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Chairman's Chatter Dave Reed - South Midlands Chairman



Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

My first priority as your new Chairman is to thank and congratulate our outgoing Chairman Paul Harris, for his dedication to and leadership of the South Midland Committee, he has served on the Committee in a number of roles for 21 years, the last 9 years as Chairman. It has been a pleasure and a learning experience to have served on the committee under his leadership.

For those of you who have not come across me before let me tell you about my marshalling background.

I have been marshalling for 10 Years, initially at Silverstone Circuit, now mainly Sprint and Hill Climb meetings, filling every weekend either marshalling, rescue or competing.

I joined the South Midlands Committee in my first year of marshalling as Regional Members Secretary, in my second year added the Volunteering Co-ordinator role which included organising Taster Days at Silverstone. In 2014 I became National Membership Secretary responsible for all new club memberships and annual renewals.

I plan to continue the role of National Membership Secretary initially, while representing you, South Midland Region marshals, locally and at National Council Meetings.

Having vacated the role of Regional Members Secretary to take up the Chair it leaves me with a vacancy to fill. See further information on the vacancy in this newsletter.

I've taken over the reins just as the Circuit and Speed seasons have come to an end. Rallying of course will continue on through the winter months as will Karting with Trials following suit at selected locations.

The Regions training programme continues to be developed on the successes of the last 2 years. A date for your diary is Sunday 28th January 2018, which will be for trainee and experienced marshals, once again this will be at Rockingham Speedway. More details can be found in this issue of the newsletter.

The Regional Committee meets six times a year to discuss local issues. You are always welcome to come along and the dates for next year are published elsewhere in this newsletter. Please email the Regional Secretary to let her know you will be attending.

Until next time, keep safe, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see you at our training day.

Dave Reed
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Annual Report for South Midland Region AGM 2017

The year started well with the Annual Training Weekend at Rockingham in January, two days of lively theory and practical training that was a big hit with all those who attended. There were a few hiccups during the weekend but none that could not be resolved and any suggestions from the attendees as to how we could improve the event for next year have been taken on board. Elaine Brice our training organiser was interviewed by the local media and duly reported in the press.

Normally in February we have a stand at the Historic Car Show; Race Retro, at Stoneleigh but this year Council decided, on my suggestion not to attend the show, as the cost did not justify the number of names of potential new members we were taking on the stand, and that the money we were spending on the show could be put to better use in other ways in promoting the club. Not attending the show made the month very quiet for the region.

The first time the recruiting stand came out was for the Silverstone Classic in July, the stand, was as usual by the Ferris Wheel on the village green area, those of you who don't know where that is, it is at the Wellington Straight end of Copse Runway. Now you know where it is you can come and say hello next year. We had a good turnout of volunteers to man the stand and took quite a number of names from all over the country, as you would expect for a meeting like the Classic. The weather was as usual changeable to say the least, and the inevitable happened when we were packing down on the Sunday the heavens opened.

In August, your committee organised a bar-b-q at the Silverstone Sports and Social Club to celebrate BMMC's 60th anniversary. The number of those of you who attended was disappointing, but the comments that were made by those of you who did, were very favourable and that the effort the committee put in was well worth it.

The recruiting stand was also in attendance at the Kophill Climb in September, again not many names but that was in some ways due to the bad weather on Saturday and the lack of help on the stand all weekend. If you have never been to Kophill either to spectate, marshal or help in other ways, then you should make an effort to attend next year, it really is a good event to go to, one where you can take all the family, including the dog.

The numbers of members in the region has again remained steady this year at around 245, however the number of you upgrading has fallen, which is rather worrying, if the trend continues then there will be nobody to fill the places of the more experienced marshals when they retire through age. It is however a trend that is being experienced throughout the club and is causing a lot of concern at National Council. If you can, please upgrade next year and help the club to provide an experienced and knowledgeable workforce of marshals.

The number of you who volunteer through the clubs website is steadily increasing year on year which again is good. I know there have been one or two teething problems since the system started, but they are being sorted out and not all of the problems are down to the club. I volunteered for the last touring car meeting at Brands, but by the Monday of the final week I still had not received any tickets. So I contacted Glynn Ellis and was told it was not a problem with the clubs system. I contacted BARC, and yes, I was on the list, but they had forgotten to send me any tickets. I did however get them and duly went to the meeting. So please, do not assume right away that it is the fault of our system, as in my case it was due to the organising club.

Finally I would like to thank all of the committee for their hard work during the year without them the region would not function; they all work tremendously hard in their various roles.

As this is my final report I would like to thank you all for your support and help over the 21 years I have been on the committee and I hope you will give my successor the support you have given me.

Paul Harris
British Motorsports Marshals' Club

TRAINING DAY 2018 – Sunday 21 January 2018

As we head towards the end of another season plans are well underway for the 2018 training day. This will once again be at Rockingham, many thanks to them for their continued support, and it will be on 21st January 2018.

This year we are reducing it to 1 day to try and get more marshals per post so that attendees can try different disciplines within the post. It will still take the same form as previously in that it will be theory in the morning and practical in the form of a mini race series in the afternoon, which, I have to say, was once again great fun and hopefully enjoyable to all those who attended. Many thanks as well to Prize Motorsport who are also supporting us again this year and to all the drivers who volunteer to come along.

We have tried to take on board your comments following last year and this year we have brought back the practical fire training among other things. Any instructors/trainers on the track for the practical will be wearing distinctive tabards.

The theory modules will be: Report writing; Flags; Fire; FMOS; Incident and Communications plus separate sessions for the Specialists. Fire Practical will also be available for those who wish to take this module, though you will need to nominate one of the other modules to drop.

If there is a module that you need for an upgrade that we are not covering, please contact me directly and I have the flexibility to provide it on a 1 to 1 basis, though you will need to drop one of the other modules.

The modules will work on a round robin basis, with small groups moving around the different modules throughout the morning and lasting 35 to 40 minutes. There will also be a coffee break mid-morning and a lunch break prior to the practical. The smaller groups will enable everyone to get involved and share their experiences. I would add at this point that the sessions will take a more interactive approach rather than using power point, which will only be used if needed to illustrate a point, but be assured everything you need to cover in the module will be covered.

You will be driven to the fire training ground in a mini bus to save time and there will be clear instructions to guide you to the training rooms. You will be given a pack which will have a timetable, matrix of modules and a briefing paper for the practical. This will also be sent to you in advance by email, so that you have the opportunity to read it beforehand.

So, if you want a training day that is a bit different then please come along and join us by completing the volunteering form (available on our website and attached to the newsletter) and returning it to me, please get them in early so that I can get an idea of numbers, this is your day, provided at no cost to you and we need good numbers to make it even better than last year! Remember, the MSA are now checking Personal Record Cards and you need to do training days every two years.

Once you have volunteered your training has begun!

As with any meeting please let me know if you are no longer able to attend, we may have someone waiting to take your place. You will be sent Final Instructions, preferably by email, prior to the event. There will be no food outlets open at Rockingham (sorry but there aren't enough of us to justify the cost) so you need to be self-sufficient and bring your own food requirements. As for a race day, bringing your normal kit including for the practical sessions,

it can be very cold. There will however be free hot drinks and biscuits during the morning and at lunchtime.

It was good last year, let's make it even better this year and we can't do that without you!

If you are an MSA instructor and would like to be involved with the training day and are prepared to abandon your power point, (but not its content) and train in a more inter active way please contact me, there will also be an opportunity for all instructors to assist in the afternoon practical session when all your marshalling experience will be brought into use.

So, if you are up for something a bit different please get in touch! If you instructed last year and are willing to help again please let me know, you will be very welcome.

If you are not an instructor but feel you have enough experience and the ability to help with training others, we will also need a few people to assist on the day and any budding actors out there, get in touch as we will need people for role play.

I hope to see you all at the training days.

Happy and safe racing to you all,

Elaine Brice
South Midlands Training Officer
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

YOUR TRAINING DAY NEEDS YOU!



ROCKINGHAM MOTOR SPEEDWAY BMMC TRAINING DAY 21 JANUARY 2018

VOLUNTEERING FORM

Please complete all sections and either email sm.training@marshals.co.uk or post to: Elaine Brice, 35 Waterfall Way, Barwell, Leicester LE9 8EH.

Sign on will be from 7.30am in the Rockingham building and will be clearly marked.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Next of kin and contact number: _____

Current grade: _____

Upgrading to: _____

Do you wish to take the Practical Fire module? _____

Do you aspire to any other role in motorsport? _____

If so we will endeavour to give you some insight into that role during the day

Please bring your normal marshalling gear and supplies of food and cold drinks, hot drinks and biscuits will be supplied in the signing on room.

If you find you can no longer attend please let me know as someone may be waiting for your place.

Vacancy for Members Secretary South Midlands Region Committee

We are looking to fill a position on the Regional Committee for a Members Secretary. Like all Regional and National roles this is a voluntary position.

The role covers a number of duties which include the following:

- Attend committee meetings held 6 times a year plus the Regional AGM.
- Be the first point of contact for regional members and deal with local membership issues.
- Follow up annual renewals and non-renewals.
- Report to committee meeting on regional membership numbers and issues raised.
- Work with the Regional Recruitment Officer and Taster Day Organiser with a view to increasing regional membership.
- Liaise with the National Membership Secretary relating to new members.

Other tasks may arise from time to time to meet the requirement of the region.

You will need access to a computer, be able to use Word, Excel and Email.

If you are interested give me a call, Dave Reed, after 18.00 weekdays on 01327 857346.

Dave Reed
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Membership Matters

New Members

Although we are approaching the end of the year, membership continues to increase and the following new members have joined us since my last newsletter report. I would like to welcome them to the club, as usual, if you cross their path at a meeting, please extend a hand of welcome.

Christopher Hutchison, Milton Keynes
Samuel Rahn, Peterborough
David Shannon, Didcot
Graham Hurren, Luton
Peter Edwards, Milton Keynes
Matthew Harris, Leighton Buzzard
Ian King, Ruislip

Ian Gorski, Queensland
Scott Povey, Aylesbury
Lucan Hetherington, London
Thomas Hartshorne, Whittlesford
Tracy Watson, Oundle
Alan Lakeman, Maidenhead

Membership Renewal

By now you will have received the annual email reminder from the Club to renew your membership. Thought I would take this opportunity to remind you that if you renew before 31st March you will be included in the annual prize draw so make a note in your diary before the 31st December to renew your membership.

Change of Details

Have you changed your home or email address, if so, you can update via the members area of our website or by emailing me. nat.members@marshals.co.uk

Greetings

It seems too early to be thinking of Christmas, it appears to get earlier each year, but as this is the last Newsletter of the year, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Dave Reed
South Mids Members Secretary
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Sporting Trials Notes and Dates

Saturday 9 December 2017 KBCC Monty Peters Trial, Ashtree Farm, West Malling, Kent

Plans are underway for this event but Ian Wright tells me the farmer on whose land part of the trial takes place will have game birds on site and has requested no dogs. More details to follow close to the event but this is the site with the large warm room as a base and great bacon rolls. Regs will be issued in due course.

Saturday 30 December 2017 750 Motor Club, Historic Plum Pudding Trial, Buriton, near Petersfield, Hampshire

The permit has been obtained and the food wagon ordered so we are on course for another great day out. We share the site and car park with the modern trials lads but we have our own sections. It is always slightly chaotic with so many competitor but a super atmosphere, just the thing for after Christmas. Regs will be issued in due course.

Cars

Cars are still coming out of the woodwork. The recent "special" advertised on eBay has turned out to be based on a Cannon chassis which is still in reasonable condition. Once the dreadful later alterations have been removed the chassis can be repaired to bring it back to its original specification and the car rebuilt.

A cha who has shared a drive in one of our trials has been told of a Post Historic trials car which has been in a garage for at least 30 years. When it was dragged out, it started and has been driven around the garden. After some TLC we hope to see it out on the hills. The contact came through, if I have the tale correct, his daughter's friend who stables her horse in their yard who knew somebody who knew somebody else who owned and built the car!! Moral of the tale is the cars are still out there but are often found by word of mouth.

Trials involving road work

I understand the Stroud & District Motor Club eventually decided not to include a class for road registered historic sporting trials cars in their long distance Mechanics Classic Trial on safety grounds. In my view it is a sensible decision as part of the route included a section of very fast dual carriageway on which our cars would have struggled to keep up with the traffic.

However, on 21 January 2018 the Midland Automobile Club (better known for their Shelsley Walsh Hill climb) will be organising their Clee Hill Classic Trial. Based on the town of Craven Arms on the A49 in Shropshire there will be a route of approximately 40-45 miles on rural roads. There will be a HST Historic Class which will start at the back of the field and finish early so there will be plenty of daylight. RTA Insurance for the event will be included in the entry price. Cars must be road legal and run on Blockley rear tyres.

Please let me know if you are interested in competing.

Paul Harris

Extra Information

Training Information Personal Record Card (PRC) Signatures

Training Days throughout the country are approaching as we look towards the end of the year and forward to the new season.

When attending Training Days please ensure you take your PRC or the official MSA Continuation Sheet with you.

PRC must be signed on Training Days for training to be valid. Each module needs a signature (not block signatures) and signatures on paperwork other than a PRC are not valid.

This is an MSA requirement and may affect any upgrade you apply for.

Newsletter Deadlines

All members of the Region are invited to contribute articles to the Newsletter, copy should be emailed to the Newsletter Editor by the 20th of each publishing month.

Newsletters are published in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Regional Committee Meetings

Would you like to attend our Regional Committee Meeting to see how the Committee works for you? Meetings are held 6 times a year on a Monday at The George, Tiffield, NN12 8AD, 19.45 for 20.00.

Dates for 2018 are:

8th January
16th July

12th March
10th September

14th May
12th November

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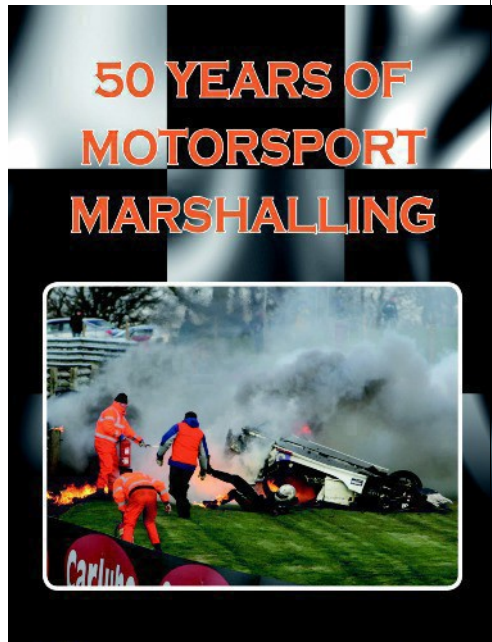
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George Copeland



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. Its 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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