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Chairman's Chatter

Well we got back home on 28th March as planned and the house was still standing and the cars were still on the drive! There was a mountain of post to be dealt with and it has taken a couple of weeks to catch up with emails. I am glad that I managed to draft the March contribution to this column before I went on holiday.

On my return I also found that my diary had filled up! On 3rd April I had a Teams meeting with Silverstone to discuss the new accreditation system for non-SMT marshals to access the circuit. It seems that the Health & Safety Executive are requiring all people who work at Silverstone to read and sign an online induction before they will be given access to the site.



This new accreditation system affects all members of BMMC that wish to marshal at Silverstone; the fact the induction looks like it has been lifted from a building site makes no sense at all. On 9th April I attended a BMMC Governance Working Group (GWG) meeting charged with revising BMMC policies and ended up being tasked with Mike Sargeant (SW Secretary) to drafting a Corporate Risk Assessment Policy.

On 24th April I was booked into a Zoom Meeting to discuss a letter from BARC that proposed that they would undertake marshal recruitment at BTCC events. It has been suggested that their marshalling numbers are down.

On 30th April there was another GWG meeting to review the draft policies with the aim of seeking BMMC Board approval on 19th June. I was tasked with drawing up a draft Risk Register with a couple of draft "risks"; I circulated this on 7th May.

On 7th May I chaired the South Mids Committee meeting. We interviewed Nina Fountain who has applied for the vacant Trainer's post. We were all impressed by her credentials and subsequent to the meeting Nina agreed to take the post; her position will be ratified at the regional AGM. Since my return I have attended three meetings at Silverstone; 13th April MSVR, 27th April GTs, and 4th May International Trophy. This year I have mainly volunteered for one day of a two-day meeting. The MSVR meeting was the smoothest, but I am glad I was not there on the Sunday for a 3 hour C1 race with a very low grid. There was some confusion at the GT meeting with some marshals being allocated the wrong duties or even duties that do not exist at Silverstone (Paddock). There was also some confusion on the allocation of posts, as Post Chief I was sent to Luffield Centre, not Luffield Outside; this left a light panel without an operator (the Flag at Centre needed guidance only his second day flagging). The International Trophy was a sad reflection of past events given this accolade. The International Trophy was originally a non-championship Formula 1 race. I remember one such race in the 70s; it was won by Keke Rosberg in a Theodore (I think). It was pouring with rain throughout the race. It started with two warm up laps because of the weather. On his first lap Ronnie Peterson spun his Lotus 78 at Woodcote; on his second lap Ronnie was obviously not happy with his first effort, he tried even harder and completely destroyed the car in the catch fencing at Woodcote. Nicki Lauda's Ferrari came to a muddy end in the ploughed field at farm. He refused to leave the car until a marshal gave him a piggy back ride out of the mud. This year's International ended with a two car twenty minute race between a Chevron and a Renault Clio laughably referred to racing closely by Fay; they were on the same lap; someone questioned Fay's definition of close. It was a Farce of a meeting. I hope no one received the Trophy.

Chris Whitlock SMids Chairman British Motorsport Marshals Club

Secretary Scribblings

The South Midlands committee meets on alternate months, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Please see the meeting calendar below. Here is a summary of some of the topics that the committee has covered since the last Newsletter:

- The May committee meeting was attended by Nina Foutain, who had applied for the role of Regional Training Co-Ordinator. Many of you will know Nina from BRSCC meetings, and from delivering training for both BMMC and BRSCC. In times past she has also been a member of the South Midlands Regional committee. We are delighted to tell you that Nina has taken up the role and been co-opted to the committee with immediate effect. She will be a valuable asset to the committee and to the level of training in the region. On a wider note BMMC has also welcomed Alan Page as National Training Co-Ordinator, and he will be working with all the Regional Co-Ordinators to strengthen our training offering.
- Received a report on the new recruitment initiative at Bicester Scramble. We were given a prime location outside Motorsport UK offices, with Dawn Butcher, a BMMC ambassador, bringing her GTI race car on display. Footfall was brisk in the morning, with a lot of leaflets handed out, and we have been invited back for the next Scramble on October 6th.
- Marshal recruitment at the British Grand Prix is being co-ordinated by Motorsport UK, who will have a
 very large stand advertising participation in all forms of motorsport and not just volunteering. At the
 time of our last meeting we had not had any details of this, but Glynn has subsequently sent out
 information asking for people interested in helping to get in touch.
- BMMC was contacted by BARC about marshal recruitment at BTTC events. For a number of years
 this has been managed exclusively by BMMC on behalf of the whole marshalling community, but
 BARC now want to spearhead.
- Received a report that Silverstone may be willing to assist with tickets etc to enable us to re-start
 Taster Days, which we had to reluctantly stop during 2023. After our meeting Chris had a
 conversation with Silverstone and confirmed that we should indeed be able to restart soon, and Kaz is
 busy contacting all the people on our Taster Day list to see who is still interested. If you would like to
 help out please get in touch with Kaz on sm.members@marshals.co.uk
- Received some more information about the accreditation process at Silverstone for visiting marshals. It appears that the process was triggered after an in-field incident which resulted in Silverstone needing to ensure all people working at the venue had had a Safety Induction before entering the site. Silverstone had included visiting marshals in their definition of "working", and used marshals volunteering through BMMC to test out the system. It has now been agreed that BMMC marshals will not be asked to use the accreditation process.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like the Committee 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 2024 are below 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.

Monday June 10th (note changed date), Monday September 9th and Monday November 4th If you have any comments or questions about the Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Marion on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk.

Marion Quarrington
SMids Secretary
British Motorsport Marshals Club

Impending Vacancy

Our South Midlands Regional Chair, Chris Whitlock, has given notice to the Committee that he will be retiring from the role with effect from the AGM in October. We shall therefore be seeking a new Regional Chair for South Midlands Region. This note is to let you know how and when applications for the role will be advertised, and how you will be able to apply if you are interested.

Following from the adoption of the new Articles of Association and Club Rules last year, the Regional Chair is now elected directly by the regional members, and there is a process and a timetable for this to happen. The process is to be run entirely electronically, so please make sure that we hold your up-to-date email details so that you can take part.

The first formal communication will be sent out by email in August, and will be the official Notice of the Vacancy. This will include the application form, the process for applying and the deadline for candidates to submit their application form. To be eligible to stand a marshal must be affiliated to the South Midlands region, hold a grade of at least Grade 1 in any of the Motorsport UK marshalling disciplines, and have marshalled at least one event in the previous year. If there is only one eligible candidate when the deadline passes then they will be declared elected as Regional Chair without the need for any voting. Should more than one eligible candidate step forward then there will be an election, which will start when the details of the candidates are sent out to the members, along with the voting procedure and the date when the voting closes. The successful candidate will be announced once the election has closed and the votes have been counted. The new Regional Chair will be ratified at the AGM.

For anyone who is thinking of standing for this role I have put the role statement for the South Midlands Regional Chair on the next page, so you can see what it entails. In addition to the regional responsibilities all Regional Chairs are also Directors of British Motorsport Marshals' Club Limited, which carries with it certain legal responsibilities under the Companies Act 2006. It is very strongly recommended that anyone who is considering standing for the role has a chat with an existing Director to make sure they understand the obligations of being a Director, so please contact Chris at sm.chair@marshals.co.uk, or the National Secretary John Edwards at nat.secretary@marshals.co.uk or any of the other Regional Directors.

Marion Quarrington SMids Secretary British Motorsport Marshals Club



BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD. South Midlands Chair Role Description

Objectives:

- Improve communications in the region
- Engage with the committee and develop team working
- Engage with members, invite them to talk to me
- Improve relations with Silverstone Marshals' Team (SMT) so that we can work together
- Ensure the region reflects British Motorsports Marshals' Club (BMMC) core principles and objectives

Actions - Including but not limited to:

Region

- Ensure the region makes the best use of communication facilities available e.g. Newsletter, Face Book, and MailChimp
- o Develop the style of the Regional Newsletter, Face Book, and MailChimp to be more attractive to members
- o Encourage the region's committee to contribute to the Newsletter, and communicate with members
- o Provide advice and guidance for members on request
- o Ensure region complies with BMMC financial procedures as advised by National Treasurer
- o Motivate and support the committee to deliver their objectives
- Advertise committee vacancies and assess the best person for the job as necessary
- o Chair regional committee meetings; raise issues arising with National Council
- Ensure that region follows BMMC policy guidelines, rules and Articles of Association
- Use every opportunity to communicate and meet with members
- Communicate with SMT to share volunteering, training, grading and taster day opportunities

National

- Represent the region at BMMC National Council Meetings
- Participate in Board policy making as a Director of BMMC
- Liaise with National Officers and fellow Directors on development of new strategies and policies
- o Provide feedback to region committee and members on Board and National Council decisions
- o Approve marshal upgrade requests
- o Approve appointment of new Directors and recruitment of new members
- Update BMMC National Contacts List as necessary to reflect changes in region's committee

Skills

- Must lead by example, be fair and objective
- Must be familiar with Microsoft Office, Word & Excel
- Must be proactive and self-motivating
- Must have a good telephone manner
- Must be assertive and good communicator both verbally and in writing
- Must be approachable and a good listener
- Must respond promptly to questions
- Must attend meetings promptly and efficiently
- Must submit replies and responses in time to meet deadlines

Qualifications

- Must be a Member of BMMC
- Must be elected by regional members
- Must be an active marshal and hold a minimum of Grade 1
- Being a member of SMT might contribute to good relations!

BMMC Volunteering System

Below I have compiled a list of events happening in June, July and August within our South Midlands region, further details of these events can be found by logging on to our volunteering web site.

Please do use our volunteering web site to register the events you are volunteering for, be it either volunteering for an event or just registering that you have volunteered direct with the organising club, these entries are used by our national committee with items such as the number of days our members have volunteered for, to obtain more accurate quotations for our insurance.

Whichever way you choose to volunteer for any motorsport event please ensure you volunteer with one organisation only, this will ensure the event Chief Marshal has an accurate list of marshals volunteered.

Enjoy your marshalling and stay safe.

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

2024 SOUTH MIDLANDS EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	1	Type	Location	Title
	Organiser	Type		Title
Jun 1 st	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Jun 2 nd	VSCC	Vehicle Display	Stony Stratford MK	
Jun 7 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Practice
Jun 8 th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Equipe Racing
Jun 8 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Jun 8 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Kimbolton Festival
Jun 9 th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Equipe Racing
Jun 9 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Jun 9 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Kimbolton Festival
Jun 10 th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	
Jun 15 th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British F4
Jun 15 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 6
Jun 16 th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British F4
Jun 16 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 6
Jun 22 nd	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
July 6th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
July 7th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
July 13 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Practice
July 14 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 6
July 19 th	750 MC	Sprint	Silverstone	Formula Student
July 19 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 7
July 20 th	750 MC	Sprint	Silverstone	Formula Student
July 20 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 7
July 21st	750 MC	Sprint	Silverstone	Formula Student
July 21st	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 7
July 26 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	British Championship
July 27 th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	GB3 & GB4
July 27 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	British Championship
July 28 th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	GB3 & GB4
July 28 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	British Championship
Aug 3 rd	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Aug 4 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Aug 9 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	British Championship
Aug 10 th	BDC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Bentley Drivers Club
Aug 10 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	British Championship
Aug 10 th	SKC	Karting	Sheninton	Global Karting
Aug 11 th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	British Championship
Aug 11 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Aug 17 th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	TCR UK
Aug 17 th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Aug 18 th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Aug 18 th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	TCR UK
Aug 23 rd	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Silverstone Festival
Aug 23 rd	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Super One Series
Aug 24 th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Silverstone Festival
Aug 24 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Super One Series
Aug 25 th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Silverstone Festival
Aug 25 th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Super One Series

Marshal Recruitment

The events that your South Midlands Recruitment Team will be attending in 2024, is as below.

4th, 5th, 6th & 7th July Silverstone BGP – Now organised by Motorsport UK

23rd, 24th & 25th August Silverstone Festival (The Classic)

14th & 15th September Kop Hill Climb

21st & 22nd September Silverstone BTCC – to be organised by BARC

November Silverstone Motorsport Days Live (event to be confirmed)

If you are available and fancy helping out at one of our marshal recruitment events, please drop me an email.

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

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 25th 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 virtually via Zoom, 19.45 for 20.00.

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 2024 are:

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Website Update

The South Midlands website is available for members with information on:

- News and newsletters (including our archive going back to 2015: https://www.marshals.co.uk/southmidlands/south-midlands-newsletter-archive/)
- Information on circuits and various disciplines
- Information about the regional committee
- Link to the volunteering portal as well as requests for marshals needed

We also send out messages via MailChimp, please make sure you are registered to receive these.

We also have a Facebook site (look for group: BMMC South Midlands Facebook). This is for members only, but we welcome all positive messages about the region or other marshalling related questions.

There is also a BMMC facebook site (look for: British Motorsports Marshals Club (National)), again this is for members only.

If there is any other information you would like to see on the website, please let me know and I can see if it can be included.

Emile Naus SMids Website Administrator British Motorsport Marshals Club

Regalia Update – Spring 2024

As we start a new season just a reminder that the club has a cornucopia of regalia to start your season with a fresh look.

New for 2024 are newly designed cloth badges to adorn your overalls.



The prices range from £2.30 to £2.50. All of these and more can be seen on the website.

Adrian Cashmore SMids Regalia Officer British Motorsport Marshals Club

BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

For British Rally Marshals Club regalia please contact:

Derek Murphy - Mobile: 07768 202236 - Email: regalia@brmc.org.uk

For all other Club Regalia please see our latest on-line catalogue www.marshals.co.uk

Or send an A5 size SAE to: Adrian Cashmore, 9 Church Street Weedon, Northants, NN74PL

Item	Price	Grade	Qty	Total Cost
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Grading Badge (Please provide Proof of Grade)	1.50			
Union Badge	1.50			
Sew-on Cloth Badge	2.00			
LapelBadge	2.00			
Interior Sticker	2.00			
Exterior Sticker	2.00			
Long Interior Sticker	2.00			
Heroes Cloth Badge	2.00			
Heroes Lapel Badge	2.00			
Heroes Sticker	2.00			
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