

Backfire

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Cover: Club members during our trip to Stonleigh for the 2011 Race Retro Show
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2011 BPMC Events Calendar

Recent updates shown bold - make sure you update your Calendar or Diary !

Month	Date	Day	Event	Venue
Mar	4th	Fri	Navigation Exercise	Keynsham
Mar	14th	Mon	Club Night - Martin Groves Talk	North Bristol RFC
Mar	19th	Sat	Visit to Prodrive	Banbury
Apr	2nd	Sat	Castle Combe Track Day	Castle Combe Circuit
Apr	11th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Apr	17th	Sun	Trial	Lower Grove Farm Dundry
May	9th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
May	16th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
May	30th	Mon	Llandow Sprint	Llandow Circuit
Jun	5th	Sun	ACE Classic Tour	BAWA Club
Jun	13th	Mon	Club Night	Hot Rods & Show Your Car
Jun	19th	Sun	Autotest / Autosolo	Announced in time for the event
Jun	20th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Jul	9th	Sun	Drag Racing Weekend	Shakespeare County Raceway
Jul	10th	Sun	Drag Racing Weekend	Shakespeare County Raceway
Jul	11th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Jul	18th	Mon	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	6th	Sat	BPMC Sprint	Castle Combe
Aug	7th	Sun	Treasure Hunt	Announced in time for the event
Aug	8th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Aug	21st	Sun	Mendip PCT	Chew Stoke (MGCC Invited Event)
Aug	29th	Mon	Late August Sprint	Llandow Circuit
Sep	12th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Oct	10th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Oct	15th	Sat	Pegasus Sprint	Castle Combe
Oct	16th	Sun	Kimber Trial	Chew Stoke (MGCC Invited Event)
Oct	28th	Fri	Navigation Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Oct	30th	Sun	Autotest / Autosolo	Announced in time for the event
Nov	14th	Mon	Club Night	North Bristol RFC
Nov	17th	Thu	Karting	Raceway Avonmouth
Nov	25th	Fri	Navigation Exercise/Scatter	Announced in time for the event
Dec	12th	Mon	AGM & Buffet	North Bristol RFC
Dec	28th	Wed	Xmas Noggin & Natter	Announced in time for the event

Friday 4th March - Navigation Exercise - Keynsham Start

Andy Moss organises with assistance from Tim Murray - Note New Date which replaces the previously advertised dates for February and March Navigation events.

The event will start from map reference **172 / 653½ 685½** which is slightly different from the reference given last month. This is the Ashton Road car park in Keynsham. Start time is 7.30pm, so please arrive from 7.15pm. **You will only need map 172.**

The route will cover 25 miles and Andy promises straight forward navigation and easy to find route checks, with plenty of help available for novices. We will finish at the Globe at Newton St Loë around 10pm, so we are in plenty of time for a drink and a chat.

The emphasis will be on a fun evening with a good social at the end rather than cryptic navigation. Beginners have the option of a plotting the route from a list of map references, so if you can plot a map reference you will be able to get the route drawn on the map. **Members are welcome to join us at the finish pub even if you are not entering.**

To get to the start turn off the high street near the HSBC bank, past the car spares shop and then right opposite the British Legion past Quick Fit into Ashton Road. The organiser will be in a silver Mazda 6.

Monday 14th March - Club Night - A Talk by Martin Groves The 2010 British Hillclimb Champion



Martin Groves, three-time former champion, has taken the top spot for a fourth time at the wheel of his Gould/Cosworth GR55. In the second runoff at Doune, Groves stopped the clocks over half a second quicker than championship rival Scott Moran to take the title with two rounds

remaining. In addition to his overall victory, he also set three new hill records along the way. It was a determined and hard-fought victory.

British hillclimbing is all about ultimate speed and precision, and even 1/100 of a second can and often does make the difference between winning or not.



Saturday March 19th - Club Visit to Prodrive Factory/Museum

"Prodrive - Where Inspiration & Innovation Combine"

Now full! As there will be no mini-bus provided you might wish to car share. If you do please rendezvous at the Rugby Club (where we have our Club nights) by 0945 for a prompt departure. Postcode for the venue is OX16 3ER. If you are driving directly to Prodrive please be there by 12 midday with £15 (cash) entry ready. If needed Nick's mobile is: **07786936941**

Monday 30th May - Llandow Sprint

Entry forms will be sent to past competitors and available on website in the next few days.

Sunday June 5th - ACE Classic Tour

This year the supported charity is the Air Ambulance. The tour takes place in the Wiltshire countryside. Entry form and start details included further in Backfire.

Saturday/Sunday July 9th & 10th - Shakespeare County Raceway

Come along for another fun weekend of 'Run Wot Ya Brung'. The theme for this year's fancy dress is '70s'. I'm sure you can find something hidden in the back of your wardrobe! More details next month.

Deadline for Next Backfire: 1st April

As always, we are looking for contributions for Backfire

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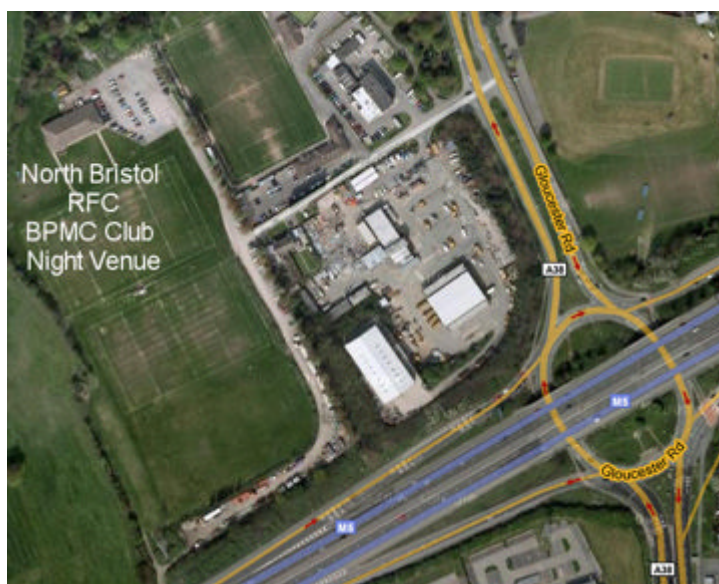
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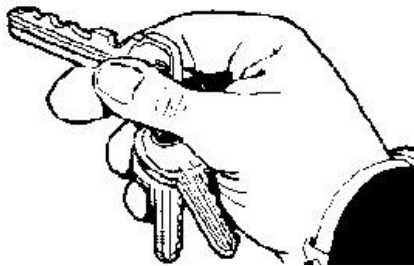
Club Night Directions

North Bristol RFC

Almonsbury Bristol

Exit M5 at Junction 16. Arriving from the south, take the left exit lane. Turn left at lights and venue is 150 metres on left-hand side. Arriving from east, take right-hand lane on slip road. Take 3rd exit. After approx 150 metres, turn left before Police HQ. Continue past the Gloucester Football Association building. At T junction, turn right into North Bristol RFC.





CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Andy Moss

February has been a busy month for the club in terms of planning spring and summer activities, despite there being only a couple of events in February itself. We had a good club night when Max Tyler gave us an informative and entertaining talk about racewear, as well as telling us about some of his own motorsport activities.

This was followed by our annual trip to Race Retro - we again filled a minibus - thanks to Martin Emsley for all his effort in organising and Martin Baker for doing the driving.

I am also pleased to be able to report that places have almost sold out for our Castle Combe Test day, despite the earlier date, the event seems to remain popular with our members and those from our invited clubs. At the time of going to press there were only a few places left so get your entry in quickly - once we have sold out organiser Tony Smith will start a reserve list.



We also have our Production Car Trial in April and entry forms are now available for this. If you haven't had a go at this before it's a lot of fun and is designed to be suitable for any road car, so there's no excuse for not having a great afternoon's fun. Clerk of the course Mal Allen will lay out the hills to try to avoid any damage to your car, and in the past has been very successful in achieving this.

If you don't want to enter then why not come along and help out? We need a scrutineer to help look over the cars, a club steward to keep an eye on things and of course marshals to do the scoring on the hills. A great opportunity to get involved and help out in a slightly different form of motorsport.

Things are also coming together for our first sprint of the year at Llandow on 30th of May - We have held our first planning meeting, and the regs will be available online by the time you read this. This year, we are again sending Llandow information to past competitors by email, which will help reduce both printing and postage costs to help keep the entry fee as low as we can. If you don't have email, don't worry - you will still get a printed copy in the post. With no Colerne event in May we expect Llandow to be very popular this year so make sure you get your entry in as soon as you receive the details. We are also finalising all the details for our sprint events later in the year, and there should be more details in the very near future.

Looking forward to the Summer and we are planning something a little different for our June Autotest - this year we are going to hold an event on Grass and we have been lucky enough to have been offered the use of a very suitable field in a lovely location. We plan to have a fun day combining the opportunity to have a run round the cones with a social gathering and midday BBQ. The plan is to split the event into two halves with some low speed "fun" tests before lunch and some more serious tests after the lunch break. Even if you don't want to drive, we hope you will join us to watch and have some lunch. If there is enough interest we may also arrange a scenic route to follow to the start.

In the short term, we have a few excellent events in March. Firstly we have our Navigation Exercise which I am organising with help from Tim Murray. This is an ideal event for new comers - as well as the navigation on the main route card being straight forward, novice crews have the option of taking a list of map references - so if you can plot a map reference you can do the event. We will be finishing at the Globe at Newton St Loe near Bath, so come along and have a drink at the end even if you are not entering the event.

This is followed by our much anticipated Club Night with our special guest speaker British Hillclimb Champion Martin Groves. We are expecting an excellent evening and a good turn out, so come along and enjoy what promises to be a great evening.

Finally we have our trip to Pro-Drive - this is now sold out - Social Secretary Nick Wood has already had to approach them to increase the numbers, and we have around 35 club members making the trip.



Finally a brief report on my own motorsport activities. I had a very enjoyable day out watching the Cotswold Clouds trial - As always Mal and Donny Allen were very impressive in their Marlin.

My next outing in my own Marlin will be at our Dundry Trial, which will be followed a week later by my first attempt at the Lands End. Following a very

enjoyable Exeter, I have again entered in class "O" which means I will not have to do some of the more challenging hills. Richard Reynolds will again be in the Passenger seat and hopefully things will go as well as they did on the Exeter. Before that I will be out in the Westfield on the Test day, and am looking forward to my first Sprint of the year which will be at Llandow.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – LAST REMINDER!

Many thanks to all those who have renewed or joined for 2011 and a reminder to those who haven't yet. Please bear in mind that whilst your membership doesn't lapse until 31st March (as declared in our Articles of Association) you cannot enter an event without a current membership card – and these expire on 31st December each year.

With great thanks to Richard Reynolds for all his sterling work on our website, our on-line membership is now up and running. This will now also allow the option of electing for Backfire as an electronic download thereby qualifying for a £3 rebate – on line membership for £7.50 net – not bad!!!! I can't see any other club beating us for low cost!

Last year our total membership topped out at 320 and we're already up to 230 for 2011 so we are looking good so far overall. However, we have only 18 new members compared with 58 at the year end and with 30 at the same time last year – not looking so good regarding 'new blood'. I'm sure the Sprint season will herald a sudden rush of applications though and the economic downturn might well work in our favour due to our low cost membership.

Best regards

John Corfield - Membership Secretary

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Club Calendar 2011

2011 Bristol Pegasus Club Calendar

The last few 2011 Club calendars are still available. As they go through to the end of January

2012 you can still get lots of use out of them !! The cost per calendar is £4 and they are full-colour A4 format as last year. If you wish us to post your calendar, please add £1 postage and packaging. Send cheques payable to Bristol Pegasus Motor Club to 80 Meadow Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8BP.



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By Martin Emsley

Where has the last month gone? Yet when I think back, what has actually happened? Pleased to report that Nick Wood has managed to complete another chunk of his clerk training, if he continues to put in the effort then gaining his licence should be achievable within the next few months. He will then be in a position to be the main man for some sprints and going on his past efforts in other roles, and as Assistant Clerk he will be a welcome and valuable member of the team.

Your Clerks and Stewards attended the bi-annual MSA seminar in February, this proved to be an interesting and informative day. The morning seminars covered such as Incident Control, Environmental Matters, Judicial and Stewarding Matters. They were brief and informative. Post lunch we split in to discipline groups; Speed, Race, Rally etc and we were presented with a series of scenarios which were discussed in small groups then fed back and further analysed. After several years of this I cannot but feel some of the examples are of the MSA trying to be too clever catching us out instead of encouraging a deeper look into the 'Blue Book' rules and how they apply. I thought it a good day, which has given me a few things to think about and consider in future.



Had a visit with Andy to one of our members who has offered some land for an event, not too far away! It has much potential and is an exciting opportunity. I suggest you keep the weekend of 18/19 June free and watch this space. As normal with our events the mantra is 'safe and fun'. Fun being the word that summarises our annual visit to Race retro; as I write only 48hours away. Again a full coach, discounted tickets etc. It is guaranteed to be a day of good company, great cars and Martin Baker has sorted a super venue for our supper stop on homeward journey. All I have to do now is find some money and on the day avoid episode 3 of our notorious quiz appearances. Report and pictures in the next edition of Backfire.

Bonnet lines have been catching my eye lately; no particular reason should really be watching the road. Well it is the shut lines in particular; on the new Vauxhalls especially silver ones there is a narrow black band below the bonnet front lip, it is deceiving and can give the illusion of being open. Then there is the horizontal mid-split on the latest Peugeot that I am not sure I like the look of and am concerned about matching in the event of a bump. Has anyone else notices how much sharper and closer shut lines are these days than when we were younger?



Auctions never come singly like busses, found some information out about the Autosport one held in January. Historic classic car auction house Coys of Kensington grossed just over £1.4 million, the best result since Coys started holding auctions at the major European motorsport show ten years ago. Competition cars were the order of the day with several period Le Mans entrants, famous Group B and WRC rally cars, period 1960s racing saloons and Formula Juniors, and also high quality GTs, all going under the hammer.



Cars were sold to investors from all over the world, with the highlight lot, an extremely rare and desirable 1968 Bizzarrini 5300GT, going to Spain for a record £242,600. A highly original right hand drive Ferrari 365 Daytona sold post-auction for £165,000. A Ford Focus WRC campaigned by Colin McRae in 2001 and 2002 seasons, and the actual Ford RS200 Evolution which held the 0-60 World Record time for 12 years, were among the best selling cars. The Ford Focus WRC sold for £108,200 to a UK buyer. The RS200 (one of only 22 ever made)



went to a Spanish rally enthusiast for £126,120, after some frantic bidding from Swiss, Northern European and UK buyers.

It was encouraging to see a renewed increased interest in the 1990s Jaguar XJ220, with a low mileage RHD example selling for £130,000. Finally Jenson Button's BMW M5 (which he apparently dropped off to the sale complete with his post and lunch remains still inside) sold for £26,500.

The other auction which holds a particular interest for me is Historics at Brooklands. This has consigned to its next sale on 3rd March, a blockbusting collection of classic American vehicles fresh from the set of the forthcoming Marvel Studios movie, Captain America – 'The First Avenger'. The epic 50+ strong collection features vehicles from 1931-1948; the more unusual including a 1942 Chevrolet Gillig School/Tour Bus, a 1933 Dodge Tow Truck and a WWII Dodge Military Ambulance, with all vehicles used during filming at Shepperton Studios in London, and on location in Manchester and Liverpool, UK. With the film due for global release from July 2011, the cars will be part of an action-packed sale at Brooklands on 3rd March 2011,



alongside a supporting cast of a further 65 fine classic and sports cars.



Each car from the Captain America collection boasts its own intriguing history – including a 1933 Dodge Tow Truck sourced from the Nevada Desert that comes complete with genuine bullet holes on the driver's wing and bonnet – and all will be accompanied by a signed certificate of authenticity. Other stars on show are a 1941 Cadillac Series 61 boasting superb art deco styling and a 1935 Hudson Sedan

bristling with a mighty straight eight powerplant, whilst a number of two door coupes from the likes of Dodge, Hudson, Chevrolet, Plymouth and Ford – many of which are fitted with flathead V8's – will appeal to hot rod fans. The cars are fascinating and with extremely low reserves set across the board, everybody will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire a little piece of cinematic history.

Will have to keep an eye on this sale, estimates on some vehicles are as low as £1,000 my own favorite being; Lot 228 - The Marvel Collection 1939 Dodge Sedan

- Odometer reading: 85,496
- Estimate: £1,000-£2,000

This 1939 example is finished in light grey coachwork with beige upholstery and this model was immortalised by Superman who drove a 1939 Dodge in the 1950s TV series! Power is supplied by a flat-head six cylinder engine with a manual 3-speed column change gearshift and is perhaps the ideal car for a date with Lois Lane! Purchased by the vendor as a barn find but found to be a better car when it arrived in the UK than first expected, it was sent to the workshop and made to run and drive safely. Once up and running it was re-painted and the interior was cleaned up making it nicely presentable. A filming incident means it has a damaged near side rear wheel arch but this example surely makes a great starter classic for someone wishing to dip a toe into the waters of pre-War Americana.

Buyers should note all import duties have been paid and this Dodge is supplied with a certificate of authenticity by Marvel Studios confirming its involvement in the filming of Captain America- The First Avenger



Fair play to one of our members who as well as entering the cut and thrust world of racing has set up his own web site. Ambitious plans and I wish them well, they could do with some help so if you could assist please get in touch with them and follow progress on;

<http://jibbyjobbyracing.co.uk/>

Hopefully there will be a few stories along the way that will get shared in Backfire and the 'dodgy' ones told over a pint.

Your correspondent contacted some key people for their opinions:

From the towers of the FIA, a cleaner said: "I wish these young entrepreneurs all the best in their ventures, whilst the top F1 teams may not currently see them as a threat.....it may come, you never know"

A top F1 team driver: "I as eard ze driver iz quik. I ope iz tyrs iz gut"

The BBC commentary team: "Never heard of them. Strange name for a team. Bit of a tongue twister when commentating"

From me: "Very best of luck, keep safe and enjoy your motorsport"



Jibby Jobby Wear

Letters

Dear Andy and all members of the Car Club

Many thanks for our Fantasy F1 prize of club sweatshirts which are great. We really enjoy getting the "Backfire" every month, nice to keep in touch. Tom and I can remember when the members of the club were about 6 people and we had a meeting in our front room at Patchway. It's so good it is in a healthy position these days. I am writing this on Tom's behalf as he is not too well, more checks on Tuesday next.



The picture on this card takes me back to when I walked through this sort of wood to get better timber in World War II, when in the Womens Land Army timber corps, Sussex and Surrey.

Regards to all from us.

Audrey and Tom King.

The Chipping Sodbury Classic Run Sunday 26th June 2010

Open to all pre 1985 cars, motorbikes
and light commercial vehicles.



- Starts in Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury at 8.30am.
- Breakfasts available at The Squire from 7.30am. (All proceeds to the R.N.L.I.)
- Total distance approx. 85 miles.
- Mid morning coffee stop at Churchdown.
- Lunch time finish at Castle Combe Circuit.
- Entry fee £27.

**For an entry form, please contact Mark Benstock
01454 311712**

e-mail rotary.classic.run@hotmail.co.uk

Organised by the Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury.

AUTOSPORT 2011

by David Garnett



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Mazda MX5

By Martin Emsley



The MX-5, also known as Miata in North America and Eunos Roadster in Japan, is a lightweight two-seater roadster, of front-engine, rear-wheel drive layout, built by Mazda in Hiroshima, Japan. The model was introduced in 1989 at the Chicago Auto Show and kicked off a new era of low cost open-top two-seater sports cars not seen in the automotive industry since the 1970s. The MX-5 was conceived as a small roadster – with light weight and minimal mechanical complexity limited only by legal and safety requirements; technologically modern, but a philosophically direct descendant of the small British roadsters of the 1960s such as the Triumph Spitfire, Austin-Healey Sprite, MG Midget and Lotus Elan.

The second generation MX-5 (NB) was launched in 1998 and the current (NC) model having been in production since 2006, and it continues to be a best selling convertible, and by February 2011, 900,000 MX-5s have been built and sold around the world.

Since the launch of the third generation MX-5, Mazda consolidated worldwide marketing using the MX-5 name, though enthusiasts in the USA still refer to it as Miata, a name that means "reward" in Old High German.

So here we have a perfectly good car, it is certainly popular, indeed several club members own and use them and I have heard nothing but high praise. As with any car there will be people who wish to modify and 'improve' their steed, but to re-body can lead me to wonder about the sanity of some folk. So for that reason I present to you a few found on the wonderful WWW. I just could not write some of this stuff so you get both barrels straight off the net....and I am sure there are more out there!!

RSpeed is the exclusive US importer for Pitcrew Racing Japan and your source for their exclusive line of 'retro-fied' conversion kits for the M1 or M2 Miata. Whether mild or wild, Pitcrew Racing conversions can make your Miata into a serious traffic stopper. Pitcrew Conversion kits consist of a one-piece front or rear section that will truly turn your Miata into something different - something from the past and something from the future. These kits come with everything needed for an easy install - And while some minor mods need to be made, we do recommend that you have an auto body technician install the kit for you. Unlike other full conversions on the market, you will not be paying an arm and a leg in labor costs to put one of these kits on your Miata as there is no major cutting, welding or heavy bondo work involved.



Each of Pitcrew's body conversions are made out of fiberglass and very lightweight. All lighting in these kits use factory Mazda harnesses and come pre-installed. All additional hardware is also included. For those who are not looking for something so wild, Pitcrew also makes a new 3-piece tail design for the 90-97 Miata that is fabricated from lightweight fiberglass.

With the installation of the Monster Miata '427' body conversion kit, you'll transform your stock (or body-damaged) Miata into a unique version of a 427 roadster. For a small fraction of the effort and the cost, you can present the illusion that you spent years restoring an original of this rendition of *"The bad news in Ferrari's rearview mirror."* You'll enjoy all the



conveniences of a modern sports car A/C, stereo sound system, cruise control, power windows and more, but it's still every bit the crowd-stopper and crowd-pleaser as any of its serpentine brethren!

You can install the entire body conversion (front clip and rear assembly) in approximately two days; if you start on Friday evening, you can

have it fully installed and ready for paint preparation on Sunday evening, or for a reasonable charge.

Despite the bimmer engine cover, the Miata Z9 retains the factory 1.8-litre motor. Talking about fake parts, the Side exhausts are also just for looks. The seller's original plan though was to connect the side exhausts but this has not been completed. This "one of a kind vehicle" as its seller describes it, is an 1994 Mazda MX-5 / Miata cross dressed (with a bit of imagination) as a BMW Z9 Convertible; a concept first seen at the 2000 Paris Show... and quickly forgotten by BMW fans.



Australian car customizer Custom Automotive Restyling has created a rebodied Mazda MX-5 Miata designed to look like an Aston Martin. Called the AMX-07, the car was created for fitness instructor Michael Lebedev, who won the "Dare to be Different" award at a local tuning show for his Miata. The kit is worth \$7,500 in Australian dollars (over \$5,000 U.S.). This, ladies and gentleman, is the Auzzie made, AMX07 which is a rebodied 2nd generation Mazda Miata

/ MX-5 Roadster! The AMX07, which is available as a kit or as a completed vehicle completely transforms a standard, 1989-1997 Mazda MX-5 Miata (NA series) into a wanna-have an Aston Martin for the poor.

NOTE: The M1Stang is not an endorsement or sponsorship of the Ford Motor Company. We are honoured that Ford has granted us permission to use the M1Stang mark and trade dress.

Welcome Fellow Car Lovers, Not a Mustang and not your normal kit-car. After years of searching for a car that looked great and yet could give me modern reliability, safety and handling I found the M1Stang. The man behind the M1 is long time custom car builder and Mustang enthusiast Bill Carnes. After meeting with Bill I knew this was the car I had longed

for and can now offer it to you as a kit (body installed for you to finish) or as a turn key. The following are what make up the M1Stang-You add the fun.



Chassis: The heart of the M1Stang is the most popular sports car ever made- the Mazda MX5 Miata roadster. With a fifteen year race track proven record the MX5 is renowned for its excellent handling and rock solid reliability. More MX5 Miatas take to the race track each weekend than any other car. Its sports car features include rear wheel drive, four wheel disc brakes and independent suspension. The double

overhead cam inline four is very receptive to power upgrades such as super or turbo charging. Of course it can also be left stock and still offers great driving fun. The choice is yours -- mild to wild.

Interior: The factory interior and top are retained so the M1Stang offers all weather protection and comfort. These can include AC, air bags, anti lock brakes, power steering brakes, windows etc. Commute shop or cruise in comfort and style. We also offer custom leather interiors and dress up kits. Click on interiors.

Body: The lines for the M1Stang come from the original and most popular pony car ever. The body is reproduced in steel and is brand new from front bumper to tail lights. Of course the conversion requires many hours of custom coachwork and patience. The end result is one of the most unique head turning fun to drive roadsters ever built at any price.

Star Motor Company is the re-named motor division of Tifosi Devon. The car is an innovative Mazda MX-5-based version of the standard Rana and cleverly retains all the critical geometry of the donor vehicle leaving the Mazda monocoque untouched during construction.

It's a 'bodywork-only' build process with no mechanical work needed and even leaves the original hood in place. Body



panels are supplied in a range of coloured gelcoat options meaning that for those on a tight budget, painting isn't a necessity. The build involves unbolting the Mazda's bumpers, front wings, bonnet, bootlid and light units, replacing them with Rana RS panels.



The Italia was designed by Jim Simpson. Jim worked for Mercedes, Saab and Ferrari before opening his own restoration shop, Contemporary Classics International, some 25 years ago. Jim's background with European performance cars, and a reputation for quality earned him a commission to design and build the 'NARDI Blue Ray III' from the world famous Nardi organisation to help them celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Having worked on some of the most desirable cars in the world and with a dream of styling his own creations, Jim designed something fresh but with a flavour of the 1960's, Italian super cars, thus the Italia was born. So whilst the Italia is not a replica of any vehicle, it takes styling cues from the cars of that era to give a perfectly balanced, retro design. Having produced more than 60-100 Italias in the US and in Japan the Italia is now available in the UK, enter Italia Cars. The MX5 needs no introduction, having gained the accolade of being the most popular sports car ever produced, and for good reason. Despite being much maligned in the UK for being aimed at the softer market it has been applauded by the motoring press all over the world as one of the best handling, supremely balanced and reliable sports cars ever built. The MX5 has been in production for over 15 years, the MK1 version until 1997, after over 400,000 had been produced globally. All models either come with 1.6 or 1.8 twin cam engines and a few were retro fitted with turbochargers or superchargers which are still available, in kit form, today.

Mazdatona - How to make your MX5 look Italian. Sort of.



Apparently, the Lotus Elan was a large influence on the original Mx5. It's kind of obvious really when you look at the styling. However, if you wished those original hardcore Mazda engineers back in Japan – dedicated to simplicity, respectable kerb weights and rear-drive thrills – had taken more exotic influences, an American company may have the answer.

Simpson design has come up with the 'Italia', a kind of trad 1960s Italian look. You can even get wire wheels, if you really insist.



There's also the Manta Ray kit which is a bit more American – named after and influenced by the Corvette Stingray presumably.

And then there's the 'Miami' which seems to ape the Ferrari Daytona. A kit, including painting, will set you back under \$8000 in the States. Rumours that Simpson's next MX5 project has Jaguar XJS influences, and a 5.3 V12 engine conversion from the old British warhorse, remain unfounded...



There's a guy here in the States who grafted the rear end of a '59 Cadillac onto a Miata. We're not talking fiberglass, but the real thing, narrowed of course, but the fins are so long that the leading edges had to be merged into the doors. It was a first class job, but it was the answer to a question that never should have been asked. (Actually, the builder/owner was having a lot of fun with it at car shows and such).



Think this was an official Mazda creation:

As was the Speedster - shame they never went ahead with it:



Then there was the NA Coupe concept:



The Type A NB coupe:



How about a Mk11 based Aston lookalikey

Hopefully there's only one of these:





The 2011 Classic Vehicle Charity Tour – SUNDAY JUNE 5th

All Classics Enthusiasts (A.C.E.) Booking Form Jointly organized with Bristol Pegasus Motor Club'

This Year we will be taking in the wonderful Wiltshire Countryside. 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 **PLEASE ASSEMBLE BY 10AM**

TOILETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE START AREA.

It has been determined that our charity for this year is the **Air Ambulance Service**. In the view of the Committee this local charity is most deserving of our support.

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

Entrant/Driver Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email address:

Contact Telephone Number:

Passenger Name(s):

Vehicle Make/Model:

Vehicle Registration Number:

DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

Signature_____ **Date**_____

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

Tony Joiner, 17 Badminton, Penn Drive, Frenchay, Bristol. BS16 1NJ

Tel: 0117 9564 954 Mobile 0777 314 6981

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

If a receipt is required, please tick box and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

BPMC polo or sweatshirts

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

alanspencer@orange.net 01179 712587

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



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

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



Club Championship Positions as at February 28th Results Prepared By Chris Thompson

TOTAL POINTS SCORED	ENTRANT	'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS	NUMBER OF EVENTS	ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED ?
5.00	Alan Spencer	1	1	No
5.00	Martin Baker	1	1	No
4.00	Alan Dillamore	3	1	No
4.00	Chris Thompson	3	1	No
3.00	Dick Craddy	5	1	Yes
3.00	Martyn Davies	5	1	No
2.00	Andy Moss	7	1	No
2.00	Liz Moss	7	1	No

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As you may've read the Emsley family is planning to stay for the whole event. Some Club members have also expressed a similar interest, please get in touch within the next month if you wish me to put something together. Meanwhile I have talked to Silverstone Classic and they have offered us the following:

BPMC club's discount ticket booking form [VC51024](#). This will enable you to purchase tickets on a 2-4-1 basis and provide your club with an infield display area at the event 22-24 July.

Best ticket discounts can be obtained by purchasing your tickets prior to 31 March.

Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One 2011

The Bristol Pegasus Fantasy Formula One competition is now into its 16th year and continues to be popular with members. Our rules differ a little from those found in the “real” F1 championship so make sure you read them carefully.

Entry is free and open to all club members. One family member may also submit an entry. Results will be published in Backfire each month and will be available between magazines on the club website.

Prizes – Whilst our Fantasy F1 contest is mostly for fun, a gift voucher will be awarded to the winner. We will accept entries up to the first race – the Australian Grand Prix. Entries should arrive by **Friday 25th March** - Good Luck !

Rules

- You must pick any TWO drivers, any TWO teams and any ONE engine from the listings below
- You have a budget of £100m; if you exceed this amount your team will not be accepted. For every £1million you've gone under budget, 10 points will be awarded at the start of the season.
- Your driver must finish the race to score points
- Replacement drivers do not count, likewise if one of your teams doesn't complete the season, you cannot replace them. However the rest of your drivers/teams/engines will still count and you will score points.
- Team and engine scores are based on the highest finishing machine of your chosen make
- Engines score ½ points
- Race Bonus Points : Pole position 5 points. Fastest lap 5 points. Hat-trick (pole, fastest lap & win) 5 extra points.
- All participants have to pick a joker race, this will count as double points so pick wisely.
- Points will be as follows: 1st = 25, 2nd = 18, 3rd = 15, 4th = 12, 5th = 10, 6th = 8, 7th = 6, 8th = 4, 9th = 2, 10th = 1



Car and Driver Costs

Team	Team Cost (£M)	Engine	Engine Cost (£M)	Race Drivers	Driver Cost (£M)
Red Bull	60	Renault-Red Bull	25	Sebastian Vettel	35
				Mark Webber	30
McLaren	50	Mercedes-McLaren	20	Lewis Hamilton	35
				Jenson Button	30
Ferrari	40	Ferrari	15	Fernando Alonso	30
				Felipe Massa	25
Mercedes	28	Mercedes	14	Michael Schumacher	20
				Nico Rosberg	15
Renault	24	Renault	11	Nick Heidfeld	20
				Vitaly Petrov	15
Williams	14	Cosworth	9	Rubens Barrichello	10
				Pastor Maldonado	8
Force India	12	Mercedes-India	7	Adrian Sutil	10
				Paul di Resta	10
Sauber	8	Ferrari-Sauber	4	Kamui Kobayashi	8
				Sergio Pérez	8
Toro Rosso	8	Ferrari-Toro	4	Sébastien Buemi	5
				Jaime Alguersuari	4
Lotus	5	Renault-Lotus	3	Jarno Trulli	5
				Heikki Kovalainen	3
HRT	3	Cosworth-HRT	2	Narain Karthikeyan	2
				TBA	1
Virgin	2	Cosworth-Virgin	1	Timo Glock	2
				Jérôme d'Ambrosio	1

The easiest way to enter is online at www.bristolpegasus.com or Complete the form on the next page – if you do not wish to cut your Backfire send entry on a photo copy or a plain piece of paper to the **Simon Moss, 80 Meadow Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8BP**. You may also e-mail entries to simon@mossdata.co.uk

2011 Formula 1 Race Dates

Round	Grand Prix	Date
1	Australian GP	27 March
2	Malaysian GP	10 April
3	Chinese GP	17 April
4	Turkish GP	8 May
5	Spanish GP	22 May
6	Monaco GP	29 May
7	Canadian GP	12 June
8	European GP	26 June
9	British GP	10 July
10	German GP	24 July
11	Hungarian GP	31 July
12	Belgian GP	28 August
13	Italian GP	11 September
14	Singapore GP	25 September
15	Japanese GP	9 October
16	Korean GP	16 October
17	Indian GP	30 October
18	Abu Dhabi GP	13 November
19	Brazilian GP	27 November



2011 Fantasy F1 Entry Form

Remember : You have £100m to spend on two different drivers, two cars and an Engine.

Driver 1 :

Driver 2 :

Team 1 :

Team 2 :

Engine :

Joker Race :

(One race to score double points)

Name:

Address :

Telephone :

E-Mail :

Sunday 17th April

BPMC Cross Trophy Production Car Trial - Dundry

Our Production Car Trial is to be held at Lower Grove Farm in Dundry on Sunday April 17th. The venue is superb for an event of this type and should offer a challenge for most.



So what is a Production Car Trial? Well, simply it's a Trial that you can do in an ordinary road car. Entrants will need a vehicle, a driver and a navigator/bouncer –

whose job it will be to jump about in the passenger seat to maintain traction when the going gets a bit slippery. If you don't have a passenger, don't worry – you can always grab a fellow competitor to sit in.

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



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

For further details and an entry form visit the club website or contact Andy Moss 0117 9041841(H), 0117 9912702 (W) or email andy@mossdata.co.uk

A brilliant fun afternoon with your ordinary road car
Entry Just £10 - Any car is suitable

Club Championships - Revised 2011 Rules

Points will be awarded for all BPMC events entailing the use of a car.

Points will be awarded for both competing in and organising an event.

Competitors Points

Points are awarded according to the formula.

$$\left(\frac{5 (\text{Number of Starters} - \text{Number of Finishers})}{\text{Number of Starters}} \right) + 1$$

- Points are awarded according to finishing position in class or if there are no classes, by overall finishing position.
- Non finishers are included in number of starters and will be classed as finishing in last position.
- For tied positions, points are averaged for the number tied (eg if 2 entrants tie for 4th place, then each is given position 4½).
- The first signed-on passenger scores for Navigation Exercises, Navigation Scatters, Treasure Hunts. For the Test Day organisers points only will be awarded.



Officials Points

3 points will be awarded to event organisers

2 points will be awarded to marshals

1 point will be awarded for setting up an event on the day before an event

- Event organisers points will be awarded to those who organise events such as Navigation Events, Treasure Hunts, or who act as Clerk of the Course, Secretary of Meeting or Entries Secretary.
- Should an event be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organisers control, points will still be awarded.

Awards

Awards are given to the first three in the end of year standings. In the event of a tie it will be decided by the following criteria

1. The person who has marshalled or organised the most events
2. The most 1st place positions, followed by most 2nd place and so on

Marshals Trophy

This trophy will be presented for the highest score based on organising & marshalling only.

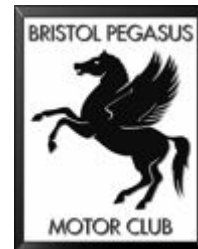
Officials

Championship co-ordinator : Chris Thompson

Championship Stewards : The club Vice Presidents are appointed as Championship Stewards.



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Sprint

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Llandow Circuit, Vale of Glamorgan
MONDAY 30th MAY 2011

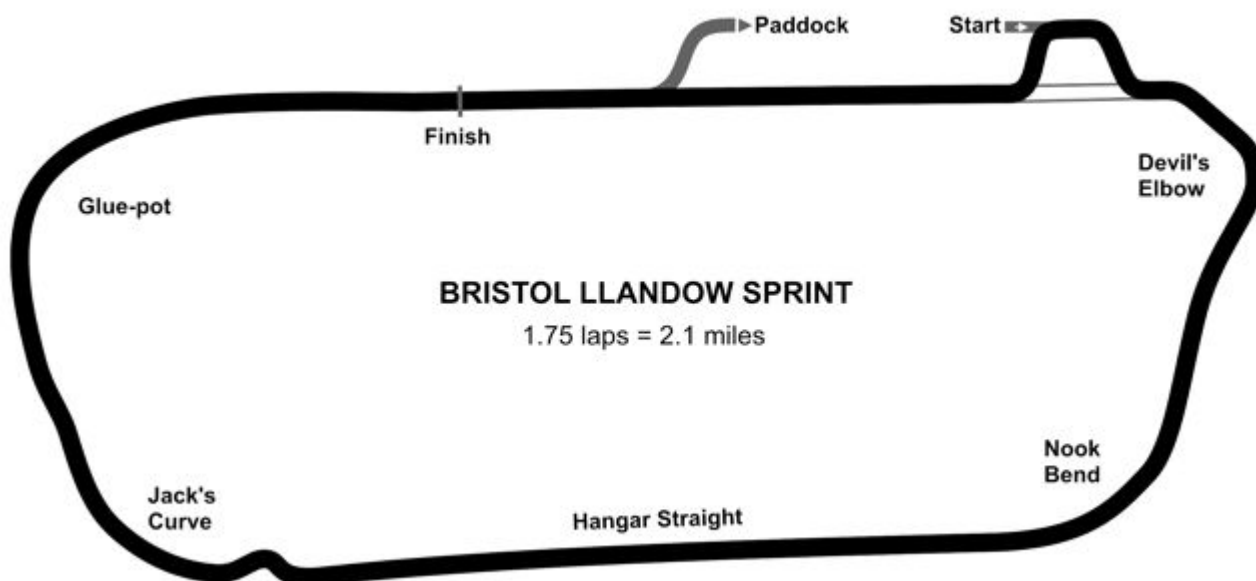
2011 BRIDGE TYRES and WHEELS ASWMC SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

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BRISTOL PEGASUS MOTOR CLUB CLUBMANS CHAMPIONSHIP

BRISTOL MOTOR CLUB ALL – ROUNDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

GINETTA OWNERS CLUB SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP



Look out for Entry Details on the Club Website

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 4th March - Navigation Exercise

Keynsham Start - Finish The Globe, Newton St Loe

The event will start from the Ashton Road car park in Keynsham

Start Map reference 172 / 653½ 685½ (slightly update from last month)

Please arrive from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. The route is 25 miles all on map 172

Simple navigation, easy to find route checks, plenty of help available for novices.

Beginners have the option of a plotting the route from a list of map references.

Finish is at the Globe at Newton St Loe around 10pm.

Members are welcome to join us at the finish pub even if you are not entering.

Monday 14th March - Martin Groves

British Hillclimb Champion

Martin Groves, three-time former champion, has taken the top spot for a fourth time at the wheel of his Gould/Cosworth GR55. An entertaining talk at our club night is certain and we are expecting a good turn out. North Bristol RFC - Arrive

from 8pm to get your drinks in time for an 8.30pm start of talk.

Saturday 19th March

Visit to Prodrive Factory Banbury

Now full! Members who have put their names down can rendezvous at the Rugby Club (where we have our Club nights) if they wish to car share - please arrive by 09.45 for a prompt departure. Postcode for the venue is OX16 3ER. If you are driving directly to Prodrive please be there by 12 midday with your £15

(cash) entry fee ready. Nick's mobile is: **07786936941**

Saturday April 2nd - Bristol Pegasus Castle Combe Track Day

Our popular Castle Combe Tuition and Track day is near to be sold out. Once all places are gone a reserve list will be started - visit

www.castlecombetrackday.org.uk or call Tony Smith 07941 101413

Monday 30th May - Llandow Sprint

We join with Bristol MC for our first Sprint of 2011 at the excellent Llandow circuit. Entry forms will be available on the website in the next few days.