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Newsletter

Cover Story.

New cars , a cap on costs , the big three teams have to cut costs , the smaller teams have a chance to spend more , good thing , it evens the playing field , bad thing , it will quickly show up drivers who are not up to the job so we may see drivers replaced during the year.

Max is 2021 Champion in spite of ongoing investigations by F.I.A. into the race director's decisions which many people still claim favored Red Bull.

Time to move on as what is done is done , and the new season does promise much.

Fantasy G.P.

At our March meeting I will invite Members to pick 6 numbers from 12 for another free competition. Keep a note of your numbers as I will reveal all in April. Anyone wanting to pick their own six ring me before the first race. 02890772994.

The top twelve are, LeClerc , Vettel , Bottas , Russel , Perez , Norris , Riccardo , Alonso , Sainz , Gasly , Hamilton and Verstappen. I have completed my draw and all will be posted on line on facebook after the first race.

Lockdown ? Let's spend crazy money.

From the sublime to the ridiculous December and January saw more records made at auctions across the world. Top sale goes to Goodings with a 1995 McLaren F1 road car selling for £14.7 million. (this car was sold in 2013 for £6 million !)

At the other end of the scale Agettes in France sold a 1990 Citroen 2CV , one of the last built as production ended in early 1990 for a ridiculous £26,000 a record. Other surprises in the sale was a standard 1959 Panhard Dyna convertible selling for £25,500 another record and a 1966 Fiat 1500 saloon fetching over £20,000.

Atcurial in Paris also set a record selling a 1972 Matra MS670 LeMans car for £6 million , a 1939 Fiat 1500 Cabriolet valued at £40/60,000 selling for over £71,000 and a 1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia TZ Zagato valued at £700,000 selling for £819,000.

Apart from the McLaren the rest will never make money at the prices paid. (I have a nice low milage Audi Quattro S3 , anyone want it for £50,000 ?)

Memories.

The year 1975 , the place Boyd's Quarry Mallusk , the event the very last Texaco Rally and David Henderson in his rally prepared 1275 Cooper S and I were prepared to follow the rally through the night , night stages included Glendun and Ballypatrick forest. (I had marshalled the Texaco several times and even remember when it was the Larne Motor Club Starlight Rally in the late sixties.)

From the very first stage it was clear that if they survived the night stages the Rally would be fought between Adrian Boyd in his Alpine A110S and English visitor John Taylor in his works supported Escort RS 1600. By morning Taylor had won 4 stages and Boyd 3 and although each set fastest time on one of the final two stages Taylor went on to win by a small margin.

1976. The first Ulster International Rally.

Again the North Antrim stages proved difficult with the works Ford's of Roger Clark and new guy , to us , Ari Vatanen retiring halfway through. Porsche cars dominated the event Cathel Curley winning , Dessie McCartney second and Brian Nelson third all in 911S cars. Young cork driver was 7th. In a Lancia Statros but local hero Ron Neely finished 10th. In a Mini Cooper S , much to the embarrassment of drivers with works and semi works cars with over twice the horse power.

1977. In spite of a big International entry another Porsche win. Derek Boyd in his 911 Carrera won from Russell Brooks in the Escort RS and Pentti Arikkala third in the Chevette HS. Pre event favorite Hannu Mikkola retired his works Celica and Jimmy McRaewon Group 1 in a Vauxhall Magnum. Did not see much of the rally as Peter Curry and I were radio relay on top of a mountain in the dark.

1978. John Taylor returned in the famous Hayes of Maidstone semi works Escort and went on to win the event. Ernest Kidney was second in another Escort RS and Brian Nelson third in his Porsche 911S. Derek Boyd retired the new TR7 and Castlederg man John Lyons was sixth in a standard looking Escort RS2000.

1979. Another big continental entry. The fight was between Arikkala , McRae in works Chevette HS , Blomquist works Saab 99 and Malcolm Wilson and Henri Toivonen in works Escort RS 1800's. Both Escorts failed to finish , Arikkala won by 1 minute from McRae with the Saab third. Local driver Sean Campbell won Group 1 against strong works opposition in his Escort RS 2000.

1980. Starting in Larne it was fitting that Larne man Dessie McCartney would win the Rally with a Chevette HSR after McRae retired his works entry. Derek Boyd and Robin Lyons had got their hands on new Talbot Sunbeam Lotus Rally cars and finished second and third. Sean Campbell won Group 1 again in an Opel Ascona and a young unknown Dublin driver Austin McHale ? who , finished in tenth in a standard RS2000.

With much regret it was my last Ulster for some years. At the start of 1981 I was selected to go to Bristol University to do a one year degree course at the School for

Advanced Urban Studied. The course lasted 14 months and I finished in May 1982 with exams later in the year.

In August 1982 I marshalled the Phoenix Park race meeting where as the result of a downpour during the Formula Libre Race I was run over by a Ralt F2 car which acqplanned on the back straight at over 100 MPH. As a result I missed not only the 1982 Ulster but the 1983 event as I was in a wheelchair , but that's another story !

I have no doubt that some of the G.O.R.M.S (grumpy old rally marshals,) have similar stories so Robert and Victor I think you should put pen to paper as our history should not be forgotten and none of us is getting any younger !

Shunji Tenaka.

Tenaka who died recently aged 75 is revered in Japan but almost unknown outside it. He joined Mazda in 1971 and was responsible for the 626 and 929 saloons. Mazda had a prototype 2 seater designed for the American market , a Mustang sized convertible but with only a 4 cylinder engine. With Datsun breaking into the American market with the more powerful 240 and 260Z models Tenaka argued that a new approach was needed . From a series of rough sketches he designed the Mazda MX5 the most successful small sports car of all time. His drawings of concept cars would become the Mazda 3 and Mazda 6 cars of today and after moving to Kawasaki he introduced the bold green colour schemes designing the Z1000 and XN 10R Ninja super bikes.

BTCC NEWS.



Bristol Street Motors are the 2022 sponsors for the new Hyrundai i30 cars to be driven by the two Tom's Chilton and Ingram.

Robert's RallyBuzz

Perfect Start for NI Champion

Jonny Greer made a perfect start to the 2022 Northern Ireland Rally Championship. The current champion won the first round at last month. The Orchard Motorsport Kirkistown Stages on Saturday 19th February was organised by North Armagh Motor Club.

Driving his brand new Citroen C3 Rally2, Greer with new co-driver Darragh Mullen, finished the six-stage event just 4.6 seconds ahead of the Skoda Fabia R5+ of the eight-times champion, Derek McGarrity, who this time had the very experienced Graham Henderson co-driving.

Phillip Allen and Emily Turkington were third in their Ford Fiesta Rally2. They had been running in second place after SS4 but eventually finished just seven tenths of a second behind McGarrity after a final stage charge by the Skoda driver.

Early leader, and another previous champion, Stephen Wright (winner here in 2019 and 2020) eventually finished fourth with Ger Conway in their Fiesta R5. Darren Gass on his return to rallying following a long absence was fifth in his ex.Mads Ostberg Citroen C3 Rally2. Gass's co-driver was Marc McMillan.

There were 80 starters and 65 finishers. It was great to see so many competitive cars out there. The top fifteen finishers were all in WRC/R5/Rally2 machines. Best placed 2-wheel-drive car was the Ford Escort Mk.2 of James and Heather Kennedy, in sixteenth place. Second in that category was the Escort Mk.1 of Andrew White and Paul Hughes.

BMMC Northern Ireland was well represented at the Orchard Motorsport Kirkistown Stages. Around a dozen club members turned out to marshal key points on the stages as well as providing recovery. The weather was typical for mid February, rain in the morning but dry in the afternoon with sunny intervals. Despite the recent storms there was no excessive wind. Temperatures were around 3-5%.

On Saturday 26th February we had the first round of the 2022 McGrady Insurance NI Forest Rally Challenge. Five of us BMMC members were in Mullaghafad Forest covering radio, timing and rescue at the start of two of the nine special stages on the Samsonas Fivemiletown Rally. Previously known as the Spring Rally, the event was last held in 2020. I hadn't been here since 2019.

A total of 77 cars started the Omagh Motor Club's 33 stage mile gravel event. The weather was cloudy but dry which made our job a lot easier. Desi Henry and co-driver Paddy Robinson led the rally from start to finish in their new-generation Ford Fiesta Rally2. There were 3 Fiesta Rally2's and no less than 11 Fiesta R5's competing plus a couple of WRC cars and an interesting Skoda Fabia R5+ with a 2-litre engine.

In second place overall was the Fiesta R5 of Cathan McCourt while Vivian Hamill was third in a McGeehan Motorsport MINI WRC. Conor McCourt finished fourth in the 2-litre "special" Skoda Fabia. Best of the 2-wheel-drive cars was David Crossen in 10th place with his Escort Mk.2. There were only 53 finishers in a rally of high attrition. We had no problems on the 1.5 miles of SS2/8 Mullaghafad. Both stages ran to schedule (as did the whole event) and we had two clean runs. I was finished by 16.30 and home in Bangor by 18.15.

It was good to get back out on the rally stages last month and meet up with some old friends again. Everyone had huge smiles on their faces. Most COVID restrictions have now been lifted in Northern Ireland although we

still have to be careful when out and about. Hopefully the remaining rounds of the NI Tarmac Rally Championship and the gravel Forest Challenge will be able to run this year without any problems.

Looking Back

Marshalling Memories

20 Years Ago.....2002

There were two stage rally's at Kirkistown in early 2002. The 500 MRCI New Year Stages was held in January and North Armagh Motor Club organised round one of the N.I. Championship, the Eurocables Stages in late February. I was Chief Timekeeper at both events and with the help of BMMC/BRMC members both rallies ran without a hitch.

In March six of us were at Bishops court for the second round of the Championship. We were using lights and beams to time the event for the first time. Our day lasted almost 11 hours, we signed-on at 8am. There were eight stages and we covered all of them with just a break of 20 minutes for lunch. 116 cars started at 09.15 and the last car crossed the finish line of SS 8 at 19.45. Ballynahinch and District MC were the organisers and they were focused in pushing through the 8 stages, regardless of the marshals welfare, some of whom had been on duty from 6am setting up the stages. Thankfully the club has learned from this and since then the Bishops court Stages have been reduced to 6 tests. Derek McGarrity, driving a state-of-the-art Subaru Impreza WRC, won both the Eurocables and Bishops court Stages by a country mile.

10 Years Ago.....2012

Two of us were running a test in Slemish Mountain car park on the MGCC's Derek Walker Classic Trial. Victor and I were kept busy in the wet and windy conditions as some 48 competitors arrived to complete the autotest, one of 17 on the route. Winners were father and son Wesley and Ashley Lamont in an MG Midget.

Two weeks later three of us were at a cold but mostly dry Kirkistown, marshalling on round one of the Car-ryduff Forklift MSA N.I. Rally Championship. North Armagh MC were the organisers of the Magic Bullet Stages Rally. There were 6 stages giving a total of 24 miles.

We had very little to do at our post which covered the area around the circuit's permanent chicane. There were 83 starters which included 10 World Rally Cars. Derek McGarrity and James McKee continued their winning streak this year at Kirkistown (They won the New Year Stages in January) in the latest S14 Subaru Impreza. Derek was fastest on five of the six stages. Second was Kevin Barrett in his older S11 Impreza while Derek McGeehan finished third in his Mini WRC.

A week after Kirkistown, Ray and I went down to Omagh MC's Spring Rally in the forests near Fivemiletown. We were finish timekeepers on SS3/7 Crocknagrally. 71 cars started and 43 finished the eight stage gravel rally. Garry Jennings won in his Gp.A Subaru Impreza. Frank Kelly was 7th and top 2-wheel-drive finisher in his "baby blue" Escort Mk..2. The weather was good to us, mild and dry all day.

Rally Diary

Sat.12th March.....Race & Rally: Bishops court Stages

A new sponsor for this event (Davy and Jonny Greer's family company) organised by Ballynahinch and District Motor Club. Round 2 of the McGrady Insurance Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship. Expect a full entry for this popular circuit-type tarmac rally. Can Jonny beat Derek again? BMMC marshals will be covering timing and other jobs on the day.

Fri.15th-Sat.16th April.....Wastewater Solutions: Circuit of Ireland Rally

Round 3 of the Irish Tarmac Championship. Based in Broughshane, Ballymena Co.Antrim. A very compact event. Good Friday sees two closed-road stages in the Glens of Antrim run three times, Cairncastle and Glendun. On Saturday these same stages are run in the opposite direction. Final details to follow next month. We will be out in force covering rescue/radio/timing/recovery and stage marshalling.

Looking much further ahead; **The Ulster Rally** (19th-20th August) is reverting to two days of competition. The seventh and final round of the Irish Tarmac Championship is based again in Newry, there will be 2 stages on Friday, one run once the other twice. Saturday will have 3 stages running twice.



Currently advertised in ClassicCar is a Opel Ascona B400 in Northern Ireland
Asking price £64,000 !

CRAP Corner

It has been pouring down and a huge puddle has formed in the road outside Murphy's Saloon Bar. An English tourist parks up and sees a badly dressed old man leaning over the puddle with a stick and a piece of string attached bobbing up and down in the puddle. "What are you doing" asks the tourist. "Fishing" came the reply. "But you are soaked through, you will get a chill, let me buy you a drink" Inside the tourist and the old man sit sipping a couple of large hot whiskey's. "So" says the tourist "Did you ever catch anything?" "Oh yes, you are the sixth" was the reply.

A Mother Superior and a young novice nun are driving through a rough part of North Dublin. Stopped at the traffic lights a car full of drunks stops along side and starts shouting abuse. "They don't know we are Nuns, show them your cross" The young novice winds down her window and shouts "You bunch of ****ards, if you don't shut up I will take my kitchen knife and castrate every last one of youse". The car sped off. "Was that cross enough?" the young nun asked sweetly.

Mick is talking to a mate at the bar, "did you know that in America people are suing the tobacco companies for causing cancer?" "Yea, and I read some woman is suing McDonald's for obesity and clogged arteries" I wonder thinks Mick "Could I sue Guinness for enticing me to sleep with ugly women?"

Edmund is an elderly farmer in County Clare who gets a letter from the Department of work and Pensions advising that an Inspector will be calling to ensure he is paying the current minimum wage.

The Inspector turns up and Edmund explains John and Pat the farm hands get 300euro a month plus free bed and board, Aggie the cleaner comes in three times a week works 21 hours and gets 12euro an hour and then there is the half-wit who works 16 hours a day, gets 100euro a month and sometimes gets to sleep with my wife.

"That's disgusting" says the Inspector "I need to interview this half-wit without delay." "it's me" was the sad reply.

After being away from the Church for several years Seamus goes to confession. "Forgive me Father it is 9 years from my last confession, but the confession box is so changed, Bottle of whiskey, Chocolate bars, peanuts and a copy of Playboy, I can't believe it!"

"Bog off" says the priest "you are sitting on my side!"

A drunken Dubliner is staggering home with a full bottle of Jamison's Black Label in his back pocket. Suddenly he trips and falls heavily. As he gets to his feet he is aware of something running down his right leg. Oh God he prays Oh God please let it be just blood.

Roy's Fantasy Grand Prix.

Choice you can send me by post or eMail your predictions for each race in 2022 or take part in our sweepstake.

Sweepstake Numbers are 1 to 12. The results of the draw will be posted later.

The 2022 Events are ,

Bahrain 20th.March Saudi Arabia 27th. March Australia 10th. April

Imola 24th. April U.S. 8th. May Spain 22nd. May

Monaco 29th . May Azerbaijan 12th. June Canada 19th. June

British 3rd. July German 10th. July France 24th. July.

Spa 28th. August Dutch 4th. September. Italy 11th. September.

Singapore 2nd. October Mexico 30th. October Brazil 13th. November

Final Abu Dhabi on the 20th. November.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE !!!!

The results of the sweepstake will be posted before the first race so you have still time to take part.



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2022 MOTOR SPORT FIXTURE LIST

EVENT TYPE	DATE	VENUE	EVENT	STATUS
AT = Autotest				
AS = AutoSolo				
CC = Car Cavalcade				
CCS = Classic Car Show				
CCT = Cross Country Trial				
CS = Competitive Safari				
CT = Classic Trial				
HC = Hill Climb				
HRR = Road Rally				
NR = Navigation Rally				
PCA = Production Car Autotest				
PCT = Production Car Trial				
RM = Race Meeting				
RTT = Rally Time Trial				
S = Sprint				
SR = Stage Rally				
SVR = Single Venue Rally				
T = Trial				
TR = Targa Rally				
TT = Tyro Trial				
EVENT STATUS				
C = Clubman				
IC = Inter Club				
N = National A				
I = International				
* = ANICC Championship Event				
RES = Championship Reserve Event				
(CH) = Stage Rally Gravel Challenge				
JANUARY				
	08	OMAGH	AT	C
	15	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C
	29	MGCC	PCA	C
FEBRUARY				
	05	MID ANTRIM	TR	C
	05/06	BMMC RESCUE/SERVICES TRAINING		
	05/06	FWDNI	T	C
	12	TSCC	AT	C
	19	NORTH ARMAGH	SR	IC*
	19/20	FWDNI	RTV	C
	26	OMAGH	SR	IC (CH)
	26	LARNE	AT	C
MARCH				
	04	ENNISKILLEN	NR	C
	05	AUTO DRIVERS	AT	C*
	05	NORTH ULSTER	S	IC*
	05/06	FWDNI	T/RTV	C
	11	DUNGANNON	NR	C
	12	BALLYNAHINCH	SVR	IC*
	12	TSCC	AT	C
	12	UVCC	T	C
	19	500 MRCI	S	IC*
	19/20	FWDNI	CS	C
	25	COOKSTOWN	NR	C
	26	UAC	AT	C*
	26	500 MRCI	RM	IC*
APRIL				
	02	NUCC	S	IC*
	02/03	FWDNI	T	C
	02/03	RES - UAC	SR	IC/N/I
	09	TBC	AT	C*
	09	TSCC	HC	IC*
	09	BMMC	MARSHAL TRAINING	
	15/16	UAC	SR	IC/N/I
	18	COOKSTOWN	TR	C
	21	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C
	23	LARNE	AT	C*
	23	500 MRCI	RM	IC*
	23/24	FWDNI	RTV	C
	30	UAC	HC	IC*
	30	DUNGANNON	TR	C
MAY				
	01	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	CCS	
	02	ENNISKILLEN	SVR	IC
	04	POLICE	AT	C
	05	AUTOTEST DRIVERS	AT	C
	07	LARNE	S	IC*
	07	TSCC	AT	C
	07	UVCC	HRR	C
	07/08	BARC/BADMC	RM	IC*
	07/08	FWDNI	RTV	C
	12	MGCC	AT	C
	13/14	MANX	SR	IC/N/I
	14	ENNISKILLEN	AT	C*
	14	NEWRY	HC	IC*
	14	MINI	NR	C
	21	MAIDEN CITY	SR	IC*
	25	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS	VEHICLE	DRIVER	TESTER	RESULT	REMARKS
28	COLERAINE	AT	C*					
28	OMAGH	HC	IC*					
28	500 MRCI	RM	IC*					
28/29	FWDNI	RTV	C					
<u>JUNE</u>								
01	POLICE	AT	C					
04	ENNSKILLEN	S	IC*					
04	COOKSTOWN	SR	IC*					
04	NIKA	KART						
07	LARNE	AT	C					
11	OMAGH	AT	C*					
11	TSCC	HC/S	IC					
11/12	FWDNI	T/RTV	C					
15	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C					
16	MGCC	AT	C					
18	AUTOTEST DRIVERS	AT	C					
18	UVCC	AT	C					
24/25	LARNE	HC	IC*					
25	500 MRCI	RM	IC*					
25/26	FWDNI	CS	C					
<u>JULY</u>								
02	NORTH ULSTER	TR	C					
02	NORTH ARMAGH	SR	C					
07	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C					
09	TBC - RES	S	IC*					
09	ENNSKILLEN	RTT	C					
16	MGCC	PCT	C					
16	UVCC	AT	C					
20	AUTOTEST DRIVERS	AT	C					
23	RATHFRILAND	SR	IC*					
23	TSCC	AT	C					
30	LARNE	AT	C					
30	500 MRCI	RM	IC					
<u>AUGUST</u>								
03	POLICE	AT	C					
04	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	CC						
06	DUNGANNON	AT	C*					
06/07	500 MRCI	S	IC/N*					
06	MAIDEN CITY	SVR	IC					
06/07	FWDNI	RTV	C					
09	LARNE	AT	C					
10	DUNGANNON	AS	C					
13	MID ANTRIM	HC	IC*					
13	RATHFRILAND	TR	C					
19/20	NIMC	SR	IC/N/1					
20/21	FWDNI	CS	C					
24	TSCC	AT	C					
26	MGCC	PCT	C					
27	COLERAINE	AT	C*					
27	MAIDEN CITY	HC	IC*					
27	500 MRCI	RM	IC*					
28	MAGHERAFELT	SR	IC					
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>								
02	MGCC	PCA	C					
03	AUTO DRIVERS	AT	C*					
03	ENNSKILLEN	SR	IC (CH)					
03/04	FWDNI	T	C					
10	UAC	HC	IC*					
10	MINI	NR	C					
10	COOKSTOWN	TR	C					
17	OMAGH	SR	IC (CH)					
17	TSCC	AT	C					
17	MGCC	AT	C					
17/18	FWDNI	RTV	C					
23/24	DUNGANNON	NR	C					
24	TBC - RES	AT	C*					
24	500 MRCI	RM	IC*					
24	NORTH ULSTER	S	IC*					
24	CLASSIC AUTOTEST	AT	C					
24	UVCC	HRR	C					
30	MANX	SR	IC/N					
<u>OCTOBER</u>								
01	MANX	SR	IC/N					
01	LARNE	TR	C					
01/02	FWDNI	AT	C*					
08	UAC	S	IC*					
08	NORTH ARMAGH	TR	C					
08	MGCC	AT	C					
15	TBC - RES	SR	IC*					
15	MID ANTRIM	TR	C					
15/16	FWDNI	CS	C					
22	TBC - RES	RM	IC*					
22	AUTOTEST DRIVERS	AT	C					
22	UVCC	T	C					
29	500 MRCI	S	IC*					
<u>NOVEMBER</u>								
05	TBC - RES	SR	IC (CH)					
05	BALLYNAHINCH	AS	C					
05	COOKSTOWN	TR	C					
05/06	FWDNI	T	C					
12	TBC - RES	S	IC*					
19	OMAGH	TR	C					
26	MAGHERAFELT	TR	C					
26/27	FWDNI	CS	C					
<u>DECEMBER</u>								
10	AUTOTEST DRIVERS	AT	C					
27	UAC	TR	C					
29	MAIDEN CITY	SVR	IC					

