



2nd January 2021

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

Ace Café – 10th January 2021 - CANCELLED

Many of you will be aware of the rising cases of COVID-19 infections in the Marina Alta and, more specifically, Javea in recent days and weeks. Only last week did the mayor of Javea, José Chulvi, ask everyone to tighten their practices and take the restrictions more seriously. As a consequence, the committee has decided to cancel the January Ace Café on Sunday. **Please note that El Campo will not be open** as they only open on Ace Café Sunday mornings for us.

The committee will make a decision on future Ace Café meetings following government announcements. The next government announcement is expected on, or around, 15th January 2021.

2021 AGM – virtual AGM on Sunday 24th January 2021

As previously advertised, the 2021 AGM will be conducted over the internet.

The Convening Notice for the AGM was issued on 16th December 2020. We did not receive any other nominations for the committee positions or any new items for the agenda.

A special page has been created on the website in the restricted Members Area : <https://marinaaltacc.com/member-area/2021-agm/>. You will need to login with the usual Username: maccmembers and Password: acecafe. The agenda and the minutes of the previous AGM (2020) are now available to download. All the other documents you will require will be available from Sunday 17th January 2021.

Voting will be open during the 48-hour period, Sunday 24th January 2021 and Monday 25th January 2021.

Results of the voting and consequent notifications will be emailed to members by Sunday 31st January 2021.

2021 membership renewal

Many of you have already renewed your membership, thank you. For those that haven't, it is now time to do so. **If you wish to vote at the AGM you must be a paid-up member in 2021**, which means you must have paid your renewal by Saturday 23rd January 2021. As we are not organising an Ace Café this month, you will need to pay your membership fee online.

First, pay online into the club Banco Sabadell bank account **remember to put your name in the Reference field** so our Treasurer, Richard Rihan, can tie your payment with your renewal from one of the many 25€ payments he will receive! The bank account details are on the Club Bank Details page : <https://marinaaltacc.com/member-area/club-bank-details/>.

Second, once you have made your payment, send an email to the Membership Secretary, Diane Harrison, diane.harrison@marinaaltacc.com, to let her know you have just paid.

Thank you.

2021 charity nominations

Every year the club donates an amount to a charity. The chosen charity is nominated by members and one (or two) lucky charities are picked from a hat at the February committee meeting. We now need your nominations for a worthy charity, or two, for 2021.

In previous years the money donated to charities has been accumulated from special events, like the annual BBQ, and from raffles held at rally meetings. Now, with the COVID-19 restrictions, a lot of this money-raising activity has not been possible. So, for 2021, the charity donation, likely to be in the range 1000€ to 1500€, will be made up by money received from valuations, profits from any previous raffles and profits from the sale of club merchandise.

If you would like to nominate a charity for 2021, please fill in the form on the website: <https://marinaaltacc.com/member-area/2021-charity-nomination/> **by Friday 5th February 2021.**

The 2021 charity will be announced in mid-February 2021.

Finally, a word of warning for UK registered cars

Although many of you have already acted on this and have already made your classic car legal in Spain, we wish to pass on information (recently published in The Weekly Post, 23rd December 2020) regarding cars that are still UK registered. UK cars should be reregistered in Spain within 6 months of arrival in Spain. The last day for Trafico to receive transfer requests ahead of Brexit has passed so if a UK vehicle is presently in Spain and not registered here by now it can only escape duties and tax if the owner can present to customs a justifiable reason as to why the vehicle was not registered before Brexit. Trafico will no longer register cars without proof that duties and taxes have been paid. Customs duty is 10% of the vehicle's value and IVA is 21% of the vehicle's value. IVA will apply even though you may have already paid VAT in the UK. And, customs also charge a 250€ administrative fee.

So, if you have a UK registered vehicle that has been in Spain for over 6 months you have three options: a) urgently try to register it, b) return it to the UK or c) scrap it/do not drive it on the roads. We have been advised that the authorities will be clamping down on UK vehicles in the New Year.

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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