



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the Clarion Hotel Carrickfergus at 7.30 pm.

### **If you need an entry form.**

You can download one from [www.eaovc.co.uk](http://www.eaovc.co.uk) for non club events [www.aovc.co.uk](http://www.aovc.co.uk) or contact Gavin Millar at [events.secretary@eaovc.co.uk](mailto:events.secretary@eaovc.co.uk) Mobile 07500 565097. A few spare AOVV year books, listing all the various AOVV club events are still available, please contact Robert Raj for one.

### **Club events coming up.**

#### **Coleman's Garden Centre Run & Static Display Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

Meeting point is Carrickfergus Castle Car Park at 11.00 am then by way of 15 / 20 mile drive to Coleman's Garden Centre Templepatrick arriving at 12.45am for an afternoon static display. **The event manager is Ian Cairns Mob 0770 2063883** Free to driver and passenger, tea / coffee / scones courtesy of Coleman's Garden Centre. Closing date for entries Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010, **LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**

#### **Easter 2010 Run to Inishowen Co Donegal**

Departing Saturday 03/04/10 at 10.00am from Chimney Corner Hotel, Glengormley. Picnic stop at Glenshane then onto to Buncrana for 1.30pm approx. where we book into the Gateway Hotel. Afternoon short drive, tour and film. Dinner in hotel at 7.00pm. Sunday depart at 12.00noon for Letterkenny for afternoon static display with tea and sandwiches provided at display. Entry fee: - £55.00 per person sharing (incs. Dinner, B/B at hotel)

**Contact Event Managers James Mullan 078 500 99559 & Patrick Cleary 078 111 80512**

Closing date for entries 19/03/10 **LATE ENTRIES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED HOTEL ACCOMMADATION**, so fill in the online entry form now as it is booking up fast!!

**FEES:** Members who have not yet renewed their membership fee are reminded that your fees should be paid on or before 31st March 2010. Please send your cheque to Richard Gregory 54 Tudor Park, Newtownabbey BT36 4FT It is most important that all fees are paid by the date above.

**DINNER DANCE:** There are still few tickets left. Robert tell's me that at the moment there are nearly 135 persons attending the event and there is room for at least another 15. Interested, ring Robert 90842993 immediately. Please support the dance and also **please get your cheques in for all tickets sold a week prior** to help in Roberts's administration and let him enjoy the night .

**Easter Run:** Those who are not able to go to the weekend run: The club at the last meeting decided to take part in the Morris Minor Club's Easter Monday run. Why not support another club on a run like this. Interested, Ring Robert 90842993 for an entry form or you can download one from [www.aovc.co.uk](http://www.aovc.co.uk)

### The Musgrave Park Hospital Static Display

Change of date, this event has been moved from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August to now Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of June and **Maurice Walker is the event manager** to contact.

**BELFAST-PORTRUSH CAVALCADE Sunday 1st August 2010** Get your entry in ASAP, places are going fast!

**Event Managers** Please note that you are required to have all details of your event available to go into print i.e. entry forms etc at least two months prior to your event, sorry folks but we are now too big for wing and a prayer type administration, we have to get entry forms out well in advance.

### Reports from previous events

#### Go Karting Night Report

Over 30 members attended a superb event and thanks to Ian Cairns for organizing it. During the drivers briefing the aspect of a non contact sport was mentioned, which then went straight out the window half way into the first lap! Plus our club chairman thought that a black flag displayed was some type of old fashioned political protest!

Ian Cairns finished the night looking like he been run over by a bus, but was still smiling and he was not alone; such was the result of the main driving style employed by all of "keep her lit" no matter what! This is why everyone both in a kart or watching enjoyed the event so much. It was a real spectacle watching the very close racing plus the countless incidents on the night, for example Joel Neil who literally "kept her lit" returning to the pits with serious smoke coming from his kart as a result of some fast lap times.

Other people redesigned the course as they went by moving safety barriers at will, usually a result of ricocheting off both them and other drivers. Best impersonation of a rolling road block went to Patrick Kelso! (Only kidding Patrick)

**Results** 1st David Millar, 2nd Ian Cairns, 3rd Andrew Leckey. **Fastest Lady** Rachel Leckey followed closely by Simone Cairns.

#### EAOVC Get together at Dundonald Ice Bowl on Thursday 18/02/10

Coming on to 20 of us made our way to Dundonald looking forward to a round of Crazy Golf, which would have been on par for some members attending, but anyway and moving swiftly along; when we got there the course was closed due to the icy conditions. They really should have let us play, could you imagine a mix of ice skating and golf as played by some of our members, plus the added advantage of the Ulster Hospital so close! We could have started a new Winter Olympic sport there and then!

So plan B was adopted and we all went to play Ten Pin Bowling taking up three lanes, a mixture of unusual bowling styles were employed. Notably the Barnes Wallace Bouncing Bomb principal, with some of our members who used this technique the only thing missing was the theme tune from the Dam Busters movie 633 Squadron!

Some members used the bowling lane side walls to great effect i.e. the ball going from left to right walls all the way down and still scoring a strike! I just hope they don't drive the way they play bowls, others used an over arm bowling method that I last saw demonstrated by Ian Botham!!

All in all great crack was had by everyone, the results for the top two on each lane were:-

Lane 1 Derek Clarke on 121 points with Ryan Clarke on 90.

Lane 2 James McMullan on 143 points with Patrick Cleary on 105.

Lane 3 David Millar on 138 points with John Hayes on 124.

Overall went to The Bowling Bandit himself James McMullan with David Millar runner up. Well done to all who took part, especially the Dam Busters who provided some real entertainment.

At this stage we retired to McDonalds in Dundonald for something to eat and to let the contractors fill in the craters in the bowling lanes before they discovered it was us. Interestingly our reputation went before us to McDonalds as when we arrived they immediately started mopping down the seating area with something like sheep dip!

Well done to Cathy Cairns for organizing the night, everyone enjoyed it and we cannot wait to come back for the Crazy Golf at some future date.

### **Got a week to spare in June and fancy a gentle run around Ireland?**

Vince Kelly is as you are aware is also a member of the MGOC and a member of a sub group that is planning a round Ireland trip in the style of one that was done during the 1960's. This is being used as a "vehicle" to raise money for the New Children's Hospice that is being planned for Fermanagh.

He would like to extend an invitation to all members of the EAOVC, that would either be keen enough or insane enough to join him on the Venture taking place from the 5th to 13th of June 2010. This to me sounds like a really great week, with a mix of the old cars, the best of Irish scenery at the right time of the year not to mention some really good likeminded company, plus you do not even need an MG for this trip, just your usual club car.

Further information is available from Vince Kelly at [wkvince@aol.com](mailto:wkvince@aol.com)

### **FLEECES, POLO SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS**

Fleece Quilted £ 30

Shirts and Sweatshirts @ £15 Short or long Sleeve

**Please ring Heather at 9083 8004 for details and availability.**

### **YOU'RE VECHILE ON THE WEBSITE**

Is your vehicle and maybe your photograph and some write up about your vehicle on the website? It is time it was. Please send a photo of your vehicle and yourself with some details by email to: [andy@eaovc.co.uk](mailto:andy@eaovc.co.uk) . Speaking of the website, if you take a look you can see what's for sale, what's going on and generally keep up to date faster than the newsletter. Also the member's forum is the best way to express your point of view in between meetings. Again well done to Andrew Leckey for all the hard work that has gone into your website, which from now on will be the Clubs medium of choice for general communication etc.

### **Editors Note**

This is my first Newsletter and as such I have changed the format from Robert's to a Newsletter that can be read in conjunction to what appears on our web site which is the faster and more direct method of communication that the club has at its disposal. This is why the Newsletter will only appear bi-monthly and like the web site it needs input from you re what's happing etc

I would like to thank Robert for his sterling effort in the past as editor, plus I am looking forward to his and your comments as to my attempt as editor, so don't hold back please let me know what you think and what you would like to see if possible.

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