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The Chairman's Chatter....

Paul Harris – South Midlands Chairman....



Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year.

I start this chatter with an apology, as I forgot last time to congratulate the winners of the regional marshal and new marshal of the year on their success. They were Marshal of the year Matt Turner and New Marshal of the year Tina Walker-Smith. They were presented with their awards at the AGM at the end of October. My congratulations go to you both.

By the time you read this we will have had our training weekend at Rockingham, which again was organised by Elaine Brice and her committee. My thanks go to them all.

It's the time of year again when we all have to renew our club membership, please make sure that you have done this and that you have paid your subscriptions. Don't forget that if you renew on time then your name will be in the draw for the "star prize" which is a day at Bedford Autodrome.

Last year, the region saw an increase in the number of members using the online volunteering system. I am sure that you found it easier to use than you thought it would be, so please keep using it and encourage other to do the same. If you have any problems or have any questions about the system please do not hesitate to contact your regional volunteering coordinator Glynn Ellis, his contact details appear at the end of the newsletter.

If you are feeling the need to do some marshalling before the main season starts, why not try some sporting trials. There is a trial in our region on Sunday 12th February at Sywell nr Northampton.

You can volunteer via the clubs website or contact Martyn Halliday at martyn_halliday@msn.com you do not need any training what so ever, as if you have never marshalled sporting trials before you will be told the basics before the trial starts. (point to note there is an underscore between martyn_halliday) which does not show up in the email address that I have given above. If you do decide to go I am sure you will enjoy yourself.

Don't forget to get the overalls out and dusted off before you go on your first trip this year, they have bound to have shrunk in the wash!!!!!!! during the winter, so you may need to go on a crash diet, or get a new set.

Don't forget to get your PRC's signed every meeting you attend by someone who holds a higher grade than you, preferably your Post Chief, because last year the MSA started to call in PRC's to check that we are marshalling enough days and attending enough training days to maintain our grades. **BE WARNED.**

Stay safe, I hope to see some of you during the year.

Paul Harris
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Karting News

I first held a Kart Licence in 1973 and ever since then it's been my favourite type of motorsport. Large grids, with 30+ close races, using many formulas, catering for drivers from age 6 upwards. Plus, the added bonus that unlike some types of racing it doesn't stop for Winter. What's there not to like?

Be prepared for long days though even in the Winter, in December @ PFI the Practice/Racing started @ 8-15 both days and went on past 5pm, but racing under floodlights just made it even better!

Circuits are dotted throughout the UK, and in each newsletter, I'll give you an idea of a different venue that you may like to visit.

I'll start with one that's in our region, and that's Kimbolton. Situated off Junction 16 of the A14.



It's run by the Hunts Kart Racing Club who were formed in 1959 so are one of the longest established clubs in the country.

The site was built as an RAF Fighter base in WW2 before becoming home of the USAF 379 Bomber Command, flying B17's into Europe. The Clubhouse has a cabinet full of memorabilia from those times, along with a War Memorial outside the circuit.



Over the years' the circuit has evolved into a very pleasant venue.

If you'd like more info, go to: <http://www.hkrc.co.uk/index.asp>

Dave Brice
Karting Advisor
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

BMMC Volunteering Web Site

2016 was the second successful year of the BMMC online volunteering web site with an increasing number of BMMC members using the system to either volunteer direct with or just register they have volunteered with the organising club.

Although there remains a few scheduled improvements to the software over the next few months that should make the system more user friendly for us all, the system remains operational with confirmed events for 2017 already listed. The full list of events will probably not be complete until the end of February as organisers continue to firm up provisional dates, so please log on and view the listings as you may find an event that takes your fancy, particularly during this quiet part of the year, such as Group B rally cars at Race Retro or Falcon MC March Hare event 5th March, and of course do not forget our training weekend at Rockingham.

The smaller club events need your support more than the more popular larger events, as with the smaller events there is more opportunity to get involved, be it timekeeping, startline, flagging etc and of course the drivers are more willing to chat to you and also appreciate you more.

Should you find that I have missed an event within South Midlands region that you want to volunteer for or just wish to comment on the workings of the system please feel free to drop me an email.

Kind Regards

Glynn Ellis
Volunteering Coordinator
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

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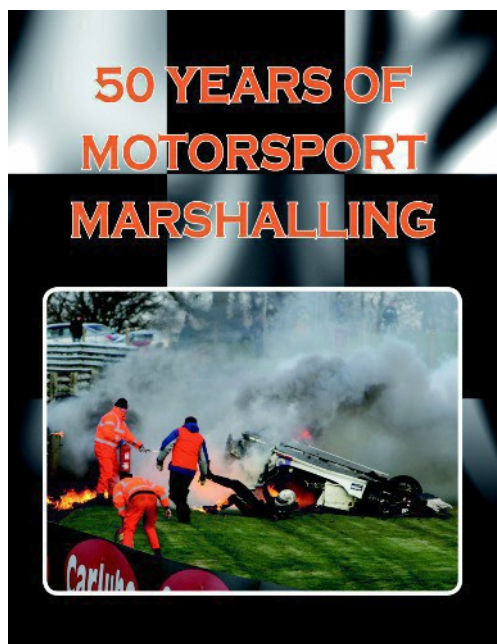
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George Copeland



By George Copeland

This book is an attempt to record the history of motorsport marshalling in the UK and the British Motorsport Marshals' Club (BMMC) in particular. The history is not well documented and it took two years of fairly intensive "digging" to extract enough information to form a reasonably accurate record.

Since 1957 the Marshals' Club has been at the heart of every major marshalling initiative. It's training has been widely copied around the world with Marshals' Club training and grading notes slated into many different languages including three different Chinese dialects. Most importantly, the Club is a collection of quite disparate characters. They come from all walks of life and give their time freely to the sport, in return for the enjoyment they get from doing so, their enthusiasm for the sport and the camaraderie that exists in marshalling ranks. They are a talented bunch and despite the voluntary nature of their duties they are generally considered to be among the best in the world for the professionalism they bring to motorsport safety.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to the Marshals' Club funds.

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