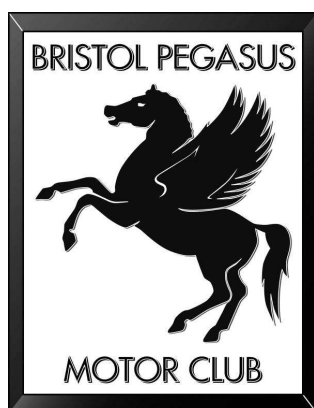

Backfire

May 2005



The Magazine of the

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club

Alfa of Nick Wood at the 2004 Two Club Sprint
at Colerne – Photo Andy Moss

Saturday 7th May - Marlin Visit

Marlin Sports Cars Ltd. will be holding an interesting and informative Open Day on the above date for club members. Terry & Mark Matthews will help to give you an insight into the design, development and marketing of a modern kit car.

Contact Ken Robson on 01454 202688 Email: ken.robson@domino-uk.com

Monday 9th May - Treasure Hunt

A late change has seen the organisers for this first Treasure Hunt of 2005 swap with those for the August event. Start point is Public Car Park off Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury map ref 726/824. Meet in the car park around 7.15 pm for a 7.30 start. End point is The Old Royal Ship at Luckington.

If you need more details contact John Corfield or Chris Goodchild. We're suggesting to organisers of the Treasure Hunts that the driving lasts from 7:30 until 9:30 due to loss of evening light and because, unlike the Navigation events (Fridays), it's not followed by the weekend break. Hopefully this may entice a few more entrants.

Monday 16th May – Club Night

(please note this is the 3rd Monday of the month)

Nick Wood has acquired a DVD, which shows the cars from the David Sutton Motorsport collection. For those who were not able to go on the Club trip last year, this will be the opportunity to look at the cars in the collection and it includes footage of them when they were competing. Stig Blomqvist then puts the Group B rally cars through their paces.

Tuesday 24th May – Club Visit

Further details later in this issue.

Monday 30th May – Bristol Llandow Sprint

For those who have not already put in their entries for the Sprint, then please contact the Entries Secretary, Alan Want on 01275 848736. We also need Marshals for the event, if you are able to assist and have not confirmed so on the marshals event list sent out by Paul Monis and Bob Hart, please could you contact the Clerk of the Course, Mark Chater on 01275849159.

ACE Classic Tour – 26th June

The Club has joined with the All Classic Enthusiasts to promote the ACE Classic Vehicle Charity Tour. This is run as a Touring Assembly and is aimed at owners of Classic Cars, but any Club member is very welcome to participate in any car. The aim

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of the event is to enjoy a drive through pleasant countryside, enjoy a picnic stop, finish in a country pub and raise some money for charity at the same time. This year the route will take in West Wiltshire with the lunchtime stop at a National Trust property. The navigation is simple, you will be provided with a road-book (no fighting with a Ordnance Survey map) which details the mileages and turnings you have to take and you can take as long as you like to drive the route. For further details of the event and a booking form, please contact Tony Joiner on 0117 9564954 or download one from the Club website.

Castle Combe Test Day – 16th July

This year we are visiting Castle Combe on Saturday 16th July for our annual test day. The event will follow the usual format and give you the opportunity to drive your road car around the race circuit. You will be sharing the tarmac with five other cars, so you will have plenty of space to go at your own speed with minimal interference from other cars. There are a limited number of spaces available for this event, so you are recommended to get your booking in as soon as possible.

For further details of the day and a copy of the booking form, please contact Kieron Winter on tel: 01275 373363 (home) or via email at kpwinter@ukgateway.net.

Invitations

8th May - Curborough Sprint

We've had our usual invitation to Nottingham Sports Car Club's sprint at Curborough (near Lichfield). John Corfield has a couple of sets of regs or download them from www.gosprinting.co.uk.

15th May - BMC Solo

Unfortunatley this event is cancelled due to lack of a suitable venue.

Bristol Motor Club Sprint - Castle Combe - Saturday 2nd July

Regulations for this event will be available from Kieron Winter on telephone 01275 373363 or via email at kpwinter@ukgateway.net

Details of Events on these pages are compiled by Competition
Secretary John Corfield.

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Llandow Track Day **Saturday 25th June 2005**

The above Track Day is a joint event with Quantum Sports Cars and members of the Bristol Pegasus Motor Club are also invited. The track is booked for our exclusive use and limited to a maximum of 30 cars plus factory demonstrators from Quantum and Marlin. The format of the day will be as follows: -

9.00 Sign on and Drivers Briefing
10.00 – 1.00 Track Sessions
1.00 – 2.00 Lunch & Track Developments Presentation
2.00 – 5.00 Open Pit Lane

For the morning sessions drivers will be divided into 3 groups according to their ability, Beginners, Intermediates and Experienced. This will ensure that drivers of the same ability will be out on the track at the same time.

The cost of the Track Day is £85 payable to Marlin Sports Cars Ltd.

Track Developments Ltd.

David Cooper from Track Developments is former racing driver and qualified race engineer. He now runs Track Developments with Dave Gollop and will be available on the day to give 1 to 1 advice on car set up and racing lines. You can book an hour of his time for just £20 payable to David in cash on the day. There are only 6 slots available for this and names need to be notified to me, Ken Robson in advance.

Lunch Time Presentation

During the lunch break David will be giving a presentation with a flip chart to explain things such as oversteer, understeer, mechanical grip, aero grip and much more. This will help you to understand how your car is behaving on the track and how it can be improved. You are sure to gain some useful knowledge from this to improve both driving and your car to reduce your lap times.

Have Fun & Drive Safely

Ken Robson

Contact Ken on :-

01454 202688

Email: ken.robson@domino-uk.com

April Club Night

By Kieron Winter

Reg Palmer shared with us some of his stories from his days of circuit racing. Reg started off doing typical club events with Weston-Super-Mare Motor Club. Like our own Arthur Tankins, Weston had a keen photographer who took cine films of the clubs events and Reg had some of his films on video to share with us.

Reg was given the opportunity to have a drive in a Jaguar in Classic racing and this was where some of the stories started. Many of the stories involved Howard Strawford who was Clerk of the Course at Castle Combe and Llandow circuits. One visit Reg received was at Llandow where Reg had qualified his green Jaguar at the front of the grid. As the flag was dropped for the start of the race, the Jaguar had a coming together with a Mini and mayhem ensued. Reg's race lasted one car length. He was sought out in the Paddock afterwards by Howard who claimed that there were nine damaged cars which all had green paint on them! Another visit from Howard was at Castle Combe when his car managed to drop all its oil on the start line.

It was not trouble all the time and Reg had a great season in a bright yellow Ford Zephyr when he won the BARC Championship. Reg was invited to the end of season awards ceremony where he was seated to a very young and very unknown Mika Hakkinen. Reg finished the evening by showing some videos of him driving at Castle Combe and Pembrey and then a most excellent Classic car race from Lydden Hill, where there was action and overtaking all the way to the last corner on the last lap.

Reg still has several stories to tell, so look out for future snippets in Backfire in the coming months.



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|--|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL POINTS SCORED | ENTRANT | 'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS | NUMBER OF EVENTS | ORGANISED OR MARSHALLED ? |
| 10.57 | Mark Astin | 1 | 3 | No |
| 10.57 | Matt Marples | 1 | 3 | No |
| 9.62 | Chris Goodchild | 3 | 2 | No |
| 9.62 | David Adams | 3 | 2 | No |
| 6.52 | Martin Baker | 5 | 2 | No |
| 4.38 | Andy Moss | 6 | 2 | No |
| 4.00 | Howard Johnstone | 7 | 1 | No |
| 4.00 | Paul Bird | 7 | 1 | No |
| 3.86 | Dave Cutcliffe | 9 | 1 | No |
| 1.71 | Ken Robson | 10 | 1 | No |
| 1.00 | Andy Robinson | 11 | 1 | No |
| 1.00 | Mark Williams | 11 | 1 | No |

| Marshals Championship 2005 up to the March Nav Ex Prepared by Chris Goodchild | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL POINTS SCORED | ENTRANT | 'POINTS SCORED' POSITIONS | NUMBER OF EVENTS |
| 2 | Andy Rigler | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Dick Craddy | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Tim Murray | 1 | 1 |



Visit - Duncan Pittaway's Monarch Racing Car

We have provisionally arranged a date of 24th of May at 7:30pm to visit Club Member Duncan Pittaway.

Duncan has kindly invited us to visit and see his Monarch racing car (as well as some other interesting machinery). If you are interested please contact Alan Spencer on 0117 9712587 to add your name to the list of members attending. 7.30pm Dundry – followed by a pint at a local pub.

Monarch were in business in Detroit for only a few years (1912 – 1914), building fairly expensive cars with 5 litre side-valve engines, plus a couple of 10 litre V8 racing cars. These were remarkably unsuccessful until Edwardo Ramano replaced the engine in one of them with a Curtiss OX5 V8 aero engine, and won the 1915 Pikes Peak hillclimb. The car (and driver) then vanished into obscurity

This car was restored some 20 years ago by Mark Walker (of the Walkers Crisps family). Duncan has owned it for around eight years and has competed in it regularly.

The photo below shows him competing in a hillclimb at Davos, in Switzerland.



Duncan also races and hillclimbs a 1921 GN Vitesse, powered by another enormous V8 engine of 8.2 litres, plus various other interesting vehicles including a Maserati.

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, approximately 400m from the turning.

Positions after Bahrain GP

Prepared By Tim Murray

| Pos | Entrant | Driver 1 | Driver 2 | Team 1 | Team 2 | Total |
|-----|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Andrew & | | | | | |
| 1 | Simon Moss | Alonso | Trulli | Renault | McLaren | 335 |
| 2= | Ken Robson | Alonso | Fisichella | Renault | McLaren | 321 |
| 2= | Mark Williams | Alonso | Fisichella | Renault | McLaren | 321 |
| 2= | Martyn Davies | Alonso | Fisichella | Renault | McLaren | 321 |
| 2= | Mike Marsden | Alonso | Fisichella | Renault | McLaren | 321 |
| 2= | Tim Murray | Alonso | Fisichella | Renault | McLaren | 321 |
| 7 | Paul Adams | Alonso | Heidfeld | Renault | Red Bull | 284 |
| 8 | Mark Elvin | Fisichella | Montoya | Renault | Williams | 255 |
| 9= | Elisabeth Lewis | Fisichella | Raikkonen | Renault | McLaren | 252 |
| 9= | Helen Davies | Fisichella | Raikkonen | Renault | McLaren | 252 |
| | Jonathan | | | | | |
| 9= | Prestidge | Fisichella | Raikkonen | Renault | McLaren | 252 |
| 12 | Alison Emsley | Barrichello | Massa | Renault | McLaren | 250 |
| 13 | Dick Craddy | Alonso | Coulthard | Williams | McLaren | 248 |
| 14 | Pete Stowe | Alonso | Fisichella | Williams | McLaren | 247 |
| 15 | John Page | Webber | Coulthard | Renault | McLaren | 240 |
| 16= | Kieron Winter | Fisichella | Webber | Renault | McLaren | 239 |
| 16= | Tony Thorp | Fisichella | Webber | Renault | McLaren | 239 |
| 18= | Chris Goodchild | Barrichello | Fisichella | Renault | Red Bull | 235 |
| 18= | Louella Williams | Barrichello | Fisichella | Renault | Red Bull | 235 |
| 20 | Simon Tidmus | Button | Trulli | Renault | McLaren | 232 |
| 21 | Bob Hart | Webber | Montoya | Renault | Red Bull | 231 |
| 22 | Chris Lewis | Barrichello | Karthikeyan | Renault | Williams | 216 |
| 23 | Alan Spencer | Fisichella | Webber | Renault | Red Bull | 212 |
| 24 | Mary Craddy | Webber | Raikkonen | Renault | Red Bull | 211 |
| 25 | Audrey King | Webber | Villeneuve | Renault | McLaren | 208 |
| 26 | Paul Wiese | M Schumacher | Albers | Renault | McLaren | 207 |
| 27 | Judith Bird | Button | Fisichella | Renault | Red Bull | 191 |
| 28 | Bruce Graham | Barrichello | Fisichella | Williams | McLaren | 188 |
| 29 | Simon Child | Raikkonen | Coulthard | McLaren | Red Bull | 169 |
| 30= | Arthur Tankins | Barrichello | Raikkonen | Williams | Red Bull | 160 |
| 30= | Lewis Bird | Barrichello | Button | McLaren | Toyota | 160 |
| 32 | Fiona Goodchild | M Schumacher | Coulthard | Williams | Toyota | 147 |
| 33 | Paul Draper | Button | Fisichella | Williams | McLaren | 144 |
| 34 | Martin Emsley | Fisichella | Albers | Ferrari | Red Bull | 139 |
| 35 | Liz Moss | Fisichella | R Schumacher | Ferrari | Jordan | 135 |
| 36 | Tom King | M Schumacher | Fisichella | McLaren | Sauber | 133 |
| 37 | Paul Bird | M Schumacher | Karthikeyan | Williams | McLaren | 127 |
| 38 | Maureen Wiese | Coulthard | Friesacher | Ferrari | Sauber | 122 |
| 39 | Steven Spencer | Sato | Monteiro | Williams | Toyota | 117 |



A couple of entries were omitted from the results above and will be included in next months results- If you submitted an entry and it is not shown in the table above please contact Andy Moss

The Cross Trophy Trial – Sunday 17th April 2005

Lower Grove Farm – Dundry Near Bristol

Bristol Pegasus Motor Club – invited Club Bristol Motor Club

Results & Awards

| | | | | Hill 1 | | | Hill 2 | | | Hill 3 | | | Hill 4 | | | Hill 5 | | | Hill 6 | | | | | Index | O/A | |
|---------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|-------|--------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| Entrant | Name | Class | Car | R1 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total | Class Pos | Class Index | | Score % |
| 6 | Dave Greenslade | 1 | Nissan S-Cargo | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 1 | 75 | 50.67 | 1 |
| 1 | Allen Harris | 1 | Nissan S-Cargo | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 52 | 2 | 75 | 69.33 | 2 |
| 7 | Ken Robson | 1 | Saab 9-5 Estate | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 69 | 3 | 75 | 92 | 3 |
| 8 | Steve Curtis | 4 | ABS Freestyle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 100 | 4 |
| 2 | Alan Spencer | 2 | Marlin Roadster | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 100 | 5 |
| 3 | Matthew Marples | 1 | Peugeot 205 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 103 | 4 | 75 | 137.33 | 6 |
| 5 | Adrian Taylor | 1 | Renault Fuego | 11 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 116 | 5 | 75 | 154.67 | 7 |
| 9 | Paul Monis | 1 | Rover 214 Si | 11 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 121 | 6 | 75 | 161.33 | 8 |
| 4 | Graham Marples | 1 | Peugeot 205 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 124 | 7 | 75 | 165.33 | 9 |
| 10 | Mark Williams | 1 | Ford Mondeo | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 143 | 8 | 75 | 190.67 | 10 |
| 11 | Steven Spencer | 2 | Marlin Roadster | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 7 | 271.43 | 11 |

Awards

1st Overall - Dave Greenslade – The Cross Trophy Trial

1st in Class 1 – Allen Harris

2nd in Class 1 – Ken Robson

Index Score calculated in line with M3.5.7 of MSA Blue Book

Tie for 4th resolved in line with M3.5.9 of MSA Blue Book

Andy Moss – Secretary of the Meeting

Mal Allen – Clerk of the Course

Thanks to :

Marshals

Donny Allen

John Corfield

Kieron Winter

Venue

Duncan Pitaway

MODEL BEHAVIOUR

Few people have the space let alone the money to keep all the cars they have ever owned or competed in. But with the plethora of products now available, it's certainly possible to keep a model of any car you've been associated with. And I do mean any because as anyone will know who saw the amazing display at the Historic Motorsport Show by the South Hants Model Auto Club, it's possible to get a model of almost anything.

All the current F1, Sports and WRC cars are available in diecast and kit form and although models of single seaters below F1 are a bit thin on the ground, as are those of other categories, it's possible to have a model of any vehicle built from scratch. This can be expensive of course although it helps considerably if a base model is available which can be modified or cannibalised, even if only to use the wheels.

There are a few UK, Irish and French based companies that will make a limited edition of 25, 50 or 100 special cars (mainly rally ones) if there's a base model available, so a group of people owning a particular make of car could perhaps get together and commission a run – remember that model cars always seem to go down well when presented to sponsors or

potential sponsors.

If you decide to collect models, what scale? 1:43 would give you the most variety and the best choice. Kit or ready built? Be realistic about your skills before deciding because however good a kit (and the detail in some of them is mind-blowing) the end result will only be as good as you are as a builder. I suspect that there are nearly as many unfinished kits around as there are finished ones (much as with model boats I guess).

If you collect models do so for your own pleasure. Collect cars you've driven or those of a particular make or used by certain drivers or teams. DON'T be lulled by the excited squeals on the Antiques Road Show and similar programmes into collecting purely with the aim of making money; it won't be that easy and it will take much of the fun out of a hobby. Sure, all the Corgi Monte Minis in mint and boxed condition fetch good money – the ones with the Makinen and Easter autographs on the roof could be worth £350, the others £120 or so but it won't always work like that. And note that phrase mint and boxed. I thought it was just someone's epitaph but in fact it means just what it says – condition is paramount (bet you'd struggle to get a 1:43 model of a Paramount...) and a

model will fetch more with its correct box.

Visit one or two toy fairs to get a feel for the market. Collectors may wince at the word 'toy' but that's what seems to be used nowadays instead of 'swap meets', mainly because very little actually got swapped at them. If you check in the model mags you'll find there are fairs on virtually every weekend.

With some knowledge you may then venture to the auction houses dealing with memorabilia and models, and of course there is the ever-present Ebay for buying or selling. I'd caution care if using newsagents' windows though – 'Model available' may not get you quite the sort of phone calls you were expecting.

Stuart Turner



COD FILLET QUIZ

1. Which new sports car did Jaguar announce in January 1957?
2. Which American Sprint Car Racing Series was nicknamed 'The Greatest show on dirt'?
3. How many Triumph TR2's gained a 'Coupe des Alpes' on the 1956 Alpine Rally?
4. What make of car did Paddy Hopkirk drive to 3rd place in the 1977 London-Sydney Marathon?

ANSWERS ON PAGE iv



Rally titles for sale

The title rights for Britain's leading rally championships are to be put out to tender as the MSA invites expressions of interest from parties for 2006 and onwards.

Forming part of the fundamental review of UK stage rallying that was published in December 2003, the revised framework that came into effect this year to provide a clearly defined and easily understood structure for the sport, is now available for tender.

Although it is likely that promoters will tender for individual championships, it is hoped that the entire structure of British rallying from the British Rally Championship, through the MSA Gravel, Asphalt and Historic championships, to the Home Nations championships, could come under one umbrella organisation.

Expressions of interest should be made in the first instance to Bruce Goddard, MSA Business Development Director, who confirms that this is not a financially motivated exercise.

"There will, of course, be a financial implication to each tender," explains Goddard, "but championship rights will not simply be handed over to the highest bidder. This process is about the future of the sport and creating a strong platform, which

may also assist us in developing the new breed of world-class rally stars."

Bruce Goddard can be contacted by email to: tenders@msauk.org.

Medical malpractice insurance

Within the range of MSA-arranged insurances, medical malpractice insurance is now provided for volunteer paramedics (registered with the Health Professions Council) and for volunteer medical assistants (registered with the MSA) attending MSA authorised events. This cover does not extend to any other category of medical personnel. It does not cover those paramedics or medical assistants attending MSA authorised events as a result of a commercial contract between their employers and the meeting organisers, promoters or venue owners or operators.

New faces

New appointments have been made to the Motor Sports Council and Specialist Committees of the MSA.

Motor Sports Council – Nicky Moffitt and Mike Sones.

Historic Expert Group – Max Hall (from South Gosforth) and Alan Putt (Longfield, Kent).

Kart Sporting Committee – Ian Lawson (Saltburn, Cleveland), Gary Chapman (Gawcott, Buckinghamshire) and Bill Sisley (c/o Buckmore Park Kart Circuit).

Kart Technical Expert Group – Tim Gillard (c/o Gillard Racing Karts) and Alan Turney (c/o Tal-Ko).

Race Committee – Douglas McLay (Castle Gresley, Derbyshire) and Keith Ashley (Kidderminster, Worcestershire).

Rally marshals reward

This year, marshals officiating on Kwik-Fit Pirelli British Rally Championship events will be given a logbook (available at events and from Stage Commanders) to record their attendance and duties at these rallies. At the end of the season, the marshals will receive rewards based upon event attendances. Those that gain the most signatures in their logbook will get an opportunity to win a ride in a Ford Focus World Rally Car with works drivers, Toni Gardemeister and Jakke Honkanen at an official Ford World Rally Team test session in the UK. A further 30 top marshals will be invited to the Ford World Rally Team HQ in Cumbria for a behind-the-scenes look at one of the biggest names in world rallying. More information from: www.brcweb.co.uk

Championships news

The latest standings for all MSA British and National Championships are at www.msauk.org (choose Championships) together with links to championship websites.

KARTING

The British Kart Industry Association (BKIA) was formed in 1992 out of the previous RACMSA trade register and is a non-regulatory, not for profit, trade association representing the views and interests of its members. The association has nearly 60 members representing all facets of kart sport including manufacturers, retailers, circuit operators, show organisers and associated businesses.

The association forms an essential bridge representing members interests with the sports governing bodies, relevant bodies such as the ABkC, NKA and other motorsport industry associations.

In doing so it strives to:

- Promote the British Kart Industry nationally and internationally
- Support the development of karting in general
- Provide members and participants with information, advice, support and assistance
- Protect members where possible on industry and consumer related matters
- Provide a forum for members to present their views and opinions.

Members are expected to conform to a code of conduct and benefits include:

- Website & members directory
- Regular newsletters
- Special insurance discounts
- Trade discount schemes
- MSA homologation discounts
- Trade show discounts
- Support and advice
- Consultancy services

The BKIA website www.bkia.co.uk carries details of member organisations and can be contacted on info@bkia.co.uk.

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REVIEWS FROM



WHEELS – A PASSION FOR COLLECTING CARS

Published by

Harry N Abrams. £29.95.

ISBN 0 8109 5596 2.

With the recent *Ultimate Garages*, books on private collections are all the rage, but this is a cut above the usual.

Author Leuthner has selected an eclectic group of respected specialists from historic racers Joaquin Folch and Robs Lamplough to Bruce Weiner and his incredible microcar collection in Alabama. Thanks to quality photography by William Taylor, and stylish design, this is a seductive, classy publication.

SUNBEAM – “THE SUPREME CAR” 1899–1935
Bruce Dowell, Landmark Collector’s Library, £49.95.
ISBN 1 84306 155 4.

At first glance this handsome 300-page landscape book looks like a photographic celebration of the great Wolverhampton marque but Dowell really knows his subject and the extensive captions are packed with detail. This book confirms how wonderful these grand tourers were, though often upstaged by Cricklewood. Part sponsored by the Michael Sedgwick Trust and featuring

more than 500 photographs, the highlights are the spectacular and long-lost bespoke coachbuilt cars. A superb social record of pre-WW2 motoring and a fine companion to Anthony Heal’s racing history.

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF BMW – EVERY MODEL SINCE 1950

Tony Lewin, Motorbooks International, £35.

ISBN 0 7603 1951 0.

Even without including pre-1950 cars, this is a mammoth undertaking in which Lewin tells the story of Bayerische Motoren Werke in the modern era. He kicks off with an in-depth interview with Eberhard von Kuenheim, who ran the firm for 24 years from 1969, and enjoyed BMW’s full co-operation – virtually all the photos are from its Historisches Archiv. Classic Bee-Em fans will probably only be interested in the first half of the 380-plus pages, but any sort of anorak will appreciate the comprehensive, lilac-tinted factfiles and list of E numbers. Beautifully produced and laid out, with neat little coloured ‘ears’ of each model, it’s good value and ideal for the coffee table . . . as long as its reinforced.

MARSHALS POST

by the BMMC

If there's anything marshals want more than anything else, it's "recognition", "appreciation" and "respect."

"Recognition" topped the list of incentives people wanted and almost no one supported the idea that marshals should be paid according to the recent Motorsport Safety Fund survey.

The survey – arguably the most comprehensive ever staged among motorsport volunteers – gave the thumbs down to paying marshals.

That said, the idea of expenses for marshals was considered a reasonable incentive – albeit, behind meal vouchers, a guaranteed finish time and raffles.

Prizes – like gifts – need to be something of use or value – "Not bulk rubbish," as one volunteer put it.

There appears to be an underlying feeling that many clubs don't appreciate the skills marshals bring

to their meetings and fail to make the best of them – although this may apply more to clubs organising circuit races rather than local motor clubs who are likely to be closer to their marshalling membership.

It's interesting to note that 20 per cent of marshals have managerial roles in their work lives. A fair percentage have jobs in engineering, IT and training, too.

Clubs also need to ensure that officials don't put potential marshals off with an overbearing, arrogant or dismissive attitude. As one volunteer put it: "I can name a Clerk of the Course who, through his career, has cost us many marshals by his rudeness."

Appreciation was a word that appeared again and again in the comments and a third of marshals complained of being taken for granted.

Men are most likely to become marshals as a result of being a motor club member, while for women, it's family connections that count.

The big challenge is attracting more young people into marshalling – the average age of male volunteers

responding to the survey was just over 48, while the average age of women was just under 47.

How do we attract young people? There's no doubt it's a tough task and requires some time and effort.

Suggestions from marshals included: visits to schools and universities, more interaction with drivers and getting respected motorsport personalities and stars involved in marshalling.

Persuading TV motoring programmes to feature marshalling, recruitment roadshows, encouraging and supporting motorclub open days, setting up a system to e-mail marshals who registered with information about clubs needing help with events, and action packed events with close racing were among the other suggestions.

QUIZ ANSWERS

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2. The World of Outlaws
3. Five (3 'works' entries and 2 private)
4. Citroen CX2400

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2005 Production Car Trial
Pictures By Chris Good Child

Events For May

Saturday 7th May - Marlin Visit

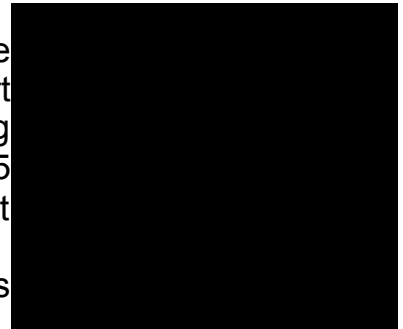
Marlin Sports Cars Ltd. will be holding an interesting and informative Open Day on the above date for club members. Terry & Mark Matthews will help to give you an insight into the design, development and marketing of a modern kit car.

Contact Ken Robson on 01454 202688 Email: ken.robson@domino-uk.com

Monday 9th May - Treasure Hunt

A late change has seen the organisers for this first Treasure Hunt of 2005 swap with those for the August event. Start point is Public Car Park off Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury map ref 726/824. Meet in the car park around 7.15 pm for a 7.30 start. End point is The Old Royal Ship at Luckington.

If you need more details contact John Corfield or Chris Goodchild.



Monday 16th May – Club Night

(please note this is the 3rd Monday of the month)

Nick Wood has acquired a DVD, which shows the cars from the David Sutton Motorsport collection. For those who were not able to go on the Club trip last year, this will be the opportunity to look at the cars in the collection and it includes footage of them when they were competing. Stig Blomqvist then puts the Group B rally cars through their paces.

Tuesday 24th May – Club Visit

Further details in this issue.

Monday 30th May – Bristol Llandow Sprint

For those who have not already put in their entries for the Sprint, then please contact the Entries Secretary, Alan Want on 01275 848736. We also need Marshals for the event, if you are able to assist and have not confirmed so on the marshals event list sent out by Paul Monis and Bob Hart, please could you contact the Clerk of the Course, Mark Chater on 01275849159.