

BMW CAR CLUB (GB) - SOUTH EAST REGION
2008 AGM - MINUTES

Held on Saturday 8th March 2008
at The Kings Arms, Ockley, Surrey, RH5 5TS

Item 1. Introduction:

Melvyn welcomed all the meeting and thanked the Kings Arms Landlord for the use of the Garden room for the AGM .

Everyone at the meeting had a copy of the Following: Agenda, 2007 AGM minutes, Treasures report, 2008 Event Calendar, 08 Concours Judging sheet and updated South East Region welcome letter.

As the meal was booked for 7.30pm. Melvyn asked if we could keep to agenda and not stray to far away from it so we can complete the meeting in time. So without a further a do, the meeting moved on to item 2 on the agenda.

Item 2. Apologises: Graeme Fillmore and Theresa were going to be late as they were at Sundown Races, They arrived for meeting.

Item 3. Minutes of Last AGM: Proposed by: Tony Calvert and seconded by: Selwyn Frostick.

Item 4. Chairman's report:

Melvyn thanked the SE committee members for making the South East Region tick for another year. Again this year I would like to give a special mention to Tony Calvert, for not only finding the sponsorship for our South East Region Concours trophies from Thwaits MOT and Service garage, but also for doing the design and arranging the manufacture of said trophies.

Special thanks also to Selwyn Frostick for again collecting and bringing Pauline and Sarah Wells to events. Also for organizing the Pub Meal meetings and Christmas lunch , being our regions Treasurer and telephone contact, and of course the up keep and storing of the caravan.

And so for the 2007 event reports:

Unfortunately the weather played an adverse part in two of this year events.

April

But our two main events in April were unaffected. Our visit to the New Mercedes Benz World at Brooklands., was not only in fine weather but also well attended, we even had to stop bookings for the restaurant as it was fully booked. I did send a copy of the club magazine which had my event report in to Lucy Killington, Event Coordinator at Mercedes-Benz World. She sent a very positive reply and would very happy if we wanted to visit again, also she did send an invitation to the first anniversary event at W-B World.

The Car-burn balanced weekend trip to the Nürburgring for the “Experience BMW Motorsport” day at the ring and then join Dave and Ken watching the Liege - Bastogne - Liege professional cycle race made a great event. The weather was very kind to us as we got sunburn watching Nick Heidfeld pilot the BMW Sauber F1.07 around the Nürburgring’s legendary Nordschleife track.

Also in April Barry and I attended the first BMWCC Delegates Meeting held at National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham.

MAY

Melvyn attended the National AGM at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Where he picked up Dave’s Bronze club pin, which he presented to him at our regions pub meeting the same evening.

For the second year running the Enfield Pageant of Motoring was canceled due to bad weather. The Gazebo was slightly damaged at the event.

JUNE

The 5th classic car rally to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald, again was well organized and the sun shone all day, plus it was fun seeing Pauline and Selwyn take the wrong route!

We also tried a Sunday lunch in June instead of the normal monthly Saturday pub meet. It was not very well received, so we went back to Saturday evenings.

July

Our regions main event was badly effected by the rain as we could not hold our Concours at The Hop Farm Motoring show. Melvyn thanked our Judges who did do a show and shine on the day Barry, Dave, Selwyn and Tony. Also to Pauline for again selling the raffle tickets. Plus he thanked all the club members, who still turned up on the day , because for the second year running we won “Best Presented Club” trophy.

AUGUST

We attended the clubs National Festival at Gaydon.

SEPTEMBER

Once again our group attended the BMW Club Europa Meeting, which was held in Holland. Another lot of interesting places visited and fun on the road trips!

BMWCC display at World Touring Car Championship races at Brands Hatch.

Melvyn thanked Barry and Ann, Tony & Mel and club members Wayne Morley and David Cooke who on very short notice got to brands by 7am (just) to have their BMWs on the BMW UK Stand.

Melvyn also thanked BMW UK for donating the tickets to the club and it was pleasing to be their when reigning WTCC Champion Andy Priaulx and BMW Team UK driver won his first home soil race.

Melvyn apologised on behalf of the club for the treatment Wayne’s WTCC replica livery BMW got from some German Jobs worth, who had Wayne move his AC Schnitzer M3 moved from the font of the display.

OCTOBER

Selwyn and I along with other SE regions members attended the Clubs BIMMERFEST at Stoneleigh park, staffs. The feedback to the club was not very positive and the event may be moved to a new venue and date for this year.

NOVEMBER

Pub meal

DECEMBER

Christmas Meal at kings Arms, Melvyn thanked Selwyn for organising the event. So with other regions events, another busy year in the club.

Item 5. Treasurers report: by Selwyn Frostick

Proposed by: Melvyn Pettit and seconded by: Barry Gordge

Item 6. Event Calendar for 2008 by Melvyn Pettit

Main topic discussed was the new venue for the South East Region Concours, to be held at Broughton Monchelsea Place, Kent on 6th July, all thought it would go well. Unfortunately Melvyn and Selwyn would be in New Zealand when the second Delegates Day would be held, therefore no one from SE would be attending. Melvyn would attend the Clubs National AGM at Duxford. The National Concours is moving from BMW festival at Gaydon, It would revert to a stand alone event. This year the venue is Waddesdon Manor. Melvyn agreed with change, Barry was not sure it would work, as it may dilute the Gaydon event.. All the SE group were looking forward to the 46th BCE meeting being held in Switzerland.

A long with the usual events Enfield Pageant , WTCC, Pub meetings etc, it was hoped that the weather would be a improvement over last year.

Item 7. South East Region web site report by Melvyn Pettit

During 07 I uploaded all the 07 event pictures to the Google picsa web site, with links to them from SE web site and South East Region forum . This site has the unique feature of using "Google earth" so visitors can not only view my pictures one at a time or slideshow , leave a comment, but also view them on the road map or Zoom in from "space" to where the pictures were taken, very neat! The new online form for the SE E Newsletter has worked very well . With direct links to it from not only the SE web site, but also the South East Region page on clubs site, and in the South East Region forum. Also the online Vehicle display booking form for this years Enfield Pageant proved a success as the event display is fully booked and has a reserve list. Making the Booking form to our Concours event downloadable seems to also be encouraging members to book up for the new event venue. I am in the process of freshening up the web site., one new feature is that I now post BMW press news and other items to the club forums, with links from the News page on SE web site. This will hopefully encourage more club members to register and use the clubs forums. Another exciting development is the web site being accepted for Google adds programme.

The site related adds are on Homepage, News, BMW dealerships, Event Report menu page at present.

The addition of Google adds and Google search to web site started on 3rd March 08.

Visitors to site who click on one of the adds or use the search and then click on a resulting link will generate an income to site. I have payment on Hold, not on monthly payment, Will update committee on progress of this new development. Web stat reports for the year are: 54,853 new visitors to site from 120 Countries. Top 3 Countries: UK, USA, Germany. Top 3 Search engines, Google.co.uk, uk.search.yahoo.com, Google.com. Top 3 Keywords used: bmw dealerships, bmw model codes, bmwcc. Top 3 Operating systems, Windows, Mac, Linux. Top 3 Browsers: Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari.

Google video report show that the videos have been viewed 30,676 times and 652 downloaded a video.

Top 3 videos viewed out off the 13 I have uploaded are: 1, Nigel Mansell GTR, 2, M3 GTR Spa-24hr, 3rd Andy Priaulx Rockingham.

The web site is sponsored by me and therefore no cost to the region.

I have also updated during the year the information on the South East Region page on the main clubs web site.

Item 8. Election and re-election of Committee members:

Barry, David, Melvyn, Pauline, Peter, Selwyn, and Tony stood down and put themselves up for re-election. A discussion took place before re-election of the SE committee members. Due to Melvyn hoping to emigrate to New Zealand in the next few years, it was brought up that we should elect a Vice Chairman, so the hand over would go smoothly! Which was agreed.

The Following were elected or re-elected:

Chairman / Secretary: Melvyn Pettit - Proposed by Barry Gordge and seconded by Dave Brentnall

Vice Chairman: Tony Calvert - Proposed by Melvyn Pettit and seconded by Barry Gordge.

Treasurer: Selwyn Frostick - Proposed by Melvyn Pettit and seconded by Peter Armstrong

Committee members:

David Brentnall - Proposed by Melvyn Pettit and seconded by Selwyn Frostick.

Barry Gordge - Proposed by Tony Calvert and seconded by Melvyn Pettit

Pauline Wells - Proposed by Selwyn Frostick and seconded by Dave Brentnall

Peter Armstrong - Proposed by Selwyn Frostick and seconded by Melvyn Pettit

Item 9. Any Other Business:

1. Updated South East Region welcome letter (accepted)
2. Concours - New Class "M" and judging sheet for 08 (accepted)
3. Delegates Day 19th April 2008 Gaydon - Agenda
 1. How could Regions contribute to recruitment of new members. (National advertising)
 2. National Events - support by Regions and Registers (SE Region does support and help out at national events)
 3. Risk Assessment (done by event basis)
 4. Local Specialists and Discounts (new database going to be on club web site)

Item 10.:

Date of next AGM. - TBA - Proposed date is March 2009

Meeting Started at 6.30pm and Finished at 7.30pm