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Cover Story.

With potentially the biggest F1 season in history , but with no guarantees how many will actually go ahead we look forward to hopefully the first race in late March.

With Hamilton signing a late one year deal with Mercedes the line up of drivers is finally confirmed.

MERCEDES	Hamilton	Bottas	FERRARI	leClerc	Sainz	ALPINE
Ocan	Alonso	RED BULL	Verstappen	Perez		McLAREN
Riccardo	Norris	ALPHA TAURI	Gasly	Tsumodo	ASTON MARTIN	
Vettel	Stroll	ALFA ROMEO	Raikkonen	Giovinazzi	HASS	Schumacher
Mazepin	WILLIAMS	Russell	Latifi			

Nice to see Fernando Alonso return to the new Alpine team and the Schumacher name on the list with young Mike upholding the family name. While Hamilton is still a massive draw I would love to see Russell get another chance in the Mercedes , time will tell.

Check BMMC N.I. website to take part in our free 2021 FANTASY G.P. quiz.

I have numbered drivers from 1 to 12 in no particular order so pick 6 and I will post which drivers you have picked. Do it on line by 12th. March or post it to me at Roy Bowman 6 Mark Royal Court Newtownabbey BT367PE.

CLASSIC CAR NEWS.

Big story this month is the sale from the private collection of Manoir de L'Automobile de Loheac in western France , of some of their Group B Rally cars

which were auctioned in Paris last month. Several cars sold not only above auction estimate but set new records for the model.



The last version of the 1986 Quattro S1 had revised engine mapping , a longer wheelbase , new dampers and launch control giving 0 to 60 MPH in under 3 seconds. It sold for over Euro 2,000,000. The most expensive Audi ever.



**1985 Renault 5 Turbo
Maxi.
Ex Carlos Sainz and
restored to 1986 Monte
spec.
Record price just over
Euro 667,500**



Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 Evolution 2. Another record for a T16 , heavy bidding saw the car sell for over Euro 997,400.



One of the last Lancia Delta S4 works cars. Sold for Euro 810,560 another record price.

On Line Auctions continue to attract keen bidding . Is it boredom or staying at home means we are not spending money the way we used to ?

Whatever , we live in strange times. Chris Smiley , up and coming BTCC driver is home at Carrickfergus during lockdown and wants to buy my Honda ! He has of course raced the Honda Type R in the BTCC but wants one as his road car , watch this space !

Couple of record prices at OnLine auction sites last month. A nice BMW M3 Evo with over 79,000 miles on the clock was sold by Sotheby's for £155,675 way above top estimate and The Market sold a 1999 Subaru Impreza 22B for £106,000.

With early Mini Cooper's and Cooper S cars selling well it is not a surprise the values of the less loved Mini Clubman 1275 GT have been creeping up. But £15,000 for one is a joke. In 2018 no one would have paid any thing like £10,000 for one. The same goes for the Ford Fiesta , 1990 Ford Fiesta ST Turbo's are suddenly in demand with the best valued at the mid teen's. I remember them as cramped , noisy , terrible turbo lag , and not that nice to drive but maybe I am missing the point. One thing I do know , my 1990 MG Maestro Turbo Tickford was a far better car in every way (in spite of British Leyland's cost cutting) yet the very best of these can be bought for well under ten grand.

Forgotten Hero's REMY JULIENNE. 1930 to 2021.

It's a name I remember for a very good reason. Silverstone British Grand Prix late 1980's and Monsieur Julienne drove a Bedford furniture van round the circuit on two wheels.

In the 1950's Remy won Championships in France on both two wheels and four. Motocross Champion several times he also excelled at off road rally sprints , an early version of rallycross. His racing skills were noted by Gil Delamare a film stunt driver and in the early 1960's Remy was working almost full time as a motorcycle stunt rider. Delamare had contracts with several film studios inside France but also abroad and when he was killed in an accident in 1966 Remy took over the business. His first big contact was The Italian Job in which he did virtually all of the driving.

The Italian Job was one of the biggest blockbuster movies of the era and as a result Hollywood came calling. Remy worked on several U.S. movies and also appeared in 4 BOND movies , For Your Eyes Only , View to a Kill , The Living Daylights and Licence to Kill. In the famous ice chase in The Living Daylights Remy was actually driving both cars. Car Companies also used his talent , he

developed several stunt based adverts for Fiat , Citroen and Pugueot.



Sorry about the quality of the photo , it's a miracle that I found it after over 30 years.

Fiat 500 News

Only an Italian would find a written off Lambourghini V12 , find a sound fiat 500 shell and design and build a chassis that would hold the engine within a Fiat 500 body. The fact that the thing runs and is road legal is something else but is he brave enough to take it to it's 200 MPH potential is another thing.



Robert's RallyBuzz

NI Rally Championship Might Still Go Ahead

Despite being unable to start as scheduled due to lockdown restrictions, the 2021 McGrady Insurance Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship may still be salvaged. Round one at Kirkistown was cancelled last month and the following three rounds have been postponed. The intention now is to start the season in July rather than scrapping the competition entirely.

If plans come to fruition, two of the proposed tarmac rounds would be closed-road events. Series spokesman Jonathan MacDonald said "We are hoping to run a five-round NI Rally Championship between July and the end of the year that would consist of a mixture of single-venue and closed-road events."

All this is of course dependent on the relaxation of Covid restrictions and successful consultations with residents, especially with regards to closed-road events. Currently Northern Ireland is locked down until April 1st. No motorsport events can take place until after that date and indeed until the government gives the go ahead for a resumption.

The proposed rejigged NI Championship would consist of the Bishopscourt Stages, Maiden City Stages, Tour of the Sperrins, Tyrone Stages and one other unnamed reserve. Let's hope the Championship can be saved. If it is, marshals may be able to get back to seeing some rally action during the second half of the year. I don't envisage anything happening sooner than that, unfortunately.

Looking Back event.

Marshalling Memories

35 Years Ago.....1986

Fred Patterson won the BCF Rallycross Championship at Boyd's Quarry. The Ballygawley man was driving his Porsche 911 in the first two rounds and then a Mk.2 Escort in the final two. We marshalled all four rounds. At Kirkistown Jackie Harris won the 3-round Rallycross Championship in his MG Metro 1.5. The Ballywalter driver beat Ronnie White to the title. The Armagh man in his Ford Fiesta rolled out of the final round leaving Harris able to cruise to the win. Again we BMMC marshals were present at all rounds.

The 1986 Rothmans Circuit of Ireland would take place over Easter 28th March- 1st April. The five-day event was due to start and finish in Belfast with a Waterford halt and Sunday run. Hannu Mikkola/Arne Hertz were number one seeds in an Audi Quattro followed by the Metro 6R4 of Jimmy McRae and then Russell Brooks in his Opel Manta 400.

30 Years Ago.....1991

The annual MG Car Club's Classic Trial was sponsored for the first time by the Royal Insurance Company. It started from Belfast Castle and we helped to run the first test in the snowy and ice-covered castle grounds. The

event followed a route of 75 miles before finishing at Balloo House near Killinchy in Co.Down. The trial winner was none other than DEREK WALKER!

25 Years Ago.....1996

Victor Lyness was named Motorsport Marshal of the Year 1996 by the Vauxhall/Ulster Motoring Writers Association. A member of BMMC/BRMC for 10 years, Victor was a MSA Race/Rally Rescue licence holder and had marshalled on every round of the NI Rally Championship for the past three years as well as assisting at Kirkistown and Mondello race meetings.

15 Years Ago.....2006

Seven BMMC/BRMC members plus an ex.member, turned out to help me run the Carneary 2 stage of the Mid Antrim MC's Forest Stages Rally. This was the fifth year that we ran the short half-mile test, situated in the Tardree Forest complex near Antrim town. As in previous years everything went smoothly and we started our three stages bang on schedule. There were only 35 starters but the quality was good with Jonny McKenna taking the win in his Mitsubishi Evo and Trevor Moore best of the 2-wheel-drive runners.

10 Years Ago.....2011

The "Magic Bullet Stages Rally" was the title of North Armagh MC's single-venue event at Kirkistown in February. This was round one of the 2011 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Sadly the day was to end prematurely and in tragedy. On the fourth stage Plumbridge business man Cyril Doherty suffered a suspected fatal heart attack while competing in his Subaru Impreza N12. The car veered off the stage and came to a halt against a tyre barrier. Doctors, a paramedic and our new rescue unit arrived on the scene within minutes. Mr. Doherty was then transferred to the Ulster Hospital where sadly he was pronounced dead. Co-driver Vinnie Boyd was thankfully uninjured. All the marshals, rescue and medical crews who were present at the scene where later praised for their professionalism in the way they carried out their duties.

We had a long day at the annual Derek Walker Classic Trial which started and finished at Delamont Country Park near Killyleagh last month. Five of us set up and ran two tests at Bells of Crossgar while others assisted elsewhere. Our group then moved on to Chambers farm near Ardglass where it took three hours to put the remaining competitors through the test. Heavy rain added to our misery but at least the organising MG Car Club provided soup and sandwiches back at Delamont.

Also in February our brand new BMMC/BRMC rescue unit was called into action yet again, this time on the Fivemiletown Rally. Adrian Heatherington crashed heavily on SS1 Doon Forest when his Mk.2 Escort ploughed into a tree within sight of our finish time control. His co-driver Gary Nolan was injured in the impact. It took Rory, Jan, Tony and Conor (with help from Ballynahinch Rescue) 30 minutes to free him from the car. Thankfully Gary was later discharged from hospital and even returned to the prizegiving at the end of the event. Donagh Kelly in his Evo.9 won the 8-stage gravel rally by just 8 seconds from Martin Cairns Subaru Impreza S9 WRC. 73 crews started the rally. Rory and the rescue crew received the "Sprit of the Rally Award" for their efforts in dealing with the major incident on stage one. Four of us were timekeeping on the finishes of four of the stages.

Kenny McKinstry scored a start to finish win on the BADMC's McGrady Insurance Bishopscourt Stages Rally in March 2011. Although second placed man, Connor McCloskey closed to within five seconds of the Banbridge veteran at the end of the six tarmac stages, McKinstry claimed victory which gave him two wins out of two in the 2011 MSA Hankook NI Rally Championship. All the top six finishers were in various versions of Subaru Impreza WRC's. McKinstry was in his favourite S8, McCloskey had a newer S12, George Robinson

was third in his older P2000, Stuart Biggerstaff finished fourth in the family S9, John McGaffin in fifth drove an S10 while sixth place went to Ray Brammer in his S8. We covered all the timekeeping as usual and were blessed with good weather for a change. 80 crews started and 61 finished.

Sad to report the death of Hannu Mikkola One of the greatest Flying Finns.



CRAP CORNER.



Anywhere but Kerry this is bleeding obvious !

New Kerryman jokes.

Mick is rushed into Tralee Hospital with two very burnt and painful ears. The Doctor asks “ What Happened to You ?” “ Well I was ironing my shirts and the phone rang and by mistake I lifted the iron and burnt meself.” AND THEN “The bugger rang back”

Paddy applies for a job with Kerry County Council . The interviewer asks “ Do you speak the Irish ?” “Yes” says Paddy “Learned it as a child” “That gets you 5 bonus points here” says the interviewer and “I see you were in the Irish Army?” “Yes” says Paddy “served two tours in Lebanon before our Jeep was blown up and I was airlifted out. I lost my testicles and have an artificial left leg.” “God thats terrible” says the interviewer “But that gets you 10 bonus points so I can confirm the job is yours. We work from 8.30 AM to 4.30PM Monday to Friday so you can start next Monday at 10AM” “Not 8.30” asks Paddy . “No we spend the first hour and a half chatting and scratching our balls” was the answer “ so there is no point you coming in.”

Two Kerry Priests book a holiday in Ibiza . They pack tee shirts , shorts and flip flops not wanting anyone to know they are Priests. On the second day on the beach they watch a stunning topless Blonde walking toward them. As she passes she nods and says “ morning Father , morning Father” Stunned the Priests rush to a local shop buy Real Madrid football shorts and Spanish style Hawaii shirts. Next day they spot her again and as before she nods and says “ Morning Fathers” One Priests holds his hand up “ How do you know we are Priests?” “ Sure , it’s me Sister Mary Consumpta from Kenmare !”

Declan and Jojo are in Tralee Court charged with armed robbery. After a long and difficult trial the Jury returns and the Foreman says NOT GUILTY.

“Yes” shouts Jojo and Declan asks “ Does this mean we can keep the money Sir “

Paddy asks 10 year old Joseph what he wants for Christmas. I love dogs , a nice golden Labrador . Sorry no , no freaking way , do you know how many of their owners go blind?

BANGOR MAN JOKE.

Tommy as always spends his Saturday morning getting ready to tee off at Donaghadee Golf Club when he remembers IKEA are making a lunch time delivery. Going back to the Clubhouse he phones home and a little girl answers . “ Hello it’s Daddy ,is your Mommy there ?” “ No , daddy she is upstairs with Uncle David” “ Who , I don’t remember Uncle David?” “Listen don’t hang up go upstairs and tell Mommy Daddies car is coming up the street and tell me what she does O.K.” “ Daddy Mommy jumped out of bed ,tripped on the rug and hit her head , Uncle David jumped out the window and landed in the swimming pool , but because there is no water in it I think he has hurt himself” There is a long pause “ Swimming pool ? Is this not 02891878413 ?”

