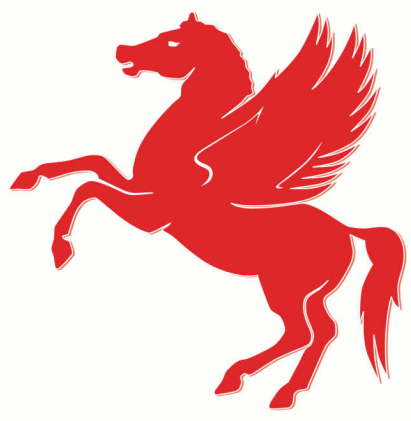


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Motor Club**

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2009 BPMC Events Calendar

Updates in Bold

Month	Date	Day	Event	Venue
Jan	12th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	Almondsbury Sports & Social
Jan	23rd	Fri	Nav Ex	Fedw Wood ref, 504.1/2 984
Feb	6th	Fri	Nav Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Feb	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Mar	6th	Fri	Nav Ex	Announced in time for the event
Mar	9th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Mar	13th	Fri	Stoneleigh Historic Show	
Apr	6th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Apr	19th	Sun	PCT	Dundry
May	4th	Mon	Wessex Sprint	Colerne Airfield
May	11th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
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	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
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	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Jul	20th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	10th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
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	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Sep	19th	Sat	Chepstow Solo	Chepstow Racecourse
Oct	12th	Mon	BPMC Club Night	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
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	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Nov	19th	Thur	Karting Challenge	Raceway
Nov	27th	Fri	Nav Ex/Sc	Announced in time for the event
Dec	14th	Mon	BPMC AGM	North Bristol RFC Almondsbury
Dec	30th	Wed	Xmas Noggin & Natter	Golden Heart Winterbourne

Monday 12th January 2009 - 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.

Saturday 17th January 2009 - Autoglym Quiz

We've again managed to qualify for the finals of the Autoglym quiz. It will be held at the Gaydon Heritage Motor Centre. The team will be John Page, James Page and Tim Murray.

Friday 23rd January 2009 - January Navigation Exercise

This traditional 'start to the season event' will once again be held in the area around the Wye Valley. All on OS Map 162. The signing on and the start location is at Fedw Wood ref, 504.1/2 984. Signing on from 7.15pm with the start at 7.30pm. The finish will be at a Pub close to the River. The distance will be 25/30 miles. Bridge tolls will be reimbursed for club members who use the Severn crossing. Dick Craddy promises an interesting route again this year that will use some 'new' roads. Beginners, Novice and Expert Route cards will be available.

Friday 6th February 2009 - Nav Scatter

More details next month.

Monday 9th February 2009 - BPMC Club Night

Our first club night at our new venue at North Bristol RFC in Almondsbury - more details later in Backfire.

As always we are looking for contributions for Backfire

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Membership 2009 - Please remember to renew if not yet done

Many thanks to all those who have returned their membership renewal forms and subscriptions and I hope the new style of "only add changes" has helped to ease the task. To date we have 9 new members and 69 renewals together with 42 partner members. Adding in our 10 Honorary and 2 complimentary memberships gives us a total of 132 already which is a very encouraging number so early in the year.

Hopefully there will be confirmation elsewhere in Backfire that our on-line membership option is now up and running so it just leaves me to wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

John Corfield - Membership Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Andy Moss

December has been a relatively quiet month for the club, but things got off to a good start with the clubs AGM and prize giving. The loss of the Wheatsheaf, whilst not unexpected, came at a bad time, and even after we re-arranged everything for the AGM, we expected it to get a last minute reprieve, as it had done so many times in the past. We had been aware for many months that the pub could change hands again, but this time it has finally closed and seems unlikely to re-open in it's current form - a shame really - when we first moved there it was a booming privately owned business. Despite the change of venue we had a great evening - one of the highlights was the excellent buffet which was arranged by Nick Wood. Thanks to everyone who put so much effort into sorting things out before the day - There is a huge amount of organisation involved, special mentions go to Chris Goodchild for sorting out all the trophies and Martin Emsley and Ken Robson for arranging the raffle and auction prizes.

Just before the AGM a number of club members went out marshalling at Guys Hill on the BMC Allen Classic Trial - we had a fun morning and I understand the event is as popular as ever and was well received by the competitors - congratulations to the organising team.

The day after the AGM we had the sad news of the death of Arthur Tankins, I had visited him a couple of weeks before to collect some of our films, he was his usual friendly and cheerful self, and I will miss someone who was a true gentleman.

After Christmas we had our extra meeting at the Golden Heart in Winterbourne Down - this has become something of a tradition which started with a few members on an informal basis and is now part of the main Calendar for 2009. We had an enjoyable evening and the pub has a nice atmosphere, you can't beat an open fire on a cold winter evening.

Over Christmas I managed to spend some time in the garage and the Marlin is starting to come back together nicely. The worst part left to sort out is the propshaft - I need a new one as I have changed the engine, gearbox and axle and the ride height has also changed. All of this means the propshaft angle is quite critical. Luckily I think I have found the right man to help me with this job - a company called H.J Chard on Feeder Road in Bristol. You can find a lot of expertise in small workshops around Bristol - there are some clever people out there !

Having had a nice break over Christmas, I am writing this the day before I return to work, this is made a little easier as I only have a four day week - A day off for a visit to the Autosport show on Friday is a nice way to get back into things !

Obituary - Arthur Tankins

We regret to report that long-standing club member Arthur Tankins died in early December.

Arthur Roy Tankins was born in Bristol in 1922. After leaving school at the age of 16 he joined the Bristol Aeroplane Company as a trainee draughtsman. When the Second World War broke out Arthur joined the army and was posted to the Far East, where he unfortunately contracted malaria, a disease that affected him off and on for the rest of his life. However it did have the bonus of keeping him out of the front line of fighting.



When the war ended he rejoined the BAC, where he stayed until his retirement after 44 years service. He married Joan in 1945 and they had two children, Graham and Judith, who gave them several grandchildren and one great grandchild, whose third birthday was the day on which, sadly, Arthur passed away.

In his younger days Arthur was a keen motorcyclist, and was very active in the old Bristol Motorcycle Club. He joined our club when it was revived in 1955, and took part in some of the early night rallies in a 1946 Austin 8.

Arthur was also a keen film-maker who produced many excellent films of our club events. He started filming us in the early '60s and continued unabated until just a few years ago. Some of our most popular club nights would be the annual film shows where Arthur showed us what we had been up to that year, including lots of embarrassing moments and, on occasion, the dreaded (by some) interviews by Arthur's friend Norman Reynolds.

Although Arthur himself regarded the new-fangled video cameras with suspicion and stuck to good old film, we have managed to transfer many of Arthur's films onto DVD, so they will be available to entertain us (and embarrass some of us older members) for many years to come.

Arthur was a lovely man with whom it was always a pleasure to chat. His films will be his lasting legacy to the club, and we thank him most sincerely for them. Our condolences go out to Joan, Graham, Judith, and all his family and friends.



Arthur on Triumph - 1968 Lands End Trial

A Beginner's Tale

by Matthew Johnson

My First Season!

In January 2007 I was pretty fed up with driving. I was doing 30,000 miles a year and had re-named the M4 and M5 to NCP4 and NCP5. When I could put my foot down such as three o'clock in the morning I got 3 points and when I looked in my

mirror and thought that surely couldn't be a police car following me because it only had one headlight working I was wrong and got another 3 points. I had always fancied motorsport but thought I lacked both youth and cash so didn't pursue it.



Then I moved house – next to Ian and Jenny Hall. I think it fair to say Ian isn't substantially under 21 and didn't appear to have a Learjet on his drive when I first went to see him. What he did have in his garage though was an astonishing collection of cars, car parts and trophies. When I said I had always harboured ambitions to be the next Lewis Hamilton (or, in my terms, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell or even Damon Hill), he politely suggested club motorsport might be more appropriate. He also suggested if I wanted to find out what it was all about, that I could come along to an event as a marshal. Unfortunately, the first event I went to was at Colerne where it felt like I was standing in a car wash all day as it rained like only the residents of Gloucester know. Wearing glasses in the monsoon meant I saw virtually nothing but I could feel something exciting until towards the end of the day when I could no longer feel anything at all. I was daft enough to go back to Colerne a second time later in 2007 by the end of which I decided the marshals were real heroes standing for a very long time watching others having fun and being ever ready to clear up someone else's mess.

Now as you guys might not appreciate already being involved in the sport, looking at it from the outside is pretty daunting. It certainly is if you pick up the blessed MSA "blue book" to try and find out how you could possibly get involved. Do I need a rollbar? How do I get a licence? Where do you get those romper suits from? Can I make any changes to the engine? Should I strip everything out of the car as if I'd left it in a city centre car park overnight?

En route to my mother-in-law's for New Year 2008, I called in at Grand Prix Racewear at

Silverstone to buy overalls, gloves and helmet (I couldn't afford the boots, too!). Handing over my credit card out of sight and earshot off my wife, the sales advisor politely asked what car I would be driving. "No idea" I said trying to laugh the question off. "Impreza or Evo I expect". Of course, those were exactly the cars I had agreed with Ian would not be a good place to start. I suggested all the dream cars I had ever wanted whilst he suggested something in class A3 and rear wheel drive would be good and mid-engined even better so my search was focused on a BMW 325 or Toyota MR2. I spent many hours trawling Pistonheads and Autotrader looking for Porsches, Ferraris, Skylines etc, etc and then remembering what I was supposed to be looking for. I also spent one afternoon falling in love with a Porsche 911 at a garage in Bristol. I have to say it was pretty difficult trying to find anything in my price bracket that did not have on it stratospheric mileage or every conceivable extra from Halfords. Finally, I found a genuine, cared for MR2 with a sensible 63,000 miles on the clock and an apparently sensible price in Abingdon.

Unfortunately at this time my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to have two operations. If you want to know how great a man Ian Hall is, let me tell you that he went and saw the car for me and did all the negotiating for me whilst I tripped to the hospital and back with my three children and tried to learn to cook and operate domestic appliances. So the deed was done. I had a car, licence, clothing and a 12 month subscription to BPMC.

Now I think that everyone who has the car and clothing also thinks they have the innate talent of at least Lewis Hamilton so I was feeling pretty good now convinced I would soon be hailed as a hitherto undiscovered driving God. My first event was at a very wet Castle Combe. And it was the first time I had spun a car since a youthful episode on the Coventry ring road in my Mum's Fiat which, by the grace of God, she still doesn't know about nearly 30 years later. (Put rope round bumper, tie other end of rope to barn, engage reverse, pull out damaged panel, smile and deny knowing anything about any paint blemishes). What I do have to own up to though is that throughout the season my front brakes were binding. I can only apologise to (usually) Nick and his band of helpers on the start line who began thinking I'd got the handbrake on, then that the car was heavy, then realised that I was heavy (although not that heavy, Nick, if you don't mind).

After a few events I began to realise that the "road going cars" in the paddock around me weren't quite what they seemed whether in sleeting rain (usually) or sunshine (once at Llandow I think). My MR2 was bog standard and I could only afford to look enviously at Toyo tyres etc. I was amused when the chap in a car from the 1950s next to me whipped out his laptop after the first practice and began, I presume, to re-programme the engine management unit! I guess if you really want to compete on a level playing field you need to compete in a single make series. Anyway, as you trip over Brian James ubiquitous trailers, don't be fooled into thinking roadgoing means standard. In some cases, that could not be

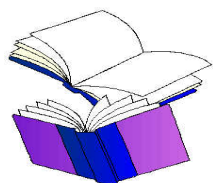
farther from the truth. Now I can see the appeal (if not the bank balance) of beginning to make changes to my car. I understand this is what winter was invented for. I can even sell you underfloor heating and tiles for your garage floor if you're feeling the cold.

At the end of this year, I finished about two thirds of the way down the list in the ASWMC sprint championship. If you ask me, I'll tell you I wasn't trying but I will be lying. Next year, I will try harder but I know that neither I nor the car can win. But who cares - I'm on the Club calendar three times and I'm going for four in 2010!



Now I shall always be grateful to Ian for explaining to me everything I had to do to get involved. I'm afraid I am totally hooked. Only the credit crunch, 3 children and the world's largest mortgage are stopping me from doing more (although I have found some credit from somewhere to get new brakes, air filter and, hopefully, tyres). I've met some decent blokes all of whom have been polite enough not to laugh at me and several of whom have made useful suggestions on how I could improve both myself and my car. As Ian helped me so much, I feel compelled to say that if anyone is reading this wondering how to get involved, I would be more than happy to explain to them what I did and how much it cost without them feeling they asked a stupid question. You can email me at matthew.johnson2@btinternet.com Of course, there are better people to ask but if we are all as helpful as Ian was, we will encourage and enable new entrants to the sport which is something we all need (as long as they're slower than me).

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**2008 AGM & Prize
Giving
8th December 2008**

Photos By Martin Baker



Mike Winter presents Alan Spencer with
the Kieron Winter Trophy



2008 Clubmans Championship Winner
Chris Goodchild Receives his Trophy



2008 Marshals Championship
winner Nick Wood



Committee Roseball winner Martin Baker
receives his Trophy from Dick Craddy



Tim Murray receives a Gift Certificate to
mark 25 years on the committee



Martin Emsley presents Sarah Cummins with a cheque for Diabetes UK



Clubmans Championship runner up
Paul Bird



Graham Harden collects his Trophy



Chris Underwood collected two Solo awards



Dave Bence receives Solo Award



Lisa Selby collecting Sprint Award



Jonathon Milne picks up Colerne award



Toby Harris receives best BPMC Award

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Club Night Venue

As previously reported our old regular club night venue has closed - when it does re-open we expect it to be an Indian restaurant rather than a traditional pub, this means we have had to find a new venue. Almondsbury Sports and Social Club provided an excellent venue for the AGM and for January we are returning there but can only have a smaller room.

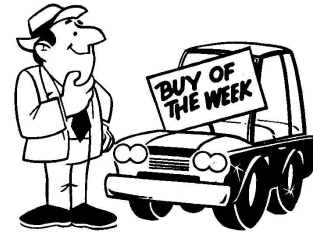
We have been working hard to find a permanent solution and have found an excellent new venue from February. We have arranged to use the club house at North Bristol Rugby Club which will be opened specifically for our club nights. This is at Almondsbury on the opposite side of the road from where we held the AGM (behind the police HQ). We will have the choice of two areas - one is a comfortable Bar area, the other is a more open area idea for guest speakers etc. There is a well lit large car park, idea for bringing your interesting cars along in the Summer ! We think we are very lucky to have this new venue - More details next month and on the Website.



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Members' Cars for Sale

For Sale: **MG Midget**, 1310cc 91bhp @ wheels

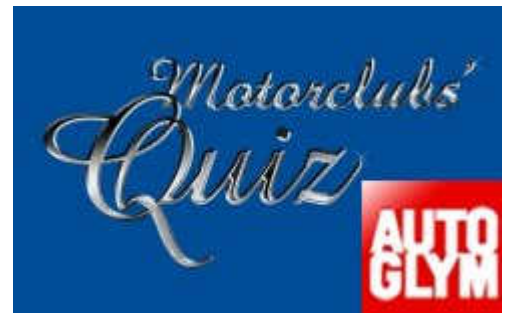
So many modifications, all listed in no particular order. The car was fully restored over two years, built to MG owners club race series spec. Removable Hard Top (no soft top). Standard rear diff with anti tramp kit. Collapsible 7 gallon fuel tank behind a protected fire wall mounted in the boot. Roll Bar. Arm Tech intelligent tachometer, Bucket seats + Willans Harness, Upated front dampers (Peter May ENG) Rose jointed link kit. Lowered springs. Quick Rack. 13 Row oil cooler. Braided brake lines. Brembo Discs with M1144 Pads. Fibre glass bonnet. 1.5 Ratio Roller Rockers. 1/4 Fuel Regulator. Gearbox, straight cut 1st and 2nd. Stage 3 head. 45 Dellorto. Luminition. Lightened flywheel to 7.5lbs. Cooper S Pistons and rods. Car was on a rolling road in 2002 and produced 91 BHP @ 6000 rpm at the wheels, (John Wilcox Competition engines).

This is how we bought the car, since then we have removed and balanced the prop-shaft, renewed the linkages on the Dellorto Carburettor, removed the sealing from the interior floor and painted it with red oxide primer. We have also renewed the packing on the steering rack and renewed the rear brakes. We have also shot blasted and painted the exhaust manifold and rear silencer. A new length of exhaust pipe has also been sourced.

It was bought to use in local sprints, however a change in direction requires us to sell the car. A minor bit of re-assembly is all that is required and I see no reason why it should not pass an MoT for use on the road if required. We are asking for £2000 which represents a loss to us - Paul Bird 07919 807360.

Autoglym Quiz 2009

The club has got off to a good start in its defence of our title of National Motor Sport Quiz Champions by qualifying for the 2009 final at Gaydon on January the 17th. The qualifying round was contested by a team comprising Dick Craddy, Bob Hart, Mike Marsden, James and John Page, and Tim Murray. Everyone made a good contribution, and it was not easy selecting a team of three to contest the final. The team for the final will be John Page, James Page and Tim Murray. Anyone interested in coming along to support the team please contact Tim Murray. Well done to all involved !



2008 Review of the Year

In the first part of our review of 2008 we look back at Social events and club activities in general - Next month we will review competitive events.

2008 got off to an excellent start with a major success for the club. We were all very proud of our team that won the Autoglym National Motor Club Quiz – they saw off some strong competition to win the final of the quiz which was held at the Gaydon motor museum. We will be allowed to defend the title in 2009 – despite early rumours that previous winners would not be allowed to enter again.

Social Events

Once again we met every month at the Wheatsheaf for our Club nights. We set out to have a mixture of events in 2008 including several speakers.

In February David George, well known as the race commentator at Castle Combe, came to talk to us about ThrustSSC and the time he spent in 1997 at Black Rock Desert, helping the team during their record breaking attempts. He spoke about the car, its construction, and the record runs, and brought along a selection of Thrust SSC related items and photos, including a piece of Black Rock itself! In August we had a visit from Alan Freke from the Frenchay Historic Society. Who gave a talk on the automotive technical illustrator Frank Simpson. Our very own Alan Spencer gave a talk at the September club night. The main subject of which was Cycle Motors - an interesting cross between a Cycle and a Motor bike. Alan managed to bring several of the machines into the pub along with a collection of engines and spares.

When we did not have a speaker, we often made use of our new video projector, which was one of the items on which we spent our prize money from winning the Autoglym quiz. Several members brought along videos they had taken of club events and we also had some in-car camera action.

The club also organised two visits in 2008. In March we filled a Minibus and headed off to the Historic Motor Sport Show at Stoneleigh. We spent the day at the Show and then stopped off at our usual Pub for an evening meal. Many thanks go to Martin Emsley for organising the trip and special thanks to Martin Baker for driving the bus and arranging the Pub. We had another trip in November when we headed off to Classic Car Show at the NEC. This was a good day out and was enjoyed by those who went.

The Frenchay Show was held again this year and the club once again supported the organisers with a display of cars; both old and modern.

The track day at Castle Combe was held again in August, but unfortunately we again had a wet day. Despite cars slipping and sliding, everyone had a safe and enjoyable day. Once again the Paddock was run by Tony Smith, who with the help of the Castle Combe marshals ensured that everything ran very smoothly and kept the cars flowing during the day. We also had another track day outing later in the year - this time a group of club members attended an event at Colerne - once again we were unlucky with the weather, but still had a lot of fun.

The ACE Classic tour which is run with the help of the club, took a route through Thornbury before heading towards Cheltenham. From there it headed towards Ross before dropping into the Forest of Dean and then following the Wye Valley before finishing for a pint at Littleton on Severn. Once again this event raised a good sum of money for local Charities.

The final social event was the Endurance Karting Challenge held in November at the Raceway at Avonmouth. Ken Robson once again took on the organisation and managed to sell places to 16 teams, including Bristol MC, TVR Owners and Marlin cars. It was pleasing to see 9 teams entered in the name of BPMC. Thanks to the generosity of the Raceway for letting us hold the event at a very reasonable rate, we managed to raise a sum of over £1000 on the night for Diabetes UK.

The Formula One fantasy league, now in its 13th year attracted 54 entries, which we think is a record. This year we had a clear winner at the top with the team entered by Chris and Dominic Bennet being 180 points clear of second placed Toby Harris.

Membership overall was at the same level as 2007. Paying members were very slightly down but we had a pleasing number of New Members and the number of Partners increased . Thanks to John Corfield for running the membership. To help John please could you get renewal forms back promptly - If you have lost the form that came with your Backfire, there are more at the back of the room or you can download one from the website.

This year we have seen a major change in the way we produce Backfire, having moved to an online system where many people can contribute to the finished article. We have also of course had a change of editor, thanks to Cherry Robinson for taking on the role of Backfire Editor. As always she depends on your contributions to make the magazine interesting so please send her as much as you can.

As usual we have had many different and varied articles this year. They have covered topics such as:

The Exeter and Allen Classic Trials, Land Speed Record Attempts, Dave Cutcliffes racing debut, Hiring Tow vehicles, Phil Turners Rallying exploits, Australian Motorsport, Alan

Spencers Triumph and Mini Rally cars, a charity track day at Llandow, Junior Karting, The Monaco Historic Grand Prix, and Driving for Diabetes and Martin Emsley's US road trip. We also have a new regular column for next year from club member Rex Meaden. All of these were also joined by reports on the club events and events entered by club members. Cherry is trying to bring you a varied Backfire, so please send in articles, details of your cars, etc.

Richard Reynolds is doing an excellent job with our web site and this year formally joined the committee – this is the second time he has been on the committee having previously spent a spell as competition secretary. Richard is very keen to keep the site up to date and add items to it, so if you have any ideas for new items, please let him know.

Charity - This was our second year of supporting Diabetes UK as our Adopted Charity. We set out to raise funds from our two raffles and the Karting Evening. Money has been raised by selling items on e-bay and commissions received from sales on Amazon. Thanks to Martin Emsley for his enthusiasm and effort in fund raising, and to Ken Robson for his organisation of the Karting. Thanks must also go to the many Companies and individuals who have supported us with prizes. We have also supported the ACE Classic tour which raised over a £1000 in 2008 for local charities.

We also enjoyed hearing about Ken Robsons charity trip to the Nurburgring with his Marlin, with Dave Bence in support. The club sticker was proudly displayed on Ken's car.

Many thanks go to all the Committee and Members who have contributed this year to organising and running events. They all give time to the Club, which enables us to run the varied mix of events, both social and sporting. Thanks also to our Vice Presidents who provide valuable assistance to the committee, as well as all they do in the organising of events for the club.

Finally 2008 saw some important anniversaries for the Club. It was the 30th anniversary of the first Bristol Two Club Sprint at Colerne. And it was also the 25th running of the Wessex Sprint, the first one was held at Colerne in 1983. This was also the same year that we ran our first track day at Castle Combe.

Allen Trial Sunday 30th November 2008

Photos by Andy Moss

Club members marshalled on the
Allen at Guys Hill





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15 December 2008

Dear Martin and all members of the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

Thank you very much for your wonderful donation of £2039.36 to Diabetes UK, as a result of your ongoing fundraising during 2008. Congratulations on your achievement and for all your efforts in raising funds for Diabetes UK.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt of the donation, with our grateful thanks. Your kind donation really will make a difference to the lives of people with diabetes.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to your AGM on 8 December – it was lovely great to meet you all again and to hear about the activities of the club in 2008.

As I mentioned at your AGM Diabetes is serious and with the help of supporters like you we are managing to reach many more people who are undiagnosed as well as helping to inform and educate those people with the condition to ensure that they can avoid the many illnesses which diabetes can cause.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01823 324007

Thank you very much once again - your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Cummins
Regional Fundraising Manager, South West.

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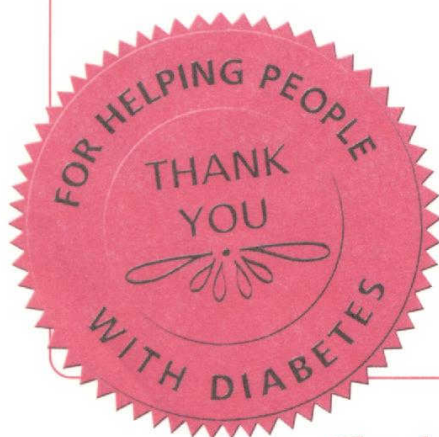
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NEW CLUB STICKERS - Free to club members ...

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



Normal Stickers



"Car" Stickers for inside windows

Please specify :-

Number of Large (oblong) external Stickers

Number of Small external Stickers

Number of Large (oblong) Car Stickers

Number of small Car Stickers

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Marshal of the Year

Steve Weston, a member of the Castle Combe Racing Club, has been voted the winner of the prized JLT Sport/MSA Marshal of the Year Award 2008 by the MSA.

The award recognises excellence by a volunteer marshal from any discipline of motor sport and the winner collects the prestigious trophy (as well as a cheque for £250) at the MSA's annual Night of Champions awards evening in January. An active marshal for nearly 20 years at race and speed events, Steve recently took on the role of Club Child Protection Officer at Castle Combe and has since taken an active role in the recruitment and training of young cadet marshals.

Club of the Year

The Rathfriland Motor Club in Northern Ireland has been voted the top motor club in the UK for 2008 by the MSA.

Representatives of the club will receive a trophy and cheque for £1,000 at the MSA's annual Night of Champions awards ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London in January.

Of particular importance to the judges was Rathfriland's Safety First schools programme, which highlights to young motor sport fans the importance of car preparation and safety requirements for motor sport and how some of these lessons can be carried over to new road drivers – a direct road safety message.

Second and third clubs

Second prize, an MSA Flag Trophy and £500 goes to Clay Pigeon Kart Club. With entries increasing by 20 per cent and club membership by 40 per cent, Clay Pigeon is obviously doing a great deal right. Regular open days address entry-level issues for new competitors and the club undertakes extensive promotion in the nearby towns.

Third prize, an MSA Flag Trophy and £250 is awarded to Castle Combe Racing Club which, in just three years, has been responsible for the recruitment of more than 100 new marshals and the training of more than 600.

Highly commended clubs

The Trent Valley Kart Club and Stockton & District Motor Club were highly commended by the judges and will receive commemorative certificates. Trent Valley has become one of the UK's leading kart clubs with its splendid facilities at PF International. Stockton & DMC has arrested a decline in numbers to emerge as a very active club.

2009 Seminars for Officials

Licensed Clerks & Stewards

Letters have been sent to MSA Licensed Clerks and Stewards inviting them to attend the full day training seminars planned during the period January to March 2009. If you are eligible to attend these seminars and have not received an invitation to attend, please advise Richard Nunn, Volunteer Officials Coordinator at the MSA on 01753 765071 or e-mail at r.nunn@msauk.org, so that full details can be forwarded.

For your guidance, dates and broad locations are as follows:

24 January – Motherwell; 25 January – Inverness; 31 January – Peterborough; 1 February – Basingstoke; 7 February – Brighouse; 8 February – Solihull; 21 February – Exeter; 22 February – Llandrindod Wells, 8 March – Belfast.

Evening seminars are also planned in the Isle of Man (2 February), Jersey (3 February) and Guernsey (4 February).

Scrutineers

Letters have been sent to MSA Licensed Scrutineers, Trainee Scrutineers and Environmental Scrutineers, advising of the series of training seminars arranged for them. If you are eligible to attend these seminars and have not received an invitation to attend by Christmas, please advise Michael Duncan, Technical Administrator at the MSA on 01753 765037 or e-mail at michael.duncan@msauk.org, so that full details can be forwarded. Note that there are separate seminars for Car and Kart disciplines.

For your guidance, dates and broad locations are as follows.

Car: 17 January – MSA HQ; 18 January – Taunton; 24 January – Cambridge; 25 January – Brands Hatch; 1 February – South Wales; 7 February – Belfast; 8 February – Fife; 21 February – Brighouse; 22 February – East Midlands.

Kart: 18 January – Three Sisters; 24 January – Whilton Mill; 25 January – Buckmore Park; 31 January – South West; 7 February – Belfast; 8 February – Fife.

Club Insurance

Through special arrangements with JLT Sport in early 2008, the MSA arranged club social events cover as an addition to the automatic insurance cover provided to its Clubs as a benefit of MSA registration. We are pleased to advise that this continues for 2009 at no additional cost to Clubs.

Full details of the cover is available from Simon Fowler, Competitions and Clubs Manager on 01753 765045 or e-mail simon.fowler@msauk.org

VAT

Following the reduction of Value Added Tax announced by the Chancellor in the recent Pre-Budget Report, the MSA made the following statement.

The majority of fees charged by the MSA are exempt from VAT – licences, permits, etc. Only certain products and services are subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

The MSA will amend the price of all items over £100 in accordance with the reduction of VAT from 17.5 per cent to 15 per cent.

The MSA will not amend the prices of items under £100. Any additional revenue generated as a result of retaining these prices will be donated to the Motorsport Safety Fund. The MSA estimates that this sum is unlikely to exceed £5,000 in 2009.

Yearbook omission

There is an omission in the MSA 2009 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook (the so-called Blue Book which is sent to licenced competitors). It is in Section I - Sprints, Hill Climbs and Drag Racing. The omitted text is in the Winter issue of Motor Sports Now!, the MSA publication sent to licence holders, and on the MSA website at: www.msauk.org > News under the heading Clarification for Sprint and Hillclimb competitors.

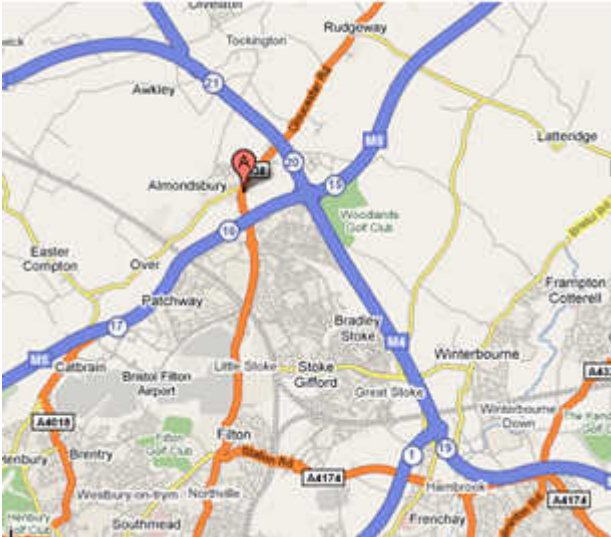
! PRESS RELEASE FROM THE MSA !

There has been an omission from the Blue Book, Section I, Sprints, Hillclimbs and Drag Racing. Regulation (I)68 governing Categories and Classes in Sprint and Hillclimb events should read as follows:

6. Categories and Classes are free, but must be stated in the SR's. The following are recommended, and where used, must comply with the regulations printed in (I)70 to (I)132 respectively. These Categories will be mandatory from 1st January 2010.

For the avoidance of doubt, this confirms that Categories and Classes remain free for 2009, but will become mandatory in 2010.

Monday the 12th of January 2009



January Club Night Almondsbury Sports & Social Club Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4AA

**Please note we will be meeting in a different room from that used for the AGM
please ask at the Bar if you can't see us !!**

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

Friday 23rd January 2009

January Navigation Exercise

This traditional start to the season event

Wye Valley

All on OS Map 162. The signing on and the start location is at Fedw Wood ref, 504.1/2 984

Signing on from 7.15pm with the start at 7.30pm

The finish will be at a Pub close to the River. The distance will be 25/30 miles. Bridge tolls will be reimbursed for club members who use the Severn crossing. Dick Craddy promises an interesting route again this year that will use some 'new' roads.

Beginners, Novice and Expert Route cards will be available