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President's Statement

Morning members, I would like to thank all our officers for their continued dedication and hard work to keep your club functioning all of which is in their leisure time and un-paid. There are challenging times ahead and without new members the future does look as good as it could.

I wish the new incoming committee all the best for the future.

Regards

John Nicholls - President

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Chairman's Report

Yearly greetings to all attending our AGM, and all others throughout the year, I thank you.

Whilst I am in a thanking mood, I extend my gratitude and thanks to all committee members for the time and input throughout the year (in no particular order):-

- To Pete Cook for an excellent web site, it has grown in strength & visual impact throughout the year, he always seems to be tampering and improving bits here and there. I thank you.
- To our President John Nicholls from whom sage like wisdom flows, I thank him for looking after the location of our club equipment. I thank you
- To Leslie Kinley for keeping our Membership Details (be it declining). I thank you.
- To Christine Whitehouse (she whom must be obeyed☺) for keeping our accounts in order, I thank you.
- To Gaynor Hart for doing all things secretarial for the club, I thank you

I am writing this report after I have received Gaynor's report; it saddens me that it will be Gaynor's last year as our secretary she has done a stupendous job but I wish her well in her new governorship role.(a set of big boots to fill here, but not too daunting)

Without the above people and the positions that they hold the club would not run as smoothly as it seems, not only that but the club would not be able to exist without these posts being held

I firmly believe that as a club we will endure and prosper with our core members, it is these core members that we have to look after, I know people's criteria change but if we listen to our members and continue as a committee to serve them in what they want, be it a particular place that they want to go or something they wish to do.

Remember it is your club and as a committee we are here to attempt to serve you all in what you want.

If you can see your way to help your club and keep it prosperous please consider it, not necessarily a committee post (but that would be appreciated) you could co-opt to assist the committee.

Your Chairman

M Whitehouse

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General Secretary's Report.

Well I usually start my AGM report with how quickly the year has raced by. It certainly has again this year. We have, as usual made full use of our caravan and had an amazing year of quality family time going to different places and meeting new faces.

There have been a number of changes at Natural England over the last year with the department that covers exemption certificates. Luckily knowing that, with all the paperwork ready for the renewal of our certificate I contacted them directly (not just blind posting). Thanks to Charlotte the process was very smooth running and the new certificate was soon posted out.

With making all members of the AAOCC personal members of ACCEO, we have enjoyed the company of ACCEO personal members at both our New Year and Chatsworth rallies. This has worked well and we will be looking at next years rally programme to see which rallies we can open to ACCEO personal members.

In the AAOCC things do not just happen like magic, the committee work behind the scenes to ensure the club runs as smoothly as it can. So, in no particular order ...

Thank you Mick for stepping up to the role of Chair and arranging the rally programme. Christine for the amazing work on the accounts and communicating with the bank (even though I'm not sure at times they are listening and fit us into the best fit category). Peter for keeping us running on the window to the world and taking the online bookings. Les for keeping our membership database up to date and correct. John for being a great president giving advice and a listening ear at any time. Not forgetting, the membership for marshalling, attending the rallies and supporting the club. Apologies if I have missed anyone out, it is always very easy to complain or criticise others but more often than not a 'thank you' is forgotten.

This year again we have not received any new nominations for committee. Last year I asked members to consider taking on a non-committee role, no one came forward with signs of interest. We do however have a few motions which will be raised later in the meeting.

This will be my last year as secretary, I am hoping that someone will come forward and possibly shadow me so the role can be handed over smoothly and efficiently. The secretary role I have done for many years, and have thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt so much about the running of an organisation.

It is not a decision I have taken lightly, and does not have anything to do with other rallying organisations I am involved with, but my time will be taken up when I start a new position as the Chair of Governors for a local school.

Thank you to the AAOCC for the enjoyment, the friendships and our shared love of caravanning.

Gaynor Hart - General Secretary

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Rally Secretary's Report:

Another year rolls by and another year of “that’s low numbers for a rally”, “can’t give a better price for such low numbers, we had 30 units on the last rally”. Such comments are disheartening but when the membership is falling what can we do? With such few attendees at the rallies that run we are ending up with fewer places that will host our club,

I personally wish to thank Lesley & Pete Cook for finding holiday rally sites and then running the rallies for the last 2 years - thank you.

And to all you few that have run rallies in 2019, I thank you all.

I am having to look to book small CL`s as certain sites with rally fields want numbers, as our club hasn’t got numbers.

The role of Rally Secretary is not getting easier possibly a bit more awkward at times.

With regard to rallying sites do we continue booking our regular New Year rally at Robin Hood? The cost is rising 10% year on year and the numbers attending are falling and this location may soon not be viable for lower numbers. I have rebooked for 2020 as if we lose the location just for 1 year we will not get it back as some other club / association will snap it up.

On a brighter note I personally have enjoyed this year’s rally program so far and intend on doing so for the rest of the year, I hope you all have enjoyed it to. I equally hope you enjoy the forthcoming year’s program; they are displayed at the rear of the room for your perusal, and marshalling commitment.

Looking forward to 2021

I would ask for your input for future rallies - what do you as members want?

- Do you want a field or something more?
- If more what costs are you prepared to pay?
- Do you want electric?
- Where do you want to go?
- How far do you want to travel for a weekend?

If you want to visit a particular location ask and I will try to accommodate but remember **all** rallies’ need marshals, if you request a particular rally please consider marshalling it.

Mick Whitehouse - Rally Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

The accounts have been audited and verified by Joanne Docherty and she is happy to continue doing this again next year.

No major expenses been paid out this year. Need to send payment to last year's charity for Paul and Stan but to my knowledge everything else is up to date.

I am looking into the possibility of moving our account to another bank as all the local branches of HSBC have been closed and although not a million miles away the nearest one for face to face contact and open on a Saturday is Mansfield.

Christine Whitehouse - Treasurer

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Summary of Accounts:

08/07/18 - 08/07/19

INCOME

Members Subscriptions	£260.00
Income from Rallies	£1,275.21
Advertising	£200.00
Charity	£286.00
Panto Tickets	£210.00
Raffle	£107.80
Bank Interest	£2.75

Totals £2,341.76

EXPENDITURE

Rally Plaques	£128.16
Rally Site Fees	£900.50
Postage	£14.50
Photocopying/Stationery	£148.97
Insurance	£279.23
Charity Donation	
Panto Tickets	£207.75
Window Stickers	£106.80
ACCEO	£110.00
Domain Web	
Misc	£260.00
Equipment	£17.99

Totals £2,173.90

Balances as at 08/07/18

Cash in Deposit	£1,507.45
Cash in Current	£1,671.41
PayPal	

Totals: £3,178.86

Balances as at 08/07/19

Cash in Deposit	£1,510.20
Cash in Current	£1,907.52
Paypal	

Totals: £3,417.72

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Membership Secretary's Report.

To date we have 25 units. This may sound a very small club but the membership on the whole has been made up of Stalwarts who have put in many years of service and support. We seem to keep about 8-10 units attending each of the Rallies this year which is a healthy turn out. We have had new members joining us this year and attending some of the Rallies. We trust that they were suitably impressed with our efforts.

Delphine and I have had to curtail our rallying this year due my illness and treatment which started in February and completes in December. After that we will be back.

I hope that you will to and look forward to seeing you all on the circuit, next year.

Les Kinley - Membership Secretary

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Equipment Officer's Report

No changes, no new equipment purchased and members request equipment as required from people shown on the schedule.

I would also like to thank all those who store and move equipment.

This position is held by the President who has no voting rights and should be held by a member of the club, it is not a hard job if you would consider taking over this role.

John Nicholls - Equipment Officer.

AAOCC Publicity / Newsletter Officer's Report

Publicity:

Our sponsors Raymond James and Ropers have once again renewed for 2019.

Newsletter:

The Summer 2019 Newsletter was added to the website in the last month.

I have posted information / requests on the website, on our Facebook page and via e-mail to all members regarding changes as they occur and to request photos and rally reports for inclusion in our publicity materials.

Website:

The website has settled down - what that means is that I've stopped messing around with it!!

As always any suggestions for improvements, etc. are welcomed.

Peter Cook - Publicity Officer