



Association Membership

1. Borderlands Motor Vehicle Club admitted as a member club.

Since the association meeting in March, a new club, Borderlands Motor Vehicle Club applied for membership. Their intention was to run an event at the Sir Jackie Stewart Classic on 18-19 June, but this would be before the next SAMSC meeting.

"Borderlands Motor Vehicle Club has been set up by The Jim Clark Trust, The Rest & Be Thankful Heritage Centre and the Borders Union Agricultural Society all of whom are charities so they can promote vehicles in Schools and Colleges throughout Scotland.

The Rest & Be Thankful Heritage Centre has applied for a name change to "The Scottish Motorsport Museum"

There is a new Championship "The Jim Clark & Scottish Motorsport Museum EV Championship" and a Trophy will be presented to the winners of a schools electric vehicle competition at The Sir Jackie Stewart Classic at Thirlestane on the 18th & 19th June this year.

This Trophy will then be presented to the winners of the championship each year and the primary venue will be Kelso Showground. The club intends to run workshops at the events and will have well known Motorsport personnel to present these workshops. Permission has also been given in principle to run Motorsport UK approved sprints on the same days so the Schools & Colleges can see motor sport in action and learn from those events."

Our thoughts were that this was a worthwhile initiative, with input from some credible people, and it ticked some good boxes, e.g.

- Sustainability – Electric Cars
- Motorsport in standard road cars
- Reaches out to young people - school children and college students
- Public exposure

The SAMSC Executive wished to support and encourage this project, and instead of waiting till the next General Meeting, which would be after the event at Thirlestane Castle, we used rule 6.8.1 "[Urgent business may be conducted by email at the discretion of the Chair. Any business so conducted shall be notified to the next Ordinary General Meeting.](#)"

The motion to admit Borderlands, proposed by Condor and seconded by Saltire, was put to a postal vote and carried unopposed.



2 Bo'ness Hill Climb Revival announce club closing.

Dear member,

It is with a great deal of sadness that I'm sending out this message. After considerable discussion and deliberation among the committee of the Bo'ness Revival, we have concluded it is now no longer viable for the club to continue.

The primary aim of the club is to stage a hillclimb at Kinneil. This is no longer possible to run to the high quality we have come to expect over the years due to the steep rise in costs during 2022, and we see no prospect of this changing in the future. It would not be possible to run an event to this standard that is enjoyable for competitors, classic car show entrants, officials, organisers, spectators and, of course, the marshals who we all rely on so much. As a consequence of this, we are now closing the club and offering any member a full refund of their 2022 membership fee and any donation made to those who want it. Anyone who wishes to leave their money in the club, the remaining amount will be donated appropriately when all other costs have been settled. There will be no hillclimb at Forrestburn.

At the beginning of 2022, we had every expectation of returning to Kinneil to run the Bo'ness Revival. Unfortunately, the sudden rise in the cost of fuel, living costs, and wages have all impacted on many of our suppliers. The last thing we want as a club, and as a responsible business, is to go into an event knowing we cannot pay our bills.

We have been very fortunate that a couple of individuals have made extremely generous offers of financial support. However, this would still not be sufficient to bridge the gap between what we could afford and the likely cost of running the event in the format and to the standard we would want.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the years with the Bo'ness Revival. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the committee and play a very small part in making the Revival such a superb event in previous years. I'd also like to thank Cask 88 for their unwavering support throughout 2021 and 2022.

As many of you will know, there is a plan to run a much smaller event at Kinneil by the Bo'ness Sporting Automobile Club. We wish them every success for this year and in the future.

Best wishes,
Alisdair

Alisdair Suttie
Chairman
Bo'ness Hill Climb Revival



3 Bo'ness Sporting Automobile Club has applied for membership.

"Bo'ness Sporting Automobile Club was formed to ensure continuation of motorsport heritage at Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness. We intend to hold a speed hill climb at Kinneil this year and will strive at all times to inform and involve our members in our Club activities.

The Bo'ness venue has hosted motorsport since 1934 and our Club will endeavour to maintain that tradition for future generations of enthusiasts."

Best regards

Kenny Baird

A separate but relevant Facebook post from Kenny Baird has more detail:

I think it is time for some clarification of the Bo'ness Hill Climb situation. I'm sorry if this post is a bit long but there is much misinformation out there and it is time for clarity. Five people founded the Bo'ness Hill Climb Revival Club back in 2007 – Vernon Williamson, Bill Drysdale, Alex Brown, Gavin Ross and myself. The sole purpose of the Club was to hold an annual hill climb in Kinneil Estate where motorsport had been held since 1934. The Club grew quickly and the Revival meetings became the biggest historic motorsport events in Scotland and attracted drivers from all over the UK. Moving up to datethe Bo'ness Revival meeting could not go ahead in 2020 because of Covid restrictions and was cancelled again in 2021 mainly due to continued restrictions. When the Revival Club then also cancelled the 2022 meeting in March of this year things started to look bleak for the future of motorsport at Bo'ness. A small group of genuine Bo'ness enthusiasts, including Vernon, Bill and myself, who all enjoyed a period as Chairman of Bo'ness Revival, felt that we had to act quickly otherwise motorsport at Bo'ness was in danger of just fizzling out completely. We felt that, with the correct approach and prudent planning, a hill climb meeting would be possible and viable this year. Our sole intention was to run only one hill climb weekend in September 2022 with the short term view of continuing the heritage and tradition of motorsport at Bo'ness. It was never our intention to oust Bo'ness Revival or indeed to witness the Club we help to form 15 years ago cease to exist. Our plan was for a one-off event in 2022 with Bo'ness Revival getting back to normal in future years. Unfortunately this now looks extremely unlikely as the Revival Club have announced that they are to be disbanded. We have set up a new Club specifically to run the hill climb at Bo'ness in 2022 and, in light of BHCR's recent announcement, we will continue to run the event in subsequent years and maintain the motorsport heritage of the famous old track. The new club is called Bo'ness Sporting Automobile Club and we WILL be running a hill climb on the 10th and 11th of September 2022 at Kinneil Estate. Put the date in your diaries. Please share and spread the word. Thank you.



Proposed Regulation Changes for Consultation

Your attention is drawn to the relevant page on the Motorsport UK website where you can find links to proposed changes.

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/The-Sport/Regulations/Proposed-Changes-for-Consultation>

We recommend that you use the form on the left side of that page to register yourself to be notified by email of new proposals for your chosen disciplines – just enter your email, and tick the disciplines you are interested in. New proposed changes can appear and have the consultation period expire before the next regional meeting

There are currently NO changes out for consultation, but the list of changes approved in June is attached to this email, see Ratified-by-Board-for-publication-website-June-2022.

Changes that I found interesting:

D4.5.6 Clubs can run more than one taster event per year [to support StreetCar project]

J5.30.5 All cars must be equipped with electrically operated plumbed in extinguishing system....[But don't panic after all, this only applies to electric cars]

R1.1.11 One change to a championship calendar is permitted, subject to Motorsport UK approval, if less than 15% of registered competitors object.

R48.5.11 Restrictions on the number of tyres that can be used at a rally must be detailed in the SRs.

Maximum allowed 10 tyres for a 45 mile rally; but 2 more tyres for each service after 45 miles.

“ to reduce the environmental impact of Stage Rallies.”