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North West Region Newsletter

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Marshals training at the 2019 BTTC Oulton Park meeting

We are running a short training session on Sunday 30th June with the BARC Rescue Unit and the TOCA Safety Team.

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

Attendance will gain a training signature in personal record cards and give you the vital experience and knowledge which one day you may be expected to use for real.

If you would like to attend this session, then please send your details to Bill Gray.

E-Mail - Send your Name and Motorsport UK number to nw.training@marshals.co.uk putting **BTCC Training** in the title.

Please note you must have volunteered for the BTCC Meeting and have tickets to gain access to the circuit to attend.



JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

It's good news month, especially as two members of the committee reached significant birthdays in May.

Easter has come & gone & now it is the month of bank holidays, longer lighter evenings, more motor sport and barbeques.

My thanks go to everyone who came to the British GT meeting over Easter. It was a busy weekend and I was pleased to see that many of us on the bank had something to do. Whether it was putting out a fire on a McLaren, hauling a single seater out of the way at the chicane, or helping stricken cars stuck in gravel traps, it was encouraging to see everyone 'having a go.' Certainly, the organisers and drivers were grateful for our presence and help.

As the season progresses, we may feel the pressure somewhat from the circuit and organising clubs to get through an event on time. We have to work to a strict timetable ensuring that the curfew rules are respected and adhered to. So, sometimes, we do have to sacrifice breaks, down times or have shortened lunch breaks. It's all part of the volunteering process. However, to counter-act this, we do have access to great racing and amazing cars.

More club Ambassadors have been announced, including some well known (ex) grand prix drivers and commentators. For those of you who saw the ITV4 coverage of BTCC recently at Donington Park, Paul O'Neill made specific references to the marshals and their input as volunteers during the day. As a result of this, over 100 new hits to the taster day section of the website were recorded. A fantastic result and we can capitalise on this. We can all play a part in the recruitment process, whether it's helping Rob Wood in the recruitment tent at a meeting, talking to friends and colleagues, or use of social media. It's very

clear that used properly and talking positive language that benefits can come from it. So, share a tweet, compliment someone or tell your friends about the great day out you had at the last meeting! You never know, it could spur someone on to make an enquiry. I will be announcing a couple of new strategies to help with recruitment, hopefully next month.

John Edwards and his impossibly small but perfectly formed team are working on a revised mentoring scheme for new/recent marshals. I will not be going into detail now, but watch this space for more information and how you can be involved.

More discounts for marshals have been launched this month, including Dread, Flare Audio and Nimbus Motorsport. Click on the Sponsors link on the website for more details. As the advert says: 'Everything little helps!'

The North West cadets have started to use a more specialist PRC. Following on from the training weekend they provided some feedback which would give them a more specialised PRC so that they could record different activities over a race weekend, rather than just incident/flag etc. I gave them the mandate to come up with a working document which was presented at the April NW committee meeting. It was unanimously agreed on to adopt, so they started to use them at Easter. Feedback so far has been positive and as the PRC can be used to record all volunteering, it will have some benefit to the cadets as part of their Citizenship module in the National Curriculum. My thanks go to the team, including Paul Aspin, Jilly McNeil and James Elder and not forgetting the cadets as well.

Now is this a co-incidence but since Mike Cadwallader relinquished his role as North West Chair, Ferrari have not won a race!

My question to you all this month is this... How long have you marshalled for at Oulton Park? Is it 10, 20, 25, 30 years - or even longer? If so, please email me. We are planning something.

As ever, remember your four words that sum up your marshalling, enjoy yourself, use the training to its advantage, and respect your marshal colleagues. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Finally, a thought for the passing of Niki Lauda, who in my humble opinion was one of the greatest drivers of all time. Not just because of his unbelievable comeback at Monza six weeks after his life changing accident at the German Grand Prix, but his comeback in 1982 and being competitive immediately. He set up and ran three airlines. He also took on Boeing and the aviation industry after one of his airliners crashed.



More recently, he was the lynchpin for Mercedes becoming a competitive team again, and bringing Lewis Hamilton into the team. Success after success followed the toothy Austrian whose early Grand Prix career was funded by a bank loan. His autobiography 'To Hell and Back' is a clinical dissection of his career and well worth seeking out. The word hero is an often over-used word - however, in this case he was one of mine.

PS - any grumbings, complaints etc, contact me in confidence and privacy (or anyone on the committee).

Mike Broadbent, NW Chairman

Last month's questions:

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

Tony Kanaan Rockingham Oval

How did Knicker Brook get its name?

When removing tree stumps from the corner when the circuit was being extended, local demolition expert Blaster Bates was brought in to literally, blow them up using dynamite!

There was a courting couple, so it's probably better that I let Blaster Bates explain

..(Please note though that there is some strong language that might offend)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJHT9oIA_Uo

A Uo. there is no truth in the rumour that the gentleman involved was Don Hall!

How many manufacturers built 6 wheel Grand Prix cars post 1950? Name them, give yourself a point each for:

Tyrell P34 -Williams FW08 - March 2-4-0

Ferrari 6 wheeler (tested at Fiorano and at Long Beach in 1977, but never raced)



This months questions then I will give it a break!

What was unique about the 1961 Dutch Grand Prix

Who was the oldest driver to start the Daytona 24 Hours race? (It's not as obvious as you think)

The Chinese Grand Prix last month saw the 1000thGP since 1950. How many laps in total have there been for all those races? (note to self - I must get out more often)

Erratum. Last month I said that the British GP winner was 1958. It was pointed out that it was in fact 1957. Oops!!

TWO WEEKENDS

WEEKEND ONE:

FUN CUP OULTON PARK - TASTER DAY

It all starts with an enquiry.

This can be from a number of sources; Try Marshalling for a Day, various Recruitment Tents (more anon) Go Motorsport, Volunteers in Motorsport or via direct contact through other marshals etc.

I then compile a database of potential new marshals, I currently have in excess of 200 potential candidates. Prior to the taster day I invite all of those that have not attended a taster session nor committed to a future date, to join us on the next one. Typically I send out in excess of 100 emails every time. Responses vary from "yes please" to "if only...." "I'm on holiday". Some ask for more information "what's the start time?" "what do I need to bring?" "does it rain?" "I haven't got any orange overalls". All this despite the fact that I have outlined the day in previous e-mails and many I have already met on recruitment drives. All of these enquiries are responded to and information given where required.

I then collate a list of those attending, this includes only information for immediate attention such as contact details, ages, etc - only the vital details that need to be shared, in addition I keep any information shared securely protected to comply with GDPR. This

is then sent to Margaret Simpson so that she can arrange tickets and Nadine Lewis so that she knows what to expect. Different preparations are required for different age groups. Under 18's need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and I need to arrange consent forms etc before the event. Under 16's are restricted to the collection area so their experience is very different but they still need accompaniment, this is quite a small area so we sometimes have to restrict numbers.

About a week before the taster day I send out further instructions including a timetable of the day's racing and a reminder of what to expect and what to bring, I also include a circuit map highlighting where to park and where we meet. I check to make sure they have received tickets, if not I arrange that with Margaret (she makes me look good with her organisational skills).

Very often we get latecomers wanting to join us, circumstances change for those I have contacted previously or they have heard about the taster day from those that are coming, this is a lot easier now we have e-tickets and I can arrange things up to about 48 hrs before the event.

The day before the taster day I send out a final reminder of what to expect and a "tick box" check list of what they need, I also give a hint about the weather and what to wear. That evening I prepare all that I need for the next day; tabards (previously cleaned where necessary), membership packs, gloves, spare waterproofs if required. Oh! And my stuff too.

On the morning I meet and greet our intrepid bunch, despite arranging for 10-15 attendees very often less than half actually appear despite all of the contact beforehand! It really is most dis-heartening to have all of the time consuming hard work turn out to be of no avail when you get a message the night before



saying they cannot attend. Or worse still just not turn up.

Yet again I describe what to expect from the day and try and discover their individual and collective hopes, it's a good opportunity to assess how keen they are and any "special" requirements they may have. I issue a numbered orange tabard which I then record on my register, with the understanding that if I don't get it back they will then get a bill from me! I take the opportunity to give some basic safety tips and explain why it's not a good idea to use a mobile phone for taking photographs of anything they see on track.



I quickly give Nadine a brief of what to expect from our now "Nadlings" before handing over to her to host the walk about. I take up my marshalling role for the day usually at an easily accessible post for ease of return.

At the end of the day's racing we all meet again, usually in the pit lane for a debrief of the day. Usually stories of great excitement are exchanged amongst our prospective new marshals. The bigger the story the more likely they are to return.

I hand out the aforementioned membership pack & explain what needs to be done to become a fully fledged member of the orange family. I include everything in the pack that they need- right down to the envelope to send it all off to Dave Reed. Very often there is a little something in the pack from one of our sponsors; a badge or key ring or just a little keepsake. I reclaim the tabards and pack it all away.

The job's not finished yet. The following week I send an e-mail to all that did not attend. Those that apologised are informed they will get future invites but only so many. Those that did not apologise are informed that if I do not hear from them then they will be removed from my database. The attendees are encouraged to join BMMC and help and advise freely given.

Very often I have become the main point of contact before all of the paperwork is completed and help them to volunteer for their first race meetings - arranging tickets etc and meeting them on the day to supply them with tabards and encouragement.

WEEKEND TWO

F3/GT Races Easter Weekend

Recruitment Days

Another Friday of preparation! This time for recruiting new members or more exactly inviting people for a taster day.

Checking over the requirements of the day and loading the car - it's a good job I have an





estate car as it appears half of the contents of my shed are loaded into it! The biggest part is the marquee which is quite heavy and cumbersome to manoeuvre. Again some preparation takes place many weeks earlier; booking space with MSV, arranging suitable passes etc and getting volunteers to help me "man" the tent.

Set up on a Saturday morning is at the least a two man job to erect the tent and "dress" it up. On this occasion I have been left on my own to sort it all out, thankfully the weather was on my side (not windy or rainy) so I had a fighting chance, but still not easy. The Saturday was very quiet, just as well because the pre-arranged help never materialised. Having to share marshals with the Avenue is perhaps not an ideal way.

The bank holiday Monday was much busier and I hardly had chance of a break and yet I was still all alone. I had arranged for additional help with them coming in on guest tickets but unfortunately they messaged me to say they were unable to attend.

I must say I do enjoy talking to people about our hobby and despite my best efforts at putting them off they still want to try a Taster day. I try to portray what we do, warts and all. The early starts, the wet weather, the freezing temperatures but equally being burnt to a crisp on a post - sometimes all on the same day! As for lunch breaks..... Prospective marshals need to have realistic expectations of what a marshal does.

During Saturday I had the pleasure of being joined by some of our younger cadet marshals. Whilst they don't have a comprehensive understanding of all of the marshalling roles and what happens at the circuit, they certainly know about their role and can communicate it to others of their age group easily.

In between talking to new prospects we had a bit of fun waving flags, discussing their use and hand signals etc. Pretty basic stuff really but still important for them going forward. There was great excitement when I entered into their new PRC how well (or otherwise) they had performed.

At the end of the day it all has to come down again and the jenga puzzle of how to fit it all in the car begins. Again a two man job. Again just me.

Rob Wood

NW Region Recruiting



2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RACE MEETINGS

Jun 15	MSVR	Oulton
Jun 15	750MC	Anglesey
Jun 16	750MC	Anglesey
Jun 22	BARC NW	Oulton
Jun 29	BARC HQ - BTCC	Oulton
Jun 30	BARC HQ - BTCC	Oulton
Jul 06	MSVR - AMOC	Oulton
Jul 13	HSCC	Anglesey
Jul 14	HSCC	Anglesey
Jul 20	MSVR	Oulton
Jul 20	CSCC	Anglesey
Jul 21	CSCC	Anglesey
Jul 27	MSVR	Oulton
Aug 03	BRSCC NW	Oulton
Aug 17	BRSCC NW - Fun Cup	Anglesey
Aug 18	BRSCC NW - Fun Cup	Anglesey

SPRINT MEETINGS

Jun 15	Longton & DMC	Three Sisters
Jun 29	Liverpool MC	Aintree
Aug 04	Longton & DMC	Three Sisters
Aug 11	Mid Ches MRC	Curborough
Aug 31	BARC Mids	Three Sisters

HILL CLIMB MEETINGS

Jul 06	Liverpool MC & KLMC	Barbon
Jul 20	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Jul 21	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Jul 21	Mid Ches MRC	Scammonden
Aug 03	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Aug 04	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park

KART RACE MEETINGS

Jun 15	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Jun 16	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park
Jul 20	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Jul 21	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park

NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jul 22 - Blue Cap, Sandiway, Northwich

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	£14.50

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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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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