

Backfire

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Magazine



April 2014

**Pete Goodman prepares his new Ford Fiesta ST for a run in
The Great Western Sprint at Castle Combe**

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Chairman's Chat

By Andy Moss

Welcome to the April Backfire - once again I am happy to say it is packed with news about forthcoming events, so make sure you take the time to have a glance through and find out what is planned over the next few months.

I am looking forward to the visit of David Render for our April Club Night. We had a very enjoyable evening the last time he visited and it looks like we will have a good attendance for his return visit. Members are encouraged to arrive from 7.30pm to enjoy a drink in the sports bar before the start of the talk at 8pm.



In the short term, we have an excellent event to look forward to in April - on Sunday the 27th our Production Car Trial will be held at Dundry - thanks once again to Duncan Pittaway for use of the venue. For just £10 you can have a great afternoons motorsport, and any road car is suitable. Everyone who has entered in the past couple of years has come back for more - why not join them this year ?

The Grand Prix season seems to start earlier every year and, by the time Backfire arrives with you, we will have already had two races. We have again had a good response to the club Fantasy F1 contest, which should add a bit of extra fun to proceedings. The full list of entries and first results are later in Backfire.

As we go to press entries are coming in at a decent rate for our Sprint at Llandow on Saturday May 10th. This will be the only sprint event at the circuit in May. If you are not competing please consider coming to marshal – **we really do need your help** – as well as an excellent cooked meal at lunchtime, we will refund your Severn bridge toll on production of a receipt. Contact myself on 0117 9041841 or andy@mosssdata.co.uk if you can help.

Looking forward to later in May, we have our first treasure hunt of the year – these are normally a lot of fun and Bob Bull is sure to put on an enjoyable event based on his past efforts.

Finally a reminder that our Castle Combe Track Day is on August the 30th this year and entry information is now available from the club website, which has all the information you need in a special Castle Combe day section. This year as well as the on track activities there will be a display of cars in the paddock and some fun activities which should make it better than ever.

Editorial

At last spring is in the air and the evenings are getting longer if not appreciably warmer. This month kicked off with a well attended talk by Mike Marsden about the Schneider Trophy and the men and machines that attracted hundreds of thousands of spectators to the Solent for the final events.

Before heading to my Institute of Advanced Drivers session with BPMC treasurer Martin Baker a couple of weeks ago I managed to pop in to Queen Square for the latest Avenue Drivers Club meeting, by the time I left at 9:30 am the place was heaving with newcomers having to double park !

Clearly the popularity of this second Sunday of the month is still growing.

My Institute of Advanced Drivers sessions are making slow progress, though I still have a tendency to want to change up through the gears too early and engine brake when slowing down. Last week I tried reversing without using the palm of my hand on the steering wheel for the first time I can remember. Not so easy as it sounds and something I'll have to practice.

On Saturday I popped over to Castle Combe to lend a hand with The Great Western Sprint. I was given the responsibility for being the paddock gate marshall which all sounded well and good until it was found that the scrutineering stickers I was supposed to be checking were not sticking because of the cold.

Once this issue was sorted I had a great day and particularly enjoyed the double top 12 run offs from the pit wall.

Looking ahead on Monday the 14th of April we have David Render coming to give us a talk about his military exploits, David filled the room at his last talk so **do not forget to come to BAWA early 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start.**

I am looking forward to the Cross Trophy which takes place later in the month, on Sunday the 27th. Dave Cooper will join me in my trusty Golf at Dundry for his first Production Car Trial. The second part of Dave's tales on speeding also appear in this issue.

Wishing you all a safe months motoring.

Ralph Colmar



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Forthcoming Club Nights

Monday 14th April - Guest speaker - David Render



David Render returns for another instalment of his fascinating story.

Ex-military, ex-racing car driver, businessman. He has lived life to the full and all his talks are from first hand experience.

Last time we were treated to his knowledge of Competitive car racing acquired over 50 years.

This time will be telling us the story of his exploits at aged 19 years when he commanded a troop of three Sherman tanks against the might of the German Panzers Wehrmacht and SS divisions.



Please Note arrive from 7.30pm for 8pm Start to Talk

Sunday 27th April - Cross Trophy Trial



A reminder that we will be organising a production car trial at Lower Grove Farm, Highridge Road, Dundry BS41 8JT, Map ref 554 673, on Sunday April 27th. Sign on 12:00 to 13:00.

If you're interested in taking part or marshalling entry details are on the club website or you can contact Tim Murray on 0117 9499449 or email secretary@bristolpegasus.com

Llandow Sprint - Saturday 10th May



We are again joining forces with BMC to organise the May sprint at Llandow. The event is a round of both The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship and The Bridge Tyres and Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship, as well as the Austin 7, MGCC and Downton Engineering Mini Championships.

As well as members of the organising clubs the event is open to members of any club affiliated with the WAMC, the ASWMC or the Cotswold Motor Sports Group. For all competitors who have previously entered the event it will be great to welcome you back, for those competitors who are entering for the first time we are sure you will find the day to be enjoyable and competitive.

While the event needs nothing like the numbers of Marshals we have at Castle Combe, we don't have enough marshals yet and **really** do need some more people to come and help - contact Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or andy@mossdata.co.uk to volunteer.

Sunday 1st June - ACE Tour



Entries for the ACE Vehicle tour are now open. This is an idea opportunity to get out and about in your Classic, Sports, Competition or Kit Car - any interesting car is very welcome and there is no minimum age. The event will be raising funds for Prostate Cancer this year - a very worthy cause. Further details later in Backfire.

News



Government Closed Roads Consultation - Until April 10th

The government is holding consultations, until April 10th, into the implications of allowing local councils to close public roads and relax speed limits for motor sport events. To find out how you can support the proposals the MSA has published links about the proposals and their suggested response starting on their web page :-

<http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/newsletter/ClosedRoads.pdf>

CMSG Roadsport Championship Round 3 - Friday 11th April

Dolphin Motor Club will be organising Round 3 of the CMSG Roadsport Championship in the Newbury Area on Friday 11th April.

Any one interested in competing or marshaling is advised to get in touch with Bob Muttram e-mail bob@muttram.freemove.co.uk.



REIS Southern Counties Autocross Championship Round 1

Weston-super-Mare MC are organising a Sandococross on South Beach W-S-M on Sunday the 13th of April. For more information contact Andrew Lowe on 07816 281304 or e-mail andyglowe@hotmail.com

Wiscombe Hillclimb April 26/27

Woolbridge Motor Club will be opening their Hillclimb Season at Wiscombe on April 26/27th and are offering marshalls £10 towards the cost of fuel, free camping for the weekend, plus vouchers for a burger bar lunch. If you would like to get involved contact Worth Birkill by e-mail worth@bigfishhooked.net or call 01305 854765.

Richard Burns Foundation Pirelli Rally 2014 - Sat 3rd May

If you should happen to find yourself 'up north' and would like to marshall on the Richard Burns Foundation Pirelli Rally 2014 which will be run in the Carlisle Hexham area on May 3rd, please get in touch with graham.parker@grizedalestages.co.uk Mobile 07778 333667 or Home 01539 732813

Loton Park Drivers School

Martyn Silcox has informed us that dates for this years Loton Park drivers' school will be 14th May, 9th July and 16th August.

The £180 courses include; an introduction and safety briefing, group walk up the hill with an instructor to understand each bend, run up the hill driven by an instructor observed runs, lunch and video analysis of your performance, afternoon observed runs, and final analysis with your instructor.

For further information contact Martyn Silcox on 01384 877502 or e-mail clubsec@hdlcc.com



Pier Pressure Marathon Tour - 22nd June

Peter Goodman is thinking about taking part in Pier Pressure an 800 - 900 mile midsummer madness marathon round the UK visiting the four piers at Weston Super Mare, Blackpool, Great Yarmouth and Brighton on June 22nd.

If you are interested in joining him for a 17 hour jaunt around the country you can reach him on 0117 9605367 or by e-mail at :- pete.1goodman@talktalk.net.

Caring with Cars 2014 - Sunday 18th May

This is the third running of this excellent event which raises money for the Childrens Hospice South West. It is held at Wraxhall near Bristol and many club members are planning to attend again, having enjoyed the day in 2012.



You need to register in order to come along as while entry is free the event is not open to the general public - places are limited to 500.

"Caring with Cars 2014" will bring all manner of performance and classic vehicles together to raise much-needed funds for a very worthwhile cause on Sunday 18th May 2014 from 10 am. Once again the event will be filling the lovely grounds of the private Downs School near Wraxall, Bristol with a huge variety of vehicles in order to raise much-needed funds for the charity, which sits next door to the school. This is the third year for the event having previously raised £5400 and £8000. All money raised before, during and after the event will go to the charity.



The event is for all enthusiasts who enjoy their motoring. Things are welcoming and relaxed, with various things for the kids to do. There will be a live band, expert talks, a showcase area of interesting machines, large raffle and more. Hot and cold food and drinks will be available on site from our catering van and the school cafeteria, or you're welcome to

bring a picnic and sit on the lawn by the fountain.

This is not a public event, so every vehicle must register through Pistonheads.com. It's free to register and free to attend the event - the only thing you'll need is a Pistonheads account, which is also free and easy to sign up.

There is a draw which in the past has raffled factory tours of Lotus F1 and Rolls Royce, glider and Cessna flights, VIP race tickets and Silverstone experiences among many others. If you, a friend or your company would be kind enough to help Children's Hospice by providing a raffle prize, please contact graham@caringwithcars.com



Register ASAP at : www.pistonheads.com/calendar/event.asp?i=34098

More info : www.caringwithcars.com

Gate Opens 10am - Please don't turn up before 10!

ACE Classic Tour - Sunday June 1st 2014

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All Classics Enthusiasts (A.C.E.) Booking Form

Jointly organized with Bristol Pegasus Motor Club'

The 2014 Classic Vehicle Charity Tour - SUNDAY JUNE 1st

We will be taking in the delights of the South Gloucestershire/Wiltshire countryside for this years Charity Tour; as always it is designed to take in places of interest, that we are sure you will enjoy. We shall once again have a communal picnic stop at a convenient and interesting location.

This year we are returning to the BAWA Club for the start of the tour. Tea and coffee will be provided, and there are toilets available on site.

PLEASE ASSEMBLE BY 9.45AM

It has been determined that our charity for this year is the **Prostate Cancer UK**. In the view of the Committee this local charity is most deserving of our support.

Please retain the above section for your information. Return the lower section with your entry fee.

Entrants/Driver Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Email Address:
Contact Telephone Number:
Passenger Name(s):
Vehicle Make/Model:
Vehicle Registration Number:

DECLARATION

I agree to be bound by the Regulations that are issued for this event.

I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in this event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the event.

I declare that the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined by the law.

I furthermore declare that the vehicle is in a fit condition safely to be driven in the event and confirm that it is covered by a relevant Department of Transport Test Certificate (MOT).

Signature_____ Date_____

Please sign declaration above and return with entry fee (**minimum £15.00 per vehicle**) to: -

Mrs. Brigitte Purnell, 127, Marsh Common Road, Pilning, South Glos. BS35 4JU. Tel: 01454 632101

(Please make cheques payable to ALL CLASSIC ENTHUSIASTS or A.C.E.)

If a receipt is required, please tick box and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.	
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Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2014

Results After Australian Grand Prix



Once again we have had an excellent entry for our Fantasy Formula 1 competition with 43 entries being received. Please check your entry and contact Andy Moss if there are any corrections.

CHARLES ALEXANDER	ALONSO	BOTTAS	SAUBER	ROSSO	WILLIAMS	105
BOB BULL	BUTTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	84
MARK ELVIN	BOTTAS	ROSBERG	INDIA	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	84
CHRIS THOMPSON	BUTTON	MAGNUSSEN	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	73
RICHARD REYNOLDS	ALONSO	BUTTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	61
PETE STOWE	ALONSO	BOTTAS	INDIA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	59
DICK CRADDY	BUTTON	ROSBERG	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	54
AUDREY KING	HAMILTON	MAGNUSSEN	MCLAREN	SAUBER	ROSSO	50
CHARLIE EMSLEY	BUTTON	HULKENBERG	FERRARI	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	48
JEFF OAKLEY	HAMILTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	47
ANDREW MOSS	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	45
KEN ROBSON	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	45
SIMON MOSS	HAMILTON	MAGNUSSEN	INDIA	MCLAREN	MCLAREN	44
ALYSON MARSDEN	BUTTON	HAMILTON	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	INDIA	43
ANN FARROW	BUTTON	HULKENBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	43
CHARLES ALEXANDER	ALONSO	BOTTAS	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	42
CHRIS BENNETT	MASSA	RAIKKONON	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	FERRARI	41
MIKE MARSDEN	MASSA	ROSBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	39
HELENA SARSTED	BUTTON	MASSA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	CATERHAM	38
JOHN PAGE	RAIKKONON	VETTEL	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	38
LIZ MOSS	MAGNUSSEN	ROSBERG	LOTUS	MCLAREN	MARUSSIA	37

MARK NIBLETT	KOBAYASHI	MASSA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	MERCEDES	37
MAL ALLEN	HAMILTON	MASSA	INDIA	MCLAREN	MERCEDES	35
MATTHEW JOHNSON	GROSJEAN	HULKENBERG	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	35
NICK WOOD	KOBAYASHI	MAGNUSSEN	INDIA	MERCEDES	MERCEDES	35
MARTIN EMSLEY	BUTTON	HAMILTON	INDIA	WILLIAMS	MERCEDES	34
RICHARD IBRAHIM	MASSA	RAIKKONON	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	34
STEVE CLARK	BUTTON	MASSA	INDIA	LOTUS	REDBULL	30
TIM MURRAY	ALONSO	PEREZ	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	30
JOE ROBSON	RAIKKONON	VETTEL	INDIA	MCLAREN	CATERHAM	29
DOMINIC BENNETT	HAMILTON	MASSA	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	29
DONNY ALLEN	MASSA	VETTEL	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	MCLAREN	28
MARY CRADDY	HAMILTON	MASSA	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	INDIA	27
MICHELLE RADCLIFFE	MASSA	VETTEL	FERRARI	ROSSO	MCLAREN	27
MARTYN DAVIES	HULKENBERG	RICCIARDO	MERCEDES	WILLIAMS	CATERHAM	26
MARTIN BAKER	HAMILTON	VERGNE	LOTUS	MCLAREN	ROSSO	26
BILL FARROW	HAMILTON	PEREZ	MCLAREN	WILLIAMS	REDBULL	25
ADE JONES	HULKENBERG	VETTEL	FERRARI	WILLIAMS	SAUBER	22
HELEN DAVIES	MAGNUSSEN	MASSA	INDIA	REDBULL	WILLIAMS	22
ROSS WILLING	MASSA	VETTEL	MERCEDES	ROSSO	CATERHAM	20
SHARON REYNOLDS	CHILTON	VETTEL	MERCEDES	ROSSO	MARUSSIA	20
ALISON BENNETT	BUTTON	HAMILTON	SAUBER	WILLIAMS	REDBULL	15
MARK WILLIAMS	HAMILTON	RAIKKONON	LOTUS	WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS	14



Production Car Trial - Sunday 27th April

BPMC Cross Trophy Production Car Trial - Dundry

Our Production Car Trial is to be held at Lower Grove Farm in Dundry Ref. 5545 6735 on Sunday April 27th. The venue is superb for an event of this type and should offer a challenge for most. Signing on from 12.00 & first car to start at 13.00

So what is a Production Car Trial? Well, simply it's a Trial that you can do in an ordinary road car. Entrants will need a vehicle, a driver and a navigator/bouncer – whose job it will be to jump about in the passenger seat to maintain traction when the going gets a bit slippery. If you don't have a passenger, don't worry – you can always grab a fellow competitor to sit in.

Anyone who has seen a more specialist Trial and gazed on in awe whilst thinking: "how on earth do they get up/across/through something like that?!" may now be thinking "there's no way my car would be suitable". Worried about ground clearance, losing the sump or suspension damage? To put those minds at rest, rather than the often heavily rutted tracks used in Classic Trials, the venue is a grassy field.

If you fancy having a go but are lacking a suitable vehicle, get in touch and we'll try to pair up any would-be bouncers with drivers as far as possible. If you'd like to be involved but can't find a driver (or still have concerns about damaging your pride and joy), you could always come along and marshal! We could also do with someone to help with checking over the cars before the start and also need a club steward. Marshals always welcome (in fact essential)

For further details and an entry form visit the club website or contact Event Secretary - Tim Murray 0117 9499449, secretary@bristolpegasus.com



A brilliant fun afternoon with your ordinary road car - Any car is suitable

Club Night Venue

Our regular venue is -

BAWA Leisure Centre

589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG



We normally meet in **Room 7** or **Room 4**. Room 7 has excellent views of the sports field as well as parking visible from within the room. Room 4 is slightly larger and can accommodate more people. Most meetings start at 8.30pm, although our AGM and guest speaker nights start a little earlier at 8pm. **Check Backfire for details each month.**

There is a public bar area next to our room so members arriving early may enjoy a drink and a chat before the formal club night proceedings start. During our summer meetings we are able to open the doors to our room and have direct access into the car park

As many members will know we recently returned to BAWA which was our regular club meeting venue for many years. We are very impressed with the updated room and bar facilities as well as the excellent view and access to our parking area. We are also pleased there will be no issues for non-BAWA members coming to our evening.



**Note : Next BPMC meeting at BAWA is on Mon 14th April
7:30 for 8pm Start ! Meeting will be in Room 4**



Bristol Pegasus Track & Tuition Day Castle Combe Saturday 30th August 2014

Tickets now on sale for our 31st Annual Castle Combe Track Day
BPMC member price held for the 4th year at £129.00

This is your chance to drive your own car at Castle Combe Circuit

- Around 6 cars in each session so plenty of track space
- Tuition from Castle Combe Instructor included in price
- No extra charges for passengers
- Share tickets between two drivers or two cars at no extra cost
- A true club day - run for the benefit of members not for profit
- All you need is a helmet and ordinary driving license
- Sensible drivers with good on track driving standards

See club website www.bristolpegasus.com for entry details or contact Tim Murray if you require a printed entry form posted

This event is always popular - Send your entry in NOW !



Monday 8th September Evening Visit Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car Avonmouth Bristol HQ Visit

Bloodhound SSC is the latest attempt on the World Land Speed Record and is targeting 1000mph! This groundbreaking project, headed up by the existing record holders, Richard Noble and Andy Green, is being designed and built in Bristol. We have arranged a visit to the recently opened facility in Avonmouth where the car is being designed and built.

Our visit will include a presentation about the project to date, including the engineering challenges of designing a car that can achieve 1000mph. We will also have the chance to see the car being built.



The visit will take place on our normal Club Night slot in September. The invitation is open to any club member, including family and friends and will cost just £10 per head which will all go towards the project. Places are limited to 50 and will be on a

first come first served basis. To reserve your place please contact Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or email: andy@mossdata.co.uk



BPMC Pin Badges



Now available; Delightful 20mm diameter BPMC pin badges in black nickel, red / white enamel finish. These are a must for club members and available for £2.00 each from Alan Spencer.

BPMC polo or sweatshirts

Fancy a shirt with the club logo on? Pick your colour and size, state whether polo or sweatshirt and how many, then ring/email Alan Spencer with your order.

alanspencer@orange.net 01179 712587

Poloshirts £6.50 each and sweatshirts £10 - a bargain!

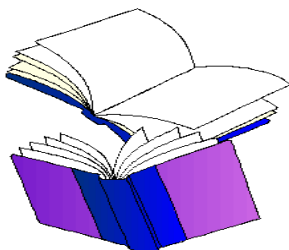


Sweatshirts & polo shirts are available in the following colours and sizes:

White, grey, light blue, royal blue and black - S, M, L and XL.

For Bristol Pegasus Motor Club **car & windscreen stickers** contact Alan Spencer.

Help raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance



**Visit the bookshop www.bristolpegasus.com
and use the Amazon link to buy books, CD's /DVD's**

All commission to Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Castle Combe Autumn Classic - Sunday 5th October

Do you have an interesting car that you could display on the clubs stand at the Autumn Classic ?

We are particularly looking for anything from the 60's or earlier - if not would you like to help out on the club stand ? If you are interested in either bringing a car or helping out we can provide free entry to the event. We will also have details of a great ticket offer for members not on the stand later in the year.



Bristol Pegasus NEEDS YOU !

The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers

- [Get involved](#)
- [Be close to the action](#)
- [Meet Other Club Members](#)
- [No experience required](#)



Deadline for Next Backfire: 27th April 2014
As always, we are looking for contributions for Backfire

Editor: Ralph Colmar Email: backfire@bristolpegasus.com

Castle Combe Motorsport Dates 2014

Saturday 5th April	Alfaholics Track Day
Saturday 12th April	Bikesafe & Castle Combe Track Day
Monday 21st April	Great British Race Off Race Meeting
Saturday 26th April	Spring Performance Car Action Day
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday Race Meeting
Saturday 10th May	Japfest
Sat 17th & Sun 18th May	Steam Rally
Saturday 24th May	Club Lotus Track Day
Monday 26th May	Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday Race Day
Saturday 31st May	VW & Audi Track Day
Sat 7th & Sun 8th June	French Car Show
Saturday 14th June	Father's (Satur)Day Race Meeting
Sat 21st & Sun 22nd June	Grand National Motorcycle Race Meeting
Saturday 28th June	Classic & Retro Action Day
Saturday 5th July	RS Owners Club
Sat 12th & Sun 13th July	Retro Race Meeting
Saturday 19th July	Kit Fest Kit Car Action Day
Saturday 26th July	The Dick Mayo Sprint
Saturday 2nd August	Summer Race Day
Monday 25th August	August Bank Holiday Monday Race Day
Saturday 30th August	Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Track Day
Saturday 13th Sept	Forge Motorsport Performance Car Action Day
Saturday 20th Sept	Rallyday
Saturday 27th Sept	MiniWorld Action Day
Saturday 4th Oct	Grand Finals Championships Race Day
Sunday 5th Oct	Autumn Classic
Saturday 11th Oct	Audi Driver International Track Day
Saturday 18th Oct	Bristol Pegasus Motor Club Sprint
Saturday 25th Oct	Stroke Association Supercar Saturday





A1 Auto Collectables

We stock a large range of auto memorabilia including;

- Grill badges
- Old signs, Banners and Posters
- Car brochures
- Motor sport programmes, year books and Trophies
- Old oil tins and bottles
- Books, workshop manuals and parts catalogues
- Period car accessories, Tools and garage equipment
- AA and RAC memorabilia

Take a look at our events page to see what shows we are attending next year at www.a1autocollectables.co.uk

10% of all sales to motor club members will be donated to Pegasus Motor Club's chosen charity.

Alliance of British Drivers

The Alliance of British Drivers (ABD) is a pressure group formed from the Drivers Alliance, who campaigned strongly with thousands of signatures against road pricing, and the Association of British Drivers which formed in 1992 to give a voice to motorists.

Many anti car groups including BRAKE and indeed Bristol Council dismiss the ABD as speed merchants, The Daily Mail writer George Monbiot grouped us with Motorists Against Detection who led by Captain GATSO campaigned against speed cameras.

However we are a government recognised road improvement and safety group.

I say we as I am the Avon & Somerset coordinator for the ABD. I frequently write in the local press and have appeared on Local and National Television and local Radio.

The following is an excerpt from the ABD website <http://www.abd.org.uk/>

The objective of the ABD is to provide an active, responsible voice to lobby on behalf of Britain's beleaguered drivers upon many issues, especially those where official policy in recent years has been to discriminate against drivers by means of miss-information, obstruction, restriction, delay, or taxation.

In particular, we campaign for a return to the 'Three Es' of road safety, which gave Britain the safest roads in the world —Education, Engineering and Enforcement. We favour intelligent road policing by properly trained police traffic officers rather than blanket automated enforcement of only certain types of offence.

We want everyone to have the freedom to choose the most appropriate form of transport for each journey. We believe that increasing the usage of public transport is best achieved by enhancing the standard of provision, not by penalising car use. We seek genuine integrated transport policies which recognise that the use of private vehicles is an essential part of the transport mix.

The ABD is a member of the following organizations:

- [The National Council of Voluntary Organisations](#)
- [The Fund-Raising Standards Board self-regulatory scheme](#)
- [Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety](#)

Topics upon which we campaign include:

- Improved standards of training for all road users.
- Improvements in road and vehicle safety.
- Recognition of the fact that roads are an essential part of the UK transport system; and that traffic is the lifeblood of the economy.
- All of the taxes paid by motorists to be used to maintain and improve our road system to a safe and proper standard.
- Realistic speed limits based upon road safety requirements not political correctness nor revenue generation.
- An end to speed cameras being used inappropriately.
- Environmental policies based upon sound science rather than politics and hysteria.
- An end to the government using drivers as an inexhaustible source of stealth tax, specifically no road tolls, nor 'congestion charging'.

For complete details of our position on all the issues we currently campaign on, please refer to our Manifesto.

by Bob Bull

2014 Major BPMC Event Dates

Cross Trophy Trial - Sunday April 27th

Llandow Sprint - Saturday 10th May

ACE Classic Tour - Sunday 1st June

Treasure Hunt - Sunday 13th July

Pegasus Castle Combe Day - Saturday 30th August

Bloodhound Evening Visit - Monday 8th September

Pegasus Sprint Castle Combe - Saturday 18th October



2014 Club Championships

Prepared By Chris Thompson

Clubmans Championship



POSITION	ENTRANT	POINTS SCORED	NUMBER OF EVENTS
1	Mark Astin	9.57	2
2	Chris Thompson	7.83	2
3	Alan Spencer	7.21	2
4	Martyn Davies	5.38	1
5	Pete Goodman	4.75	1
6	Alan Dillamore	3.50	1
7	Ralph Colmar	2.88	1
8	Bob Bull	2.25	1
9	Andy Moss	1.63	1
10	Nick Wood	1.63	1
11	Danny Castleton	1.00	1

Marshals Championship

POSITION	ENTRANT	POINTS SCORED	NUMBER OF EVENTS
1	Dick Craddy	3	1

Speeding, Sports Cars and A Navigating Striper

By Dave Cooper Continued from December 2013

Following college and university, I was fortunate to emerge with a master's degree and went straight into a good job in computing. With just £5 left in the educational bank account, F1 would have to wait awhile...

A friend at Bristol Poly' owned a Ginetta and a Lotus 7. Whilst we couldn't afford to compete properly, we had some interesting times around the back roads of Filton and beyond. I seem to remember that the Ginetta had it on the straights whilst the Lotus scored on the twisty bits (no cameras in those days !).

My girlfriend in Uni' had some flat mates that were also car mad and one of them worked at BAE, Filton. He could get parts made in 'exotic', lightweight materials and was keen to get involved in motorsport – instant mechanic I thought.

With my newly acquired 1600 Capri (company car), I was able to sell my venerable old Cortina and raise some cash. One of the sales guys at my new job was doing Formula Ford 2000 in a Reynard. He also did some wheeler-dealing on the side to fund his racing and offered me an ex-works F3 car at a knock-down price as he was desperate for an engine rebuild.

By some magical 'sleight-of-hand', the F3 car failed to materialise (there's a pattern emerging here) and, instead, I ended up with an "ex-Tom Pryce" Supervee (Royale RP9, chassis no. 6).



This was to become my, unintended, apprenticeship into motorsport engineering as it had just about everything wrong with it as is possible for a piece of racing machinery. A cardboard box accompanied it containing sundry spare wishbones, the odd ball joint, lots of greasy engine nuts and bolts (big clue here) plus an ice-cream tub full of gear ratios.

At the time, Supervee was in something of a transitional phase – the old air-cooled engines (like mine) were on the way out and the new water-cooled units were arriving, but, with a 60+ bhp advantage and a £2000 price tag (c. 1979).

Well, we soldiered on with the RP9 blowing holes in pistons here and throwing big-end caps there – all very expensive and distressing. Eventually, I found a really good engine builder (Mac Daghorn) and, we were then able to pick up some of the generous prize money that VW were paying out for the series.

Effectively though, we had two classes: air-cooled v water-cooled. The air-cooled units were getting too tired and unreliable (revving to 8,000 rpm !) and the latest water-cooled engines were just too expensive. The series went into decline and VW pulled-the-plug on the British championship.

I'd been drumming for a local band called "Rainbow" (before that name got famous), and somehow got persuaded to join another band ("French Hotel") based in Trowbridge. They were quite promising and I moved into a shared farmhouse out in the wilds of Seend, near Melksham full of musicians and a sound engineer.

My 'then-to-be' wife lived about a mile away, we met on a blind date. During our honeymoon in France, my tow car a 2.5 PI Triumph (now on carbs) threw a propshaft UJ. I was a bit concerned as there was a Supervee championship final coming up at Snetterton and we needed to get back for a test.

So, with the honeymoon slightly abbreviated, and a bit short of cash after the UJ repair, I had planned to camp at Snetterton and share a tent with my mechanic.... my wife absolutely refused to share a tent with myself and a mechanic whilst still on honeymoon. I learnt that girls can be quite sensitive about such things...

During the first season of Supervee, I became pals with another Welsh driver – a very capable driver and engineer (Nigel Rees) who also ran an RP9. Affordable micro-computers were just arriving and he wrote a program to begin analysing what exactly these RP9 chassis were doing under dynamic loadings.

He showed me the results one Sunday and I was horrified to see the deflections and suspension movements that were predicted by the program. Together with the engine reliability, it explained why we had been struggling so much...

Over the ensuing winter, my friend sold his RP9 and continued to develop the analytical program(s) and my chassis then became the 'guinea-pig' for some new and very interesting development work.

First, we changed the front uprights for modified Sark units. Then we moved the suspension pickup points to where the computer said they should be and fitted revised spring and damper rates. The car was tested at Llandow and the front felt much better with most of the understeer dialled out.

At the rear, we had a flexing engine frame and the original VW drum brakes – with no reliable brake balance. A tubular cruciform was fitted to the lower engine frame and all the key mountings for engine and the Metso gearbox were beefed-up.

I then ran the car in Monoposto and Libre events to keep my hand in on the driving front. We won a sprint at St Athan and again at St Eval. This approach was followed to prove each stage of the development programme. Finally, we changed the rear hubs, fitted disc brakes, revised the rear geometry, springs and anti-roll bars and did more reinforcing work on the front chassis (monocoque).

We took the car to Brands (Club) for a test and it was totally transformed. At Clearways, I could quite easily hold a ‘full-blooded’ power slide with just one hand on the wheel. At Druids, I could brake after the pedestrian over-bridge (would never dare with the drum brakes !), taking Paddock, the tail could just be flicked out on the throttle - at the apex - to any attitude you wanted.

This is how a good racing car should handle I thought, and, all the development analysis and work had been worthwhile after all...

The following season was quite sparse event-wise. I concentrated on improving the aerodynamics but could not keep up with the faster Monoposto and Libre cars – just too much of a power deficit for the old girl to make up. That winter I had an offer from France to buy the RP9 with all the ‘historic’ bits and let her go.

A few weeks later, I had a phone call replying to an advert that I had placed in Autosport. A new Formula 3 team was being formed in Huddersfield and would I like to drive for them ? They were due to take delivery of the ex-Allen Berg chassis (Ralt RT3) and needed a test/development driver.

To compete in F3 I needed an International racing licence. The MSA said that I didn’t yet have enough experience to tackle the prestigious British Marlboro series (which needed an International “B” licence), but I could do the European series with an International “C”. I had a National licence with five signatures on it and needed one more for the International “C”.

So, I hired a Royale RP30 from a friend at Castle Combe and entered the final FF2000 championship round. Now these guys were really quick and trying hard, so, I just tooted around at the back, and made it easy for the leaders to lap me on the last lap and collected my final signature for the F3 licence.

To be continued...

Torbay Classic Trial

Sunday 23rd March 2014

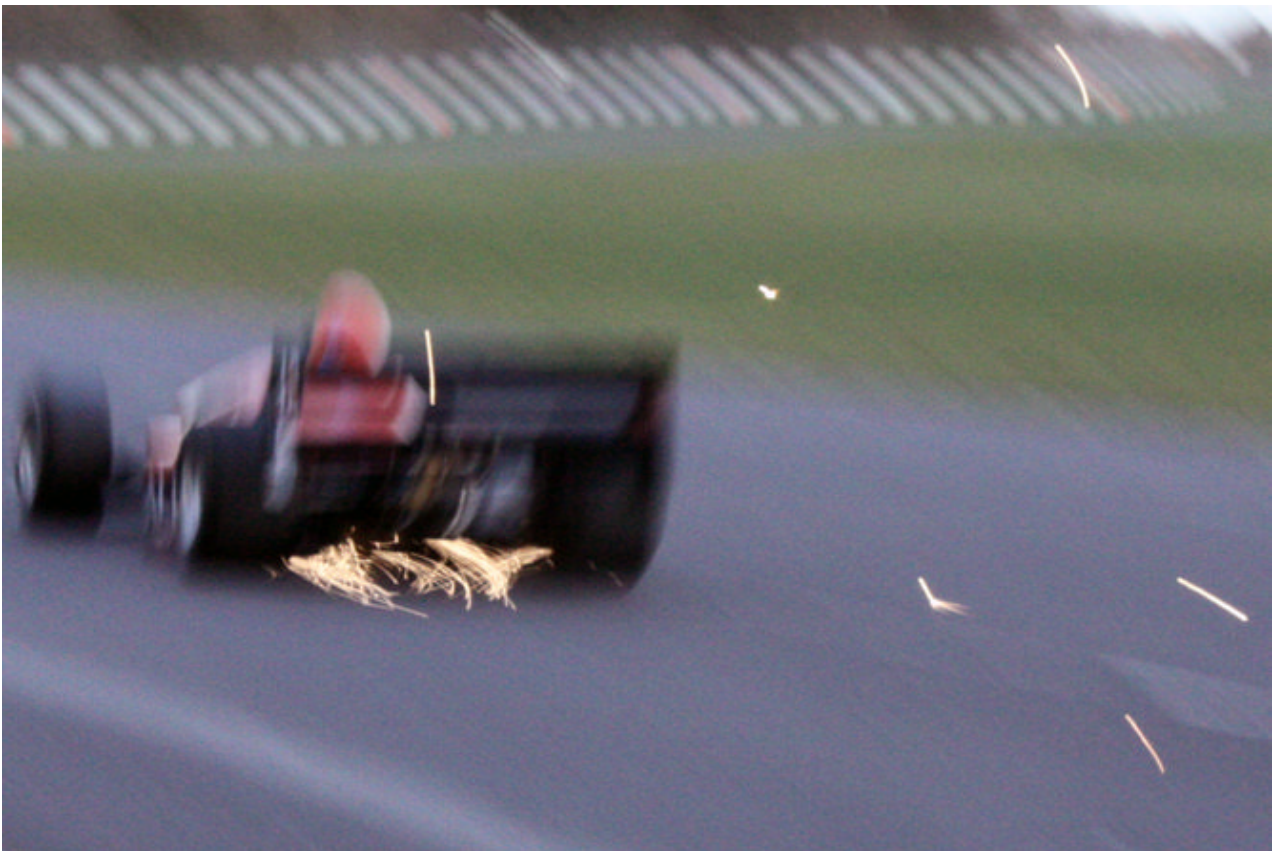
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Backfire

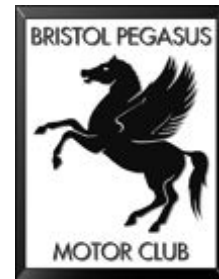


Colin Calder lights up the evening sky with his Gould Judd GR55 on his way to FTD in The Great Western Sprint



LLANDOW

May Sprint 2014



Llandow Circuit, Vale of Glamorgan

SATURDAY 10th MAY 2014

The Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship

The Bridge Tyres & Wheels ASWMC Sprint Championship

The Luffield MG MGCC Speed Championship

The DEWS Speed Championship

The Pre War Austin 7 Club Bert Hadley Championship

The 2014 May Llandow Sprint will again be organised by Bristol Pegasus Motor Club and Bristol Motor Club. Last years event was very successful and had the largest entry we have had at Llandow for many years with almost 100 entries.

This year we expect the paddock to be a little less crowded as we will not be joined by the Lotus 7 Club, however we have two new championships with the Austin 7 Club and the Downton Mini Championship joining us for the first time in 2014.

The MGCC Luffield Speed Championship will be returning after their first visit last year and we are also pleased to again be a round of both the WAMC and ASWMC regional championships

Regulations and entry details are available on the club website
Contact Secretary Andy Moss on 0117 9041841 or andy@mossdata.co.uk
for a printed copy

Marshals also required - Cooked Lunch Provided and Bridge Toll Refunded

2014 BPMC Calendar

Latest event information and date changes in Bold

Mon 14th Apr	8.00pm	Club Night	Guest Speaker - David Render - BAWA Room 4
Sun 27th Apr	All Day	Cross Trophy Trial	Our trial at Dundry - Entry details now on website
Sat 10th May	All Day	Llandow Sprint	Llandow Regulations available now from website
Sun 18th May	All Day	Caring With Cars	Members will be visiting this charity car gathering
Mon 19th May	7.30pm	Treasure Hunt	Evening scenic drive with questions, finish at a pub
Sun 1st Jun	All Day	ACE Classic Tour	Classic, Sports and Kit Car Charity tour
Mon 9th Jun	7.30pm	Bring Your Car	Evening gathering of interesting cars
Sun 13th Jul	am	Treasure Hunt	Sunday morning Treasure Hunt finish at a country pub
Mon 4th Aug	7pm	Evening Tour	Short evening scenic tour with finish at a good pub
Sat 30th Aug	All Day	Castle Combe Day	Our track day with display of cars & paddock activities
Mon 8th Sep	TBA	Evening Visit	Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car Avonmouth
Sun 21st Sep	All Day	Grass Autotest	Fun driving tests on a smooth grass surface
Sun 5th Oct	All Day	Autumn Classic	Club display at Castle Combe Classic Race Meeting
Mon 13th Oct	8.30pm	Club Night	Mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7
Sat 18th Oct	All Day	Pegasus Sprint	Our Sprint at Castle Combe Circuit
Mon 10th Nov	8.30pm	Club Night	Mix of speakers and socials, BAWA Room 7
Thu 13th Nov	7pm	Karting	Our Indoor endurance Karting raising money Charity
Fri 14th Nov	All Day	NEC Classic Show	Club Trip to this impressive show at the NEC
Mon 8th Dec	8pm	Club Night - AGM	Our annual Buffet, prize giving and AGM
Mon 30th Dec	8pm	Christmas Meet	Post christmas informal get together

More events still to come. As well as more social and competitive events we are also arranging a couple of trips to car related factories and workshops.

For latest news visit www.bristolpegasus.com

Monday 14th April- Guest Speaker - David Render
BAWA Room 4 - Drinks in bar from 7:30pm for 8.00 start

Sunday 27th April Pegasus Cross Trophy Car Trial - Dundry
A brilliant fun afternoon in your ordinary road car - just £10 entry fee

Our Production Car Trial is to be held at Lower Grove Farm in Dundry near Bristol on Sunday April 27th. The venue is superb for an event of this type and the event is always good fun. Signing on from midday.

Entry details on the club website soon or contact Tim Murray
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