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Cover Story.

When you get to my age it is easy to look back with what people think are rose tinted specs , things were better in the old days , Etc. Etc. Well given the host of problems National and Irish Rallying face at present I have to say at a time when I was much more active things were better ! A case in point was the 1982 Circuit of Ireland where local and national drivers faced a challenge from the very best W.R.C. drivers. Cars and drivers were on show around the city hall and Donegal Place on the Thursday afternoon and my 17 year old daughter was much taken with a young and rather shy Henri Toivenan. In Belfast that day was World Champion Ari Vatanen , Hannu Mikkola , Billy Coleman , Per Ekland , along with Jimmy McRae Ascona 400 , Russell Brooks Chevette HSR , Terry Kaby , Billy Coleman and Austin McHale.

Friday started in miserable conditions mate Dennis and myself marshalling the Ormeau Park stage at the bandstand hairpin . McRae was fastest , just ahead of Toivenan who unlike McRae delighted the crowd with massive drifts across the wet grass.

Late Friday night we caught up near the border Crossing at Middletown where we were warned by the Police of I.R.A. sniper activity just south of the border. Sod that , we thought driving southward in a Rover 3500 SE owned by the father of Dennis and heading for Killarney . Saturday dawned bright and dry and the action was fast and furious. Henri crashed his Ascona 400 into a steep bank but continued with a couple of broken bones in his hand due to trying to hold on to the steering wheel. He decided to continue with one hand in plaster. Both Kaby and Fagan crashed out and McRae still had the lead but was only a few seconds ahead of Vatanen in the works Escort with Brook's Chevette in third. At service Mikkola was losing power due to a slipping clutch and on the Sunday run David Sutton was thankful to a local rally mechanic who suggested washing out the clutch housing with coke cola and then filling the housing with flour ! It worked and Mikkola continued although the wet roads and the bumps did not suit the Quattro.

Monday was dry for the long run up the West coast from Killarney to the Sligo supper halt with several stages held in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Vatanen dropped out of second after damaged suspension dropped him to 7th. and Brooks overtook Toivanen who clearly was in pain from his injured hand. The cars arrived in Belfast with McRae a full five minutes ahead of Brooks with a very brave Toivanen third.

Having previously only marshalled the Count Down stages round Killinchy 1982 was a special experience and although I covered several Circuits on our Club Rescue Unit in later years 1982 was for me the greatest year in Irish Rallying.

The Collector.

Steve Harris a well known Rallycross driver has been building up an unusual car collection for many years. He blames his father Ken who for many years collected rare motorcycles before setting up the company AUTO-PLAS in the late 1970's. Initially the company made plastic rear window louvers so loved by Capri owners, soon branching out into spoiler kits, front grills with built in spot lights etc. This funded a rally career to publicise the business and to move from motorcycle collecting to cars.



Pride of place is this Ford RS200 EVO with very nonstandard rear wing. He still has his first car a rally prepared Saab 96V4 and no less than 3 MimiContryman W.R.C. cars being converted to rallycross spec. Other competition cars include a Gartrac Escort Group 4, a Group A Skoda Favorit and a Land Rover TVR Tomcat Dakar rally special.

At one time he owned a Metro 6R4. At the time he had an apprentice mechanic who as well as being good with the spanners turned out to be able to drive the 6R4 very quickly. His name? a young Richard Burns.

Road cars include a bespoke Range Rover 6 wheeler built for a Saudi Prince, two post war Austin Champs, a Trabant 601 and a Chevy SSR fitted with a supercharged V8 from a 2003 Corvette.

NEW CAR NEWS.

Porsche have revealed details of an all electric Cross Turismo SUV. The electric motors will give 600BHP with 0 to 62 in 3.5 seconds. The car has 4 wheel drive, wheel steering and adaptive air suspension and incorporates many new technological features.

New Car News.

Spotted in Germany on test and lightly disguised is the new Mercedes AMG GT R Clubsport.



For owner not happy with 571 BHP the Clubsport is lighter , wider has bigger brakes and wheels lower suspension and will have over 600 BHP . This will be a road legal track day car. No price yet but when it arrives late 2019 it will match the price of the Porsche911 GT3 RS. (around £275,000).

Waiting on Aston Martin to confirm production of an all new Lagonda car , originally discussed as a saloon it may now appear as a Bentley type luxury SUV. This large SUV will be an zero emission high performance all electric car with a projected price rag of over £650,000 !

In spite of recent problems TESLA still intend to produce the mch talked about Tesla Roadster Supercar with 250MPH ad 0 to 60 time of 1.9 seconds. Powered by 200KW motors (the new Nissen Leaf has a total of 40KW) the car comes with a ground effect designed body with large rear wing front and rear diffusers and a flat undertray.

A new Mini Countryman is due out soon , all electric it is a mini body on the existing BMW i3 electric car. Also BMW's i8 roadster gets a power upgrade this year along with a price hike costing just over £130,000.

DOG LOVER ?

Just spent a weekend at the 'SALTY DOG ' in Bangor , the most dog friendly hotel in Northern Ireland. Both guests and dogs get almost equal treatment , the dogs get free treats all day but the poor owners do not ! Towels are provided for wet dogs and dog beds can be ordered but better to bring your own for the dog's sake , but you and the dog will be treated like royalty.

RAYMOND WALLS MOTORING MEMORIES MUSEUM.

Thanks again to GOFF for another visit to a museum that few people knew existed. From 1980 Raymond has been travelling all over the world collecting not cars (although he has a mint 1939 Jaguar 3.5 litre saloon and a 3.4 S Jaguar). He has currently 350 glass petrol globes many dated pre 1939 , a collection of early petrol pumps , something like 500 metal road signs including 1900 RAC road signs and both North and South Border Crossing signs., a vast collection of both RAC and AA stuff including motorbikes and sidecars. He has the original timing clock for the 1903 Gordon Bennett Trophy race in Ireland as well as many items from the ARDS T T races of the 1930's. What he fails to have regrettably is an inventory of the collection as with around 100,000 items it proved to be an impossible task. Next month the mag. will include some photo's of this great collection. To see just a small part of it go onto You Tube and look up Raymond Walls Ballygowan.

CLASSIC NEWS.

RM are looking forward to their Feb sales. The December sale saw record prices with a 1956 Ferrari 290MM once raced by Stirling Moss selling for over \$22,000,000. In the same sale a 2015 Porsche 918 spyder sold for over £1.2 million.



Bonham's are selling this ex works Tiger at their Paris sale. Priced at £250,000 which will be a new record.

The Bill Patterson collection.

Bill Patterson has left the Club a wide range of collectables to be sold in aid of Cancer Research. Club members get first choice before the items are advertised. All reasonable offers considered contact ROY 90772994

Goodwood Road Racing Club Yearbooks 1998 to 2017 boxed set 20 books

Goodwood Motor Circuit book 1948 to 1966 Part of boxed set

Goodwood Festival of Speed book 1993 to 1997 Part of boxed set

Goodwood cloth shopping bags 6 off

Wooden model of Bill's Lotus 12 race car SOLD

Autoart model of Graham Hill in Lotus 49

British G.P. programmes 1978 1984 1985 1986 2002

Goodwood festival of speed programmes 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

2009 2011 2012 2014 2015 2016 2017

Grand Prix film magazine 1966

Framed picture Eddie Irvine Ferrari signed by Irvine

Framed Monaco Historic poster signed by Phil Hill and Stirling Moss SOLD

Collection of Indy 500 stickers

Indy 500 DVD 1964 to 1973

Can Am history DVD

Revolution at Indy DVD

Worlds Greatest Cars DVD

Grand Prix Legends Gift set DVD and Book unopened

Goodwood Revival programmes 1998 2001 2003 2005 2007 2008 (signed Brian Redman)
2009 (signed Bobby Rahl) 2010 2011 (signed David Piper) and 2017 (signed Jochan Mass)

Goodwood Nine Hour race programme 2002 Goodwood Sprint programme 2013

Phoenix Park programme 1985

Brands Hatch programme Historic Meeting 1985

Toyota Monterey Magazine with John Watson feature

Book 100 years of the British Automobile Racing Club new.

Baseball Caps mostly new

Andretti indy500

Jordan G.P. signed by Eddie Jordan USED

James Bond 007

Kirkistown 2013

Team RAC Touring Cars used

Ulster Riley Club leather . used SOLD

1000 Mille miglia flat cap

BMMC Flask

Ties mostly new

Vintage sports car club 500 Motor Racing Club Ulster Riley Club Amilcar Owners Club
(Sold) Great Northern Railways Merchant Navy Association SOLD
Banbridge Old Vehicle Club

Book GULL The Delorian Story

Bastard the bear teddy bear SOLD

Schumacher teddy bear Schumacher Figure boxed

500 Motor Club paperweights 2 off 1 SOLD

Collection of cloth badges in ELLENHAMMER small shoulder bag.

AVO Owners Club document case.

YES THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN !!!!!

Also the time when all members should have renewed their membership. If not , why not ? Any problem talk to any Committee member. Roy.

FANTASY GRAND PRIX 2019.

Drivers.....Hamilton and Bottas Mercedes Benz

Vettel and Leclerc Ferrari

Sainz and Norris McLaren

Verstappen and Gasly Red Bull

Hulkenburg and Ricciardo Renault

Grosjean and Magnasson Haas

Perez and Stroll Force India

Raikkonen and Giovinazzi Sauber

Kvyat and Albon Toro Rosso

Kubica and Russell Williams.

Pick top six drivers for each G.P. to score points 6 for first to 1 for sixth. 3 bonus points for each driver finishing in the correct place , 3 points deducted for your driver failing to complete half race distance. Closing date for entries 10th. March 2019.

Entry forms back of this months Mag. Entries to ,ROY BOWMAN 6 MARK ROYAL COURT NEWTOWNABBEY with £2 entry fee please.



Where is the silly old sod , he only went down the road for a crate of Stella !

Robert's RallyBuzz

February Makes Me Shiver

Those immortal words from Don McLean's classic song American Pie would indicate that this month is never going to be a warm one! Slightly better than January, but only just. Looking forward though, there is usually a HINT of spring about to arrive towards the month end.

On the rally front the new season kicks off here in Northern Ireland with two events. The Samsonas Fivemiletown Rally is on gravel stages in Co.Tyrone while the Pacenotes Stage Rally takes place over the mostly sealed surface of the Kirkistown race circuit in Co.Down. Further afield the year moves up a gear with big events in Southern Ireland, Wales and Sweden.

The Galway Rally takes place on Sunday 10th February. Yes just one day this year for round one of the Irish Tarmac Championship. There are no less than 26 R5 cars entered. Seems most of the top drivers, with the notable exception of Garry Jennings, have gone over to this supposedly cheaper category this year.

Jennings is sticking to his Subaru S12B WRC with which he has won the last two Galway Internationals. The Fermanagh driver doesn't like left-hand-drive cars and in Ireland only these homologated examples of R5's are permitted to win the ITC. He is campaigning to allow right-hand-drive conversions the same privileges. Of course the World Cars cannot score IRC points so Jennings appears to have ruled himself out of a second Irish Tarmac title.

A total of 122 cars on on the Galway entry list. Having lost any hope of a World Championship drive this year, Craig Breen and his old friend Paul Nagle are the number one seeds in a Fiesta R5. They may do more ITC rounds if all goes well.

The British Rally Championship starts on Saturday Feb.16th with the Cambrian Rally in North Wales and should attract similar R5 interest. The big difference here is left and right-hand-drive R5 cars can win events and score points equally.

Great to see Kris Meeke start his new adventure with the Toyota Yaris WRC on the Monte. Sixth place and a power stage victory was a good opener to the season in a new car plus a new co-driver. The pace was there as Meeke declared "I love my Yaris".

It Will be an interesting year with Ogier, Neuville, Tanak and Meeke the expected pacesetters. The next round is the snowy Swedish Rally on the weekend of Feb.15-17. How will the Toyotas go there? Ogier in his first event driving the Citroen C3 won the Monte by just two seconds from Neuville while Ott Tanak clawed his way back to third after a puncture in his Yaris. Sebastien Loeb in his Hyundai i20 finished a superb fourth.

Looking Back

February memories

30 Years Ago.....1989

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Eamon Mathieson took his mighty Ford Sierra home built supercar to a dominant victory in Round 2 of the Kirkistown Winter Rallycross Championship. Only 30 cars turned up on a very cold late January Saturday. BMMC/BRMC provided the track marshals as was usual.

Mark Lovell won the Galway Rally in his Sierra Cosworth, but only after the engine of Frank Magher's trusty Mk. 2 Escort cried enough while he was 4 MINUTES in the lead! Lovell caused something of a controversy when he "shovelled" grumpy Kenny Colbert's slower Peugeot 205 out of the way on one of the stages.

The BIF Circuit of Ireland would start on March 25 from the Dunadry Inn and finish three days later in Dun Laoghaire. This was to be the 50th anniversary of the famous rally.

20 Years Ago.....1999

We ran a stage of the Mid Antrim Motor Club's General Motor Works Rally in Tardree Forest. Although only point seven of a mile in length we managed to have plenty of marshals on duty. Former NI Champion Mervin Hill won the rally driving an ex-works Ford Escort Cosworth.

10 Years Ago.....2009

Derek McGarrity completely dominated the Eurocables Rally at Kirkistown to take the lead in the 2009 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Four other former champions took part but it was McGarrity in the most up-to-date car in the event, a 2007 Subaru S12B, who proved to be too hot to handle on the day. Conditions were ideal, dry and spring-like which made for a fast and furious days rallying. A maximum entry of 120 competitors started the six stage event, including 11 World Rally Cars.

Second was Connor McCloskey in the same 05 Focus WRCin which he also finished second last year. Kenny McKinstry came home third in a similar car to McCloskey while Wesley Patterson was top 2-wheel-drive finisher in tenth with his Mk.2 Escort. I was marshalling and we had a long but enjoyable day at the chicane sector.

A fortnight before the Kirkistown rally quite a few BMMC/BRMC members assisted the MG Car Club with their Derek Walker Classic Trial. This was based at Delamont Country Park near Killyleagh in Co.Down. I was despatched to help run an autotest at a farm near Ardglass. 40 competitors took part on a dry but icy cold February Saturday.

No less than 100 cars were on the entry list for the 2009 Fivemiletown Spring Rally organised by Omagh Motor Club. The gravel event used the usual forests south of the Co.Tyrone town. Four of us were timekeeping on the eight stage rally. Only 58 cars made it to the finish of the popular event which was won by John Cairns in his Subaru Impreza.

5 Years Ago.....2014

For the first time ever, the 2014 Circuit of Ireland Rally in April was to include a town-centre special stage in Newtownards. The stage would close the first day of competitive action on the two-day European Championship event. A total of 19 special stage were planned all in Co,Down apart from two County Antrim Lisburn City Centre Power Stages. BMMC/BRMC marshals would be heavily involved with the Easter weekend event.

Rally Diary

Sat. 9th Feb. Rosspark Hotel Targa Rally

Mid Antrim Motor Club are promoting this event. Based at the Rosspark Hotel in Kells near Ballymena. I think some of us will be assisting on this Targa Rally. A full entry list of 80 cars will take part. Sign-on is from 7am.

Sat. 16th Feb. Samsonas Fivemiletown Rally

We are due to assist with timing, radio, stage marshalling and rescue on this Omagh Motor Club gravel rally. As I write only 45 cars have entered but presumably the event will run. Check for times and further details on the club's website. Although just a clubman event, running on the same day as the gravel Cambrian Rally (BRC round one in North Wales) may effect the entry.

Sat. 23rd Feb. Pacenotes Rally Magazine Kirkistown Stages

North Armagh Motor Club are the organisers of this first round of the Motorsport UK McGrady Insurance Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Six stages are planned at the Co.Down race circuit. Only a short gravel section on some of the tests otherwise the event is on a sealed surface. We will be marshalling and providing some of the rescue personnel. As I write only 22 cars have placed an entry so check the North Armagh website before you set out, just in case the rally doesn't run! Sign-on from 7am.

Sat. 9th March Bishops court Stages

Round two of the Northern Ireland Championship. Rathfriland Motor Club are running this six stage sealed surface circuit-type rally. We will be helping out with marshals and other officials. Sign-on from 7am.



Those were the days , my friend , those were the days !!!!!

Crap Corner.

BREXIT could be followed by"

- "Grexit"
- "Departugal"
- "Italeave"
- "Czechout"
- "Oustria"
- "Finish"
- "Slovakout"
- "Latervia"
- "Bygium"

Only "Remania" will stay.



"Whichever way it goes, it will mean THE END OF THE WORLD! Already, Barbara Windsor has committed suicide on EastEnders in anticipation of Brexit." - Giles Brandreth

I voted remain , not for any political reason , but my mum lives in Spain and I want her to stay there.. Leo Kears.

An Englishman , A Scotsman and an Irishman walk into a bar..... the Englishman wants to go so they all have to leave.

Notice pinned up in our local library.

PLEASE NOTE

The post-apocalyptic fiction section has been moved to Current Affairs.

Brexit is a bit like Geri Halliwell overestimating her viability as a solo artist and walking out on the Spice Girls.

Why do the British love Tea so much..... because Tea leaves.

Brexit will make prices go up , so it will cost them more not to go to the dentist. Conor O'Brien.

Roy Hodgson should be appointed Prime Minister , he has a fantastic record for leaving Europe quickly.

I deal with tough mathematical problems every day , but please don't ask me to help with Brexit. Stephen Hawking.

I don't think we should have voted at all , Brexit is a terrible name , it sounds like something you take for constipation. Tiff Stevenson.

I was angry about the whole Brexit thing but we haven't had a holiday since 2012 , and I'm broke so how much worse could it get ? Kae Kurd.

What is a hard border ? Is it like Trump's Mexican wall ? Looks like the E.U. and Trump are ganging up together. Aaron McCloud.

David Cameron announced he was stepping down because of the vote which should make me happy , but it doesn't , it's like catching an ice cream cone out of the air after a child has been hit by a car , and eating it , but it's tainted somehow . John Oliver.

No you cannot get out of Brexit , it inspired everybody else to screw up their own country. Look at America , they elected ' Mister Brexit'.

People say " stop complaining , it's a democracy " If five people vote to take my i phone that not democracy , it's a mugging. Dan Baptiste.

I only voted leave because I had a bet on with friends that if we all voted leave the English would mess the whole thing up. I might have lost a couple of friends but I did win a tidy bit of money. Anon Cardiff.

The Government would like to see petrol and diesel engine cars phased out by 2030 and at the same time conclude the Brexit negotiations. Anon.

FANTASY GRAND PRIX 2019 NAME.

AUS	1	2	3
17-Mar	4	5	6
Bah	1	2	3
31-Mar	4	5	6
Chi	1	2	3
14.04	4	5	6
Baku	1	2	3
28-Apr	4	5	6
Span	1	2	3
21-May	4	5	6
Monaco	1	2	3
26-May	4	5	6
Canada	1	2	3
09-Jun	4	5	6
France	1	2	3
23-Jun	6	5	4
Aust	1	2	3
30-Jun	4	5	6
BRIT	1	2	3
14-Jul	4	5	6
German	1	2	3
28-Jul	4	5	6

Hung	1	2	3
04-Aug	4	5	6
Span	1	2	3
01-Sep	4	5	6
Italy	1	2	3
08-Sep	4	5	6
Sing	1	2	3
22-Sep	4	5	6
Russ	1	2	3
29-Sep	4	5	6
Jap	1	2	3
13-Oct	4	5	6
Mexico	1	2	3
17-Oct	4	5	6
USA	1	2	3
03-Nov	4	5	6
Braz	1	2	3
17-Nov	4	5	6
Abu D	1	2	3
01-Dec	4	5	6