



Autumn 2016

MMP

Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome everyone to the Autumn edition of the Midlands region newsletter. Our summer did get going, eventually, and apart from the odd heavy rain shower it hasn't been too bad.

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Nadine Lewis for winning the election to become the next National chairperson. Nadine will be the first female BMMC chair and will take up her new role in December when Chris Hobson steps down at the national AGM; Chris has been our National Chairman since 2004.

I would like to thank the Tasterday team and everyone that supports the tasterdays. It really is a team effort, from Jayne, Kara and Chris who carry all of the organisational work ahead of each event to Donington who provide the necessary facilities at the circuit and all of the marshals who look after our tasterday attendees when they marshal during the afternoon.

I would also like to thank everyone who marshalled at the BMMC and Lotus sprints at Curborough back in May and more recently at the end of August. All of the events were a great success and were also very enjoyable; I'm looking forward to next year's sprints which will be held during the BMMC 60th Anniversary year.

The MSA is planning to clamp down on social media abuse. This link has the full article <http://www.autosport.com/news/report.php/id/125948>

I know that we as marshals are normally very responsible when it comes to posting on social media

but it will be wise to be extra vigilant in the future.

Julze and Rach are organising a Christmas party at the end of the year on the 3rd December at Jurys Inn, East Midlands. The price is £25 per person £15 will secure your place. The evening will consist of a 3 course meal, raffle, BMMC Midlands Region awards, silly awards and dancing. Mel & Tony are accepting cash deposits and any enquiries to Rach please,

rachdale@hotmail.com plus if you want to pay by bank transfer, email Rach and she will send you their bank details. This will be the sixth year that this very popular event has been organised, all profits will be donated to Donington Park Racing Association Club (DPRAC).

I understand that some members may have accidentally un-subscribed themselves from the mailing system that distributes our quarterly newsletter and other requests. We do try not to over-use the system but unfortunately it's not possible to un-subscribe from any particular type of communication, so if you have accidentally un-subscribed, to re-subscribe to the system please use this link. <http://eepurl.com/bTxy7T>

Logging on to the BMMC website can be a problem if you have forgotten your password, this link should help to reset it <https://www.marshals.co.uk/volunteering/>

If anyone has any problems with any of the two links please let me know.



Find us on the above

Chairman's report continued...

Wearing my Rally marshals hat, BMMC/BRMC are involved with two forest stages on Wales Rally GB at the end of October, Pantperthog on the 29th and Alwen on Sunday the 30th. However I believe that Pantperthog isn't accepting any further marshals but Alwen still has places left. So if anyone fancies marshalling on the British round of the World Rally Championship please register with Rally Stage Team on the internet and volunteer accordingly. I would strongly advise that if you are contemplating marshalling on any rally in the future that you become MSA Rally registered and also complete the Rally accreditation exercise on the MSA website.

See below for more information.

Advance notice for this year's BMMC Midlands Region AGM, the date is Wednesday 16th November, 19:30 for a 20:00 start, all paid up members of BMMC are very welcome to attend. The official notification, including final details will be posted via our bulletin system nearer the date.

The time is fast approaching for your committee to think about who in the region should receive our awards. We have the Bellini Trophy for our marshal of the year, the Sylvia Edwards Trophy for best specialist marshal, the Shadow trophy for a significant contribution to marshalling and the club, the New Marshal's cup, awarded for an outstanding contribution during the first year of marshalling. We also have the Christine Lynham shield which is open to cadet marshals under the age of 18. If you have any potential candidates for these awards then please let me, or any member of the committee know. These awards are usually awarded at our Christmas Party on the 3rd December.

Mike Grantham

Wales Rally GB—October 2016

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Dayinsure Wales Rally GB
Rally of Legends
27-30 October 2016
The penultimate round of the FIA World Rally Championship

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DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

Click [here](#) to view the Marshal's section, and volunteer for the events on 29th and 30th October.

Click [here](#) to view the timetable and overall map.

Click [here](#) for how to marshal at these events.

Autumn Quiz

Welcome to the Autumn Quiz—have a go and enjoy! Roy Harrison

NUMBERS

- 1 How long is Donington's GP circuit?
- 2 In the mid 1980s, the Ford Group B rally car was designated as what?
- 3 The Goodwood Revival meeting re-opened in what year?
- 4 What year did Nigel Mansell win the Indy car championship?
- 5 The Formula 1 Red Bull team made their debut in what year?
- 6 Max Verstappen won the 2016 Spanish GP and in doing so became the youngest winner ever at what age?

LETTERS

- 7 Where do the letters from the TVR car come from?
- 8 Name three ex F1 champions with the same initials - J S
- 9 In the late 1960s and early 1970s, a series called Can-Am – what do these letters stand for?
- 10 What do the letters NASCAR stand for?
- 11 What do the letters BRM stand for?

ANIMALS

- 12 Name three car manufacturers which have a horse featured in their badge?
- 13 PEUGEOT has what featured in its badge?
- 14 What is included in the DODGE badge?
- 15 What is featured on the ABARTH badge?
- 16 Which animal is featured on the LAMBORGHINI emblem?
- 17 What is shown on the badge of a SHELSBY sports car?

FACT – 1976 and 40 years on from Brands Hatch, HUNT vs LAUDA, possibly the greatest GP ever, now Freddie Hunt and Mathias Lauda (their sons) are now team mates in the EVRO NASCAR series 2016. The story of Hunt and Lauda continues – ASTONISHING! !

Regalia and Sales Dates

All regalia can be viewed and ordered on the official website.

Log in to the BMMC website first, and you'll then be able to access the Regalia section.

The National Regalia catalogue consists mainly of BMMC badges, stickers and some clearance items of clothing.

The Clothing Catalogue is for mail order only items of clothing including AWS overalls, Hi-Vis Waterproof Clothing and Leisure Wear.

To order overalls please contact AWS direct by telephone or in person—if you order via their website you will not receive the subsidy.

You can also order name badges for overalls via the website.

To claim your subsidy for overalls and/or hi-vis jacket please download the Subsidy Claim Form from the BMMC Regalia page.

Remaining sales dates at race meetings for 2016, and thanks to our Regalia Officer for his hard work this year -

Sat 8th Oct/Sun 9th Oct	Curborough	HAS/MAC	Sprint
Mon 26th Dec	Mallory	Mallory	Plum Pudding



Donington ES Team Regalia

If you would like to purchase anything, please contact Tony Baggaley at tony.baggaley@hotmail.com.

Taster Days 2016—Donington Racetrack

As we reach the end of the season, a huge **Thank You** has to go to the Taster Days team for the time and effort they put into making these days such a success.

For more details go to www.tasterdays.info

REMAINING DATE FOR THIS YEAR

1st October—750MC

If you know of anyone who would like to attend the final taster day of the year, please ask them to register as soon as possible.

Under 18?

In association with **Go Motorsport**, the BMMC Midland Region & Donington Emergency Services Team Taster Day programme provides opportunities for prospective marshals between **16 and 18** years of age. Complying with the Motor Sports Association's (MSA) 'Duty of Care' guidelines, this provides younger volunteers with the chance to gain first-hand experience of a motorsport environment.



Photo courtesy of Brian Tyler Photography—thanks Brian!

Karting

Shenington

As well as our usual Club meeting in May we hosted a round of the British Superlites championship at Shenington on 21/22 May. It was a weekend of very exciting racing. Best lap times in the high 49's on the gearbox circuit. Two classes – the 600's use a 2-stroke Rotax and the 900's use a Honda Fireblade 4-stroke. Very well done to all concerned and we look forward to seeing you again next year. This is a photo of some of the action – certainly different to our usual karts!



The last weekend of June saw the annual visit of the Pedals Cars for another round in their British championship. We certainly attract a variety of events at Shenington!!

July saw our annual Superprix meeting with the annual visit of the Historic Kart Club. Thanks to Whelen Europe for sponsoring this event for us this year – their name is reflected in the title of this year's event – Whelen Europe Superprix. This exciting weekend was televised by Motors TV.

Shenington meetings for the remainder of the year:

15 / 16 October 2016 (includes 210 Challenge)

29 / 30 October 2016

19 / 20 November 2016

17 / 18 December 2016 (this is an extra meeting for 2016 which will replace our Jan 2017 meeting)

Please contact me on the details below re marshalling at Shenington. If you do volunteer via the BMMC Marshalling website please also contact me as soon as possible as sometimes I cannot accommodate all requests (though I am always grateful for volunteers, it is just that we have a strict limit on numbers)

For Whilton Mill, Rissington, Kimbolton

Refer to Club website for details of meetings and contact details for marshalling.

Pete Cox

New Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new members...

Terry Cope from Rugeley
 Peggy Weissflog from Derby
 Archie Hobson from Heanor
 Paul Bagshaw from Hilton
 Roy Mortimer from Telford



Congratulations to the following members on their upgrades...

Joe Watts	Track	Matt Bacon	Track
Lucy Warrilow	Specialist	Julie Mitchell	Specialist
Steve Walters	Experienced Specialist	Alan Palmer	Experienced Race
Alan Wilkinson	Speed marshal	Malvin Trigg	Flag
Simon Morris	Post Chief	Phil Boyer	Speed marshal
Steve Rees	Track	Sean Farmer	Track

Orange Army Christmas Party 2016—ALL INVITED!

Saturday 3rd December

Jurys Inn East Midlands Airport



- 3 course meal
- BMMC Midlands Awards
- Raffle (proceeds to DPRAC)
- Dodgy Dancing to the Disco



£25 pp (£15 deposit required asap)

Email rachdale@hotmail.com with bank details, or for more info

Leave it to the Experts

Over the years I have met so many people; I see some most weekends, the usual crew, then there will be friends that I see when they turn up on post that I haven't seen for years. Ben Irons has turned up at several meetings this year, the first meeting I saw him was when he trundled up behind me at the gates of Donington in his big maroon BMW.

At sign on at the MSVR meeting I remarked that it was great to see more of him, when he dropped a bit of a bombshell. He told me that his wife had been ill and had passed away around Christmas time. He had looked after her up to that point and after some time decided to make the most of his time and marshal a little more.

I'm sure you will all join me in giving commiserations to Ben at this time, although this will be published later in the year.

Stepping back a bit to the raffle, sausage and bacon sandwiches at the touring car meeting, we raised £350. Well done all.

I was in the unit for the MSVR meeting and generally the racing was quite clean, there was of course the odd plonker who got it wrong down Craner, but from where we were positioned all was quiet. Someone chucked himself at the gravel miraculously missing the wall at post 24 and hurtling off towards the cage at post 36.

There were some very nice cars in the GT Cup from Lamborghini to Aston Martins, but the most impressive car for me had to be the Bentley Continental GT3. So impressed was I, I went to see it in the garage at break time, the bonnet was off and the whole car beautifully prepared and engineered - it did have that brand new car smell as well.

On the final race the driver managed to drive from last out the pit lane to finish third, not bad.

I believe that Silverstone was abandoned on this day due to inclement weather, we did have a few showers, but not enough to abandon the meeting. I did hear that the safety car ended up in the gravel.

The Motors TV meeting fell after Download and for that weekend it poured down.

Hence Donington looked like Armageddon.

From the main entrance all one could see was a sea of mud, and that had had a week to dry out.

After speaking to Garry Dickenson he had said that tele-handler's were dragging trucks on and off site and getting stuck themselves.

After signing on as rescue for the weekend I was quite pleased to be put on the Doctor's car - a task I have not done before.

So with a slight squeaking from the rear, I set off to find the medical kit, oxygen bottle and mask as well as the entonox and defib.

Having checked that all should be as expected and packing the boot so that hopefully nothing would roll around the boot when at speed. I was then told that this car had only been delivered new four days ago and not to bend it, get it dirty and make sure my doctor didn't put his feet up on the dash while asleep.

I was then instructed to start at post 8 by Jim.

My Doctor arrived and off we went to post.

The said Doctor explained that he had an exam on the Monday so Saturday was revision day and that he probably wasn't going to be the best company. But that was no problem at all.

Arriving at post we had to back out and reverse in as the turning circle was full of general rubbish, tents

Leave it to the Experts continued...

erected and collapsed chairs and a few indescribable items.

I radioed the situation in and began to clear the a path for the unit to turn round when it was pointed out that I perhaps I ought to lookout for needles and the such like. So I left it.

At lunch Jim pointed out that the reason I was sent to post 8 was to clear the mess up.

I say leave it to the professionals and as it happens the area was pristine when we all returned.

The Masters meeting was the last one I did, there were some lovely cars there and really no significant incidents occurred.

I missed the Touring Car Special that never happened, the carts and trucks, which I like.

I then went on holiday to Formentera (not Fuerteventura) and had a wonderful relaxing time. A little on the expensive side as there are now £20million pound plus yachts in the harbour.

One owned by Prince Abdulaziz, very big and dominated the seascape all of the time, as well as another yacht that was rumoured to accommodate his harem.

Formentera is not commercialised at all, as I believe a licence is required for water. There is no building at all, the buildings are pristine and kept in good repair.

The money is made on the island by renting the scooters and cars to the Ibiza set that come to the island, whizz everywhere for the day and exit about 17.00hrs leaving the island quiet again. Hostel La Savina recommended.

Chris organised Selston Fest a couple of weeks ago. I had to earn some Brownie Points so I reluctantly helped and put my Caterham on the Classic car stand. I did get a lot of interest and a local car that turned up was the Ford Anglia police car from Heartbeat, complete with handcuffs.

I did something that I haven't done for years. It was because Chris's grand children Harry and Jessica are here for a week .

Harry has suddenly gained an interest in cars. So off we all went to The Donnington Collection.

The staff were brilliant and the cars displayed really well and to my amazement even Jessica found it all amazing.

So much so that to a very kind member of staff they both got to sit in Ayrton's cart.

I was very impressed also with the military exhibition, not only was there German hard wear but also American in the form of a tank and a couple of Harley Davidson's with huge holsters on the front for rifles.

Everything seemed to be able to run if the drip trays are anything to go by - thoroughly enjoyable. Give it a go.

Stay safe,

Ian Dixon

Donation to the BMMC - Mini7 Club at Oulton

The BMMC received a £400 cheque from the Mini7 Club, at an event held at Oulton in August.

The money was raised following a competition run by the Mini7 Club - Race a Mini.

Rob Howard kindly allowed his spare car to be raffled for a one off drive at Brands (incl ARDS if required by the winner).

It is hoped there will be a similar competition next summer.



Photo courtesy of Stephen Colbran.

A big thank you to the Mini 7 Club for your kind donation.



Some useful motorsport links...

Some of the Circuits in and around the Midlands

Curborough	http://www.curborough.com/
Donington	http://www.donington-park.co.uk/
Mallory	http://www.malloryparkcircuit.com/
Rockingham	http://www.rockingham.co.uk/
Shelsley Walsh	http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/midland_automobile_club/
Silverstone	http://www.silverstone.co.uk/

Racing Clubs, Organisations and Events

FIA Formula-e	http://www.fiaformulae.com/
British Touring Car Championship	http://www.btcc.net/
British Truck Racing Championship	http://btra.co.uk/
750 Motorclub	http://www.750mc.co.uk/
Aston Martin Owners Club	https://www.amoc.org/
360 Motor Club	http://360mrc.com/
BRSCC	http://www.brsc.co.uk/
MG Car Club	http://www.mgcc.co.uk/
MSVR	http://www.msvracing.com/
Historic Sports Car Club	http://www.hsc.org.uk/
Vintage Sports Car Club	http://www.vsc.co.uk/
Midlands Automobile Club	http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/midland_automobile_club/
Shenstone & District Car Club	http://www.curborough.com/
British Superkarts	http://www.superkart.org.uk/
Nottingham Sports Car Club	http://www.nottinghamsportscarclub.co.uk/
Hagley & District Light Car Club	http://www.hdlcc.com/

Festivals

Donington Historic Festival	http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/
Masters Festival	http://www.mastershistoricracing.com/

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Answers to the Autumn Quiz—	1	2.5 miles
	2	RS200
	3	1998
	4	1993
	5	2016
	6	18 years and 228 days –
	7	TREVOR WILKINSON (taken from his first name)
	8	JACKIE STEWART, JOHN SURTEES, JODY SCHECTOR
	9	CANADIAN / AMERICAN
	10	NATIONAL AMERICAN SPORTS CAR CLUB
	11	BRITISH RACING MOTOR
	12	FERRARI, MUSTANG AND PORSCHE
	13	LION
	14	RAMS HEAD
	15	SCORPION
	16	BULL
	17	COBRA

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