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North West Region Newsletter

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## GOLD CUP TRAINING

Over the Gold Cup weekend 22 of our members had the chance to do a short training exercise with the BRSCC NW Rescue Unit to see how drivers are extricated from a single seat racing car.

Steve Land from the Rescue Unit and the rest of his crew gave the trainees the chance to stabilise the driver's head and neck, apply a neck collar and how the KED device is put onto the driver before lifting them out of the car. Whilst unlikely that we would need to do this in a real incident, it gave us all the chance to see how to control the driver's head until the Rescue Unit arrives and if requested to assist in removing the casualty, once immobilised.

Thanks to Steve and his crew for the chance to practice with them. Also to John Roberts and Rachel Arnold for allowing us to use their cars and in Rachel's case being the casualty for the training session.



## CHAIRPERSON'S THOUGHTS

We have just had two contrasting meetings at Oulton. First, the Gold Cup weekend was a nostalgia-fest for we old and bold. It also included some excellent racing.

Then, On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, a super MGCC race meeting was marred by the horrendous incident at Lakeside. All our colleagues are fine, but we still (at time of writing) have no updates on the drivers who were evacuated.

So, we are very aware of the fact that our brilliant hobby is both interesting, enjoyable.....and dangerous. We do this because we love motor sport and we appreciate the camaraderie, indeed the friendship, among our marshal colleagues and the drivers out there on the track. An incident like that at Lakeside brings us closer together and reminds us of the need to look after ourselves, our fellow marshals and the drivers who call upon our expertise.

On a lighter note, I must remind you of our (non-stuffy) AGM and Social event at the Blue Cap, Sandiway on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. We have an "act" this year - Brian "Lancashire Sid" Calderbank and his rum doings. I've already reminded him that ladies will be present and that the microphone will have an "off" switch! You'll have to be there. An evening to remember! Details, tickets, price etc will be with you shortly.

Back trackside, please do be careful out there.

**Mike Cadwallader**

## Notice of the BMMC NW Region

### Annual General Meeting 2017

The AGM of the North West Region of the British Motorsports Marshals' Club Ltd. will be held at the Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway, Northwich, CW8 2DR on Saturday 4th November 2017 at 7:30pm.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM (copies available on the night)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Members Propositions

In accordance with the Club Rules K.3.3 and K.3.4, the following Committee Members stand down by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

**Mike Cadwallader**

**Bill Gray**

**Rob Mugurian**

**Dave Cleaveley (not seeking re-election)**

The Regional AGM is required to consider any resolutions proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged in writing, with the Regional Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Regional AGM.

**Signed: Gordon Knight**

**North West Region Secretary**

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## RECRUITING



After, we think, some ten years of hard work. Ten years of absorbing all the worst of weather that Oulton Park can throw at it, rain, wind and even very occasionally sunshine I am sad to say that the old recruitment tent has finally succumbed to the ravages of time. It has seen many hundreds of potential marshals under it's orange roof not to mention the great and good and celebrities of TV and the motorsport world.

I would now like to welcome it's new successor. It looks very similar to the old one topped with a bright orange pointed roof but is much sturdier and easier to erect. It is now quite a simple two man affair to put it up and I managed to take it down single handedly the other night.



It's first appearance was at the Gold Cup at Oulton Park where we signed up 23 potential new members for a taster day. As much as anything we use these days to educate people about the role of marshalling - warts and all. One of the people I met was the chairman of Harper Adams Motor Club who has invited me to come and talk to their members on their return after the summer recess. Whilst most of the members have an interest in rallying he thinks that the disciplines learnt at the circuit should be encouraged.



Later that week I was at New Brighton aiding Peter Wilson with our new tent to recruit rally marshals. Again we managed to put the tent up two handed despite the best attempts of the wind blowing along the promenade.

It's next appearance will be at Cholmondeley Castle for the spectator stage of Wales Rally GB.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those that have helped in the past with recruitment and would thoroughly encourage all of you to come and spend some time at future events sharing your enthusiasm for our hobby.

**Rob Wood**

**NW Recruiting**



*Aerial picture of the MOD camp*

## **PRE-HISTORIC TIMES AT THE ANGLESEY (TY CROES) CIRCUIT**

Although the original 1.057 mile circuit at Anglesey opened in 1997, motor sport activity had already been taking place for some years on the site of the former MOD base located between Rhosneigr and Aberffraw.

The land originally belonged to the Bodorgan estate but was requisitioned by the MOD in 1941 due to the Second World War. With the facility surplus to the requirements of the state in the



latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the Bodorgan estate took control once more and a local farmer, Edward (Ned) Jones, persuaded the owners to allow him to test his rally car on the service roads of the disused army camp.

Things developed quickly and on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1989 the Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Motor Club held the first MSA sanctioned event at Ty Croes with the Glyn Memorial Stage Rally - named after a former president of the club.

The motorbike and rallycross fraternities also began using the facility. Indeed, the BRSCC meeting on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September this year will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first two-wheeled races at the venue. Aside from the familiar car racing fare, it will feature a couple of Formula 600 motorcycle events organised by the Wirral 100 Club.



By 1994 Richard Newton (brother of BMMC Vice-President, Mike) visited the island on behalf of the MG Car Club to undertake a feasibility study with a view to organising a sprint. Many legacies of the site's previous incumbents were still visible at that time including the guard house at the entrance. He liked what he saw - the former army camp's perimeter road would make a great venue.



*School - only part of current circuit*



There was a section which was a pukka circuit that had been developed for the rallycross, but other parts of the sprint course were the roads that had been used to access the MOD accommodation and they ran very close to buildings at some points.

The return leg was particularly fast. To keep speeds at a sensible level, Richard and his team had to construct a chicane using truck tyres on the Friday evening prior to each meeting and then take them away on Sunday night. "Primitive motor sport from the 1950s!" he muses.

As the first MGCC Sprint was a success, the Lancashire and Cheshire Car Club ran a similar event soon afterwards. It was a stretch for both clubs to run these meetings and they decided to join forces. The following year they ran their events individually over the course of the same weekend so that they could share resources.



In 1996 this spirit of co-operation was taken one step further with the two clubs co-promoting one large meeting twice a year.

Eventually, the entire perimeter road was developed into the motor racing circuit that opened in 1997. The location of the chicane of truck tyres became the Douglas complex.



The MGCC/L&CCC Sprints continued, taking place on both incarnations of the race track until the latter club disbanded in 2012. The MGCC still have an annual date on Trac Mon's calendar alongside the event which started the ball rolling - the Glyn Memorial Stage Rally which is now a qualifying event for the WAMC and ANWCC Championships.

*Photos courtesy of Richard Newton and Anglesey Circuit*

### Dave (Fasttoes) Williams



## F1 London Live July 2017



Just before this year's Formula One British Grand Prix some of our BMMC Members were asked to attend the London Live F1 event, a 'parade' of Formula 1 cars, drivers and teams through the streets of London with a Live Music Concert as its Finale - All free for the public to attend. This was an incredible privilege to represent the British Marshal Community at such a high profile F1 event, the first of its kind. So a team of 12 experienced marshals from different regions converged on the Capital on Wednesday 12th July with Clean Proban's, Flags, Boots etc

Upon arrival it felt the event was well organised and you could feel the buzz in the atmosphere as soon as you got close to Trafalgar Square .. The Square and surrounding streets had been closed to traffic and was full of F1 Teams and sponsors' stands, a stage and thousands of fans. This was an excellent opportunity for the F1 Fans to get very close to the cars, and their favourite drivers and teams.

The Circuit was a short loop along Whitehall from Downing Street into Trafalgar Square, passing some of the most famous landmarks in London. The Route was packed with expectant fans young and old when we arrived - still with about 2 hours

to wait for the first car to be released. It was obvious some people had been waiting for several hours to get a good viewpoint for the show, they were so close to the cars and drivers, such a unique opportunity in this country, it's great to see F1 getting the fans closer! This will obviously encourage more young people into the sport, which will also hopefully help more people into marshalling too.

We met the event organisers and were given a briefing of the schedule and our duties for the 'Parade' of F1 cars, and then permitted to explore the pitlane briefly before going to our posts, it was incredible to get so close to some of the current and classic f1 cars plus the drivers and teams.

The Marshal Team had worked out the posts for when the circuit went live, we didn't have radios so it was essential that we had good line of sight between flag points and everyone was aware of the schedule of cars etc. Whilst on our posts we were obviously very close to the fans and were being asked questions about everything from information about the cars to marshalling and how to get started as a marshal. The spectators were very appreciative of our work in motorsport with many people thanking us personally. Some of these people have only really watched F1 on TV and have probably never been to a circuit.

The event seemed to go without any major issues from the cars point of view and was an absolute pleasure to be part of, let's hope they hold more events like this in the future.

**Darren Gallagher**

**NW Membership Secretary**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

### RACE MEETINGS

Sep 23	BRSCC FunCup	Anglesey
Sep 24	BRSCC FunCup	Anglesey
Oct 07	CSCC	Oulton
Oct 14	BRSCC Funcup	Oulton
Oct 21	BARC	Oulton
Oct 28	MSVR	Oulton
Nov 11	BARC-Race of Remembrance	Anglesey
Nov 12	BARC-Race of Remembrance	Anglesey
Nov 19	BRSCC	Anglesey

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

Sep 23	Hagley & DLC	Loton Park
Sep 24	Hagley & DLC	Loton Park

### SPRINT MEETINGS

Oct 07	H&SA	Curborough
Oct 14	Longton&DMC	Anglesey
Oct 15	Longton &DMC	Anglesey

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (AGM)

### BMMC NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes

### 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.

Nigel Fox	Heysham
Martyn Thomas	Liverpool
Craig Houghton	Southport
Paul Corrigan	Blackburn

## 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
HI-VIS WATERPROOF GLOVES - ORANGE	£4.50
WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE	£4.50
BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE	£7.00
OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50	£15.00
DIAMOND JUBILEE STICKERS	£2.50
PROBAN OVERALLS- SMALL (Ideal for Cadet Marshals)	£12.00
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](tel:01233638498) quoting BMMC membership number

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### NEWSLETTERS

Next Copy Date - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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### IMPORTANT DIARY DATE

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway at 7.30pm.

Followed by a social evening featuring Brian "Lancashire Sid" Calderbank.

There will also be a raffle including one very exciting first prize.

Tickets for the Social will be on sale shortly at a cost of £5.00 each.

Full details of the menu to follow.

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