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SAVE THE DATE

SOUTH MIDLANDS ANNUAL REGIONAL DINNER AND AGM

We have started making the arrangements for our Annual Regional Dinner, which this year is planned to be held on

Saturday October 28th

The location is yet to be finalised, but it will be somewhere close to Silverstone so those of you marshalling at the Birkett Relay Race will be able to join us after the racing finishes. Members' Guests are also welcome, and as usual BMMC will be offering a contribution against the cost of the meal for members.

We are also planning to hold our Annual Regional AGM immediately before the dinner.

Further information will be available soon.

Marion Quarrington SMids Secretary British Motorsport Marshals Club

Secretary Scribblings

The South Midlands committee meets monthly, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Here is a summary of some of the topics that the committee have covered since the last Newsletter:

- received a report of the unfortunate events which impacted our recruitment efforts at the British Grand Prix.
 These included last-minute changes to the pre-event accreditation process, no allocation in the camping
 area for the marshals on the recruitment stand, no allocated stand location when the team arrived to set-up,
 and finally a forced re-location of the stand mid-event on the grounds of safety. A full report on the
 circumstances has been sent to Nadine Lewis who is raising the matter with both Motorsport UK and
 Silverstone. Despite the problems over 100 names were taken during the event with many more people
 registering an interest directly on the website.
- received reports from successful recruitment stands at Sywell Supercar Festival and MG&Triumph100 at Silverstone. Glynn continues to make applications to the respective organisers for our recruitment stand at events for the remainder of 2023. The details of where we will be are elsewhere in this newsletter and please contact Glynn on sm.volco@marshals.co.uk if you would like to help at one of our recruitment events.
- noted the results of a trial which led from an ongoing review of training and ARDS assessments for junior racing drivers. Race organising clubs who have Junior championships have been testing a sample of junior drivers with standard questions to see how well they know the basic racing rules. The results are not encouraging, with a low overall success rate, and even drivers who got questions correct were later observed not following those rules on the track!
- started distributing the new sew-on grading badges which show the grades from the new Marshal Pathway. Please check that your BMMC grade record is up to date, so we know which ones you need. Please read the relevant article elsewhere in this Newsletter to find out how you can get your badges, and how to check if we have all your latest grading information.
- started planning for training in early 2024. We have to submit funding applications in September, so if you have any suggestions of what you like to see included, please send them to Chris on sm.chair@marshals.co.uk.
- noted that our Membership Secretary, Steve, has indicated that he will be standing down form the
 committee at the next AGM due to work. If you would like to find out more about this key role in supporting
 new and existing members, then please contact Chris on sm.chair@marshals.co.uk. We are also still
 without a dedicated Training Co-Ordinator on the Committee, so if you want to help here too, please contact
 Chris

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like us to discuss so I can add it to the agenda, but please let me know at least 2 weeks before the meeting. The dates for 2023 are below, all are on a Monday evening (except * which is a Tuesday) and the meeting starts at 19:45. If you want to join us please send an e-mail, along with your membership number and the e-mail address you will be joining from, no later than 2 days before the meeting to sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk and I will send you the joining instructions.

August 8 *	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11

If you have any comments or questions about the Committee, please don't hesitate to contact me on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk.

Marion Quarrington
SMids Secretary
British Motorsport Marshals Club



The BRDC Motor Sport Charity, formerly the BRDC Benevolent Fund, was established in November 2000. Initially formed to support BRDC Members only start-up funding was provided by a small number of generous benefactors including the British Racing Drivers' Club and its members. In 2006 the Fund extended its reach to include people and their families who work or have worked, both in a paid and voluntary capacity, in the motorsport industry. In early 2018 the fund re-launched as the BRDC Motor Sport Charity. The aim of the charity is to support people in times of need due to ill-health, disability, or financial hardship.

Recent Chairman, David Richards CBE, said: 'Marshals play a vital role in the success and safety of our industry, from grass roots motorsport to Formula One and everything in between. We want them to know that we are here to offer support to them when it is needed.'

The current Chair is Dario Franchitti and along with Chriss Bliss and Ian Holloway, they make up the three Trustees of the Charity.

The BMMC representative at meetings is Stephen Woolfe and is happy to talk about the charity, however, ideally if you would like to know more, visit the website at http://www.brdc.co.uk/BRDC-Motor-Sport-Charity or you can speak in confidence to the charity's Facilitator, Jenny Brown.

She can be contacted on 07801 441695 or email: jenny.brown8@btopenworld.com.

BMMC Volunteering System
Below I have summarised a list of events happening in August, September and October all within our South Midlands region, further details of these events can be found by logging on to our volunteering web site. One event that usually attracts a large number of marshals is the Kop Hill climb, please see the article from
Chris Hobson.
Glynn Ellis

SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser British Motorsport Marshals Club

2023 SMids Events in the Next Three Months

Date	Organiser	Туре	Location	Title
Aug. 7th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	
Aug. 12th	BDC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Aug. 12th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 7
Aug. 13th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 7
Aug. 19th	750MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Aug. 19th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Aug. 20th	750MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Aug. 20th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Aug. 25th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	Silverstone Festival
Aug. 26th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	Silverstone Festival
Aug. 26th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Aug. 27th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Aug. 27th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Silverstone Festival
Sept. 1st	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Ferrari Challenge
Sept. 2nd	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Ferrari Challenge
Sept. 3rd	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Ferrari Challenge
Sept. 9th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 8
Sept.10th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 8
Sept.11th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	
Sept.16th	BMMC	Hill Climb	Kop Hill	See separate article
Sept.16th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Sept.16th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 8
Sept.17th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Sept.17th	BMMC	Hill Climb	Kop Hill	See separate article
Sept.17th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 8
Sept.23rd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Sept.23rd	Falcon MC	Sprint	Sywell Classic	Pistons & Props
Sept.23rd	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	BTCC
Sept.24th	Falcon MC	Sprint	Sywell Classic	Pistons & Props
Sept.24th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Sept.24th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	BTCC
Sept.30th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Oct. 7th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Oct. 7th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 9
Oct. 7th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Equipe Racing
Oct. 8th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Oct. 8th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 9
Oct. 14th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Oct. 14th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 9
Oct. 15th	Falcon MC	Trials	Ivinghoe Bucks	David Maitland Trial
Oct. 15th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 9
Oct. 15th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	

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Oct. 15th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Oct. 21st	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Racing Legends
Oct. 21st	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Oct. 22nd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Oct. 22nd	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Racing Legends
Oct. 28th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Birkett Relay
Oct. 29th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	

Kop Hill Climb 16 – 17 September 2023

Once again we are running the hill for the Kop Hill Climb Festival – probably the most enjoyable, friendliest event of the year. Two days of nostalgia for both bikes and cars. We are already oversubscribed for entrants, with some very interesting vehicles in the pipeline. Family friendly, we have a funfair, soap box race, food village and lots of stalls and attractions.

Have a look at the website https://kophillclimb.org.uk/ for more info on the event.

Youtube has lots of videos -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dADaenrKPEU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkVmaNgxbew

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Aj3IK3JtpY

We need a few more marshals to ensure we are completely covered for both the hill and the paddock. We have basic camping and motorhome facilities on site for marshals. If you would like to join us please email me at chris.hobson@kophillclimb.org.uk with your preferred duty, or if you have any questions, give me a call on 07789 206809

I look forward to seeing some of you at the event.

Regards

Chris Hobson FBCS FAPM CITP

Clerk of the Course

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Marshal Recruitment

Below are the remaining 2023 planned marshal recruitment events for 2023. I still have vacancies for recruitment stand helpers at Silverstone BTCC and Motorsport Days Live, so if you are interested, please drop me an email.

25th, 26th & 27th August Silverstone Festival (The Classic)

16th & 17th September Kop Hill Climb 23rd & 24th September Silverstone BTCC

3rd & 4th November Silverstone Motorsport Days Live

Our marshal recruitment team had a good weekend at MG Live and British Grand Prix, although at the BGP we did suffer several hiccups along the way, the recruitment events still took place with a considerable number of names taken, all of whom will be invited to join our club and attend a taster day if they so wish. If you do come across any 'newbies' whilst marshalling, please give them a few words of advise and encouragement.

Other events where there is a large footfall of motorsport enthusiasts could be considered if sufficient members are able to help man the stand.

Glynn Ellis SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser British Motorsport Marshals Club

BMMC South Midlands Committee Vacancies Your Region Needs You!

This year we are aware that there will be some positions on the regional committee made vacant by recent resignations, but I am also acutely aware that some members are responsible for more than one role, and I would like to spread the work a bit more evenly. Having said that, we also need to plan ahead, the new Governance arrangements are going to insist that the period of time committee posts are held is limited; see Governance Working Group article below in this newsletter. We need to do some succession planning.

So, what does being a committee member involve and how do you become one? Well, most of the committee roles are administrative, that is keeping records up to date, issuing advice and updates on procedures. Currently we meet virtually using Zoom, on the first Monday of the month for an hour or so in the evening. However, there are occasions when we need to meet collectively to deliver a service for the members. That might be to man a recruitment stand or to help to deliver training. But don't worry, we are volunteers, and nothing is compulsory. We also understand that you join the club to go marshalling, not to sit at a desk drafting letters or updating procedures.

How do you become a committee member? Officially you are nominated and elected by BMMC members of a region as a committee member at their Annual General Meeting (AGM). You do not necessarily need to belong to that region, but it is preferred you are. Roles and duties are usually assigned at the first committee meeting after the AGM. You can also be co-opted on to a committee at any time to fill a recently vacated role, but your official membership of the committee does not commence until it is ratified at the AGM even if you are delivering a co-opted role in the interim. You are nominally elected for a three-year term and the new Governance arrangements would limit you to a maximum of three terms, i.e., nine years. But at the risk of repeating myself, we are volunteers, you can quit at any time, but remain "in post" until the next AGM.

You will hopefully have noted that we are currently looking for a new Training Officer and our Membership Secretary has very recently advised of his decision to resign at our regional AGM in October. From time to time, we do issue notices of such vacancies, but we do not expect anyone to jump into a post without some knowledge of what they are letting themselves in for. We have detailed job descriptions for each committee role, and we strongly recommend that you attend a committee meeting or two before you make any commitment to join.

We are a friendly group of like-minded souls in the South Mids and are always happy to meet members and discuss their issues. We need to know what members think about the club and what we are doing. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Marion Quarrington at sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk and she can send you job descriptions and invites to committee meetings.

Being a Committee member might sound incredibly boring but we seem to enjoy ourselves and we do get involved in setting the marshalling world right. We would welcome your involvement.

Chris Whitlock SMids Chairman British Motorsport Marshals Club

Governance Working Group

Shortly every member of BMMC should receive an invitation to attend and vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to adopt revised Articles of Association and Club Rules, the club's principles of Governance. The meeting will take place online on the 5th September and the invite will contain copies of the revised Articles of Association, Club Rules and a new Standing Order for BRMC together with instructions on how to join the meeting.

I urge every member to attend and vote, if only because this is your club, and you should have a say in how it is governed.

So why are we having to change our Articles and Rules? To put it simply a number of contradictions have become evident, some rules said one thing but the Articles either did not allow that or they implied something else. In addition, it was felt some Articles would be better expressed as Rules and vice versa. It was also clear that BRMC needed a set of Standing Orders that sat below the Articles and Rules and addressed matters relevant to them.

A Working Group was established to undertake a fundamental review of both the Articles and the associated Rules and Marion Quarrington and myself were invited to be in the group. It was chaired by our National Secretary John Edwards ably assisted by Elizabeth Anderson, a professional Governance consultant and BMMC member who provided advice FOC.

It quickly became apparent that some changes were required in how the club was administered. Elizabeth initially felt that there were too many Directors and Executive Officers for a small company and that Regional Chairs could have a conflict of interest between their role as Director and head of region. The Group felt strongly that members interests should continue to be directly represented at Board level so it has been decided that Regional Chairs should remain as Directors and be fully briefed on their responsibilities to the club as a whole and the region. As they are elected by members, they are best placed to represent them. However, the "Executive Officers" are not elected, they are appointed by Council and the title does not reflect their role, which in most cases is to be a national co-ordinator for a function. It has been proposed that they are instead called Co-ordinators and although remaining on Council they will not have the same voting rights as Directors who will form the Board. So, in essence the National Chair, Secretary, Treasurer together with the Regional Chairs and the Chair of any Special Interest Group (BRMC) will comprise the Management Board and Council will consist of the Management Board and the Co-ordinators.

Elizabeth also felt it is good management practice to have a process that requires a turnover of officials at governance level so that the company does not stagnate and is open to fresh ideas and initiatives. The new Articles/Rules propose that all officials are elected for a three-year term and if willing to continue must offer themselves for re-election every three years but can only serve a maximum of nine years before they must stand down for at least a year.

So, to sum up, BMMC will be run by a Board of Directors (The Board), supported by Co-ordinators for day-to-day management (Council). Regions and Special Interest Groups will be managed by a committee elected by BMMC Members and led by a Chairman who is a Director and member of the Board. The rules for electing the National Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer have not changed but they are also obliged to stand for re-election every three years with a maximum term of nine years. As always, the devil is in the detail so read the new Articles and Club Rules carefully before you attend the EGM. If you have any questions, please forward them to Marion or I in the first instance.

Chris Whitlock SMids Chairman British Motorsport Marshals Club

Website Update

You can access the regional website for BMMC at https://www.marshals.co.uk/southmidlands/

You can find information about the South Midlands region, including the regional committee, training, and the archive of our newsletters.

Recent updates have included a Guide to our Volunteering site and detailed descriptions for Silverstone and Kimbolton. We also publish details for our Social events.

Typically, updates are also posted to our Facebook page.

We are always looking for more content, let me know if you have any suggestions.

Emile Naus
SMids Website Administrator
British Motorsport Marshals Club

Pathway Grading Badges

All members are eligible to a **free** grading badge for each of the accredited grades under the Pathway grading scheme.

These are available from myself. If members confirm their SM marshal membership number and expected grade. I will return the relevant grading badges.

Currently I have enough badges to cover 50% of the membership. If you do not receive your grading badge members will get their badges with their annual membership at the beginning of next season.

If any members are attending the following meetings at BDC 12th August and 19th & 20th 750MC at Silverstone if they let me know I can distribute the badges.

Adrian Cashmore SMids Regalia Officer 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 & 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 12 times a year on a Monday virtually via Zoom, 19.45 for 20.00. Ten of these meetings are virtual for anyone wishing to attend with the first and last meetings being face to face with venues to be confirmed, dependant on current COVID-19 guidelines at the time.

Future South Midlands Committee Meetings will be virtual using Zoom

Anyone who wishes to attend to observe should notify the Secretary a week before the meeting so that they can be sent the relevant link.

Meetings for 2023 are:

January 9	February 6	March 6	April 3	May 8	June 5
July 10	August 8	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11

BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

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