



## THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The training event in mid March was a resounding success with 250+ marshals attending over the two days. The feedback we had was excellent and although there is always room for improvement, the content was well received.

Our thanks must go to MSV for their continued support and use of the Fogarty Moss Centre.

Thank you to all the trainers, participants and especially to Bill Gray who will be spending some time in a darkened room now, only to emerge to prepare for 2020!

I was particularly proud of the fact that several of you took the time out to offer some practical suggestions on improving training, communication, incident processes and reports.

I will feedback information once the committee has had the opportunity to discuss these & implement. Thank you to all of you who did this - your voices will be listened to!

Congratulations to the award winners and I am delighted that some national marshalling awards have been winging their way to North West marshals as well. We must be getting this right, so let's not let our standards drop!

Hopefully you will be aware that the subsidy for marshals overalls has been increased (again!) thanks to the generous additional sponsorship from CSCC. Their contribution is most welcome and certainly their meetings are entertaining. Please make sure that you follow the process when ordering and if unsure of sizings etc, then please contact Anthony Bianco at Lille Racewear directly and

they will be able to help you

Regretfully, I have to inform the membership that we have recently lost two marshals - John Owen passed away at the beginning of March 2019. Dave Morgan passed away recently as well. A key member of the Red Cross, Dave was ever present at the Oulton's Med Centre and always on hand to dispense advice and support. They will both be missed

The B word - No I'm not going to mention it! By the time you read this, something may have happened in the UK. (or not!!) I'm not going to waste any time or column inches on this situation, others will have done that for us.

However, more appropriate is the M word - marshalling. The training you have received now needs to be implemented & demonstrated when on the bank. If you are unsure of anything, please let us know. The committee are committed to making sure you get the best from your hobby, especially as you have invested your spare time and energy.

If you have new marshals with you on post this year (or visiting marshals from other circuits) please make sure that they are made to feel welcome, part of the team and participate in the day's activity.

We are a family who will work and support each other during and even off season. I am keen to make sure that the adage 'Once a marshal, always a marshal' is resonant with us all. I still find myself kicking stones off the road or pavement when I am out for a walk!

I hope everyone is looking forward to the Easter meeting and can I gently remind

you all to read the instructions sent out by the chief marshal regarding sign on and car parking etc.

The first event of the year run by BARC was enjoyable and I was pleased to see that many of you turned up to blow away the winter cobwebs.

Finally I would like to thank Mike Cadwallader for 15 years of committee service bringing the NW Region to the forefront of UK marshalling. The gifts presented to him at the training weekend were an acknowledgment of our appreciation for his dedication to the marshals' club. With life membership to the club as well, I am sure we will be seeing him this year! All the best Mike.

### **Last months quiz questions.**

Where & when was the first British Grand Prix win for a British driver in a British car? Who won?

*1958 Stirling Moss @ Aintree, Vanwall*

The Maserati badge is a trident. What was it modelled on?

*A statue of Neptune's Trident in Bologna*

Name the Japanese car manufacturers who made the following cars: Cosmo-Mazda. Pao - Nissan; Deliboy - Toyota.

### **This months questions:**

*Which Brazilian driver still holds an outright lap record at which UK circuit?*

*How did Knicker Brook get its name?*

*How many manufacturers built 6 wheel Grand Prix cars post 1950? Name them*

**Mike Broadbent**

**NW Region Chairman**



## **SPEED & RALLY SHOW 2019**

The Speed and Rally Show is based at the Oswestry Showground and is very similar to the Rallyday but a little more relaxed. We've been building the event for two years and 2019 looks really promising with a theme of 60 years of the Mini.

A link below for you to get a feel for the event, we wondered whether you'd like to get involved? There is a package for those helping which includes lunch being provided and a complimentary ticket to give to a friend or family member.

Currently we have openings for demo track marshals, spectator area marshals and indeed a recovery vehicle.

[www.tsars.org](http://www.tsars.org)





## **BILL GRAY: MARSHAL OF THE YEAR 2018 BELLINI & BARRIE WILLIAMS TROPHIES**

Bill has enhanced our training with his quietly efficient way of working, and his proven organisational skills. A much-respected Post Chief and an Examining Speed Marshal. Bill has been Chief Marshal for Liverpool Motor Club for many years.

Bill also received the inaugural Barrie "Whizzo" Williams BMMC Racing Marshal of the Year Trophy which was sponsored by Cataclean who provided a number of gifts - an exclusive British Motorsports Marshals Club (BMMC) Teamwear jacket recognising Bill's achievements, a British Touring Car Championship official merchandise kit as worn by the Rowbottom team and a free set of BMMC overalls.

Speaking on behalf of the BMMC, Chair Nadine Lewis said: "Bill is a very deserving winner of the inaugural Barrie Williams Trophy and a much-respected marshal."

"His quietly spoken manner belies his unflappable, calm and pragmatic approach to the various roles he undertakes, and I am delighted Bill has been recognised for his many years of service and sterling work."

Speaking after Cataclean Sales Manager Zach Baigent presented him with the Barrie Williams Trophy, Bill said: "I am extremely proud to be the inaugural winner of the Barrie Williams Trophy as the BMMC Marshal of the Year and thank the North West Committee and National Council for the award."

"The award reflects the training, mentoring and support from the members of the Orange Family that I've had during my time as a marshal."

It is noteworthy that he only just missed out on the accolade of Motorsport UK Marshal of the Year.





## **WALTER HOLME Jnr - FLAG MARSHAL OF THE YEAR 2018 THE DON HALL TROPHY**

Our brand new award is launched in remembrance of dear old Don Hall. The award is funded from the legacy bequeathed to North West Region by another stalwart, Cliff Hammond. Walter (Wally) Holme is the very worthy inaugural winner given his dedication to the art of Flag Marshalling as demonstrated over so many years.

A long-standing practitioner in the role of Chief Flag Marshal, particularly at Anglesey Circuit, which he has made his own for some 20-odd years. Wally is the "go to" person when support is required - particularly on the Isle of Mon where he advises on the art of holding on to flags and Safety Car boards without being blown away by a Force 10 gale!

In addition, Wally turns his hand to on-the-bank flagging whenever called-upon, deploying the skills acquired over so many years.

Those many years now total 38 - he started young and stuck at it! It all began with a trip to Liverpool with a couple of family members to spectate at Aintree Circuit before he took up marshalling the following season when he also began to attend Oulton Park. In essence, Wally is the Role Model for all aspiring Flag Marshals.

The recipient was "humbled" to win the accolade especially as it was named after Don Hall who was so well-known in the North West Region "for his knowledge and story-telling..." according to Wally.

In the early days of his life in orange, the idea that Wally was eventually going to flag never crossed his mind (pun intended!). At that time, he was leaping off the bank to deal with incidents and then later became a fire marshal. (Continued.....)

Wally says, "It was something of a steep learning curve when flagging first came into my marshalling career. One 750 MC meeting they were short of flag marshals so I volunteered telling them I knew what the flags meant! I was duly dispatched to the "easy" flag post at Lodge In. It was a baptism of fire to say the least! But it did not scare me off... I duly started to volunteer more for flag duties before eventually qualifying as a Flag Marshal."

The experience of flagging from Wally's position on the start/finish straight at Anglesey changed when the circuit was reconfigured as the prevailing wind now blows straight into his face instead of being to his side with the previous orientation of the pit-lane.

At least the allocation of marshals to their flag posts is handled by the Chief Marshal at Anglesey rather than Wally himself as, unlike Oulton Park, the lower numbers mean all roles can be handed out by one person. Nonetheless the Chief Flag Marshal is always there to provide advice from his many years of hands on experience.



### **HARRY MITCHELL - CADET MARSHAL OF THE YEAR 2018** **STUART ASHFORD & DAVID LESLIE TROPHIES**

Harry was a quiet lad during his first season but his true personality emerged in 2018 when he was "ever ready" to do any and all of the tasks asked of him. His mum, Diane told us that he has come a long way in the last few years both at the circuit and at home.

He sends the cars out of the Assembly Area through the pit-lane where his father, Mark Pickard, is also a marshal.

Harry is really into his cars and loves Formula 1, the British Touring Car Championship, British GTs and Rallying.

The BMMC's North West Committee report that Harry is willing and enthusiastic making him a worthy winner of this award.



### **DENNIS BRYAN (OUTSTANDING SERVICE) THE STAN FOULDS TROPHY - 2018**

Dennis was very surprised to win our Outstanding Service Award. He has been marshalling for around 20 years and really enjoys his hobby not least because it brings him into contact with like-minded people - he has made many great friends within the orange community over the years. These relationships are key when incidents occur as trust in other people is vital in delivering the best outcome for those involved.

Bryan, who has always been interested in cars and is a mechanic by trade, was a rally marshal during the 1980s - he even took part in some events. He first provided safety cover at a race meeting in 1999, focussing mostly on Donington Park before switching to Oulton. He still tries to get to the Derbyshire circuit when he can.

Having claimed his red badge and gained experience out on the bank, Dennis was invited to join the Fire Truck by Glyn Williams and Ian Clare in 2007. It was something he readily accepted as the role appealed to him.

The biggest fires he has attended both involved Ginettas - Hunter Abbott and Colin White were the drivers. In each case, both fire trucks were scrambled and it took the large powder units on the units plus about 20 extinguisher bottles to get each fire under control with additional help from the marshals on post

His day usually begins before any competition vehicles has had the chance to combust as he takes extinguishers, Safety Car boards and flags to all the marshals' posts.

Dennis is an assistant co-ordinator of the North West Region's 15 strong Fire Truck team who undertake advance fire training at each training day so that they are always ready when a driver needs their skills.



## **RICHARD McNEIL (EXTRAORDINARY ACTION) THE FRED BYATT TROPHY - 2018**

Our occasional award for noteworthy contribution to marshalling.

There are many marshals who only have to think of themselves, ie "What do I fancy doing this weekend? Should I try this or that circuit?" Richard, together with pursuing his own ambitions in Orange, has introduced, supported - and transported - family members to several circuits as they gained experience in their favourite hobby.

Wife, Jilly, and children, Suzie, James and Christina have all experienced different roles at a number of circuits. Indeed, daughter Suzie won Cadet of the Year for 2014 and son James was Newcomer of the Year for 2017.

And yet Richard finds time for himself; going for IO, Rescue Unit duty, driving the fire truck. You name it, Richard has done it! Even rallies in the shape of the North West Stages and WRC!

Logistically all this has recently become a little more complicated because Suzie and James are now at University (Lincoln and Preston) but the family still needs to ensure someone is available to sign-on youngest child Christina.

As is often the case, Richard was "shocked" to win the award but at least it put to bed a long-standing joke amongst his family as he was the only one of them not to have taken an accolade even though marshalling was originally his hobby rather than theirs.



During the course of the season, the McNeil family are at a motorsporting event almost every weekend. Two-day BMMC training programmes can be quite intensive as Richard, his wife and the kids cover a lot of disciplines.

McNeil has travelled far beyond the shores of the UK to get his racing fix, the furthest he has ventured is to Baku for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in 2017. He has also spectated at the Belgian GP with his son and the duo will soon return to marshal at the event with Jilly.

When marshalling locally, the family tend to travel together although they split up to undertake their different duties on arrival. In the past, not all the family have made the trip to circuits that are further afield but that may change when Richard's children finish at University as the family intend to marshal in Canada/America.

What started out as a hobby for Richard which saw him have some amazing weekends with his friends developed into family weekends at Anglesey where Jilly took their young children to the beach and local attractions while he enjoyed his motorsport at Trac Mon.

That all changed when Suzie was persuaded to try her hand as a cadet marshal in the wind-swept Assembly Area. She enjoyed it far more than she expected since when the McNeils have become a family in orange.

Richard says, "The opportunities marshalling has given us as parents is amazing. How many dads can say they went on a 'lads' trip to the Formula E with ten blokes and the 18 year old daughter - camping!!! Or sleeping in the back of a car when taking with my son to rallies in the welsh forests!"

The McNeils thoroughly enjoy being a marshalling family especially as it has brought them into a wider circle of wonderful friends in orange. The shared love of motor sport is a focal point for conversations and allows mum and dad to connect with their children. Richard reflects, "Despite the logistical issues, the long days, the task of keeping track of volunteering, washing four marshalling kits and the many varied locations, I can safely say it's all worthwhile because the hobby has brought us together as a family!"





### **A Former Chairman Writes.....**

..... To thank you for being North West Region. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be a member of your team and to have been Chairman for so many years. I am so proud to recall our numerous National Award winners, Cadets, Newcomers and Marshals of the year, our two MSA Marshals of the Year (Nadine and Andy) and even, in the form of Andy Holley, our FIA Marshal of the Year. We shouldn't forget our 2 MSA Officials of the Year (Graham and Margaret). It's not only awards that North West Region achieves. We have 3 National Officers on BMMC Council; Nadine (Chair), Colin (Treasurer) and Eric (Regalia) [4 until recently, when Steve (Secretary) retired]. And it is all down to the support and encouragement given by all of you - our members.

I was thrilled to be invited back on Training Saturday to participate in our 2018 award presentations. I always say that they are great honours for the recipients, but also a very real reflection on all of you. Individuals cannot stand out alone, and the fact that we, again,

scooped all of the club's National Awards is a tribute to all North West Region Marshals.

Those of you at the Saturday Training will have witnessed my surprise at being presented with fabulous leaving gifts (leaving the Chair, not North West Region!) from our committee and from National Council members. I'm not often lost for words, but I was truly speechless and stunned. Nadine sentenced me to Life (Membership), Committee gave me a fab bottle of whiskey and both combined to load me with extraordinary Ferrari things (the mojo didn't work in Australia, but there are 20 more races this season!).

So {everybody says "So"} I thank you all again. I'll still be around - in the office at BRSCC meetings, and on the bank occasionally - and I look forward to hearing of your latest exploits. You're in good hands with Mike Broadbent, so enjoy being North West Region.

**Mike Cadwallader**



## 2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### RACE MEETINGS

Apr 20	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
Apr 22	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
May 11	BRSCC NW - TCR	Oulton
May 18	VSCC	Oulton
May 25	CSCC	Oulton
May 25	BARC NW	Anglesey
May 26	BARC NW	Anglesey
May 27	CSCC	Oulton
Jun 01	BRSCC NW (Caterhams)	Oulton
Jun 08	BRSCC NW	Anglesey
Jun 09	BRSCC NW	Anglesey

### SPRINT MEETINGS

Apr 27	Liverpool MC	Aintree
May 04	MGCC NW	Anglesey
May 05	MGCC NW	Anglesey
Jun 15	Longton & DMC	Three Sisters
Jun 29	Liverpool MC	Aintree

### HILL CLIMB MEETINGS

Apr 20	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Apr 21	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
May 18	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
May 19	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
May 19	MGCC NW	Scammonden
Jun 08	Liverpool MC & KLMC	Barbon
Jun 08	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Jun 09	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park

### KART RACE MEETINGS

Apr 20	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Apr 21	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park
May 18	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
May 19	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park
Jun 15	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Jun 16	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Apr 09 Blue Cap, Sandiway, Northwich

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 12 Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes

## **REGALIA PRICE LIST**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
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	£4.50
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	£14.00

Catalogue and Order forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NRO

For details of BMMC sponsored overalls, go to the Regalia section of the BMMC website.

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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.

Maurice Ellison	Carnforth
Clare Sharples	Conwy
Gareth Jones	Chester
David Webster	Davenham
Ian Beeley	Newcastle under Lyme
Etienne van Niekerk	Crewe
Paul Gurney	Warrington

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