

BMW CAR CLUB (GB) - SOUTH EAST REGION
2009 AGM - MINUTES

Held on Saturday 21st February 2009
at The Kings Arms, Ockley, Surrey, RH5 5TS

Item 1. Introduction: Melvyn said” I must thank the Kings Arms Landlord, Martin for the use of the Garden room for our AGM. Due to the fact Martin and Chrissy are retiring at the end of the month, Selwyn has a card from BMWCC, so by the end of evening if you all could sign it. We wish them well in their retirement. From the 1st March Chef Ric Taylor is taking on the Pub.

And we have arranged to have our meal at the normal time, so if we could keep to the agenda and not stray to far away from it so we can complete the meeting in time.

You should have a copy of Agenda, 08 AGM Minutes, Treasures report.
Event Calendar, MGOC event booking form and 09 Concours judging sheet.

So without a further a do, lets move straight on to item 2 on the agenda”.

Item 2. Apologies: As per agenda: Dave Brentnall, who is attending a dinner where he is being presented with the trophy for the win in a cycle race in 08. (Congratulations Dave) Tony Calvert, due to personal reasons is leaving the club and therefore standing down from the SE committee. Tony has said if needed, he would be willing to judge at the 09 SE Concours. (On-behalf of the SE committee, I would like to thank Tony for all the hard work he has done while on SE Committee). Graeme Fillmore and Theresa Sunich are attending their niece’s 18th birthday party. **ONE more to add is Peter Armstrong, he telephoned yesterday and has work commitments. No other apologies have been received.**

Item 3. Minutes of Last AGM:

Proposed by: Barry Gordge and seconded by: Selwyn Frostick.

Item 4. Chairman's report:

I have to first thank the SE committee members for keeping the South East Region afloat for another year. Again this year I would like to give a special mention to Selwyn Frostick for collecting and bringing Pauline and sometimes Sarah to events. Also for organizing the Dorking area Pub Meal meetings and Christmas lunch, for being our regions Treasurer and telephone contact, and of course the up keep and storing of the caravan. In 2009 his load will be reduced as we have now we have disposed of the caravan due it needing a lot of repair to keep it roadworthy, and Selwyn giving up his barn storage area. Also his traveling should be reduced as we now have a Maidstone monthly Pub meeting (mine will double!). On that subject I would like to thank Marie Nolan for taking the “bull by the horns” and arranging the Tonbridge /Maidstone area monthly Pub meetings. Lets hope they grow as more members become aware of it, The meetings first started at Tunbridge area on Tuesday nights, but was moved to Saturday nights as club members who attended on Tuesday evenings wanted the change to Saturday evenings, the Pub they were at was too busy for Saturday, so the move took place and it seems to be a success, as the meetings held at The Watlingtonbury I have attended, were well supported and with Jeff from Broad Oak BMW coming along the outlook looks good for this event.

Before I recap the 08 events, I would at this point like to say thanks to Jeff Howe for arranging the sponsorship of SE news in club magazine, on a three month trial from Broad Oak BMW, Canterbury.

And so for the 2008 event reports:

Unfortunately the weather was against us again last year for Enfield Pageant and was a bit adverse for our Concours.

MAY

After returning from New Zealand trip, I attended the National AGM at Duxford, it was nice hot day. I wondered why more club members did not take the opportunity to visit for the museums for free! I have a copy of the minutes of the meeting here, if anyone would like to read them after the meeting is finished.

For the third year running the Enfield Pageant of Motoring was effected by bad weather. Thanks to club members who did turn up for event.

JUNE

The 6th classic car rally to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald, Selwyn reported again this was a well organized event.

July

SE Concours - NEW venue - Broughton Monchelsea Place, Kent

Our regions main event was slightly effected by the rain as the Judges were at work, at this point I would like to thank, Barry, Dave, Selwyn and Tony for being our regions judges on the day. Also to Pauline for again selling the raffle tickets. Plus thanks to Marie Nolan and Dave Cooke who came along on Saturday to help Selwyn and I set out our display area. My thanks also again go to all the club members, who still turned up on the day, even though the weather forecast was for a rainy day. Plus a special mention to Gordon Hyam for once again donating some raffle prizes. Well done to all the winners, again we had a high standard of Concours entrants.

National Concours at Waddesdon Manor. This was a well attended event , and congratulations to the National Concours committee for not only picking a fantastic venue, but also for a well run event.

FIA World Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch, No club stand this year, but it was the hottest weekend of the year, and I could prove it, by the burnt top of legs from sitting in grandstand on Race Day. BMW UK did a BMW parking area at event. Rex Fryatt and I spent a good twenty minutes talking with BMW Team UK manager Bart Mampaey on Saturday morning , getting a lot of interesting BMW Motorsport and WTCC news. BMW UK kept us supplied with cold drinks through the day.

AUGUST

National Festival at Gaydon. We had eight cars parked in SE area. Gordon Hyam was very lucky in the Raffle, winning the two major prizes and more. He enjoyed his ride with BTCC BMW driver Mat Jackson.

46th BCE meeting and International Z meeting in Switzerland. Again this was a exciting event, The road-book trip through the passes and the Tilies restaurant just being a couple of the high lights. The only down side was the hotel, the bloody walk up to it nearly killed us!

First Tonbridge / Maidstone area meeting on 5th August. At The Poacher, Tunbridge. I would like to thank Mr Oliver Goulton, Manager of The Poacher for making the club welcome.

SEPTEMBER - Dorking and Tunbridge Pub meals

OCTOBER - Dorking and Tunbridge Pub meals, which moved to Saturday Nights at the Wateringbury

NOVEMBER - Maidstone Christmas Meal (**Thanks to Marie for organising it**)

No Dorking Pub meal as lack of numbers, only Dave turned up! He had not switched on his mobile to pick up my message that meeting cancelled.

DECEMBER

Dorking Christmas Meal Starting to get Turkey over fill! (**Thanks to Selwyn for organising it**)

So with other events it was another busy year in the club.

Item 5. Treasurers report: Melvyn added - Please NOTE the dates should read Jan 08 to Dec 08 also the updated region numbers up to Dec 08 Numbers are : 3487 club members and 631 SE region members. From the spreadsheet of Regions and register numbers, the SE region members is still 18% of the club. I have a print out if any member wishes look at after meeting.
Proposed by: Melvyn Pettit and seconded by: Barry Gordge

Item 6. Event Calendar for 2009 by Melvyn Pettit

First I have to remind members we will now only have the open Gazebo along with banners and flags at events. So bring a picnic and a chair to events!

For 09 we have had to find a new venue for the Concours as Transtar are not doing any show down south this year. And so I have arranged for it to be held at Bentley Wildfowl and Car Museum on 12th July, it was one of the finishing places on the Hospice run we were on. Our event should be in the event Calendar of the Bentley leaflet, which hopefully I can get inserted into the Club magazine June's issue, I have the go ahead from the club, who will cover the £40 cost. I am still to arrange a meeting in April to finalise the event. I am hoping this event should produce one of my three entries in the 09 photograph that is held on the club forum.

If you look at the event calendar we now have four monthly Pub meetings. Our long standing Dorking area meeting, Marie's Maidstone Area meeting, next one next Saturday, and Jeff is bringing some BMW models along from the goody cupboard. Just started the Tuesday night Hant's Alton Area meeting, Nicola Ward has organised. Nicola reports that they will have the skittle room for this Tuesday meeting. The first meeting was January and 16 members turned up, another success.

Also new in 09, starting in March, Club member Dave Clark has arranged East Sussex Pub meeting in Pevensey on 2nd Wednesday in the month. The first meeting will be on 11th March. So our thanks to the Selwyn, Marie, Nicola and Dave for being members of the SAS (South East Active Supporter) club.

I have arranged with the MGOB Brain Richardson for a SE club area at their "Wings and Wheels" event in July, you have booking form, please send them into him, he is going to keep me up to-date on our numbers. Our display area size will be allotted by numbers pre-booked. You can go on the day, but it cost more, and if our area is full you may have to park in the normal car park. ALL BMW's are welcome at the event. I am hoping this event should also produce one of my photograph entries into the picture competition that is held on the club forum. My plan is to get one of the model aircraft on the bonnet of a BMW so I get a "Wings and Wheels" picture. Or one from the AIR, by taking a flight with camera!

I have also arranged with Bernie Howell for a SE area at the Duxford Classic Car Show in May. Latest from Bernie: "Our total is now half way to the 100 spaces i have asked for.

Not heard anything yet from any members of 6 & 8 series yet so dont know if they want to be involved or not! I sent e mails at Christmas to anyone i thought would organise something as well as posting in series on forum. We already have a couple of 6's (and one of your 8's)so should be able to start! Any suggestions who i should prompt? One question, i note that you have an E12 and a 02 coming - would they be interested in display with Richard Stern and the 02's? We have two E12's from Central who will be joining Richard. Regards Bernie" I need to let Bern know numbers for event. Again ALL BMW are welcome.

Melvyn Pettit - BMW E36 M-tech Coupe, Barry Gordge - BMW Z1, Selwyn Frostick - BMW 2002Tii Touring, Dave Cooke - BMW 840ci, Marie Nolan - BMW Z4, Sam Taylor - 1996 E36 328i sport

Once again I have club booking form for Enfield Pageant, I have to send it in before March 16th, so I need to know by 8th March. Lets hope with this bad winter we get a great summer this year!

47th BMW Club Europa meeting in Portugal, Latest news from Club Europa - Newsletter this Wednesday. Before the main event which is (18th to 21th of June), the organizers propose a pre-event from 15th to 17th of June. A tourist program will be proposed to the travellers under the banner of the 47th Meeting. Also one of the events looks like a track event at the Estoril famous racetrack! Plus Road-book trips. Soon all the details concerning this southern rally will be available. As soon as the complete program and registration form are ready, the BCE Newsletter will inform me !

One other event not on the Calendar at present is a Fun Car Rally. Jeff Howe from BMW Broad Oak has the green light from dealership principle for the event. It is planned to start at the Dealership in Canterbury, and go to Dover Castle, and war tunnels visit. Jeff is waiting for a reply from his Dover contact, Hopefully he can update us next Saturday at Watringbury meeting. I am hoping this event should produce one of the three photograph entries into the picture competition that is held on the club forum, BMWs with Dover Castle in background.

So with the other events we have a very active event Calendar this year.

Item 7. South East Region and Club web sites report by Melvyn Pettit

Just a short report, The interaction between my SE site and the Clubs SE forum by having links to events posts etc, is starting to work a lot more, so making the feed back and interaction more useful and fun. My SE E Newsletter is working well, I have added a change e-mail and unsubscribe link to it.

The Google add-sense have brought in web commission, so along with other advertising it now pays for it self.

I have updated the South East Region page on clubs web site, it now has a welcome flash with link to the Events report page, Also a flash for the 09 Family Day and Concours event, linked to SE post.

My Google Picture albums now numbers 83, going back to 1997, GB, Bexhill, Drive & Survive, etc. I am working though the albums putting captions and tagging the photographs with the new Google programme. This makes the pictures more searchable in search engines, and on my laptop. I have completed 1997 to 08 WTCC Saturday Album. I hope to complete the rest before this years event season starts!

The new programme also allows me to tag the photographs with the SE web site address automatically, this does not add it photo on my computer. More comments are being left on the photographs, some are in a foreign language, I can remove any comments I feel are not welcome. I have posted some pictures around the various galleries on the clubs web site.

I have also updated the Event Calendar and The Specialist database as needed on the clubs web site.

For you information BMW though the international council is changing the design of all the BMW clubs logo's, so in future you will notice the change in magazine and on web site.

I have formatted all the events booking forms and the SE calendar in PDF files, so can be downloaded and printed off.

Once I have caught up with the picture albums I will tidy up the SE web site.

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

Barry Gordge, David Brentnall, Melvyn Pettit, Pauline Wells, Peter Armstrong, Selwyn Frostick, and Tony Calvert stand down, all but Tony put themselves up for re-election.

Chairman: Melvyn Pettit	Proposed by: Barry Gordge	Seconded by : Selwyn Frostick
Vice Chairman: Barry Gordge	Proposed by: Melvyn Pettit	Seconded by : Selwyn Frostick
Event Coordinator: Melvyn Pettit	Proposed by: Dave Cooke	Seconded by : Marie Nolan
Committee member: Selwyn Frostick	Proposed by: Barry Gordge	Seconded by : Melvyn Pettit
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Committee member: Pauline Wells	Proposed by: Melvyn Pettit	Seconded by: Selwyn Frostick
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Item 9. Any Other Business:

1. Delegates Day - 25th April - Any views or items to bring up. (Wait and see what comes up)

2. 2009 Concours Scoring sheet - should we cut down on items marked?

(Accepted to keep sheet as per last year).

The open class at National now has no originality on it, that was the reason given why no modified class at National. Should we keep the M class for South East Concours?

(Accepted to keep Modified Class at SE Concours)

Due to having to pay to enter Bentley Wildfowl and Car Museum , do we still charge to enter the Concours?

(Accepted - not to charge for Concours this year as club members would pay (reduced rate) to enter Bentley wildfowl and Car museum).

3. Trophies? - Waiting for Keith Waller to come back to me as the National Concours committee are trying to arrange sponsorship from Maguire's for all the club trophies. I did write and say that the club should by all the trophies, so the club gets bulk discount, and trophies not used sent back in to have new event plate on, so less waste of trophies.

(All present thought this was a good idea, to save money for the club, bulk buying and recycling the unused trophies.)

Guest Ron Sharrad did inform the meeting that BMW Car Club (GB) President Trevor Gillard and his wife Joy, have just celebrated their Diamond (60yrs) wedding anniversary.

(All present at meeting wished them well.)

Item 10.:

Date of next AGM. - TBA - Proposed date is March 2010

Meeting Started at 6.15pm and Finished at 7.30pm