

Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome to the Winter newsletter and here we are in December and the year is virtually over, I know I've probably said it before, but I can't believe how fast the year has 'slipped by'. In fact, I can't believe how quickly the past ten years have flown by, I was elected as the Chairman of the Midlands Region at an emergency meeting of the Midlands committee and now a decade later I have stood down from that position. I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, it was a steep learning curve initially, but I have been very ably assisted by the whole of the Midlands committee and I thank them all for their help and encouragement along the Way.

Jayne Poston has been elected as my replacement and I offer my hearty congratulations on her appointment and I know that she will be a very capable and popular chairman. There have also been a couple of other committee changes, I will be continuing to help as the deputy Chairman and Rally Representative. Paul Parkin has also stood down as the regions volunteering co-ordinator, many thanks Paul for all of your help over the past few years with setting up the revised volunteering system. Darren Holmes has taken over from Paul and I wish him all the best in this role. All other committee positions remain unchanged and all contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

We held our Orange Army Christmas Party at the beginning of December at the East Midlands Hilton Hotel and it was another huge success thanks to Julze and Rach Batten-Dale, many thanks again for all of your efforts during the year to make the event such a memorable occasion. During the evening we were able, with the help of our National Chairman Nadine Lewis, to award our regional trophies, and these were handed to: Cadet, Oliver Anslow, Newcomer, Kyle Turton, Shadow Trophy, Joe Watts, and the Bellini Trophy our 2018 marshal of the year, Ashley Morton. The Sylvia Edwards Trophy will be awarded during our training days in January. Many congratulations again to all of our award winners and also a huge thank you to everyone that attended the party and also for making the tombola another success, it made a profit of £400.00. and this will be distributed in equal amounts to Donington Park Racing Association and the Air Ambulance.

BMMC have a stand at Autosport International next January and it's located in Hall number 3 and it's stand number. 3713

We also have a stand at race Retro $22^{nd} - 24^{th}$ February 2019 the stand is in hall 2 and it's stand number 522.

Why not pop in to either show and say hello !



I would like to wish all of our members a very happy Christmas and New Year and we'll look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Training Days 2019 at Donington Park

Our training days are now organised for 2019 and will be held on...

Sunday 20th January for Rescue. Click the link below to register -

https://goo.gl/forms/N5YhKYms1O1JdoGJ3

Saturday 26th January for Race trainee + New track + Specialist. Click the link below to register -

Please note: TRAINEE SPECIALIST IS THIS DAY ONLY

https://goo.gl/forms/4hx1opxCCiVv48hD2

27th January for **Race trainee + New Specialist and all other grades, except post chief.** Click the link below to register -

https://goo.gl/forms/I06BCk0nDsiEfM9B3

Any Training queries please email m.training@marshals.co.uk

Scan the QR code below on your mobile device to take you to registration for -Sunday 20th January 2019 Scan the QR code below on your mobile device to take you to registration for -Saturday 27th January 2019 Scan the QR code below on your mobile device to take you to registration for -

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Training - Donington Park - Saturday 26th. January 2019

This day is for Trainees only (Race and Specialist). So if you are just starting or are looking to upgrade from Trainee to either Track or Specialist, then this day is for you.

(Note that on Sunday 27th. there are no sessions for Trainee Specialist, only for Trainee Race.)

This training day is organised by the Midland Region of the British Motorsports Marshal's Club with financial support from the British Motor Sport Training Trust.

To volunteer for this day please complete the details below.

Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new members!

Davina Wilkinson from Tenbury Wells

Mike Kelsey from Loughborough

Steven Crampton from Nottingham

Peter Williamson from Halesowen

Helen Jones from Sleaford

Congratulations on your upgrades!

Richard Swain—Experienced Track

Dean Carmichael—Specialist

Phil Sparrow—Track

Daniel Lloyd—Experienced Track

Race Retro

Who's planning to come to Race Retro 23rd to 24th February 2019? We'll have a stand there, so please come find us and say hello. Race Retro is Europe's premier show for historic motorsport. The three day event running from Friday 22 - Sunday 24 February at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, is the season opener for historic motor racing and the associated community. Book advance tickets and save 20%.



Entrance times are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Sunday. There are 3,000 free parking spaces, located a short walk from the halls at the show. Disabled visitors can enter the site through gate 1 and must have their disabled badge in order to gain access to designated disabled parking (disabled parking is subject to availability). For more info visit https://www.raceretro.com.



BRMC Rally News

Now that I've relinquished the Regional Chairman's job I'm able to return to where I was nearly ten years ago which was the Rally Representative for the region. I intend to put together a short article within each newsletter that will highlight Rally training dates and events that myself and the team that I normally marshal with will be attending. The first table below is the provisional Rally training days for 2019, there are more days available but the ones that I have listed are easily reachable from the Midlands Region. A full list of training days and the links to sign up for them can be found on the BRMC website. www.brmc.org.uk

Location	Date
Telford	Sunday 24th February
Llandridod Wells	Sunday 3rd March
Derby	Sunday 24th March
Oxford	Sunday 7th April
South West	Saturday 4th May
South East	Sunday 2nd June

The next table is a selection of rallies that are all multi-venue events and are all based in forests.

If anyone would like to marshal on any of them, of have any questions regarding rallies please contact me at <u>mikegrantham555@gmail.com</u>

Rally	Date	Location
Cambrian	16th February	North Wales
Malcolm Wilson	9th March	Lake District
North West Stages	23rd March	Blackpool
Rally of North Wales	30th March	Mid Wales
Rallynuts Stages	13th April	Mid Wales
Scottish Rally	18th May	Scottish Borders
ATL Carlisle Stages	8th June	Scottish Borders



Midlands Region Committee Changes

As mentioned in the Chair's message, Mike is standing down as Chair for BMMC Midlands region. Jayne Poston will be taking on the role, with Mike continuing his support as Deputy Chair. The Committee would like to thank Mike for his leadership over the last 10 years, and wish Jayne all the best in her new role.

Mike is also taking on the role of Rally Representative, replacing Derek Murphy who remains on the Committee but is also taking on a new role with the BRMC.

Paul Parkin has stepped down from his role as Volunteering Coordinator, and we welcome Darren Holmes to the role.

Thank you Derek and Paul for your efforts in these roles, and our best wishes to you both.

Autosport International Show 2019



Held at the NEC since January 1991, Autosport International will be celebrating its 29th anniversary between the 10th and 13th January 2019 at the NEC in Birmingham.

This annual pre-season event covers all areas of motorsport, both professional and grass roots, from karting right up to Formula One. Featuring the very latest in motorsport, automotive and performance engineering technology, alongside cars and exhibitors from every level of motor racing, this must-attend event uniquely caters for the industry and motorsport fans alike; encompassing two trade-only days for members of the motorsport industry to meet, network and do business and two days for enthusiasts to see the fastest cars, biggest stars and most amazing live action.

The MSA has teamed up with Autosport International (10-13 January 2019) to offer competition licence holders, licensed officials and registered marshals an exclusive £5 discount on trade tickets.

The MSA member offer is valid on tickets for the show's two trade days on 10-11 January, designed for members of the motorsport industry to meet, network and do business. These cost £30 in advance or £32 on the door but the MSA and show organisers Motorsport Network are pleased to offer MSA members £5 off.

To claim your discount to Autosport International, please <u>CLICK HERE</u> and register.

BMMC Midlands Region—Christmas Party and Awards 2018

The Christmas Party and Awards evening was held on Saturday 1st December at the Hilton Hotel. Once again, the event was well attended and a great end to the 2018 season. Our National Chair Nadine Lewis was on hand to present the awards, and stayed on for the meal and celebrations.

All but one award was presented on the night; this will be awarded in January.

Some of the photos taken on the evening are shown below, the full gallery will be added to our website soon. Thanks to Brian Tyler, photographer for the evening.

Thanks to all who attended, and also to our Social Events co-ordinators Julze and Rach.



2018 BMMC MIDLANDS AWARD WINNERS











More photos from the Christmas Party











BMMC and AWS Overalls—Update

As a long standing client BMMC has been advised by AWS of the planned closure of their business. Members should continue to place orders with AWS in the normal way until we advise of alternative arrangements.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at AWS for their years of help and continued support and wish Nick a long and happy retirement.

Standard Overalls	£55.00
GPX Overalls	£65.00
Premium Sizes 4XL and 5XL	Add 25%
Jacket	£40.00
Over-trousers	£25.00
Made to measure	£25.00
Name embroidery	£6.00
Postage	£8.00

All prices include vat.

The garment sponsorship will be changing the New Year, all to be revealed soon!

For further information about ordering AWS overalls and FRS Hi-Vis Jackets please click HERE.

ALL BMMC OVERALLS ARE SOLD BY TELEPHONE ORDER OR TO PERSONAL CALLERS ONLY, BMMC OVERALLS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO BUY ONLINE. YOU WILL NEED TO QUOTE YOUR BMMC NUMBER TO PURCHASE (WE DO NOT REQUIRE YOUR MSA NUMBER). IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF SIZE REQUIRED PLEASE MEASURE YOUR CHEST, WAIST AT WIDEST POINT, HIPS AND HEIGHT TO ASSIST US BEFORE YOU CALL. PLEASE ALLOW FOR WEARING SEVERAL LAYERS UNDERNEATH AND POSSIBLY OPT FOR A SIZE UP. A SPEC / CARE SHEET IS AVAILABLE BELOW TO LEFT. FOR SHIPPING PLEASE QUOTE A DELIVERY ADDRESS WHERE SOMEONE IS AVAILABLE TO SIGN FOR THE PARCEL.

AWS available online below (for BMMC special offer, call AWS direct)

BMMC National Regalia and BMMC Teamwear

It's getting cold out there-need a woolly hat?

Order a BMMC knitted hat, or see your regalia officer, Simon Morris. A small amount of regalia will also be available from the Taster Day team, when Simon is not at Donington Park.



The BMMC Teamwear has a great range of shirts, t-shirts, jackets, fleeces, sweatshirts and bodywarmers for all, at great value and top quality!

To check them out and place an order, please click on this link https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/



TO ORDER ABOVE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT BESTWORKWEAR -Telephone: 08454 65 66 65 and quote "BMMC TEAMWEAR"

Are you a winner? Marshals Monthly Prize Draw

Each month we have a Marshals Prize Draw, where one lucky member will win an item of regalia!

Log in to the <u>BMMC Website</u> and go to NEED TO KNOW > Marshals Monthly Prize Draw.

Our latest winner has been chosen, so don't forget to check if it's you.

Taster Days 2019—Donington Park

	Potential Taste	r Days for 2019
Donington Park are once again supporting our Taster Days in 2019.		
Here are th	ne provisional dates so far -	
	MSV	6th 7th April
	MSV	13th 14th April
	BARC Superkarts	1st 2nd June
	BRSCC GTs	22nd 23rd June
	BRSCC	17th 18th August
	BRSCC	14th 15th September
	MSV	21st 22nd September
	MSV	28th 29th September

For more details and to register, go to www.tasterdays.info

Under 18?

In association with <u>Go Motorsport</u>, 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.

Potential dates for the Recruitment Stand in 2019		
BTCC	27th 28th April	
DHF	5th 6th May	
Masters Historic	8th 9th June	
BTRA Trucks	10th 11th August	

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.shelsleywalsh.com/
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.brscc.co.uk/
MG Car Club	http://www.mgcc.co.uk/
MSVR	http://www.msvracing.com/
Historic Sports Car Club	http://www.hscc.org.uk/
Vintage Sports Car Club	http://www.vscc.co.uk/
Midlands Automobile Club	http:/www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/
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/
Classic Sports Car Club	http://www.classicsportscarclub.co.uk/

Festivals

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

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