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Prize Presentation Night

Friday 22nd February

Guest : Mick Briant

See page 14 for details

highlight

Chairmans Chat

The new competition season is under way with the first Non Race/Rally events having been taken place and February sees the first two Stage Rally events but while we are into the 2013 championships we must not forget the 2012 Championship Awards Presentation Evening to be held on the 22nd February, see details within. We have a great line-up of stars in attendance so all we need now is for a record number of club members, including the awards winners, turning up to make it a successful event.

Another event in February is the Go Motorsport Roadshow, again see details within, which will be of benefit to all club members from new starters up to experienced hands. Reports from previous events have all been excellent and highly recommended.

As mentioned last month the Under 17 MC(NW) has now formally joined the group and they will be running several of the events in the new class for younger competitors. It was initially thought that we create an under 18's championship however after consideration we have decided that for this year we would create a Junior Class (max age 18) within the Non Race/Rally Championship based solely on PCA's. In future we may be able to include other disciplines if we can cover the different minimum ages and scoring for them.

Competitors, don't forget to get your registration forms submitted, Marshals, don't forget to claim your points and Organisers, don't forget to mention our supporter, Gazzard Accounts Ltd, in your paperwork, I'll hopefully see you all at the Presentation Evening.

Best regards,
Les Fragle,
Chairman & Secretary,
SD(34) Motor Sport Group



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CLITHEROE & DMC

The Club Meets at 8-30pm
Every Tuesday
at Waddington Sports & Social Club
Waddington, Nr Clitheroe
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January Capers

Prize Presentation Night Friday 24th January



Steve Quigley / Terry Martin
Stage Rally Champions



Matt Worden
Best Young Member



Steve Butler
Best Member & Champion
Road Rally Navigator



Simon Boardman - Road
Rally Champion Driver

Tom Naughton and Horace Saville Tuesday 29th January

Tom Naughton & Horace Saville were the guests of CDMC on Tuesday the 29th of January. The pair are contesting the BTRDA Gravel Championship in a Group N Mitsubishi Evo 9 prepared and maintained by Alan Durham's organisation - ProTech. Tom could not sing the praises of ProTech highly enough. Since moving the management of the car to ProTech the car is always reliable and competitive and the team work extremely hard during events to ensure the crew finish. Tom Started competing in 2000 in a Peugeot and has won the Welsh Championship on several occasions.

Horace did his first RAC Rally in 1962. Horace has been around motorsport in a vast array of guises from racing a Lotus 7 to Driving on Rallies and at one time was leading the Manx Rally until his car broke down 2 stages from the end and robbed him of his victory. Horace was heard to say to the editor of this Newsletter "Youre nowt but a youngster" Their favourite event is the Cambrian



Forthcoming CDMC Clubnights

GoMotorsport

Club Development Roadshow Tuesday 5th February 2013

8pm for 8-30 Start

*This is NOT a presentation to tell you 'how to do it' It is two hours of thought provoking, open minded discussion intended for all members of any car club, from the established 'workers' to the new member just learning what their club does Richard Egger will lead a stimulating evening where clubs and members are invited to share ideas, highlight frustrations, explore new strategies and ideas, identify where help is needed, shoot down some long standing myths and **HAVE FUN**. Plus you get a free Pie & Peas Supper*

Tuesday 19th February Guest - Paul Brereton

Paul Brereton/
Bob Hargreaves
Black Sheep Rally



Tuesday 26th February Indoor Stage Rally (Scalextics)

Tuesday 19th March Guest - Graham Coffey



Graham Coffey, recent winner of the
Neil Howard Memorial Stages at Oulton Park.

Tuesday 2nd April PS3 - 'Richard Burns Rally'



STOCKPORT 061 MC

The Club Meets at 8pm onwards

Every Thursday

Please note

that back by popular demand
weekly Thursday meetings.

We have also changed our meeting venue to the
upstairs room at Rising Sun, Hazel Grove.

The 4th Thurs of the month is an 'Away' event

February 7, 2013 – OTL Championship Event 8:30 pm

WALLASEY MC

The Club Meets at 9-00pm

Every Monday

Port Sunlight Village Social Club

Bridge St, Port Sunlight CH62 4UP



Caption Competition....

Bill Turner has kindly offered a bottle of wine for the
best caption for the above picture (WMC Members).
The picture was taking on the 2012 Prom Rally, featur-
ing WMCs Alan Smith and his other half...

Please mail any captions to Bill at

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He will judge the best (printable) caption and award
the prize at the earliest possible convenience.

Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club



Meets at 8-30pm on the 2nd Thursday
of each Month at the **Roebuck Pub M41 6HD**

2013 Calendar of L&CCC Events for 2013

7 Feb, Thursday, 8.30pm

Club Information Night

Competitor Championship Registration

Marshals Information

Non-Members warmly welcome

The new season begins - visit us at The Roebuck
to get started.

For details contact Paul Masters 0161 432 5669

2nd March

Tour of Cheshire Rally

14 March

Mechanical Meyhem (Pit Stop Games)

Contact Dave Hensley

16 March

Awards Presentation & Club Party

The Village, Cheadle

Tickets from Ray Sumner

6/7 April

Display: Passion for Power

Event City, nr Trafford Centre

11 April

Speed Master Class

21 April

Derbyshire Sporting Trial,

Longnor, Derbyshire

4 & 5 May

Ty Croes Weekend Sprints

<http://www.ty-croes.com>

9 May

Graham's Quiz Night

13 June

Team Trivial Pursuits

July Treasure Hunt (date tbc)

And Club Supper

8 August

Noggin n Natter

30/1 Sept

Ty Croes Weekend Sprints

www.ty-croes.com

12 Sept

Indoor Autotest (tbc)

29 Sept

Chairman's Challenge Autotest

at Demon Tweeks, Wrexham

10 Oct

Tranter's Teasers

Quiz games for a laugh!

14 Nov

Ian Harwood Inter-Club Quiz

12 Dec

AGM & Social

Under 17 MC - NW

In a report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) titled "Young Driver-The Road to Safety" some of the conclusions and recommendation were.

Young Drivers are 5 times more like to crash the car than an experienced driver. The greatest risk faced by a young novice driver is in the period immediately following obtaining a licence for solo driving. Studies have noted that those who practiced more before passing a driving test have a lower crash rate. Training should be conducted in such a manner as to allow young, novice drivers to attain high levels of experience before solo driving. Pursue educational programmes and campaigns at an early stage, well before young people actually start driving, to actively encourage children to adopt safe attitude towards driving.

The U17MC North West has evolved over many years of motor sport activity (30+ by some on the committee), with several partners working together for a common goal - to help educate young riders & drivers. We hope to help young drivers be safe on the road and want to acquire safe driving skills.

Many countries have a Graduated Driving Licence (GDL) to limit some of the risk for young drivers. Learning to drive takes lots of practice and time. The U17MC Northwest hope to allow members to have up to three years driving practice before going on the road and then give them encouragement to gain more driving skills once passing the driving test. They will also be encouraged to help train the 14 to 17 year old young members. This will help them to confirm the knowledge and give valuable "life" skills. Development of more opportunities at Motorsport events has now removed the barriers to young drivers and they have several disciplines available from the age of 14 years old.

Under 17 Motor Club Northwest (U17MC-NW)

This club will be a not for profit organisation working with partners to deliver courses. These may be Training Providers, Road Safety Groups, Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM), Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), MSA motor clubs and many others (the U17MC-Northwest is a MSA club in its own right).

This new club looks to build on the principles above and work with many partners to deliver driving education to young persons and allow them to develop the skills and attitude to become a safe driver. It is proposed that membership will be open to all at a very low fee (£5 per Adult or family including all children under 21) addition costs will be for courses or sessions.

The Grades that the U17MC-northwest uses will incorporate assessments to allow the upgrading of students.



Meet at the The Delph Tavern,
Tontine, Orrell WN5 8UJ

every second & fourth Monday of the month

Garstang & Preston MC

Meet at 8-30pm Every Tuesday
Lonsdale Club,
Fulwood Hall Ln,
Fulwood, Preston PR2 8BD



Bolton-le-Moors MC

The Club Meets at 9-00pm
every Thursday @ Horwich RMI Club,
Chorley New Rd, Horwich. M/R109/6111



WARRINGTON & DMC



Warrington & District Motor Club
Meet Every Monday

"The Antrobus Arms" on the A559, 8-30pm
between Warrington & Northwich.
CW9 6JD.

Fylde MSC



Meet at The Victoria Hotel,
Cleveleys
On the first Thursday of the month

Lancaster MC

meet at the Golden Ball Hotel,
Lancaster Rd, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3ER
on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 8pm



SD34MSG 2013 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	Type	League Club		Title	Venue - Notes
20-Jan	Autosolo	No	Knutsford	New Year Autosolo	Knutsford, Cheshire
27-Jan	PCA	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton January PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
27-Jan	Autosolo	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton January Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
08+09-Feb	Stage Rally	Yes	Motor Sport (NW) Ltd	Legend Fires North West Stages	Lancashire
15+16-Feb	Stage Rally	Yes	Manx Auto Sport	Chris Kelly Stages	Isle of Man
16-Feb	PCA	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
17-Feb	PCA	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	PCA 1	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
17-Feb	Autosolo	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	Autosolo 1	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
17-Feb	Autotest	Yes	CSMA NW	Autotest 1	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
9-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes	Clitheroe & Dist MC	Jack Neal Memorial Rally	Blyton airfield, Lincs
17-Mar	PCA	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton March PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
17-Mar	Autosolo	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton March Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
17-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes	PDMC / GPMC	Lee Holland Stage Rally	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
24-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes	Stockport 061 MC	Legend Fires SMC Stages	Weeton barracks, Blackpool
6-Apr	Road Rally	No	Matlock MC	VK Derbyshire Rally	Derbyshire
21-Apr	Autotest	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton Autotest	Trafford Centre, Manchester
4-May	Sprint	Yes	Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
5-May	Sprint	Yes	Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
11-May	Stage Rally	Yes	Wigan & Dist MC	Cetus Stages	3 Sisters, Wigan
10+11-May	Stage Rally	Yes	Manx Auto Sport	Manx National	Isle of Man
18-May	Road Rally	Yes	Stockport 061 MC	Altratech 061 Road Rally	Lancs / Derbys / Cheshire
19-May	PCA	Yes	Accrington MSC	PCA 1	Lymm Services
19-May	Autosolo	Yes	CSMA NW	Autosolo 2	Lymm Services
19-May	Autotest	Yes	CSMA NW	Autotest 1	Lymm Services
15-Jun	Road Rally	Yes	Garstang & Preston MC	Memorial Road Rally	Lancashire
16-Jun	PCA	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June PCA	TBA
16-Jun	Autosolo	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June Autosolo	TBA
16-Jun	Autotest	Yes	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June Autotest	TBA
23-Jun	PCA	Yes	Accrington MSC	PCA 2	Lymm Services
23-Jun	Autosolo	Yes	CSMA NW	Autosolo 3	Lymm Services
23-Jun	Autotest	Yes	CSMA NW	Autotest 2	Lymm Services
30-Jun	Autotest	No	Knutsford	Tim Sargeant Memorial Autotest	Wrexham, Cheshire
7-Jul	Sprint	Yes	Mull Car Club	Gravel Sprint	Isle of Mull
7-Jul	Stage Rally	Yes	Warrington & Dist MC	Envile Stages Rally	Anglesey Circuit
13-Jul	PCA	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	PCA	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	PCA 2	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	Autosolo	Yes	Under 17 MC NW	Autosolo 2	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	Autotest	Yes	CSMA NW	Autotest 3	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
01+02-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes	Manx Auto Sport	Poker Stars Stages	Isle of Man
21-Jul	Road Rally	No	Morecambe CC	Morecambe Rally	Lancashire/Cumbria

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3-Aug	Sprint	Yes ? LAC	3 Sisters Sprint	3 Sisters, Wigan
18-Aug	Hillclimb	Yes Pendle & Dist MC	August Hillclimb	Scammonden Dam, Huddersfield
24-Aug	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
25-Aug	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	Summer PCA	Lymm Services
25-Aug	Autosolo	Yes Accrington MSC	Summer Autosolo	Blackburn Services
25-Aug	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Summer Autotest	Blackburn Services
31-Aug	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
1-Sep	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
08+09-Sep	Stage Rally	Yes Wallasey MC	Promenade Stages	New Brighton Promenade
8-Sep	Road Rally	No Spadeadam MC	Countdown Navigation Rally	
15-Sep	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton September PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancashire
15-Sep	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton September Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancashire
21 Sept	Road Rally	No Hexham & District MC	John Robson Navigation Rally	Northumberland
28-Sep	Road Rally	Yes Clitheroe & Dist MC	The Clitheronian Road Rally	Lancs / Yorks
29-Sep	Autotest	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Chairman's Challenge Autotest	Demon Tweeks, Wrexham
29-Sep	Stage Rally	Yes PDMC / GPMC	Heroes Stage Rally	Weeton barracks, Blackpool
11-13-Oct	Stage Rally	Yes Mull Car Club	Mull Rally	Isle of Mull
13-Oct	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton October PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
13-Oct	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton October Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
13-Oct	Stage Rally	Yes Wigan & Dist MC	The Adgespeed Stages	3 Sisters, Wigan
19-Oct	Road Rally	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton Road Rally	
20-Oct	Autosolo	No Knutsford	Autosolo	
20-Oct	Autotest	No Knutsford	Autotest	
16-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Neil Howard Memorial Rally	Oulton Park
17-Nov	Road Rally	Yes Lancaster MC	Black Sheep Rally	?
23-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes Clitheroe & Dist MC	The Hall Trophy	Blyton airfield, Lincs
7-Dec	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
8-Dec	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	Winter PCA	Lymm Services
8-Dec	Autosolo	Yes Accrington MSC	Winter Autosolo	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
8-Dec	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Winter Autotest	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4

Key

Confirmed 2013 date 2012 date, 2013 date tbc

Championships

Road Rally Non Race/Rally = Autotests, Autosolos, PCA's, Sprints & Hillclimbs

Stage Rally Marshals = All events

Junior = PCA's

Interclub League = All League events

Individual (All Rounders) = All League events

2013 SD34MSG Championship Rounds at a Glance

SD34MSG Stage Rally Championship

Date	Event	Club
February		
08/09	Legend Fires North West Stages	MSNWLtd
15/16	Chris Kelly Stages	IOMAS
March		
9th	Jack Neal Memorial	CDMC
17th	Lee Holland Stages	PDMC & GPMC
24th	Legend Fires SMC Stages	Stockport061
May		
11th	Cetus Stages	Wigan & DMC
10/11	Manx National	IOMAS
July		
7th	Enville Stages	WarringtonDMC
September		
08/09	Promenade Stages	Wallesey MC
29th	Heroes Stages	PDMC & GPMC
October		
11-13	Mull	Mull CC
13th	Adgespeed Stages	Wigan & DMC
November		
8/9th	Poker Stars Stages	IOMAS
16th	Neil Howard Memorial Stages	BLMCC
23rd	Hall Trophy Stages Rally	CDMC

SD34MSG Junior Championship

Date	Event	Club
January		
27th	PCA	BLMCC
February		
16th	PCA	U17Club NW
17th	PCA	Accrington MSC
March		
17th	PCA	BLMCC
April		
28th	Lymm PCA	Accrington MSC
June		
16th	PCA	BLMCC
23rd	PCA	CSMA (NW)
July		
13th	PCA	U17Club NW
14th	PCA	U17Club NW
August		
25th	PCA	U17Club NW
26th	PCA	Accrington MSC
September		
15th	PCA	BLMCC
October		
13th	PCA	BLMCC
20th	PCA	Knutsford MC
December		
7th	PCA	U17Club NW
8th	PCA	Accrington MSC

SD34MSG Marshals Championship

All SD34MSG Member Club Events
See SD34MSG Calendar for Dates (Pages 8 & 9)

SD34MSG None Race/None Rally

Date	Event	Club
February		
16th	PCA	U17Club NW
17th	PCA	Accrington MSC
17th	AS	CSMA NW
March		
17th	PCA / AS	BLMCC
April		
21st	AT	BLMCC
May		
4th	Sprint	L&CCC
5th	Sprint	L&CCC
19th	PCA	Accrington MSC
19th	AS / AT	CSMA NW
June		
16th	PCA / AS / AT	BLMCC
23th	PCA	Accrington MSC
23th	AS / AT	CSMA NW
July		
13th	AS	U17Club NW
14th	PCA / AS	U17Club NW
14th	AT	CSMA NW
August		
3rd	Sprint	LAC
18th	Hillclimb	Pendle
24th	PCA	U17Club NW
25th	PCA / AS	Accrington MSC
25th	AT	CSMA NW
31th	Sprint	L&CCC
September		
1st	Sprint	L&CCC
15th	AS / PCA	BLMCC
29th	AT	L&CCC
October		
13th	PCA / AS	BLMCC
20th	PCA	Knutsford MC
December		
7th	PCA	U17Club NW
8th	PCA / AS	Accrington MSC
8th	AT	CSMA NW

SD34MSG Road Rally

Date	Event	Club
March		
23/24	Ryemoor Trophy	Malton MC
April		
14/15	VK Derbyshire	Matlock MC
May		
18/19	Altratech Rally	Stockport061
June		
15/16	Memorial Rally	GPMC
July		
21/22	Morecambe Rally	Morecambe CC
September		
08/09	Countdown	Spadeadam MC
14/09	John Robson	Hexham DMC
28/29	Clitheronian	CDMC
October		
20/21	Bolton Rally	Bolton LMCC

2013 SD34 MSG CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME;

ADDRESS;

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POSTCODE;

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MOBILE NO;

E-MAIL ADDRESS;

Please Tick this box if you
are under 18yrs of age

SD34 NOMINATED CLUB (one club only).....

Please register me for the SD34 Championships listed below;

I understand that the information contained on this sheet may be held on computer, but will be kept in the strictest Confidence for SD34 MSG use only.

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

Please forward the completed SD34 registration form with registration fee of £5.00 to; SD34 MSG

,c/o Mrs.M.Duckworth,12 Silsden Ave.,Ribbleton, Preston.PR2 6XB

Registration commences on date of receipt of application form or on advance notification by e-mail.

Tel. No; 01772 700823

E-Mail; margaret.duckworth42@btinternet.com

N.B. You do not need to register in order to claim points_for the Interclub league championship but you must register for the individual or disciplined championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP	Tick to Register	Driver Co-Driver/ Navigator Delete as appropriate	Class Delete as appropriate	Official SD34 Use only
STAGE RALLY		DRIVER CO DRIVER	A / B / C / D (Cls) A / B / C / D	
ROAD RALLY		DRIVER NAVIGATOR	Exp / Semi / Nov Exp / Semi / Nov	
NONE RACE / RALLY			A / B / C / D / E / F / G	

MARSHALLING POINTS. If you are registering as driver and navigator/co-driver in the same discipline you must nominate which you want marshalling points to be awarded to.

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CLASSES

Stage Rally; A = up to 1400cc, B = 1401 to 1600cc, C = 1601 to 2000cc, D = over 2000cc & 4wd

Road Rally; Expert; A competitor who, in the role registered has finished in the top 10 of a Nat B Or higher grade rally.

Semi Expert; All competitors not eligible for Expert or Novice class.

Novice; A competitor in the role registered who has never won an award other than a team award.

None Race A = saloon cars up to 13ft long and up to and including 1400cc.

/None Rally B = Saloon cars up to 13ft long and over 1400cc.

C= Saloon cars over 13ft long and up to and including 1600cc.

D= Saloon cars over 13ft long and over 1601cc. (Saloons will include estate cars, hatchbacks and commercials as appropriate)

E= Sports cars.

F = Specials.

G = Special Stage rally cars.

2012 Championship Tables

Individual Championship

Final Positions

O/A	Competitor	pts	Club
1.	Steve Johnson	112	CSMA
2.	Steve Mather	88	BLMCC
3.	Stephen Price	82	BLMCC
4.	Gary Heslop	47	HMMC
5.	Maurice Ellison	36	LMC
6.	Steve Butler	35	CDMC
7.	Gary Jakeman	22	HMMC
8.	Matthew Worden	16	CDMC
9.	Chris Woodcock	10	CDMC
10.	Paul Buckel	5	CDMC

League - Final Positions

Division A

Club	Points	Div	O/A
Clitheroe & DMC	863	1	1
Bolton-le-Moors CC	751	2	2
Stockport061	494	3	3
Warrington & DMC	416	4	4
Accrington MSC	311	5	7
Garstang & Preston MC	241	6	10

Division B

Club	Points	Div	O/A
CSMA (NW)	336	1	5
Wallasey MC	324	2	6
Lancs & Cheshire CC	292	3	8
Pendle & DMC	222	4	11
High Moor MC	175	5	13
Manx AS	109	6	14

Division C

Club	Points	Div	O/A
Wigan MC	291	1	9
Lancaster M.C.	189	2	12
Mull CC	88	3	15
Bury AC	63	4	16
Fylde MSC	17	5	17
2300	16	6	18
Lightning MSC	13	7	19
Motorsport NW Ltd	0	8	20

Stage Rally Championship

Final Positions

O/A	Driver	pts	Class	Club
1	Steve Quigley	135	C	CDMC
2	Ian Savage	106	D	HMMC
3	Steve Johnson	105	B	CSMA
4	Gary Jakeman	79	A	HMMC
5	Keith Dowthwaite	52	C	Wall MC

O/A	Co-Driver	pts	Class	Club
1	Terry Martin	189	C	CDMC
2	Garry Heslop	134	C	HMMC
3	Neil Bye	107	C	BLMMC
4	Steve Butler	78	A	CDMC
5	Tony King	54	C	Wall
6	Mathew Jakeman	52	B	HMMC

Road Rally Championship

Final Positions

O/A	Driver	pts	Club
1	Pete (James) Tyson	60	Lanc MC
2	Pete Jagger	56	BLMCC
3	Simon Boardman	55	CDMC
4	Steve Hudson	37	GPMC
5	Andie Ritchie	36	Lanc MC
6	Paul Brereton	26	Lanc MC
7	Rob McClean	14	G&PMC

O/A	Navigator	pts	Club
1	Alan Barnes	59	G&PMC
2	Maurice Ellison	54	Lanc MC
3	Tom Byrne	42	G&PMC
4	Susan McClean	17	G&PMC

Non Race/Rally Championship

Final Positions

O/A	DRIVER	pts	Club
1	Steve Mather	83.62	BLMCC
2	Steve Johnson	81.53	CSMA
3	Steve Lewis	79.28	CDMC
4	Steve Price	78.01	BLMCC
5	Steve Kennell	49.17	CDMC
6	Hazel Johnson	49.81	CDMC
7	David Goodlad	28.74	BLMCC
8	Mick Thomlinson	19.47	PDMC
9	Charles Andrews	18.20	Lanc MC
10	Steven Butler	10.00	CDMC

2012 SD34MSG MARSHALS CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Positions

Accrington MSC

David Barratt 40

Bolton-le-Moors MC

Steve Mather	50	Peter Sharples	40
Jack Mather	40	Julie Sharples	30
Eric Wilkinson	30	Hannah Speaker	20
Joe Evers	20	John Richardson	20
James Sharples	20	Steve Price	20
James Swallow	10	Martin Beamish	10

Bury AC

Clitheroe & DMC

Steve Butler	30	Chris Woodcock	30
Gordon Hawcroft	30	Robin Stanley	30
Angie Stanley	30	Dave Barritt	20
Janet Barritt	20	James Gardner	20
Matt Worden	20	Michael Judson	20
Martin Berry	20	Martin Whittaker	20
Dominic McTeer	20	Jason McTeer	20
Dion Wild	20	Steve Lewis	10
John Ashton	10	Steve Quigley	10
Craig Wroe	10	Terry Martin	10
Paul Buckle	10	Steve Flynn	10
Paul Flynn	10	Matt Flynn	10
Sandra Campbell	10		

CSMA (NW)

Eve Fisher	80	Graham Bray	80
Greg Holden	20	Graham Maxwell	20

Fylde MSC

David Grady	10	Martin Hefferon	10
Jason Hilton	10	Colin Hain	10
Darren Fox	10	Sandie Taylor	10
Graham Rawstone	10		

Garstang & Preston MC

Les Fragle	100	Margaret Duckworth	20
Karen Whittam	20	Peter Shuttleworth	10
Ric Wood	10	Steve Kenyon	10
Terry May	10	Andy Dewhurst	10
Graham Chester	10	Andy Benson	10
Jason Bleakley	10	Tony Young	10
Dave Nolan	10	Kris Coombes	10
Mark Shepherd	10	Pete Jackson	10
Phil Aspinall	10	Steve Coombes	10
Alex Jackson	10	Steve Hudson	10

High Moor MC

Gary Heslop	20	Gerry Morris	20
Gary Jakeman	10	Andrew Morris	10
Stephen Holmes	10		

Lancaster MC

Maurice Ellison	20	Simon Barnes	10
John Byram	10		

Lancs & Cheshire MC

Lightning MC

Manx AC

Mull CC

Motorsport NW Ltd.

Pendle & DMC

Ian Brown	80	Andrew Brown	80
Rod Brereton	50	Alan Shaw	20
Mick Tomlinson	10	Les Eltringham	20
Ray Duckworth	10		

Stockport 061

Ken Wilkinson	60	Mark Wilkinson	60
Rob Yates	50	Sarah-Jane Dunhill	50
Steph Wilkinson	50	Ian Bruce	40
Phil Hesketh	40	Julian Russell	40
Andy Chambers	40	Bob Milloy	40
Andy Turner	30	Geoff Callaghan	30
Brian Stott	30	Martin Payne	30
Anthony Miles	20	Chris Miles	20
Daryl Evans	20	Keith Miles	20
Daniel Chambers	20	Mathew Turner	10
Frank Wilkinson	10		

Wallasey MC

Warrington & DMC

Billy O'Brian	80	Robert O'Brian	80
Anne McCormack	50	Allan Burns	40
Denise Burns	40	Mark Carter	40
Joanne Mackman	40	Steven Price	30
Dave Read	30	Phil Clayton	30
Paul Cox	30	Sandra Witherspoon	30
Sheila Cox	20	Gordon Pirie	20
Dave Bates	20	Ian Heywood	20
Colin Burgess	10	Colin Cresswell	20

Wigan MC

Alan Bibby	20	Lance Rawlinson	30
Martin Fox	20	Helen Fox	20
Tony Ralph	20	Mike King	20
Colin Strath	20	Rob Jones	20
Tony Archer	20	Dave France	20
Denis Higson	20	Sue Roberts	20
Tony Lynch	20	Chris Cooke	20
Steven Sheehan	20	George Thewis	20
Stuart Pinder	10	Mark Hewitt	10
Mike English	10	Nick Archer	10
Dayle Trayner	10	Adrian Spencer	10
Alan Heyes	10		

2300

The Next SD34MSG

Meeting
Wednesday 20th March
(3rd Wednesday of every other month)
8-00pm,
Hartwood Hall Hotel, Chorley.
Just off M61 at J8 109 / 583 181

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AGM

Monday February 14th

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Nominations / Votes are wanted from the 2012
SD34MSG Road Rally Championship Competitors telling
us which event (in your opinion) was the best round

Send your Vote/Nomination to :

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SD34MSG

Prize Presentation Night
Friday 22nd February
8-00pm



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Ramsgreave Drive, Blackburn,
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Guest - Mick Briant

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Or your Clubs SD34MSG Rep

SPOTLIGHT ON 'Andy Hayes'

Name : ANDY HAYES

Motor club. WEXFORD MOTOR CLUB

D.O.B. : Where : 22/03/85 WEXFORD

Live : WEXFORD/DUBLIN

Status : SINGLE

Earn a Crust : ACCOUNTANT

How did you become involved in Motor sport :
STARTED NAVIGATING WITH A FRIEND FROM SCHOOL. NEITHER OF US HAD EVER BEEN IN A RALLY CAR BEFORE

1st Car : VW GOLF

1st Competition Car :
FIRST SEAT WAS IN A GPN 106 GTI.

1st Competative Drive WAS IN A GPA SAXO VTS

Favourite car : JACK MAGUIRES 2.0 ESCORT MK2.

Other Cars : "CAR ID LIKE TO SIT IN: S12B WRC IM PREZA ROAD CAR: ANYTHING FROM AMG OR FERRARI"

1st Event : and how did you do :
BALTINGLASS MINI STAGES 2008.
GEARBOX FELL OUT IN STAGE 1

Most frightening Moment :
COUNTING LIAM HOWLETT DOWN ON THE STARTLINE OF CARAGH LAKE IN RALLY OF THE LAKES 2012.
TOLD WITH 5 SECONDS TO GO THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WHEEL STUD LEFT IN OUR BACK LEFT WHEEL.
FIRST NOTES WERE 500 BigCJmp COMING OVER A JUMP IN THE GALWAY INTERNATIONAL RALLY WITH LIAM HOWLETT. FLAT IN FIFTH WITH A BENT AXLE - THE CAR TOOK OFF SIDWAYS AND YOU COULD SEE PEOPLE RUNNING AWAY THROUGH THE FIELDS THINKING WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A BIG ONE ROLLED AND SCRAPED DOWN THE ROAD UPSIDE DOWN WITH EOIN NEVILLE. LAST THING I SAW COMING WAS A BIG STONE PILLAR WHICH WE MISSED BY INCHES

Biggest Accident : CRASHING WITH EOIN NEVILLE ON CARAGH LAKE IN RALLY OF THE LAKES IN 2011.
CAR WAS COMPLETLEY DESTROYED.

Best Event : MY FIRST WRC - WRC FRANCE.
IN IRELAND, THE DONEGAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY



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SPOTLIGHT ON 'Andy Hayes'

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Rally Hero & Why : LOEB. THE BEST EVER AND STILL GOOD CRAIC.

Funniest Moment /s : SITTING WITH JT WARNOCK. BROKE A THROTTLE CABLE IN THE MK2 . I TOOK OFF A SHOE LACE AND TIED IT SO I COULD WORK THE THROTTLE BY HAND THROUGH THE WINDOW. JT SHOUTING AT ME AS WE ARE IN 6TH GEAR TO 'DRIVE HER ON!'

Biggest Influence : MIKE PATTISON, PETE DOUGHTY, CHRIS GRIFFITHS, RUSSEL REYNOLDS, JOHN DALTON - THE CREWS WHO STAYED IN OUR HOUSE FOR THE WEXFORD RALLY WHEN I WAS A CHILD - THATS WHERE THE INTEREST CAME FROM

Biggest Regret : I HAD MY BROTHER SITTING IN FOR HIS FIRST RALLY. I KNEW HE WAS STRUGGLING WITH THE NOTES BUT I DIDNT BACK OFF. WE HIT A TREE IN 4TH GEAR.

Most Help from : PAT & NIAMH NEVILLE

If you were starting all over again – what would you do different :

DONT PUT 2 COMPLETELY GREEN NOVICES IN ONE CAR.
NEW NAVIGATORS SHOULD START WITH AN EXPERIENCED DRIVER AND VICE VERSA

Ambitions for the future:

GET AS MUCH EXPERIENCE OF WRC EVENTS AS I CAN.
GET A SEAT IN A WRC CAR.
DRIVE RALLY FRANCE IN 2015

Championships : 2013: NORTHERN IRELAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP WITH JT WARNOCK. VARIOUS OTHER RALLIES WITH A NUMBER OF DRIVERS

Advice to newcomers to the sport :

"START OFF WITH AN EXPERIENCED PERSON BESIDE YOU.

DRIVERS: YOU WONT LEARN ANYTHING SITTING IN A DITCH
FINISHING IS EVERYTHING

NAVIGATORS: IF YOU ARE LOST - SHOUT!"



Trackday's are Amazing! - Andy Davies

I have been in motorsport over 32 years, I know what you're thinking an old f**t your right. But you're never too old to learn, I started in 1980 road rallying an excellent experience and for the next 10 years.

Moving into Stage rallying forest and single venue, again excellent experience, in 1997 my day job involved standing in front on classes teaching students and a colleague of mine suggested with my experience in motorsport, coupled with teaching skills a good grounding to help him out instructing on trackdays. Not a problem I said when and where - Cadwell Park I will meet you there, and the rest is history as they say.

Trackdays are friendly, welcoming and very well organised they cater for beginners, all trackdays have sighting laps behind an instructor which gets the day off to a nice smooth start, you are allowed to take passengers too. They take place at all circuits throughout the uk and Europe usually weekdays during the summer and weekends in winter months, prices range from as little as £79, fantastic value when you can get as much as 250 miles around Oulton Park.

It's an opportunity to drive you your road car to its potential in a controlled, safe, fast environment and not a speed camera insight. There are refreshments, fuel and sometimes support shops at all venues, a great meeting place for people with the same interest. I have visited most of the circuits in the UK taking part or instructing an the varied array of vehicles is always wide and interesting, you will always find some race cars using the opportunity to shake down or test new cars. At O/Park last year we had the company of the current Honda Touring Car Team, we often see Ferrari Challenge and Porsche GT3 cars testing alongside us guys in our Clio 172 and BMW M3's.

It is becoming more common to see Rally Cars now as venues are limited to test for rallying, there are usually garages available which you will find a great opportunity to entertain any would be sponsors or friends and family. Incar cameras are allowed and there will be a professional photographer on all day. You will start the day signing on so you do need a valid full driving licence followed be a briefing by the organisers then sighting laps behind the organisers car then it is an open pit lane which means you can go on and off track as you please. There are rules and regs too which are in place to keep everyone safe and accident free, if you have ever wondered what it's like to drive your car on slick tyres then you can there are no restrictions on tyres.

I am available to give advice:

Andy Davies : andy@driveme.net or 07974497953.
Wallasey M.C.

The first round of The 6R4.com Three Sisters Rally Challenge

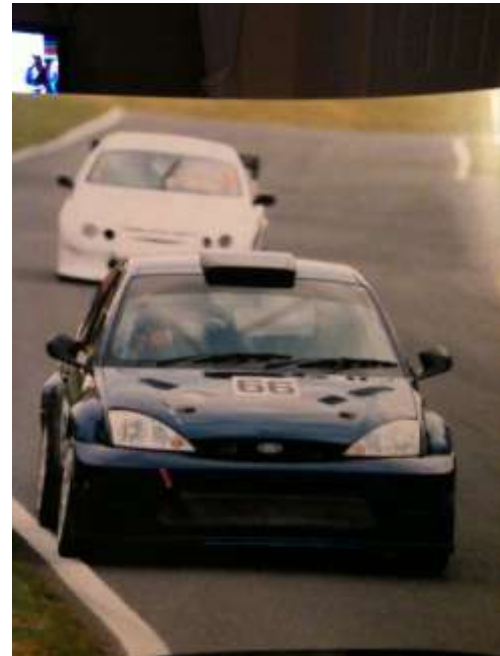
co-promoted by Wigan & District Motor Club & Blackpool South Shore Motor Club, gets under way on Sunday 3-3-2013 at The Three Sisters race Circuit, Wigan, Lancashire. The Roskirk Stages is run by Blackpool South Shore Motor Club, regulations for the rally are available online at :- www.bssmc.com
The regulations for The 6R4.com Three Sisters Rally Challenge 2013 are available at :- www.wiganmotorclub.org.uk

The Challenge prize money on offer this year is a total of £1050.00, class winners, overall winners and a special cash prize for drivers of WRC or 6R4 cars, see the challenge regulations for all the details. This is a free to enter challenge with no need to register, just compete on the rallies. The results of The 6R4.com Three Sisters Rally Challenge 2013 will be posted on the Motor Club web sites after the first round. The second round will be The Cetus Stages on Saturday 11-5-2013 and the final round will be The Adgespeed Stages on Sunday 13-10-2013.

Our thanks go to Ian Rowland of 6R4.com for his continued support of The 6R4.com Three Sisters Rally Challenge.

Alan S. Bibby, Secretary & Co-ordinator of The 6R4.com Three Sisters Rally Challenge 2013.

The Cetus Stages & The Adgespeed Stages are organised by Wigan & District Motor Club



Hall Trophy, Blyton – 1 December 2012

Given that my previous stage rally co-driving experience was entirely limited to Nissan Micras, usually of the 998cc variety, being propelled around Blyton Airfield in something with more than 6 times the horse-power was going to be a bit different. I wasn't in any way apprehensive, but I suspected those corners were going to arrive a damn site quicker than they usually do. And they did! I hadn't even seen the car before the day of the event, but thought nothing of it. I mean one rally car's just like the next one, isn't it? Well, no, not really. After clambering over the scaffolding and plonking myself in the seat, I was faced with a dizzying array of switches and knobs. Ross' service guy did his best to explain to me what they all did and tell me what I had to remember to remind Ross about on the start line and after the stage finish, but to be fair not much sank in. Something about anti-lag and switching fans on or off – I can't remember. And don't get me started on the centre diff controller – I could write a book about that. None of this malarkey in a Micra – all I have to tell Steve is which way to point the thing. Apparently, it seems that a Subaru is such a complicated thing to drive that the co-driver not only has the additional job of sounding the horn, which is fairly normal, but also operate the windscreen washers – haven't I got enough to do? It doesn't help when you're told that there are two buttons on the footplate, one for the horn and one for the washers, neither of which I could see, and it turns out that there are actually three. So when Ross says "windscreen washers" and I obediently press the button that isn't the horn, bummer-all happens and neither of us can see a thing. We still don't know what the third button does.

Anyway, after much deliberation about tyre choice and compounds, more new territory for me, it was time to get to the start of the first stage. On the way, Ross decides to try and warm-up the brakes and tyres (safely, I might add) but to no avail since there was a delay before the start of stage one and any heat that he might have got into them had dissipated. This made him more apprehensive than he already appeared to be, not wanting to reach the first chicane with no brakes or traction especially when there was a fairly solid concrete barrier on the exit with "end of rally" written all over it. Harking back to my experiences in Micras for a moment, I'm used to lots of late braking and pushing the engine to the rev limiter in all three gears (yes I know there's more, but they never seem to get much use in a Micra) so perhaps it was a bit foolhardy of me to be shouting at Ross to "brake later", "get on the power earlier" and offering other equally poorly chosen words of wisdom. After all I've never even been in a car with this much power and capability, let alone driven one. Thankfully, he didn't listen. It turns out he knew what he was doing and we got round all 8 stages without so much as nudging a cone – and there were plenty of them to go at. After quite a while out of the driving seat and with only 3 previous events in the car under his belt, some of the earlier stage times could have been better. But things did improve as the day wore on, the times were coming down and we were looking at a respectable finish. It turns out that it could have been even more respectable if the centre diff had been working! It transpired that we'd spent most of the event with only two wheel drive, which would account for some of the unexpected behaviour that Ross did well to keep under control.

In the end we were happy with the day's sport and 8th overall. If I'd been doing my job properly as co-driver, I would have realised that even though the results computer said we were 5th in class, since the first two class positions were overall award winners we were actually 3rd in class and should have stayed to collect our trophy. My apologies to the organisers for that, entirely my fault, but, on stage rallies at least, I'm not usually troubled by overall positions! Finally a big thank you and well done to the organising team for putting on a cracking event which seemed to run smoothly and effortlessly – always a good sign. And, as always, a massive thank you to all the marshals who braved the freezing conditions.

Next event for me is back in the Micra on the North West Stages, but the week after we're taking the Subaru to the Isle of Man, a first for both of us. Also my first tarmac pace note event and only Ross' second (first in the Subaru).

Watch this space for the next chapter.

Hall Trophy Rally 2012
Saturday 1st December
Blyton Park Driving Centre



Ross Miller/Steve Butler



Ross Miller/Steve Butler

Steve Butler Clitheroe & DMC Car 9



K&R MITSUBISHI STAGES RALLY 2013

26th & 27th January Brean Leisure Park

Newby Storms To Podium At Brean

After a top six placing where he was competing in the snow and ice of the Jack Frost Rally at Croft last weekend, Carnforth teenager Arron Newby continued his great form with another superb drive to take a brilliant third place overall on this weekend's K&R Mitsubishi Stages held at Brean Leisure Park near Weston-Super-Mare.

Back at the wheel of the Pirelli-sponsored and TEG Sport-prepared Subaru Impreza along with Windermere co-driver Gary Tomlinson, 18-year-old Newby was optimistically hoping to add to the successive hat-trick of outright victories on his first three rallies in the car last year, but with a very strong local contingent in the quality field, he knew it was going to be a tough challenge.

Saturday saw a wet start where young Azz managed to hold second overall in the early stages as the powerful World Rally Cars struggled for grip before it started to dry out and after the day's final stage, his considerable talent had placed him fourth overall from his lowly seeding of 27.

Sunday dawned dry and with conditions not as well suited to the lesser-powered Subaru, Newby hung in and maintained his top four placing but his prayers were answered when, with two stages remaining, the heavens opened and he responded by setting a fastest and second fastest time to clinch third spot just five seconds behind the experienced Rob Swann and less than half a minute off winner Steve Furzeland.

Arron Newby: *"The weather conditions were totally different to last week at Croft and with such a strong local entry who all knew the stages well; it really was going to be difficult. Saturday started off OK and we hung in there to end the day fourth which I was pleased with but with Sunday forecast dry, I knew I'd have my work cut out to maintain that. When it rained, it evened things up a bit and allowed us to claw some time back so I'm pleased with third overall and less than 30 seconds off winning. Thanks to Gary, the whole TEG Sport team and of course Pirelli as the tyres were brilliant as always."*

Stuart Newby, TEG Sport Team Owner: *"Azz has yet again showed his pace and maturity and done us all proud once again. This is one of the toughest events he's done in the Subaru and the whole point in entering was to test him against some quality opposition and he's responded magnificently. We were happy to see the rain with a couple of stages to go as we knew the Pirelli RE9 was mega in the wet and so it proved so third place overall is a fantastic result."*



Arron Newby/Gary Tomlinson



Steve & Yvonne Furzeland



Photo courtesy of James Newby

Friday 22nd February
SD34MSG Prize Presentation Night

With
Mick Briant
3 times Motoring News Champion
tickets **£5** inc supper
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Terry Martin
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Hadeland Historic Rally Norway

Perez Rocks And Rolls

After class wins on the Cambrian Rally, Trackrod Rally, Wales Rally GB and Killarney Historic Rally last year, triple British champion Steve Perez was back in action where he endured an eventful week whilst out testing at the John Haugland Rally School in Norway but came away with another victory.

Driving the iconic 1974 Amigos Tequila-flavoured beer branded Lancia Stratos, Perez, from Chesterfield, and Swedish co-driver Staffan Parmander clinched a sensational victory in the Rally Hadeland Historic Rally Norway, only days after a dramatic roll when testing. Steve, the 2003 British Historic, 2004 National ANCRO and 2010 BTRDA champion, takes up the story:

"We were on the last test of the day when the car caught a snow bank on the inside which pulled the car in and we fell off the road and the Stratos gently rolled over. The worst thing was that we couldn't get out of the car for five or six minutes because of the amount of snow. We had to wait for a rescue team to dig us out and I must say I was glad to see daylight."

The BTR service team drove through the night to an Oslo workshop, worked all the next day and had the Stratos ready for the start. On the first stage, Steve took 17 seconds off fellow G-WRC driver (Gentlemen's World Rally Championship - if you don't know about this, ask Steve!) Kenyan team mates Geoff Bell and Tim Challen.

Steve continued: ***"I thought I had won the rally on the first stage and backed off, so I was surprised to find that Geoff had caught me napping and had taken 32 seconds off me on the next two stages meaning the fight was on!"***



Perez and Bell were exchanging times and Steve was just three seconds down going into the last stage. ***"I decided it was going in the lead or in the trees!"*** said Steve.

"We drove flat out for the next 21km of frozen forest tracks and we had a few close calls but it worked out well."

At the end of the stage, Steve had pulled a massive 16 seconds back from Geoff giving him the victory.

"It was a great end to what I thought was going to be a disastrous weekend" concluded Steve. ***"I owe it all to my team who worked so hard to get the car back together after my mistake."***

Brits Andrew Siddall and co driver Carl Williamson, also part of the G-WRC, went off into a snow bank after the throttle stuck open on their Ford Escort.

The Lancia is off to the body shop to get fixed for the forthcoming Wyedean Rally followed by the Legend Boucles de Spa in February.



OSWALDTWISTLE teenager Josh Graham is making a name for himself on the karting scene after being ranked eighth in the country for 2012. Josh, 15, has been impressing in the National Kart Racing Association Championships after being crowned northern champion. And the Hollins Technology College pupil recently took sixth place at the national grand final at Larkhall in Scotland to put him eighth in the rankings for the year. Josh had been 15th in the country two years ago and was also northern champion last year, when he did not take part in the national championships. He has already collected a host of trophies in a burgeoning career – including winning this year's title in the junior blue races at his club, the Cheshire Kart Racing Club, at Hooton Park on the Wirral. Josh's love for the sport stems back to the age of two, when he was bought a quad bike and also used a sit-on lawnmower to perfect his skills. At the age of 10 he produced a stunning performance to beat a national champion in just his fourth ever race to win the two-stroke cadet class at Jersey Kart and Motor Club's electric kart weekend.

Chris Flanagan, Lancashire Telegraph

CSCC Tintops



Sticking with the CSCC this season, 15th September saw the Donnington Park round. For this race, the itinerary was going to be slightly different. I had offered a drive in the race to Neil Philpotts to get him out on track and keep his hand in. The format was for us to share the drive – a 30 min qually session where we would split the time to get some practice in and set a decent lap, and the race would be similar, 20 mins each of the 40 min race, with the pit stop / driver change in the middle. The weather was very kind, with the sun cracking the flags! Also doing the same race was Dave Hill and Andy Davies, again, sharing a drive in Daves Civic Type R. Qualifying saw us both midfield, with Dave 13 th on the grid, and myself 14th along side him; all year that hasn't been much between us, and this qually session was business as usual lol. So, race time came round, myself and Dave were doing the first stints, with Andy and Neil taking over at the pit stop. For the first time this year, I flunked the start, going from 1st to 4th off the line allowing cars to stream past me, losing at least 6 places before the first corner. $\frac{3}{4}$ way round the lap I caught a glimpse of a red flag, so everyone slowed it down as we all arrived at the grid again. It appeared that a reserve car had started the race, and they had too many cars on circuit, so stopped the race and issued a restart from original starting positions – thankfully I was going to get another bite of the cherry – this time I was sure to make sure I didn't mess it up! 2 nd attempt was much better, made a place or 2 by the first corner and tried to get settled in behind Dave. At the end of the first lap all appeared to be going well, Dave had a bit of breathing space ahead of me going to the final chicane as he was putting pressure on the car in front of him. Unfortunately, the CRX he was pressuring overcooked the brakes in to the chicane and Dave had to take avoiding action via the gravel trap where he was collected by the now spinning CRX! Cars seemed to be scattered everywhere, I picked my way through the carnage, and found myself 7 th at the end of the first lap. I held this until about 15 mins in to the race when we had a safety car. Trying to make the most of this, I decided to pit, coming in to a totally unprepared Neil. We got the driver change done, but we, and everyone else who had decided to pit faced a red light at the end of the pit lane, even with the safety car 30 seconds away! Eventually the safety car passed and they let the pit lane empty, putting us a lap down, and back in 21 st place! Neil got on it right away and started taking places pretty much everywhere he could. We eventually finished a respectable 14 th overall, not bad considering our pit stop blunder....

Stu MacMaster - Wallasey MC

SD34MSG Inter-Club Table Top Challenge Round 1

Tuesday 22nd of January saw the first round of the Sd34MSG Table Top Challenge which took place at Clitheroe & DMC home in Waddington. Terry Martin (CofC for this round) put on 5 tests on map 103 and despite the weather outside no one claimed to have had any difficulty traversing the highways & byways of map 103 because of snow or ice. Having said that I made the schoolboy error of ignoring the CAR instruction at the top of test 2 and kept to the yellows—still managed to get to the correct control point (with no time dropped) only to be told by El Tel that I had gained a fail for going the wrong way and another because of a missed phone box and no amount of protest about the roads being blocked by snow was allowed– Why did he feel the need to check my map so thoroughly? Would I lie to him?



Pos	Name	Penalties	Points
1	Steve Butler	0F 3m	12
=2	Matt Worden	1F 1m	10
=2	Terry Martin	CoC	10
=4	Maurice Ellison	2F 0m	9
=4	Tony Vart	2F 0m	9
=6	Gavin Holmes	5F 4m	8
=6	Matt Kiziuk	5F 4m	8
8	Steve Lewis	5F 5m	7
=9	Sam Hargreaves	OTL	6
=9	Danny Hartley	OTL	6

**Next Round (round 2)
Tuesday April 16th
Maps 102 & 103
CofC : Maurice Ellison
CDMC Waddington 8-30**



Rockingham Stages

Williams' Witterings

First of all, may I wish you all Happy New Year, 2012 finished on a high note with a top ten finish on the Rockingham Stages back in December in a last stage effort, and as much as I said I was putting my feet up for the close season, the fact is, I haven't. Six weeks have passed in almost a blink of an eye with the festivities of catching up with family and friends and the annual trip to Croft to see the action, beat the boredom of the gap between Christmas and New Year and work off some of the Turkey. Kevin Proctor, won... again! It was good though to have a catch up with some familiar faces as well as meet and chat to new ones in what were simply tropical temperatures for Croft in December. The close season and festive period has been an unusually busy and frantic affair for myself getting a number of things in place for what lies ahead in 2013 and my sixth full year of competition. I will continue my partnership with Solihull driver Roger Taylor that we built up over the closing months of 2012. We'll once again compete in his 2.4 JRE Vauxhall engined Mk II Escort with hopefully all the reliability issues sorted and a rebuilt gearbox after we all but destroyed it on the Cambrian. As for where and when we'll compete, we're still unsure which championship we'll take part in so intend on starting both the BTRDA Silver Star and the all new exciting Roger Albert Clark Championship and then assess which one is going better and continue with it for the rest of the season.

Whilst Roger and I have both competed on the BTRDA in recent years and both have a good idea of what to expect from the championship, events, and it's seasoned competitors, the RAC Championship is very much of an unknown quantity for us both, although I do have previous experience of a number of the events/stages that will appear in the RAC Championship. Events like Mid Wales, Bulldog, Hamsterley, Kielder, and Trackrod are all ones I've competed on before. We both also have some knowledge of Crychan to be used on the Red Kite thanks to having previously competed on the Nicky Grist Quinton Stages, but Neath Valley will be very much an unknown. Uptake for the new championship has been strong as people seemingly are rebelling against the BHRC's no tolerance rules with some of the quickest historic crews out there are already signed up and entered for the opening round, the likes of Nick Elliot, Rob Smith, Will Onions and Jimmy McRae, so we'll be in fine company.

The opening event of the year will probably have already taken place, and preparations will no doubt be well under way for the Wyedean by the time you read this, but as I write this the Red Kite Stages, the opening round of the RAC Championship is only 12 days away so my prep and hard work has already begun. The event is based in Llandover, an historic Drovers town on the outskirts of the Brecon Beacons and uses some of the best gravel stages Wales has to offer in the shape of the iconic Crychan and the scary drops of Esgair Daffydd. So far 63 crews have signed up, 40 of which are RAC registered contenders showing just how strong the competition is likely to be throughout the year and the spectacle for the spectators stands to be mouthwatering.

So with that, 2013 looks to be an exciting prospect on a personal note, holds a lot of potential and stands to become one of my most successful seasons of rallying yet, but my plans don't end there. Oh no, I'm currently in talks with a couple of other drivers about helping out with their plans in 2013 and also could no doubt rejoin old partners. But the final piece of news is that I'll also partner Pete Jagger for an entire season in the lanes in Yellow Peril in the hope that I can win the SD34 Championship, as after looking back on last years results I realised now, my results were good enough to have won the championship outright with the perfect score of 60 out of 60 had I been registered. We're also registering for the ANCC and ANWCC as there's a load of overlap between events and championships with maybe the odd adventure to Wales. My first challenge though will be to not fall asleep on the Bruce Robinson, a plot and bash event held in Lincolnshire on the same night as the Wyedean Rally. Not only is two rallies on the same day enough, but there's a three hour drive between both start venues. February 9th is going to be a long weekend!

That's all my news and stories for now, and hopefully I'll come back from Wales and Lincolnshire with good news of a strong start to 2013 and maybe a pot of two. One thing for sure I'm sure I'll have a few stories to tell for next month! So all that remains for me to say is have a safe and enjoyable years of motorsport... The hard work has already begun!

TTFN

Chris Williams

**Morecambe Car Club
Hosted the Mick Briant
(Our Principal Guest at the
SD34 Prize Presentation Night
on February the 22nd)**

‘Do you have to drive like that’

**Book launch on
Tuesday 8th January**



**Famous Names that were there on
the Night :**

**Geoff Birkett, Don Davidson, John
Edwards-Parton, Don Barrow (4
times *Motoring News* Champion
Navigator), Nigel Raeburn, Kevin
Savage & Derek Fryer**



‘Write a caption’ Competition

**Can you write a caption for
the above Photograph**

**Email your caption to
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**Bottle of Scotch for
the best Caption**

**One way or another I’ll get it to
you if you include your name
& club in the email**

**Result & what really happened
next month**

My wife ask me why I talk to myself.
It's because sometimes I need expert ad-
vice.

Jack Frost Stages Rally

In association with **AUTOGAS 2000 & Cartersport**



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Class Win For Newby At Ice-Bound Croft

Following a successive hat-trick of outright victories on his first three rallies in the TEG Sport -prepared Subaru Impreza last year, Carnforth (& Clitheroe & DMC Member) teenager Arron Newby continued his great form with another superb drive to clinch a class win and sixth place overall on today's Autogas 2000 Jack Frost Stages Rally held at Croft Circuit.

The 18-year-old was competing on snow and hard-packed ice for the first time at the Yorkshire race circuit and co-driven by Gary Tomlinson, Newby very wisely took it relatively steady on the first couple of stages before upping the pace as a slight thaw set in. Ninth after the opening loop of stages, Arron held his position until the halfway service halt but as track conditions improved, he upped the pace significantly straight afterwards to move up to eighth but as the light started to fade, the Pirelli-sponsored driver really started to motor. Fastest on SS6 was followed by second fastest on the penultimate six-mile stage before setting fastest time on the very last stage to elevate himself up to an impressive sixth overall at the finish which is remarkable considering it was his first experience in such conditions.

Arron Newby: *"The first couple of stages were eye openers for sure as I'd never experienced anything like that before and seeing as though I was under orders not to damage the car unnecessarily, I just played myself in. But as soon as it started to thaw, I really felt confident and on the last few stages, we upped the pace and got a good result. It's been a great experience and all part of the learning curve so once again thanks to Pirelli and the TEG Sport team for doing another great job."*

Stuart Newby, TEG Sport Team Owner: *"We wanted to use the rally as a shakedown for the car as we've just finished rebuilding it and to try a new sequential gearbox so the weather could have thrown a spanner in the works. But we also thought it would be a good experience for Arron to drive on ice and snow and he responded with a brilliant drive. He listened to our advice early on but when it started to thaw, we let him off the reins and what a superb result he achieved. If it hadn't have been so icy early on, I think it could have been a different story!"*





Jack Frost Stages Rally

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Bird Misses Out On Win Number Five At Croft
Cumbrian rally driver Paul Bird's audacious bid to win the Autogas 2000 Jack Frost Stages Rally for a fifth successive time came to an unfortunate end when circumstances conspired against him on the Darlington and District Motor Club event at Croft Circuit.

With hard-packed ice and snow greeting competitors, the former National Rally Champion was seeded at number one and first on the road in the Fuchs Titan, Rapid Solicitors and Kick Energy-backed Frank Bird Poultry Ford Focus WRC07, but an incorrect choice of ice tyre saw Bird lose lots of time to effectively end his bid.

The Dom Buckley Motorsport team set to work to change the settings on the car and with more suitable tyres for the second stage, the MotoGP and BSB Superbike team boss was back at the sharp end with a top ten time around the Yorkshire race circuit.

Thinking about another herculean recovery drive akin to his one on the Legend Fires North West Stages Rally last year, Bird, from Langwathby near Penrith, was all set to make up the time loss but as the crew went to leave for SS3, Scottish co-driver, Kirsty Riddick, suffered a freak injury when she trapped her finger in the door as a crew member closed it.

Whilst Kirsty wanted to continue, Paul realised the injury was quite serious so immediately withdrew in order for her to receive medical attention.

Paul Bird: ***"Once again, we've had no luck and that's three rallies on the trot I've not got to the finish. I made a wrong tyre choice on the first stage so that was my fault but we were game to have a go and make up as much time as possible on the remainder of the rally like we had to in Blackpool last year. But just as we were about to leave for SS3, Kirsty reached up to adjust something and someone accidentally closed the door which trapped her finger between the door and the roll cage. Shes a tough one, though, and she wanted to continue but I saw it wasn't good so I pulled rank on her and sent her off to get it checked out. We'll try again in Blackpool next month and hope our luck changes for the better soon."***



Swift Claims Class Win At Icy Croft



Darlington rally driver Paul Swift defied the snow and ice to record a superb class victory en route to fourth place overall on today's Darlington and District Motor Club-organised Autogas 2000 Jack Frost Stages Rally which took place at Croft Circuit.

Along with co-driver David Cox, the defending AS Performance North of England Tarmac Rally and Fuchs Titan Race ANCC Stage Rally Tarmac Champion overcame the disappointment of retiring on the recent Christmas Stages Rally to bring his Ford Escort Mk2 home following a race against time to get the car prepared.

With his team literally burning the midnight oil to fit a new Millington 2.4 litre power unit, the seven times British champion was hoping to repeat his podium placing on last year's event and Paul got off to a good start with a pair of top six times on the opening ice-bound stages around the Yorkshire race circuit.

SS3 saw him set third fastest time and at the lunchtime halt after SS4; he was up to fifth and looking good. The temperature just nudged above freezing as the day progressed meaning the track started to thaw slightly but Swift's pace was relentless and thanks to a string of top ten times on the remaining stages, Paul emerged fourth overall, taking not only Class 4, but finishing as top two wheel drive car on one of the trickiest events in recent times at Croft.

A delighted Paul commented: ***"What a fantastic job my team did to get the new engine sorted and installed in such a short space of time between the Christmas Stages and Jack Frost and I owe this result to them as they really have pulled out all the stops. Conditions were very difficult and you had to be on the right tyres which, luckily, we were but it certainly made life interesting at times. I'd have preferred a more predictable event to take the car out for the first time had I chosen, rather than snow and sheet ice, but it was fine and never missed a beat all day. I'd like to say a massive thanks to the organisers for all their hard work in staging the event and to all the marshals who stood out in cold conditions all day long."***

Paul's next event is the Legend Fires North West Stages Rally, based in Blackpool, over the weekend of 8/9th February.

R.A.C Rally Night on Motors TV opens 2013 season

A superb TV package will add to the ever-growing profile of the West Wales Rally Spares R.A.C Rally Championship, when the coverage starts with a special 'R.A.C Rally' night on Motors TV on Sunday 10 February. The evening's rally action will start at 7.30pm with a 90-minute programme covering the fabulous 2012 Roger Albert Clark Rally when Marty McCormack and Steve Bannister enacted a mighty battle for victory which was only resolved on the final special stage. Then, at 9pm comes another 90-minute programme covering the Red Kite Stages, the opening round of the R.A.C Rally Championship.

Support for coverage of the 2013 R.A.C Rally Championship comes from TV partners including Swift Leisure, Jordan Road Surfacing, Skipton Ford, Sherwood Engines, Robinson Road Planing, Rally and Competition Equipment, Lloyd-Thomas Opticians and rallyprep.co.uk.

"Talk about starting with a bang," said David Winstanley of rallytv.co.uk, the organisation appointed to film all seven rounds of the championship as well as the Roger Albert Clark Rally. "The quality of entry for the Red Kite guarantees stunning footage and the 'R.A.C Rally Night' will be a real treat for fans."

Each round of the championship will be covered in detail in a 90-minute prime-time programme on Motors TV with multiple repeats and there will also be an end-of-season review programme to give the championship over 50 hours of TV coverage. The move to 90-minute programmes allows Winstanley and his team to give good coverage to each of the seven series within the championship. In addition to the TV coverage, each event will be featured on YouTube, with a mini-report uploaded as soon as possible after each event.

such things are on the increase because 'elf and safety' have moved spectators from many parts of the circuit because of the likelihood of injury from accidents but of course this means that animals are more likely to be there. He then related a tale of how he had been following another bike on one race when he noticed the other rider crouch down on the bike, then suddenly a pheasant came into view. The pheasant went straight through his faring and broke two of his fingers. Now as Dan says, "You could take that faring off and jump up and down on it and it wouldn't break". At the end of the race he said he was covered with blood all down his side and his wife had the lovely task of cleaning all the gore off the bike !!! I think I will stick to sauntering through the lanes at 30 mph with four



The Barrow Taxi Column

aka Mr Paul Brereton



I have decided to keep the Proton Satria and sell my 306 Rallye. I have been collecting cars for a few years now and room is getting scarce. I can only drive one car at a time so by the time you read this my Sierra Cosworth and the Peugeot will be on Ebay. I am still undecided about my Merc. I like having the Power but at 3000 miles a year it seems a waste. I love my pickup truck so may upgrade that but I am also beginning to fancy the idea of having a camper van so I can follow the rallies. The Mk 1 Escort has still not been used in anger but I think it will have its first outing on the Devils Own. If anyone is looking for a ready to go and well prepared car the 306 Rallye is a real beastie with plenty of (non turbo) road rally power and had new suspension less than one season old. The car has been fully maintained and equipped.

My entry is in for the Lumies so looking forward to doing that with my old mate Jerry Hettrick and hope to see lots of you there. Things have been dull on the motorsport front because I haven't done anything since the Black Sheep last year so it will be good to get out again.

Maurice has 'volunteered' me to speak at Clitheroe MC club night February 19th. so I hope I don't bore everyone to tears on the night. I went to KLMC club night January where we had Dan Stewart as speaker. Dan is local to me (Barrow-in-Furness) where he owns a motorcycle business. He has raced on the TT as well as circuit racing for several years as a 'privateer' and holds the record as fastest privateer on the TT which is pretty awesome. He was very interesting and we greatly enjoyed the evening. Although I have never even owned a motor bike I think it is hard to believe the way these guys ride a 38 mile circuit at breakneck speeds. Going back a couple of years I went to a Morecambe car club night when they had John McGuinness as speaker, John has won the TT 19 times and is a Morecambe boy who has 'done good' A very down to earth guy who showed us a film of a bike (not his) going round the TT course. I was spellbound listening to him describing each corner, speed, gear, entry and exit points. It is amazing how close they are to kerb edges where the bumps are, how the resin drops from overhanging trees and conditions can vary at different parts of the course. How hard it is to hold onto the bike accelerating to 200mph etc.etc. John holds the record of fastest circuit of 131.5 and in 2012 did a lap at an average of over 130mph. I think it was Pete Tyson who asked Dan Stewart how they coped with road kill, as hitting a rabbit at those speeds must be scary. Dan said that

wheels and a heater.

A friend of mine is a photographer and has always had a keen interest in cars. He is called Damian Hock . He has decided to have a crack at Rally Photography - so look out for him on future events. A small selection of his work is shown here.

TTFN Paul

AUTOSPORT SHOW 2013

We attended on the 10th Jan trade day using the marshals discount after seeing it advertised in the November edition of Spotlight, It was an early start for me and the wife but the drive down south was worth the effort.

First impressions of the show were good easy entry via park and ride and E-tickets and within 10 min of leaving the car we were in the halls,

The first hall we explored was the technical section now ill be the first to admit that I didn't understand everything I was looking at, I'm a mere marshal and no mechanic but there was some lovely examples of engineering on display as well as several fully functioning CAD machines one of which had produced a stunning open faced helmet out of a single piece of aluminium right down to the pattern of the cloth covering the padding.

The main hall was next and there was allsorts in this hall from karts to the biggest motor homes right back to jet sprint boats there was something for everyone the first stand to greet us was Motor sport News with the Richard Burns cars, they all looked great especially the Prodrive Subaru's, one with full light pod looked especially good.

Next to this was one of the strangest race machines I've ever seen and one that I was especially looking forward to seeing, the Nissan delta Wing what a strange but weirdly beautiful piece of machinery, reminded me of watching batman films as a kid.

We spent several hours looking around this hall there were stands for RAC rally and the new RAC championship with some lovely Mk2 in attendance a massive MSA stand with great staff on hand to answer any licence query quickly and efficiently,

I really liked the volunteer in motor sport stands that had a rescue team on hand to answer questions and show people just what is involved in there side of volunteering with a mock up of a Porsche rally accident.

The F1 stand was disappointing to say the least, to say its supposed to be the panicle of motor sport it was decidedly under whelming, yes they had cars from all the top teams there, whether they were the real deal I'll never know and as for manufactures the only ones I could see were Mclarren and lotus, and if you had a spare £35 Mclarren would even let you on the stand to buy merchandise oh and for an extra £10 you could have your picture taken next to the car!

M Sport unveiled the new Fiesta Qatari livery which is impressive but will be much more so racing through the welsh forests, and VW also had there new WRC car on display.

The next hall was more super cars, from Nobel to Lamborghini if it had a big price tag it was in here, there were some lovely examples of classic Ford Escorts Cosworths, XR3i's and even a bloke that paints pictures with remote controlled cars which was impressive if not a little strange.

Overall impressions of the event were good we liked the fact you could get up close and personal with some amazing pieces of machinery (Vicky had to drag me away from a race prepared Mclarren F1 I was drooling over) and it was good to chat to like minded people about the virtues of rallying, we walked miles got some nice goodies and the wife even found a handbag shop!

Tom and Vicky Mercer - Gemini 53



Sorry that this issue is a bit short on content this month - lots of dates of events for 2013 (*ten pages of them*) but not a lot else - there has not been many events on during January to report on (lots of thanks to those who did manage to send me articles).

Dont know how your Christmas went but I never seemed to stop eating and going to functions (Andy is going to have to get a few more BHP in the beemer to compensate for my weight gain). Between December the 17th and New Years Eve (ten days) I had 8 Functions to attend plus the usual round of family events (another 4) - totaling 12 and I still have another 5 still to go to (costing me an arm & a leg all this cheerfulness). Any grumpyness this month is probably due to indigestion and the sight of my bank statement.

First event of 2013 for me was a 12 car organised by West Cumbria MSC on Monday the 22nd of January and then the next one up is the 'Lummies Rally'. The Lummies Rally is the 2012 Illuminations Rally which did not run (twice in 2012) because of a 'Lack of interest' !

I should (NB the word *should*) have sat in with Dan Hurst in his bright orange fiesta for the WCMSC 12 Car which started from Cockermouth, however, then down came the snow. I set off at 2-30pm to give myself plenty of time to get up there and leave enough time for a quick scout round the lanes before the scheduled start at 6-30pm. Got there at 4pm and off I went checking some of the roads that I would use if I was Clerk of Course. Odd bit of snow here and there and small patches of ice every now and then but nothing to worry too much about. Some junctions not as I remembered from when I lived in Workington but that could be old age and memory. Got back to the start venue at the Sheep & Wool centre and grabbed a bite to eat. Due start time came & went and nobody has turned up. Went outside for a nicotine injection and the snow is coming down a little harder. Rang Dan - No answer. Checked Facebook pages on my mobile and the event had been cancelled due to the weather (& also a text message left on my home phone -not my mobile - half an hour after I had left home). Bugger ! Bugger ! Bugger ! 160mile round trip for nothing. All I need now to get this year off to a bad start is for the 'Lummies' not to run AGAIN. - Please Run This Time !!!!

SD34MSG Marshals Championship.

How do you score points? When you go and marshal on any SD34MSG Clubs Event - if you think that the Chief Marshal collates all the Marshals names and their clubs and then sends them to the Marshals Championship compiler then you are mistaken. You need to claim those points yourself. It isn't that hard. There are two methods I have used. Either inform your own clubs SD34MSG Rep of which Event and the date you marshalled and they will claim the points for you or you can email the Championship compiler with exactly the same information but remember to tell her your name (Ann is good but not a mind reader and some email addresses bear no similarity to their users real name).

Her email address is annmccormackuk@tiscali.co.uk (thats a lot of n's, c's & k's to get in the correct order for me) One other thing to remember is that you only have 2 months following the event to claim your points. (Having said that - the sooner you claim the better)

Whilst on Championships - it is going to be a tough year to win the **SD34 Road Rally Championship** in 2013. Dont want to put anyone off having a go but Pete Tyson / Neil Harrison and Tony Harrison / Paul Taylor have got their registrations in and both these crews will be hard to beat but thats what championships are all about. If you can even get close to those two crews its a real achievement. On the **Stage Rally** front another new contender is young Arron Newby - although he wont be doing all the rounds he will still be a hard one to beat.

You might have noticed that we now have another 2 clubs as members of SD34MSG - Lancashire Automobile Club & the Under 17-NW MC (pages 7 & 8) . Technically the Lancashire Automobile Club wont be a member until after the next SD34MSG meeting, Chris Lee (LACs SD34MSG Rep) at the last minute, was unable to attend the last meeting - so whilst everyone agreed on LAC becoming a member, they cant until someone from LAC attends an sd34 meeting.

You might also have noticed the addition of a new championship set up to encourage more youth into motorsport. To start with, it is just the PCA events that will count but it is hoped that we can move that on to include other Motorsport disciplines - the hard part is to come up with a formula that is not overly complicated and wont mean their parents taking out a second mortgage.

SD34MSG Prize Presentation Night on Friday 22nd Feb. Really looking forward to this event. Not just because we have Mick Briant as principal guest (as good as he is/was) but mainly because we will have the pleasure of Malc Graham & John Morton - going back into their heyday there was always a strong rivalry between them and I think it will be a very very entertaining (and funny) evening. **See you ALL there** **Mo**

Mo's Mutterings or 'Grumpy Old Git' gets on his Soap Box'





Hyundai has revealed more details about its plan to return to the WRC at the highest level in 2014, including the formation of a new motorsport base in Europe and the appointment of Michel Nandan as Team Principal.

Hyundai had a formal presence in the WRC between 2000 and 2003, with an Accent World Rally Car run by British preparation firm Motor Sport Developments.

In September last year however it announced its intention to re-enter the WRC and is now developing a WRC version of its new i20 model with the objective of competing in the entire 2014 championship.

Hyundai confirmed that Michel Nandan would head up the programme as Team Principal. The Frenchman has held key technical positions in the WRC since the mid-1990s - most notably as Technical Director of Peugeot Sport between 1999 and 2005.

The firm has also established a bespoke motorsport subsidiary, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH, under which the company's WRC programme will be run. The cars will be built in new headquarters in Alzenau, Germany, close to Frankfurt, where Hyundai's European HQ is situated. Nandan said: "I am honoured to have been chosen by Hyundai to spearhead its exciting new entry into the WRC. The project is still in its infancy, but things are moving rapidly, and I am looking forward to developing the team as this year progresses. There is much to be done, of that we are fully aware, but with a dedicated facility in Alzenau and an ambitious core of highly motivated personnel, we are already making good progress."

An interim version of the i20 has already begun testing in Korea to enable Hyundai to undertake component and suspension analysis with further tests scheduled throughout 2013.

Nandan added: "We are deliberately using an interim version of the i20 to carry out important component testing and to ensure that we have done our homework before we enter competition. This phase will continue throughout 2013 as we prepare for our first full season back in WRC in 2014. There are a lot of other decisions that we will have to make during the course of the year, particularly regarding the selection of drivers, but this also requires time and due diligence. We will, at the same time, keep a close eye on how the 2013 WRC season unfolds."

"Hyundai is excited to re-enter WRC, and we're back not just to compete, but to win," said Tak Uo Im, Executive Vice President & COE of Hyundai Motor.

WRC 2013

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

New look M-Sport squad aiming high



M-Sport boss Malcolm Wilson is confident that even without Ford's direct manufacturer involvement this year, his squad's latest Fiesta RS World Rally Car will remain competitive and that his youthful line-up of drivers will be able to win rallies.

At the unveiling of the Qatar M-Sport World Rally team's 2013 car livery on Thursday, Wilson said that after a turbulent few months his British-based squad was in good shape ahead of the opening round in Monte Carlo, and he was excited to be working with drivers Mads Ostberg, Evgeny Novikov, Thierry Neuville and Nasser Al-Attiyah.

"We're in great spirits but there's no question we had a very difficult period about October time when Ford announced they were withdrawing their title sponsorship," Wilson told wrc.com. "It put a lot of pressure on everybody, so it was a great relief when we got Qatar on board. Unfortunately we've had to make about 15 people redundant but the consequences could have been a lot worse."

"We've restructured, we've regrouped and we're very confident that we can come to the WRC with a strong challenge. We've got a very good driver line-up - including three of the most exciting young drivers. I love working with them, and love to see these guys develop, and I really believe that we can be in a position to win some events this year."

The livery of the 2013 Fiesta RS WRC features prominent Qatar branding and burgundy coloured sections of bodywork. Under the skin, however, it is almost identical to the 2012 car.

"With homologation regulations it's very difficult to change anything but you're always evolving little things if you can," Wilson explained. "There will be an evolution, hopefully, in the middle of the year, but we're confident that we can remain competitive in the first few months and then see what happens."

Polish driver Michal Kosciuszko will keep the MINI name in top flight WRC competition this year, after announcing a full 13-round programme in a MINI John Cooper Works Countryman. Kosciuszko has amassed plenty of experience in the World Rally Championship, firstly in the Junior WRC, before a move to SWRC in 2010 and then the PWRC, where he was a frontrunner in 2011 and 2012 in a Ralliart Italia-run Mitsubishi Lancer. Although MINI's three-year WRC involvement as a manufacturer came to an end at the end of 2012, its WRC homologated Countryman can be run by private teams on a customer basis. For 2013 the Polish ace, 27, and his co-driver Maciek Szczepaniak, will drive for the Lotos WRC team, with the car run by MINI's former works team partner Motorsport Italia.

Sebastian Loeb Claims his Seventh Monte Win

A dramatic final evening of Rallye Monte-Carlo ended with the cancellation of the last two stages to enable Sebastien Loeb to claim his seventh victory in the opening round of the 2013 FIA World Rally Championship.

The Citroen Total Abu Dhabi driver led from the second stage on Wednesday and drove his DS3 faultlessly in treacherous weather to win by 1min 39.9sec. Second was Sebastien Ogier, delivering a superb debut for Volkswagen Motorsport's new Polo R, while Dani Sordo secured third in another DS3. The final night in the mountains above Monaco produced dramas galore. Three of the top seven on the leaderboard, Evgeny Novikov, Jari-Matti Latvala and Juho Hanninen crashed out in awful conditions on the first pass of the mythical Col de Turini stage.

Organisers then cancelled the final two tests on safety grounds when huge numbers of spectators brought the narrow roads to gridlock.

It was Loeb's 77th WRC victory and the Frenchman said: "I'm always happy when I win, and Monte-Carlo is one of the most exciting rallies I've done. This one was really, really difficult. The conditions were extreme compared to what we have usually and winning wasn't easy."

The four-day rally, covering 425.93km over 16 stages, was based in Valence for the opening three legs, before relocating to Monaco. Snow and ice made it one of the toughest 'Montes' for years and studded tyres were the only sensible option.

While Loeb's victory was not a surprise, second for Ogier delighted the 29-year-old Frenchman. He refused to be drawn into comparing stage times with Loeb, who will tackle only four rounds this season.

Mikko Hirvonen cut a frustrated figure for much of the week. But the Finn persevered with his DS3 and the demise of Novikov and Latvala, who hit a wall, allowed him to take fourth. Bryan Bouffier claimed fifth in another DS3 while Mads Ostberg rounded off the top six in a Fiesta RS, after overcoming confidence problems early in the rally and broken right rear suspension today.

Sepp Wiegand won the new WRC 2 support category in a Skoda Fabia S2000. The German took the lead on the second stage when Esapekka Lappi retired his similar car with accident damage. Armin Kremer finished second with Ukraine's Yuriy Protasov third.

In the WRC 3 support series, Sebastien Chardonnet took the honours in a two-wheel drive Citroen DS3. The Frenchman was the sole survivor after Renaud Poutot went off.



After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the French: in the weeks that followed, American archaeologists dug to a depth of 20 feet before finding traces of copper wire. Shortly afterwards, they published an article in the New York Times saying: "American archaeologists, having found traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the French."

A few weeks later, The British Archaeological Society of Northern England reported the following: "After digging down to a depth of 33 feet in the Skipton area of North Yorkshire in 2011, Charlie Hardcastle, a self-taught amateur archaeologist, reported that he had found absolutely bugger all. Charlie has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Britain had already gone wireless."

The Gemini Golden Microphone Awards 2012.

On a dark evening, the day after the traditional Boxing Day excesses, radio crews from across the Gemini family in the North West made their way to the Dresser's Arms, Wheelton near Chorley for the annual Golden Microphone Awards.

This year the team led by our ever present leader Bill Wilmer (Gemini 1) has provided cover at some 26 'Gemini' controlled events, with radio crews individually providing safety cover at many more events the length and breadth of the country. All too often we find ourselves in stages as the only 'safety' cover for the competitors and spectators alike, as marshalling feels the ill wind of the current economic climate. The annual event is a celebration of the year and the efforts made by crews to support the sport they love and enjoy, although to be honest fine food, tall tales and much merriment are also the order of the evening.

This year the small private room off the main bar was packed to capacity, 'sardines in a tin' doesn't begin to describe the number of guests we managed to fit into the room. Approaching 'Blue Peter' levels of how many people you can fit in a mini; it was definitely one where you got to know your neighbour and their bathing habits!. Thankfully this year a window could be opened, so we could at least breath!. Our hosts provided a much needed fill of fine food, accompanied by your choice of wine red or white, or 'rose' for those who couldn't make their mind up. After enjoying our celebratory meal it was down to the serious and not so serious business of the evening.

With Bill in the 'chair' the awards began, or should I say Bill presented his annual 'address' to the team. With much banter and interruption Bill managed to get through some of the serious business of this annual meeting, discussing the number of events we cover each year, particular event and safety issues and the sometimes thorny issue of safety cover we also provide for bicycle events. The latter are a bit like 'Marmite' you either love or hate them, but as the Queen lyrics say "fat bottomed girls make the world go round", or in our case support the Gemini team coffers and allow this awards ceremony and some equipment purchases to go ahead.

Back to the awards proper, in third place with 22 points was Stuart Dickinson Gemini 13; second and thankfully now recovered and well Peter Langtree Gemini 48 with 26 points; and our runaway winner Tony Jones Gemini 56 with a magnificent 33 points. Tony was presented with the magnificent golden microphone trophy and £150. To cries of 'speech' and 'we was robbed' Tony thanked Bill and the team for another first class years rallying. As is the tradition Bill then proceeds to empty the contents of his garage, collected during the year and a variety of bags, hats, gloves and other rallying ephemera are shared amongst the by now rowdy crowd.

Much debate followed with the late arrival of our friend and colleague Steve Johnson resplendent in his 'Volunteers in Motorsport' jacket. Poor Steve then tried to eat his meal, interrupted by constant questioning and banter. "Why aren't the MSA doing this and that to improve the sport..."

As the drink continued to flow, stories of the 'old and bold' flowed. Who could forget Jim 'the stuntman' Tate, Gemini 49 and his tales of daring on Saturday night television in the 1980's performing death defying car stunts to entertain the nation and his role in forming one of the first registered rally recovery units. Maurice and Bill recalled tales of old when rallying was perhaps a gentleman's sport.

There were many years of experience and knowledge in the room and as one of the younger members of team, with only 25+ years experience I did begin to wonder where the next generation of radio crews will come from ?. The media talked about the Olympic year 2012 as the year of the volunteer, we've been doing this for years quietly contributing thousands of hours to the sport of rallying, with little recognition. The Golden Microphone is our chance once a year to catch up with friends, in a warm and dry environment and 'toast' our achievements and celebrate on this occasion Tony as our team member of the year.

Let us all look forward to a safe and enjoyable 2013.

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Ian Davies, Gemini 23

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Hill Rallies

I do know some of you like to help with communications on Off Road Events and many Gemini Crews attended the Hill Rally when it was running. The below Link I found to be very useful and gives details and contacts of events close to us.

www.marches4x4.com

Thought you may want to have a look.



*Dave Crosby (Gemini 6)
doing what he is best at*



Tony Turner
in Training for radio control

David Chappell / Lee Skilling
(Gemini 37)
on the Jim Clark Rally ↓



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2013 Events Dates for the Diary

Clitheroe & DMC
Jack Neal Memorial
Stages Rally
Blyton
Sunday 10th March

Pendle DMC +
G&PMC
Lee Holland Stages
Ty Groes - Anglesey
Sunday 17th March

Knutsford & DMC
Plains Rally
Dyfi, Hafren Forests &
The Woodyard Stage
Saturday 18th May

Blackpool South
Shore MC
Keith Frecker
Memorial Stages
Weeton,
Sunday 9th June

Warrington DMC
Enville Stages
Ty Groes - Anglesey
Sunday 7th July

Westmorland C.C.
Greystoke Stages
Greystoke
Sunday 14th July

Kirkby, Eden Valley,
Northallerton Clubs
Stobart Rail
Pendragon Stages
Warcop - Cumbria
Sun 21 Sept

P&DMC + G&PMC
The Heroes
Stage Rally
Weeton,
Sun 29 Sep

Cambrian
National Rally
Cloceanog /
Penmachno Forests,
North Wales
National Stage Rally
Sat 19 Oct

Clitheroe & DMC
Hall Trophy
Stages Rally
Blyton
Sat 23 Nov



Thousands call for Surtees knighthood

A petition calling for motor sport legend John Surtees OBE to be given a Knighthood has so far garnered well over 7,000 signatures.

Surtees is the only competitor in history to have won world titles on both two wheels and four, having claimed the 1956 500cc Grand Prix motorcycle racing world championship for MV Agusta and the 1964 F1 world championship for Ferrari.

Since retiring from competition Surtees has remained active in the sport, for example running his own F1 team and chairing Britain's A1 Grand Prix entry. At 78 years old he is currently the ambassador for Racing Steps Foundation, the MSA's educational partner.

The petition can be found at <http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/sirjohnsurtees>. Alternatively a Facebook page can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/John-Surtees-Deserves-a-Knighthood/170713899655616>

MSA's Jones appointed to FIA Ethics Committee

MSA General Secretary Rob Jones was elected to the new FIA Ethics Committee at December's meeting of the World Motor Sport Council in Istanbul.

The committee has been established to safeguard the integrity and reputation of motor sport, automobile mobility and tourism, and individual FIA members worldwide. An FIA Code of Ethics is also being adopted. Jones' new role will commence with the first meeting of the committee in Geneva later this month.

MSA welcomes four British drivers on the F1 grid

The MSA is delighted by the recent announcement that Max Chilton will race for the Marussia F1 Team this year, becoming the fourth British driver on the Formula One grid alongside Jenson Button, Lewis Hamilton and Paul di Resta.

"It is excellent news for the whole of British motor sport that we will have another driver in F1 next year," said Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. "Motor sport is one sector in which this country really does lead the world, both on and off the track, delivering some £6bn and 40,000 jobs to the UK economy. Max is the latest in a long line of British drivers to make the step up to Formula One and there are others following closely behind, further underlining the strength of UK motor sport."

"Having successful British drivers on the international stage is essential to the future growth and development of the sport, especially at amateur level where the majority of motor sport takes place in motor clubs across the country. That is why we have established the MSA Academy which is currently assisting more than 50 of the most promising young British drivers from the age of 14. We are investing in their future and also in the future of the sport."

Crosslé recognised in New Year's Honours

Dr John Crosslé, former motor cycle champion and founder of the Crosslé Car Company, has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours for services to Engineering and Manufacturing in Northern Ireland. Crosslé established the sports car manufacturer in 1957 and his designs went on to race successfully in Formula Ford championships throughout the subsequent decades, with drivers such as Nigel Mansell, John Watson and Eddie Irvine starting their careers in a Crosslé single seater. In later years the company's attention turned towards developing cars to compete in Sporting Trials, with John retiring in 1997 from what is considered to be the longest established racing car constructor in Britain.



NMW 2013 toolkit now available online

The MSA has prepared a 'toolkit' to help clubs and the organisations take full advantage of this year's National Motorsport Week, which runs from 29 June to 7 July.

The toolkit contains National Motorsport Week logos, UK motor sport industry facts and statistics, and ideas for events and initiatives to support the campaign and bring newcomers into the sport.

National Motorsport Week 2012 kicked off with a record crowd of 185,000 at the Goodwood Festival of Speed. Official NMW spokesman David Coulthard championed the initiative on the Today programme, Radio 1, Five Live, BBC Radio Scotland and numerous regional BBC stations.

All eight of those F1 teams lent their support, running competitions for factory tours, signed F1 components and even opportunities to join race teams. M-Sport and RML also opened their doors, while Silverstone also offered 50 per cent off certain Silverstone Experiences throughout the week and Croft Circuit ran charity passenger rides in competition cars.

A number of motor clubs also got behind the initiative, running taster events, car displays, marshal recruitment drives and more.

To view the National Motorsport Week 2012 toolkit, visit www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/NMW2013Toolkit.zip

Scales needed

Go Motorsport RDO Steve Johnson is seeking corner weight scales to allow a group of college students to weigh vehicles at Association of North West Car Clubs (ANWCC) K11 Micra events. If anybody has suitable equipment to donate or sell they can reach Steve on North-West@GoMotorsport.net

Vacuum mats grant-aided for Rescue Units

The Rescue Development Fund, supported by the British Motor Sports Training Trust, can now offer Licensed Rescue Units a grant of £300 towards the purchase of vacuum mats, which has been MSA recommended since 1 January 2013.

Prospective applicants should contact Allan Dean-Lewis or Alan Page (alan.page@msauk.org) at the MSA for an outline discussion of the nature of any applications in order to maximise funding potential and minimise the risk of refusal of any application.

The application form can then be found by clicking here:

http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/ClubDevFund%20AppForm.pdf

Competitors urged to help control Ash Dieback

The Forestry Commission is advising any site user to wash footwear before visiting another site in order to minimise the spread of spores carrying Ash Dieback disease.

In a similar vein, motor sport competitors are reminded of MSA Regulation H33.1.2.

which states: Competitors must present their vehicle, in a clean condition, for

scrutineering at the nominated time prior to taking part in the event.

By keeping vehicles clean between competitive sections, and by following the

guidelines regarding clean footwear, competitors can help to limit the disease, which

has killed trees across Europe. This advice is particularly applicable to competitors

in Autocross, Autotests, Clubcross, Cross Country, Rallies and Trials.

Go Motorsport campaign

There are many ways for you to play your part in encouraging more newcomers into all areas of motor sport.

To find out more visit
www.GoMotorsport.net



Club Development road shows continue apace

A host of Go Motorsport road shows have been lined up over the next few weeks, providing open forums for MSA Club

representatives to discuss ways to promote their activities and increase memberships.

All road shows begin at 8.30pm. Dates, locations and contacts to register attendance are as follows:

Date Location Contact Email

January 23 Cumbria, CA11 8RG Peter Metcalfe North-East@GoMotorsport.net

February 5 Lancashire, BB7 3HW Chris Woodcock
chris.woodcock@pdsengineering.co.uk

February 6 Co. Durham, DH3 2AF Peter Metcalfe North-East@GoMotorsport.net

February 7 Hamilton, ML3 7DB Lock Horsborough
lock@scottishcarclubs.com

Roger Reed Roger@reed531.co.uk

February 8 Keith, AB55 5BR Lock Horsborough
lock@scottishcarclubs.com

Roger Reed Roger@reed531.co.uk

February 18 Worcestershire, WR6 6RP Dave Cooper dcnsc@aol.com

February 21 Kent, ME15 0HD Martin Chinnery chin@btinternet.com



Santa rallies to a GoMotorsport Clause!

Ever wondered how Santa manages to deliver thousands of presents in one night when Rudolph and his reindeer pals are struck down by illness? Students at Ballyvester Primary School, just outside Donaghadee, Co. Down, were left wide-eyed when a sleigh-less Santa paid them a visit in a rally car!

Santa enlisted the use of the local GoMotorsport.net backed car for his annual trip to the school. Northern Ireland

RDO Jonathan McDonald then delivered a Go Motorsport presentation, which included a chance to see a Formula 1 race seat and wheel.

Soon afterwards, Santa was revving up the engine and left the school to return to work. After all, he was 'gearing up' for his busiest night of the year!

*Thanks to Jonathan McDonald for the puns and especially the headline



Spring Classic places going fast

Two-thirds of entries have already been allocated for the new MSA Spring Classic car tour, which runs from 27-28 April across Wales and the West of England.

Organised by International Motor Sports (IMS), the Spring Classic takes place on some of the best roads in Britain, passing through areas such as the

Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons.

There is also a gala dinner at Celtic Manor resort and the event culminates at Castle Combe. There is no element of competition; a route book will guide participants from

checkpoint to checkpoint and a team of officials will be on hand at all the venues to handle any queries.

Regulations and entry forms for the new MSA Spring Classic car tour are now available online at www.msaclassics.co.uk. To view the event brochure, please go to www.msaclassics.co.uk/springclassic/index.php

Training



MSA trains more trainers

The MSA held its latest Train the Trainers weekend last month in Droitwich, led by MSA Lead Trainers and Training Working Group members Bob Lentell and Alan Page, with support from Peter Greenhalgh, Dorothy Uwota and Steve Johnson.

The seven delegates – Wendi Batteson, Jon Beard, Andrew Johns, Mark Lewington, Leigh Macdonald, Dale Whiteman and Paul Wiltshire – all successfully passed the course and are now on their way to becoming fully licenced MSA Training Instructors. The MSA also congratulates Dorothy and Steve, who are now MSA Lead Trainers.



MSA Radio Seminars 2012

The MSA ran seminars for Licensed Radio Controllers and Probationary Controllers throughout the UK during five weekends last October to December. The one-day seminars were held in Bristol, Luton, Manchester, Perth and Belfast, led by MSA Lead Trainer Jon Cordery and MSA Training Instructors Joy Hewson and Chrys Worboys.

system, braking is maintained on at least two wheels.

A tandem master cylinder is in effect two separate hydraulic circuits, each operating the brakes on two wheels. If there is a fault on one circuit, the other circuit will continue to operate. The key points to note are that the two pistons are not mechanically connected or made as one and because the bottom of the reservoir is split in half, even if the faulty circuit drains away the fluid from the reservoir there is still enough fluid retained to operate the other circuit. The illustration shows what happens if circuit 1 develops a leak, circuit 2 is still operational. The same applies if circuit 2 develops a leak, circuit 1 still operates.

Consequently, it is confirmed that a Tandem brake master cylinder does indeed meet the requirements of (Q)19.5.

Technical Regulations

MSA issues immediate amendment to Circuit Racing regulations

The MSA has issued an immediate amendment to Circuit Racing regulations regarding brake light requirements for reasons of clarity.

The clarified regulations, with changes shown as **red** additions and struck through deletions, are as follows: **Electrical Equipment, Circuit Breakers and Ignition Components**

(Q)19.11.3 With the exception of **Single Seater Racing Cars**, Clubmans Cars, 750 Formula, Legends Cars and Period A to E, all vehicles must be equipped with brake lights which are directly operated by the braking system without any time delay.

~~Clubmans Cars: Open Sports Racing Car constructed in accordance with the technical regulations published by The Clubmans Register.~~

(B) Nomenclature & Definitions

Clubmans Cars: Open Sports Racing Car constructed in accordance with the technical regulations published by The Clubmans Register.

Date of implementation: Immediate

Reason:

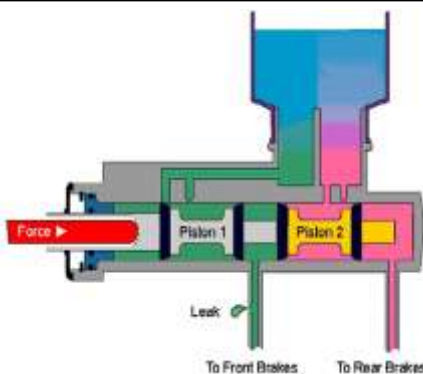
It was never the intention for Single Seater Racing Cars to be included in the requirement to have brake lights, in addition Clubmans Cars should be defined in Section (B).



Helmets Juniors CMR CMS

Kart competitors are reminded that helmet requirements changed at the beginning of this year, with under-15s required to wear a helmet bearing the Snell-FIA CMR2007 or CMS2007 standard, as pictured above - left. This continues to include drivers in Cadet and Bambino classes.

Whenever a helmet bearing the CMR2007 or CMS2007 standard is presented for scrutineering it must have attached the yellow MSA helmet sticker (shown above right) in order to help scrutineers check that the correct helmets are being worn by drivers on the dummy grid.



Tandem brake master cylinders

A recent technical query concerned whether a tandem brake master cylinder meets the requirements of (Q)19.5, which states: Be equipped with brakes which comply with Statutory Requirements as to the construction of Motor Vehicles, or if there is no mechanical system available for applying braking effort to at least two wheels, there must be two hydraulic systems so that, in the event of failure of one

The Deep Mid Winter Report

Since the final round of the Thundersport GB season plans have been hatching for the 2013 season. Sitting down at the end of a busy racing season one morning before heading out to the dentist, and then on to work, I had a pile of credit card bills to pay in front of me. Thinking to myself "I don't really want to but I should total these up" it was a job which needed to be done. The grand total, to my surprise, was over £20k. With some of these cards just finishing on interest free deals I knew that in a few weeks I'd not even be paying the monthly interest, let alone lessening the debt shortly. I headed off for the dentist in a slightly worse mood, somehow having my teeth drilled now seemed like a punishment!

This mulled over in my mind for a few days. Knowing that I had a £10k motorbike in the garage, briefly, convinced me to carry on racing. I could always sell the bike at the end of the season/TT and repay a good amount of the debt right?? Then the voices in my head said "What if you crash the bike and it gets destroyed or gets stolen? You'd be right in the brown, slippery stuff Mackers!" Unfortunately the voices were right. I couldn't race the bike properly knowing that if it all turned sour then I'd be sitting on a huge debt with no way of getting out of it. The house has already been re-mortgaged several times for "home improvements" to the point where, with house prices falling, it's now in negative equity.

So I made the call and sold the ZX10, fortunately this happened pretty quickly before I could change my mind! I'm still in the process of selling the rest of the spares off but my debt now looks much better. This left me looking around for something to race for the season. After all I didn't want to quit racing just yet but the days of me owning my own race bike are now all over. I have kindly been given a 2013 Kawasaki ZX6R to race wherever I fancy. I just need to prepare/look after the bike and pay the running costs. Once again Kemtile Hygienic Flooring have offered their generous support which will help towards the cost of racing. My loose plan (plans are always best kept loose I find) is to race as much as I can afford to in preparation for the TT. After the TT I'll reassess my funds and see what I can do from there. I'll just mention at this point that any contributions will be gratefully received and advertised! So it looks like we are going racing after all!

The TT remains as my focus of the season. The good news is that I'll be on the Norton again for the Senior TT. A new frame has been built with geometry changes learned from 2012 being applied. There are also a huge amount of changes to the rest of the bike too which once tested I'm sure will give us a big step in the right direction. The team has been expanded to two riders, myself and Dan Hegarty; this will speed up development hugely and can only be a good thing for all concerned.

So the mission continues to drum up support, the more funding I can get the more races I can ride in!

The rest of the winter has been going well. I've still been cycling to work, not as much as during the summer due to the weather. I don't mind riding in the dark/cold but dark/cold and wet I feel is just asking for trouble. Getting injured being knocked off a push bike after a season of racing seems like a bad idea. I have a turbo trainer at home so have been on it regularly. A turbo trainer for those who haven't seen one - I'd never heard of one before September either - is basically a frame that your push bike rear end attaches to with a roller that the bike wheel rotates (think dyno for push bikes!). So essentially it turns your push bike into an exercise bike. This is massively boring and I don't think I've ever sweated as much in my life but it has, at least, kept my hard earned summer fitness level pretty high. All I need to do now is attach some sort of generator to the roller so I can supply electricity to the house (and take my idea to Dragon's Den, remember you heard it here first!)

I also dug out my trusty Beta Techno and competed in a trial a couple of weekends ago. The bike had been stuck in the corner of my garage since I last used it in Feb 2012! I was quite shocked to find that I'd planned ahead and actually drained the carb after my last outing so firing it up was pretty easy. Both rear wheel bearings and the head bearings were hanging out of it though. Some hasty repairs the day before we left were in order. The trial was organized by the Wycombe and District MCC, with whom I used to ride trials with in my homeland/youth (is my youth over already?).

The event was run just outside of High Wycombe in Bucks. After a night out at the Thundersport GB awards in Hinckley we carried on down to the trial the next morning. It was great to see some of the old faces from my youth (there's that word again) trials days and the event was as well marked out and run as they always have been. I had a great day, the South Midland centre is known for its mud plugging trials, not the rocks and stuff that I've had to deal with in the Cheshire centre. The best section of the day involved a fourth gear muddy slot with plenty of throttle and speed just the way I like it! I lost one, stupid, five on the final lap in a section which I'd not lost a mark on all day. Aside from that I was pleased with how I'd ridden considering I'd not been on a trials bike for almost a year. The results came in that evening to reveal that I'd won the clubman's class and only missed out on winning the whole trial by one mark! Feeling pretty pleased with myself I have plans to ride another trial in Frodsham in late January, I reckon I might even take on the hard route. That'll shrink the size of my head a bit I reckon.

So, my 2013 plan, so far, is to compete in some of the Thundersport GB/ Wirral 100 meetings early in the season followed by the TT. I will also ride in some local trials (I don't like travelling so won't go far!!). It would be rude not to do a couple of cycling events too Liverpool/Chester/Liverpool in July and the Manchester 100 in September are both on the cards. I reckon, if my backside will take it, I could do the 100 mile event in Manchester this year. We shall see!!

Now the season is approaching I'll be able to update the blog with preparations of the new bike etc so please watch this space.



TRAINING DATES

Date: 9/2/2013 British Motorsport Marshals Club (BMMC) North

Main Discipline: Race

Contact: Allan Farrimond, email: faz1962@btinternet.com, Tel: 0759 525 3948

Venue: Oulton Park Geographic Area: North West England

Primary Association: ANWCC

Race Marshal training - for Senior Execs, Post Chiefs, Flag Marshals and New Marshals

Date: 10/2/2013 British Motorsport Marshals Club (BMMC) North

Main Discipline: Race

Contact: Allan Farrimond, email: faz1962@btinternet.com, Tel: 0759 525 3948

Venue: Oulton Park Geographic Area: North West England

Primary Association: ANWCC

Race Marshal training - for Track Marshals, Experienced Marshals, IO's and Specialists.

Date: 23/2/2013 MSA Seminars for Stewards and Clerks of Course

Main Discipline: Autotests, Cross Country, Hillclimbs, Karting, Race, Rally, Rallycross, Sprints, Trials

Contact: Alan Page, email: alan.page@msauk.org, Tel: 01753 765120

Venue: Carlisle Geographic Area: North West England

Primary Association: ANECCC

2013 MSA Officials Seminars for Stewards and Clerks of Course.

These training seminars are targeted specifically at Clerks of Course and Stewards including probationers and trainees, and their primary objective is to enable attendees to satisfy the seminar attendance criteria laid down in MSA Regulations for the maintenance of existing licence grades, and for which attendance for the duration of the session is required. With the rollout of mandatory licensing for Stage Rally Clerks continuing through to 2012, they also provides an opportunity for any intending new Clerks for these appointments to gain and share knowledge and information ahead of that threshold.

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Main Discipline: Autotests, Cross Country, Hillclimbs, Karting, Race, Rally, Rallycross, Sprints, Trials, Technical Official

Contact: Michael Duncan, email: michael.duncan@msauk.org, Tel: 01753 765000

Venue: Manchester Geographic Area: North West England

Primary Association: ANWCC

MSA 2013 seminar series for Technical Officials.

If you have not received an invitation to attend please contact Motorsports House asap.

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A farmer stopped by the local mechanics shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home.

On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and a gallon can of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose.

However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem - how to carry his entire purchases home. While he was scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane ?'

The farmer said, 'Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house I would walk you there but I can't carry this lot.'

The old lady suggested, 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket. Carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?'

'Why thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home.

On the way he says 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time..

The little old lady looked him over cautiously then said, 'I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me... How do I know that when we get into the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?'

The farmer said, 'Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?'

The old lady replied, 'Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens.'

They say that we learn from our mistakes.

If that's the case then at the rate I am going - pretty soon I'll be a genius

It was my mate's bachelor party,. So we tied him to a lamp post. We figured hanging was a better fate than marriage.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEW MSA SPRING CLASSIC NOW!

International Motor Sports Ltd has announced that entries are now open for its new event, the MSA Spring Classic, taking place from 27-28 April.

MSA Classics are market leading classic car tours in the UK and Europe featuring fantastic driving roads, stunning scenery, places of interest and motor sport venues.

The MSA Spring Classic is a brand-new event for 2013, taking place on the weekend of 27-28 April. Open to cars over 20 years of age, and based at the exclusive Celtic Manor Resort in South Wales, the MSA Spring Classic is a chance for you to brush off the cobwebs after the winter and enjoy a weekend of classic motoring around Wales and the West of England.

Unlike many classic car tours, the MSA Spring Classic involves no element of competition, ensuring a relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to travel at your own pace throughout the day.

The event will take participants on a route through the breathtaking scenery of the Welsh Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons on Saturday, before returning to the Celtic Manor Resort for a sumptuous gala dinner.


Sunday's route will head out of Wales and into the beautiful West Country, through the Mendip Hills and onto our finish at Castle Combe Circuit, where the event has exclusive use of the track for the afternoon.

Andrew Coe, chief executive of event organiser International Motor Sports Ltd (IMS), commented: "We are delighted to launch this brand new event in our Classics portfolio. We have received a great deal of interest in the MSA Spring Classic and urge interested participants to book early, to guarantee their place and avoid disappointment."

Full route and entry information is available at www.msaclassics.co.uk.


International Motor Sports' other classic tour, the 2013 MSA Euroclassic, will start from Liege in Belgium on Monday 9 September and travel through Germany and France, taking in challenging roads, beautiful cities and motorsport venues old and new, before culminating with a gala dinner in Luxembourg on Saturday 14 September. In its 21st year, the MSA Euroclassic will be open to cars over 20 years of age, as well as a limited number of more modern cars and will again boast dedicated breakdown assistance at all times along the route. Regulations and entry forms for the MSA Euroclassic are expected to be available early in 2013. For more information and photography, please contact International Motor Sports on 01753 765100.





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Road Rallies 2013

February

- 9/10 Rali Mike Darowen - Dovey Valley MC
 9/10 Rali Bro Preseli - Teifi Valley MC
 9/10 Bruce Robinson - Lincoln MC/Lincoln CC
 16/17 Xpart - Chelmsford MC
16/17 The 'Lummies' Rally - Morecambe CC
 16/17 Valentine - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC
 16/17 Rali Bro Caron - Lampeter & District MC
 23/24 Nuit Blanche - Edinburgh University MSC
 23/24 Starlight - Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC

March

- 2 Tour of Cheshire - Knutsford MC
 2/3 1000 Lanes - Heads of the Valley MC
 2/3 South West Endurance - South Hams MC
 2/3 Nightmare - South Hams MC
 3 Saltire Classic - Saltire RC
 9/10 Gropers - Stonehaven & District MC
 9/10 Gremlin - Brecon MC
 9/10 Moonbeam - Telford AC
 16/17 JD Romain Memorial - Rhyl & District MC
 17 Devils Own - Kirkby Lonsdale MC
 23/24 Rali Llyn - Harlech & District MC
 23/24 **Ryemoor Trophy - Malton MC**
 24 North Yorkshire Classic - York MC
 30/31 Boontree Birl - 750 MC
 30/31 Gwendraeth Valley MC Novice
 Gwendraeth Valley MC

April

- 6/7 VK Derbyshire - Matlock MC**
 13/14 Rali Bro Teifi - Teifi Valley MC
 19-21 The Flying Scotsman
 The Endurance Rally Association
 20/21 Myotis - Devizes MC
 21 Ilkley Jubilee - Ilkley & District MC
 27 Ross Endurance - Ross & District MSL
 27/28 Night Owl - Aberystwyth & District MC
 27/28 March Hare - 63 CC

May

- 4/5 Boarder 100 - Welsh Boarder CC
 4/5 Berwick Classic - Berwick & District MC
 5 SoSCC Targa Rally - South of Scotland CC
 11 Leukaemia Historic - Ecurie Cymraeg
 11/12 AutoMark - Clwyd Vale MC
18/19 Altratech 061 - Stockport 061 MC

June

- 1/2 International Autoecosse - Caledonian
 C&HMSC/C Triumph
 1/2 Eagle - Newtown & District AC
 2 Hughes - Blackpalfrey MC of Kent
 15/16 Rali Bro Ddyfi - Dovey Valley MC
15/16 GP Memorial - Garstang & Preston MC
 22 East Anglian Classic - Chelmsford MC
 29/30 Huntsman - Carlton & District MC
 29/30 50th Ides Rally - Ystrad Mynach MC
 29/30 PK Memorial - Bala & District MC

July

- 7 Ystwyth - Aberystwyth & District MC
 7 Lake District Classic - Wigton MC
 13/14 Pacemaker - Knighton MC
 20t Ross Traders - Ross & District MSL
20/21 Morecambe - Morecambe CC
 21 Great Glenn Rally of the Tests - Highland CC

August

- 3/4 Barcud - Barcud MC
 10/11 Rali Gogledd Cymru - Rhyl & District MC
 24t Autumn - Highland CC
 24/25 Breidden - Welsh Border CC
 31 Bullnose - Oxford MC

September

- 1 Durham Dales Classic - Durham AC
 6/7 Moonraker - Dungannon MC
 7 Vale of Clwyd Classic - Clwyd Vale MC
 7/8 Rali Meirion - Harlech & District MC
 8/9 Pinged Hill Trophy - Kidwelly MC
 14/15 Countdown - Spade Adam MC
 20/21 Circuit of Down - Newry & District MC
 21/22 Hexham 100/John Robson - Hexham & DMC
 21/22 Rali Mon - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC
 21/22 Carvers Traders - Burnham MC
 22 Doonhamer Classic - South of Scotland CC
 22 St Wilfrids - Ripon MSC
 28/29 Mercian - Rugby MC
28/29 Clitheronian - Clitheroe & District MC

October

- 4/5 Orchard - North Armagh MC
 5 Regis - Bognor Regis MC
 5/6 Exmoor Endurance - Tavern MC
 5/6 Jackson Trophy - Sheffield & Hallamshire MC
 6 Easylarity - Loughborough CC
 6 Shaw Trophy - Whickham & District MC
 12 Throckmorton Challenge - HERO
 12/13 Roamerlite - Telford AC
19/20 Bolton - Bolton-le-Moors CC
 20 Solway - Wigton MC
 25/26 Scallon Cup - Omagh MC
 26/27 Hairst - Stonehaven & District MC
 26/27 Cilwendeg - Teifi Valley MC
 26/27 Barbra Carter Memorial - Exmouth MC
 31-3 Rally of the Tests - The Classic Rally Assoc

November

- 1/2 Firecracker - Ulster AC
 2/3 Powys Lanes - Epynt MC
 9/10 Bryniau Clwyd - Broughton & Bretton MC
 9/10 Ilfracombe - North Devon MC
 16/17 Dansport - Matlock MC
 23/24 Great Bustard - Salisbury & Shaftesbury MC
 23/24 Early Winter - Border Ecosse CC
 23/24 Peak Revs - Ludlow Castle MC
 23/24 Guy Fawkes - South Hams MC
 30/1 Beaver - Beverley & District MC

December

- 7/8 The Preston - Chelmsford MC
 7/8 JJ Brown Memorial - C & A MC
 7-10 LeJog - HERO

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(Ripon MSC)
North Yorkshire
www.riponian.co.uk

28 Apr
Tour of Hamsterley
(Stockton MC)
Hamsterley
www.tourofhamsterley.co.uk

8 Jun
Dukeries Rally
(Dukeries MC)
Sherwood
www.dukeries-rally.co.uk

14 Jul
Greystoke Stages Rally
(West Cumbria MC)
Greystoke, Lake District
www.greystokestages.co.uk

28 Sep
Trackrod Clubman's Trophy Rally
(Trackrod MC)
North Yorkshire
www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk

3 Nov
Malton Forest Rally
(Malton MC)
North Yorkshire
www.maltonmc.co.uk

7 Dec
Grizedale Stages Rally
(Furness DMC)
Grizedale, Lake District
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APR 6/7 **V K DERBYSHIRE**
MATLOCK M.C.

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G & P M.C.

SEP 14/15 **COUNTDOWN**
SPADEADAM M.C

SEP 28/29 **CLITHERONIAN**
CLITHEROE & D. M. C

OCT 5/6 **JACKSON**
SHEFFIELD & HALLAM

NOV 16/17 **DANSFORT**
MATLOCK M.C.

NOV 30/1st **BEAVER**
BEVERLEY & D.M.C



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Feb 08 /09
Legend Fires
North-West Stages
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Feb 15 /16
Chris Kelly Memorial Rally
Manx AS

Feb 24
Oak Leaves Stages
Ecurie Royal Oak MC

Mar 03
Roskirk Stages
Blackpool South Shore MC

Mar 10
Tour of Epynt
Port Talbot MC

Mar 17
Lee Holland Memorial Rally
Pendle DMC

Mar 24
SMC Stages
Stockport 061 MC

Apr 13
Horiba D'Isis Stages
Quinton MC

Apr 14 (or 21)
Lookout Rally
Trackrod MC

May 05
Hallamshire Stages
Sheffield & Hallamshire MC

May 10 /11
Manx National Rally
Manx AS

May 11
Cetus Stages
Wigan & DMC

Jun 09
Keith Frecker Memorial Stages
Blackpool South Shore MC

Jul 07
JRT Enville Stages
Warrington & DMC

Jul 14
Gareth Hall Memorial Stages
Bala & DMC

Jul 21
Opposite Lock Stages
Slaithwaite MC

Aug 04
Ditton Priors Stages
Telford AC

Aug 18
Centenary Stages
Sheffield & Hallamshire MC

Aug 25
Eventsigns Mewla Rally
Epynt MC

Sep 06 /07
Promenade Stages
Wallasey MC

Sep 14
Lincoln Green Stages
Lindholme MSC

Sep 22
Pendragon Stages
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Sep 29
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Pendle DMC

Oct 11 /13
Mull Rally
Mull CC

Oct 13
Adgespeed Stages
Wigan & DMC

Oct 27
Jasper's Bakery
Swynnerton Stages
Ecurie Royal Oak MC

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Lookout Stages April 14th

Planning is now underway for the Lookout Stages to be run at Melbourne Airfield on April 14th. We are intending to carry out further repairs prior to the event, having asked the competitors at the end of last year's event which areas needed work, we are this year concentrating on trying to improve these areas. Regulations will be available shortly, please visit the club website www.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk and follow links to the Lookout.

LEE HOLLAND MEMORIAL RALLY 17TH MARCH 2013

Pendle and District and Garstang and Preston Motor Clubs are proud to announce the 22nd running of The Lee Holland Memorial Stage Rally which will be taking place on Sunday 17th March 2013 at the Angelsey Circuit.

The rally will be a qualifying round of ANWCC, ANCC, SD34, F1000 and Junior F1000 Championships.

The Organising Clubs intend to offer up to 45 all asphalt stage miles from 8 stages.

Supplementary Regulations will be available in the near future.

Steve Kenyon CoC

Sheffield Rolling Road Flying Fortress Stages Rally Sunday 17th March

Entries are now open for the 2013 Sheffield Rolling Road Flying Fortress Stages Rally which will be run at Grafton Underwood on **Sunday 17th March**. We are pleased to welcome **Sheffield Rolling Road** as the sponsor of the event which will provide 55 stage miles in 8 stages.

The Flying Fortress Rally is a qualifying round of the 2013 Roadrunner/ Phoenix Awards ANEMMC Stage Championship, the Ward Construction AEMC Stage Championship and the EMAMC Stage Rally Championship. Scrutineering and Documentation will be on Saturday 16th March from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and on Sunday morning from 7.30am to 8.30pm. To provide further value there is a Stage Practice event for those competitors who are unfortunate enough to retire on the early stage.

The maximum entry is 60 which will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

We encourage competitors to submit their entry using the web entry system which is both quick and efficient. Payments can be made via Bank Transfer, PayPal or by sending a cheque to the Entries Secretary.

Please note we will not be cashing cheques until 7th March and we guarantee a full refund if an entry has to be withdrawn before the closing date.

Got to www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk for information and Entries.

LONDON RALLY WILL START AT BROOKLANDS



Brooklands - the birthplace of British motorsport - will host the start of a brand new motorsport event, the London Rally 4 Heroes on 19 April. Bringing an asphalt stage rally to the London area for the first time in two decades, the London Rally will showcase Britain's best rally cars and drivers close to the capital.

The MoD has opened the gates of 60 miles of private military roads to create this rally. There will be spectator stages, where families can get close-up views of the cars in action. 100 entries are expected for this unique event, which will generate funds for the Help 4 Heroes charity, which aids rehabilitation of wounded soldiers. For every mile covered by every car on the London Rally, more money will be donated.

The London Rally is being organised by the experienced Southern Car Club, in association with other motor clubs in the region. The aim is to grow the event to National Championship status in three years and to double the stage mileage to 120 miles. Stages in Windsor Great Park and North Hampshire could be added in 2014.

"Our ambition is to establish the London Rally in 2013 and keep it growing to get top-class recognition. As a thank you to the MoD for making these new roads available for our rally competitors, we are proud to contribute to the charity that helps our military heroes. I want all of our crews to secure additional sponsorship from their friends and business colleagues so that we can make a valuable donation to Help 4 Heroes," says Rick Smith, Rally Director.

Says Allan Winn, Director of the popular Brooklands Museum: "Brooklands Museum is delighted to be the start venue for this brand new motorsport event. We gave birth to the sport in Britain and are delighted to nurture this new, young event, which will grow into a prestige event to add to our long history of sporting success.

"It will be exciting to have top-class rally teams here and this will bring a new group of spectators to the Museum, which will spread awareness of the magnificent displays on show here all year round."

Secretary of State for Defence, Philip Hammond MP, says: "I am delighted that the MoD will be able to support the London Rally 4 Heroes in 2013. The MoD's estate accounts for one percent of the entire landmass of the UK, and provides a perfect environment for a dynamic and exhilarating event like rally driving.

"Brooklands, in my constituency, has been home to both British motorsport, and to some of the great names in aviation, including Hawker, Sopwith and Vickers. Its links to both motorsport and defence make it a perfect starting point for what promises to be a superb event in support of Help for Heroes."

For further event information, please contact:

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Riponian Stage 2013 February 17th 2013



A warm welcome to the 2013 Riponian Stages Rally from the Organising Team who promise you another friendly, but competitive days rallying in the forests we regularly use on the eastern edge of the North York Moors National Park. We had hoped to introduce a completely new stage this time around but sadly this has not come to fruition, none the less we can still offer approximately 40 miles of quality stages.

Kevin Procter through his Procter's Luxury Coaches continues to sponsor the event and we extend our grateful thanks to him for his continued support. Thirsk Auction Mart is once again the base for the event where Rally HQ, scrutineering, documentation, start, main service, and finish are again contained within the one site.

Recognising the current economic climate, we have kept the entry fee for 2013 exactly the same as for 2012 and we trust this move is appreciated by you the competitor and continue to support us with a high level of entries.

In addition to the Main Service at Thirsk there will also be a remote service area available to all but the largest service vehicles. As last year we will once again be providing one free service plate to each competitor, with competitors having the option purchasing an additional service plate if the wish to use more than one service vehicle or their main service vehicle is too large for the remote service venue.

Regulations this year will only be available in electronic format available from the website

Marshals required

The event is once again based at the Auction mart at Thirsk in North Yorkshire and is using 2 loops of 6 stages around the town of Helmsley..

For further details about the event, please go to the event website below and to volunteer your services to marshal hit the marshals link via

www.riponmotorsportclub.co.uk/riponian-stages-rally

Knowldale Car Club Mini Miglia Road Run Saturday 16th March 2013

To celebrate its sixtieth year Knowldale Car Club Ltd will organise a Touring Assembly to be known as the "Mini Miglia Road Run" on Saturday 16th March 2013. The event will start from Lancaster Services on the M6 and will cover 135 miles of classic Mini Miglia roads before finishing in Gisburn

Please go to www.knowldale.co.uk for regs and entry

Tour Of Epynt 2013 Sunday 10th March

Port Talbot Motor Club Ltd welcomes you to the opening round of the 2013 REIS-Get Connected MSA Asphalt Championship.

This year's rally will also form part of the 2013 Steve Harkness Competition Tyres Welsh

National Tarmacadam Championship, the 2013 King of Epynt supported by Collins

Developments and the 2013 FMP Rally Challenge.

For 2013 the event is based at the Castle Hotel in Llandovery. The route will consist of approximately 80 special stage miles over 7 stages, with one central Service Area. The event will Start on the Epynt Ranges & Finish at the Castle Hotel Llandovery, where the awards ceremony will take place.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new competitors to the event and we would like to wish everybody a successful and enjoyable and safe day's rallying.

The Organisers

Regs & Entry form can be downloaded from

www.ptmconline.com/downloads.html



Arnold Clark Thistle Hotel Snowman Rally 16th February 2013

A warm welcome from Highland Car Club to the 2013 Snowman Rally, the opening round of the 2013 ARR Craib Transport Ltd MSA Scottish Rally Championship. Our new web site is being regularly updated, so bookmark us and keep checking for news and new features.

www.snowmanrally.co.uk/

The AGBO Stages Rally Sunday 17th March 2013.

REGS available from www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk/AGBO

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www.scottishcarclubs.com/navigationalrally.aspx

www.gmsc.org.uk/event.cfm?id=96



Wyedean Forest Rally 9th February 2013

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OS Maps: 162 and 171.

Website: www.wyedeanrally.com

Entries Secretary: Lilian Turley

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Lincoln Motor Cycle & Car Club M G Raw Bruce Robinson Rally 9/10th February

This year the start venue moves to our traditional finish location, so the event will start and finish from The George Inn at Langworth. Route will be approx. 140 miles of the best Lincolnshire lanes including around 15 miles of whites

Regs available at : www.bruce-robinsonrally.co.uk and will go out by email to previous competitors as well as on the website. Online entries will be available through the website as per last year.

Hoping to see as many of you there as possible.

Marshals also wanted, please contact me by e-mail
Chief Marshal Alan Jackson - metromug@msn.com

Kirkby Lonsdale M.C. Little Devils Tests 17th March 2013. Regs : www.klmc.org.uk



Club Development Roadshow Tuesday 5th February 2013

At C&DMC, Waddington Village Club
(103 / 730 436.5)

8pm for a Prompt 8-30pm Start
Open to ALL Motor Clubs & their Members

***This is NOT a presentation to tell you 'how to do it'** It is two hours of thought provoking, open minded discussion intended for all members of any car club, from the established 'workers' to the new member just learning what their club does
Richard Egger will lead a stimulating evening where clubs and members are invited to share ideas, highlight frustrations, explore new strategies and ideas, identify where help is needed, shoot down some long standing myths and HAVE FUN.
Plus you get a free Pie & Peas Supper*

Chelmsford MC XPart 2013 16th Feb

Chelmsford MC announce the 3rd year running of this event based at the Ramada, Bury St Edmunds.

Well here's some news on the latest recce, a welcome return to two of the airfields from 2011, not a lot changed from last time but very quick and smoother!?! More land has been obtained to the north west and within the confines of the 2012 event, we are now looking at having to cull some of the other venues as a result, Castle Camps will not be featuring next year but what else will have to go?

The same crew will be organising next years event but we are trying to find a road rally route, not easy in this part of the country!!

At present we have nearly sixty selective miles before lunch, sixty after lunch and another sixty before bed-time!! A cull is required!!!

Remember old Buckenham from 2012?

Boy have we got a treat there for you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Heads of the Valleys Auto Club 1000 Lanes Road Rally 2nd/3rd March 2013.

The event is running earlier in the calendar this year, the extra hours of darkness allowing us to increase mileage and incorporate more time recovery sections. We would like to thank Brecon MC for the 'loan' of their date & also thank our returning sponsor - J P Tod Commercials - for their support.

This years event will again run to a night road rally format, providing 130 miles of no-nonsense but challenging rallying on maps 160 and 161. There is a reduction of unsurfaced road mileage from last years event to approximately 3 miles, although driven in a standard road car, the use of under-guarding is recommended for the more spirited driver.

We are pleased to announce that the event is once again a qualifying round of the WAMC Road Rally Championship, and we thank them for their support. We would like to extend our thanks to all landowners and households along the route

Email: dave@howlingtir.plus.com

Lampeter & District Motor Club Rali Bro Caron

16th / 17th of February 2013,
sponsored by Melvyn Evans Motorsport.

This year we will provide just over 100 miles, nearly all on tarmac. The event will be the first round of the 2013 WAMC championship.

The event this year will start at Lampeter Comprehensive School and finish in the Rugby club, Lampeter for breakfast, oh... and results.

Regulations and entry forms will be available from the LDMC website (www.ldmc.org.uk) on the first weekend in January.

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

27th - 28th April 2012

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

Want to be a part of Pirelli International Rally action? Then put a date in your Diary for 27th - 28th April 2012

Come and visit the spectacular Rally Village, based at the superb Carlisle Racecourse, with its restaurants, bars and food outlets for both crews and spectators. The Racecourse complex is headquarters to the Pirelli International Rally and hosts the large central service area and Saturday's Finish Ceremony.

The Rally Village is at the heart of the event which starts Friday afternoon and continues all day Saturday. We aim to offer both families and rally fans alike, the biggest and best motor sport show north of Birmingham. Come and see exotic Rally Cars, Stock Cars and Thundersaloons, then test your skills on the Rally Simulators - all this and much more besides - at the Pirelli Rally Village!

Experience the Action at the Pirelli Rally Village!

Don't Miss!

- Group B Rally Cars
- Off Road Experience
- Autograss Racers
- Thundersaloons
- Stock Cars
- Drift Cars
- Rally Simulators
- Motorsport Art
- Radio Control Cars
- Model Rally Cars
- Rally Clothing
- Face Painting

Trade Stand and Exhibitor enquiries:
Contact: Darren Fox via email: foxmotorsportevents@yahoo.co.uk

ENTRY IS FREE!

www.pirellirally.co.uk



PIRELLI RICHARD BURNS FOUNDATION RALLY

20 years after he flung his Subaru Legacy through the Kielder stages on the way to a stunning victory, the late great Richard Burns will be remembered with the Cumbrian event being re-named The Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally and all the events in the Cumberland Sporting Car Club's portfolio of events will be included under this title including the 2nd round of the MSA British Rally Championship, the 3rd round of the Mintex MSA British Historic Championship, the NGK Spark Plugs BRC Challenge and the Motoscope Norther Historic Championship event.

Pirelli's Motorsport Director, Paul Hembery, commented, " The Richard Burns Foundation is currently focusing on raising funds to provide a "Brain Bus" which will open up to a wider audience the issues and treatment needs of brain and spinal disorders. We are delighted to lend our support to this fantastic cause and hope that our support for the Richard Burns Foundation will enable Richard's name to continue to be visible in the world of rallying. We feel it is a fitting tribute to England's only World rally Champion".

Again based in Carlisle, the Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally will run over the weekend of 4th/ 5th May and will feature stages in the Kielder Forest complex and in the Kershope Forest area. The events central service area will again be at Carlisle Racecourse, also the venue for the Pirelli Rally Village, and there will be a high profile start from Carlisle city centre where the competing cars will be on display.

Further details of the Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally are available on the event website www.thepirellirally.co.uk



Clitheroe & D.M.C.

Jack Neal Memorial Stages Rally

Sunday 10th March

A Qualifying round of the following
SD34MSG Stage Rally Championship
SD34MSG Inter-Club League
Blyton Rally Challenge

Regs available at : www.cdmconline.com






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**Blyton Park,
Old Blyton Airfield,
Kirtton Road,
Blyton,
Gainsborough DN21 3PE**





**Legend Fires 2013
NORTH WEST STAGES**

Wish You Were Here!



It's that time of year again and Blackpool beckons!

This years Legend Fires North West Stages promises to be another fun filled, action packed couple of days so make a note in your diary to join us beside the seaside on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th February 2013.

We've got stages running on Friday night and several venues on Saturday, all requiring a posse of volunteers to make sure the rally runs smoothly and we're hoping you'll agree to be part of the team. We're offering all Marshals a free 'goody bag' plus the chance to win some super prizes in a special marshals only draw.

For further details please give me a call (before 9pm) on 07724 472 756 or email: marshals@nwstages.co.uk
Alternatively register your details at: www.nwstages.co.uk

Hope you can make it!

Mark Carter
Chief Marshal

PS. We're also looking for set-up teams and Marshals to help on Friday 8th February (morning and afternoon).

Mr Joe Bloggs
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For Competitor enquires contact Ann McCormack on 07961 086 280 or email: enquiries@nwstages.co.uk

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Legend Fires North West Stages 8th / 9th February 2013

We are pleased to announce that the 16th Legend Fires North West Stages will be running again in February as a Multi Venue Sealed Surface Stage Rally, using at least Five different venues and Based at the Norbreck Castle Hotel and the adjoining Norcalympia Exhibition Hall.

- * 70-75 stage miles.
- * 100% Sealed Surface
- * At least 4 stages in the Dark on Friday night, plus a full days rallying on Saturday
- * New Spectator Stage (details to be announced shortly)
- * The Norcalympia Indoor Rally Village, featuring Scrutineering, trade stands, Displays, Champagne finish celebrations etc
- * Compact route and Central Servicing
- * Fantastic Social atmosphere on Friday/Saturday night
- * Accommodation deal at Rally HQ for over 500 rally enthusiasts to stay under one roof.

Regulations and online entries available early at :

www.nwstages.co.uk

Special Rates at Norbreck Castle:-

- Friday night Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 1 night package - £35 per person
- Friday & Saturday Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 2 night package - £58 per person
- 1. Call 0871 222 0031
- 2. Select Option 3
- 3. Please quote LFN0802

Manx Auto Sport 15/16Feb 2013

Chris Kelly Memorial Rally

Regs. are now available to download from

www.manxautosport.org/events/chr...-2013.aspx

**The Chris Kelly Memorial Rally was winner of
the " Best Event" in the 2011 ANWCC Stage Rally
Championship and 2013 aims to be even better.**

With the rally taking in 14 special stages covering approx 110 special stages its set to be a cracking event.

Entries for 2013 will be accepted online or via post.

Entries close on Friday 1st February at 20:00hrs at the price of £325 (ex travel) and £550 (inc travel).

ILLUMINATIONS RALLY 2013

Regs are NOW available

16/17th February 2013.

Any offers of help would be most appreciative so please get in touch ASAP Derek Shepherd at derekshepherd12@btinternet.com