreement can be made.

Action 1/1..... Steve Jones to discuss details with Joe Cox and report back at next meeting.

Action 1/2.....Jeremy Wells to confirm the availability of Kemble for the 24th May.

Item 3.

The committee discussed the Autotest / Gymkhana situation, in particular the financial cost as the event had run at a loss of approx. £500 in the previous season. The discussion was centred around ways of continuing with the series, but reducing the financial loss. Several ideas were put forward and eventually it was agreed to continue with the series, but with different procedures.

- In the coming year, 5 events will be held and all will share the facility with Cirencester Car Club, thus reducing our cost by 50% per event.
- A full page article will appear in 'Revcounter' and on our web site, advertising the series and so attract more entries.
- All participants must register for the event in advance and pay a deposit.

The question was asked if the series was open to people not members of the Austin Healey Club. Jeremy Wells confirmed that it was, however anyone taking part must be a member of a recognised car club to fulfil the requirements of the MSA regulation. There then followed a long debate with regard to the rules of insurance cover for an event classed as an auto test, as opposed to an event classed as a gymkhana. The committee had concerns over running an event under the two headings and have asked for clarification of cost associated with running an event as an Auto Test.

Action 1/3.....Mes / Jeremy to confirm the cost of holding the events as 'Auto Test's.

Action 1/4.....Mes to provide an article for use in 'Revcounter' and our web site.

Action 1/5.....Mes will be responsible for the organising and money collection from AH club members.

Action 1/6..... Jeremy will be responsible for the liaison and collection from Cirencester Car Club.

Item 4

The 2009 club programme will be agreed at the next meeting; however several dates were agreed in advance.

- An evening dinner will be arranged for Saturday 14th March.
- The season opener will be held on Sunday 5th April.

It was decided that Dryham Park would not be the venue for the opening event next season, as it has been used for several years and a new venue would be preferable.

Rodney Manners raised two issues for the 2009 programme, one for the Isle of Wight event and one for the 'John Chatham' barbecue. These will need to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

David Morgan raised the issue of holding an event with other South West members in Devon, or members in Wales. It was agreed that this was a good idea and contact would be made with the South West group based around Exeter and try and arrange a get together / tour.

Action 1/7..... Steve Jones to organise the evening dinner.

Action 1/8.....Mark Knight to seek an alternative location for the season opener.

Action 1/9.....Steve Jones to make contact with Ian Harkness re South West event.

Item 6

David Morgan said that following many years of organising the 'Noggin & Natter' he would like to step down following the next 'Noggin'. It was agreed that Rob Hudson would take on the role, after he returned from holiday in February. David agreed to continue until February.

Action 1/10.....Rob to take over from David in February.

Item 7

Date of next meeting will be on Sunday 4th January 2009, 10.30 start please. Venue to be arranged.