



OUTPOST

North West Region Newsletter

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COURAGE AND BRAVERY HONOURED

A minutes silence by all marshals and officials for all those who lost their lives at the Manchester Arena.



The Oulton Park marshals track walk for the Billy Monger Fund.



CHAIR'S MUSING: JUNE

Good Old MSA, eh? Who thought we'd ever say that? The Monthly Prize Draw for Marshals is a fun gesture. No, it's not going to change our lives, but for the 2 colleagues who win each month it will be "waahaay" time.

Marshals' Joining Instructions? All gone a bit pear-shaped this year. We are working with organising clubs to set up a proper system. We just need quick and reliable access to information that we need to get into the circuit, sign-on and get to post. A timetable for the day is also very welcome. All this used to come to us by snail but, contrary to common belief, the march of technology has left us in a void.

In the meantime, may I suggest that you run to the following outline timing...

Circuit opens at 07.00 and Practice starts at 08.30

So, sign-on will be around 07.15 to 07.45

You will need to be on post by 08.10

On the rare occasion that practice starts at 09.00, you have an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in the paddock or in Chequers.

For Club meetings, enter by the Main Gate and sign-on in Chequers (Incident) or Race Control Marshals' Room (Flags PCs etc)

For the "Biggies" [F3/GT, BTCC, Gold Cup], enter through East Gate and sign-on in the Swiss Chalet opposite Race Control (all disciplines).

These 3 meetings also run on Sundays. While you can enter (East Gate) earlier, sign-on kicks-off at 10.30 (in the Chalet).

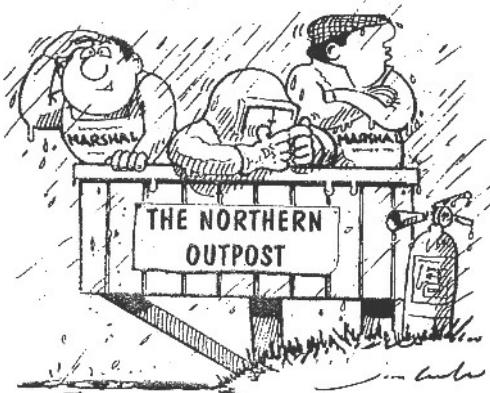
You may not be allowed to park on the Pit Straight on Sundays, so veer left after the East Gate ticket booths, stay spectator-side and park just beyond the Chalet.

One more bit of admin: Please commute considerately. We get to and from the circuit through local villages and townships. We probably cause some degree of disruption to their Saturdays anyway, but we shouldn't make things worse by excessive noise and speed. There was a Speed Merchant at a recent meeting. NOT one of us, but parked in the paddock, so seen by Cheshire communities as "one of them there Oulton Park hooligans". Considerate Commuting, you know it makes sense.

And most of all.... be careful out there (both inside and outside the circuit).

Mike Cadwallader

P.S. There are a number of questions about the BTCC weekend that are being considered by the BMMC. Please look forward positively to our run of Summer and Autumn race meetings. MC



The 1995 front cover of the Outpost



MARSHALS TRAINING AT THE BTTC MEETING

15 marshals got up early on Sunday 21st May to take part in a short training session with the BARC Recue Unit and their Medical car crew.

The training covered First Marshal on Scene, Working with the Rescue Unit and Incident Management.

Rob Wood brought along a surprise guest, Tom Ingram, who was at the time the points leader in the BTTC. Tom spent over 30 minutes with us joining each session to see what we do should the worst happen. He went away with a new understanding of what we do as volunteers and we thank him for his time and enthusiasm to join us.

The trainees got to try some of the tools on the Rescue Unit and one brave volunteer tried the vacuum splint used to immobilise a casualty.

One of the tools demonstrated was the saw for cutting crash helmets, but won't cut the skin. The demonstration involved running the blade of what looks like an angle grinder across the palm, Tom Ingram's expression at this point was a picture!



FLEDGLING SUPPORT - THE NORTH LEADS THE WAY

Many decades ago the North Region led the way for marshalling in this country with the introduction of Taster Days to attract newcomers to a life in orange however members from this area have identified a problem as a high proportion of these rookies are leaving the BMMC soon after joining the club having only attended a small number of events. Therefore, a New Marshal's Liaison Team (NMLT) has been established to offer support and guidance to new marshals.

Those first few meetings on the other side of spectator fence can be like starting a new school especially when arriving at signing on to be confronted by a sea of unfamiliar faces with little idea of where to go, the procedures to be followed and what duties will be undertaken once on post.

Although any of our members would be more than willing to offer guidance - "there is no such thing as a dumb question" is the motto of the North Region - without a doubt being in the presence of so many strangers would be daunting for anyone.

Membership secretary, Darren Gallagher, can recall experiencing those emotions himself and proposed the idea of a New Marshal's Liaison Team to BMMC National Chair, Nadine Lewis, and the North Region's Recruitment Officer, Rob Wood, following conversations about attendance levels and retaining newbies with numerous people on the bank. From this dialogue, it was clear to Gallagher that there were a number of things that could be done to improve matters to help people feel at home and quickly become

an integral part of the team as they make the transition from the Taster Day to Trainee Marshal.

The NMLT was established at the beginning of this season. A key aspect is to have a member of the Liaison Team acting as a point of contact for inexperienced marshals at the start of the day for each event. In the case of Oulton Park, they will be in the Chequers Restaurant from 7 am to have a welcoming chat over coffee/breakfast and to answer any questions.

Details of who will be fulfilling this role at each meeting, and where to find them, are published on a Facebook group - "New Marshals NW 2017" - which is dedicated to this year's intake. Social media is going to be a key tool for the NMLT as the group will also provide useful information such as contact names, maps and helpful tips for those joining the orange army. Furthermore, it puts newcomers to our hobby in touch with people who are in a similar situation and provides a forum for open discussion.

The administrators of the Facebook group also create events within the software for each meeting so that members can see who will be at the circuit from the NMLT giving them an idea of who to look out for if they require help or need a focal point.

So that people are aware of what the NMLT has to offer, information about the team is included in the Welcome Pack that is sent out to new members when they join the BMMC in our region, this includes details of the newbies' meeting point at the start of the day at each event.



NEW MARSHALS' LIAISON TEAM



Darren Gallagher



Andy Roberts



Ashley Harwood



Elliot Danaher



Heather Roberts



Paul Hayes



Phil Bunn



Rachel Young



Richard McNeil



Rob Lee



Rob Mugurian



Rob Wood



Susie McNeil

While having a friendly face to greet new marshals at the beginning of a race meeting is important, the aim is to provide support throughout the day. Where possible, members of the NMLT will be assigned to the same post as the rookies so that someone they know is always around.

Currently there are 13 members of the NMLT (see sidebar). Individually, their experience varies from 3 to 10 years. All of the team are positive, encouraging characters and can be regularly found on duty at race meetings, sprints and rallies in the North West so are well equipped to answer most queries and make new marshals feel welcome in their early days.

As the NMLT was only formed in March, it is just becoming established and determining what are the best practices. The team are very keen to receive ideas and suggestions as to how to help people at the start of their career in orange. The focus is very much on what the BMMC can do for their new members. With regards to the circuits, Darren's only concern is that they maintain the existing facilities so that our rookies want to keep coming back for more fun on the banks.

Once again, marshals from this region have identified a problem and are proactively working to resolve it, doing all they can to ensure there is plenty of safety cover at motor sport events in the North West. It would be no surprise to see this initiative turn out to be a great success and for New Marshal Liaison Teams to become established all over the country. The North Region blazes a trail once again!

Dave Williams

BRSCC NW Website News

We have added a "Marshal Info" section to: <http://www.brsccnw.com/>

This contains:

- 1) Standing instructions for marshalling at Oulton Park
- 2) Standing instructions for marshalling at Anglesey
- 3) Specific instructions for the Next Meeting (currently Oulton Park, 17th June)
- 4) An advert for embroidered badges for Proban overalls

Dave Williams (www.gramtext.co.uk/)

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## BMMC TEAMWEAR

As announced in the last Outpost, the BMMC has launched a new range of branded TEAMWEAR, which is proving very popular.

These items have been specifically selected to wear alongside your everyday marshalling kit or as stand alone items. The clothing logo has been selected alongside the website address to give a clear identity and brand image. This has worked very well on the existing range of headwear, caps etc. Prices have been secured at a very competitive level for the quality of the garments.

Take a look at the redesigned regalia section of the website:

[www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/](http://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/)

Other items may be added in the future so look out for updates.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

### RACE MEETINGS

|        |                 |          |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Jul 08 | BARC            | Oulton   |
| Jul 08 | 750MC           | Anglesey |
| Jul 09 | 750MC           | Anglesey |
| Jul 22 | MSVR-Tunerfest  | Oulton   |
| Jul 29 | MSVR            | Oulton   |
| Aug 05 | BRSCC           | Anglesey |
| Aug 06 | BRSCC           | Anglesey |
| Aug 12 | BRSCC           | Oulton   |
| Aug 19 | MSVR - Minifest | Oulton   |
| Aug 26 | HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |
| Aug 27 | HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |
| Aug 28 | HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

|        |              |              |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Jul 01 | Liverpool MC | Barbon Manor |
| Jul 15 | Hagley & DLC | Loton Park   |
| Jul 16 | Hagley & DLC | Loton Park   |
| Jul 16 | Mid Ches MRC | Scammonden   |
| Aug 05 | Hagley & DLC | Loton Park   |
| Aug 06 | Hagley & DLC | Loton Park   |
| Aug 12 | Pendle DMC   | Scammonden   |

### SPRINT MEETINGS

|        |               |               |
|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Jun 24 | Liverpool MC  | Aintree       |
| Jul 30 | Longton & DMC | Three Sisters |
| Aug 13 | Mid Ches MRC  | Curborough    |
| Aug 26 | BMMC          | Curborough    |
| Aug 27 | Lotus 7 CGB   | Curborough    |

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### BMMC NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 (& AGM)

| REGALIA PRICE LIST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Price  |
| BMMC CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS                                                                                                                                                                                                               | £2.00  |
| UNION FLAG CLOTH BADGE c/w WEBSITE                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | £2.00  |
| BMMC GRADING BADGES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | £1.00  |
| 'HEROES' CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS                                                                                                                                                                                                           | £2.00  |
| LEATHER WELDERS GLOVES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | £4.00  |
| WATERPROOF HI-VIS GLOVES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £4.50  |
| WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | £4.50  |
| BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | £7.00  |
| OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | £15.00 |
| PROBAN OVERALLS- SMALL (Ideal for Cadet Marshals)                                                                                                                                                                                                        | £12.00 |
| <br>Poloshirts and Mugs also 'Heroes' T-Shirts and mugs, Sweatshirts and Fleece Jackets are available by mail order. Catalogue and Order forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NRO                                     |        |
| New Overalls are only available from AWS RACEWEAR - Tel: 01233 638 498 quoting BMMC membership number                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia Officer, Adam Levitt at Oulton Park or Anglesey circuits.<br>or:<br>The National Regalia Officer - Eric Ridler<br>Email: <a href="mailto:Nat.Regalia@marshals.co.uk">Nat.Regalia@marshals.co.uk</a> |        |

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### WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below. We sincerely wish you a happy and safe future.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Ashley     | Sandbach          |
| Ryan Oakes        | Widnes            |
| Philip Reade      | Preston           |
| Ross Pincott      | Grange-over-Sands |
| Andy Dunkley      | Antrobus          |
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