



The 289 Register

Constitution Document

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Preface

This document has been drawn up to provide a written constitution for the club known as

'The 289 Register'.

The club was initially inaugurated in or around the year 1997 by a group of AC 289 enthusiasts, however no written constitution was created at that time.

The committee elected during the year 2009-2010 determined that it was time that the club had a written constitution drawn up and agreed by the membership. This document reflects this agreement.

Distribution

This document is available on the Club web site.

Committee Members

The Committee members elected at the AGM in July of each year shall be listed and shown on the Club web site under the heading of Committee Members on the home page.

Definitions

"AC 289" – means all models of the AC Ace and AC 289 and their replicas

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The 289 Register Constitution

This Constitution is the body of Rules and Regulations by which 'The 289 Register' is regulated and is divided into five sections as follows: -

- Club name and Club Objectives
- Membership
- Club Officials
- Committee Meetings
- Club Meetings and Events

1 CLUB NAME AND CLUB OBJECTIVES

1.1 Name

The name of the club shall be, "The 289 Register" hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

1.2 Objectives

The Club exists to: -

- Operate as an independent and non-profit making association of members, who, have an interest in the AC 289 and derivative models.
- Promote and demonstrate the building, use, preservation, and restoration of AC 289 inspired designs of kit, component and custom sports cars.
- Foster a general interest in classic and replica cars, their modification and maintenance.
- Afford Members such benefits and privileges as may be possible.
- Provide Members with assistance, advice and information on matters connected with the AC 289 and its derivatives specifically historic motor sport events in general where possible.

1.3 Use of the Club Name and Addresses

The name and/or addresses of the Club or its committee members shall not be given by any Member as their address for any trade, advertising or business purposes, nor in connection with any legal proceedings.

1.4 Alterations to the Constitution:

The Constitution can be altered, only at a Special General Meeting convened by the current committee or the Annual General Meeting. In the event of changes to the constitutions being necessary all members will receive notifications of the proposed changes and will have the opportunity to comment as necessary, subject to them being ratified.

Only current paid up Members can propose changes to the Constitution.

Any proposed changes must be provided to the committee a minimum of two weeks before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The committee will decide whether these changes can be accepted, rejected or should be put to a general vote except in the case where a change has been endorsed by 10 Members or more, in which case the change must be put to a vote of all Members at the AGM.

1.5 Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the Members. If the resolution of dissolution is duly passed, the Committee may, forthwith, appoint an Auditor to liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there remain, any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Eligibility

Anyone in the UK or overseas, whether an AC 289 owner or not. As the club exists to focus on the AC 289 a limit can be placed on the number of members with non AC 289 cars by the committee should the committee feel that the balance of vehicles in the club is changing.

There will be three categories of membership:-

- Honorary
- Ordinary
- Joint

Honorary Members - may be elected by the committee, normally in recognition of involvement in the development or manufacture of AC 289 cars or their derivatives, and/or their service to the Club and its Members. Honorary Members have no voting rights at the AGM.

Ordinary Member – applies to a single member who pays the annual membership fee by the due date. Ordinary Members are entitled to one vote at the AGM.

Joint Membership – can be held by a maximum of two members sharing the same postal address and currently gives each of the two joint members full membership rights of The Club, including two votes at the AGM but only one copy of each magazine published by The Club.

For example, at the time of this amendment (July 2015) this type of membership attracts a total subscription (for the joint membership) of one ordinary subscription plus a second ordinary subscription less a discount that represents costs allocated to the supply of the second copy of the magazine and equates to £35 + £20 = £55 in total. This subscription, like all other subscription categories may be subject to change from time to time, in both value and/or calculation method, by the committee.

Generally - All applications must be made by the individual(s) in his or her correct name and be signed by that applicant personally and they must be a minimum of 18 years of age. All subscriptions must be paid by the due date to guarantee membership for the year.

2.2 Resignation from the Club

Resignation from the Club can be done by notifying the Membership Secretary. Non payment of the annual membership fee by the due date will indicate a resignation from the Club. Members can reapply for membership by contacting the membership secretary and paying the annual membership fee.

2.3 Expulsion from the Club

Expulsion can occur where circumstances dictate and as decided by a majority vote at a Committee meeting. Committee members shall be given at least seven days' notice of the meeting, and the Member concerned shall be given a minimum of seven days' notice of such a meeting by the membership secretary and the opportunity to offer any explanation of the conduct concerned.

Any Member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a Member of the Club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the Club or to enjoy any of the privileges of membership, but shall remain liable for the payment of any personal debts due to the Club at the date of resignation.

2.4 Annual Subscription

Annual membership subscription shall be proposed by the Committee and approved by a majority of the fully paid up members at the Annual General Meeting.

2.5 Payment of Subscription

Payment of subscription falls annually and is due on the 1st of January to be received by the Treasurer by 31st January of that year. Any new Member joining the Club in October, November or December, the subscription will cover the following year's annual membership.

2.6 Subscription Non-payment

Any Member of the Club who has not paid their subscription by 31st January of the subscription year shall be presumed to have resigned from the Club.

2.7 Access to the Constitution

Every Member shall have access to the Club Constitution via the Club website and by payment of the annual membership fee, agree to abide by the rules and regulations contained within the Constitution. Paper copies will be issued to new members with their welcome pack.

Every Member agrees to accept as final and binding the decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of the rules contained in the Constitution.

2.8 Property of the Club

Any property and/or equipment, issued by the Club, shall remain the property of the Club. On termination of their membership, Members shall deliver up such property to the Club Secretary.

2.9 Intellectual property of the Club

No person or Member, may appropriate, transmit or publish for any purpose, and by any means, electronic or hard copy, copyrighted magazines loaned to the Club by Members, or, Members' articles, photographs, logos and designs, whether published or not, being the property of The 289 Register without the express written permission from the Club management committee.

3 CLUB OFFICIALS

3.1 Management

The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club for its management shall be vested in a Committee, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established, other than those hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Club in the Annual General Meeting.

3.2 Election of Officers

The Club Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and other Committee members as required shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, subject to termination at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment. If, between AGM's a position becomes vacant, the Committee can propose and appoint a temporary member to fill the vacant position which will then become subject to formal nomination and election at the next AGM.

3.3 Committee

Nominations of Candidates for election to the Committee must be received by the Club Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting, with an intimation from each Member nominated that they are willing to serve. Nominations, in writing for Candidates, for election, must be signed by the Member proposing them.

The Committee shall consist of, not less than four and not more than eight Members holding the following club official positions; Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Events Coordinator, Web Site Custodian, Newsletter Editor and Club Secretary.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other Members, as they deem necessary.

The Committee may appoint, from outside the Membership of the Club, an Auditor and/or a Solicitor when it is deemed necessary.

Four Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The committee shall meet at least three times annually by whatever means practical, electronic or otherwise, for the conduct of Club business.

3.4 Meetings of the Committee

The Club Secretary, either of his/her own accord or by the direction of the Chairman, shall, unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee, give at least seven days notice of the holding of a Committee Meeting.

3.5 Absence from Committee

Any Member of the Committee, without sufficient reason, absent themselves from three consecutive Committee Meetings may be assumed to have resigned from the Committee.

3.6 Voting of Committee Members

Each Member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any Member present so demands.

4 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4.1 The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at Silverstone each year upon the Saturday of the Show date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee, or whenever the committee carries a majority vote for an alternative venue.

The Annual General Meeting shall: -

1. Receive from the Committee a full statement of accounts, which may be audited, showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st December in any year.
2. Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the Club during the said year.
3. Elect the Chairman, Membership Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.
4. Elect other members of the Committee.
5. Decide on any resolution, which may be duly submitted to the meeting as provided for in these rules.
6. Conduct any other business at the committee's discretion

4.2 Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be convened by the direction of the Committee or by the Membership Secretary on the requisition of at least ten percent of the Members of the Club.

4.3 Agenda

When Members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting, the text of that matter, signed by at least two Members, shall be sent to the Club Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting so as to be included in the agenda of that meeting.

A copy of the agenda shall be published on the web site at least five days prior to the date of the meeting, but the fact that any Member has not received a copy of the agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. Business, which is not included on the agenda, shall not be discussed at the meeting unless every Member present is in favour of the discussion-taking place.

4.4 Voting

Every Member with the right to be present may express one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings a majority of votes decides a resolution.

4.5 Right to be Present

No one can take part in Special, Extra or General Meetings unless they are a Member of the Club, and have paid their subscription according to these Rules, except in the case of persons outside the Membership who have been appointed by the Committee to act on the Club behalf.

5 CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5.1 Club Stands

Where a Club Stand has limited space (e.g. at an indoor event), cars may only be driven onto the Stand with the explicit agreement of the Event Organiser.

5.2 Conduct of Members

All Members shall conduct themselves and their families or guests at meetings, for the benefit of the club, according to these rules and in such a way as not to bring the club into disrepute.

5.3 Eligible vehicles

Eligible cars are all models of the AC289, AC Ace and their replicas. Club members with other approved cars are also eligible, subject to the decision of the Event Organiser, which is final.

6.0 Club Insurance

The Club will maintain Public Liability insurance and all risks insurance which will cover events organised by the Club. The insurance certificate can be found on the Club Website.