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# THE SWIFT CLUB RULES

**NAME** of the club shall be “ The Swift Club” [ hereafter called the club ]

**FOUNDATION** of the Swift Club took place at the Norfolk Rally on 22nd June 1985 .

## **OBJECTIVES**

To encourage the restoration and use of cars, bicycles, motor cycles and sewing machines made by Swift of Coventry Ltd and their predecessors, The Swift Motor Co. and Coventry Machinists Co. The Company made cars from 1902 through to 1931.

To maintain Registers of all known surviving products of the above companies.

To arrange an event for Swift vehicles every year in a different part of the country in accordance with the Rules of the RAC Motor Sports Association. (MSA)

To produce a regular Newsletter and Magazine

To establish, hold and maintain a library of technical literature, articles, sales brochures ,etc relating to Swift products from which copies can be made for members.

To generally promote, protect and preserve the Swift marque.

**EVENTS.** All motor events organised by the club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the MSA .A copy of the Public Liability insurance provided by membership of the MSA is held by the club Secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP** of the club shall be open to all past or present owners of Swift cars, bicycles, motor cycles, and sewing machines and to any person having a particular interest in the Swift marque, living anywhere in the world. Membership may be accepted in the joint names of husband and wife or co-owners of a Swift product for one subscription, provided that only one copy of all correspondence is to be sent to one address and that only one postal vote is accepted; however if both parties attend a general meeting then both their votes shall be accepted.

**Junior membership** shall be open to all persons under the age of 18 years who are interested in the activities of the club.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.** A member may be made an Honorary Life Member in recognition of their contribution to the running of the club.

Nominations will be reviewed and voted on at the AGM. A maximum of two HLM's are permitted at any one time. The annual membership fee is waived for an HLM.

**THE COMMITTEE** shall be composed of club members and shall include the Secretary / Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and other volunteers. The volunteers may hold **other positions**, eg Spares co-ordinator, Magazine Editor. The committee shall be responsible for interpreting the club rules and selecting a chairman from amongst their number to run any meetings. The committee shall have the authority to co-opt additional members up to an agreed number. The minimum number for a quorum is three .

Committee members shall serve a term of two years unless re-elected . Election or re-election of committee members shall take place at alternate AGM's taking into consideration the views expressed by all club members on a postal ballot form..

**Other positions** in support of the club shall include Magazine Editor, Rally Co-ordinator, Registrars for the Cars / Motorcycles and Bicycles, a club Historian, Technical Advisors for the various models of cars and a Spares Co-ordinator. A member may hold more than one of these positions and may also be on the Committee.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS** shall be held each autumn, the date and place of the meeting shall be notified to members at least six weeks in advance. The agenda and other relevant documents shall be sent to members at least two weeks before the meeting.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** shall be payable annually on the 1st February. The amount of the subscription shall be determined by the Committee. Members joining after 1st August shall pay a reduced subscription for the remainder of the year as determined by the Committee and stated on the Membership Renewal form.

Invitations shall be sent in December. If the subscription has not been received by the end of March a reminder will be sent. Renewal subscriptions not received within one month of despatch of the reminder shall incur termination of the membership.

Subscriptions and other monies received by the club shall be placed in a bank account in the name of The Swift Club.

**EXPENDITURE** incurred in the day-to-running of the club shall be drawn from the club bank account by cheque signed by the Treasurer or by another nominated member authorised to sign in cases of emergency, both of whom shall be accountable for such expenses to members. proposals for purchases of capital items over £175 shall be debated at the AGM or postal agreement shall be obtained from the majority of the Committee.

**RESPONSIBILITIES** of all club members shall be to the Committee for any action they may take in the name of or on behalf of the club. The Committee shall have the authority to convene a special meeting for the purpose of cautioning ,suspending, expelling from the club, or effecting other disciplinary measures on any member whose conduct has, in the opinion of the Committee , caused embarrassment or brought the club into disrepute. Any member so dealt with shall have the right to a further hearing at a special meeting of the club where the decision may be altered by a resolution passed by the majority of members present.

**LIABILITIES** The Swift Club and its Committee and members shall not be liable for any claims by club members , their relatives and friends for any injury, loss or damages arising from any club activity.

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