



**9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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## **Committee statement regarding future Ace Cafés, Monthly Rallies and Events**

With the recent rise of the C-19 Omicron variant over the Christmas and New Year period, which has affected a number of our members, the committee made the decision a week or so ago to cancel the January 2022 Ace Café and to run the 2022 AGM as a virtual meeting over the web. None of the committee really wanted to do this but we felt that our hands were forced by the prevailing situation. So, this was a big topic under discussion at our virtual committee meeting yesterday.

Given that we have all experienced this pandemic for about 2 years now and, as a result, we have all by now made up our own minds about how, personally, we are going to live with it; whether we are vaccinated or not, whether we like wearing a mask or not, whether we want to meet in groups with other people or not, given our own personal circumstances, etc, etc, the committee made the following decisions:

### **Ace Cafés**

#### **All future Ace Café will go ahead unless El Campo cancel on us**

No member is forced to attend. You make your own decision depending on whether you feel ill on the day, your personal circumstances at home and your personal views on staying safe. Those who want to attend can attend. Those that don't feel it is sensible to attend, don't attend.

If you do attend the gathering you must follow all the current government restrictions and guidelines. At the moment, those that are relevant to us, include:

- Carry your vaccination certificate with you and be prepared to show it to El Campo staff when asked to do so.
- Carry some photographic identification, such as passport, TIE or drivers licence, so in the event that you are asked to, you can prove that the vaccination certificate you are showing is yours.
- Wear your mask at all times when walking around between tables, going to the toilet, visiting the Merchandise table, and so on.
- Wear you mask when you are within 1.5m of someone else and this includes when you are viewing cars in the car park.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering El Campo and when using the toilet, as the infection can be spread from touching an infected surface such as the door handle.

Committee members will remind you to wear your mask if you are not following these guidelines. In addition, when you need to approach a committee member, such as Sue at the Merchandise table or Richard when paying renewal fees, you must wear your mask.

## Monthly rallies

### All future monthly rallies will go ahead

The only consideration is whether we can get together as a group at the coffee stop and/or after-rally meal. Last year, when restrictions were tighter, we conducted the rallies in isolation and we may have to do that again in the future if the situation changes. So, the decision about meeting up and eating/drinking together will be made each month at the committee meeting before the rally.

## Other events

We are planning the Spring Gallop in April, Concours Day in May, Charity BBQ in June and Annual Rally in September. We have to plan these on the basis that they will go ahead because they take a lot of planning but whether or not they do go ahead will depend on the government restrictions and guidelines that are in place at the time of each event. So please put these events in your diary and wait for announcements nearer the time, see below. Dates for all the planned events for 2022 are on the website on the [Events Calendar](#) page in the restricted Members Area – use the username and password at the top of this news flash.

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## 2022 Annual General Meeting – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022



As the C-19 Omicron variant spreads easily in confined spaces, such as in a group in a room, the committee have decided to conduct the Annual General Meeting over the web, like we did for 2021. The date is the same, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022, and a specific AGM news flash will be sent out a week before to outline the procedure.

Log into the Member Area using the username and password above and go to the [2022 Annual General Meeting](#) page. At the moment it contains the Convening Notice and the Agenda. All the other papers you will need to read and consider will be available on or before 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Voting will take place over a 48-hour period; Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The online voting slip will be available on that same page, the [2022 Annual General Meeting](#) page, on those days.

You must be a fully paid-up 2022 member to vote so, if you haven't renewed yet, you must send in the online 2022 Membership Renewal form and have paid your renewal fee into the club bank account by the close of play on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, see below. Voting slips received from members that have not yet renewed will be discarded.

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## 2022 Membership Renewal

It is now time to renew your membership for 2022. **You must renew online**, not at an Ace Café.

The club needs to maintain up-to-date information and annual renewal seems a good time to do it. Earlier in the year you were all kind enough to confirm your cars and now, especially, we need information about your emergency contact. This information is missing for a lot of members and, for other members, the contact is someone who is likely to be in the car on a rally with you and could, therefore, be involved in an accident with you. Obviously, the club needs details of someone that is unlikely to be in the car with you at that time. You should amass this information before logging in.

**To renew, please follow these instructions :**

1. Log into the Members Area using Username **maccmembers** and Password **acecafe**.
2. Select **2022 Membership Renewal** in the Member Area drop-down.
3. Log into the renewal process using your email **trevor.kirkham@icloud.com** and your membership number **370**.
4. The details we hold about you are presented in the form.
5. Check everything and over-key anything that needs updating.
6. When you're satisfied, press the 'Renew Membership' button. The form will not proceed if you have missed any of the mandatory information.
7. Now, take note of the club bank details and pay the renewal fee online directly into the club bank account.

**Please pay online.** The committee prefer not to accept cash payments.

The renewal period ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, after which you will need to reapply if you wish to re-join. If you wish to vote at the 2022 AGM on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 you will need to have renewed by close of play on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

Please note, in accordance with current data protection practice, this is/will be the only personal data the club holds about you. We will no longer hold your home address or NIE/Passport number. If/when you attend one of the larger rallies (Spring Gallop and/or Annual Rally) where we have overnight stays in hotels, the organiser will ask for any required additional information at that time.

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## Charity nominations for 2022

We are now requesting nominations for the charity we will support in 2022.

The committee have discussed the type of charity we should support and, bearing in mind the many human tragedies currently in the world, the committee feel that we should be supporting a human-related charity next year. Please send your nomination to the Secretary, Trevor Kirkham, using [trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:trevor.kirkham@marinaaltacc.com). You have until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The lucky charity will be picked from the hat at the February committee meeting.

You can also submit your charity nomination online – see the [2022 Charity Nomination](#) page in the Members Area of the website.

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## Spring Gallop – Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

This is a 2-night, 3-day event to Lorca, south of Murcia, staying at the Castillo de Lorca, a Parador hotel. The current plan is to drive down on an inland route on the Sunday, a guided tour of the town and sightseeing the surrounding area on Monday and to drive back on a coastal route on the Tuesday. The event is being organised by Alan Martin and he is doing a recce next week, so more information will be available soon. If you want to register your interest early, please email Alan using [alan.martin@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:alan.martin@marinaaltacc.com).

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## Concours Day – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

This is to be held at Denia Marina, like previous years, and the meal will be a Republic Restaurant. So, start to polish the car and get those niggling problems sorted! If you are not planning to show your car but would like to be involved, consider being a judge. Richard Rihan will head up the judges team so please register your interest by emailing Richard using [richard.rihan@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:richard.rihan@marinaaltacc.com).

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## Charity BBQ – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

This event will start with a rally and finish at the BBQ site. We are arranging for a local band to provide the music. All profit will go to the chosen 2022 charity.

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## Annual Rally – 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

This will be a 4-night, 5-day event to Laujar de Andarax, at the base of the Sierra Nevada National Park in Andalucia. We will be staying in self-contained villas at Villa Turística de Laujar. There is a lot to see and do in the area. The securing deposit has been paid and Robin Fenton and Alan Martin will do the recce later in the year. If you want to register your interest early, please email Alan using [alan.martin@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:alan.martin@marinaaltacc.com).

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## 2022 Calendar



We have very few of these left. If you would like to reserve one for delivery at the February Ace Café, please email Sue using [sue.rudge@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:sue.rudge@marinaaltacc.com).

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## Does your classic car insurance have the correct up-to-date valuation?

We had an incident recently where a member, for insurance purposes, had his car valued at 40,000€. Following the valuation carried out by Chris de Boer, the club Valuation Officer, this car was valued at 150,000€ to 165,000€, 4 times the previous valuation. The insurance cover replacement value depends on a classic car club certified valuation. MACCC is an approved valuer. If you think it's about time your car was valued again, email Chris using [chris.deboer@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:chris.deboer@marinaaltacc.com).

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## Member survey – Tool Hire Library

We are considering providing a new service to members; a Tool Hire Library. The library would contain a number of generic specialist tools, equipment and workshop manuals that would be offered to members on a free loan basis, secured by a sensible refundable deposit.

Example tools could include:

- Battery charger
- Ramps
- Trolley jack
- Coolant system pressure tester
- Valve spring compressor
- Engine hoist
- Compressor
- Workshop manual
- etc ...

We would like to know if

- a) you are unlikely to ever want to borrow tools,
- b) you would be interested in borrowing tools,
- c) you have an idea about what tools should be included and/or how to enhance this service,
- d) you have an idea for another service you think the club should offer members – tell us.

Please respond to Chris de Boer, using [chris.deboer@marinaaltacc.com](mailto:chris.deboer@marinaaltacc.com), by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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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](mailto:peter.alt@marinaaltacc.com).

I hope to see you soon.

***Peter Alt***

President