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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MURRAY WALKER OBE

OUR FORMER CLUB PRESIDENT CELEBRATED HIS
94TH BIRTHDAY ON 10TH OCTOBER.

*Quotes:- "I don't make mistakes. I make prophecies
which immediately turn out to be wrong."*

"There's nothing wrong with the car except that it's on fire."

CHAIRPERSON'S OCTOBER MUSING

A little word about Trac Mon - Anglesey Circuit. All of us regulars, and irregulars, love the circuit. There has always been, and still is, a certain air of formal informality about the place. I know we can't be informal as such; this is a race circuit, after all. But, we just get on with the racing, and marshals are embraced [well, not manhandled, but welcomed!].

We celebrated a significant anniversary at the BRSCC weekend Sept 23/24. The Wirral 100 bike bods have been doing meetings at Trac Mon for 25 years. We car racing types lag behind at only 20 years, but car sprints and trials must be looking at 30-odd years at the old Army Camp.

A lovely venue, almost a Garden of Eden for marshals. That said, we must always be alert for potential improvements in facilities for both us and competitors. The weather is the big bugbear over there. Marshalling in the raw; Water-proofs, sou'westers, sun cream and sun glasses, all in the same kit bag every time out!

For more grounded, mundane issues, I am your Circuit Representative, reporting to BMMC National Council. You may have noticed that I am now flying a desk when at Anglesey - Race Secretary for BRSCC NWC. So, I'm not out there experiencing marshal's experiences.

You can still raise questions or issues with me! Just pop into the circuit office during lunch break (yes, we have one over there!) or grab me at end of day. If you miss me, do a text or an email while the

thought is fresh in your mind. Marshals' concerns are THE priority issue for NW Committee and National Council.

I will be there on Sunday, November 19. Last year, the sun was cracking the flags, so fingers crossed for next month.

Before then, I do hope to see most of you at our AGM/Social bash at The Blue Cap, Sandiway on Sat November 4. There will be fireworks - in the form of our old mucker Brian Calderbank doing his "Lancashire Sid" thing. Not to be missed!!

Wherever you are, please be careful out there.

Mike Cadwallader

NW Chair & Anglesey Marshals' Rep.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

### RACE MEETINGS

|        |                            |          |
|--------|----------------------------|----------|
| 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 |

## NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

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

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes

### NEWSLETTERS

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# **THE NORTH WEST REGION SOCIAL EVENING**

**FOLLOWING THE A.G.M. ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2017**

## **THE BLUE CAP HOTEL**



**CHESTER ROAD, SANDIWAY**

**NORTHWICH, CW8 2DN**

**FOOD WILL BE A HOT & COLD FINGER BUFFET**

**THE EVENING WILL ALSO INCLUDE ENTERTAINMENT**

**FROM BRIAN "LANCASHIRE SID" CALDERBANK**



**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE WITH A STAR PRIZE OF A  
'TRACK DAY EXPERIENCE' AT BEDFORD AUTODROME**

**COST PER PERSON**

**£5.00**

**A.G.M. - 7.30pm followed by the Social at 8.00pm**



## HISTORY OF ANGLESEY CIRCUIT - PART 2 by Dave Williams



In the last edition of Outpost we reviewed how the land which housed the former MOD base at Ty Croes was handed back to its original civilian owners during the late 1980s with a request from a local rally-driving farmer leading to a broad range of motor sport taking place at the venue and ultimately, seeing the establishment of a 1.057 mile circuit around the perimeter roads of the site.

The driving force behind this transformation was Richard Peacock that doyen of North West motorsport who includes winning the inaugural Champion of Oulton and competing in Historic Formula 1 behind the wheel of a Tyrrell on his CV as well as setting up a highly respected racing school.

At one time Richard hoped to turn Leyland Trucks' test facility into a race circuit but when this plan failed to come to fruition he entered into negotiations to redevelop the ex-army base located between Rhosneigr and Aberffaw. The site which has spectacular views of the Snowdonia mountain range across the Irish Sea had been returned the Bodorgan Estate which encompasses the an-

cestral lands of the Meyrick family.

Although new to the world of motorsport the Meyricks were receptive to the proposal and gave it the green light. On completion they installed Peacock as Operations Consultant with responsibility for the day-to-day running of the enterprise. He continued to perform this role for many years, building up a team of enthusiastic and committed individuals.

Initially a layout which was just over a mile in length was established. This proved to be very popular with club-level racers and marshals however Peacock could see greater possibilities.

He believed that a state-of-the-art complex would bring in visitors from far and wide thereby boosting the local economy. When this pitch was taken to the Welsh Assembly they responded by allocating a significant amount of European Objective 1 funding to assist in the realisation of the project.





The rejuvenation had a major impact on the local economy. Not only did visitors head down the A55 to enjoy the motor sport, car related media companies (both print and TV) regularly make use of the circuit's facilities to test the latest models to their limits.

Aside from the monetary benefits, many environmental issues were also taken into consideration as the new track took shape. One of the problems with the old configuration was that the back straight took competitors down to a hairpin which was quite close to nearby housing.

Improving the lot of the neighbours at the same time as producing a high quality circuit design within the confines of the existing plot proved to be a real stumbling-block until the Bodorgan Estate donated 3 adjacent fields. This is where the first section of track was constructed which includes the ultra-fast Church corner. Peacock says it gives him "a buzz" whenever he takes this bend without a lift.

Elsewhere, another notable feature is the sweeping downhill complex known as "The Corkscrew". This was inspired by the spectacular sequence at Laguna Seca

of the same name.

The flowing layout created over the winter of 2006/7 generated widespread acclaim. This was recognised by the BRSCC when they awarded Richard and his team the John Nicol Trophy for their contribution to motorsport.

Apart from being a demanding challenge for drivers there was an aspiration to become a haven of green motor-racing. A signal of this intention was the wind turbine set up in the paddock which delivered 6kw to the National Grid when it reached full velocity, this happens fairly often given the exposed location.

During the construction of the new track, two mini-quarries were excavated to prevent the need for any material being added to or removed from the location despite the creation of the large spectator banks which also act as noise barriers.

Another item of great importance to the venue is the Ty Croes Site of Special Scientific Interest. This has been established with the help of the Countryside Council for Wales. It flanks the north-west side of the circuit where the coastal heath contains rare plants and a large colony of butterflies.





The public can get a taste of the thrills of high performance driving at "Trac Mon" as the Welsh speaking locals call the circuit by enrolling in the racing school. This utilises the 2 shortest layouts out of a possible 4. In its original incarnation this "college of speed" was set up by Peacock at the Aintree circuit in 1978 with a branch at Kirkistown in Ireland being added in the 1990s.

One of the first additions to the new track was the construction 14 marshal posts to offer shelter to those in orange from the elements, which can be particularly nasty in this part of the World.

Anglesey Circuit values highly the dedication of BMMC members. Peacock believes they are fundamental to the existence of domestic motor sport as costs "would escalate to impossible levels if there weren't so many people willing to freely give up their time to provide safety cover to those who race for fun".

A major change to the facility occurred in 2013 when 22 pit garages and a 3 storey control tower were constructed. This made the track far more attractive to prestige motor manufacturers as a venue for corporate events - further

boosting the venue's contribution to the local economy.

In 2016, Andrew Crighton took over as Operations Manager. Like his predecessor, Andrew has a wealth of motorsport experience. He worked for a Formula Ford manufacturer and later competed in a historic series for that category as well as Formula Vee. After a break from motorsport, he built a kart circuit in Surrey during 1994. He was then involved in the establishment of the T Cars category at the turn of the Millennium. With that being a series for teenagers who were 14 and upwards, Andrew became involved in driver coaching going on to acquire the highest grading of ARDS instructor's licence.

Employment from the MSV Race Schools at Cadwell Park and Snetterton led to him becoming Duty Manager at the latter track where Jonathan Palmer's philosophy of focussing on attention to detail was drummed into him. This made Andrew the ideal candidate to take charge of Anglesey Circuit.

All marshals will look forward to this beautiful jewel of track going from strength to strength under his tenure.



## **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, 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**

Issued: 4th September 2017

### **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.

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Kevin Kay</b>        | <b>Wistaston</b> |
| <b>Zoe Blamire</b>      | <b>Kendal</b>    |
| <b>Mark Kelly</b>       | <b>Sandbach</b>  |
| <b>Ben Bosley</b>       | <b>Nantwich</b>  |
| <b>Peter Cornelius</b>  | <b>Penketh</b>   |
| <b>Joshua Cornelius</b> | <b>Penketh</b>   |
| <b>Luke Andrews</b>     | <b>Formby</b>    |
| <b>Sandra White</b>     | <b>Dwyran</b>    |

## **REGALIA PRICE LIST**

| <b>Description</b>                             | <b>Price</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BMMC CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS     | £2.00        |
| UNION FLAG CLOTH BADGE c/w WEBSITE             | £2.00        |
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| OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50                          | £15.00       |
| DIAMOND JUBILEE STICKERS                       | £2.50        |

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**New Overalls are only available from AWS RACEWEAR - Tel: [01233 638 498](tel:01233638498) quoting BMMC membership number**

For all other enquiries contact :  
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|        |    |    |    |    |     |     |                        |
|--------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------------------------|
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