

# Backfire

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

**Cover : Action from the Llandow Sprint 2012**

Month	Date	Day	Event	Venue
Jun	3rd	Sun	<b>ACE Tour</b>	<b>BAWA, Southmead Road</b>
Jun	11th	Mon	<b>Club Night</b>	<b>BAWA, Southmead Road</b>
Jun	17th	Sun	<b>Gymkhana</b>	<b>See details later in Backfire</b>
Jun	25th	Mon	<b>Treasure Hunt</b>	<b>Announced in time for the event - see website</b>
Jun	30th	Sat	<b>BPMC/BKCC/Quantum Track Day</b>	<b>Llandow Circuit</b>
Jul	7th	Sat	<b>Shakespeare Raceway - Drag Racing</b>	<b>Shakespeare County Raceway</b>
Jul	8th	Sun	<b>Shakespeare Raceway - Drag Racing</b>	<b>Shakespeare County Raceway</b>
Jul	9th	Mon	Club Night	BAWA, Southmead Road
Jul	16th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	11th	Sat	BPMC Track Day	Castle Combe
Aug	13th	Mon	Club Night	BAWA, Southmead Road
Sep	10th	Mon	Club Night	BAWA, Southmead Road
Sep	16th	Sun	Autotest / Autosolo	Announced in time for the event
Oct	8th	Mon	Club Night	BAWA, Southmead Road
Oct	26th	Fri	Navigation Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Oct	27th	Sat	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe Circuit
Nov	12th	Mon	Club Night	BAWA, Southmead Road
Nov	23rd	Fri	Navigation Exercise/Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Dec	10th	Mon	AGM & Buffet	BAWA, Southmead Road
Dec	27th	Thur	Xmas Noggin & Natter	Announced in time for the event

## **Deadline for Next Backfire: 27th June 2012**

**As always, we are looking for contributions for Backfire**

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**Cover Photo: Blessed with good weather and a fine entry the jointly promoted Llandow sprint 2012 was a successful event. photo A. Moss**





## Editorial

### Martin Emsley

It delights me no end to hear about member's activities and success in their chosen motoring discipline; as you can read later a few have been in touch and it is great to be able to share their success through Backfire. I know that there are many more of you busy now the season has started, it would be great if you were able to send a few lines and photo or pick up the phone and give me a call; this is our magazine and only as good as the material we all submit, it needs to constantly evolve and keep moving forward which it cannot do without you. It would be great to have a few new names in here over the next few months to make this an even more enjoyable, informative and entertaining read.

Meanwhile enjoy your sport safely.

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## ***Bristol Pegasus NEEDS YOU!***

**The successful running of club events requires Marshals and Organisers**

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**We would encourage members to try and marshal on at least one event each year, and would ask that competitors hoping to enter larger events such as the Pegasus Sprint show their support by making the effort to come out and marshal on events such as the Gymkhana and Autotest/Autosolo.**

## Forthcoming Events

### Important Information Club Night Venue Update

Our new regular venue will be -

#### **BAWA Leisure Centre**

589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG

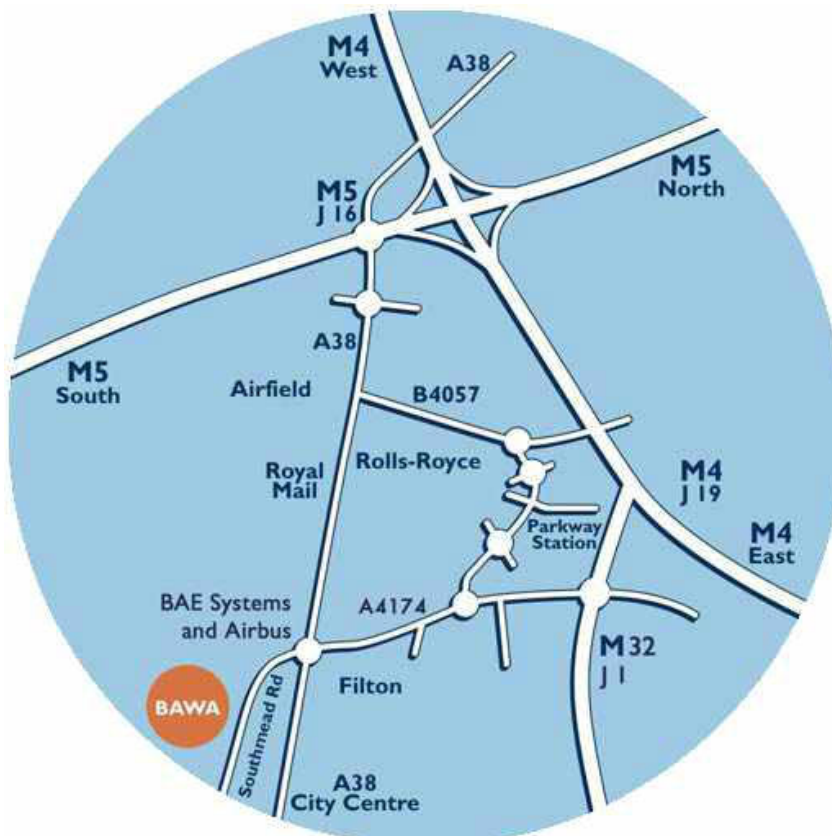


We will meet from 8.30pm in Room 7 which has excellent views of the sports field as well as parking visible from within the room

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

Please Note : There is no requirement to be a BAWA member or show a membership card – simply mention that you are here for the Pegasus Motor Club in Room 7

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



## The A.C.E. 2012 Charity Classic Vehicle Tour - Sunday 3rd June

### The Queen's Jubilee Tour



All Classic Enthusiasts (A.C.E.) Jointly organised with Bristol Pegasus Motor Club. This Year we will be driving over the Old Severn Bridge into Wales (£6 Toll). As

always it is designed to take in places of interest that we are sure you will enjoy. We shall once again have a communal picnic stop at a convenient and interesting location.

We again leave from the BAWA pavilion, Southmead Road, Filton, BS34 7RG by kind permission of the Management. Directions to BAWA are available on their website [www.bawahealthandleisure](http://www.bawahealthandleisure) Toilets are available at the start area, please assemble by 10AM. Entry fee minimum £15.00 per vehicle. Our charity for this year is the **Stroke Association** which is most deserving of our support.



Please visit Club Website [www.bristolpegasus.com](http://www.bristolpegasus.com) for details and booking form

### BPMC Club Night - Monday 11th June

Club night will be a noggin n' natter at The BAWA, Southmead Road.

**We will Meet from 8.30pm in room 7**

### Auto Gymkhana - Sunday 17th June



Club member Steve Dummett has very kindly leant us a field for a fun / social event. The event consists of a number of special tests combining; skill and speed. The event should appeal to anyone who would like a bit of fun in their car.

Most vehicles are eligible, for some challenging and not so challenging 'tests' on grass. No competition licence is needed. The overall results are calculated by totting up penalties for each type of test, meaning that it is not always

the driver with best tyres or the most power who wins the event. We also have loan of a BBQ for lunch time so bring the family, some food, sling it on the barbi and enjoy a bit of socialising as well. The venue is Sheepcot Farm, Miss Graces Lane, Tidenham Chase, Chepstow NP16 7JR M/R 172/549997 and will be arrowed from main road. We need some non-competing volunteers to help run the day. For further details or any questions please see website or contact Alan Spencer or alternatively Chris Thompson on 07917606337 or email [cmtbristol@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cmtbristol@tiscali.co.uk). An entry form is available on website.

**Take a look at photos from last year's event:**

**<http://gallery.bristolpegasus.com/Category/Gymkhana-19-Jun-2011>**

## Motorway Madness Treasure Hunt - Monday 25th June



Join us for a pleasant evening in the quieter roads that pass under and over our local Motorways (more scenic than you may think).

The start will be in a Service Road of the A4018 at Cribbs Causeway at map reference: 172/574807. For those wanting to use a Sat Nav use the postcode for The Lamb and Flag, BS10 7TL, pass the pub heading towards junction 17 M5 and take the first left turning and enter Hollywood lane and immediately turn left again in to the service road. As usual we'll aim to start at 7:30 with signing on starting from 7pm for the early birds. We will stay in the lay-by until 7.50 in case anyone arrives late. The hunt, should last around two hours so there will be plenty of time for a chat and a pint at the finish, which is at the Orchard in Bradley Stoke.

If you have not joined us for a Treasure Hunt before then why not come and have a go. It is not unknown for first timers to win and we do not take it too seriously.

Contact Chris Thompson on 07917606337 or email [cmtbristol@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cmtbristol@tiscali.co.uk) if you have any questions.

## Llandow Track Day - Saturday 30th June

Bristol Kit Car Club and Bristol Pegasus Motor Club are pleased to announce a joint track day at Llandow Circuit on Saturday 30th June 2012.

Location - Llandow Circuit is situated 20 miles west of Cardiff in the Vale of Glamorgan near the country towns of Cowbridge and Llantwit Major. Competition Licences are not required. All Drivers must wear an approved helmet. Arms & legs must be covered at all times. Noise limit is 105 dBA at 0.5 metres.



A maximum of 10 saloon/sports cars will be allowed on the course at any one time. 8.30am Gates open, 9.10am Signing on, 9.30am Briefing, The charge for the day is £75 per car. The charge for an additional driver sharing a car will be £20.

Contact KEN ROBSON, 201 JUNIPER WAY, BRADLEY STOKE, BRISTOL, BS32 0DP  
[kenrobson@btinternet.com](mailto:kenrobson@btinternet.com) 01454 202687 or 07900 007747. Visit [www.bristolpegasus.com](http://www.bristolpegasus.com) for details and booking form.

# Run What Ya Brung Drag Racing Weekend for BPMC -

**Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th July**

## **RUN WHAT YA BRUNG... Putting YOU in the hot seat**

Shakespeare County Raceway is giving Bristol Pegasus MC a chance to see how fast you can do a quarter mile. After each timed run, you will be presented with a 'Certificate of Speed' giving important information such as reaction times and timing data from start to finish.

**To have a go, all you need is a vehicle, a valid driving licence and a crash helmet.**



If you would like to make a weekend of it, you don't need a motorhome! There are excellent camping facilities or plenty of B&Bs nearby for those that want some comfort. This year we will be running on the Saturday and Sunday, many club members are planning to stay overnight and have a social on Saturday evening.

Contact Nick 01275 833098 for more information  
Come and join other club members for a great weekend.



**For more general info visit <http://www.shakespearecountyraceway.com/rwyb.asp>**



Club member Chris Hartnell and Backdraft will also be there for you to watch and aspire to.

## **BPMC Club Night - Monday 9th July**

Bring out your cars night; we plan to have an excellent display of your interesting machinery in The BAWA car park so get fettling and polishing then come along and chat with fellow enthusiasts

## **Bristol Pegasus Castle Combe Track Day - Saturday 11th August**



**Our popular Combe track day returns to a summer date for 2012**  
**Saturday 11th August at**  
**Castle Combe Motor Racing Circuit**

**Tickets on sale to BPMC**

**members at the same price as last year of £129.00**

**See the event website [www.castlecombetrackday.org.uk](http://www.castlecombetrackday.org.uk) for full details or call Andy Moss on 0117 9912702 if you would like a printed entry form posted**

**Tickets now on General Sale - Send your Entry in NOW**

## **Summer Classics Easter Compton**

**Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th August**



BPMC will be having a stand here for the weekend. Whether you've got a classic car or not, just come along to Bristol's very own festival of transport Saturday or Sunday, or stay the whole weekend. We've got something different going on all the time. Set in the beautiful countryside overlooking the severn valley at Easter Compton, South Gloucester - just one mile from junction 17, M5 - the self contained site is ideally placed for Bristol and all motorway connections.

A vast array of Classic, Vintage and Retro Cars, Scooters and Bikes displayed in dedicated areas for British, European and American vehicles, with an off roadtrack for Land Rovers and 4x4s. Summer Classics will look after everyone with great entertainment, kids play area, Village Green with local crafts, traditional fresh foods, bar, trade stands, autojumble and displays.

The main arena will include car parades and tech talk as well as the popular funzone for welly wanging, horse shoe throwing, pony rides and more. Contact Nick 07786936941 / 01275 833098 / [nickswood@hotmail.com](mailto:nickswood@hotmail.com) for more info <http://www.summer-classics.co.uk>

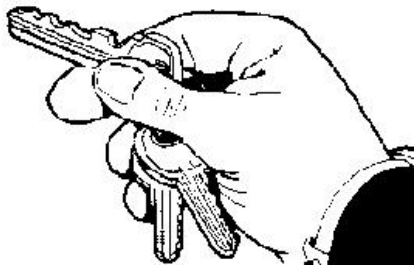
## **Invitations**

**CLIC Sargent Topless Tour 2012 - Sunday 17th June**

**Bristol & Bath Classic Car Run (Supporting Avon Riding Centre) - Sunday 15th July**

**More details and entry forms for these events on the club website.**

**[www.bristolpegasus.com](http://www.bristolpegasus.com)**



## Chairman's Chat

Andy Moss

The club enjoyed some excellent events in May. The month got off to a good start with the Sprint at Llandow. It was nice to be back at the circuit following the cancellation last year and all seemed to go well. This was the first time we had worked with the Welsh Counties Car Club and making the event a three club effort with them and BMC helped to both spread the workload and ensure we got a good entry.

Another well supported event was the evening touring assembly - Martin Emsley devised an enjoyable route and we had a good turn out of cars. Although we did not have the glorious weather we enjoyed for last years event it did stay dry and in the end it was a pleasant enough evening to not worry about the roof on the Westfield. Other than a couple of short journeys this was the first run for the car since completing the repairs and it made it through it with no issues.

The following Monday was Bob Bulls treasure hunt which was blessed with some lovely sunny weather. Despite this we only had a small turn out, which was a shame considering the effort that goes into preparing such an event. Perhaps it was simply an event too many following the touring assembly the week before - let's hope people show they still want to do Treasure Hunts next month as they really are a lot of fun.

The final event of the month was our visit to Middle Barton Garage - there will be a full report next month - for those of you who were not there check out the photos on the club website to see what a great day you missed out on. We were made very welcome and the new location is excellent. Many thanks to Tony and his wife Sue for all their hard work making this happen.

June is going to be another good month for club events - the ACE Tour, a Treasure Hunt and the chance to have a blast around a field on our Gymkhana - what more excuse do you need to get your car out and join in - you will be made very welcome and we hope to see you this month.

Finally a quick mention for the new photo gallery on the club website. Our website editor Richard Reynolds has completely reworked this part of the site and has moved it to a new photo hosting system. As well as all the pictures from this year we have uploaded a lot of pictures from the last 10 years or so and will be adding more over time. If anyone has photos they would like to contribute we can sort out access to upload them direct or send us a CD with your pictures on. Contact Richard for more info. The photo gallery can be accessed from the main website or direct at [gallery.bristolpegasus.com](http://gallery.bristolpegasus.com) - it is a great place to see what the club offers or find pictures of yourself on past events.



## Meet The Committee

### Bob Bull - Membership Secretary

I first joined the BAC Motor Club in 1965 and produced early Backfires (hand written, typed up by a friendly secretary and produced on a Gestetner (don't ask)). I left British Aerospace in '75 and my work and family took up all my time, often abroad.

In 2000 when I retired my son and I built our first Caterham and I re-entered Motor Sport re-joining Bristol Pegasus Motor Club.

We campaigned various Caterhams in BPMC sprints and championships in the UK and Europe winning a few on the way. My son now races in FF1600 Kent engined series around the UK.



Last year with plenty of time on my hands I volunteered to be membership secretary thinking it would be straightforward! After dealing with duplicate application forms, the vagaries of PayPal and missing data on forms I now know different!



My interest in cars stems from an early age; my parents told me I saw Stirling Moss at Castle Combe in the early 50s. My first car was an Austin A30, apprentices didn't earn much in the 60s, following a spin in

Old Market I decided I needed something better and so acquired my father's FORD 105E joined the BAC motor club and competed in 12 car rallies, treasure hunts, field trials etc. Following a 25 year sabbatical I re-joined actively in 2000.



Challenge from Bob.

105e is May 1970! Prize for anyone who can name the navigator or the hill



## Escursioni

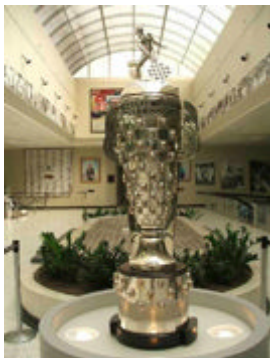
### Martin Emsley

Funny old thing co-incidence because I had been reading MotorSport – Andrew Frankel had a small piece talking about Carroll Shelby in New York to launch the latest limited edition Shelby-Mustang. With a completely re-engineered 5.4litre supercharged motor it will produce 950hp for a street legal version with over 1,100hp for the racecar. He questioned upon how this can effectively be deployed through the somewhat restrictive medium of the Mustang's live rear axle, not being clearly explained, but the fifty lucky owners at £125,000 would have fun finding out. Then just a short while later I saw in the online news that Carroll had passed on to that great workshop in the sky. He certainly put his name to some iconic cars with V8's and big power, thanks to him for making the world a faster, noisier and less 'PC' place.

As for the Spanish GP, what a surprise and what a season thus far, fireworks but no need to set fire to pit garage! But don't forget F1 'racing' is false; created by KERS, DRS & inconsistent tyres!! that said it is not a very good advert for Pirelli tyres, lets face it, I would not go and buy any now in case they 'go over the cliff' as I drive along, no i think they may have made a wee mistake there!

Sundays 10th & 17th June at 6.00pm Ken Robson will be hosting the motoring hour on Bradley Stoke Radio, hopefully with BPMC 'guests'. Be sure to tune in to FM via your PC!

### Indianapolis;



As we left the terminal passed an Eithad aircraft, which looked simply superb, it appeared to have a pearl finish that was resplendent in the sunshine. I was lucky enough to be flying business class with Delta, which was a fine experience. I had a huge individual staggered seat, with a massage facility, which did my back some good. Tons of room the seat folded completely flat at the touch of a button into a bed, ok I could not quite stretch out my 6ft 1in but almost, a proper pillow and a quilt. This is the way to travel! One of the three pilots was a lady, most interesting, she started flying at 9years old in the crop duster on her dads 'farm'. The crew were brilliant and in flight entertainment would have been better had I reviewed the full film menu, I only discovered it on the return flight. The food was superb and would have been a credit to many restaurants, did I enjoy the experience, you bet.

Within 24hrs of my arrival in beautiful Indianapolis I was at the motor speedway and more precisely the museum. Ok the layout in rows could have been more imaginative but it made for a lot of vehicles in the available space. The cars are just awesome and mostly genuine '500' winners; some are just as they finished the great race! I was told there are even more in the store below and that they rotate the display. Aside from the amazing Borg Warner trophy I clapped eyes on 'Spirit of America', wow what a treat and actually as

minimal as they could get around a large gas turbine. I had never envisaged seeing it in the flesh. So I spent a hugely enjoyable few hours studying the evolution of the oval racer, was able to study close up some truly incredible racecars. Got to say I was totally overawed by them especially the 'roadsters' which I love, to me they epitomise Indy and I enjoyed their evolution up to the rear engine revolution. I was overawed to see the Borg Warner trophy on open display and be able to study the intricate detail at each of the winners relief's upon it, back in the foyer we signed an indemnity and then took a bus to Gasoline Alley, no track tours as The Richard Petty driving experience were using the circuit; what a sight a fleet of 2 seat Nascar's; you could either pay and drive following a 'pace' car or ride with a pro in the right seat, I chose the later. I figured they would not appreciate having a car inverted, that taking in controls, car and track was a little too much, also cost 4 times more. Anyway the 'rides' were a damn sight quicker! I could not pass up this opportunity, paid my money, got briefed, kitted up and after a short wait in queue climbed aboard with Craig for four fantastic laps. We topped out at about 160mph on the straightaway having revs in hand but it was the corners that were most amazing, so little steering input. The noise alongside the wall was tremendous as the open exhaust bounced off it, hurt my ears, I wanted him to go faster.....I have the e-film of the event and I was grinning huge the whole time. Man you gotta do these things. We watched for a while the hugely professional and safety orientated team before heading back to the circuit shop. I could easily have spent a fortune in there; they have some wonderful souvenirs so I had to be a bit sensible!

On the evening wandered the 1/8th mile into Monument Circle having been told that Indianapolis was second only to Washington DC for war memorials, anyway a balmy evening of motorbikes; from sports bikes to customised and chopped Harley's no bar, no wheelies, no racing or showing off just genuine folk hanging out and sharing their interest. To say I enjoyed it is understating things, I am not a 'biker' but admire the engineering and detailing, most of all the enthusiasm; I spoke to one fella whose Harley was show quality detailed, chromed and paintwork blue flames sublime yet he has ridden it for 70k miles!

All around town are micro-breweries producing a bewildering selection of 'beers' to suit every taste, well almost. This is the first place I have visited in the US where they make a big effort on bitters.

Later in the week we visited the Lucas Oil Raceway; drags & circuit, unfortunately there was nothing doing and we were unable to get in even to view but a mile down the road is an amazing model car shop run by some 'interesting' folk, think hillbilly might be a fair description! I spent far too long and far too much in there. Now please don't get the idea that I go places and do no work, far from it the days were long and we did accomplish all the objectives and a bit more besides, those who know mw well understand that hotels are just somewhere to sleep and every opportunity on a trip has to be taken as I may never visit there again!

All week in town was the fire-fighters convention I got to hang out drinking with some

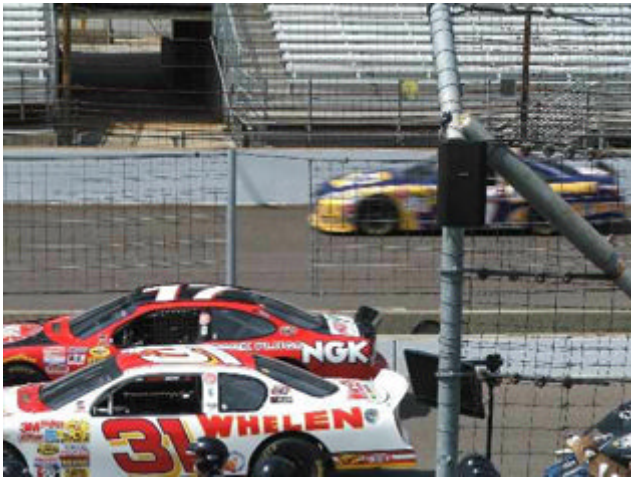
crew from various parts of the USA then visited a show almost as big as Autosport International viewing some more superb machinery; they take real pride in their appliances, work hard and play hard!! It was fascinating seeing the coach built fire engines; being shown their capability, different purposes and with time being of the essence accessibility of equipment, and oh what a choice of specialist tools! I really had no awareness that there was so much to fire fighting and most of the Americans are paramedics too running ambulances from the stations. Out on the street in connection with the fire show was a 2 seat Nascar and 2 seat Indycar, both un-silenced and road legal giving city tours to a few lucky folk!! Inside the show I had viewed another 'production' Orange County Chopper was prize in a charity draw and also a 2012 Indycar!, quite different from contemporary F1 cars with its wheel guards.

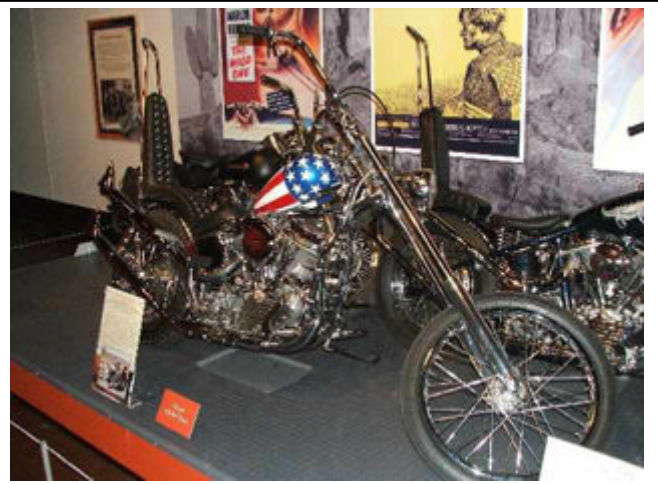
My final must do was the American-Western Museum; it had a special display entitled 'Iron Ponies' of American motorcycles including 'Capt America' from 'Easy Rider' & one of my early heroes Evel Knievel's jump bike. They also displayed some truly amazing custom bikes inc one from Orange County Choppers, as seen on tv. These were art works it is truly about imagination and detailing , these bikes just blew me away, fabulous.

So I got to hang out with some interesting folk, which I love to do and saw some wonderful things for which I am truly thankful.

Roll on September, am sure gonna get some kicks on route 66.







Photos; Martin Emsley



## May Treasure Hunt

**Bob Bull**

Three teams entered, I was impressed they all new the Latin for Bracken (or had smart phones!) however they didn't know the Euro exchange rate. The result was very close with Andy and his wife edging it by one point from Chris and Alan with Ralph and Tim a close 3rd.





# Get It Sideways Rally 2012

Phil Turner

Having finally got the car sorted after the Rally last year we entered the Get It Sideway Rally at down Ampney on Sunday the 21st of April, now some of you more patriotic types may recognize that date as the Queens Birthday but more importantly its mine so what better way to celebrate my 60th by entering a rally.

We decided to run on dry tyres as the sky was clear and the ground was drying out and that seemed to be a good decision as there was only some small patches of water and mud so the first stage went ok but on the second we hit a rock with the o/s rear and got a puncture, I decided to finish the stage on the rim to save time but took 11/2 minuets longer than the first so we were way down on time by then.



There was a holdup on the third so when we finished we only had 14 minuets before the forth stage, and the sky went very dark and we ended up on the start line with dry tyres in a hail storm, the ground was white and traction was at a premium and pushing hard to make up time we went off backwards into a large straw ball which rearranged the boot area but we were still able to continue but lost more time.

By now it was clear that a class award was not coming our way so we carried on with the next six stages and had some great fun and finished 31st overall out of 62 entries.

The next event is on the 5th of May so hopefully we will have better luck.



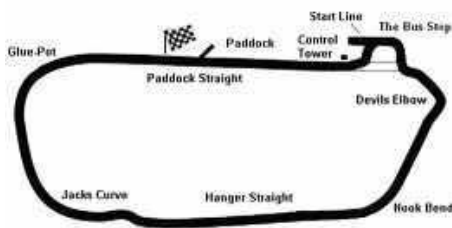
## Welcome to New Members

Welcome to Bristol Pegasus Motor Club, we all hope you feel you get great value for money from your membership. To that ends we would like to hear why you joined the club and what events you would like to be involved in, there are many opportunities to enjoy club motorsport and friendship with like minded enthusiasts.

Joseph Mercer - Cricklade, Wiltshire  
Andy Klein

Check out our website <http://www.bristolpegasus.com> for ideas and information.

Please feel free to email Bob Bull or call 01275 843839 to discuss how we can achieve your aims. Thanks and Welcome.



## Llandow Sprint

**Andy Moss**

Having run a sprint at Llandow since 2002 it was disappointing that last year we had to cancel the event due to lack of entries. In the past our event was one of two at the circuit in May, the other event being run by the Welsh Counties Car Club. The Welsh Counties event has always been well supported by the Lotus Seven Club, but in 2011 their event also had less entries than they have in the past. The obvious thing for 2012 was to look into running a single event at the circuit, so with this in mind myself, Martin Baker and BMC chairman Allen Harris met with Welsh counties at Aust Services.

A good discussion followed and we left with agreement in principle to try to run the event as a joint venture. Early in 2012 we met again to work out a little more detail. Don Statton from Welsh counties would take on the role of Clerk of the Course, BMC's Tony Streeting would be deputy Clerk and I would handle preparing the regulations and acting as entries secretary with Don sorting out booking all the facilities needed to make the event happen. Later the clerking team would be joined by Nick Wood, while Allen Harris and Barry Green from BMC agreed to look after things in control. Cherry Robinson offered to help out with signing on and secretarial duties on the day and Welsh counties would provide club stewards and start line crew.

With an excellent team assembled all we needed now was a decent entry. The Lotus Seven Club confirmed they would like to attend which was a good start, and the event was added to both the ASWMC and WAMC regional championships. The date was chosen to be on the same weekend as the Lys-y-Fran Hillclimb, which allowed many travelling some distance to the event to get in two events in South Wales in one weekend. With regulations sent out the entries started to come in at a steady pace and before long we

were confident we had an event. In the end we received 90 entries – as normal a few withdrew before the day but we ran 85 which was very pleasing.

As well as an excellent turn out of Lotus Sevens, there was a real mix of different cars, as well as a good selection of road going cars, we had some nice modified, Sports Libre and Single Seater cars. One of the challenges for me was to look at the classes run in previous events and to make sure we had everyone covered with a suitable class. The WCCC event generally follows WAMC championship regs and our past events followed ASWMC class structures. Early on we decided as we were in Wales we would generally follow the Welsh Championship class structure. The respective championship co-ordinators would put people into the classes based on the championship when working out their scores. The classes are quite different between the two championships – a good example being in the “kit car” classes where the Welsh championship mandated windscreens and the ASWMC rules do not. I am sure this is an area we will look at again next time depending on the 2013 regional championship regs.

The one major incident of the day involved club member Graham Harden who had been going well in his Jedi. On the last run of the day the car had an off after the small chicane at “Jacks Corner”. The marshals, rescue unit and paramedic were quick to respond and Graham was taken to the local hospital for an X-ray on a shoulder injury. The damage to the car did not look too bad and hopefully Graham and Jedi will be back out competing soon – best wishes for a speedy recovery from everyone in the club.

Among the notable results for Pegasus Members were Martin Watts who claimed best Pegasus member in the Sylva Riot beating Ian Parr by a tiny margin for the award based on class index. Tom Arnold in his Spire GTR took a class victory in the upto 2000cc Sport Libre class. “Team Lower North Wraxall” comprised Pegasus Members Neil Davies in his Toyota MR2 and Matthew Johnson in the VX220, both had the benefit of the advice of that other well know resident, Ian Hall, during the afternoon.

The three organising clubs seemed to work well together, and everyone seemed to have a pretty good understanding of what we needed to do and just got on with doing it.

There was always going to be the odd thing that caught us out with a new team and we have a few things that we can learn from, but in general the day went smoothly and the feedback from the competitors was positive.



Thanks must go to all the Pegasus members who entered or marshalled, as well as to BMC and WCCC. With a tough economic situation impacting what people can spend on their motorsport, it was great to see three clubs come together to run a successful event.

## Llandow Sprint 2012



## Llandow Sprint 2012





## **Caring with Cars**

### **Andy Moss**

Sometimes you do not realise what excellent events there are on your doorstep and this was certainly the case with "Caring with Cars" which was held just south of Bristol at Failand.

The event is not open to the public, so the only way to get in was to sign up on the Piston Heads website and agree to bring your car along. Nick Wood spotted the event and asked me if I would like to go along - if I had known how good it was going to be it would have been a much quicker decision to say yes. It is certainly one event I will be looking out for next year.

So what made it so enjoyable ? Well to start with it was free to get in, although there were raffles and bucket collections to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West Charity, no one was trying to make a profit from this and what you did donate was going to a very worth cause. Secondly it was just the right size - limited to 500 cars which meant there was plenty to see without it being too huge. As well as the cars, there was a live band which added to the garden party atmosphere.

However what made this event really special were the cars. As well as a fine collection of "supercars" there were some more unusual gems. Have a look at the pictures below or visit the club website to get a flavour of what was there.

With a limited number of spectators there was plenty of opportunity to get a good view of the cars and we also enjoyed the opportunity to chat with some of the owners.

Among the other club members there were Chris Hartnell with his Backdraft drag racer - certainly one of the stars of the show. During the afternoon a few people started up their engines and it did seem there was a bit of an unofficial "who has the loudest car contest".

I watched with interest as Chris started Backdraft - one poor lady about 40 feet away was seen to jump with shock, while the gathered crowd seemed to love the unsilenced "music" coming from the car. As he switched it off a chap stood next to me turned to his friend and said "Well I guess he wins the loudest car competition" !

This event is well worth a visit - hopefully it will run again next year - we will let you know as soon as we have any details.





Pictures; Andy Moss



## Tour de Yate

Martin Emsley

Well after a simply glorious weekend I was hoping for a pleasant evening for the touring assembly 14th May. As some may remember last year's event to the Book Barn was glorious so would we get lucky again? Was also concerned that prior to the event I had received virtually no response or contact from folk registering an interest in taking part, how would it turn out? The usual Organiser's dilemma

An hour before the start we had the most spectacular downpour, that would put a few off thought!! So imagine my delight to get 18 crews arrive to tackle the 'tour', including a couple from the local MX5 Owners Club, though for some extraordinary reason they did not appear at the finish. Could not have been the instructions as I was told that they were good so your guess is as good as mine.

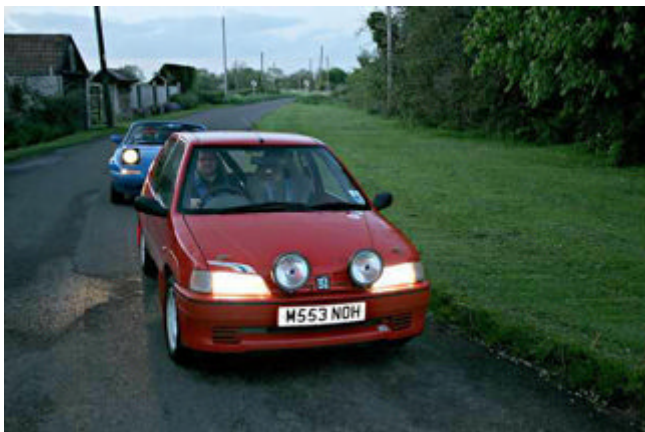
There were some 'fun' challenges at the end simply to enable me to give out a few prizes. I enjoy old copies of motoring magazines and was recently given an ancient copy of SportMotor, happening across an article about the proposed Tour de Caumont. It was designed out to rival the Mille Miglia but being French had an extraordinarily complicated set of rules and indexes, mainly it seems to ensure a French car / crew won! Come the time there were precisely zero entries, so the event never happened. Renowned auto historian Noug Dye enquired of the maestro Merling Stoss why he had not been tempted to enter to which he replied "I doubt I would have got an entry for my E-type silver Cross pram in British racing green as I was only 2 years old!" So the arduous event with a lap length of 30 miles

never happened but I thought it might be fun to utilise not just the lap length but also one of the obscure and almost unfathomable index's for our own Tour de Yate. Before the teams arrived I was visited by some of the folk in the pub enquiring what was going on, they were most interested, and came out in expectation. And so it was that the crews arrived at The Plough, well most of them, to attempt several 'challenges'. At the end of it



all the index was applied, no wonder no one wanted to enter the original French event, complicated does not even begin to describe it. Despite the best forward to cone score Mr Hills' Cobra was just outside the top three, they also scored well in the 'egg and spoon' but had to concede fastest time to Chris Goodchild, though his time was somewhat too rapid! Nick Cook was also a strong contender but not quite there whilst the extra points scored by Chris & Claire in the oldest vehicle 'the Burb' for the bonnet lifting in slow motion at the top of Winterbourne Hill propelled them literally into the top 5. When all totalled up Evans and Edwards in the Saab 93 were third purely on

constancy, whilst Andy and Liz had a good trundle in the Westfield their position on reversing to the cone just scraping them into second. The clear winner and with best reversing and second best forward to cone was Monsieur Bob Bull. They were awarded a small item in recognition of their success! Thanks to all 18 crews for turning out, it makes it worthwhile, hope you all enjoyed yourselves, maybe we will do something similar next year. Also thanks to Ralph and Tim for their assistance and the good weather.



Pictures; Simon Child & Andy Moss

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# 2012 Club Championship

## Positions as at June 1st

Prepared By Chris Thompson

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	CLUB MEMBER	POSITION	NUMBER OF EVENTS	ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED
14.75	Andy Moss	1	4	Yes
13.92	Chris Thompson	2	5	Yes
8.33	Liz Moss	3	3	Yes
5.67	Alan Spencer	4	3	Yes
5.00	Ralph Colmar	5	3	No
4.92	Alan Dillamore	6	2	No
4.75	Chris Goodchild	7	1	No
4.75	Tom Arnold	7	1	No
4.33	Ian Parr	9	1	No
4.00	Bob Bull	10	2	Yes
4.00	Colin Ladd	10	1	No
4.00	Nick Wood	10	2	Yes
4.00	Tim Murray	10	2	Yes
3.50	Martin Watts	14	1	No
3.50	Martyn Davies	14	1	No
3.00	Andrew Bisping	16	1	No
3.00	Cherry Robinson	16	2	Yes
3.00	Dick Craddy	16	1	No
3.00	Duncan Pittaway	16	1	Yes
3.00	Mal Allen	16	1	Yes
3.00	Martin Emsley	16	1	yes
2.67	Grahame Harden	22	1	No
2.00	Alison Bisping	23	1	Yes
2.00	Carlie Hart	23	1	Yes
2.00	Donny Allen	23	1	Yes
2.00	Ian Hall	23	1	Yes
2.00	Pete Hart	23	1	Yes
2.00	Simon Child	23	1	No
1.00	Andy Baverstock	29	1	No
1.00	Elen Worthington	29	1	No
1.00	Neil Davies	29	1	No
1.00	Richard Hearnden	29	1	No



# Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2012

**Results Up to Monaco**  
**Prepared by Andy Moss**

After six races our own Fantasy F1 continues to be as exciting and close as the real championship - it looks like it is going to be an entertaining season.

Dick Craddy	Raikkonen	Rosberg	McLaren	Williams	Sauber	Australian	189
Simon Child	Raikkonen	Resta	Lotus	Rosso	Lotus	Abudhabi	173
Ken Robson	Hamilton	Vettel	India	Sauber	India	Chinese	172
Mike Marsden	Resta	Vettel	Lotus	Mercedes	Caterham	Monaco	167
Joe Robson	Resta	Vettel	India	Lotus	Ferrari	Australian	167
Tim Murray	Raikkonen	Rosberg	McLaren	Williams	Sauber	Belgian	163
Sharon Reynolds	Kovalainen	Rosberg	Hrt	Mercedes	Rosso	British	162
Ann Farrow	Resta	Vettel	Caterham	India	Redbull	Monaco	160
Elisabeth Lewis	Alonso	Vettel	India	Rosso	Lotus	Spanish	159
Richard Reynolds	Rosberg	Schumacher	Ferrari	Williams	Sauber	Monaco	156
Mark Niblett	Resta	Rosberg	Caterham	McLaren	McLaren	Monaco	151
David Garnett	Raikkonen	Resta	McLaren	Sauber	Sauber	British	151
Martyn Davies	Hamilton	Hulkenberg	McLaren	Rosso	Rosso	Australian	150
Dominic Bennett	Resta	Vettel	India	Lotus	Ferrari	British	149
Helen Davies	Button	Hamilton	Lotus	Rosso	Caterham	Malaysian	148
Martin Baker	Grosjean	Maldonado	Lotus	McLaren	Rosso	British	148
Ian Hall	Hamilton	Senna	Caterham	Redbull	Marussia	Monaco	146
Matthew Johnson	Schumacher	Vettel	India	Lotus	Sauber	Australian	145
Charlie Emsley	Alonso	Rosberg	Marussia	Mercedes	Redbull	British	142
Chris Thompson	Hamilton	Hulkenberg	Lotus	Mercedes	India	British	141
Chris Lewis	Resta	Vettel	Ferrari	Sauber	Caterham	British	136
Martin Emsley	Glock	Vettel	Ferrari	Hrt	McLaren	Malaysian	135
Ross Willing	Hamilton	Rosberg	Ferrari	India	Marussia	British	134
Alexander Wooldridge Smith	Resta	Vettel	Caterham	Mercedes	McLaren	German	132
Helena Sarsted	Button	Ricciardo	Lotus	Williams	Redbull	British	131
Liz Moss	Petrov	Senna	Mercedes	Redbull	Williams	Japanese	128
Alison Bennett	Button	Resta	Mercedes	Williams	Ferrari	British	128
Steve Clark	Hulkenberg	Vettel	Mercedes	Rosso	McLaren	German	127
Alyson Marsden	Button	Webber	Caterham	Mercedes	Hrt	Australian	126
Richard Ibrahim	Vettel	Senna	McLaren	Rosso	Caterham	British	121

Victoria Phillips	Hamilton	Ricciardo	Ferrari	India	Sauber	British	120
Jenny Hall	Hamilton	Resta	McLaren	Rosso	Hrt	Canadian	119
Bill Farrow	Hamilton	Petrov	India	McLaren	Marussia	Italian	119
Pete Stowe	Kobayashi	Kovalainen	India	McLaren	McLaren	British	115
Rex Meaden	Hulkenberg	Resta	McLaren	Mercedes	Caterham	British	111
Claire Meaddows	Button	Schumacher	India	Lotus	Sauber	Monaco	111
Simon Moss	Button	Schumacher	Mercedes	Williams	India	Australian	111
Andrew Moss	Resta	Petrov	McLaren	Mercedes	India	British	111
Chris Bennett	Alonso	Kovalainen	Caterham	Ferrari	Ferrari	Italian	108
Coralie Thompson	Resta	Schumacher	India	Mercedes	Redbull	British	106
Caroline Meaden	Button	Kovalainen	McLaren	Williams	Hrt	Hungarian	105
Mary Craddy	Resta	Schumacher	Caterham	Redbull	Rosso	Malaysian	102
Chris Hartnell	Button	Resta	Hrt	McLaren	Hrt	British	94



## Market Place - For Sale

### BPMC Pin Badges

Now available; Delightful 20mm diameter BPMC pin badges in black nickel, red / white enamel finish.

These are a must for club members and available for £2.00 each from Martin Emsley.



## Congratulations

**Chris Hartnell** - Took 1st in the Real Steel Wild Bunch round of the Spring Speed Nationals at Shakespeare raceway. Managed 4 wheelying runs with a best ET of 8.8secs and topped 150mph!

**Phil Turner** - Out on the 'loose' again, read about his adventures later in this Backfire

**Paul Bird** - Making progress and completing 1st round at Combe. Paul has kindly written up his adventures which should appear in the next edition of Backfire

**Lisa Selby** - A successful start to the season after last year's setbacks.

**Julian Bronson** - Julian did indeed succeed in claiming his hat-trick at the Monaco Historic GP in R4D heading up an ERA 1,2,3,4.

Well done one and all, let us have your news and celebrate it in Backfire



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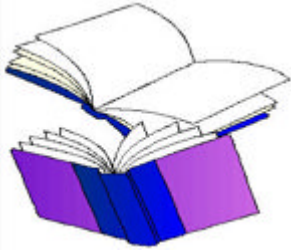
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## **BPMC Guide To.....**

### **Gymkhana**

This generally is staged in a field and is aimed to be a fun / social event. Most vehicles eligible, for some challenging and not so challenging 'tests' on grass. This may consist of something as simple as parking as closely to a cone as possible without hitting it or more challenging; attempting a marked course against the clock. For our event we also have loan of a BBQ for lunch time so bring the family, some food, sling it on the 'barbie' and enjoy a bit of socialising as well.



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We would encourage members to try and marshal on at least one event each year, and would ask that competitors hoping to enter larger events such as the Pegasus Sprint show their support by making the effort to come out and marshal on events such as the Gymkhana and Autotest/Autosolo.

## Dates for your diary - Full details inside

### The ACE Charity Classic Vehicle Tour - Sunday 3rd June

A great social occasion for a very worthy cause

### Club Night - Monday 11th June

Meet for a noggin 'n natter at The BAWA, Southmead Road.

### Gymkhana - Sunday 22nd June

A great fun event suitable for most vehicles, see inside for more details

### Treasure Hunt - Monday 25th June

Sure to have an interesting route and be a fun event

### Llandow Track Day - Saturday 30th June

A new opportunity for track time at a challenging venue

### Club weekend - Shakespeare Raceway - Sat / Sun 7th & 8th July

### Bristol Pegasus Castle Combe Track Day

#### Saturday 11th August

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