



**NADINE and IAN LEWIS SPORTING OUR NEW
BMMC BADGED FACE MASKS.**

More details on page 7.

MUSINGS FROM THE CHAIR

As parts of our lives start to resemble the pre-lock down days, it is important that we realise that our hobby is going to be subject to ever changing rules and regulations.

Oulton Park has been brought out of slumber and three events have been held (four if you include the British GT weekend just gone). We hope that other venues are going to be allowed to run events, and I for one am looking forward to get over to Anglesey soon.

My thanks go to the circuit management, club organisers and officials and most importantly yourselves for your patience, loyalty and ability to dry out quickly without rusting too much! The three meetings so far have given us huge grids, great racing and the benefit of being able to enjoy motor sport again.

Special thanks though must go to Margaret Simpson - our Chief Marshal, who has had the unenviable task of deciding who can attend events and in what role. She has had to work under continually changing rules and regulations, sometimes with less than 24 hours before an event. Please be patient with her, the situation hopefully will ease soon.

Good luck to those who are at Silverstone for a couple of weekends. No doubt there will be some tales to regale afterwards.

The Northwest Committee has embraced digital communications now and two meetings have been held using Zoom. While it does not replace the conviviality of meeting up, we have been able to discuss several important issues and resolve many challenges the Covid 19 situation has thrown against us. Motor-sport UK have been very pro-active in providing up-to-date rule changes which have helped club officials and the chief marshals with their planning. Our National Chair has been very vocal in putting forward the marshals perspective on events and this has been listened to, and acted on.

I hope that for those of you on Facebook have joined the new group - BMMC North West Marshals. This group will be the 'go-to' page for information on race events, feedback and comments. This is a private page, for marshals only and I would encourage everyone to join. Even I have joined the melee of Facebook now. Oh dear, pictures of old Chevrons, Lola's etc to keep me quiet!!

You may have seen on Facebook the advertisement for the role of Recruitment Officer for BMMC NW. Rob Wood has decided to step away from the role and I would like to thank him for his tremendous efforts in bringing on over 100 new marshals, manning the recruitment tent at major meetings, coaxing drivers including Max Coates and Tom Ingram to marshals training events, developing and writing a presentation which has been used to promote marshalling to a broader community. Oh, and he does marshal as well, has a day job and got married to the wonderful Rachel last year. Thank you, Rob, on behalf of us all in the North West.

A copy of the role advertisement is in Outpost as well. If this is for you, then please get in touch.

Oh, the Chairman's quiz - so far, no responses yet. Must be something to do with the prize on offer! So, I will up the ante, and include a large signed photo of Tom Ingram's Toyota as well. Come on its not too hard.

Finally, please remember the rules on social distancing. They are there to protect us all!

Mike Broadbent
BMMC NW Chairman

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BMMC North West Region

Committee Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen in the BMMC NW Committee for a Recruitment Officer/ Committee Member.

Rob Wood who has served as the Recruitment Officer for four years, has decided to step down from the role. He has left an indelible footprint on the committee and the region. I would like to thank him for his dedication, professionalism and driving his vision to take recruitment to a new level.

A fuller appreciation of his work will appear in next months' Outpost.

The committee want to build on Rob's work as we develop a more refined recruitment process ready for 2021 and whatever is thrown at us.

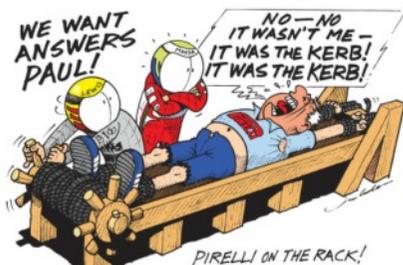
The role will include:

- Management of the NW. recruitment email inbox.
- Arranging and co-ordinating taster days.
- Follow up potential recruits and enquiries.
- Manning of recruitment site at pre-select-ed events.
- Taking a recruitment process out to clubs, communities and other volunteer organisations, to include colleges/universities where there is a mechanical engineering and/or motor sport site.

Out of pocket expenses will be covered.

There is a full role description available.

If you feel that this is a role you can get involved with, please contact Mike Broadbent our chairman at: nw.chair@marshals.co.uk for more information.



NW Regional Committee Abridged Minutes

Your North West Regional Committee met on 14th July, 2020 at 19:30 via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Mike Broadbent; Paul News; Rob Mugurian; Gordon Knight; Jan Williams; Dave Smithson; Sam Collinson; Bill Grey; Ian Briggs; Mike Thomason; John Edwards

Apologies were received from: *Mark Noble; Rob Wood*

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. No matters arose from them.

The Chairman, Mike Broadbent, circulated several documents.

Other reports were received from: *Dave Smithson; Bill Grey; John Edwards; and Rob Mugurian*

These were accepted by Committee.

Additional topics discussed were:

- The changing guidance on COVID19; its effects on how we marshal, including the experience of the meeting on 11th July.
- The National Council meeting.
- The future form of North West Regional Committee meetings.
- Training in 2021.
- Social media.
- Speed and rally events.
- Committee expressed regret at the recent passing of long-standing club member, John Wood.

The meeting ended at 20:45 .

The next meeting : 8th September 2020.

If there are any issues you wish to have raised, please contact a Committee member. Unless we are aware of a problem, we can't do anything about it. Social media is not an appropriate forum to raise issues and will not see them resolved.

The details of all Committee members can be found on our website and on the back page of the Outpost.

Paul News - NW Region Secretary



Back in the Day - An interesting motor racing year

The start of 1978 saw me aged 19 and in a dull office job in London. Keen for a bit of adventure I joined BARC at the start of the year with a couple of mates to do some marshalling. I got interested in racing in 1970 with a visit to Oulton Park for the Gold Cup and had attended quite a lot of races including hitching to Dijon for the French Grand Prix.

Our training day was at Thruxton outdoors and in damp huts. Fire training was petrol thrown over an old Copersucar monocoque - none of us had fireproof overalls, my kit for the season was a yellow boilersuit! Anyway we got through OK and pencilled in dates over the season. Being down south we chose mainly Thruxton, with other trips to Brands, Snetterton and Donington.

I had decided to go to further education in September so I had the potential to get a bit more involved in motorsport and fired off letters (remember them?) to various teams. Living in Reading as I did then, we had quite a few local teams. Long story short, I hit the jackpot and my letter landed on the desk of McLaren boss Alistair Caldwell just as their factory gofer was rejoining Nelson Piquet for

the F3 season. I slotted into the vacancy as the tea boy, floor sweeper, general dogsbody and any other role I could worm my way into! I started the job the day after the US GP West and arrived at the factory with no idea of the previous day's result - no internet/very little media coverage and the papers were on strike - imagine that nowadays.

McLaren drivers were James Hunt and Patrick Tambay with Bruno Giacomelli being in run in 5 European races - the factory also built up the Indy cars which were air freighted to the USA. It was a busy place directly under the Heathrow flight path - when Concorde was landing or taking off the windows shook and you couldn't hear each other! Main sponsors were Marlboro, Texaco and Champion.

By the time I started at McLaren we had marshalled at Brands for the F3 at Paddock 'in' and F2 at Thruxton Church Straight - talk about thrown in at the deep end! No pairing of experienced and novice just me and my mates hoping for the best - no rotation and no guidance. Some great viewing and future star drivers but the marshalling experience was pretty dodgy. Porta loo's? You're having a laugh! Proper Full Noise though - ringing eardrums all evening!

As the European season progressed I ended up as a regular preparing the wheel rims by sand blasting and cleaning between Grands Prix. I even made a couple of bits of including the seat used by Johnny Rutherford in the Indy 500. With only 60 employees from James Hunt superstar to pondlife (me) there



wasn't any demarcation and I pitched in with whatever needed doing - baking brake pads, spraying rocker bars, making the tea, collecting airline tickets for Teddy Mayer - whatever. It was an international workforce but still had a strong Kiwi and Aussie flavour - a pretty rough tough place where the weak went to the wall. Sorry ladies but apart from Teddy Mayer's PA Elaine and Pat the tea lady, it was pretty much a Men Only environment - just the way it was in those days. Ray Grant was Hunt's chief mechanic, Gary Anderson and Dave Ryan were also amongst the cast of characters - didn't do to cross them.....

Apart from at the British GP we didn't see James Hunt - his glory days were behind him although he did score one podium and led a couple of races. Tambay and Giacomelli were around from time to time. Other visitors that summer were Denny Hulme, Nelson Piquet and Mike Hailwood, who came to get his boots repaired after the IOM TT!

Class of the season were the gorgeous black and gold Lotuses of Mario Andretti and Ronnie Peterson. Ferrari had Reutemann and Gilles Villeneuve, Other nota-

bles were Scheckter, Fittipaldi, Lauda, Watson and Patrese.

In May we were at Donington for the Aurora AFX British F1 - camped at the track more noise - McLeans out. Diet mostly beer, some Vesta meals; ugh! Grading and Record cards? Nada.

For the British Grand Prix at Brands all employees got free 3 day passes - a handy perk worth £14! I managed to blag my way into the pit lane using Steve Bunn's FOCA pass and 'helped' doing some nosecone polishing etc! Had to watch the race from Clearways and saw our man Giacomelli balk Lauda to let Carlos Reutemann through to win.

For the German Grand Prix we had to cover up all the Marlboro signage but could then put it back for Austria where they weren't so fussy. Many great memories - sitting in Hunts car as it was winched up in the transporter in the cool of a summers evening before overnight ferry crossing to Europe, helping Tambay's mechanics in the factory, last man out in the evening. 'F1 Sucks' written on the chalk board after Brabham's Fan Car won the Swedish Grand Prix before being banned - Wacky races!

We marshalled Snetterton on a Sunday in August and I drove back down to Colnbrook on the Monday morning. Never cracked on about being a marshal when I was working at McLaren - I was on the other side of the fence as it were - an enthusiast having the best time imaginable.

It's fair to say it wasn't a season that McLaren would wish to remember and in



August they signed Ronnie Peterson to replace Hunt - I remember seeing Ronnie's brown Lotus Esprit parked at the front of the factory when he came for a look round, we did a lot of painting to spruce the place up beforehand - he was killed a week later at Monza. Unforgiving times.

The end of the European season saw me move to other things and I drifted away from marshalling after a couple of years. Never lost my love of motor racing though and after moving up north in 1981 I eventually came back to it all in 2014 with BMMC. Nowadays the marshalling is better in just about every respect and I thoroughly enjoy it all - especially at Oulton Park!

Dave Munro
Track Marshal

If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic

GRADING MATTERS

Due to the current unprecedented situation, a number of you may be concerned about being able to attend suitable training and/or sufficient events this year to maintain the Marshal grades you currently hold. Motorsport UK have stated that they "... would like to reassure the Marshal community that their current Marshal grades will not be affected, should they not be able to meet their grade maintenance requirements in 2020." There will be updates on the criteria for 2020 released, and as soon as this information is available it will be passed on.

Any grading applications should be sent electronically (scanned copies of PRC and Motorsport UK application forms) to your Regional grading Officer for processing until further notice. Please **do not** send items in the post at this time.

Fairly obviously, Motorsport UK are currently in the same situation as the rest of the country. As such, any upgrades or new members' applications that have been sent to them recently, will only be processed once things get back to normal and they return to Motorsport UK House. Please bear with them as they work through the backlog. All new members have been added to the BMMC database and should now have access to the volunteering system.

As ever, Stay Safe!!

Rob Mugurian

BMMC NW Regional Grading Officer
BMMC National Grading Officer

NEW! NEW! NEW!



A new addition to our range of Regalia and clothing items is a badged PPE FACE MASK.

.Water-repellent fabric, with antibacterial fibre.

- Reusable after washing (15 times). After washing, iron to reactivate the anti-drip.
- OEKO-TEX® anti-allergic certification.
- Composition 50% Cotton, 50% polyester.
- Air permeability: 200 Pa l/dm²min
- 110 ± 5% Air mass: 250 g / m² made of double layers.

Cost £6.15



Alternatively we also have the multi purpose BMMC Snood/Scarf announced last month, now in two colours. Made from a polyester microfibre and washable. **Cost £3.50**

All the above are only available from the National Regalia Officer, Eric Ridler, at the moment.

Contact Eric at nat.regalia@marshals.co.uk to order these and any other items. Please include the colour of the item and your BMMC membership number.

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	£4.50
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
BMMC UMBRELLAS	£10.00
BMMC SNOOD (Orange or Black)	£3.50
BMMC FACE MASKS (Orange or Black)	£6.30

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.

For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia Officer, or:
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2020 FORTHCOMING EVENTS?

Due to the ever changing list of events on the calendar for 2020 it has not been possible to compile an accurate list.

Please consult the volunteering database for a list of available events.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Next Copy Date - 1st September 2020

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WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The NW Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below. We sincerely wish you a happy and safe marshalling future.

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