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**Welcome to the Newsletter for
the South Midlands Region**

Although we are already over half way through January can I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

Our first Regional Committee meeting of the year was held earlier this month, plans are being put in place to hold a number of recruitment events this year, if you would like to represent the region at one of these events (recruit one day, marshal the other) then let me know.

The plans for the Regions Training Day on 24th February are well under way, you will have received an email with details of the day and how to book your place, if you haven't yet, a reminder is elsewhere in this newsletter. It is unfortunate that Rockingham is not available this year but I hear Elaine and her team are planning something just as special.

I would like to welcome Keith Madderson onto the Committee, he has attended his first full meeting as Taster Day Organiser and is well under way in planning our Taster Days for this year. If you know someone who would like to attend a Taster Day and potentially become a marshal then contact Keith. If you would like to join his team and represent the club as a Taster Day Leader or Assistant, again he would be happy to discuss the roles with you.

Well, my diary is full up, all weekends have been booked, marshalling, rescue, competition meetings, recruitment stands and training days. Can't wait for the race season to start and if you're marshalling the Pomeroy I may see you there. While on the subject of volunteering don't forget to book your dates through the volunteering pages of the Club website.

The Club will be having a stand at Race Retro (Stoneleigh) in February, if you're attending the show pop along to see us, maybe you will know one of us there. If you've not been before, on the Saturday and Sunday they run live rally stages outside in the grounds.

Until next time, keep safe.

Dave Reed
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Membership Matters

New Members

Well, 2019 has arrived, we have had new members join us and looking forward, in most cases, to their first year of marshalling. I would like to welcome them to the club and our region, as usual, if you cross their path at a meeting, please extend a hand of welcome.

This year if the opportunity arises let's try to encourage more marshals to join our club.

Renewals

Have you renewed your membership yet, you should have received a renewal email in November. If for some reason you didn't, you can pay online at: www.marshals.co.uk/payments/ the membership fee remains at £20 Adults.

If you have renewed and are waiting for your 2019 membership pack please be patient with 2500 members to send out it does take a while.

Change of Details

Don't forget if you change your home address or email address, you will need to update the Club records you can do this on online or let me know and I'll arrange the update for you.

Can I ask you all to access the database, if you have not already, to check and update your personal details, there is also the opportunity to enter your next of kin details. If you don't tell us or update the details we don't know.

The link is on the home page of the website www.marshals.co.uk top right you will find the 'Login' to the members area of the website. Once you have logged in click the symbol in the top right corner, looks like a monopoly piece this will take you to the database page.

Dave Reed

Members Secretary South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Training Times

The training day is coming up on the 24th of February, there's still plenty of time to sign up to come along to the Sawpits Centre in Towcester.

We'll be covering the following modules Fire Theory, Incident and First Aid, Communications, Report Writing, Flags and Specialist. The mentoring and leadership modules will be available by request please let Elaine know if you need these modules.

All attendees will be split into Specialists and two groups of all other grades, we believe mixing everyone in this way enables everyone to help deliver the training by sharing personal experiences and knowledge with other members of the group and attending all modules helps to refresh our knowledge. Then in the afternoon Mockingham Version 2.0 will take place - *'Come with me And you'll be In a world of pure imagination!'*

We are unable to offer practical fire training on the 24th due to the location but we are currently working on a plan to be able to offer it to those who need it to upgrade at a different training day in March. If you need this upgrade signature please email Elaine and when we have it confirmed we will send you the link to sign up.

For those of you who aren't looking to upgrade at the moment, please remember you still need to attend a training day every two years to maintain your current grade.

Hope to see you in February.

Matt Turner
Deputy Training Officer South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

BMMC Volunteering System

A Weekend at Sebring

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we had a family holiday last November in Florida, which coincided with an event at Sebring International Raceway, the inaugural Michelin IMSA Sportscar Encore, over the weekend 10th/11th November. So not to miss an opportunity decided to volunteer.

For those not familiar with marshalling the other side of the pond, most events, particularly Florida are organised by the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) which is split into regions, CFR (Central Florida Region) being the region that includes the principle circuits at Daytona, Sebring and others including the street circuit of St Petersburg.

Following a little research and discussion with my BMMC colleagues I made contact with two main stays of the CFA SCCA, Jim Hooker and Darren Gunn. Darren being a Brit on a long stay holiday, originating from Manchester and he tells me spent many hours trackside at Oulton Park. Both these guys were a great help leading me through the SCCA registration process which included written confirmation from the MSA of my grade and experience right through to meeting me on circuit at breakfast time on the first morning.

SCCA at Sebring are located in a medium sized industrial unit adjacent the circuit where they store their kit, including a couple of vehicles, loads of cooler boxes, soft drinks and have their meal breaks. Talking about meal breaks I was treated to the luxuries of donuts, chocolate with hot and cold drinks for breakfast, hot two course lunch with a two course dinner and beers after the days events.

Marshalling at this event was different to the UK in several areas:

All the marshals or corner workers as they are more commonly known, wear white trousers and shirts, similar to the outfits you would expect an amateur cricketer to wear in the UK.

They very rarely go track side, or hot side as they call it, all the recovery is done by a fleet of pickup trucks, kitted out with everything you could imagine.

Marshals therefore do just flagging and communication, with most workers having a radio.

Each post had its own cooler box well stocked with a selection of soft drinks and water. A real necessity when the temperatures rise.

For my couple of days at Sebring I chose the pits which again was a little different to the UK. The pits team were split into two, one on pit entry and the second on pit exit and all the two of us had to do was radio in when a car entered the pit lane and the others did the same when the car regained the track, not that exciting.

Overall I had a most enjoyable weekend, met some fellow brits, tasted their hospitality and to top it out was given a \$50 cheque for each day I was there, a big help towards overnight accommodation.

Volunteering

With regard to our volunteering system for 2019 I can confirm all the principle events in South Midlands region are entered and just awaiting the final green light from our leader prior to the system going live, which should all have happened by the time you read this.

If there are any other four wheeled motorsport events you know about that I have missed please email me and I will try my upmost to have it included, after all the system is there for us all to use so please use it. If you prefer to volunteer direct with the organisers just click the box 'volunteered with organising club' this has two main benefits, firstly you will receive an email about seven days prior to the event as a reminder that you have volunteered and secondly a calendar list of all the events you have volunteered for which should be hung in a prominent position in the house to remind your family of your commitments.

Glynn Ellis
Volunteering Coordinator South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

2019 SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
Feb 1st/2nd	SKC	Karting	Shennington	BPEC Prokart
Feb 10th	HSTA	Trials	Sywell	
Feb 16th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Pomeroy Trophy
Feb 16/17th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Feb 21st	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Test Day
Feb 22/23/24th	Falcon MC	Stage Rallying	Stoneleigh Park	Race Retro
Feb 24th	BMMC	Circuit Training	Towcester	
Mar 2nd/3rd	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Mar 16/17th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Mar 16th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Caterham 4Hr Endurance
Mar 23rd/24th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Club 100
Mar 23rd/24th	BARC	Rally X	Silverstone Stow	British Rallycross
Mar 24th	Falcon MC	Trials	Around the Chilterns	Spring Trial
Mar 30th/31st	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Super One
Mar 30th/31st	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Mar 30th	MGCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr 6/7th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr 6/7th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Apr 7th	BRMC	Rally Training	Oxford Brooks Uni	
Apr 13/14th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Formula Vintage
Apr 18th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Test Day
Apr 20th/21st	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Apr 26/27/28th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	24 Hr C1
May 4/5th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
May 4th	750MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
May 4/5th	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	

Grading Gripes

A New Year's Resolution - Make Sure You Maintain Your Grade!

To maintain any marshalling grade (other than Trainee) you must record at least four attendance signatures each year in any of the four disciplines where you might be graded – Race, Specialist, Speed and Kart.

You must also record a training day at least once in every two years. A training day in one discipline will also count for any other discipline where you hold a grade.

The Motorsport UK carry out regular checks to ensure that the requirements are being met, and you may be asked to provide scans of your documents. Make sure you keep a record of signatures, which must be recorded only in your PRC, or on a copy of the PRC Continuation pages.

There could be cases where a member has problems beyond their control which prevent them fulfilling the requirements. In 2016 the MSA issued this advice;- *“The MSA fully understands that there may be times when individuals are unable to meet the maintenance of grade requirements. Such occurrences should be made known to the MSA at the earliest opportunity so that an amicable solution can be sought.*
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If you should find yourself in this position, please also contact (me) your Regional Grading Officer. The BMMC will provide help and support for any valid claim for reinstatement of a lost grade.

Training Day – 24th February 2019

I plan to make myself available, during Sign-on and Lunch break periods, should any member wish to discuss grading issues.

Malcolm Flippance
Grading Officer South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Williams F1 Heritage Centre Visit

Early December, the following email dropped into my Inbox – “I am writing to you let you know you have won a guided tour of the Williams Heritage F1 Conference Centre at Grove, Oxfordshire. Williams have kindly donated places for the ten winners” - the visit being scheduled in just three days’ time!

On arrival, over coffee and mince pies; informal introductions with colleague marshals; we were joined by our Tour Guide, Jonathan Williams, - son of Sir Frank Williams and brother to Clair Williams, Deputy Team Principal, Williams F1 Team. Jonathan gave a brief introduction to the tour, explaining that it would be in two parts:- Part 1. a visit to the Heritage Workshop and Museum; taking of photographs being permitted. Part 2. a visit to the Technology Centre – taking photographs a definite ‘no-no’

Heritage Centre

On the walls of the entrance are displayed, larger than life, photographs of:- Sir Frank Williams; Sir Patrick Head; and the World Champions, who achieved their success driving Williams F1 cars – Alan Jones; Keke Rosberg; Nelson Piquet; Nigel Mansell; Alain Prost; Damon Hill and, Jacques Villeneuve.

Within the Heritage Workshop were four Heritage F1 cars, in various stages of assembly; two being part of the Heritage fleet, and driven by Williams Heritage Driver, Karun Chandok. A third, and privately-owned car, having been returned for repair refurbishment, having sustained accident damage. Maintenance of the Heritage fleet is undertaken by a team of just six staff members.

The Museum houses at least one example of each model car built and raced by Williams Grand Prix Engineering, throughout its’ forty years history. From the FW06; raced in 1978 and driven by, Alan Jones and Clay Regazzoni; through to the FW40; raced in 2017, by Felipe Massa and Lance Stroll. The display includes the six-wheeler (four x rear-wheel drive) FW07D. This car was quickly outlawed by the FIA, along with the six- wheelers developed by other F1 Teams. The FIA introducing regulations, to specifying that cars must be of four-wheel configuration only, with rear wheel drive. The flow of car exhibits follows the numerical model numbers; cars of significant interest, and those driven by the seven World Champions, are given pride of place on rostrums.

The exhibition also includes three non-F1 cars with which Williams Engineering were heavily involved in their design and development; MG 6R4, rally car; Renault Laguna, BTCC car; as driven in the mid 1990’s by Alain Menu, Jason Plato. The third car, although designed and built by Williams Engineering, carries only the badge of the BMW V12 LMR. Run by the BMW factory; driven to success 1999, at the Le Mans 24 hours race by:- P Martin; Y Dalmas and J Winkelhock.

In 2017 the Williams Team celebrated 40 years as a Formula One constructor. Some interesting statistics of Williams Team achievements include:- 675 Grand Prix contested; 128 pole positions (15 pole positions secured in one season - out of possible 16 - achieved , inconsecutive years, 1992 and 1993). There were: 114 victories; and 313 podium finishes. A total of 3,496 points scored and 330,436 kilometres raced.

Technology Centre

The building is being subjected to a rolling programme of internal reconstruction and refurbishment. The Design Offices having been converted into a single, open plan unit; this to ensure maximum inter- sector, team communication; interchange of ideas and solutions. Changes to the Reception area and Entrance Lobby are about to start, to increase the size of the Restaurant to better serve

the 600 plus staff members.

The Machine-shop is also part of the rolling programme, including the installation of new machine tools. The latest of which, a milling machine, used in the production of the aluminium transmission cases for the 2019, FW42. – the casting of the case is out-sourced to a company in the West Midlands. Williams F1 Team, being the only Formula One constructor, currently using a metallic casing! In addition to transmission components, the casing houses ancillary units; anchors the rear suspension and units; secures the rear wing supports, and rear impact assembly. An overall production time for each transmission case being in the region of fifty hours.

The Machine-shop produces some 1200, two-piece wheel nuts, each season. The design is constantly evolving, as the team seeks to improve wheel change pitstops times - during the 2018 season - the Williams pitstop team were often the fastest of the teams in Pitlane. Because, wheel nuts to have left- hand or right-hand threads, dependent upon which side of the car they are to be used, they are colour coded: green for the right side and red for the left side. The life-cycle of a wheel nut being:- Qualifying session; GP race; and up to three practice sessions.

In the Race car workshop, were four 2018 FW41 cars. Recently returned from the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, and two-day post-race testing these were being de-commissioned. One car will be prepared as an exhibit in the Heritage Centre; a second used as a training mule for the Pit crew to practice pitstop wheel changing, whenever they are factory based.

We were given the opportunity to examine a front wing and floor assembly, complete with complex wiring for the sensors imbedded in the floor. The initial design; development, testing and assembly of a front wing, can take upwards of two thousand hours.

Design and manufacture of the majority of pitlane equipment, is undertaken in-house. The Race Team uses three sets of wheel guns and front jacks; two sets at the race circuit; one used during the race weekend; the second set as back-up. The third held at the factory being serviced. The sets are rotated for each race weekend; the set used the previous race being returned to Grove for service, this ensures that nothing is left to chance.

For the final part of our tour of the Technology Centre, we asked to observe the laying- up of composite components for the 2019 FW42, via windows in a corridor to avoid entering clean areas.

Our three- hour tour, ended with a return to the Heritage Centre, for a group photograph taken alongside the FW40 car on display in the Reception area.

Malcolm Flippance
Grading Officer South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Newsletter Deadlines

All members of the Region are invited to contribute articles to the Newsletter.

Newsletters are published in the following months:

January
March
May
July
September
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If you have any articles that you would like to see published can you please email the Newsletter Editor by the 20th of each publishing month at: sm.news@marshals.co.uk

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 2019 are:

14 Jan
11 Mar
13 May
8 Jul
9 Sep
11 Nov

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