

BRITISH MOTORSPORT



MARSHALS CLUB

b	BRITISH
r	RALLY
m	MARSHALS
c	CLUB

SAFER MOTOR SPORT

MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED

FOUNDED 1957

Issue 3

March. 2019



Stirling Moss damaged Merc 300 SLR wins Dundrod T.T. 1955.

NORTHERN IRELAND REGION MAGAZINE

Newsletter

Issue No. 3

MARCH 2019.

Cover Story.

The year 1955. I was ten years old and almost across the road from where I lived Malcolm Templeton had a small garage and used car lot. My father who had a keen interest in cars (in spite of the fact he never owned one !) had served his apprenticeship at Porters Sand Quay now Oxford Street in the early 30's when they were agents for the new MG sports cars.

In 1955 I only knew only two people who owned a car , a milk man in our street who had a dreadful Ford 8 , possibly pre war , and a distant uncle who lived in a posh part of the Hollywood Road and had a new Standard Ten. The Ford was black and the Uncle's car a dark Green. Black Light or dark gray and flat green seemed to be the only colours available. (I much later found out that in the early years of Saab production only one colour was available Swedish Army green , following WW2 the army had sold off thousands of gallons of camouflage green they had no use for ! Saab bought the lot for a song). It was in September , school had just restarted and as I walked down the road from Woodvale Primary School i saw a crowd outside Templeton's garage.

What a sight , lined up inside the gate was a bright red Maserati 300S and two works Ferrari Monza sports cars also red. Grand Prix divers Musso was to drive the Maserati with Castellotti and Maglioli in the Ferrari's. It was the Wednesday before the Dundrod T.T. races an event I knew little about. People who would become household names when I go older were there Mike Hawthorne D type Jag , Reg Parnell Aston Martin Stirling Moss MB300SLR Colin Chapman Lotus 9 and American driver Carrol Shelby in a Porsche 550 a car which would become infamous after young film star James Dean was killed in it.

So on the Saturday the radio battery was charged and we listened to the commentary which mentioned an accident the facts of which only became known the following week when cinemas showed footage on Pathe News.

Moss and Hawthorne were fighting for the lead , Moss losing time after a tyre blew out damaging the bodywork but with only a few laps to go Hawthorne's Jaguar stopped with a seized engine leaving Moss the clear winner.

We were later to find that on the wet roads Ken Wharton, Jim Mayers , Jim Russell, Lance Macklin and William Smith had suffered a huge accident on the very fast downhill section known as The Deers Leap and both Mayers and Smith were killed. Some 30 laps later up and coming race driver Richard Mainwaring in the works Elva also left the road and was killed. Coming only months after the crash at Le Mans which killed 80 spectators it was decided to stop the T.T.races , a repeat of the Ards TT races which ran from 1928 until a crash in 1936 killed several spectators and the race was banned. A sad end as both the Ards T.T. and the Dundrod T.T. were considered more important races than the Grand Prix of the times which only attracted less than half the

entries of the annual T.T. races.

In spite of all this I started following motorsport avidly and still do today.

=====

Peter D Curry. 9/11/1944 to 18/02/2019.

Peter was not only a founder member of the British Motorsports Marshals Club N.I. Region but a close personal friend. Although our shared interest was in motorsport Peter , myself and the late Don McCurdy studied at the same Tech in the early sixties , set the entrance exam for the Belfast Corporation on the same day and all three were employed by the Belfast Corporation in the same month.

Don and I were the first to travel to a British Grand Prix to meet John Felix to discuss membership of what was then BMRMC and a year after Peter joined us marshalling at several G.P.s Don went on to become Chief Marshal at Kirkistown and the three of us spent many happy years at Brands Hatch , Silverstone and our favourite event Phoenix Park in Dublin. In 1981 after I managed to get run over by a Formula 2 Ralt which left the track at 120 MPH it was Peter who had to carefully break the news to my wife and escort her to the hospital.

I was to spend the next 11 weeks in a wheelchair and Peter and Don made sure I got to Kirkistown and to the winter rallycross season at Boyd's Quarry. At the last race meeting of the year I was wheeled round by the marshal's to meet Dublin driver Danny Shimman who had hit me at Phoenix Park . Danny was terrified thinking we were out for revenge but nothing was further from the truth and we ended up spending the evening together in the wooden hut that in those days passed for a clubhouse bar.

Peter inherited his love of cars from his mum , at home a very proper Edwardian lady but behind the wheel something else . She owned one of the first Turner Sports cars sold in Northern Ireland and a Hillman Imp Sport and at one time both Peter and her had a brace of 998cc Mini Coopers in the garage.

A true friend , who in the good old days , opened the family garage , in order that my wife could hand paint a 1950 Triumph Renown saloon , ex army that I had bought for £10 , and repainted black and yellow to copy the Rolls Royce in the Ingrid Bergman film ,

to what would today be illegal chases of the circuit of Ireland Rally round Ireland we have many , many happy memories to look back on , To wife Linda , daughter Helen and son Thomas we share your loss.



My thanks to the many people who responded to our facebook page , who left sympathy messages and those who attended the funeral.

Roy Bowman.

CLASSIC CAR NEWS.

In spite of Brexit the Classic Car business goes from strength to strength with strong returns both Jan. And Feb. Following the rise in value of Mark2 Escorts ,Cosworth Sierra's and recently Capri's its the turn of the little Fiesta. In fact a 1990 Fiesta RS Turbo has almost doubled its value in just 12 months , worth £8,000 a year ago it sold in January for £14,000 + premium, a 1971 Citroen SM set a record selling for £79,000 , an 1989 Porsche Carrera Speedster sold for £131,800 and a Mark 1 Lotus Cortina went to a very brave new owner for £26,000. I say brave as a barn roof fell on it over the winter and the car needs a roof , a bonnet and 2 front wings not to mention

it has been off the road for over 20 years and requires full recommissioning. Another surprise was the wreckage of an early MGA TwinCam needing complete body rebuild , engine , gearbox , brakes , back axle etc. In spite of all this it fetched over £20,000.

Expected to make real money is an 1989 Pug 205GTI 1.9. One owner 55,000 miles owned by racing driver Colin Vandevell it spent most of its life in Monte Carlo and is valued at £21,000 when it goes under the hammer in march.

Another car with high expectations in March is the very rare 1952 Lancia Aurelia B52 Coupe which RM Sotheby sell this month.



No price given but the experts think it could make as much as £500,000 at auction. In complete contrast a limited edition Mary Quant 1988 Mini 1000 sold for £4515 less than the restoration bills and a 1969 Rover P6 V8 was snapped up for £4300 both sold in West Yorkshire at a fraction of London prices. Canny folk Yorkshire buyers.

FERRARI.

As promised Ferrari have started production of the 488 Pista Spyder with a 3.9 litre twin turbo engine producing 710 BHP. The car costs £275,000 has a top speed of 211 MPH and has an 0 to 100 K time under 3 seconds. Not the fastest Ferrari produced but reports say it is the by far the best in terms of both roadholding and quality.

Lexus LC F

The Lexus LC won several awards last year as the sports coupe of the year. In spite of Lexus moving into the hybrid market in a big way they must feel there is still a strong market for petrol engined sports cars. The F version lifts power from the LC's 470 BHP to around 600 BHP . both coupe and full convertible versions will be sold , starting at around £90,000.

Mazda 3.

After a 2 year wait the 2019 Mazda 3 will have the new Sky-Active X petrol engine. The 2 litre engine which produces 187 BHP is more fuel efficient and more powerful than any equivalent diesel engine according to Mazda, with extra urban driving returning 60 MPH. Time will tell.

Mercedes EQC.

A new sporting SUV type vehicle from Mercedes with powerful electric motors fitted to both front and rear axles giving over 400 BHP and 0 to 100K in 5 seconds. A 300 mile range is claimed.

RANGE ROVER VELOR SVR.

The Jaguar Land Rover special vehicles operation have produced this limited edition Range Rover with a supercharged V8 engine and around 550 BHP. Expect to pay around £100,000.

Skoda Superb .

Taxi drivers love the big Skoda and the new 2019 range comes with a 1.5 petrol engine plus electric motor giving 242 BHP. Skoda have shaved over 10% of the weight and both diesel and petrol engines are treated to improved performance together with increased fuel economy.

TOYOTA SUPRA.

After a two year wait the new Supra goes on sale here in June. The three litre straight six engine with turbo produces 350 BHP in a car that is 40% lighter than the original 1990 Supra. Much development work has been done on aero aids with the result it will perform more like the current Nissan GTR than the older model.



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

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

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 Kirkistown 2013

Team RAC Touring Cars used Ties mostly new

Vintage sports car club 500 Motor Racing Club Ulster Riley Club Great Northern
Railways Banbridge Old Vehicle Club

Book GULL The Delorian Story

Schumacher teddy bear Schumacher Figure boxed

Robert's RallyBuzz

Action Stations 2019

Last month we had the first two stage rallies of the year in Northern Ireland. First off was the Samsonas Fivemiletown Rally on Saturday 16th February. The Omagh MC gravel event ran over eight stages south of Fivemiletown in Co.Tyrone. Canned for the last two years due to lack of interest, this time the clubman rally ran with just 48 competitors.

For my contribution I was manning the radio car, along with my mate Victor, at the stop control on the final test of a four-stage loop. SS 4/8 Crocknagrally was just 3.15 miles long and the first run started at 12.45. Conditions were good, mild and dry, but the stages were slippery and very tricky following some overnight rain.

The first run ran without incident and by the end of this stage there were 38 cars still competing. Leading the rally at this half way point were Cathan McCourt and Barry McNulty in their Fiesta R5. They were 8 seconds ahead of Cathan's brother Conor and Caolan McKenna in an identical car.

For me though the most interesting car in the event was in third position following stage four. Event sponsor Martynas Samsonas and co-driver Ervinas Snikas from Lithuania were in a glorious sounding 2-wheel-drive bright red BMW M3 E36 with a huge rear spoiler. Sadly they would retire on the next stage, ironically with gearbox problems (Samsonas supply gearboxes to the motor trade) Conor McCourt also retired his Fiesta on SS5.

Second time round only 31 cars finished SS8 the final stage of the rally. The only casualty was Cathan McCourt. Leading by 37 seconds the Dromore driver crashed heavily within sight of the flying finish boards. He was caught out by those slippery conditions handing the rally win to Niall McCullagh and Ryan McCloskey from Omagh. Their Mitsubishi Evo.9 finished 8 seconds ahead of the similar car of Michael Carbin/Conor Mohan from Monaghan. McCullagh set the fastest stage eight time which moved him ahead of Carbin and ultimately that unexpected victory! The rally ran to schedule all day and despite the large retirement rate there were no injuries reported.

The next event was a week later at Kirkistown race circuit. The Pacenotes Rally Magazine Stage Rally was round one of the 2019 Motorsport UK McGrady Insurance Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Organised by North Armagh Motor Club the rally attracted a start list of 72 competitors for the six stage event. I was stage marshalling along with a large contingent of BMMC/BRMC members.

Reigning NI Champion Derek McGarrity led the field away in his newly acquired Ford Fiesta WRC. Fastest on stage one McGarrity was chased by the R5 Fiesta of Stephen Wright and Alan Carmichael's Hyundai i20 R5. Derek McGeehan was fourth in his Mini WRC while former champion Kenny McKinstry held fifth place in his Subaru S14 WRC.

As the day progressed McGarrity continued to dominate the times, seemingly cruising to yet another rally win. Then suddenly there was drama before the final stage. As the Glengormley driver accompanied by Kieron Graffin made his way into service after SS5 a fire broke out in the Fiestas engine bay which was quickly extinguished, but unfortunately

the resulting damage could not be fixed in time and so they retired with just one stage remaining.

McGarrity's shock exit handed the rally win to Monaghan's Stephen Wright and Keith Rainey who had dropped back to seventh until the heavens opened prior to stage four and a correct tyre choice catapulted then up the leader board to second. Darren Gass, with brother Nathan co-driving, was a late entry in his new Skoda Fabia R5 and after a cautious start finished second as he set the car up for an assault on the Irish Tarmac Championship this year. McGeehan was third and McKinstry fourth. Best of the 2-wheel-drive entry were the 2018 champions, the husband and wife team of James and Heather Kennedy, who finished eighth in their Escort Mk.2. There was a huge variety of cars competing. For example all of the top ten finishers were in different types of machinery.

In total there were 62 finishers on what was a very cold but mostly dry (apart from that short heavy shower) last Saturday in February. Well done to all the marshals who braved the cold to keep the rally running on schedule without any major problems. The event started at 09.30 and finished at 16.15.

It was good to see a new winner of a Northern Ireland Championship round. Stephen Wright may decide to continue with this great series as he has no plans to contest any other championship this year. Sean Devine was competing at Kirkistown after many years away from the NI series in a new Fiesta R5. The Strabane man intends to do the full championship. He scored a good haul of points finishing seventh overall. Could be a great and competitive year ahead for the Northern Ireland Championship, let's hope so.

Looking Back

March memories

30 Years Ago.....1989

We were timing an early stage of the Hills of Donegal Rally, round one of the Irish National Championship. The event was based in Ballybofey but was abandoned when a co-driver, Gerard Conroy was killed after the Ford Escort driven by his brother Noel crashed at the finish of stage seven. George Robinson and George Miller in a Toyota Starlet were declared winners.

20 Years Ago.....1999

Sean Haveron won the Eurocables Rally at Kirkistown driving his usual Ford Sierra Cosworth. There were a number of incidents including an overshoot at the finish of one stage which could have been more serious. 120 cars started the six stage event.

10 Years Ago.....2009

Derek McGarrity took a completely demoralising win on the second round of the MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship at Bishopscourt. He was fastest on all six stages and beat Connor McCloskey by 30 seconds at the end of the day. Third place brought Seamus Leonard into championship contention, while Trevor Moore won the hotly contested 2-wheel-drive award and Mark Massey the Group N section. McGarrity was driving yet another Subaru S12B WRC. Six of us were timing on a cold but dry day. 120 cars started at 30 second intervals which kept us very busy at the Co.Down race circuit.

Meanwhile Kris Meeke got his bid for the Intercontinental Rally Challenge back on track with a start to finish win on round two, the Rally De Curitiba in Brazil. After a disastrous first round, the famous Monte Carlo Rally, in which he and Paul Nagle crashed out while in fourth place, the young Dungannon driver was completely dominant on the gravel event last month which he said was fantastic. Kris is joint second in the 12 round championship which now heads to the Rally Azores on May 7-8.

5 Years Ago.....2014

Craig Breen won the Acropolis Rally in Greece, round three of the European Rally Championship driving the brand new Peugeot 208 T16 the Waterford man and his English co-driver Scott Martin finished just 8.1 seconds ahead of Frenchman Bryan Bouffier in his Citroen DS3 RRC. The next round of the ERC would be the Circuit of Ireland at Easter (17-19 April).

Rally Diary

Sat. 9th March McGrady Insurance Stages

Round 2 of the Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Organised by Rathfriland Motor Club the six-stage rally takes place within the confines of Bishopscourt Race Circuit in South Co.Down about seven miles from Downpatrick. Marshals are required. Sign-on time 7.30-8am. The rally starts at 09.30. Expect around 70 competitors.

Sat. 23rd March BMMC/BRMC Northern Ireland Region Training Day

All marshals should attend this training day to keep their grades up to date. Jim Whitaker is the Motorsport UK licensed trainer. Sign-on 9am for a 09.30 start. Lunch provided. Venue is the Kirkistown Race Circuit in Co.Down. I always say "You learn something new every training day"

Sat. 6th April Eakin Bros. Brian James Trailers Stage Rally

Round 3 of the Northern Ireland Rally Championship. This closed-road event uses two stages run three times. They are located near Dunamanagh in Co.Tyrone. Rally HQ and the service park are located in Strabane at the Canal Basin. We will be covering radios and rescue as well as stage marshalling. Maiden City Motor Club are the organisers.

OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH

West Cork Rally 16-17 March (Round 2 of both the British Rally Championship and the Irish Tarmac Championship)

WRC: Rally Mexico 7-10 March (Round 3).....Corsica 28-31 March (Round 4)

Crap Corner.

A couple of years ago after a contest on a T.V. show was asked to name any bird with a long neck and answered Naomi Campbell Private Eye magazine has introduced the "Dumb Britain " column. What they found is gold dust !

QUESTION . Oscar Wilde, Jeffery Archer and Hitler all wrote a book about A Time in prison or B membership of the Conservative party. ?

ANSWER. The Conservative Party Anne Robinson The Weakest Link.

QUESTION. What is the capital of Italy ? ANSWER France "No France is another Country try again. ANSWER Benidorm BBC Midlands Late Show.

QUESTION. What are the Cherrypickers and the cheesemongers ?

ANSWER homosexuals No they are regiments in the British Army who will be very upset at you. Jeremy Paxman University Challenge.

QUESTION. In what country is the Parthenon ANSWER sorry don't know Just guess a country ANSWER Paris Alex Trelinski BBC Midlands

QUESTION. What is 11 squared ? Dont know I will give you a clue, it's two ones with a two in the middle ANSWER 5

QUESTION On which street did Sherlock Holmes live ? Don't know I can give you a clue He makes bread he makes cakes ANSWER Kipling Street Richard and Judy Breakfast TV

QUESTION. In which European country is Mount Etna ANSWER Japan Chris Searle BBC Bristol

QUESTION. Jonny Weissmuller died on this day what jungle swinging character dressed in a loincloth did he play ? ANSWER Jesus Steve Wright Radio 2.

QUESTION.. In which country would you spend shekels ? ANSWER Holland No it starts with an I ANSWER Ireland Darrell Denham Virgin Radio.

QUESTION. Which is the largest Spanish speaking country ? ANSWER Barcelona I need the name of the country Sorry I don't know any countries in Spain. Lincs FM

QUESTION. Name the film Bob Hoskins starred in , also a painting by Leonardo de Vinci ANSWER Who framed Roger Rabbit. Rock FM

QUESTION. What happened in Dallas on the November 22nd. 1963. Sorry I wasn't watching it then . GWR FM radio.

QUESTION. What is the nationality of the current Pope ? ANSWER Jewish Beacon Radio.

QUESTION. What treaty was signed to bring WW1 to an end in 1918 ? ANSWER The Magna Carta Steve LeFerve ITV

QUESTION. Name the condition which causes the person to fall asleep at any time ANSWER. Nostalgia. Melenie Sykes The Vault.

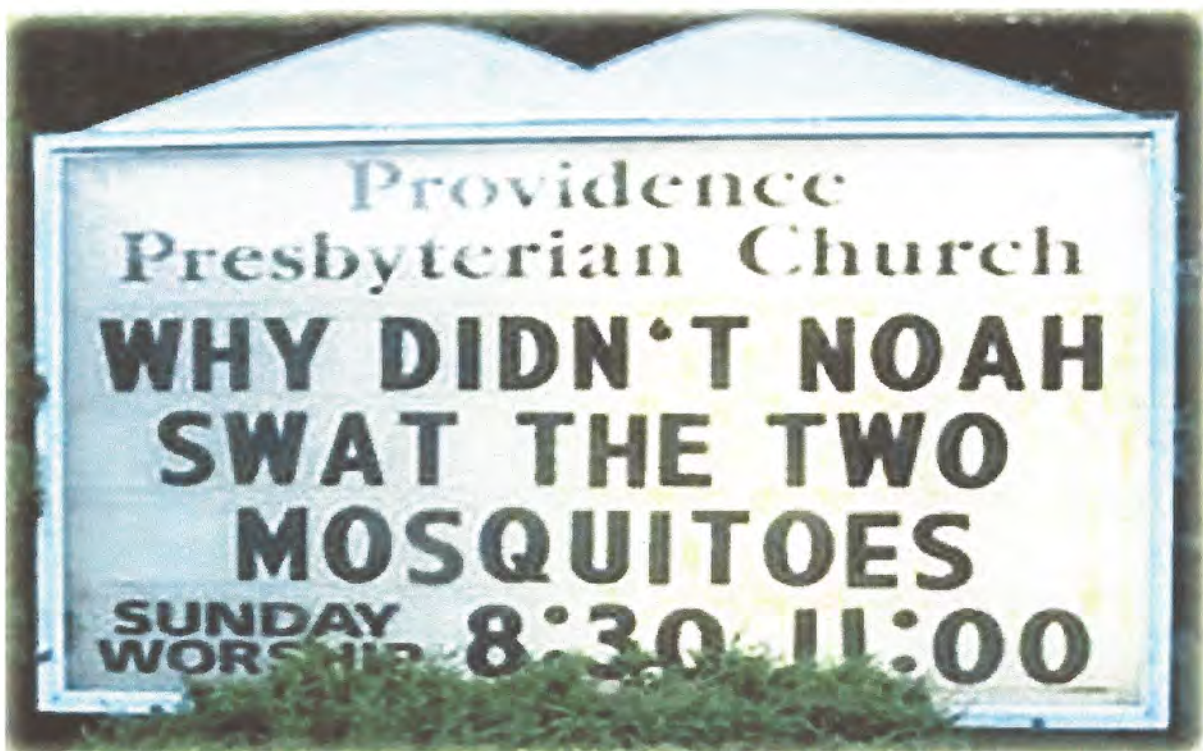
QUESTION. How many wheels does a unicycle have ? ANSWER 3 Richard and Judy.

QUESTION. If you spoke Dutch , which country would you be in ? ANSWER Denmark John Leslie Radio2

QUESTION.. What Country did Britain go to war with over the Falklands ? er , er , It's a South American country ? ANSWER Iran John Leslie.

QUESTION. What famous actor is married to Nicole Kidman ? ANSWER Forrest Gump. GWR FM

QUESTION. What does the acronym NASA stand for ? ANSWER National Socialist Space Satellite. The Weakest Link.



Marshal training BMMC AT KIRKISTOWN 23/03/19

Schedule for forthcoming Marshal training on 23 rd March 2019 Held in Kirkistown complex under budget and permit of Ms UK. Lead trainer for the day will be J Whitaker BMMC Midlands region

Time	Activity	Area
09.00-09.15	meet and greet sign on and hand in your Ms uk log Books	
09.15-09.30	Domestics and format for the day	Clubhouse
09.30-10.30	Theory General Race	Clubhouse
10.30-10.40	Tea coffee scones	Clubhouse
10.40-12.30	Theory flag incident limits & reports	Clubhouse
12.30-13.00	lunches provided	Dining room
13.00-15.30	Rally and First Marshal on Scene	Clubhouse
15.30-16.00	question and answer and finish	Clubhouse
16.00-16.30	2018 Season info	

Groups are to split at 13:00 and re locate to training areas as listed

General Marshal Instruction are to remain with Lead trainer J Whitaker in the same area as morning

Post chief Race 1 to 1 will remain in the clubhouse for their instruction and theory with Duncan McGregor within bar area

Radio and incident info will go to the marshal rest area with R O'Neill

For their instruction and theory and to the track for practical and return to clubhouse for the question and answer session

Marshals all

Here is the schedule for the marshal training day 23 March 2019

This event is run for you to maintain and in some cases up-date your Motorsport Grade and get the much needed training signature

We supply the means and you supply the Labour

RR O'Neill T 07889 321 471

MS UK 238612