

Backfire

December 2008



The Magazine of the
**Bristol Pegasus
Motor Club**

**Club Member Julian West in the GT40
2008 Pegasus Sprint at Castle Combe - Photo Steve Kilvington**

2008 Dates Changes shown BOLD (2009 DATES ON INSIDE REAR COVER)

February	Friday	8th	Nav Scatter
	Monday	11th	Club Night
March	Friday	7th	Nav Ex
	Monday	10th	Club Night
	Friday	14th	Stoneleigh Show Visit
	Saturday	29th	Great Western Sprint
April	Monday	14th	Club Night
May	Monday	5th	The Wessex Sprint
	Sunday	11th	Production Car Trial
	Monday	12th	Club Night
	Monday	19th	Treasure Hunt
	Monday	26th	Bristol Llandow Sprint
June	Sunday	8th	ACE Classic Tour
	Monday	9th	Club Night
	Saturday	14th	AutoSolo
	Monday	23rd	Treasure Hunt
July	Monday	14th	Club Night
	Monday	21st	Treasure Hunt
August	Saturday	9th	Castle Combe Track Day
	Monday	11th	Club Night
	Monday	18th	Treasure Hunt
	Monday	25th	Bristol Two Club Sprint
September	Monday	8th	Club Night
	Saturday	20th	AutoSolo
October	Monday	13th	Club Night
	Saturday	18th	The Pegasus Sprint
	Friday	31st	Nav Scatter
November	Monday	10th	Club Night
	Friday	14th	Nav Ex
	Thursday	20th	Karting Endurance Challenge
December	Friday	5th	Nav Ex - CANCELLED
	Monday	8th	AGM

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2008

Friday 5th December Nav-Ex - Cancelled

With the inevitable demands on peoples time coming up to Christmas, the response to our December Nav-Ex has been poor over the last couple of years and we have therefore decided to cancel this event.

Monday 8th December - VENUE Almondsbury Sports & Social Club AGM & Prize Giving & Buffet - NOTE 8pm START

The Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club will be held on Monday 8th December 2008, at the **Almondsbury Sports and Social Club**, Almondsbury , Bristol. The meeting will commence at **8.00p.m.** (please note that this is 30 minutes earlier than our usual start time for Club Nights). The evening will feature the club prize giving, as well as a free buffet.

Club Trophies

Could all 2007 trophy winners please return them to Tim Murray by the November club night, to allow them to be engraved in time for the Prize Giving in December.

Monday 29th December 2008 - Extra Natter & Noggin

We have an extra event in December - come along for a drink and a chat at the Golden Heart Winterbourne Down 8pm onwards.

Monday January 12th - BPMC Club Night

The January Club night will be held at the Almondsbury Sports & Social Club . Come along for a new year drink and a chat from 8.30pm.

Friday 23rd January 2009 - January Navigation Exercise

Once again this event will take place in the Chepstow, Usk and Lydney area. The organiser is Dick Craddy and Beginner's, Novice's and Expert's route cards will be available. More details next month.

As always we are looking for contributions for Backfire

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Andy Moss

November has been a busy month for the club - this included having two activities on the same day, the first time I can remember that happening.

The first of these was the Track Day at Colerne. We had a good turn out of club members who had a lot of fun despite some terrible weather. I sat in work the next day looking out at glorious sunshine - isn't it always the way. Having taken the Westfield on the trailer, I took it out for all of one lap, whilst the handling was o.k I simply could not see where I was going with lots of water on



the inside and outside of the screen. Plan B was to get the Mondeo noise tested (76 db !) and take that out instead - it was actually pretty good in the wet I also had a couple of rides around, one in Nick Wood's quick 106 and the other with Spence in his MX5 - a lot of fun.

Having had time to dry out it was on to our club night at the Wheatsheaf. We had a decent turn out of club members, including some new faces, who enjoyed some video from the club events at Chepstow this year. Our new video projector made sure everyone could see the action. We also projected some still photos from the Pegasus sprint and then showed some film from the 60s and 70s - including some autocross which looked a lot of fun.

The following Friday was the Navigation Exercise which started from the Swan at Tytherington - we had a couple of new entrants who had teamed up with more experienced club members. This proved to be very entertaining and we enjoyed some good roads. The



navigation was actually pretty straight forward once you could see beyond the organisers devious ways of describing otherwise simple plots. As always we enjoyed a pint and a chat at the end.

Next was the classic car show and a small but select group of club members made their way to the NEC - there was plenty to see and there is a full report later in Backfire - as well as the cars I enjoyed the Classic Bike show - I am not normally that into bikes, but this was just the right size to

keep my interest. By the end of the day we were all pretty tired, but it had kept us entertained

from opening time until they threw us out at 5.30 !

So a very enjoyable month, and one that showed you can have a lot of fun in the club with nothing more than an ordinary road car.

As we go to press there is one more event left this month - a few of us will be helping to run a section on the Bristol MC Allen Classic Trial - I did not quite finish the Marlin in time for this years event, but perhaps next year - in the meantime I am sure we will have some fun out marshalling.

As you will hopefully all know by now we have had to change the venue for the AGM. We found out at the last club night that it was highly likely the Wheatsheaf would be under new ownership by the time of the AGM, and they expected to close in order for the pub to under go some redevelopment. So the following week the committee put a lot of effort into identifying and evaluating potential venues, as well as sorting out catering for the venue we choose. Almondsbury is in a good location for access from the Motorway as well as being not too far from our previous venue, and the room we have booked is ideal for the AGM. We are still considering where we go on a permanent basis - if you have any comments or suggestions please pass them on to the committee. There will also be the opportunity to tell us what you think of the venue at Almondsbury at the AGM.

Membership Renewals for 2009

Hopefully you will have found your personalised membership renewal form with this issue of Backfire but, if not, rest assured it will be dropping through your letterbox any day now. If none of your details held by the club (as pasted onto the form) have changed you simply sign and date the declaration, write out your cheque and post both to me. It doesn't get much less painful than this especially taking into account the unbelievably low membership fee of just £9! If your details have changed then just add the changes, sign and date the declaration, write out your cheque and post both to me – easy peasy or what!?! OK, I know you have to find an envelope, write on it, find a stamp etc etc but please don't delay. On a serious note, bear in mind that whilst your membership will be counted as continuous as long as you renew before 31st March, **membership cards expire on the 31st December and you must have a current membership card to enter any club event from that date.**

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THIRD TIME LUCKY - THE NOVEMBER NAV-EX

By Martin Emsley



Well poor old Santa wanted to go Nav-Exing last December then again this March, unfortunately there were too few elves prepared to play, so both times it got cancelled.

On 14th November it was very heartening to see three crews; two of which were made up of experienced members and newcomers. To the newcomers; Andy Baverstock & Robert Milligan it was great to see you, thanks for giving it a go , hope we have not put you off and you might consider doing

another event. To the experts who took them out a very big thank you for your time, welcome and patience.

So the reindeer led them on a twisty course starting from Tytherington, on a loop to Alveston before heading south to the outskirts of Yate. The route then headed north skirting Rangeworthy to West End before Cromhall, Milbury Heath and return to the start for some well earned refreshment. The plotting was not too hard, we tried to keep it fairly simple, too simple in one case! To give the elves, sorry crews, a chance to enjoy some nice roads which were a little messy in places. Did not hear too many moans at the end, and got a result, so conclude we might have got a reasonable balance. It was a real shame more people were not out which provokes the old debate, what do you want to do?

Answers to Backfire Editor please.

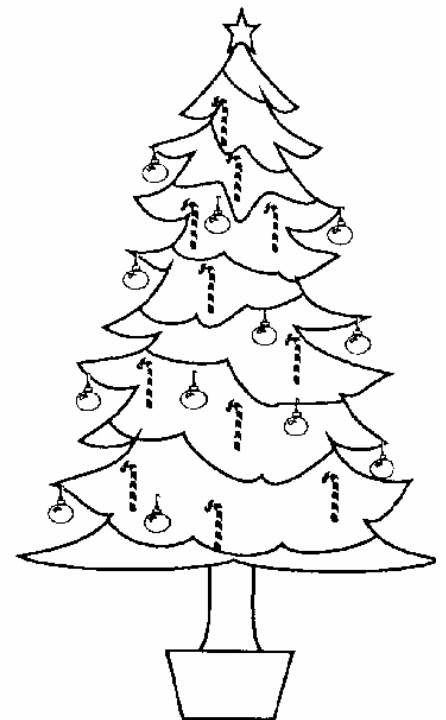
Congratulations and thanks to the crews.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Andy Moss / Chris Goodchild | 52 points |
| 2) Andy Baverstock / Paul Bird | 46 points |
| 3) Alan Spencer / Robert Milligan | 43 points |

56 points possible.

Tim Murray & Martin Emsley

Thought we would include the instructions, may give you a bit of a giggle and show how seriously we take these things, sometimes.



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY NAV-EX

14th November 2008

Tis the season to be merry, ho ho ho.

Well Santa wants to take you on a right merry trip around the houses tonight, he is getting on a bit and just wants to check out where to drop presents off on Christmas eve. You see Rudolph is not as bright as he'd like to think so Santa needs your help children. And I know you will help him, lets all go off on an action packed adventure.....

One thing you may want to note is that Santa is rather addled these days so all the presents are approximate.

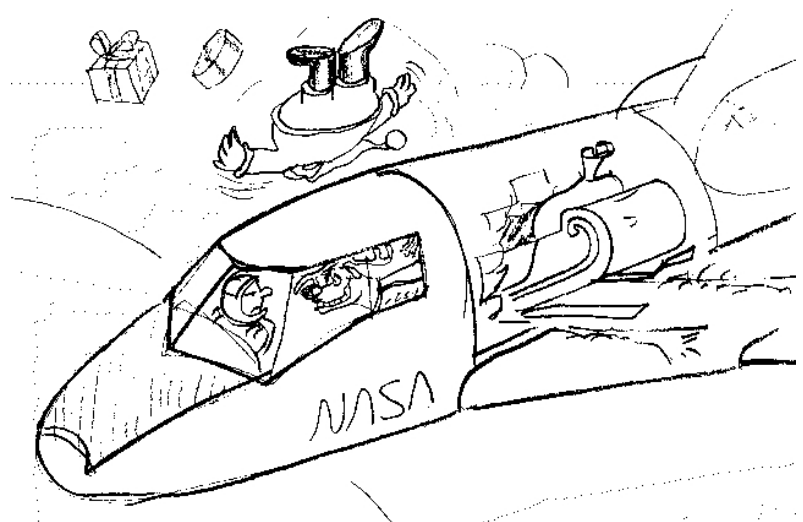
Now Mrs Santa does not like ol' Santa being out to late in the wet and damp just before Christmas in case he catches a cold or summat. She remembers the year she had to deliver all the presents when he had flu!! She enlisted the help of the elves who were knackered from making all the presents and didn't really want to go. They wanted to tuck into the barrel of port and mince pies, anyway they were so aggrieved they dropped the presents down the wrong chimneys. What a commotion there was on Christmas day!! So now Mrs Santa says he must be home by 10.00 and fines him one mince pie for every minute late up until 10.15 when she locks the door and he has to sleep with the Reindeer!!

Simply enough the finish is at the grotto where you left from, if you help Santa spot where to deliver a present correctly you will receive a good mark.

That is just about it, the sleigh must not be guided by more than four forward facing reindeer, external aids such as goblins or star navigation are forbidden and any conduct prejudicial to Fairytale land, the governing Ogres or Santa's club will result in exclusion.

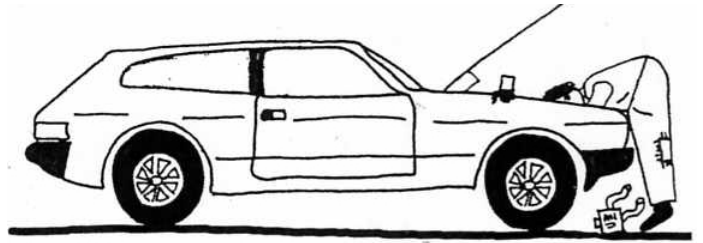
Please take care at junctions and built up areas, we don't want any children to see you, might spoil Christmas day for them.

Have a magical, fun time. Santa's decision is final!!



SUCCESS AT THE NEC !

by Rex Meaden



I went to the Classic Car Show at the NEC a couple of weeks ago. I went on the Friday, took holiday to do it. Kept clear of the general public that way, at least until 1 o'clock when the locals started coming in in some number, you tell by the accents! I headed straight for the Traders corner where I was able to have first pick of what was on offer. Which wasn't huge in quantity but was quite large enough, was reasonable quality and you weren't going to get wet.

Anyway, I've gradually built up my collection of Automobile Year over the years to the point where I only needed Volume 1 from 1953/54 (when it was known as Annual Automobile Review). I even have the hens teeth Volume 2 gained a few years ago, albeit an ex-Library copy with about 4 photocopy pages inserted to cover missing pages but in surprisingly good condition otherwise.

Back to Volume 1 which I'd never actually seen before, so I visited the most up-market book dealer present who even had a controlled entrance to his stall. He has the top books alright, but at eye-watering prices. Yes, he had a Volume 1, and in nice condition, so I noted the price and left, knowledge locked away until needed.

So, imagine my surprise when less than 5 minutes later I found a copy in a blue plastic box to the side of a 'mixed' stall (ie books, models, brochures, ephemera etc). The price was half that of our upmarket friends. I looked at the rest of his books and selected some others of interest. I gave the stall-holder the line that this purchase would pay his rent for the weekend and offered the price of the main book that I wanted for the lot. To my surprise he agreed, so smiles all round. And at last my run of Automobile Year is complete. Result.

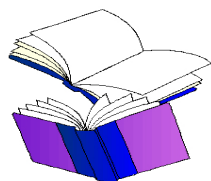
As far as the rest of the show was concerned, there were certainly some fantastic cars on show, although I do struggle with Fiesta L's and Avenger 1300's and the like, but hey, each to his own. I've got a thing about woodies, so the '40's Austin Sheerline Station Wagon caught my attention, and the early '60's cutaway Midget was a bit special too. I also saw Mike Brewer in full flow interviewing a chap who had driven a '30's car around France and was urging others to do the same, all to an audience of 15. I moved swiftly on.

I loved the Bristol Fighter (I last saw one at the Airbus Families Day) seeing it as cross between a Corvette and a Viper with a bit of breeding, and the condition of some of the Jags was truly astonishing – don't their owners have lives? Seriously though, much to be admired, but I'd rather use them than polish them, wouldn't you?

All in all, a good day, but I wouldn't want to be there on a Saturday or Sunday with too many general public. And besides, my Volume 1 would already have been sold before I got there!



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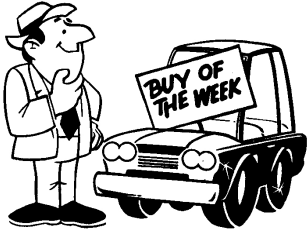
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CLUBMANS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 - 90 Members Scored

Final Positions - Prepared by Chris Thompson & Chris Goodchild

TOTAL	CLUB MEMBER	POSITION	QUALIFYING No. OF EVENTS	ORGANISED MARSHAL ETC
39.24	Chris Goodchild	1	10	Yes
34.23	Paul Bird	2	9	Yes
31.88	Andy Moss	3	9	Yes
21.46	Toby Harris	4	4	Yes
19.62	Lewis Bird	5	6	Yes
17.86	Dave Bence	6	5	Yes
16.95	Martin Baker	7	4	Yes
14.83	Mark Astin	8	4	Yes
14.58	Ian Hall	9	5	Yes
13.79	Phil Turner	10	4	Yes
13.54	Lisa Selby	11	3	Yes
12.69	Ken Robson	12	4	Yes
12.13	Dave Turner	13	4	Yes
11.37	Martyn Mees	14	3	Yes
8.67	Martin Emsley	15	2	Yes
8.00	Johnathan Milne	16	2	Yes
7.83	Tim Murray	17	4	Yes
7.68	John Corfield	18	3	Yes
7.63	Cherry Robinson	19	3	Yes
6.96	Alex Messenger	20	1	Yes

MARSHALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 - 57 Members Scored

Final Positions - Prepared by Chris Thompson & Chris Goodchild

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	CLUB MEMBER	FINAL POSITIONS	NUMBER OF EVENTS
14	Nick Wood	1	8
12	Martin Baker	1	5
11	Dick Craddy	1	5
9	Tim Murray	4	7
8	Chris Thompson	5	5
7	Bob Hart	6	3
7	Mal Allen	6	6
7	Andy Moss	6	4
6	Cherry Robinson	9	6
6	John Corfield	9	5
6	Phil Turner	9	5

One for your Christmas List!!!

By John Corfield

Having got fed up with the hassle of trailering everywhere our non-road-legal mod-prod black Mk2 Fiesta XR2 and paying for £150 rolling road sessions after engine mods, Martin and I decided to return to road going class using his pristine white Fiesta XR2. We kept the engine and gearbox from the black car with the intention of putting them into the white one together with a few chassis mods but, to get to the point, I was determined to sort out some data logging capability in order to assess the value of changes and help with tuning adjustments. Being road going means that I can drive the car around the Wiltshire lanes which offer some pretty good test sections. I wasn't too enamoured with the prospect of adding gizmos under the bonnet and having to download data in order to see results but stumbled upon something called a "Drift Box" used for real time monitoring during drifting events.

I had a look at several websites and was delighted to see they also make a version (costing less) called a "Performance Box". It's not cheap (I paid £350) but it has the big advantage of using GPS for location/movement and needs no wiring at all. It's difficult, at first, to take in all that it can do and it's well worth reading the blurb on www.performancebox.co.uk. We used it first to get some 0-60 times and this was done effortlessly time after time with impressive accuracy. Then we used it at the Colerne Track Day and were fascinated, back at home, to follow every movement we'd made that day both visually, examining our line around every inch of the track and speeds and times in equal detail.

This weekend I got the Fiesta out again and went up and down a local flat straight road doing power runs until I was confident that I was getting repeatability. One option Martin's played with (in anticipation of Castle Combe) is to download a track map from Google on which can be added your lines on-the-day so the ability to view and compare driving lines will also be of great value.



So remember that Santa is waiting to hear from you.

Ho ho ho!

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Latest Events News from the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club



Navigation Scatter
Friday 31st October
Jointly Organised Event

The start time will be 10.00 hrs from the lay-by on the A38 at Barrow Common, OS Landranger ref. ST553683.
The finish venue will be decided when we have completed our race

Autumn AutoSolo
Saturday 25th October
Invitation Event

Navigation Scatter
Friday 31st October
Jointly Organised Event

Club Night
Monday 10th November
Just a normal Club Night

Navigation Exercise
Friday 14th November
The details are out

Karting Endurance Challenge
Thursday 20th November
BPMC Charity Karting 2008

AGM
Monday 8th December
Annual General Meeting

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BRISTOL PEGASUS FANTASY F1 2008

FINAL Positions

Updated By Tim Murray



Pos	Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Total
1	Chris & Dominic Bennett	Kubica	Alonso	BMW	Renault	BMW	1455
2	Toby Harris	Kubica	Hamilton	Toyota	Super Aguri	Ferrari	1275
3	Simon Sweet	Raikkonen	Trulli	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	1273
4	David Garnett	Kubica	Kovalainen	BMW	Honda	BMW	1269
5=	Alex Wooldridge Smith	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	1241
5=	Alyson Marsden	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	1241
5=	Tom King	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	1241
8	Rex Meaden	Alonso	Rosberg	BMW	Red Bull	Mercedes	1236
9	Lisa Selby	Button	Hamilton	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	1235
10	Mike Marsden	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	1204
11	Bob Hart	Webber	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Ferrari	1199
12=	Julie Farrow	Kubica	Bourdais	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	1193
12=	Simon Moss	Kubica	Fisichella	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	1193
14	Andy Baverstock	Kubica	Hamilton	Honda	Super Aguri	Ferrari	1191
15	Lewis Bird	Bourdais	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	1185
16	Charlotte Emsley	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Super Aguri	Ferrari	1180
17=	Gary Tanner	Alonso	Bourdais	BMW	Williams	Mercedes	1179
17=	Joe Robson	Alonso	Hamilton	Red Bull	Honda	BMW	1179
19	Steve Clark	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	1174
20	Jackie Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	Red Bull	Toyota	Mercedes	1157
21	Martin Baker	Heidfeld	Button	Toyota	McLaren	Renault	1156
22=	Arthur Tankins	Alonso	Kovalainen	Honda	Red Bull	Ferrari	1145
22=	Jane Tanner	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Red Bull	Mercedes	1145
24	Paul Bird	Alonso	Bourdais	Ferrari	Honda	Renault	1121
25	Martin Mees	Kubica	Hamilton	Renault	Honda	Toyota 2	1120
26	Ann Farrow	Coulthard	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toyota	BMW	1112
27	Donny Allen	Button	Sato	Ferrari	Toyota	BMW	1107
28	Greg Parnell	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Williams	BMW	1100
29	Pete Stowe	Rosberg	Webber	Honda	McLaren	BMW	1081
30	Tim Murray	Rosberg	Vettel	Ferrari	Toyota	Toyota 2	1080
31	John Page	Rosberg	Bourdais	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari	1078
32	Mal Allen	Alonso	Coulthard	Honda	McLaren	Renault	1067

33	Martin Emsley	Bourdais	Sato	Honda	McLaren	Ferrari	1059
34	Joanna Prestidge	Rosberg	Trulli	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	1056
35	Alison & Sam Bennett	Fisichella	Hamilton	Williams	Red Bull	BMW	1049
36	George Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	BMW	Super Aguri	Renault	1048
37	Elisabeth Lewis	Massa	Fisichella	BMW	Renault	Ferrari 3	1047
38	Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Super Aguri	Ferrari 2	1011
39	Dick Craddy	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Red Bull	Force India	Mercedes	1008
40	Caroline Meaden	Heidfeld	Hamilton	Honda	Force India	Renault	1000
41	Terry Russell	Heidfeld	Kovalainen	Williams	Super Aguri	Mercedes	991
42	Mary Craddy	Webber	Hamilton	Williams	Honda	Renault	972
43	Rob Crossland	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Force India	Honda	970
44	Judith Bird	Coulthard	Button	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	944
45	Andrew Moss	Coulthard	Kovalainen	Renault	Super Aguri	Mercedes	940
46	Jonathan Prestidge	Rosberg	Nakajima	Red Bull	McLaren	Toyota 2	907
47	Chris Lewis	Button	Kovalainen	Toyota	McLaren	Ferrari 3	891
48	Sharon Reynolds	Fisichella	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	886
49	Mark Elvin	Rosberg	Kovalainen	Renault	Williams	Toyota 2	862
50	Ken Robson	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Super Aguri	Force India	Toyota 2	853
51	Audrey King	Webber	Button	Williams	McLaren	Honda	826
52	Bill Farrow	Raikkonen	Sutil	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	823

On-line Membership.....

We're not there yet, but thanks to a lot of work being done by our Website guru, Richard Reynolds, it shouldn't be very far away. Security of on-line payment is one of the highest priorities and a couple of options are being considered – the online membership fee will be increased to cover the cost (we get charged commission from the company processing the payments) but this will be offset by not needing a stamp so will balance quite well.

There's also the consideration of 'signing to accept the declaration' which of course takes on a different context when on-line. We will have a short period of testing over the next few weeks to cover the finer details and to make sure it works as we want.

As usual we'll use Backfire to let you know when it's up and running.

COLERNE AIRFIELD TRACK DAY

Monday 10th November 2008



A good turn out of club members arrived at a very wet Colerne for the Motorsport Events organised track day in November. When the idea of having a club outing to a track day in November was suggested one club member was heard to comment "It can't be any worse than some of the days we have had at Colerne in the summer" - how wrong can you be

So it was a very wet Colerne that greeted us – however we were determined not to let that spoil our fun. Those of us who had been to a Motorsports events day before already knew that they were pretty well organised, and as usual it was signing on and noise test followed by a comprehensive drivers briefing. The emphasis here was on having a good time, in a safe way, and remembering that it was not a competition or race meeting.

The layout of the track was quite different to that we have got used to at the Colerne for our sprints, with most of the activity taking place at the east end of the airfield. The event runs using an "open pit lane" which means you queue up and are let out on the track as soon as there is a suitable gap – this of course is quite different to our Castle Combe day where cars are let out in batches. You can stay out on the track as long as your brakes will let you. Overall



this seemed to work quite well, and it was never too busy out there. If you wanted to keep out of the way of other cars you could generally back off a little and find your own space on the track.

Despite the weather those in Saloons seemed to be enjoying themselves – the kit cars had more problems – Dave Bence in his Onyx Firefox seemed to be coping best – and was the only open car out there for much of the time. Ken

Robson had the hood up on the Marlin which seemed to keep most of the rain out and there were two other Marlin 5EXIs doing quite well. Ken's big problem seemed to be water getting

into the electrics, and copious amounts of WD40 were being sprayed around the engine to keep the wet at bay. Andy Moss decided pretty quickly that the windscreen wipers on the Westfield were not very effective at clearing water from the inside of the screen and had swapped to the Mondeo tow car, he seemed to be enjoying things in the warm and dry.

Nick and Cherry were having a great time in the 106 and Pete Goodman spent a lot of time persuading Cherry to go even faster. John and Martin Corfield were making the most of their road going XR2, which seemed to cope with the conditions pretty well and as always Alan Spencer was having a lot of fun in his newly acquired Mazda MX5.

The only time the rain seemed to stop was during the lunch break, and it started once more pretty much as soon as things started again for the afternoon.

So we had managed to pick possibly the worst day of the month to go to Colerne, and whilst it may have been better on a sunny day, we still had a lot of fun, will we be back next year ? Hopefully, after all "It can't be any worse than some of the days we have had at Colerne in the summer".



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
CLUB MEMBERS**



Colerne Airfield Track Day

Monday 10th November 2008

Photos by Andy Moss



NEC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Club Visit - Sunday 16th November 2008

This was the first time the club had decided to organise a trip to the NEC for this show, and whilst we did not get enough takers to warrant a minibus, those who attended had a good time. We managed to get some discount tickets which got us through the door for £12 instead of the pay on the day price of £17, and it was well worth sharing cars to spread the cost of car parking at the NEC which was a steep £8.



There were a huge variety of vehicles on show, ranging from the normal Morris Minors, Triumphs and MGs to things that were much more exotic. There was also a good selection of historic motor sport vehicles, and whilst the numbers did not compare with those at the Historic Motor sport Show there was the odd gem on display. It was also good to see some cars that were obviously used, as well as those that had been polished to the extreme - some of these were works of art, but a few of us questioned if they were still cars that could actually be used as intended.

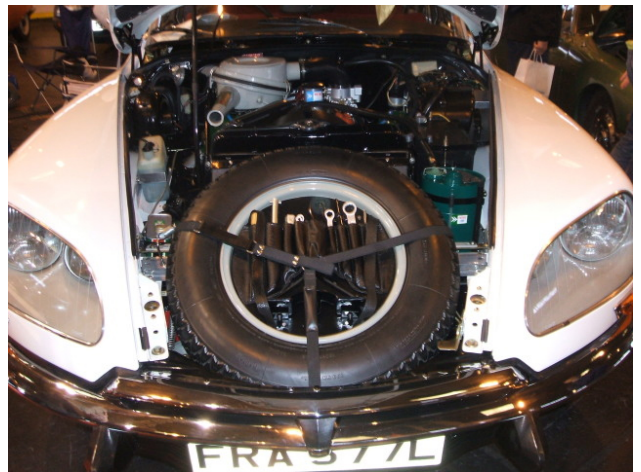
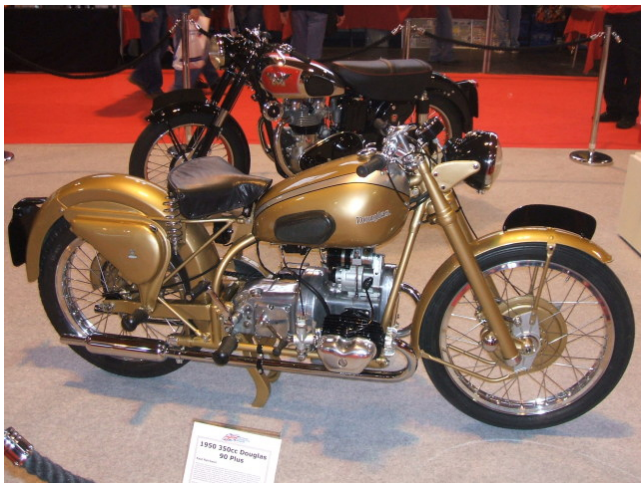
As well as the Classic Cars were two halls of Classic Bikes, of local interest were a few Douglas machines, amongst the Triumphs, BSAs and early Japanese examples. One thing that did stand out was a Triumph Speed record bike that was of course the inspiration for the famous Triumph Bonneville. There was also a stand from the Motor Cycling Club, who of course have many members who drive cars in their famous Classic Trials. Alan Spencer and Bill Farrow fancied trialling a Motor Cycle and Side Car, and were caught on camera imagining...



For those who like modern vehicles your ticket also got you entry to the MPH show, which contained a lot of modern exotics as well as some more ordinary modern vehicles.

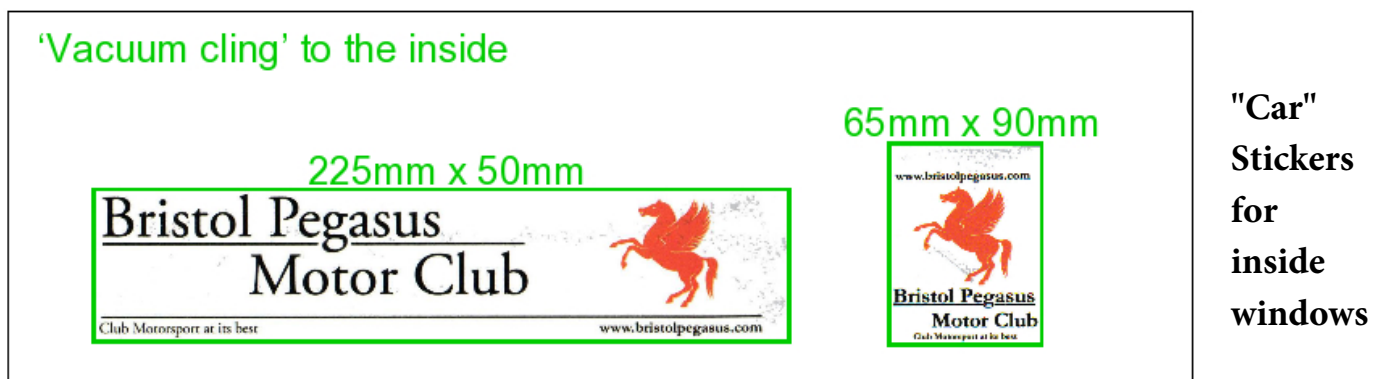
In the main hall there was also a good selection of Auto jumble and Trade stands, with every imaginable car related item on sale. If books, models and memorabilia were your thing there was plenty to choose from here.

A good day out that was enjoyed by all those who went.



NEW CLUB STICKERS - Free to club members ...

We have had a range of new club stickers printed that are available free to club members. You can pick your stickers up at the club meeting or by sending a stamped self addressed envelope with a note of your requirements to John Corfield, 16 Ragleth Grove Trowbridge Wiltshire, BA14 7LE - depending on demand we may have to limit the numbers of stickers, but we will do our best to keep everyone happy. All we ask in return is that you display them for all to see on your car. Note : make sure stamped envelope is big enough to fit the sticker, but don't make it bigger than a standard letter if you put an ordinary stamp on it - the maximum size for this is Length: 240mm max, Width: 165mm max, Thickness: 5mm max



Please specify :-

Number of Large (oblong) external Stickers

Number of Small external Stickers

Number of Large (oblong) Car Stickers

Number of small Car Stickers

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club – 2008 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club will be held on Monday 8th December 2008 at Almondsbury, Sports and Social Club, Bristol. The meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m. (please note that this is 30 minutes earlier than our usual start time for Club Nights).

Agenda

Propose Minutes of the 2007 AGM

- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Re-Appointment of Auditors
- Nominations for the Board of Directors

Following the AGM there will be an AOB session where you have the opportunity to ask questions of the Board, or to give your opinions about the Club. There will be a presentation to the 2008 Award Winners. The night will end with the Charity raffle. During the evening a complimentary buffet will be served.

Nominations for Board of Directors

The following names have been nominated:

Mal Allen
Martin Baker
John Corfield
Martin Emsley
Chris Goodchild
Ian Hall
Phil Harris
Andy Moss
Tim Murray
Cherry Robinson
Alan Spencer
Chris Thompson

For those not able to attend the AGM, the following Proxy Vote form is attached. This should be returned to the Secretary no later than 5th December 2008.

Nominations for the Board Of Directors	Accept	Decline
Place an X in appropriate box		

Name	Signature	Membership Number

2008 Award Winners

The following will be presented with their awards at the AGM:

Martin Baker

Chris Underwood

Sam Lorenzelli

Steve Conner

John Laverick

Dave Bence

Mark Williams

Liam Rollings

Paul Thomas

Nigel Smith

Chris Underwood

Mark Gray

Matt Browne

Sam Lorenzelli

Nick Cook

Andy Moss

Chris Goodchild



Marshals Championship Winner

Clubman's Championship top three

Special Awards

From The Archives - A look at club activities in the past

PROJECT THRUST

Many people will know that for many years we could claim to have the fastest motor club badge in the world, with our logo being attached to the steering wheel of Richard Nobles Thrust 2. This month we look into the club archives to see how it got there

In April 1977 Backfire carried an unusual advertisement

Designer sought for Land Speed Record Project

BAC via Filton Wind Tunnel, have given some assistance to Project Thrust which is aimed at land speed record attempts by jet powered car.

The first stage Thrust 1 built around a lorry chassis, and powered by a Derwent 8 of 3600lb thrust was intended as learning vehicle and fund raiser, with demonstrations at drag races etc.

This was destroyed, at Fairford on 5th March 1977 as noted in this Thrust Newsletter extract.

"On the first run the car reached 175 MPH effortlessly and without tendency to lift the nose. It was clear that the car had substantial performance in hand and was quite capable of being driven as much as 100 MPH faster. Eye witnesses report the car as going very fast and appearing very stable.

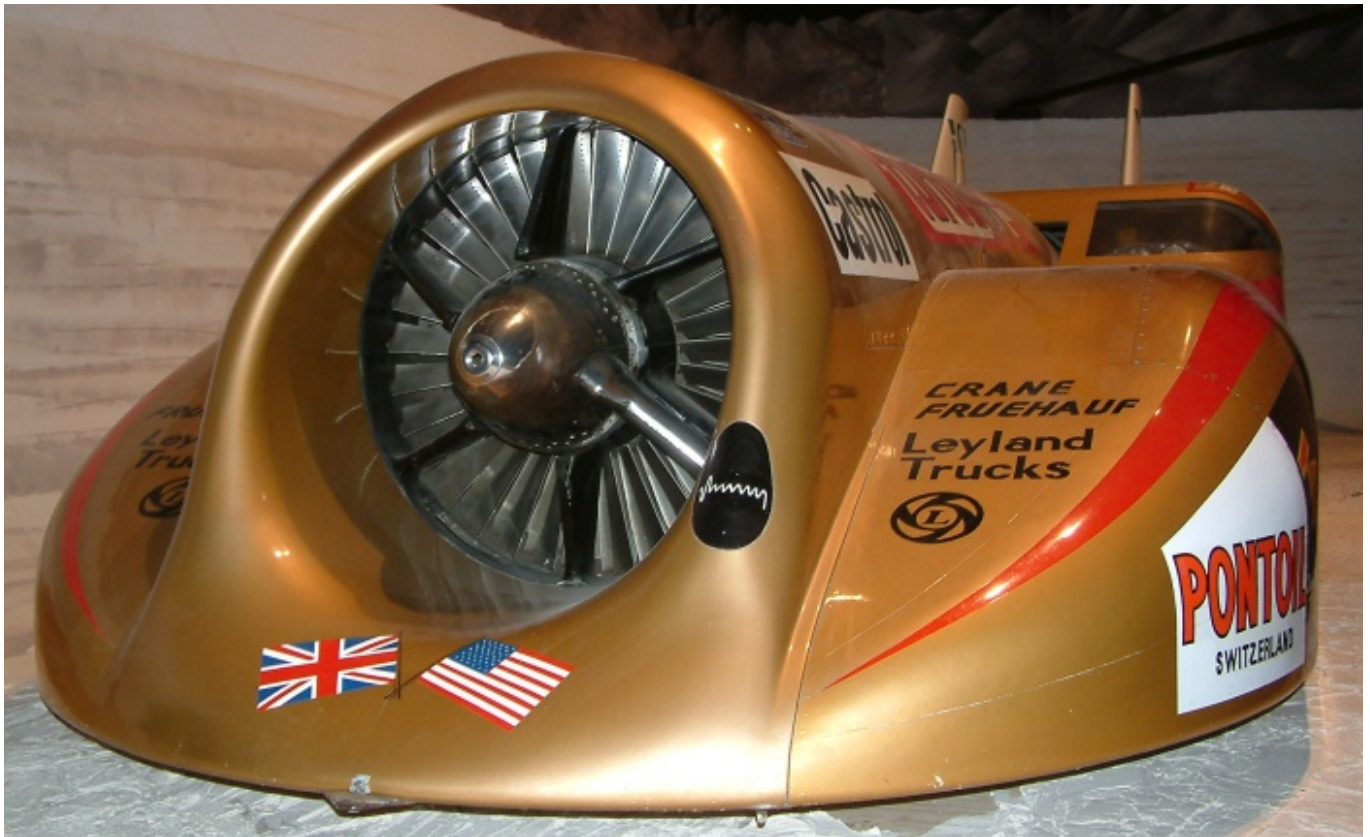
On the return insufficient vacuum remained in the reservoir for high speed braking, so it was decided to drive back at 120 MPH. Shortly after setting off from the far end of the runway the car began to snake.

Power was shut off immediately and corrective action taken with little effect, since there was a strong pull to the left. The car rolled 2½ times after a brief flight and the driver, escaped with a bruised thigh. There was no fire but the car was too badly damaged for repair or identification of the cause of the accident, though we believe that the primary cause was a failed wheel bearing. The car was subsequently disposed of to a scrap merchant after salvageable items had been stripped."

"We now plan to begin work on Thrust Two. This is a six-wheel car (4 steering) powered by a Rolls Royce Avon 210 series with REHEAT, (ex BAC Lightning). The car will weigh two tons, will consume fuel at the rate of 3,000 GPH and be capable of 3G acceleration. The engine arrives at the end of April and we plan to have the car professionally designed and

constructed and to have it available within twelve months.

At present we are seeking to appoint a qualified and experienced aeronautical engineer who will be required to take charge of and manage the technical side of Project Thrust and we would appreciate your help in finding the right man.



In this connection, we are delighted to have the support of Mr. Ken Norris, the designer of the late Donald Campbell's Proteus Bluebird who has kindly agreed to act as technical consultant to the Project..”

The project initiator, partial constructor and driver of Thrust 1 is Richard Noble (a Sales Manager for GKN Subsidiary) and a man of considerable enthusiasm (and resilience). He sold advertising on Thrust 1 to his bank manager!

Anyone interested in supporting this project or requiring further information should contact Trevor Williams or Mike Marsden in Wind Tunnel.

In January 1978 there was more news of Thrust 2 – with Gerry Bath telling us about a visit from Richard Noble himself.

At our next Club Night on Feb 7th, we have a guest speaker, Richard Noble, the instigator and driver of Project Thrust. These are a series of three jet propelled vehicles built with the idea of ultimately capturing the World Land Speed Record at supersonic speed.

Thrust 1 was a fairly simple device consisting of a RR Derwent mounted on a lorry chassis with the idea of acquiring experience and publicity. This was written off in a 180 mph roll-over accident at Fairford, Richard, fortunately escaping serious injury.



Thrust 2 is in the design stage and will use a RR Avon engine that should give speeds of 540 mph with afterburner and is still really only a test bed for Thrust 3 which it is hoped will run in 1982. The likely choice of power units will be twin RR Spey giving 41,030 lbs of thrust with afterburner as against the Avon's 1,600 lbs.

Richard is hoping to bring along a film and his designer, John Ackroyd, who has worked on hovercraft, supersonic aircraft, electric cars and a project for Porsche, so let's have a really good turn-out of members and friends for what is sure to be a very entertaining evening.

Thrust next gets a mention in January 1982

Thursday 18th February - Richard Noble, driver of the project Thrust challenger for the Land Speed Record is bringing film of his exploits at Bonneville last year, and will be talking about his plans for a renewed attempt on the Record late this year. Those of you attended Richards previous visit to the club will recall that he is an excellent speaker - AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED 8pm at the SALUTATION, HENBURV (MR 172/565788).



The club night was a huge success as reported by Bob Hart in the March 1982 Backfire

PROJECT THRUST - 100 people came to the Salutation including an archivist, an editor, & a band of Hells Angels, but most were of the normal easily impressed kind. Richard gave good value - he started with a film of LSR runs from the earliest attempts. Next he talked of Thrust 1 & 2 with slides, & showed film of his attempt at Bonneville last year. Richard must be every sponsors dream - a man with an exciting project, a fascinating speaker, determination, confidence, & a plug for every sponsor (without whom he could not continue). Richard returns to Bonneville in August taking with him all our very best wishes and a club badge he will carry on the dashboard of Thrust 2.

The review of club activities in December 82 added to this and carried a photo of the club badge proudly displayed on the steering wheel of Thrust 2

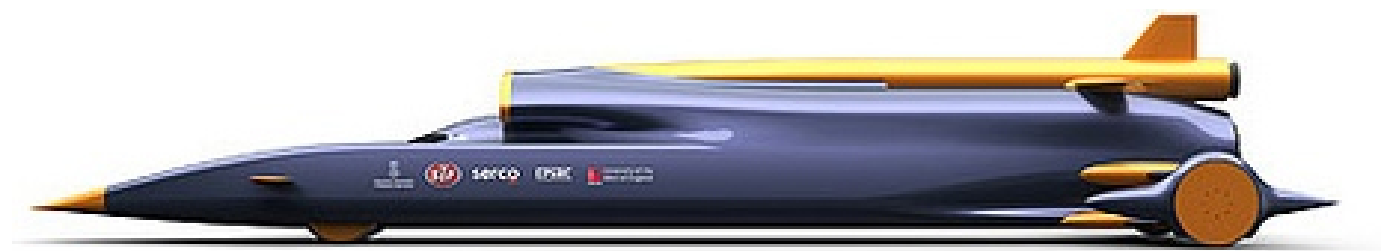
The high spot of the social year however must be the visit to the club by Richard Noble. Richards presentation at the Salutation was enjoyed by 100 people, and no one there can have failed to be impressed by his sheer enthusiasm for his project, leaving one in no doubt that he WILL succeed in raising the Land Speed Record above the current 622 mph figure. Subsequent events in the USA, where despite his appalling luck with the weather and track conditions, average speeds of around 590 mph were achieved, have proved Thrust 2's potential and we can feel confident that a new record will be set when Richard returns to America next year.

Finally in October 1983 Bob Hart reported the good news that the record had been broken

PROJECT THRUST - If anyone doesn't know that Richard Noble is now the holder of the world land speed record at 633.468mph, please take 100 lines. It is now 6½ years since Backfire carried an advert for a designer for an LSR car (& most readers thought it was an April fool joke!). Now after 2 visits to Bonneville, 2 to Black Rock Desert (& 2 to BAC MC) Richard has achieved his lifelong ambition - a just reward for his great tenacity. Putting his achievement in context, he becomes the first Briton to break the outright LSR since John Cobb 36 years ago, but it is alas no longer fashionable to afford those who scale such heights the plaudits they deserve. As for Thrust 2 & in particular its stability John Ackroyd's design must rank along with those of Reid Railton. To Richard & his family & to all the Thrust team we offer our heartiest congratulations.

Thrust 2 ended up in the Coventry Motor Museum and when the club visited a few years ago we were proud to see our badge was still in place. Of course the club also took a strong interest in Thrust SSC, with members again being involved in helping the project and hosting a visit from Richard and the record breaking car, but of course that is a story for another day

Recently of course we have also had the news of Richard Nobles latest project - Bloodhound SSC which is to be built here in Bristol, with a build facility likely to be at Filton - We will of course be keeping a close eye on this - and hopefully the club and its members can again get involved in this exciting challenge.





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WRGB is neutral

For 2008, the Wales Rally GB has become the first round of the World Rally Championship to offset all its carbon emissions, including all spectator travel. The event has been awarded CarbonNeutral® event status, confirming that the event's carbon footprint is now 'net zero'.

Access to all 19 special stages is by ticket – buy in advance to get the best value:

- by calling the ticket hotline on 0844 847 2251
- online via the official website: www.walesrallygb.com
- or in person from Ticketline, 47 Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1TL

2009 Autoglym Motor Club Quiz

This is an opportunity for UK motor club teams to win the first prize of £2,000 by pitching their knowledge against others in a nationwide Motor Clubs Quiz. The quiz will be held on the Autoglym website (www.autoglym.com) in the autumn of 2008.

Only one attempt per club will be possible using password access and clubs can pre-register for their free entry (at the Games and Competitions section at www.autoglym.com) in advance, from now until 30 November 2008.

The on-line quiz will go live on 1 December 2008 and will run through to 31 December 2008. Each club will have only one attempt to answer questions – which will be selected randomly from a vast database of questions – in a limited time of 20 minutes.

Questions will be asked on motor racing, rallying, other forms of motor sport, modern motor cars, classic cars and classic motoring, motoring history and current motoring conditions.

The four highest-placed club teams will be invited to attend a live Finals Day, which will be held at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, on Saturday 17 January 2009. Three contestants will represent each club in this live event.

Discount show tickets

The MSA has concluded an arrangement with Haymarket Exhibitions to offer MSA members a £5 discount on weekend tickets for the Autosport International show at the NEC on 10-11 January 2009.

The offer is open to all MSA competition licence holders, registered marshals and licensed officials – who will need to produce their 2008 or 2009 MSA licence when entering the show using their discounted ticket.

The MSA stand will this year be located at the entrance to Hall 19. There will also be a Go Motorsport stand in Hall 7 providing comprehensive information for anyone looking to get involved with the sport for the first time, whether as competitor, spectator or volunteer, and this will include a dedicated Volunteers in Motorsport area.

In order to book MSA-discounted tickets to Autosport International, visit the Haymarket ticketing website at www.autosport-international.com/public/msa, then click on 'book tickets'. Enter the following promo code: MSAGM09 to receive your discount, or call 0844 579 3188 and quote the above code. Bookings must be made by 31 December 2008.

Well done Lewis!

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA, paid tribute to Lewis Hamilton on becoming FIA Formula 1 World Champion.

"Lewis' performances since his arrival in Formula 1 last year have set the world alight. He has demonstrated his extraordinary talent, commitment and determination to become the youngest ever F1 world champion.

"Lewis is providing an incredible platform from which to develop motor sport in this country. The British public has been gripped by Lewis' exploits and the sport is enjoying more media coverage than ever before. More and more people, from all kinds of backgrounds, are becoming interested in the sport. The MSA is firmly committed to increasing participation and bringing more people to the exciting world of motor sport, either as competitor, volunteer or official. We are investing heavily in promoting the sport and making it more affordable and accessible to all."

Where to Go Motorsport or Karting

Following the comments by Colin Hilton above, here's a reminder of two of the MSA's initiatives.

Let's Go Karting is an MSA funded initiative to attract young people to gain their first experience of karting without having to make an up-front commitment to acquire a race kart and associated safety equipment.

www.LetsGoKarting.net

The Go Motorsport campaign aims to attract competitors, volunteers and spectators. As mentioned in the June issue of e-Wheels, to be included in the Go Motorsport initiative, motor clubs should complete a questionnaire, which is available from http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire.xls This will ensure the correct information is on the Go Motorsport website. Club officials can return questionnaires by email to info@gomotorsport.net or by post to Ben Taylor at Motor Sports House.

If you have any questions, contact Alex Birley, who is coordinating Go Motorsport, on 07841 673012.

2009 Bristol Pegasus Club Calendar

Many members enjoyed last years club calendar and we are looking to repeat this for 2009.

This year we will again be doing a smaller run of calendars **so members must reserve their calendar in advance** for collection at the AGM in December.

The cost per calendar will be £3.99 and they will be the same full colour format as last year. Any profit will be donated to the clubs chosen charity which is Diabetes UK this year.

If you wish us to post your calendar please add £1 postage and packaging. Send cheques payable to Bristol Pegasus Motor Club to 80 Meadow Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8BP.

Samples of the past two years Calendars were available to view at the November Club Night. For those who forget to order we will have a limited number of calendars on sale at the AGM on a first come first served basis.



2009 BPMC Provisional Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Event	Venue
Jan	12th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	Almondsbury Sports & Social
Jan	23rd	Fri	Nav Ex	Announced in time for the event
Feb	6th	Fri	Nav Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Feb	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Mar	6th	Fri	Nav Ex	Announced in time for the event
Mar	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Mar	13th	Fri	Stoneleigh Historic Show	
Apr	6th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Apr	19th	Sun	PCT	Dundry
May	4th	Mon	Wessex Sprint	Colerne Airfield
May	11th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
May	18th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
May	25th	Mon	Llandow Sprint	Llandow (nr Llantwit Major)
Jun	8th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Jun	14th	Sun	ACE Classic Tour	
Jun	20th	Sat	Chepstow Solo	Chepstow Racecourse
Jun	22nd	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Jul	13th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Jul	20th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	10th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Aug	15th	Sat	CC Test Day	Castle Combe Race Circuit
Aug	17th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	31st	Mon	2 Club Sprint	Colerne Airfield
Sep	14th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Sep	19th	Sat	Chepstow Solo	Chepstow Racecourse
Oct	12th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Oct	17th	Sat	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe Race Circuit
Oct	30th	Fri	Nav Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Nov	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	TBA
Nov	19th	Thur	Karting Challenge	Raceway
Nov	27th	Fri	Nav Ex/Sc	Announced in time for the event
Dec	14th	Mon	BPMC AGM	TBA
Dec	30th	Wed	Xmas Noggin & Natter	TBA



BPMC – AGM and Prize Giving
8pm Monday the 8th of December 2008

Important Information

AGM Change of Venue

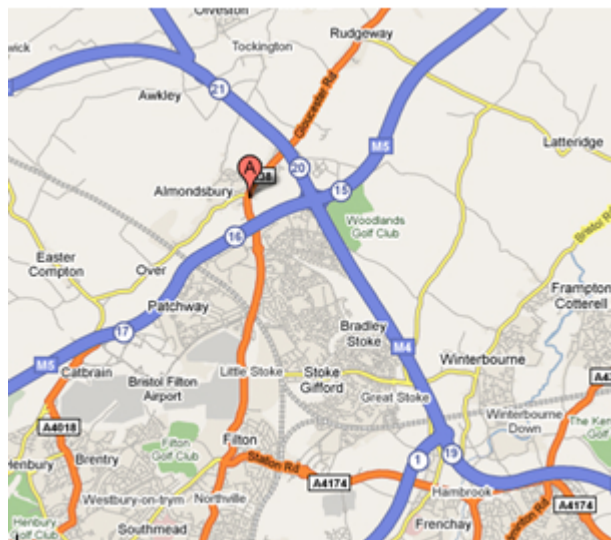
Due to re-development at our previous venue, we have moved the club AGM, Prize Giving and Buffet to a new location

The good news is we have an excellent venue which should give us more space on the evening. There is also a selection of beers at good prices and we have an excellent free buffet lined up for members to enjoy

We will be meeting in the upstairs function room which will be well sign posted with BPMC signs and arrows

Almondsbury Sports & Social Club

Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4AA



Directions:

Exit M5 at Junction 16. Arriving from the south take the left exit lane. Turn left at lights and venue is 150 metres on right hand side. Arriving from east take right hand lane on slip road. Take 3rd exit and venue is then 150 metres after lights on right hand side.