



9th November 2020

Here is the latest news flash from the Marina Alta Classic Car Club.

Please accept our apologies for such a long news flash. We had a very busy committee meeting at the weekend! Please read it all.

COVID-19 restrictions, Ace Cafés, Monthly Rallies and other organised events

With the ongoing and ever-changing restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee have decided to organise a reduced calendar of events for 2021. The Ace Café meetings and the monthly rallies will go ahead, restrictions permitting, but there will be no other organised events, such as the Spring Rally, Christmas Ball, BBQ, etc, etc, unless things change significantly.

Ace Café Meetings

The venue of Casa El Campo in Javea has been very successful. It is airy and spacious with plenty of tables and chairs, so it is easy for all of us to comply with the 50% occupancy, distancing rules and maximum of 6 to a table. Accordingly, we plan to hold all Ace Cafés in 2021 at El Campo. The times have changed though. El Campo have diners from 13:00 for lunch, so we have moved the Ace Café start time to 10:30 and the end time to 13:00.

Monthly Rallies

We are planning to hold a rally every month with:

- a) a mid-way coffee stop in a location where there are a number of bars to choose from, thereby allowing us to spread out, and
- b) no organised restaurant stop at the end. We will do our best to end the rally very close to a suitable restaurant to allow members to make their own arrangements, if they wish, to have a meal with friends.

The dates of the monthly rallies has now been agreed and publicised, see 2021 Diary Dates below. They are, in relation to previous years, now easier to organise because we no longer need to find a restaurant that can feed 40+ members and provide safe parking for 20+ cars. So, if you would like to organise one of our 2021 monthly rallies, please contact our Rally Co-ordinator, Phil Watkins, using philip.watkins@marinaaltacc.com. There is also more information on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/monthly-rallies/>.

Other events

The committee do not plan to organise any other events unless the pandemic restrictions change significantly.

November rally on Sunday 29th November 2020

This rally will be going ahead. It will leave from and return to Fratelli's in Ondara. The detail of the route is being worked on so please keep an eye on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/766203203554710>, and website, <https://marinaaltacc.com/events/november-2020-rally/>, for more information in a few days time. We will have a coffee stop but no meal at the end unless, as stated above, you want to organise something yourselves.

2021 AGM is postponed

In consideration of the organisational issues we are facing, the committee have decided to postpone the AGM, originally planned for January 2021, because the AGM would require the attendees to sit together in a room. Although we could possibly find a hall big enough to separate chairs by 2m, that hall/establishment would not then be able to cater for a meal afterwards. We plan to consider our options more and will make a further announcement on the 2021 AGM at a later date but, please note, the AGM will not be held in January 2021.

2021 Membership Renewal

It is now time to renew your membership. Diane Harrison, Membership Secretary, and Richard Rihan, Treasurer, will be present at the Ace Café on 13th December 2020 but **we would really prefer you to renew and pay online**, thereby avoiding the need to handle paper money. If you wish to renew your membership, please email Diane Harrison, diane.harrison@marinaaltacc.com, and pay your membership fee online to the club Banco Sabadell bank account. **Remember to put your name in the Reference field** so Richard can tie your payment with your renewal from one of the many 25€ payments he will receive! The bank account details are on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/member-area/club-bank-details/>. You need to log into the Members Area, otherwise please contact Richard Rihan, richard.rihan@marinaaltacc.com, for the information.

Shell Fuel Discount Card - available to 2021 members



The club has made an arrangement for 2021 members to receive 5 cents off the price of fuel at Shell petrol stations. Accepting that many of us may choose a cheaper fuel for our modern run-around, 98 octane is the better fuel for a classic car. A 5 cents discount per litre makes 98 octane more affordable. You will need a card and you will need to ask for it when you renew. More information is available on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/club-info/shell-discount-card/>.

2021 Diary Dates

Given the above, all dates for 2021 are now on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/events-calendar/>.

Calendar 2021

Thank you everyone for submitting your photos for consideration for the calendar. The photos have gone through a selection process and the 2021 MACCC Calendar will be ready for purchase at the Ace Café on 13th December 2020.

Facebook local time error

It has come to light that even though events on the MACCC Facebook page are using Madrid local time (GMT + 1 hour), in some circumstances the time of the event on your device may differ. This could be as a result of the settings on your device but we're not really sure. So, please note that each Ace Café will start at 10:30 local time. Start time of rallies will differ depending on the time of year but this will be clear on the rally instructions and the relevant event description on the website; see <https://marinaaltacc.com/events-calendar/>.

Please use Facebook

We are aware that some of you choose not to use Facebook. However, we use the MACCC Facebook page to update you on decisions and information which is relevant, late and immediate, such as the change in venue or time. While COVID-19 restrictions are in this fluid state, can we please urge you to open a Facebook account and join the MACCC Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/766203203554710>.

Pre-Christmas 20% off Stock Clearance



We are offering 20% off existing in-stock T-shirts, Polo shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies. Please look the shop, <https://marinaaltacc.com/club-info/club-merchandise/>, and contact Sue Rudge, Merchandise Officer, sue.rudge@marinaaltacc.com, for more detail. You will be able to see Sue at the Ace Café on 13th December 2020.

New Club Rugby Shirts



We showcased these new rugby shirts at the November Ace Café and already have some pre-orders. If you are interested, please email Sue Rudge, Merchandise Officer, sue.rudge@marinaaltacc.com. More details on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/club-info/club-merchandise/> and is also advertised on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/766203203554710>.

Thank you for reading this news flash and I hope you found it useful. If you have any comments you can email me using peter.alt@marinaaltacc.com.

I hope to see you soon.

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