

Backfire

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**Bristol Pegasus
Motor Club**

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2008 BPMC Events Calendar 2008

Changes shown **BOLD**

February	Friday	8th	Nav Scatter
	Monday	11 th	Club Night
March	Friday	7 th	Nav Ex
	Monday	10 th	Club Night
	Friday	14 th	Stoneleigh Show Visit
	Saturday	29 th	Great Western Sprint
April	Monday	14 th	Club Night
May	Monday	5 th	The Wessex Sprint
	Sunday	11 th	Production Car Trial
	Monday	12 th	Club Night
	Monday	19 th	Treasure Hunt
	Monday	26 th	Bristol Llandow Sprint
June	Sunday	8 th	ACE Classic Tour
	Monday	9 th	Club Night
	Saturday	14 th	AutoSolo
	Monday	23 rd	Treasure Hunt
July	Monday	14 th	Club Night
	Monday	21 st	Treasure Hunt
August	Saturday	9 th	Castle Combe Track Day
	Monday	11 th	Club Night
	Monday	18 th	Treasure Hunt
	Monday	25 th	Bristol Two Club Sprint
September	Monday	8 th	Club Night
	Saturday	20 th	AutoSolo
October	Monday	13 th	Club Night
	Saturday	18 th	The Pegasus Sprint
	Friday	24 th	Nav Scatter
November	Monday	10 th	Club Night
	Friday	14 th	Nav Ex
	Thursday	20 th	Karting Endurance Challenge
December	Friday	5 th	Nav Ex
	Monday	8 th	AGM



Events for July

Club Night

Monday 14th July

An informal club night at our normal venue of the Wheatsheaf high street Winterbourne – come along for a drink and a chat from 8.30 pm.

Frenchay Transport Festival

Saturday 19th July



The Club will have a stand at the Transport Festival at Frenchay Museum on Saturday July the 19th.

Andy Moss is organising the stand and is keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to bring a car along or help on the stand.

Contact Andy on 0117 9041841 or andy@mossdata.co.uk

Cars should arrive between 1 and 1.30pm.

Treasure Hunt

Monday 21st July



Organised by Ken Robson and Dave Bence, July's Treasure Hunt will start at the lay-by on the southbound A38 between The Almondsbury Interchange Hotel and Junction 16 of the M5 (Grid ref. ST606835) at 7.15pm.

Fifty questions over a twenty mile route around South Gloucestershire, finishing at The Masons Arms in Rudgeway at 9.30pm.

Events for August

Castle Combe Track Day and Tuition Day

Saturday 9th August

The Castle Combe day is almost a sell out at the time of going to press - as usual once all the places are gone we will start a reserve list. For those of you who miss out – sorry there's always next year!

The day isn't a closed event. For those of you who would like a nice day out, mix with club members of the BPMC and the Mini Cooper Register, enjoy a picnic or on site refreshments. Bring along the family

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you will enjoy it - maybe you will think about booking next year.

For more information see the article later in this Backfire.

Club Night

Monday 11th August

GUEST SPEAKER

Alan Freke from the Frenchay Historic Society. Alan will be giving a talk on the automotive technical illustrator Frank Simpson.

Wheatsheaf from 8.30pm

Treasure Hunt

Monday 18th August

Bristol Two Club Sprint Colerne Airfield

Monday 25th August

The Regulations for the Bristol Two Club Sprint have now been issued and can be found on the web site. Those who do not have access to the web should contact Andy Moss (tel: 0117 9041841) who will put a set in the post.

Lots of marshals are also required for this event, if you have not filled in one of the marshals booking forms to confirm your availability, then please contact the Chief Marshal Nick Wood on 01275 833098 who will be very pleased to hear from you. If you are new to marshalling we will put you with an experienced team – don't forget this is the only way to see the action at Colerne.

BPMC Autosolo

Saturday 20th September

The club will return to Chepstow for an Autosolo event on Saturday the 20th of September. Chepstow race course is an excellent venue and only 20 minutes journey from the Almondsbury interchange junction of the M4/M5.

The September event is a round of the Cotswold Motor Sport group Autosolo Championship and will make use of an different area that comprises a more open piece of tarmac and will be a more traditional Solo.

Invitation Events

Sunday 3rd August

BMC AutoSolo - Weston

Bristol Motor Club & CMSGCC will organise a Clubsport Solo on Sunday 3rd of August 2008 at Weston-super-Mare Airfield. The Cotswold Motorsport Championship rounds have been very popular so enter quickly if you want to get in – regs from the website or contact Allen Harris on 0117 9421204 - Entry fee is £25.



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ACTING CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Martin Baker

As most of you will know, I have had the sad duty of stepping up to the position of acting chairman. I am fortunate that the committee and vice-presidents have given me their backing, and I hope that the membership do too. However, my tenure in this role is likely only to be temporary and will probably cease at the AGM in December.

The club has been lucky to have had a chairman such as Kieron; his legacy is leaving the club in as strong a position as ever before. We have a large (and still growing) membership list and a full calendar of events. I am encouraged by, and grateful for, the assistance offered by both my fellow committee members and the "rank and file" in coming forward to fill the inevitable gaps left by Kieron's untimely passing. However, I believe that the club deserves to be chaired by somebody who can give the position the time and energy it needs – certainly more than I can give it in the longer term. The challenge now is to find that person!

As an aside I should mention that Kieron's father, Mike, has accepted an honorary membership of the club. Mike was responsible for the construction of the signage we use at Colerne (countdown markers, turn signs and such) which are much more user friendly and durable than the previous ones. And on the topic of honorary members, an apology to Tom King whom I promised to meet in Penzance – sorry, Tom, everything

went to rats at Newton Abbot and we only got as far as Truro.

Returning to club events and such, we cancelled the production car trial and postponed the Alan Freke meeting in May as a mark of respect for Kieron. Whilst we do not know yet whether the PCT can be re-scheduled, I am pleased to report that Alan has agreed to speak to us in August. And staying with Alans, our own Spence is not currently firing on all four and so we have postponed his talk to later in the year. We will, however, be participating in the annual Frenchay Show on July 19th and Andy Moss is coordinating our efforts for this.



We resumed our competitions calendar with Chris Goodchild's "To Oz(leworth) and Beyond" treasure hunt. This took in some interesting roads on the western fringes of the Cotswolds, and some long sections without route questions that made you wonder if you were heading down the right lane... Then it was into, sorry across the Bristol Channel for a rather damp and windy Llandow Sprint. From the relative calm of the control office I watched an aircraft trying to land at nearby Rhoose, I'm convinced its ground speed was negative! Despite the weather I only



had to despatch the rescue vehicle once, to tow in a car with a broken gearbox from the back straight. Clerk of Course Mark Chater was right to suspend proceedings for an early lunch after reports that a car was dangerously sliding on the straights. However, further enquiries revealed this to be Mike Rudge, who only ever uses slicks! Despite, or perhaps because of the drop-out rate it looks like this event has made a profit, and it was at least a relief to complete a sprint without incident.



Club Member Chris Thompson and children admire the superb Bentley at the start of the ACE Tour

Next up was the ACE Classic Tour which took in great chunks of Gloucestershire either side of the Severn. Our own Andy Moss took the Rover P6 for a jaunt on this one, and having warmed the car up brought it to the club night the following evening. Which is a bit more stylish than yours truly who arrived on his bike! To complete the triple crown of river crossings, the next event was the Autosolo held at Chepstow racecourse. I couldn't be there myself, being caught up in the D-Day landings and having a minibus vandalised in Loughborough (don't ask) but I understand that Mal Allan and Chris Thompson, ably supported by their marshalling team, did a

first-rate job to universal acclaim from the competitors, so well done them.

By the time you read this the BMC Dick Mayo sprint at Castle Combe will have come and gone. I looked after the paddock, it never ceases to amaze and amuse me that people who can afford to run race-prepared Porches have trouble working out which is the left hand lane of paddock exit... Both entries and marshals numbers were a bit down from normal (let's hope that's not a trend) but BPMC members were well represented in both categories. Must mention Pete Goodman who set a new class record, despite some reservations about his clutch! We're back at Combe as a club on August 9th for what is likely to be a sell-out track day. In addition to the official tuition there will be a number of experienced club members who will be only too happy to sit in and show the lines to those who haven't driven the circuit before. As always there will be a charity raffle, do support this either by buying tickets, donating prizes or preferably both! The regs for the Bristol Two-Clubs Sprint (Colerne, 25th August) have also hit the streets, don't forget that the only way to get close to the action of this British Championship round is to marshal. Clerk of Course Bob Hart or Chief Marshal Nick Wood will be pleased to hear from you.





Date For Your Diary

Future Club Night

Monday 8th September

Club Night



For our September club night our very own Martin Emsley will 'Ramble'

Photo above - Martin attempting Wheelchair Land Speed record after previous attempt ended in failure.

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Club Night Venue The Wheatsheaf

From M32 J1

Take the A4174 ring road towards Downend. 200 metres further on, turn left at traffic lights (signposted to Winterbourne). Follow the B4058 for approximately 2 miles. You will find the Wheatsheaf Inn on the right hand side of the road.

From M5 J16 (Almondsbury)

Take the A38 towards Bristol After 200 metres take the first left at the roundabout. Keeping in the outside lane to go straight ahead at the traffic lights.

Continue straight ahead at three consecutive roundabouts. At the fourth roundabout turn left, continue to the T junction and turn left into Winterbourne High Street. The Wheatsheaf Inn is on the right hand side of the road, approx. 400m from the turning.





THE PEGASUS SPRINT 18th OCTOBER 2008

Wrapped as we are in the balmy days of summer (!), the club naturally turns its attention to what it will be doing on a crisp autumn Saturday... Before we know it the 2008 Pegasus sprint will be upon us, and the organising team, under clerk Ian Hall, has already met for a preliminary discussion.

Something that was identified at that meeting was the need to appoint an entries secretary for the event. We would like, if possible, to introduce a new face to the circle of organisers and so are looking for a volunteer from the ranks of the club to come forward and find out what makes an event such as this "tick". The position would be fully supported by the secretary of the meeting and the rest of the organising committee, and would occupy perhaps an hour a week or less from regulation publication date (mid-August) until the event itself. Tasks would include –

- sending out supplementary regulations ("the regs") to previous entrants, invited clubs/championships and on an ad-hoc basis;
- receiving, checking and processing to spreadsheet all incoming entry forms;
- passing all cheques and requests for cancellation refunds to the club treasurer;
- compiling and publishing entry lists;

- sending out final instructions;
- attending all (2 or 3) event organisation meetings;
- on the day, assisting with paddock layout, competitor signing-on, managing the results team and ensuring awards are correctly allocated.

Naturally all expenses would be reimbursed and full training will be given. If you think you have the necessary skills and enthusiasm, and want to make a difference to the running of this important club event, then please contact the secretary of the meeting Martin Baker on 0117 9563664 or 07981 908305. Your motor club needs you!

Castle Combe Day Raffle

A gentle reminder that Tim Murray (0117 9499449) requires raffle prizes for the track day at Castle Combe. As usual we would be very appreciative of anything you can get as this again supports Diabetes UK.

Thank you so much for your support. Contact Tim in advance or just bring your donations along on the day.





Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2008

Positions after French Grand Prix

Updated By Tim Murray



Pos	Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Total
1	David Garnett	Kubica	Kovalainen	BMW	Honda	BMW	632
2	Simon Sweet	Raikkonen	Trulli	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	601
3	Toby Harris	Kubica	Hamilton	Toyota	Super Aguri	Ferrari	588
4	Chris & Dominic Bennett	Kubica	Alonso	BMW	Renault	BMW	581
5	Julie Farrow	Kubica	Bourdais	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	577
6	Simon Moss	Kubica	Fisichella	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	574
7	Andy Baverstock	Kubica	Hamilton	Honda	Super Aguri	Ferrari	569
8	Bob Hart	Webber	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Ferrari	544
9	Lewis Bird	Bourdais	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	540
10	Rex Meaden	Alonso	Rosberg	BMW	Red Bull	Mercedes	534
11	Donny Allen	Button	Sato	Ferrari	Toyota	BMW	530
12	Arthur Tankins	Alonso	Kovalainen	Honda	Red Bull	Ferrari	523
13	Ann Farrow	Coulthard	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toyota	BMW	522
14	Lisa Selby	Button	Hamilton	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	520
15	Pete Stowe	Rosberg	Webber	Honda	McLaren	BMW	518
16	Charlotte Emsley	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Super Aguri	Ferrari	515
17	Steve Clark	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	514
18	Joe Robson	Alonso	Hamilton	Red Bull	Honda	BMW	509
19	Dick Craddy	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Red Bull	Force India	Mercedes	503
20=	Alison & Sam Bennett	Fisichella	Hamilton	Williams	Red Bull	BMW	499
20=	Martin Emsley	Bourdais	Sato	Honda	McLaren	Ferrari	499
22	Mike Marsden	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	498
23	Gary Tanner	Alonso	Bourdais	BMW	Williams	Mercedes	485
24=	Jackie Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	Red Bull	Toyota	Mercedes	483
24=	John Page	Rosberg	Bourdais	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari	483
26	Tim Murray	Rosberg	Vettel	Ferrari	Toyota	Toyota 2	466
27=	Alex Wooldridge Smith	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	456
27=	Alyson Marsden	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	456
27=	Roy Hancock	Raikkonen	Webber	Renault	Honda	Renault 2	456
27=	Tom King	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	456
31	Martin Mees	Kubica	Hamilton	Renault	Honda	Toyota 2	447
32	Terry Russell	Heidfeld	Kovalainen	Williams	Super Aguri	Mercedes	444
33	Jonathan Prestidge	Rosberg	Nakajima	Red Bull	McLaren	Toyota 2	442
34	Rob Crossland	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Force India	Honda	431
35	Martin Baker	Heidfeld	Button	Toyota	McLaren	Renault	427
36	Elisabeth Lewis	Massa	Fisichella	BMW	Renault	Ferrari 3	413
37	Jane Tanner	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Red Bull	Mercedes	410
38=	Audrey King	Webber	Button	Williams	McLaren	Honda	407
38=	Paul Bird	Alonso	Bourdais	Ferrari	Honda	Renault	407
40	Ken Robson	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Super Aguri	Force India	Toyota 2	404
41	Joanna Prestidge	Rosberg	Trulli	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	403
42	Chris Lewis	Button	Kovalainen	Toyota	McLaren	Ferrari 3	385
43	Greg Parnell	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Williams	BMW	384
44	Bill Farrow	Raikkonen	Sutil	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	383
45	Mary Craddy	Webber	Hamilton	Williams	Honda	Renault	382
46	George Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	BMW	Super Aguri	Renault	372
47	Mal Allen	Alonso	Coulthard	Honda	McLaren	Renault	362
48	Judith Bird	Coulthard	Button	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	361
49	Andrew Moss	Coulthard	Kovalainen	Renault	Super Aguri	Mercedes	360
50	Sharon Reynolds	Fisichella	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	357
51	Caroline Meaden	Heidfeld	Hamilton	Honda	Force India	Renault	355
52	Mark Elvin	Rosberg	Kovalainen	Renault	Williams	Toyota 2	324
53	Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Super Aguri	Ferrari 2	296



Clubmans Championship 2008

Up to the June Treasure Hunt

Prepared by Chris Goodchild

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	ENTRANT	'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED ?
19.83	Chris Goodchild	1	5	Yes
18.25	Paul Bird	2	4	No
15.70	Toby Harris	3	3	No
13.45	Martin Baker	4	3	Yes
12.48	Andy Moss	5	4	Yes
11.37	Martyn Mees	6	3	No
10.29	Lewis Bird	7	4	Yes
9.36	Pete Goodman	8	2	No
9.25	Ian Hall	9	3	Yes
8.63	Phil Turner	10	3	Yes
8.04	Kevin Jones	11	2	No
8.01	Lisa Selby	12	2	No
7.36	Dave Bence	13	2	No
7.24	Mark Astin	14	2	Yes
7.14	Liz Moss	15	2	No
6.96	Alex Messenger	16	3	Yes
6.96	Dave Turner	16	3	Yes
6.64	Pete Devall	18	2	No
6.63	Matthew Johnson	19	3	No
5.50	Mark Roberts	20	1	No

Marshals Championship 2008

Up to the June Treasure Hunt (Not Complete)

Prepared by Chris Goodchild

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	ENTRANT	'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS	NUMBER OF EVENTS
8	Dick Craddy	1	3
5	Mal Allen	2	4
5	Martin Baker	2	2
5	Nick Wood	2	4
4	Cherry Robinson	5	4
4	Chris Thompson	5	3
3	Andy Moss	7	1
3	Bob Hart	7	1
3	Bruce Morgan	7	2
3	Donny Allen	7	2
3	John Corfield	7	3
3	Paul Ackroyd	7	2



The Chepstow Auto Challenge Saturday 14th June

Report By Andy Moss

Photos By Tony Smith, Chris Goodchild
and Andy Moss

We had a good entry of cars for our second trip to Chepstow. Following the decision to move our championship Solo event to September, we were again using the stables area, with its changes of gradient and surface. The change to an all forward autotest permit meant we could allow some cars that would not be eligible for a Solo, including the Autotest Mini Special of Mark Williams and the Fiesta Alex Messenger, that although pretty standard lacked the M.O.T required for a Solo. These two were joined in class F by the 205 of Clive Pinnell.

Despite the weather forecast promising a few showers, we had a dry and mostly sunny day to enjoy our superb venue. Mal Allen took on the Clerk of course role, as last years organiser Martin Emsley was stuck in work. Donny and Cherry took care of timing, with scrutineer John Corfield being joined by Nick Wood, Tony Smith and Tim Murray marshalling.

Phil Turner managed to win the battle with his son David in the Fiesta – one of the most competitive pairings of the day. Last years winner Nick Cook managed to bend a wishbone on the first test of the day – despite this he still managed a class win and forth overall !

Some fun club motorsport that showed you can have a great day of competition for not a lot of money !







Chepstow Auto Challenge

Final Results

Prepared By Chris Thompson

Overall Position	Class	Comp No	Name	Car	Total	Awards
1	E	18	Chris Underwood	Lotus Elise	358.96	1st Overall
2	B	2	Sam Lorenzelli	VW Scirocco	368.95	1st in Class B
3	B	5	Steve Conner	Renault Clio 172	379.45	2nd in Class B
4	E	15	Nicholas Cook	Westfield SE	387.21	1st in Class E
5	F	22	Mark Williams	Mini Special	390.77	1st in Class F
6	B	3	John Laverick	Renault Clio 172	390.79	3rd in Class B
7	B	4	Ben Master	Renault Clio 172	391.19	
8	B	1	Ray Sissins	Honda Civic	393.41	
9	E	14	David Bence	Onyx Firefox	393.55	2nd in Class E
10	B	8	Phil Turner	Ford Fiesta RS	401.99	
11	C	11	Jeff Benstock	Subaru Impreza WRX	411.29	
12	E	16	Chris Goodchild	Westfield SE	414.64	
13	B	9	Ross Willing	Ford Escort	420.41	
14	E	17	Matt Browne	Lotus Elise	421.30	
15	F	20	Clive Pinnell	Peugeot 205 GTI	438.01	
16	E	13	Andy Moss	Westfield SEIW	438.40	
17	B	6	James Hurford	Renault Laguna RT	440.70	
18	B	7	David Turner	Ford Fiesta RS	452.21	
19	C	10	Mark Benstock	Subaru Impreza WRX	472.38	
20	F	21	Alexander Messenger	Ford Fiesta Classic	547.07	

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5	E	17	Matt Browne	Lotus Elise	421.3	
6	E	13	Andy Moss	Westfield SEIW	438.4	
1	F	22	Mark Williams	Mini Special	390.77	1st in Class F
2	F	20	Clive Pinnell	Peugeot 205 GTI	438.01	
3	F	21	Alexander Messenger	Ford Fiesta Classic	547.07	



Charity Track Day Llandow

4th June 2008

By Andy Coogan



I first raced at Llandow back in 1980. Back then it wasn't a proper racing track, just a deserted airfield. At the time I was racing Autograss and one a year somebody organized a meeting at this venue. We would get some road tyres from the scrap yard or buy some flash tyres depending on our budget and we would race Autograss style on this 1 mile oval. It was such a success that it was repeated a few times but as the cars got faster and people got more wary of health and safety the events petered out. My last race there was back in 17 years ago in an open wheeled 3 litre special with second hand slicks.

Things have changed a great deal at Llandow since those heady days. The main straight is much narrower and they have put a chicane complex at the end of it. This has made the track a whole lot safer. Back in the day if you got that corner wrong you crashed into a huge earth bank and took home a pile of scrap on your trailer. Now all

that happens is that you look a pillock.

I did a track day there last year in my R1 powered Z cars Mini and while I had fun it was a bit frustrating. I built the car to look as much like a standard Mini from the outside as possible. Having big wide wheels was just a bit too brash so I had shod it with some 12 inch 155 standard road tyres. They looked OK but sadly they were just not good enough for the stresses and strains of a track day. I was passed by cars that I knew I should be beating easily and all because my cornering speeds were too slow. Since then I have invested in 8inch wide Ally Cats and slick tyres from a Formula Renault. The car is transformed and is now awesome.

The problem was that as soon as I got there I trashed the clutch. Even worse I trashed it before I had even turned a wheel on the track. Worse still I couldn't bloody fix it. Oh bugger what can I do now? I have driven 60 miles to roll from the pits to the start line. I barely even got the warm the engine up.

Christopher Darwin the organiser takes great delight in running these charity track days. He limits the numbers of cars that attend so we get loads of track time and he loves the fact that he can make money for charity while having fun. He came over to sympathise and jokingly said "why don't you take your tow car round?" Hmm that's an idea! The road car is a Volvo V70 with the 185 bhp D5 engine. Is this a wise thing to do? I have to use this car every day for work and I also need it to tow my Mini back home. It's a very

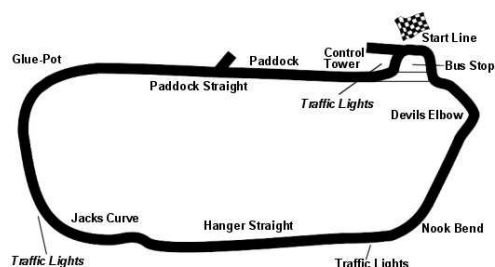


expensive car which I can't afford to replace if I break it.

Bearing all that in mind I thought "What the Hell!" and took it out anyway. It wasn't as much fun as the Mini would have been but it was fun I will say that. I had great fun throwing the old girl around the tiny circuit. I even surprised myself at how fast she went. I caught and passed a brace of Cobra replicas (OK one of them has a misfire) and also had the beating of a few old fashioned sports cars. The photographer on the day told me that he thought I drove it like I had stolen it.

I tell you what Llandow is an abrasive track! Checking the front nearside tyre at the end of the day I had worn it down to the steel reinforcing wires but only on the outside edge, did that mean that it was still legal I wonder? Maybe I should have put a few more pounds in the tyres before racing. I have also noted that reverse is a little more difficult to engage since. It was a fun day but at what cost?

I have now been invited to another charity track day which Chris is organising at Snetterton in October. This will cost 180 per car and he has asked me to invite any Pegasus members who wish to come along, if you do drop me a line at acoogan@dow.com and I will put you in touch with Christopher.



EMCOS STAGES RALLY 2008

By Phil Turner



Saturday the 24th of May saw David and I back at Down Ampney for the EMCOS Stages rally. We were in high spirits about the event having fitted a new up rated clutch cable and had no doubt that we would finish the rally. well I did anyway.

We got off to a good start with the right choice of tyres and completed six of the ten stages with only two slight altercations but no serious damage, BUT then at the finish control of the 6th stage yes your ahead of me you've guest it the CLUTCH CABLE bloody broke again, so much for speedy cables stronger cable .

As luck would have it we had 45 minutes to change it as they were changing the layout of the stage and as I can now change the cable while juggling three balls in 10 minutes we were back on the road in plenty of time only to find a TR 7 had gone off and injured the navigator which took so long to sort out that we only had time for one more stage, but we finished the rally 44th overall and 13th in class, rubbish really but we had a fantastic day.



ACE Classic Tour 2008

Club events in June got off to a great start with the ACE classic tour.

The event was again superbly organised by the ACE team, we had a great selection of cars and even the weather was kind to us.

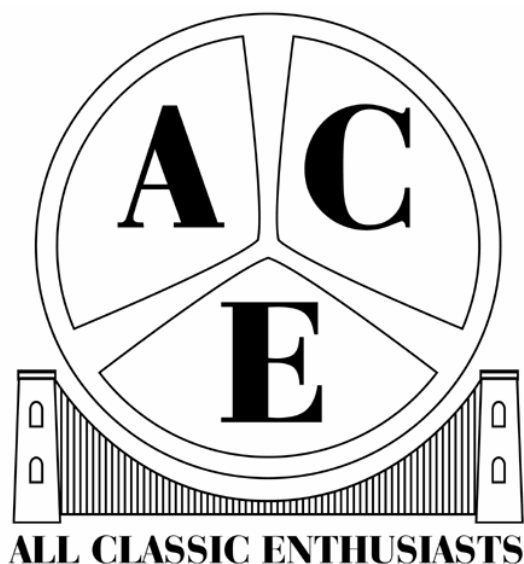
As usual things started from BAWA and we had plenty of time to wander around and admire the cars before the start.

Among my favourites was a nice competition prepared Hillman Imp, as well as an outstanding Bentley.

The scenic route went via Thornbury before heading towards Cheltenham.

From there we headed towards Ross before dropping into the Forest of Dean for a lunch time picnic stop. Post lunch we followed the Wye Valley before finishing for a pint at Littleton on Severn.

An excellent day out and most importantly the event raised well over a thousand pounds for Charity.







Market Place

*Motoring related items advertised
free for club members
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John Corfield 07717 677271 or e-mail john_e_f_corfield@hotmail.com





Driving for diabetes

4 – 8 August 2008



The challenge

I will be leaving the UK on 2 August to drive my Marlin 5exi sports car (pictured) at the Spa Francorchamps Formula 1 Circuit in Belgium on the 4 and 5 August. I will then travel to Germany to drive the world famous Nurburgring on the 7 and 8 August and then drive home again.

This event will be covered by local radio stations, newspapers and national car magazines. With the help of this media coverage I hope to bring attention to how serious diabetes is and raise funds for Diabetes UK to continue helping over 2.3 million people with this condition in the UK.

How you can help

Your name or company logo could be professionally printed and displayed on the car, which will feature in the publicity pictures.

£10 per individual name – 15mm high characters
From £50 per company logo – high res jpeg image required

Space is limited so please contact us as soon as possible to ensure your place on this fantastic 21st Century sports car. The sooner your name or company logo is displayed on the car the sooner it will appear in the publicity shots! The car will also be at the Diabetes UK Taunton Walk in the Park on 14 June and the Bristol Walk in the Park on 12 July.

If you would like to sponsor me for this unique event, please phone Sam Cullen on 01823 324007 at Diabetes UK South West, Taunton or email sam.cullen@diabetes.org.uk.

Thank you for your support! *Ken Robson, Bristol Pegasus Motor Club*

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Raceway Junior Karting Championship 2008

New Year – New Format

By Ken Robson

Just as in Formula 1, a new year brings in new rules and regulations. For 2008 there will be 2 championships Spring & Autumn with 4 rounds in each Championship. There will also be 2 classes, as last year the BIZ class for the taller/older drivers and the Stratos Class for the smaller/younger entrants. There will also be different formats of races instead of the usual 20 min race with 2 mandatory 10 second pit stops as last year. After the disappointment of last year when Joe missed out on the championship by 2 points, 2008 was eagerly awaited. Points for each round are awarded identical to Formula 1 which is as follows 10 points for a race win, 8 points for second, 6 points for third then 5,4,3,2,1 for the remaining places. An extra 1 point is awarded for both pole and fastest lap in the race.

Round 1 - 9th March

The format for this race was the normal 5 minute qualifying session followed by a 20 minute race in which the driver must come in for 2 x 10 second mandatory pit stops. Preparation had not been the best as Joe hadn't been to practice for a while. Nonetheless Joe jumped straight into the kart and with the last lap of the qualifying session put it on pole! A great start and 1 point in the bag before the race began.

Joe started in pole position and immediately took the lead. With just a few laps to go Joe spun trying to

take too tight a defensive line at the hairpin just past the pits, which let Kristian through so Joe took second place and a point for pole. So 9 points instead of 11 but not a disaster.

Round 2 – 13th April

Round 2 was changed to a grand prix style format with the points from the 2 heats determining the grid position for the final. Kristian won again and with Joe in 3rd a points gap had opened up when Joe should really have won the first 2 races. That's motor racing!

Round 3 – 11th May

Round 3 was back to the usual format of 5 mins qualifying followed by a 20 minute race but Joe found the kart he had been allocated down on power and could only qualify 4th. Joe got on with it but was saddled with a kart that was below par and could only come 4th in the race while Kristian won again making it 3 out of 3. By now Kristian's points lead was building up and he was now 10 points clear of Joe. So in round 4, the final race of the Spring Championship Joe needed to take maximum points.

Round 4 – 8th June

Round 4 was the usual 20 minute race with 2 pit stops format and Joe was once again in good form taking pole. With only a few laps to go Joe just could not find a way past Kristian and once again had to settle for second.

The Result - Joe finished the first half of the Championship in 2nd place with Kristian taking 4 victories from 4 races. The championship now takes a break for the summer with starting again in September.



Invitation Event

Bristol Motor Club



Sunday 3 August - Weston Airfield

Bristol Motor Club & CMSGCC will organise a
Clubsport Solo on Sunday 3 August 2008 at
Weston-super-Mare Airfield

The Cotswold Motorsport Championship rounds
have been very popular so enter quickly if you
want to get in – regs from the website or contact
Allen Harris on 0117 9421204

Entry fee is £25



Castle Combe Track Day and Tuition Day Saturday 9th August

What the response! At the time of press: out of the 55 slots – I only have 1 remaining! So if you haven't already booked your place, you best act quickly to avoid disappointment. As usual once all the places are gone we will start a reserve list.

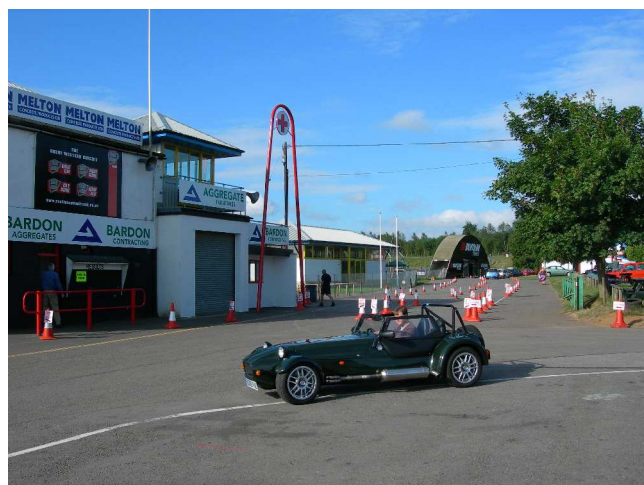
For those of you who miss out – sorry there's always next year!



For those lucky ones who have sent your cheque and completed form in, you should have also received your acceptance form from me by email – please check your in-box to ensure you have got it.

I'm pleased to see some new entries this year together with some of the usual bunch, and what a collection of cars we have. As normal we have 20 places taken by our friends at the Mini Cooper Register. Their entries always give Minis old & new, road & track, original and er... not so. The rest of the group consists of what I would call a 'Westfield convention' with currently 9 Westies, 4 Lotuss (what is the collective noun of a group of Lotus cars? – Lotie??), we

even have the possibility of a Noble GTO-3.



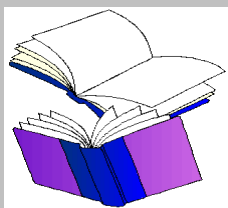
The drivers briefing and on-track tuition is being carried out again by David Da Costa. He has proved very popular in previous years with drivers requesting on-to-one tuition.

The day isn't a closed event. For those of you who would like a nice day out, mix with club members of the BPMC and the Mini Cooper Register, enjoy a picnic or on site refreshments. Bring along the family you will enjoy it. Maybe you will think about booking next year.

Visit the club website for more details and print an entry form or complete the entry form in last months Backfire. But hurry!



Tony Smith cctrackday@hotmail.co.uk



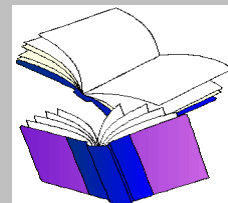
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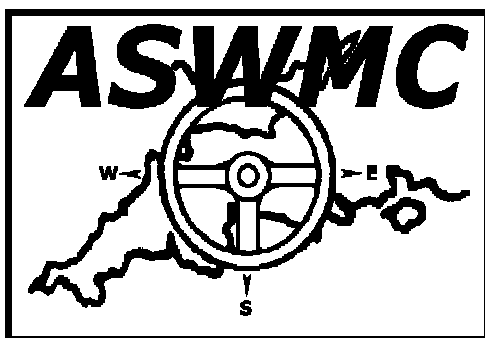
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Sprint Championship News

By Darren Lovey

GENERAL NEWS

Well, I can safely say we have had a much quieter time since the last newsletter! I must apologise to anyone that was missing from last month's championship tables, hopefully every one is now included, but if I have missed anyone, please email me or ring me and I will get it sorted for the next bulletin.

As I mentioned last month there has been a lot of speculation regarding the tyre regulations, this matter is still ongoing and hope to have more news by the July bulletin.

If there is anything that you, as competitors, would like to see in these monthly bulletins then please email me with your ideas.

Until next month, Darren
darrenloveys@btconnect.com

With the first four rounds of the Sprint Championship having now been run, Ian Hall has a slim lead of 0.09 over the 2007 Champion, Grahame Harden, so it looks as though it could be close fought competition for this year's championship. Ian Parr lies in third place ahead of Andy Potter in fourth.

The next round is at St Eval on 22nd June, with Bristol back at Castle Combe on 28th with round six of the Championship. There is then a four week to the next round, which will run at St Eval again.

SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 CALENDAR

June 22nd	Newquay	St Eval
28th	Bristol	Castle Combe
July 27th	Newquay	St Eval
Aug 2nd	Truro	Predannick
25th	Bristol/BPMC	Colerne
Sept 21st	NDMC	Chivenor
Oct 5th	Bournemouth	Clay Pigeon

Championship tables up to round four.

Pos	Name	Event				Total
		Great Western Castle Coombe L 29/03/08	Catch The Pigeon Clay Pigeon 20/04/08	Llandow Llandow 10/05/08	Llandow Llandow 26/05/08	
1	Ian Hall	15	15	12.8	1.19	43.99
2	Grahame Harden	-	15	17	11.9	43.90
3	Ian Parr	9.54	15	17	-	41.54
4	Andy Potter	10.13	15	12.44	0	37.57
5	Matt Nichols	15	-	10.07	5.45	30.52
6	Andy Stoddart	1.84	15.66	11.11	-	28.61
7	John Wade	-	13.38	14.93	-	28.31
8	Mike Parr	-	11.26	16.94	-	28.20
9	Toby Harris	8.45	-	14.02	5.42	27.89
10	Des Stephenson	15	-	12.53	-	27.53
11	Ian Cameron	-	12.4	15.03	-	27.43
12	Ben Stephenson	15	-	11.15	-	26.15
13	John Kirby	6.99	17	-	-	23.99
14	Simon Neve	-	13.78	9.54	0.28	23.60
15	Martin Mees	7.84	-	11.39	2.73	21.96
16	Hugh Trotman	15	-	-	4.75	19.75
17	David Sims	-	-	15.86	2.71	18.57
19	Roy Sims	-	-	16.35	1.24	17.59
18	Bruce Graham	15	-	-	1.81	16.81
20	Tony Phillips	-	16.09	-	-	16.09

NEWS FROM CASTLE COMBE



Car Racing

Our major car meeting of the year, the Dunlop Great & British Motorsport Festival takes place on the 19th and 20th July and there are some great advanced ticket offers on our website or book by phone - full details in our next newsletter.

Racing School & Track Days

In between the hectic weekend schedule, we have several dates coming up for Car and Motorcycle Track Days and our Race and Rally School.

Ron & Leon Haslam to ride at Castle Combe Bike Meeting

Exciting news for all our motorcycle fans is that Leon Haslam will be demonstrating the HM Plant Honda Superbike at the Fowlers sponsored motorcycle meeting. The two day meeting will feature the Castle Combe Superbike Grand National plus races for a huge variety of classes from 125's to Superbikes and just about everything in between. However on Sunday the 17th, Leon will take to the circuit for a short lunchtime demonstration. Joining him on the track will be his father Ron Haslam riding Andy Caddick's ex Honda UK 3 cylinder RS500 machine. In the 80's and 90's, Ron Haslam was our most successful British racer, regularly finishing on the podium in Grand Prix and winning races and taking lap records throughout Europe. Although Ron only made one appearance at Castle Combe on a Ducati, this will be a unique

opportunity to see Ron riding on an extremely rare bike as he joins Leon on the circuit. As ever, to find out more information please phone 01249 782417 or visit our website www.castlecombecircuit.co.uk

Motorsport in the UK has had an exciting couple of weeks with the Moto GP at Donnington Park and the Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone with British riders and drivers featuring strongly.

In the Moto GP, James Toseland has raced and won at Castle Combe. At the car Grand Prix one of the main stars will of course be Lewis Hamilton. Whilst Lewis never raced at Castle Combe, his current team mate Heikki Kovalainen was one of the stars of our last Formula 3 Meeting in 2005 when he came from the back of the grid to finish in 5th place. Nelson Piquet Jnr and of course David Coulthard are other drivers lining up at Silverstone who have competed at Castle Combe.

It is also an exciting time with the new MSA (the sports governing body) initiative of 'Go Racing'. This initiative is to encourage anyone to go to watch, go to race or go to help, there is a link from our website to the Go Racing Site where you can find out all what is happening in any part of the country, find out how to become a marshal, how to go race or how to compete in the huge range of motorsport events. The circuit is pleased to play its part in this scheme by embracing the concept and backing it wherever we can. Please remember when visiting us to drive carefully and observe the local speed limits. We look forward to your visit.



e-Wheels

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MSA Club child Protection Officers

Since the launch of the MSA's child Protection Policy in 2007, the MSA's activity has been concentrated on encouraging Clubs to determine whether they need appoint a child Protection Officer (CPO) and to process initial nominations. In order to keep these important volunteers more fully informed, the first in a periodic series of MSA e-bulletins has been circulated to CPOs. Any Club CPOs who have not received their copy, please advise Allan Dean-Lewis at adean-lewis@msauk.org

A copy can also be accessed from the Members section of the MSA website by inputting individual i.d. numbers and a password. The bulletin is not intended for general circulation.

MSA Council seeks nominees for Specialist Committees

The MSA is seeking nominations from individuals wishing to be on one of the Specialist Committees that represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport.

The Specialist Committees, covering Autotest, Cross Country, Historics, Karting, Race, Rallies, Speed Events and Trials, meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House. The topics of the day are

discussed and new regulations and other issues are debated. The decisions and minutes are communicated via the Committee Chairmen at the next MSA Council meeting for approval.

No formal qualifications are required but you must be a member of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association who must support your nomination. The role is voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to Motor Sports House. The appointment is for a three-year term, with each person serving no more than three consecutive terms, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive, says: "New recruits always bring a sense of renewed purpose and a fresh perspective - which is so important in this role. I encourage anyone with a passion for this sport to get involved and help to develop and shape it for the future."

There is no application form to complete. Just write down a brief outline of your motor sport involvement and interests together with your name, address and contact details. This should be sent by your MSA-registered club or Regional Association to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 OHG to arrive before the end of June 2008.

Beware the Norwich Pharmacal order

Hosts of internet forums, bulletin boards and the like should be aware of the potential pitfalls if they allow their websites to be used as platforms for defamatory material.

Recently, a High Court case was brought by a Championship football club against the owner and operator of a website. The club argued that some of the site's users had posted false and defamatory messages against the club and its directors. The club could not bring proceedings against those posting the messages, as their real identity was not known, only their screen name, so the only way to find out the identities of the message posters was from the website operator.

The court granted a 'Norwich Pharmacal' order in five of the 14 postings considered. This required the website operator to assist the victim by disclosing the identity of the wrongdoer. The judge held that the club's entitlement to take action to protect its reputation outweighed the rights of the message posters to maintain their anonymity and to express themselves freely.

Let the officials sleep

Contact information for club officials was mentioned in e-wheels 10 May 2008 (past issues can be downloaded from the MSA website).

Another suggestion is to include a cut-off time for telephone calls such as: No phone calls to Committee Members or Event Officials after 9pm please.

Force majeure?

The day before a PCT, the field is flooded. On the morning of a rally, the main road to stage one is closed. Two hours before an autotest is due to run, the Clerk of the Course is still stuck at the airport due to a strike by baggage handlers.

With the smooth running of motor sport events dependant on so many factors these days, club officials would be well advised to pose a few what if ? questions and plan for the answers.

Competitors and volunteers are likely to be sympathetic to changed arrangements which have been thought through and are reasonable under the circumstances.

MSA Championships

The MSA British and other championships are now well underway and the latest positions, qualifying events and links to championship websites are on www.msauk.org.



EVENTS FOR JULY 2008

Club Night - Monday 14th July

Wheatsheaf high street Winterbourne
Come along for a drink and a chat from 8.30pm

Frenchay Transport Festival Saturday 19th July



The Club will have a stand at the Transport Festival at Frenchay Museum on Saturday July the 19th. Andy Moss (0117 9041841 or andy@mossdata.co.uk) is organising the stand and is keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to bring a car along or help on the stand. Cars should arrive between 1 and 1.30pm.

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