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Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

As I write this entry for the newsletter looking out over the countryside at the foot of Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb with the sun going down over yonder hill. I seem to recall there was a F1 GP and as the news unfolded it would be at Silverstone until at least 2024. Now this weekend the Silverstone Classic is in full swing. The Thursday testing was memorable for the amount of oil that was deposited on the track, which was quickly and professionally dealt with by the Safety Team and circuit staff.

Of course between the GP and Classic we had Formula Student for those who wanted something different. The next high profile event is MotoGP for those who enjoy 2 wheel motorsport!!

After 6 successful months Keith Maddeson has stood down as Taster Day Organiser, I would like to thank him for all the work he put into the Taster Days so far this year.

This now leaves the South Midland Region Committee with the outstanding Recruitment Organiser and Regional Members Secretary as well as the Taster Day Organiser to fill. You will find details elsewhere in this newsletter. Please seriously consider joining the Committee without these positions filled your region will suffer compared to other BMMC Regions.

While on the subject, despite publicising, we were short of marshal representation on the Classic Marshals Recruitment Stand and at the moment we are still short of volunteers to cover the Recruitment Stand at Kop Hill.

In the 2 years I have been Chairman of the Region the committee members have done an outstanding job of covering, in some cases more than one committee role, unfortunately this can only happen for so long before we 'burn out', we are all volunteers and do have other commitments, like yourselves, outside the BMMC.

I intend to set a deadline for appointing new committee members to fill the outstanding positions by the next National Council Meeting on 8th September. I will then be able to report that the South Midland Region has the full support of its regional membership, which has been lacking up to now.

So please take time to look at the vacant roles, consider, apart from marshalling, what input you could provide to support your fellow marshals at a regional level, it can be fulfilling.

You will also find in this issue of the newsletter details of the AGM / End of Season Dinner, just another way you could show your support of the Region.

Dave Reed
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

British Motorsports Marshals Club
South Midlands Region

Annual End of Season Dinner

Including
52nd Annual General Meeting

Will take place on

Saturday 26th October 2019

At the White Horse, Silverstone

7.30pm

Guest Speaker

Please contact Lesley Harris on 07790639594

Or email sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk

No later than 21nd October, 2018

SMid Region Vacancies

We are currently looking to fill the vacancies below, they hold a position on the Regional Committee, there are 6 Committee Meetings a year.

Taster Day Organiser

Depending on the number of requests to attend a Taster Day we usually organise at least 6 Taster Days per season at Silverstone. Your role would be to organise these days, you would not be required to run them, though attending one would give you an insight into what the Taster Leaders cover on a tour.

- Liaise with event organiser for suitable dates
- Organise Taster Day Leaders / Assistants to cover each Taster Day
- Prepare Taster Day Handouts
- Contact attendees with acknowledgement/Taster dates available/sign on instructions
- Provide completed MSA sign on form to Taster Day Leaders
- Maintain follow up data on Taster Day requests/attendances/membership
- As a Committee member update the Committee by report each meeting

Recruitment Organiser

We have in previous years organised 5 recruitment events at Silverstone and Kop Hill, we wish to continue holding these events to promote the presence of our Club and a means of attracting new members. You do not need to be an experienced marshal, the role requires the holder to be able to plan and organise the events.

- Liaise / organise stand with event organiser.
- Organise set Up - manpower/logistics – access tickets
- Organise event cover – manpower & access tickets
- Organise breakdown – manpower/logistics – access tickets
- Ensure the Committee are updated by report each meeting

As the organiser you would not be expected to attend all events.

Members Secretary

The region has at present 240 members, this role provides our members with a point of contact for local membership queries. You will also liaise with the National Membership Secretary regarding our regions membership.

- Contact new members welcoming them to the region by email
- Answer questions / give advice to member enquiries
- Follow up non-renewals end of January and February by email
- Maintain regional data on membership from Club database
- Ensure the Committee are updated by report each meeting
- Role will use email, word, excel and use of club database (read only).

Taster Days

We are also looking to expand our Taster Day Team, we usually hold 6 Taster Days each year at Silverstone, you would not be expected to attend all, each day would be allocated on a rota basis and your availability.

Taster Day Leader

- Lead a Taster Day
- Meet and greet attendees
- Sign on and safety briefing
- Handout Taster Day literature
- Conduct Taster Day tour
- Allocate to afternoon postings (if required)
- Debrief Attendees at end of tour

Taster Day Assistant

- Assist the Taster Day Leader carry out the above
- Answer questions from Attendees
- Assist in maintaining safety of Attendees

Following the morning tour, you can marshal the afternoon in your usual role.

Why not take the opportunity to find out more by becoming an Assistant, then decide if the Leader role is for you or continue as an Assistant.

If you would like to apply or show an interest in any of these positions please contact me for more information.

Dave Reed
Chairman South Mids Region
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Grading Gripes

Chair Nadine's July Bulletin – Grading and PRCs

You will have received, read, and are now following the guidance, either as a marshal upgrading or, as a Chief providing the signatures of attendance. Those presenting the PRC for signature please ensure all entries are written clearly – **please do not use ditto marks** – when completing: 'date', 'venue' and 'duty' columns.

Examining Grades, before submitting a marshal to an assessment, please check through the PRC to ensure all the pre-assessment upgrade requirements have been met. A recent upgrade application to Flag marshal, showed that the marshal had been subjected to two, and unnecessary (but successful) assessments, prior to the recorded date of the obligatory training day attendance. There then followed, a third, and successful, assessment.

Grading Successes

Congratulations to the following members of the South Midlands Region:-

Upgrades:

Dave Joyce	Examining Speed Post Chief - this completes Dave's 'hat-trick', as he now holds Examining grades for Race, Kart and Speed. He is also a graded Rally marshal.
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Martin MacBean	Flag Marshal
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New registrations:

Daren Brook	Trainee Race
John Douglas	Trainee Race
Karen Timson	Track Marshal
James Watson	Trainee Race

Malcolm Flippance
South Mids Grading Officer
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BMMC Volunteering System

There are two events in our region on the same weekend in September that you may be interested in, Kop Hill, a hill climb demonstration with the marshals team organised by BMMC and our very own Chris Hobson. This event although almost full for paddock and hill marshals still has a couple of vacancies to help out on our marshal recruitment stand. No experience is necessary as you will be with one of our regular recruitment officers, there will also be a rota for some time off to view the rest of the event. Kop Hill is an annual event set on a closed road near Princes Risborough with a range of four and two wheeled machines on the hill and raises money for charity.

The other event that you may have passed by takes place at Sywell Airfield with marshals organised by Falcon Motor Club, is the event below, please read on for a few more details provided by Falcon MC.

Falcon Motor Club have once again been invited to marshal the "Racing Runway" at this year's Sywell Classic - Pistons & Props, running at Sywell Airfield in Northamptonshire on 21st/22nd September.

<http://www.sywellclassic.co.uk/home/4581770422> (includes a lovely piece of video of the first event showing our own David Maitland flagging them off at the start of their run!)

Each vehicle taking part gets 2 runs per session and there are 2 sessions scheduled each day. When these sessions are not running you will be "off duty" and free to walk around the rest of the show which typically includes :- stalls selling a variety of things from motoring tools & spares to vintage clothing and of course lots of catering & coffee outlets, also a very large display of interesting cars & motorcycles from both Clubs and from individual entries, also the dragsters & drag motorcycles which compete/display with their own runs organised by their own marshalling team, there are live music and beer tents, plus all the cars & bikes doing the "Racing Runway" and lots of flying displays including usually the best display by the Battle of Britain flight.

For more details of how to volunteer for either event please visit our volunteering web page and either search by venue or date 21st and 22nd September.

Also, an event in our region you may be interested in has just been brought to my attention, Mercian Road Rally, which starts and finishes at Woodford Halse Football Club, Daventry (NN11 3QR) and runs through the night, 14th/15th September with sign on from 19.00 to 21.45. Further information and contact details can be found in the usual place, on the volunteering web page. Goody bags and full breakfasts will be offered to all marshals working through the night.

Below is a full list of events in the South Midlands region summarised to help you identify the meetings you wish to volunteer for, additional details are available on our volunteering web page.

Please remember to volunteer through one club/circuit/chief marshal only for each event, which makes the allocation of duties far easier for the CM. Whichever organisation you choose to volunteer with please also log in and tick the box on our volunteering web page 'Volunteered with organising club' so you receive a reminder of the event about a week before.

Enjoy your marshalling and stay safe.

Glynn
Glynn Ellis
South Mids Volunteering Co-ordinator
British Motorsport Marshals Club

2019 SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location/Circuit	Title
Aug 3rd	BDC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Bentley DC
Aug 10/11th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Aug 10th	Fueltopia	Sprint	Santa Pod	
Aug 16/17/18th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Aug 17/18th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	F3 & GT Cup
Aug 17th	HSTA	Trials	Plashes Farm, Ware	
Aug 17/18th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Aug 23/24/25th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Super One
Aug 30/31/1st	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	WEC
Aug 31/Sep 1st	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Sept 7/8th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	Int. GT
Sept 14/15th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Sept 14/15th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Sept 21/22nd	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	Ferrari Racing
Sept 21/22nd	Falcon MC	Sprint	Sywell, Northampton	Pistons & Props
Sept 21/22nd	BMMC	Hillclimb	Kop Hill, Princes Risbor.	
Sept 28/29th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	BTCC
Oct 5th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	AMOC
Oct 5/6th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	Mazda MX-5
Oct 12/13th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	McLaren
Oct 12/13th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	BPEC Prokart
Oct 19/20th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Oct 19th	Fueltopia	Sprint	Santa Pod	
Oct 19/20th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Oct 26th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Birket Relay
Oct 27th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Nov 2nd/3rd	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Walter Hayes
Nov 2nd/3rd	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	

The Kop Hill Climb 1910 – 1925 and 2009 – 2019

Kop Hill situated on the slope of the Chilterns just outside Princes Risborough Buckinghamshire. On the 21st & 22nd September, celebrates its *Tenth Anniversary* revival as a non-competitive event.

In support of the event a book has been published - ***An Appreciation for good causes since 2009*** – price £5.00. The book covers the history of competitive hill climbing period and the success in the ten years of the revival. Collectively, £640,000 has been raised and distributed to local good causes.

The competitive period, 1910 to 1925, is covered in the first dozen pages, including reprints from **The Motor; The Autocar and The Automobile**. These publications include, in period photographs, which clearly show a complete lack of safety, the spectators standing and sitting on the edge of the road, with cars passing at speed. Not surprising therefore, following an accident in September 1925, and after a series of accidents at a number of the other 36 hill climb venues; the R.A.C. banned all speed events on public roads.

Two pages, of the book are devoted to the railway network which played an essential part in the provision of mode of transport for spectators travelling to Princes Risborough and the venue. Some 30 pages of colour photographs are of cars and motorcycles participating in the current, non-competitive period. Most are taken in the Assembly and Start Line areas, as the media are not permitted on the hill course. Many of the pictures also include familiar faces of marshals dressed in white or orange! The final two pages of the book cover “The Thrills! The Spills! The Soapbox Challenge”

The Organisers' plan for the Tenth Anniversary meeting include:- a 60-year tribute of the Mini, to be led by legend Paddy Hopkirk; a 50th year celebration of the film the ***Italian Job***, complete with original coach and three period Minis. The Talbot club have chosen to hold their 100-year celebration at the hill. The event will also mark 110 years of Bugatti, including the return to the hill for the first time, of the notorious Cordon Bleu Bugatti, the very car involved in the 1925 accident, which got racing on public roads banned.

In the paddock, a new Engineering Village is planned to celebrate engineering excellence -showcasing local skills. Five practitioners to include motorcycle builder Allen Millyard; Ivor Dutton, Bugatti specialist, who will be revealing Bugatti's in various states of engineering exposure. Elsewhere, there will be sixty years of Marcos; a visit in strength from the world of drag racing; and the Ecurie Ecosse Le Mans race transporter, complete with cars.

For further information about the event and to obtain a copy of:- ***An Appreciation*** visit - www.kophllclimb.org.uk and follow the links.

Malcolm
Malcolm Flippance
South Mids Grading Officer
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Contrasting Weekends

Finding we had some unexpected free time, June and I decided to attend the Club's Sprint Meeting at Curborough on 11th May. Saturday it is BMMC, Sunday follow-on with Lotus Club, which usually means good entries on both days.

BMMC Sprint Meeting

This is real grass roots motorsport. Competitors camping out in pup tents for the second day, on the grass, beside their vehicles, with a sprinkling of slightly better accommodation for those with a little more cash to spend – but nothing too grand anywhere. Friendly atmosphere all around, it seemed.

Helped of course by the fact that both days have been run, for 15 or so years, by Steve and Julie Hill and team members. This time, we missed Steve and Julie; Julie had been called away to act in an official capacity at an FIA International event at Spa. This seemed to present no problem; Derek, Lorna and Mel took on the organisation and no gaps were seen. Stewards Jon Hopkinson and Brian Commons (Baldrick) there to assist if required. Malcolm Flippance of South Mids regions was there, as always.

Pity we still seem to struggle to get a full complement of marshals each time. It really is a good day out and Steve and the team look after the marshals well.

Sadly, we had to leave before prize-giving, but we saw most of the runs before we left – and the myriad of prize pots for the winners. There always seems to be so many at Sprint Meetings.

Before I “retired” I used to try to get to as many Sprints as I could but, with moving house, etc, there has been a longer gap this time. We are at Pocono for the Indy race when it is the August meeting, but we will put the dates in our diaries for next year. It was a good day out, even though a bit further than before, from Wokingham.

Thanks to Steve and Julie and the rest of the team who keep this event going. It does the Club reputation a power of good and, with ex-Treasurer's hat on, makes a decent contribution each year to Club funds.

HSCC Meeting 18/19th May

Then, we arrived home to an invitation to the HSCC meeting at Silverstone the following weekend. This came from Jonny Westbrook, who initiated what is now known as the Dunlop Saloon Car Cup series and whom we have known since he was a very young man.

A quite different meeting from last, with some fancy machinery on display. Full grids for every race on Sunday (good to see) and some great racing. Richard Kent, son of an ex-business partner managed three podium places, including a first, but we missed all that because this was ex-programme.

Marshals' Club members were well in evidence in the listed “heads of departments” but I don't think the meeting was in any way “over-populated” in marshalling terms. Again, it seemed a case of too many meetings over the same weekend, many too close for comfort; marshals cannot be in two places at once! This was a hardy perennial on almost every meeting of the ABMRC and I know from talking to present ABMRC members that it remains so. I suppose, as participants, we should all be grateful there is so much racing to keep us going but it does put pressure on the likes of Fay Crook, who seems to spend all her free time trying to round up marshals for several different clubs.

Our Club Badge still appears in the Supporters page of the HSCC programme.

Circuit Standards

This was our first “proper” attendance at a UK race meeting since I retired in 2014. Even before then most of my Clerking activities, for ten years or more, had been out of the country. Good to be back – and visiting Silverstone, after ten years or more around foreign GP circuits, how in Heaven’s name can Silverstone come in for so much criticism. Silverstone facilities, in my view, are as good as, or better than anywhere in Europe. OK, there are some circuits with plusher admin offices and “hostility” suites (the bits the “high ups” see) but overall “my local circuit” is well-maintained, with excellent safety features, and a great bunch of marshals.

Have a look behind the scenes at some areas at Spa; they look like derelict building sites. June has a great photo of the *single* toilet for the main grandstand at Hungaroring, with a high cistern and a string pull chain. First time I went to Monza with Radicals Euro Series, we were directed to the VIP car park – grass about a foot high! Later that weekend a low-slung sports car came in, a bit hot from the Autostrada perhaps, and promptly set the grass on fire. For anyone who has attended Sebring lately, where they still run major sports car meetings, that circuit is hardly luxurious, for officials, VIP’s or spectators.

So, let’s hope this year is not the last F1 GP at a very famous track. Ross Brawn said in a recent TV interview that “no major circuit would drop off the list in 2020”. Let’s hope he meant it and Silverstone is able to continue without bankrupting the BRDC.

George Copeland

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
November

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.

Remaining dates for 2019 are:

9 Sep
11 Nov

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