

EAST ANGLIAN CIGARETTE CARD CLUB

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Report of a meeting held at Roydon Village Hall on Saturday 16th May 2009.

With our honourable Treasurer and Secretary away on their 'half a World Cruise' and having safely navigated the Panama Canal and reached the Caribbean I wonder whether they were thinking of us poor members attending our 441st meeting.

With the awesome responsibility of opening up at 8.00am, I left home before 7.00am to find dealers queuing up to get in. I knew four dealers weren't coming (Mike Heard - van trouble, Roy Davis - slipped disc and two others) so I wasn't sure what sort of meeting it was going to be. Then when Peter Beer became a no show, we were down to five, luckily we managed to persuade David Davis (Magda) to join us and as it was his first visit since our Thetford days he had a good day. That's three new dealers in the last two meetings and another coming in June, see below.

Our Auctioneer Alan also came very early and we soon had the tables and chairs ready for the action. Nice to see Vera and Carol in charge of the door, they do a great job for the club and when the smell of Bacon and coffee started wafting in from the kitchen we knew Graham was ready for us. A slow start but it warmed up and very soon 62 members came through the door. I didn't think our Auction looked to be anything special but the final figure of £2800 was more than satisfactory.

It was nice to welcome the newly elected President of the Cartophilic Society, John Walton to our meeting in his unofficial capacity as a dealer. He had some very nice comments to make about our club.

Matters of concern to all members :

+ + our website is progressing slowly, we have registered our website name, it is www.eaccc.co.uk and the front page is in first draft. Hopefully we will be ready to launch later in the year. Thanks to Keith Pittman for all his hard work.

+ + Christmas Dinner is on our mind and Graham our caterer tells us he can do a full sit down with all the trimmings Christmas Dinner at Roydon Village Hall or maybe we might like to consider a Buffet Christmas Dinner (for a fiver, less Club subsidy). What do you think ?

**Special Note -- we have agreed to change our September meeting date to
Sunday 20th September from Saturday 19th
to accommodate a local girls wedding reception on the Saturday.
Everyone please note**

+ + The venue is causing some concern to some members still, it's not quite big enough, but everything else is all right. If we had moved to the school this month it would have been a disaster with just 5 dealers. The venue will remain under review, the arguments for and against are becoming quite clear, maybe I will get round to summing them up some time in the future. We will never please everybody all the while but must always decide what is best for the majority of people involved with the club. I would love to see the club get bigger and develop but without a new generation of collectors this is not going to happen.

+ + Do we need to consider charging dealers who don't turn up ?

+ + Don't forget our raffle in August, prizes to Bill from June meeting.

+ + Our membership list will be included with next months newsletter, so if you haven't paid your subscription yet, you have about two weeks to get your fee (£6) to Bill.

+ + After discussions with Alex we have decided not to do a calendar for 2010 because of the constant changes that seem to be happening it is difficult to keep it up to date.

+ + Auction changes - we intend to keep the auction to a maximum 200 Lots each month but will save the last 25 lots for Bring and Sell on the day lots. Vendors should 'of course' realise that they will attract no postal bidders. So bring some along to sell and be paid on the same day. This will start in August. Have you ever thought 'what will happen' to your collection in future years, why not have them put back in the Club auction for fellow collectors to enjoy. We seem to make reasonable prices and at only 10% are far better than any other outlet. Tell your friends and family what you want done with your collection. Don't forget that a key element of our website will be our monthly auction online so postal bidders will hopefully increase.

+ + the club is making a little profit on the Albums and Pages sold on the club table each month, our old friend Bob Hogden sells us them at trade price. Just a few more boxes for my garage. Sincere thanks to Bob and Jill Jennings for looking after the Club table every month.

Finally a big 'THANK YOU' to all members who help make our club such a great place to go to each month. Volunteers are always to be found for most tasks that need to be done to help the club run so smoothly, every one who comes to see us appreciates it.

**Next Meeting Saturday 20th June 2009
From 9.00am to 3.00pm -- Auction 1.00pm**

Dealers booked to attend our June meeting are : Alan Stevens Hampshire, Peter Russell Telford, Mike Heard Derby, Roy Davis Southminster, Martyn Thoms Surrey, Jim Jackson (1st time EACCC) Cheshire, plus local dealers Jim Reynolds, Peter Beer, Ken Courtney, Dave Thomas (Brazil), John Haddon Silver and our Club table (bring your books along).