

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION of CAR CLUBS – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT to Meeting 17th NOVEMBER 2015

First a very big thank you for all the good wishes I have received. Rather than tell everyone what happened verbally here is a brief synopsis.

As some of you may know I have been struggling with my right hip. I was looking for a total hip replacement similar to my left hip four years ago. This was scheduled to take place on 1st June 2015. During the pre-assessment for this operation I was given a chest X-ray. This showed a shadow on the right lung. I was given a CT scan which confirmed the diagnosis – lung cancer.

The orthopaedic surgeon rang me to say he could not go ahead and I was being transferred to a lung specialist. I was very quickly put into an NHS process for the care of Lung Cancer. After various further tests I was given an operation on 11th August to remove the tumour. This led to three weeks in hospital as I recovered from the operation. I have now been home for ten weeks. I have to tell you that the care provided by the NHS in Aberdeen has been excellent and I have found myself in the middle of a research project into Lung Cancer. I have now seen two oncologists both of whom have recommended no further treatment.

Meanwhile the hip is still giving me grief and I am working towards an operation to replace it as soon as I can get it organised.

I must say thank you to Pete Weall for standing in in my absence. We have been speaking fairly frequently to keep each other up to date.

Other than the health issue I have been the MSA Steward at the Colin McRae Knockhill Challenge. This was an excellent event which I hope will be repeated every so often. I don't think it will stand to be run every year. Since my last report I have also been the MSA Steward at a Fintray Hillclimb.

I have attended an SMS Meeting recently and you will hear about that from Rory and Pete on Tuesday evening. I believe SMS is proving to be a useful forum to bring together two and four wheel motorsport. We await the outcome of a submission to **sportscotland** for funding. Again the big issue will be reporting so you will be asked for information so we can prove the achievement of targets. The Association is established as the Communications path to/from our member clubs.

I hope to continue to support the work of the Association in the future.

Roger Reed, Chairman