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CHARLIE EASTWOOD wins at LeMans

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Cover Story.

Belfast man Charlie Eastwood drove his Aston Martin GTE Am to victory in this years LeMans 24 hour race and is now leading the World Endurance Championship.

With local man Jonathan Rea also outstripping his rivals it gives us all something to cheer about.

Ever fancy racing in the LeMans 24 Hour race ? well now you can ! Thanks to the Glickenhaus SGG Hypercar you can , for a cool \$6,000,000 race at next years Sebring , Spa and LeMans races. You will get a car , all spare parts and a full team of engineers for testing , practice and the rece weekend.



Do you get to keep the car ? No , you are just being silly !

Classic Car news.

Are people really so bored that car online auctions are selling more and more cars every month. Anglia in September had over 300 cars on offer , many selling over estimate . A nice but not concours Alfa Spider Series 2 was offered with an £8 to £10,000 estimate but sold for £15,660. Even more eye watering was a very low mileage 1993 Saab 900 Turbo which attracted strong bidding , selling for £23,850 (the car cost less than this in 1993 !)

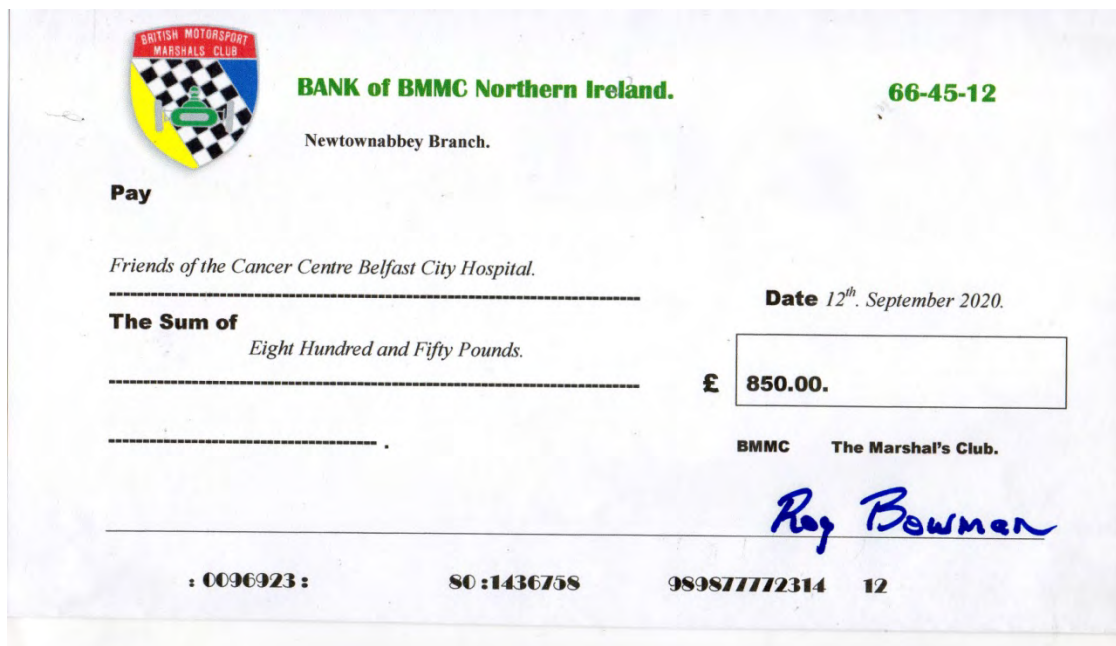
More serious bidding for the Adams brothers Probe 16 better know for its role in the film The Clockwork Orange. In spite of its modest Austin 1800 running gear it sold for a staggering £140,900. Another real surprise , this time at Bonhams was the rare 1956 Mercedes Benz 300 Sc convertible saloon. As only 53 of these cars were made it was always going to be costly but over £700,000 ? You could buy 7 well restored MB 280 SL pagoda roofed sports cars for that sort of money.


Other cars currently in demand are Opel Manta GTE , especially the rarer Coupe version , Early Mazda RX7 rotary coupes , early Mark1 Astra GTEs and BMW 3 litre CSL cars which have jumped over 20% in value from early 2019.

One car going under the hammer in October is a 1957 A C Ace Bristol. Raced at LeMans in 1960 and recently restored it still has the streamlining Grille and spotlights used in the race. It is expected to sell for over £400,000.

The Bill Patterson Collection.

Pleased to report that we raised £850 presented to the Friends of the Cancer Centre last month.



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Friends of the Cancer Centre Belfast City Hospital.

The Sum of *Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds.*

Date *12th September 2020.*

£ 850.00.

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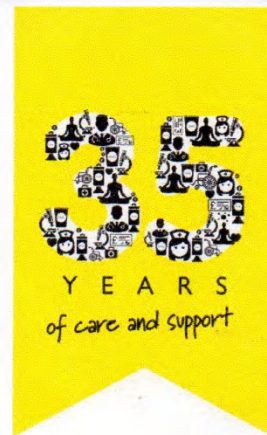
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Dear Roy and the British Motorsport Marshals Club,

Thank you so much, on behalf of Friends of the Cancer Centre, for raising the fantastic sum of £850.00. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to the lives of local people affected by cancer.

For 35 years, Friends of the Cancer Centre has been dedicated to making a real and meaningful difference to cancer patients and their families across Northern Ireland. The charity is here to enhance the quality of patient care and support through our life-changing and life-saving work. We do this by funding additional nurses, supporting local research and providing practical support such as our financial grants which help patients and their families through a difficult time.

Friends of the Cancer Centre relies entirely on the generosity of the local community and all money donated stays in Northern Ireland, directly benefitting patients and their families. For example every £25 donated to the charity could help pay for an hour of nursing care from a Friends of the Cancer Centre specialist nurse. The charity currently funds ten specialist nurses, caring for people with different types of cancer and supporting the family through treatment and beyond.

Thank you, once again for your kindness.

With kind regards

Amy

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Not Many People know that !

Reclusive car designer Albrecht Goertz is credited with turning small company BMW into an international name thanks to his design in 1954 of the BMW 507 roadster followed by the BMW 503 touring car. Both cars found new markets not only in Europe but in the USA.

In the early 1960,s Goertz visited Japan and designed several sporting cars for Nissan. One were produced but when in 1969 Datsun produced the 240Z Goertz was quick to claim credit for the design. Nissan disagreed , resulting in a very prolonged court case which Nissan lost .

He also worked for several U.S. car makers , notably Studebaker. It was only late in life that his story became public knowledge , born in 1914 Goertz was in fact Baron Albrecht Graf von Schlitz gennant von Goertz und Freiherr von Wrisberg. (fancy trying to sign a cheque!)

Goertz given his German and Jewish background fled Germany in 1936 and ended up in America opening a design and custom shop in L.A. before moving to New York opening a design studio working for BMW , Datsun /Nissan and Toyota . He also designed Steinbeck Grand Piano's and many other industrial designs. He died in 2006.

Ben Coombs is unknown outside TVR circles but in 2016/2017 he raised sponsorship for a unique challenge , a drive from pub to pub , the difference being one pub was at the world's most northerly point , Arctic Circle and the other pub the most southerly on the island of Puerto Williams south of Tierra Del Fuego.

To drive 27,000 miles I would pick a Land Rover Discovery , a Pajero , Toyota Land Cruiser or perhaps a BMW X5 but Coombs picked a TVR Chimera. First part of the journey was from Spitsbergan via Norway , Sweden , Denmark The Netherlands , Belgium and France to Southampton.

Next leg was New York to Mexico to El Salvador ,Nicaragua to Panama. Amazingly his only problem on the journey was a clutch replacement on route to Panama. (Who says TVR's are unreliable ?.)

Stage Three saw the car pass through Colombia , across the Andes to Ecuador , Peru and Bolivia. The car crossed the Atacama Desert in Chile , a vast area devoid of traffic or human life before reaching Patagonia and a ferry to the end of the world.

Ben Coombs and the TVR reaches the Panama Canal during a thunderstorm.



Fantasy G.P. Result. Russia

2020 Fantasy G.P.	A1	A2	H1	S1	S2	Sp	Spa	mon	tus	RUS	SCORE
R Coursey	11	18	21	18	23	18	25	-1	18	16	168
D McGregor	18	19	19	18	21	20	18	-1	15	19	166
No Name ?	11	18	21	18	20	18	25	-1	17	16	163
W Holland	8	12	22	21	18	18	21	3	14	18	155
R.Bowman	14	19	18	18	18	15	21	-1	15	14	151
J. Connelly	11	12	22	21	21	15	19	-1	12	16	148
P Boyle	12	13	16	16	21	20	25	-1	8	16	146
D.Connelly	8	9	16	18	18	15	18	3	14	18	137
Colin Wilson	15	9	17	18	18	11	13	3	22	8	135
Chris Wilson	7	13	16	11	21	17	15	5	7	18	130
Colin Robinson	2	7	12	21	14	14	16	4	6	15	111
G.Evans	7	9	8	9	9	12	14	12	13	15	108
N.McCutcheon	2	9	12	8	12	10	10	5	9	13	90
P.Robinson	4	1	8	12	11	9	2	8	-5	9	59
R O,Neill	0	-1	6	12	12	7	7	4	-1	11	57

Robert's RallyBuzz

Can Evans Win The World Crown?

There have only been two British World Rally Champions. Back in 1995 Scotland's Colin McRae from Lanark became the first, then in 2001 Richard Burns from Reading won the title for England.

Fast forward 19 years and Elfyn Evans is poised to capture the illusive crown. Following his surprise victory in a rough tough Rally Turkey, the little "Welsh Wizard" is 18 points clear of Toyota team mate Sebastien Ogier. Due to the unprecedented nature of the shortened 2020 WRC, Evans is perfectly placed to take the Championship. For that to happen though there must be seven events completed. To date there have been five with just two remaining.

The next scheduled event is Rally Italy in Sardinia (8-11 October) followed by the Ypres Rally Belgium (19-22 November). A further event, the Monza Rally based entirely at the race circuit in Italy, could be added as a backup in December, but that has yet to be confirmed.

Looking Back

20 Years Ago.....2000

The Carryduff Forklift Challenge 2000 was a last minute replacement for the cancelled Ulster Rally. A short six stage one day closed-road rally, this event was based in Gortin, Co.Tyrone. We were timekeeping on SS1/4 Butterloop near Plumbridge. The weather was atrocious with heavy rain all day. The winners were Ian Greer and Dean Beckett in a Toyota Corolla WRC. Padaer Hurson/Ian Porter were second in an Escort Cosworth while Philip Shaw and Ciaran Kelly finished third in a Mk.2 Escort. 27 Cars started and 19 finished.

10 Years Ago.....2010

Garry Jennings and Neil Doherty won the Donegal Harvest Stages in October 2010 in their Subaru S7 WRC. Five of us were timekeeping on the finish of SS2/4 (McBride's Court) just outside Castlefinn. A huge entry of 161 cars started the nine-stage closed-road event based at Jackson's Hotel in Ballybofey. The "Rally in the Valley" as it was known was organised by Donegal Motor Club. All nine tests were in the Finn Valley area of the county. 99 competitors made it to the finish. Jennings was fastest on 8 stages while Seamus Leonard/John McCaffery were second in a Subaru S9 WRC. On the last stage the Jennings Subaru broke its front suspension, but despite losing 59 seconds to Leonard, the Kesh driver still made it to the finish in first place. Gary McPhilips and James McNulty were third and top two-wheel-Drive finishers in their Ford Escort Mk.2. A total of 99 cars in the main event made it to the finish in Ballybofey followed by all 7 junior drivers who started. I missed the Down Rally in 2010 because five of us made the trip to Rally Spain in Salou. It was an expenses paid trip which we won earlier in the year at our local ANICC prizegiving event. This was my second visit to the Spanish round of the World Championship. We managed to take in shakedown plus three stages of the mixed surface event. One of the highlights was having lunch in the Ford M-Sport hospitality unit. We were mixing it with stars like Ken Block and Ari Vatanen and many others. Lots of people from Northern Ireland were involved in the WRC at that time including ; co-drivers, cameramen, chauffeurs and service crews.

On the Down Rally (based in Castlewellan) Stuart Biggerstaff became the youngest winner of the Northern

Ireland Rally Championship. The 22 year-old from Kinallen finished fifth on the gravel event, but with his closest challenger Mark Donnelly not scoring any points after problems dropped him to last position, Biggerstaff was crowned champion. Winners for the second year in succession were Kenny McKinstry and Noel Orr in a Subaru S8 WRC.



One of my favourite Rally Cars from the golden years of the Circuit.

News from France.

Classic car racing resumed in France in August and Ian has been busy !





I just laughed out loud when I read this. I don't care who you are, this is funny.



Trump treads on Global Warning.

2012 Global Warning is a Chinese hoax. 2014 Man made climate change is a costly nonsense.

2014 NBC News just called it 'The Big Freeze' coldest winter in years , why are we spending money on this costly nonsense.

2015 I believe in clean air but not Climate Change it's a hoax.

Collection.

I have a small collection of historically interesting 1/43 scale F1 cars all in original packaging .



1991 Jordan.



1979 Ferrari.



1975 Brabham BT44B Pace



Toleman Hart Senna's first F1 car



1974 McLaren Fittipaldi



1983 Brabham BT52 Nelson Piquet

All are new , selling for less than half price.

Members £10 each. Non Members £15

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