

# Chairperson's Report—Jayne Poston

Hi All,

Just a few words from me to open this new edition of your Newsletter.

I start with the stark reminder of what a cruel mistress our beloved sport can be. Anthoine Hubert (22) sadly lost his life in the F2 Feature Race at Spa 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Juan Manual Correa (20) was seriously injured in the accident and currently is in a stable condition in hospital. The marshals attending the incident were there in minutes and received praise from the FIA for their quick actions. Also on the same day Jean-Jacques Enjolras died whilst officiating on a rally in France. We are reminded regularly that Motorsport is dangerous but dark weekends where we loose drivers and marshals, friends and colleagues are thankfully few and far between.



Our Annual AGM for the Midlands Region is planned for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to be held in the Media Suite at Donington Park. Official notices will be sent to all members in the next few weeks. It would be great to see you there.

We've had several Taster Days so far this season with our last 2 planned for September. the quality of new marshals coming through has been outstanding and we have seen a large percentage returning to circuits. A huge thank you to all of you who have taken the time and patience to spend time with the new guys showing them the ropes.

Remember if you have any nominations for the Annual Awards please get them in to myself at <u>m.chair@marshals.co.uk</u>. Nominations need to have displayed an act that makes them shine above all others. For the Regional Awards they need to be current BMMC Midland members.

The Christmas Party is well under way in the planning – remember to get your deposits to Aimee or Joe to secure your places and if anyone has any prizes for the raffle they will be gratefully received.

Dates for Your DiaryWednesday 13<sup>th</sup> NovemberBMMC Midlands AGM – Donington Park Media SuiteSunday 1st DecemberBMMC Nation AGM – Jurys Inn, Milton KeynesSaturday 7<sup>th</sup> DecemberBMMC Midlands Christmas Party



Jayne Poston

# Spotlight on...Luke Hodgkiss (Eligibility Scrutineer)

#### How does a typical race day start for you?

A typical race day for me usually starts with a smile to myself, because I realise how lucky I am to be doing something I truly love and have a real passion for. Motorsports to me is more than a track or a result. It's a challenge to push yourself further and further every time. Everyone sees drivers but don't always see the teams, friends and family behind the scenes. This is also the same for motorsport volunteers whether you are a marshal or a race director. The unsung heroes of motorsports across the world but most of all the UK. We are highly respected around the world as being one of the best if not the best as officials in motorsports.

As a scrutineer my typical race day usually starts at 6:30am wake up, to be at the track for a 7am start. Scrutineering usually starts between 7:00am and 7:30am depending on how keen the drivers and teams are to have their cars scrutinised. "Remembering that scrutineers must have a cuppa before they start, nothing worse than a grumpy scrutineer". Within Motorsport UK regs we have an estimate of 10 cars per hour for each scrutineer; this means we have 6 mins a car to check the key safety points on the car. Once scrutineering finishes for the morning, we then take on duties within the race meeting. This is usually split into different area such as assembly, pit lane, start line and scrutineering bay.

#### Have your ever tried racing yourself?

Going racing for me has never been a focus of mine, so far to date I've not competed in a race other than friendly go karting sessions with friends and family. My full time job as a vehicle mechanic means I'm much happier fixing and tinkering with cars than I am racing them. I've been lucky enough to work with a few colleagues who have gone racing, which I get more enjoyment from. But never say never. I do like the idea of endurance racing and I don't mean a 50 min race, I'm talking 12 to 24 hour racing with 4 to 6 drivers.

#### What other hobbies do you have away from motorsport?

Currently I'm studying towards a degree in Motorsport Engineering with the National Motorsports Academy with the De Montfort University Leicester.

With work, motorsports and my course, I have little to no time for any other hobbies at the moment, but hopefully in the near future I will have some more time to look at new ventures and hobbies.

#### Which motorsport event is your favourite?

My favourite motorsport event for me at the moment has to be British GT. A few years ago, I was surprised to be asked to work with the technical team on the British GT package. As you can imagine I jumped at the chance and have not looked back since, seeing some of the best racing and tracks within the UK and the legendary Spa-Francorchamps circuit. At times I felt out of my depth and couldn't understand why I had been given this awesome opportunity within the British GT team.

#### If you did race, who would you have as your co-driver and why?

For a co-driver I feel that I should do a past and present driver and to explain why for both, as it's so hard to pick just one driver from the history of racing.

My past driver would have to be the late and great Bruce McLaren.

Bruce McLaren was a racing car driver, engineer and team owner. Born in New Zealand 1937 and died 1970 testing at Goodwood Circuit. Which made Bruce only 32 when we lost such an incredible figure head in Motor-sports history. The reason why I would have enjoyed sharing a car with Bruce is the sheer passion he had for motor racing not only single seaters but for GT racing he built his GT cars to go racing, which helped fund his single seater racing. The knowledge and experience he had in those 32 years were far above and beyond most people of this time. The chance to learn and share a car with Bruce would have been truly amazing.

# Spotlight on...Luke Hodgkiss (Eligibility Scrutineer) continued...

The present day co-driver is very hard for me to choose because of all the impressive drivers out there, but I would choose an up and coming driver called Emily Linscott, Emily is a young teen racer from the UK. I've followed Emily's career from karting, GT racing and now single seater racing. Emily has a real drive to succeed and a natural talent behind the wheel, but also has a focused attitude to chase after her dream of becoming a professional racing driver and a championship winner, with limited funds. This has never stopped Emily chasing down those elusive funds with the help of her family and friends. But the fan interaction between Emily and her fans is inspirational as it's not all about going racing it is also about empowering people to chase after their dreams and goals in life and showing that if you put in the hard work and focus you can achieve your own goals. Which I feel is a very strong message in today's world, that we need to be empowering people instead of holding people back, giving people the chance to achieve their dreams. Also, I feel that it would be such a laugh from start to finish as Emily is so funny in her live chasts to fans. So, I feel the pressure of trying to drive a race car would be made slightly that bit easier with a bit of laughter.

#### What's your go-to music when driving?

With having such an eclectic taste in music it's quite difficult to narrow down a go-to music. Usually something easy listening, such as Nickelback, Queen, Genesis, Andrea Bocelli and Journey. This list could go on and on. But if I'm travelling a long way to a circuit, I would have to say something I grew up listening to on vinyl record. Jeff Wayne's War of the Worlds original recording from 1978. Listening to Richard Burton, Justin Hayward and Phil Lynott. Just reminds me of sitting round the record player with my dad (Eddie) listening to the story, brings a smile to my face and puts me in a good place for a very long day at the track. I love how music can influence us in many ways making us laugh, making us smile and making us cry. It has such a powerful influence around the world and people come together with music.

From a taster day session at Donington Park in 2014 to five fantastic seasons, firstly as a trainee scrutineer to now eligibility scrutineer and at the age of 28, I'm grateful for the opportunities I've been given and all the help I've received. The taster day put on by the fantastic recruitment team (who know who they are) and hopefully understand how grateful I truly am to them for that day has changed my life for the better.

If anyone fancies a try at Scrutineering or any other roles in motorsports as a volunteer, this is open to anyone from all walks of life this is not just an old man's club anymore. Even if you wanted to see what we do up close for a day then speak with your local team or Motorsports UK. Together we make motorsport happen in the UK and without you and the countless others across the UK, motorsports wouldn't be possible. So, a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you that give up your free time to be at an event across the country and make it possible for that event to take place.

Best regards Luke Hodgkiss Motorsports UK Scrutineer



## **BRMC Rally News**

Well, here we are in Autumn already, where has the year disappeared to, the countdown to Christmas will be underway fairly soon I'm sure. I'd like to start with my thanks to all BMMC / BRMC marshals for their help on events throughout the Summer months. The majority of the Rally multi venue event championships are drawing to a close; the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA championship has only one event left to run, the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire 28<sup>th</sup> September, however the championship has already been won by Euan Thorburn / Paul Beaton in their Ford Focus WRC. Many congratulations to Euan and Paul as they managed to win the first five rounds of the championship and cemented their overall victory on the recent Nicky Grist Stages.

The Motorsport UK British Rally Championship had just one round remaining to run, the Armstrong Galloway Hills Rally 14<sup>th</sup> September and Matt Edwards / Patrick Walsh must be favourites to take the title again, however Tom Cave / Dale Bowen have a mathematical chance of stealing the title if they win the rally and Matt is unable to score any points. In this situation both crews will be equal on points so the final victor could be decided by a tie breaker.

The next rally at Donington is the Dukeries Rally and the date is the 13<sup>th</sup> October. BRMC / BMMC may be carrying out marshal recruitment, if you're marshalling at the event why not pop along and say hello!

The 2019 – 2020 MSN Circuit Rally Dates are now available and are as follows:

2019-20 MSN Circuit Rally Championship in association with MSVR.

- Rd 1 2 November 2019 Oulton Park
- Rd 2 17 November 2019 Cadwell Park
- Rd 3 8 December 2019 Knockhill
- Rd 4 18 January 2020 Brands Hatch
- Rd 5 2 February 2020 Cadwell Park
- Rd 6 15 February 2020 Snetterton
- Rd 7 1 March 2020 Anglesey Circuit
- Rd 8 15 March 2020 Donington Park

\*All events subject to Motorsport UK approval.

BRMC are running stages on the Galloway Hills Rally, Wales Rally GB and the Roger Albert Clark Rally on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The RAC stage is by Moffat, Scotland and we are looking at staffing our stage which is called Greskine. Other stages are available in Wales and Yorkshire the event website <u>racmc.org</u> has more details.

Rally Training dates for 2020 should be available fairly soon I'll circulate them as soon as I have them.

Mike Grantham BMMC Midlands Region Rally Rep



### New Members and Upgrades

#### Welcome to our new members!

Michael McKeon from Hinckley	Stuart Aires from Rugby
James Keenan-Hannon from Wolverhampton	Charlotte Edwards from Sutton Coldfield
Alexander Campbell from Tamworth	Jon Twiggs from Tamworth
Paul Cartwright from Swadlincote	Owen Broderick from Tamworth
Richard Adcock from Pershore	Brandon Green from Kingsley
Joshua Whitehead from Derby	Mark Breakwell from Nottingham
Andrew Owens from Nottingham	

### Congratulations on your upgrades!

Jason Allen—Experienced Track

Malcolm Littlewood—Track

# Marshals Christmas Party and Awards Evening

The Christmas Party is now booked! Deposits (£10pp) or full payment (£25pp) is being taken, either by bank transfer or cash in person to Joe Watts or Aimee Longley (often lurking at sign-on at Donington Park).

Email m.bmmcevents@hotmail.com for bank details.

Just a reminder of the details: -

Saturday 7th December 2019

Hilton East Midlands Airport

**BMMC Midlands Awards** 

3 course meal

Raffle

Disco

Please ensure you also notify Joe or Aimee of any allergy requirements to help with the menu choice.

### Auumn 2019

# Marshals Appeal—Mallory Park Sunday 13th October



Time Attack are looking for marshals to cover the circuit activities, preferably on post although a small amount of cover is also needed for paddock, start/finish line and possibly a co-ordinator in the race office.

As regulations dictate that Time Attack cars have to have two seats, we offer our marshals the chance to take a 'hot laps' ride around the circuit before the lunch break. We'll try to accommodate as many as possible.

The best way of describing Time Attack is that it's like qualifying without the race. Therefore, there are around 20 cars ontrack at any one time, each trying to set the fastest lap.

There are are 12 x 20-minute sessions: Warm-up, Practice Qualifying and the Final, with three sessions for each: one for entry level classes, another for mid-level performance cars and another for full race machines.

In addition to the 12 Time Attack sessions, we also have four x 15 minute sessions for Run What You Brung Time Attack, which is for beginners.

For more details or to volunteer, please contact Championship Coordinator Simon Slade, simon@timeattack.co.uk

# Midland Region Training Days 2020 – SAVE THE DATE

Thanks to the agreement of MotorSport Vision at Donington Park we announce the following training activities at Donington Park in January 2020:

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Trainee Track and Trainee Specialist, Flag, Incident Officer, Post Chief

Sunday 26th January: Trainee Track, Track, Experienced Track, Specialist

Sunday 19th January: Rescue

Volunteering will be on-line and the appropriate links will be circulated soon but now is the time to make sure that you have the right day in your diary.

Any queries please to m.training@marshals.co.uk.

Jim Whitaker Training Officer, Midland Region, BMMC

# Motorsport UK — Training news

#### What's been happening?

The Education and Training Team have re-structured to clarify roles and responsibilities. We have:

• a Competitors Pathway Manager responsible not just for the Elite Programme (The Academy) but now also for grass roots competitors to ensure we provide help and support if they aspire to become an Elite Performer, as well as for those who simply need to know the basics.

- an Officials Pathway Manager (James Betchley) who is responsible for all our Officials Pathways, from Trainee to Chief in all the different functions. Reporting to him we are now advertising for...
- a Marshals Development Officer who will be responsible specifically for marshals in respect of recruitment, retention, recognition and ensuring the grading scheme is working correctly for all parties.
- an Education & Training Administrative Officer (Becky Maidment), she is the heart of all our training programmes from booking the venues through to ensuring certificates are issued.

we have now incorporated Safeguarding and Compliance into our team (Jen Carty) to help ensure we provide awareness and knowledge in compliance with the law to all those who may be involved or affected.

#### **New Resources Available**

- A revised presentation of the Marshals Grading Scheme which works in an interactive way to enable you to click on the upgrade criteria button and see at a glance the training modules that are required for the upgrade, as well as the event attendance signature requirements.
- An FAQ document to explain the maintenance and upgrade criteria for the Marshals Grading Scheme A simple explanation of what is required if a Marshal wishes to support an event overseas. All of the above can be found in the <u>Marshals Resource Centre</u>.

#### **Learning Hub**

The Learning Hub is Motorsport UK's new, online learning platform which aims to provide members with an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in whichever area of the sport that they are involved in, be it as a Licensed Official, a Competitor, Organiser or Marshal. The Learning Hub is due to be launched by the end of September.

The purpose of the Learning Hub is to make learning more interactive and to give members the opportunity to complete learning in their own time at home. The modules available will be easy to follow and give a fresh and modern update to support and supplement the training that Motorsport UK currently offers to its members.

The first wave of modules available online will be:

• Rally & Cross-Country Marshal's Accreditation – an updated version of the current course.

• Introduction to Officiating – a module that gives an overview of all Official's roles and how they work together on an event.

- Introduction to Marshalling as above but for the role of a Marshal.
- Licensed Official's Module One (Motorsport in Theory) the first part of the Licensed Official's' modular training programme.

Safeguarding in Motorsport – a short module providing an overview of the role of a Volunteer Official regarding safeguarding children, young adults and vulnerable persons.



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## SUBSIDY FOR OVERALLS 2019 - £70.00

We thank the ongoing support from our sponsors who continue to subsidise the purchase of overalls by our members. Sponsorship from TIGA Race Cars, Ginetta, NGK Spark Plugs, Polyflor, Cataclean and the MGCC with the addition of BMMC funding the total subsidy is now:-

To claim, complete a Subsidy Claim form and send it with a <u>Pdf</u> copy or scan of your LILLE Invoice, to: Eric Ridler, 41 Norwood Drive, Timperley, Cheshire, WA15 7LD or email to: <u>Nat.regalia@marshals.co.uk</u>.

Subsidy Claim Forms can be downloaded from the BMMC website, Regalia Section.

BMMC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST BE QUOTED WITH ALL CLAIMS

Please remember this special subsidy is only for overalls purchased by <u>fully paid up members</u> for their own personal use. So, no bulk orders for your mates, please!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SUBSIDY APPLIES FOR ONE SUIT PER MEMBER EVERY <u>THREE</u> YEARS.

# **BMMC National Regalia and BMMC Teamwear**

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 <a href="https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/">https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/</a>



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

Need to order Hi-Vis garments? Best Workwear also have a range of Hi-Vis jackets and Body Warmers carrying the BMMC/TIGA Race Cars and NGK logo—AND they are also subsidised to the tune of £20!

To claim, again complete a Subsidy Claim form and send it with a copy of your FRS invoice to: -

Eric Ridler, 41 Norwood Drive, Timperley, Cheshire WA15 7LD

Or email <u>Nat.regalia@marshals.co.uk</u>.

https://www.bestworkwear.co.uk/

# 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 and Recruitment 2019—Donington Park

### Taster Days for 2019

Due to demand, an additional taster days has been added for October -

### Saturday 26th October

#### CSCC 'Into the Night' Races

The Classic Sports Car Club's 2019 season comes to an end at Donington Park, with the exciting combination of night racing and live television coverage, in addition to the usual CSCC action.

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

Under 18?

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.



# 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/
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/
BARC Speed	https://barc-midlands.co.uk/2019-speed-championship/

### Festivals

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

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