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North West Region Newsletter

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10 YEARS AGO OUR RENOWNED MOBILE CORRESPONDENT DAVE WILLIAMS WAS AWARDED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

## CHAIRPERSON'S AUGUST ANGST

Well folks, here is your invisible Chair-man! I've not been out and about at events since the surgical doings, but life goes on. I am told that I'll be normal by Christmas!

While lying around, I learned that good old Three Sisters Circuit is actually going great guns. There was an hiatus, ownership-wise, but that's sorted, the track has been revamped and its business better-than-ever! I know karting isn't everybody's cup of tea and, yes, we have plenty of events at Anglesey and Oulton but, when diaries permit, a day spent kart marshalling at Three Sisters would be a refreshing change. See some sample dates at the back of this Outpost, and give it a go!

Circuit-wise, we have really taken-off this summer. Just about to do Oulton and Anglesey on consecutive weekends. Loads of Oultons recently, and the Gold Cup coming along over the Bank Holiday weekend. Fab stuff.

I won't go on about the tropical weather, save to remind you to take plenty of drinks and sun screen when you're out on the bank.

Please be careful out there.

**Mike Cadwallader**

**North West Region Chair**



Bellini Trophy

## ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year we present 4 trophies to our most deserving marshals. Usually this is based on information provided by your committee. For this year's awards we would like to ask our members help with the selection process.

For most awards we need your input by the end of October as some nominees are put forward for our National awards.

### **Stan Foulds Trophy:**

*"For long standing contribution to Motor Sport and to the North West Region"*

This awarded to one of our more 'senior' marshals.

### **Bellini Trophy:**

*Marshal of the Year for outstanding service to the Region and Marshalling.*

### **Cliff Hammond Trophy:**

*Awarded to the Best Newcomer (must be over 18) and is also eligible for the John Nicol Trophy.*

### **Stewart Ashford Trophy:**

*Awarded to the most outstanding Cadet marshal and also is eligible for the David Leslie Trophy.*

Please send your nominations to the NW Region Secretary, **Paul News** whose details can be found on the back page of this Outpost.

All the awards and previous recipients can be viewed on the website.



### CARFEST NORTH

Children in Need Charity, cars and craziness for the marshals. A break from the conventional way of marshalling, CarFest provides the opportunity for us to kick back and enjoy the track activity and get involved with the crowd.

From balancing brushes, racing down the hay bales between sessions, and appearing on stage in fancy dress those in orange had the weekend down to a tee and had the crowd well entertained.

That only scratched the surface of what actually happened at CarFest. Behind the scenes three marshals; **Pete Rowcroft**, **Mike Morris** and **Ashley Harwood** set to work to raise as much money as possible for Children in Need, aiming to beat last year's total of £1,770.07.

You might be wondering how they did that? The trio collected prizes from all across Motor sport; signed overalls, racing autobiographies, caps, posters, even a wheel! All to have a bumper raffle for any who wanted to buy a ticket. Mixed

with another raffle at CarFest to win a Sporting Bears car ride, the team were on a roll. All that was left was to go around with buckets to collect spare change off the general public.

This is exactly what they did. The fancy dress was such a hit people were donating to have their picture taken with Baymax and a minion. Not only that when the gang of orange got dancing on Sunday night, nobody could believe they still had the energy left to get their knees up to every song. What did all this mean though for beating the total?

They didn't just beat it. In fact, they more than doubled it. The trio's effort was rewarded by raising a staggering £4,263.71, for the charity. I think if any three people deserve a special mention and a round of applause then; Mike, Paul and Ashley have earned it.

A huge congratulations to the trio for their efforts with the raffles and to all the marshals at CarFest, who channelled their craziness to help such a brilliant cause.

**Rob Lee**

**NW Social Media**





## TCR VISITS OULTON



On 4<sup>th</sup> August marshals at Oulton Park saw the first races in Cheshire for the new for 2018 TCR UK Championship, the country's latest touring car series.

The category caters for C-segment Hatches and Saloons such as VW Golfs and Seat Leons. They are powered by 2-litre turbocharged engines pumping out no less than 350 bhp. This is the same amount of oomph as the NGTC category from the British Touring Car Championship however the TCR regulations stipulate chassis that are much closer to showroom condition. There are some bodywork changes allowed - wider wheel-arches, single plane rear wing and dramatic front spoiler- and these give the cars a very spectacular appearance.

Where the BTCC uses a large number of standard parts and ballast penalties for successful drivers to keep the action close and exciting, TCR sets differing ride height, weight and power parameters for each eligible model - known as the Balance of Performance. Usually competitors are not handicapped following podium finishes - it really is a case of the best man wins- however Dan Lloyd has been so dominant in the UK this

season he has found himself saddled with 60 kg of ballast.

Marcello Lotti, the man behind the most recent incarnation of the World Touring Car Championship, came up with the TCR concept. He had been concerned for some time that many national Touring Car championships had been in decline and so set about developing a 'pyramid' of cost-effective Touring Car racing, in which the same cars could be used for national, regional and international events. In addition, TCR cars are eligible for endurance racing and so compete in championships such as the 24H series and the Super Taikyu championship in Japan.

There are currently no less than thirteen national series that run TCR cars from the USA in the West to China in the East - taking in most countries in Europe. Furthermore, from this season the World Touring Car Championship runs to TCR regulations. Thus, drivers have a pathway from their domestic series all the way to the Global stage via regional championships in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.





With so many races taking place across multiple continents there is a healthy market for cars that comply to the regulations. So far, twelve different brands have developed vehicles to compete in TCR events around the World - Alfa Romeo, Audi, Ford, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Peugeot, Opel, Renault, SEAT, Subaru and Volkswagen - with a number of other manufacturers rumoured to be working on developing cars.

In this country, although grids have room for expansion as the TCR UK championship becomes established there is no doubting the competitiveness of the category - during qualifying at Castle Combe's most recent meeting before Oulton the two fastest drivers were separated by 3 1,000ths of a second.

As mentioned earlier, Dan Lloyd has been the man to beat having been the first to see the chequered flag in every UK race prior to the visit to Cheshire although a penalty for making contact with another competitor dropped him to second in the classification for the first encounter at Castle Combe last time out.

But then Ash Sutton rocked up at Oulton Park... The reigning BTCC Champion was making a one-off appearance behind the

wheel of the Honda Civic usually driven by Finlay Crocker who was unable to race in Cheshire due to business commitments. He took pole by half a second and then comfortably won both races.

The victory margin in the first of these was a massive 15 seconds even though the duration of the contest had been halved from 30 minutes following barrier repairs required at Island Bend due to a two-car crash shortly after the original start. The Oulton Park marshals worked their usual wonders to ensure the meeting still finished before the 6:30 pm curfew despite a very tight timetable.

With the intention of mixing things up, race 2 at each TCR UK meeting features a reversed grid based on the second fastest times for the Top Ten cars in qualifying however as the season has progressed, some of the drivers have wised up to this and are only doing a single flying lap to try and get pole for the opening encounter while taking things easy for the rest of the time in a bid to twice start from the front of the grid - although they run the risk of going too slowly and starting outside of the Top Ten.





Sutton quickly wised up to this and having got one quick lap in on Saturday morning, he sat out most of the session in the pits meaning he was ninth in the classification of second fastest times which put him on the outside of the front row for grid 2 - prime position to take the honours once again.

While TCR is the formula used for the World Championship, in the UK the BTCC remains the premier touring car series with its extensive TV coverage and huge crowds with TCR UK acting as a cheaper alternative and, as there are no date clashes, it is possible to take part in both series - as Lloyd is doing. Sutton was keen to test the TCR waters when the offer of a drive came up as no doubt the possibility of following former BTCC champion, Gordon Shedden, into the World series is in the back of his mind.

It will be interesting to see how things pan out in the UK. TCR looks like becoming a Global phenomenon just like the GT3 sportscar class which also uses a Balance of Performance mechanism to enable manufacturers with differing product ranges to compete against each other.

Is there a market for two premium touring car categories in the UK? Will the BTCC's common components enable it to remain economically viable enough to stave off its new rival or will driver demand force it to adopt the TCR regulations to give them a pathway to the World stage?

**Dave (Fasttoes) Williams**

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**BMMC VOLUNTEERING DATABASE**

The majority of our marshals are using this unique facility to volunteer for the events available to them. However there are some who receive invitations direct from clubs and volunteer with them.

To ensure that you benefit from the BMMC Insurance scheme we would ask that you to use the "For Insurance Only" facility on our volunteering system.

This will also gives the club a better indication of the true number of days marshalled by our members.

**Editor**



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018

### RACE MEETINGS

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Aug 25 HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |
| Aug 26 HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |
| Aug 27 HSCC - Gold Cup | Oulton   |
| Sep 01 MGCC            | Oulton   |
| Sep 01 BARC NW         | Anglesey |
| Sep 02 BARC NW         | Anglesey |
| Sep 29 BRSCC NW        | Oulton   |

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Aug 25 Hagley & DLC | Loton Park |
| Aug 26 Hagley & DLC | Loton Park |
| Sep 22 Hagley & DLC | Loton Park |
| Sep 23 Hagley & DLC | Loton Park |

### SPRINT MEETINGS

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Aug 25 BMMC         | Curborough    |
| Sep 01 Liverpool MC | Aintree       |
| Sep 02 Longton+DMC  | Three Sisters |
| Sep 08 MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |
| Sep 09 MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |

### KARTING MEETINGS

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Aug 26 Cumbria KRC | Rowrah        |
| Aug 26 M&BKC       | Three Sisters |
| Sep 15 RAFMSA      | Glan Y Gors   |
| Sep 16 RAFMSA      | Glan Y Gors   |
| Sep 23 M&BKC       | Three Sisters |

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 -AGM & Social

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 & 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  |
| HI-VIS ORANGE WATERPROOF GLOVES                | £4.50  |
| WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE             | £4.50  |
| BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE                | £7.00  |
| OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50                          | £15.00 |

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### NEXT NEWSLETTER

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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.

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|--------------------|------------|
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| David Featherstone | Northwich  |
| Elliot Pledger     | Preston    |
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