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# The Chairman's Chatter....

Paul Harris - South Midlands Chairman ....



## Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

The region marked the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BMMC with a Barbeque at the Silverstone Sports and Social Club on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Although the event was well received by all those who attended, the numbers were far from ideal. Unfortunately, the apathy that appears to exist in the region raised its ugly head once more. The amount of time and effort put into organising this event by the committee and in particular Chris Hatch, nowhere near justified the numbers of you, the members that turned up. It is very dispiriting to have to work so hard and then so few of you turn up. I do hope that I don't hear anyone in the future say "what does the club ever do for me" if I do, they will certainly get a tongue lashing, from me.

The recruitment stand at the Silverstone classic went well and quite a few names of prospective new members were taken. The weather was not always kind to us but that did not appear to dampen anyone's spirit. However, on the Sunday when we started to pack the stand down the inevitable rain came and not only did Glynn Ellis and myself get drenched but of course the gazebo as well, so three days later Lesley and I were to be found in the garden re-erecting it to promote its drying before its next outing.

That next outing was for the Kop Hill Climb at Princes Risborough, which was disappointing in the fact, that, once again rain on the Saturday kept a few people from the event and over the entire weekend I only took 10 names. Again, if I had had some help from the membership as I had advertised for in the last newsletter, I am sure more names could have been taken. I was however very grateful to "hairy DJ" and two other marshals who I did not know, for their invaluable help in dismantling the gazebo at the end of the event on the Sunday.

Don't forget the Dinner after the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October to be held at the Fox and Hounds at Whittlebury at 7.30 more details can be found inside the newsletter.

This will be my last Chairman's Chatter; as you know I am retiring at the AGM. I would like to thank all the committee members that have served the region during my tenure for all their hard work and the commitment they have shown. Without dedicated people like these the region could not and would not function.

I wish my successor Dave Reed all the very best for his time as Chairman, I know he will be a very hard-working Chairman and deserves all the support you can give him.

I hope to see some of you around in the future as I don't intend to give up marshalling.

Bye for now

*Paul Harris*

Chairman South Mids Region  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

**British Motorsports Marshals Club  
South Midlands Region**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
And Anniversary Dinner**

Will take place on  
Saturday 28th October, 2017  
At the Fox and Hounds, Whittlebury  
7.30pm

Guest Speaker  
Grand Raffle

Please contact Lesley Harris on 01525 382341 or 07790639594

Or email [sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk)

No later than 23rd October, 2017

Please advise if a vegetarian meal is required

## **British Motorsports Marshals Club – South Midlands Region**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the South Midlands Region of the British Motor Racing Marshals Club Ltd (*known as the British Motorsport Marshals Club*) will be held at, **The Fox and Hounds, Whittlebury, on Saturday 28th October 2017 at 7:30pm follow by the Regional Annual Dinner.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Secretary's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Election of Committee Members.**

In accordance with the Club Rules, the following Committee Member stands down by rotation - Jasmina Bareham and will not be seeking re-election

Paul Harris, Elaine Brice and Dave Brice are also standing down from the Committee.

Written nominations to join the Committee, duly proposed and seconded shall be in the hands of the Regional Secretary as soon as possible, together with written confirmation from the nominee that he or she is willing to serve.

### **7. Members Propositions**

Members' propositions should be seconded and lodged with the Regional Secretary not later than October 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Signed: Lesley Harris

Issued: 28th September, 2017

# British Motorsports Marshals Club – South Midlands Region

## A: Committee Nomination Form for 2017/2018

Nominee:

I am prepared to serve on the Committee if elected.

Signed: Membership Number: S M

Proposed: Membership Number: SM  
Signed:

Seconded: Membership Number: SM  
Signed:

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## B. Members Proposition Form for 2017/2018

Please give a brief outline of your proposition that you wish to be discussed at the AGM

Proposed: Membership Number: SM  
Signed:

Seconded: Membership Number: SM  
Signed:

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE BMMC LTD**  
**SOUTH MIDLANDS REGION**  
**49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on 22nd October 2016, at the Fox and Hounds at Whittlebury**

**Present:** Paul Harris (chairman), Lesley Harris (secretary), Ben Harris, Mervyn Cooper, Sharron Dorrington, Dave Joyce, John Newman, Catherine Newman, Dave Weston, Tina Walker Smith, Matt Turner, Glynn Ellis, Adrian Cashmore, Dave Reed, Fay Crook, Alan Crook, Chris Hatch, Sarah Hatch.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:40pm and welcomed all those present. He announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from George Copeland, June Copeland, Marion Quarrington, Alan Tyson, John Turner, Karen Connolly, Clive Wayland, Chris Whitlock, Julian Ruston, Bob Sketchley, Dave Brice, Elaine Brice.

- **Minutes of the 2015 AGM** – these had been circulated via the newsletter to all members of the region prior to the meeting and were agreed by those present as a true and accurate record.
- **Chairman's Report** – this had also been posted to all members of the region prior to the meeting and attendees were given the opportunity to question or comment on it none were forthcoming.
- **Secretary's Report** – was circulated, no issues were raised
- **Treasurer's Report** – was circulated, no issues were raised.
- **Election of Committee Members** – in accordance with club rules Paul Harris, Lesley Harris, Chris Hatch and Karen Connolly had reached the end of their term of office, however offered themselves for re-election and, having been correctly nominated, Three people had been co-opted onto the committee since the previous AGM and, having been correctly nominated, Glynn Ellis, Sarah Hatch, Peter Worth were duly elected.
- **Members' Propositions** – none received.

The meeting ended at 7:55pm and was followed by a period of informal discussion and Dinner.

Minutes signed as a true and accurate record

Chairman..... Date.....

The following regional awards were presented:

Marshal of the Year

Matt Turner

New Marshal of the Year

Tina Walker Smith

## BMMC TEAMWEAR UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that the BMMC range of TEAMWEAR has been extended to include T-Shirts emblazoned with the "Proud Marshal" logo.



The T-Shirts come in three colours:

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White and  
Orange

And a range of chest sizes from 34" to 56".

They cost £5.40 plus delivery.

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Regards

*Eric Ridler*  
National Regalia Officer  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club



## **Motorsports Trip to Canada and the USA**

Although health issues during 2016 mean we can no longer get health cover for spending half the year in the USA, (as we have done for the past 24 years!!) I can still make short, one-off visits - as we did recently.

It began with an overnight with motorsports friends in southern New Jersey. Ed is something of a motorsport historian and he and Jeanette had invited a few of their friends - also motorsport historians (of the Sketchley/Titchmarsh variety!) - for a very interesting evening. It was 05.00 hrs UK time before we got to bed.

Next morning we had a 500-mile drive to just over the Canadian border near Niagara, to visit June's brother and his family. Then a quick flip to Toronto for the Indy GP. We had been lucky enough to rent an apartment within a five-minute walk of the circuit. On Sunday morning, we were able to watch the British GP on a very large TV, and the end of the Men's Singles at Wimbledon, before strolling in to the circuit. Not much like getting into Silverstone, is it?

In many ways Indy racing is more interesting than F1; almost anyone can win, it seems. No more so than this time, when all the fancied front runners pitted at the same time, which proved to be the wrong strategy, leaving victory to be fought over by mostly second-stringers.

Marshalling is organised by BARC Ontario, who I am told give a warm welcome to any marshals from the UK who wish to attend. I feel sure BARC Thruxton would be happy to help with arrangements.

Our daughter and son-in-law were with us at this stage, but moved on to more adventurous pursuits while we headed on to Quebec, the only major Canadian city we had yet to visit.

On the way we made an overnight stop in Trois Rivieres, a famous name from the past, and the home town of Gilles and Jacques Villeneuve. We had an interesting chat with the owner of the Gilles Villeneuve museum there.

Quebec is a lovely city - but grid-locked with both cars and people while we were there. A taxi back to our apartment could be seven minutes - or forty minutes! Main attraction was the visit of dozens of tall ships from all around the World, for Canada's 150th anniversary. Sadly, we had to leave before they all set sail at 08.00 hrs the day after we left. The arrangement was for them all to leave together, under full sail.

Next on the agenda was a visit to Mount Tremblant, arranged by John Kirkpatrick, of JRRDS fame, who was a good friend to the marshals when Jim Russell was in its prime at Donington. When we arrived there, we discovered their Summer Classic event was on, so we spent Sunday spectating at an interesting race day - in brilliant weather.

Next morning it was tipping it down, as we followed up John's introduction to the Circuit Manager there. Mont Tremblant is a mini-Nurburgring type of circuit, much favoured over the years by many F1 teams for a bit of private practice. It was a favourite of Michael Schumacher, who likened it to Nurburgring. I did not get a chance to drive round myself, as Ferrari USA had the track for two days, but we did get a drive with the Jim Russell Chief Instructor, who was otherwise busy showing a bunch of rich (some very rich!) Americans how to get the best out of their Ferraris. Great circuit!!

The circuit has been owned for the last 17/18 years by a certain Lawrence Strolle - is it any wonder therefore that Strolle Jr has made such an impression with Williams F1?

Dad Strolle also owns part of Williams, I am told. Clearly, it helps being born with a race circuit to play with, just as it was for the Schumacher brothers.

Our "digs" here were in the most magnificent B&B we have ever encountered! Run by an Irish Canadian couple - one from Northern Ireland, the other from the South - it was truly an amazing place. Jenny is a cordon bleu cook (and then some!!) who served up only what she could buy locally that day at the Farmers' Market. Husband, Craig (aka "Maurice"), 40+ years in Canada, 20+ years as officer in Canadian Reserve, is a brilliant raconteur and kept us amused. We decided to drive longer runs on the next leg of our journey, so that we could stay an extra night here.

On Jenny's advice, we set off on all minor roads back to the US, where a three-car ferry across a lake was an interesting experience. Canadian small towns are much, much tidier than the US equivalent and we had a great trip. Crossed into the US at Thousand Lakes, amidst staggering scenery.

Julie and Glen re-joined us for our weekend in Pocono. My first visit here was 34 years ago, and we have been back pretty well every year since we built a second home in Florida - with some interesting drives through the States to get there and back, round trip mileage usually 3,500 miles or more. We are flattered to still be invited each year and we usually have dinner one night over the weekend with family and Dr Rose, original owner with recently deceased husband Dr Joe. The grandchildren are now in charge - although the oldest grandson, who was CEO at the track, has just been poached to be part of the NASCAR hierarchy. I have a feeling he might go far!

Great weekend but eventual winner Kyle Busch not exactly popular with the Pocono crowd!

For us, back to JFK, as my 21 days were up. Julie and Glen stayed on a few days in the Niagara region, before flying home from Toronto. A great trip but I do miss our second home in Florida and the ability to go there when we wanted. Nevertheless, we have many happy memories of our home in Sarasota, and the many friends and marshalling chums who were able to share it with us over 24 years.

*George Copeland*  
Vice President

# BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

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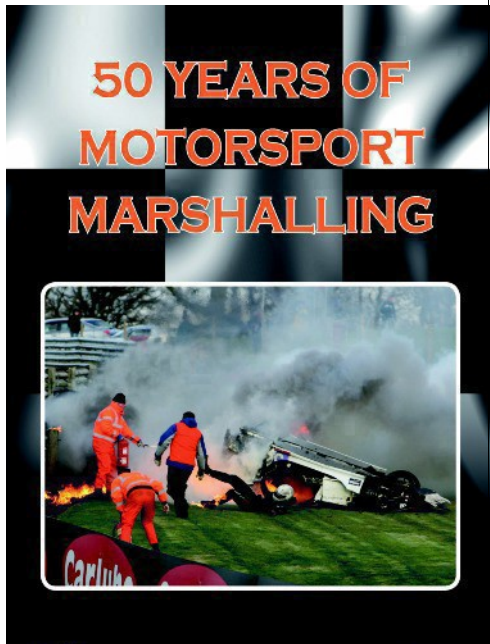
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George Copeland



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.

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