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#### The President Speaks

I hope that everyone has enjoyed Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2006.

The months of November and December have become a very active period for the GCVA with plenty of events to be involved in.

The association's AGM was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and I was pleased to announce the details of a meeting I had with Mr Holliday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November concerning the long awaited amendments to the current motor vehicle legislation which will include classic vehicles. Unfortunately in 2005 this issue has once again been left pending by government and the ministerial reshuffle which took place in the summer has moved the responsibility for transport back to Mr Holiday.

The good news is that the file is still open, everything has been agreed on in principle except the fee which will be charged for obtaining a permit to register a vehicle as a classic.

Hopefully the law will be amended in the future.

At the AGM the Gibraltar international classic vehicle Rally was discussed and several members expressed the opinion that the rally should take place every year and not every other year which is what the committee has been proposing. I cannot see any reason for not holding it every year providing that the committee receives help from members to organise it and also if funding is available.

Planning for the next Rally which will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May has started already. Information has already been distributed to various UK Classic car magazines as we are trying to attract more visitors from abroad.

The committee will require help from as many of our members as possible and I would be grateful if all those who wish to assist in any way would please contact me so that we can prepare details and eventually arrange a general meeting.

A motion was also presented at the meeting proposing a change to the requirements for full membership. In the association's constitution it states that a full member must be the owner of a Gibraltar registered classic vehicle. It was proposed that Gibraltar registered be deleted from this clause and it would now read 'full member-the owner of a classic vehicle'. The subject was discussed and it was duly voted that this change be made.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November the (what has now become traditional) 'Polvorones Run' to Medina Sidonia took place. The weather was perfect and it was a disappointment to see most people in their modern cars. As the day progressed there were more and more people in attendance and there were more than twenty at lunch. It was a pleasant day out and it was just beginning to go dark when we left the venta to go home.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December our annual dinner was held at the Med Rowing Club who once again did us proud. The food, presentation and service was good and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Our thanks to Albert Viñales who being a member is able to make the facilities available to us.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December (following the dinner) a hard core of enthusiasts turned out in Casemates Square to take part in a "car pull" both up and down Main Street to raise money for the GBC open day charity. Thank you to Jens Sorensen for allowing us to use his 1928 Ford Model 'A'. Also to Gillian Hemmi who added a seasonal touch by dressing up as Santa and handing out sweets to the children.

Hauling on ropes soon proved to be

thirsty work so it was necessary to occasionally abandon the car in the centre of Main Street while refreshments were taken in several bars. This was a very enjoyable way of raising money for a worthwhile cause. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December the fundraising for GBC continued at Safeways with members giving rides to the public in return for donations to charity. Unfortunately the weather was not as good as the previous day and there was a very cold wind. I am pleased to say that with the combined effort we were able to present a cheque for £450 to the GBC open day. Thank you to all our members who took part in this two-day event.

I believe that the GCVA should take part in local events whenever possible so I volunteered this year to take Miss Gibraltar in the three King's Cavalcade on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. Ron Palmer assisted by taking the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Princesses. It would be nice if the GCVA could organise a float for next year's 50<sup>th</sup> Cavalcade. I am sure that between all our members we could come up with a theme. "Herbie", "The Italian job" come to mind. Perhaps in the future someone would buy a Delorean and then it would be "Back to the future". We have 11 months to think about it and lets see if we can obtain enough help to do something special for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cavalcade next year.

Finally I would like to remind everyone that the 2006 Membership Subscriptions are now due so please complete the enclosed membership renewal form and return it to Chris Lavers as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

Stefan Nicholson

### **EVENTS & OUTINGS NOV-DEC 2005**

JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> Thur <u>Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club</u>

FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> Sun Monthly Meeting – PARSON'S LODGE

16<sup>th</sup> Thur Social Evening – Fire Brigade Social Club

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> Sun Monthly Meeting – PARSON'S LODGE

\*\*\* FEBRUARY OUTINGS TO BE CONFIRMED \*\*\*

ESPARTINAS EXPO-MERCADO DE VEHÍCULOS ANTIGUOS USUALLY HELD ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY. (NEAR IKEA SEVILLE)

WANT TO ORGANISE AN EVENT? - DON'T BE SHY!
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WINDSCREEN STICKER (CLUB LOGO)	£0.70
ATTRACTIVE MUG WITH CLUB LOGO AND VINTAGE CARS (FULL COLOUR)	£7.00
POLO SHIRTS SIZES M or L	£11.00

Commemorating the Rally '03 with club logo or

Non-commemorative Stone or Green with logo

## 27th NOVEMBER- MEDINA SIDONIA RUN

5<sup>th</sup> Polvorones run to Medina Sidonia, Remember Next year will be the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the GCVA itself as this was its first ever outing way back in 2001!















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# 50th Anniversary 1955-2005



# 9th -10th DECEMBER — CAR PULL & CAR RIDES GBC OPEN DAY FUND RAISERS

I think now the car pull will be a traditional event seeing as we managed to raise so much more money that we did last year many times over!



