



Bridgend Automobile Club Minutes

8th July 2025

The Barley Mow Graig Penllyn

Attendees: HL, JS, CF, JM, TP, GT, RJ, PS

Apologies: GB, LS

Minutes: HL

Events

- The last Autotest took place on Sunday 22nd June with 18 entries, the course was set by Leighton and everyone enjoyed the day and route.
- The next event is on Sunday 13th July, currently we have 15/16 driver entries signed on. The course/paddock will be set up by Nick Wilson. Chris, Helen and Jack will be there to assist.
- The timing gear will not be available for the July Autotest as Rob is away. Rob will run through timing gear operation with Jack at the September Autotest. **ACTION: RJ, JS.**
- Portakabin. Ongoing monitoring and repair with a potential view to replace in the future. **ACTION: LS**
- The BAC Treasure Hunt is set to take place on Sunday 17th August 2025. HL will advertise on Facebook (more info in AOB). **ACTION: HL**
- A discussion took place about timekeeping when we do not have timing gear available. We will use a stopwatch and if we have different people timekeeping we need to be consistent, start the stopwatch after a 3,2,1 countdown when you say "go" and finish the stop watch when the car has come to a complete stop at the final cones. **ACTION: ALL**
- A lengthy discussion took place over penalty points and time keeping. The start line timekeeper is responsible for counting points. DO NOT be influenced by other people shouting out "CONE" or "WRONG ROUTE", the timekeeper's decision is final. If on a wrong route a competitor hits cones, encroaches on grass etc these penalties will also be counted. The committee voted on this with 6 votes for and 2 against.

There continues to be a few competitors who are not coming to a complete stop at the final cones. This will incur a 10 second penalty. If the competitor does this more than once disciplinary

action may be taken as it is a health and safety risk.

A discussion was had over hitting a cone as committee members have experienced a difference in rules by different people. Some say hitting a cone is a penalty, some say only if the cone moves it is a penalty. It was agreed that hitting a cone (whether it moves or not) is a penalty from hereon.

A discussion was had on how best to signify your run has finished and you may proceed to the paddock. HL suggested that on her runs, when she has come to a complete stop and CF has been timekeeper she will look over at CF who will give a thumbs up to continue into the paddock. If a cone needs replacing CF will point this out.

From this point forwards can we include the following in the drivers briefing and maybe a Facebook post as well;

1. The timekeepers decision is final, please do not distract the timekeeper by shouting out "cone" or "wrong route", any complaints should be made on the day to whomever is in the Kabin or in an email/writing to the committee.
2. Any touching of a cone whether it moves or not is a 10 second penalty (on each occasion).
3. Encroaching on the grass is a 10 second penalty (on each occasion).
4. A wrong route is a 30 second penalty PLUS the fastest time the course has been completed thus far. Other penalties will still be accounted for during a wrong route.
5. If you take a wrong route, "unwinding" is permitted and will not result in a penalty. Unwinding can be undertaken in reverse or you can circle back to where the route went wrong and continue from there.
6. If you take a wrong route we encourage you to continue completing the course, if you do not wish to you MUST still enter and come to a complete stop at the final cones. In addition see rule 7 and 8.
7. When you have come to a complete stop at the end of your run, please look over at the timekeeper who will give you a thumbs up to continue into the paddock or point out if a cone needs moving back/replacing.
8. You MUST come to a complete stop at the final cones, failure to comply with this rule will result in a 10 second penalty. If a competitor continues to breach this rule you may be removed from the event, it is a health and safety aspect we must comply to.

ACTION: ALL

FINANCE

BAC Treasurers Report

08/7/2025

1. Hampshire Trust Bank Savings Account – we have £12,000 invested for 1 year @ 4.22% fixed AER to mature on 14/3/26.

2. The balance at Lloyds Bank on 8th July 2025 was £2,887.27

3. Payments out in the period were:

10/6/25	Postage (Timing Controller)	£ 16.80
17/6/25	Yellow Paint	£ 18.57
17/6/25	Lloyds Bank Charges	£ 4.25
25/6/25	MSUK Permit Llandow Event	£180.00
25/6/25	Llandow Venue	£ 70.00

Receipts in were:

25/6/25	Air Ambulance Bucket (Llandow)	£ 62.75
08/7/25	Event Entries	£475.00
08/7/25	Memberships	£ 50.00
08/7/25	Donations (Air Ambulance)	£ 25.00

Rob James

BAC Treasurer

Petty Cash: See TP

JM Donated £20 to Air Ambulance.

HL Donated her carry over entry fee of £25 (from May) to Air Ambulance.

AOB

- **HL** The Treasure Hunt is set for Sunday 17th August 2025. JM mentioned it is the same day as the Car Show in Bridgend. HL asked members at previous Autotest for a date and this was the one with the most votes (23 yes, 1 no), the only member who opposed it was Mark Carrow due to holiday. HL has organised prizes for 1st – 3rd with a further 20 prizes to be handed out, these are BAC printed Rosettes and a bag of sweets! The committee agreed that BAC points will be awarded to 10th place. The event will be open to cars, motorcycles, 3 wheelers, club members and non club members. The entry fee is £10 per VEHICLE. If someone in a vehicle is a member of BAC that vehicle's £10 entry will go to the Air Ambulance, if a vehicle has no BAC members then the drivers £10 entry fee will be considered membership and the committee will decide where the £10 entry goes. Obviously, vehicles must be driven by someone with a full UK driving licence and the vehicle must have current insurance, tax and MOT, HL will check vehicle details on the day (as per MSUK guidance). Tom will obtain a certificate of exemption from MSUK and no route authorisation is required. The event will be advertised this week on Facebook. We will also hold a raffle at the end of the event in The Barley Mow with proceeds going to WAA, committee members will consider donating a prize. **ACTION: ALL.**
- **HL** – The Go Karting experience was canned due to lack of interest but HL will consider a Facebook post again during the Autumn/Winter months. **ACTION: HL**
- **HL** – Visited Apex race rooms and local food venues to organise the next committee meeting event/meal. This is set for Tuesday 9th September 2025 to meet at Apex Race Rooms Llantrisant at 6:45pm (7pm start). The race experience is just under £20pp and will last 1 hour (15 mins qualifying, 15 mins race). We need a minimum of 8 people and a maximum of 16 people for a group booking. If more than 16 we simply create 2 group bookings. We will then go to The Penny Farthing pub for a meal afterwards. Jonathan will post a google form to WhatsApp to gather data on who will attend, committee members are welcome to bring friends and family. Helen will then book the event and a table at the pub when numbers have been confirmed. People are welcome to attend only the racing or the pub but must say so on form. **ACTION: JM, HL**
- **JM** will present a publicity flyer at a future meeting when ready. **Ongoing**
- 2 spill kits used at previous Autotest, these have now been replaced.
- **GB** – Has the line paint arrived?
- There is 1 pothole from the previous event requiring repair. The pothole is located on the left side of track about 1/3 up. **ACTION: LS**
- **JM** – Suzanne Hancock won the free membership, Jonathan posted the news on Facebook. Can someone at the event in July please inform Suzanne she has won a free 2026 membership. **ACTION: GB**
- **TP** – The event raffle for W.A.A. was a success and will continue for future events.

- **HL** and **CF** will work on a promotional video for the club to be presented to the committee at some point in the future. **Ongoing.**
- **GT** has given the minutes book that was in the possession of John James to HL for digitising. **Ongoing**
- **HL** canvassed the committee to see if there's any Guinness World Records that BAC could compete for. **Ongoing**
- **CF** asked if the club could fund another sack truck for transporting cones. The committee will look into it. **ACTION: GB HAS ORDERED (£25)**
- **CF** – Enquired about having a 1 off special event. Committee members discussed the Christmas Autotest could be a double point special event. HL has a rosette provider who could make special awards and a perpetual trophy could be acquired and handed to the winner in memorial of Byron (?) the BAC founding chairman. A bottle of champagne could also be given to the winner. The event will still be a normal autotest. **ACTION: ALL.**
- **HL** – Has had rosettes made up in BAC colours for the treasure hunt. The rosette provider is a supporter of the Air Ambulance and has donated a special Championship winner rosette for our 2025 season free of charge, this will be presented to the championship winner at our awards nights. Helen discussed using rosettes instead of keep trophies for future awards nights as a cost saving but committee members felt this was old fashioned and not as nice as a trophy.

Meeting closed at 21:01

Date of Next Meeting: NO MEETING IN AUGUST, NOT AUTOTEST IN AUGUST (TREASURE HUNT IN LEIU). NEXT MEETING IS OUR TEAM EVENT ON TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT APEX RACE ROOMS.