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The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – February 2017

Dear SW Members

I hope you have managed to keep warm, hail and hearty in the last few weeks with the cold snap that has occurred. Although it appears to be getting milder as we move towards Spring. Won't be long now before we are back out on circuit in whatever disciplines you're involved in.

The training days will be upon us shortly before the racing season starts proper, so if you are considering some training, especially Speed/Hill Climb then don't forget to contact Alex Hodgkinson our Training Officer to sign up for our very own training day on 12 March 2017 at Boscombe Aviation Museum.

He'll need to know numbers for catering purposes, so make sure he knows you want to come if you are intending to come and let him know as soon as please. His contact e-mail is sw.training@marshals.co.uk

This year is the Club's Diamond Jubilee year, so look out for your Goody Bag coming from National with membership renewals.

If there is anything you wish the committee to take forward on your behalf then do please let any one of us know. Similarly, we are always looking for articles to go in to our Newsletter so any little stories you have please send direct to Karen Connolly our Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter. Her contact e-mail is sw.newsletter@marshals.co.uk

All the best and stay safe.

Wendi Batteson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Marshals Wanted for two different events!

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Unlike last year I can be more open this time round. We have again been asked to provide the safety cover (marshals) for the filming of Grand Tour at their test track near Swindon. I do not have any definitive dates yet, but.....

- Each day is very different! We normally sign on at 07:30 or 8:00 and are there until 18:00, but each day's timing varies slightly.
- We get breakfast (normally bacon, egg and sausage butties etc.)
- Lunch is provided (normally a hot main course and pudding)
- Tea and coffee all day
- £45.00 towards expenses
- Filming days are very variable – all are mid-week

Filming depends on the weather and there are times when a good book is very valuable – but then you get to see some very exotic cars being thrashed round the circuit. Those who did it last year thoroughly enjoyed their days at the track (and at the studio session as well).

All accepted volunteers will need to sign a non-disclosure agreement before marshalling.

I publish a list of the planned filming dates to all volunteers, then try to select 8 for each day, giving everyone as equal a chance as possible. Very often we will get a last minute change of date, so flexibility is essential.

If you are interested, please let me know by e-mail at Hobson.c@btinternet.com and please head your e-mail Grand Tour.

Kop Hill Climb September 16 & 17



Probably the friendliest, easiest going meeting of the year. Guaranteed lunch breaks, lunch packs and the grateful thanks of all the entrants.

Kop Hill near Princes Risborough Buckinghamshire, has been a speed hill climb for motorcycles and motorcars since 1910, but was closed in 1925 when a student lost control of his Bugatti and went into the crowd, signalling the end of closed roads racing in this country.

On Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th September 2017 there will be the ninth revival meeting. The event will not be a timed speed hill climb but rather a commemorative run to recall Kop Hill's glorious past. A sort of mini-Goodwood (as it used to be in the early days!) on closed public roads! Last year we had over 16, 000 spectators over the two days and donated over £100,000 for local charities.

Our plan is for 400 motorcycles and motorcars taking to the hill over the weekend, (about 220 each day), the majority of which will be Veteran or Vintage that could have taken part in the early days of the run, together with a whole host of vehicles up to 1972 plus a class for modern exotics.

I am organising all the marshalling and will be acting as Clerk of the Course. I am again looking for a full team to run the event. Please have a look at the web site or talk to any of those who have marshalled the previous events – I guarantee a great weekend. Details are here:- <http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk>.

It should be a really good event - if you can help please contact me on Hobson.c@btinternet.com. Please title your e-mail 'Kop Hillclimb' and let me know if you would like to work in the paddock or on the hill. I look forward to a deluge of replies! Those who did the event over the last seven years will tell you just how superb it is.

Chris
Chris Hobson

Request for Newsletter Articles

To all SW Region members

The Newsletter is your way to bring your views and thoughts about any and all Marshalling matters to the front and to raise discussion.

It's not just for the Committee to do but for all of us. We, the Regional Committee therefore ask you all to send in your articles to our Newsletter Editor Karen Connolly for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Karen can be contacted by e-mail at: sw.newsletter@marshals.co.uk

Chris
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Regional Grading Officer

Hello, it's about time I introduced myself to you all. I'm Chris Drew, the Regional Grading Officer for the South West. I've held this post now, for just over a year and enjoy hearing from marshals moving forward.

I've been marshalling myself since 2009. I've travelled around, covering events from Goodwood, Castle Combe and Brands Hatch to Rockingham and Donington. In the now, 8 years, I've also marshalled some prestige events, including the British and Australian Grand Prix. Also on my marshalling resume, are the Hankook 24 hour in Dubai and the 12 hour in Zandvoort.

I'm interested in all forms of motor sport, on four wheels, from the Grand Prix, Touring cars, karts and rallying; hill climb and race.

My own grade currently, is Incident Officer, so some of you may know me from circuits around. Unfortunately, my present employment, prevents me from full participation on the bank, but I get to as many events as I can through the year.

My contact details are available through the BMMC website. Don't hesitate to contact for any grading queries or for your next upgrade. Hope to see you on a circuit or hear from you for any questions on grading.

Chris
Chris Drew
SW Regional Grading Officer
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Trainer's Thoughts...

Let me introduce myself, I am Alex Hodgkinson and I am the South West's Training Coordinator. A fantastically exciting role for me and I look forward to working with you all in the season to come.

I am very pleased to say that after a fair few months of negotiation, emails and phone calls that the regions training day for 2017 has been confirmed for 12 March 2017.

The location of our training say is once again at the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (BDAC) Museum, based at Old Sarum airfield in Salisbury. This is the same location that our Kart training was held in October 2016 and thanks to the help of the BDAC and Patrex Safety Solutions for allowing us to use their facilities once again.

At the time of writing I only have about ten places left so if you haven't already, make sure you book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This can be done either by using the volunteering pages on the BMMC SW Region volunteering web pages or by emailing me directly at sw.training@marshals.co.uk.

I am pleased to welcome Lynne Kendall as the Lead Trainer for the day. For those that are unaware she is also the National Training Officer so she will be able to discuss any training queries or concerns that you have directly and also be able to provide information and a bit of an update of what is going on Nationally.

The finer points of the day are yet to be ratified but as soon as they are then an announcement will be made via this newsletter and the regions Facebook and Twitter outlets – do stay tuned. A hot meal will be provided for those attending so if you have any specific dietary requirements, please let me know as early as possible. You do not have to be a NMMC Member to attend this training, but you do need to have registered your wish to attend.

Now, I am sure many of you are thinking “Why isn't it at a hill?” or “Why isn't it at a race track?”

The answer is very simple. The MSA has received guidance from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the use of petroleum products for fire training in areas that are not designed for such training. The worries of the EA are that there is a possibility that the petroleum products used in fire training **and** the extinguishing medium used to put them out, having a negative effect on the local environment: water tables, rivers, plants etc. The outcome of this is simple. The days of your local circuit getting a shelled out car and setting fire to it on the gravel outside of turn three are at an end. Now, practical fire training needs to be undertaken at properly licensed fire training grounds. Such as those found at airfields, fire stations etc. The facilities available to us via the BDAC at Old Sarum airfield means that we can have a safe and controlled environment so that we can be sure that we are complying with the regulations and that you, the marshals, are getting effective training on live fires.

Whilst I have my own ideas and thoughts on what I can do to make the training days as engaging and interesting as possible, I am very keen to hear what you have to say about the training days you've experienced. Have they been to your satisfaction? Is there a particular specialisation that you feel gets overlooked? I really am keen to hear from anyone, regardless of experience, grade or specialisation.

I have a very strong committee and two very competent MSA trainers in Wendi Batteson and Paul Wiltshire behind me but it is the membership, you as the marshals will guide how the training days are organised and what is included. So, the more information I can get, the more I can plan and hopefully make the day a success for all.

Alex
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BMMC Volunteering Web Page

For those of you that are not aware, there is an electronic volunteering system set up on the BMMC web pages. This system provides you, the member the opportunity to take control of your own volunteering for events that you wish to marshal for in the coming season. Your regional volunteering coordinator will have populated the pages for the SW Region with as many motorsport events as possible. This includes, circuit racing, speed, rally and karting events within the region. Volunteering coordinators for all the other regions will have done the same. So, you the member should be able to volunteer for any event put onto the site throughout the country.

The primary use for this, is so the member can see what events are available and use the contact information to enable the member to volunteer directly to the organising club.

The site will have:

- a. The events listed in each region.
- b. The contact details of the Chief Marshals.
- c. Details of the events, cut off dates, signing on details etc.

The member can then use the organising clubs own electronic volunteering pages (BARC and Castle Combe) have these. I would encourage the member to volunteer using that route.

There is the facility to request insurance only cover on the event page. You need to click on (volunteered directly to the organising club). This will show on the system and will give you the extra cover that the BMMC insurance gives you.

I can hear you now saying why do I need to do this when I get insurance cover from the MSA when I volunteer for any motorsports events. The reason being the BMMC insurance covers you from leaving home and traveling to the event and then home again. The MSA insurance only covers you while you are at the event. So, it's well worth doing.

The member can also print out their own personal event calendar from the site as a reminder. There is also a link to an events calendar for your electronic gadget or phone, which will enable you to set reminders.

Just follow the link from the BMMC web site to get to the volunteering pages, set up your account and you are away. There is an online help guide to help when you have set up and logged on. With a frequent questions section to help as well. I know there are some of you who are not computer friendly and will still wish to stay with paper forms only. The regional volunteering coordinator will still hold paper insurance only forms, so don't despair.

Paul

Paul Wiltshire

SW Region Volunteering Coordinator

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Social Media News

Hi there,

Having been on the Committee for a year now, I thought I should write another article to let you know what I have been up to.

First of all, I am hoping that you will have seen everything I have done in my role looking after the Social Media side of things – more posts to Facebook, more posts to Twitter (if you use it).

Over the year, I have tried to make sure that at least once a week, I bring you all the important bits of news as quickly as I can, as well as few lighter moments. I think the balance is about right, but do let me know if you want more of something, or less of something...

What I would like (and I know that Kaz who writes our Newsletter would agree) are more reports from you, our members. Many of you get to travel overseas to enjoy your hobby – can we ask you to write a few words and send in a couple of pictures? How about a new recruit telling us about your first day at an event as a marshal? I am sure our other members would love to hear about races and events they have never been to, but might be interested in.

Is there anything else you want to know? Is there something that you want from your club but don't know where to go to ask?

And a reminder of how to get in touch with BMMC South West:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BMMCSW/>

Twitter: @BMMC_SW https://twitter.com/BMMC_SW

Email: sw.media@marshals.co.uk

Cheers all

David
David Patrick
SW Media Officer
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Memories of my Marshalling Career

Well how did it all begin, that was about 1980 to 1983 a work friend got me to go to Thruxton Circuit for a day out and persuaded me to sign on and spend the day on post with him and then I caught the bug and now some 30 plus years on I still have it. In my early years there were many people that helped me along the way Mike Devine, Stan Hunt, Mike Norris - Hill, John Cawsey, George Copeland, David Darley, Steve White, Jim Keenan and many more beside. I cannot remember who it was that got me to join the BMRMC but it was the best thing I ever did, I went through the BMRMC Grading scheme from novice to Examining Observer.

Over the years I have officiated at a wide range of events from Club races, Hillclimbs, Sprint events at Goodwood with the London Car Club and Ocean Village in Southampton, the World Sports Prototype 1000kms at Donnington, Silverstone, Brands Hatch, a lot of BTCC rounds, the Silverstone Tourist Trophy, Formula 3000 races, The British Grand Prix for 20 years and a couple of European Grand Prix's at Brands Hatch and Donnington.

How did my association with OCA and Circuit Park Zandvoort begin, I was on post at Thruxton one day and Steve White asked me to sign this MSA form and I went to the 1985 FIA F1 World Championship round in the Netherlands and whilst there I made some very good friends and they asked me to come back so I did. Over the years I have done some varied events such as Historics, World Touring cars, DTM Marlboro Masters F3, Historic Grand Prix, DTM, ADAC GT Masters Blancpain Sprint Final and the 12 hours of Zandvoort.

In 2007 I was invited by BARC to do the Dubai 24 hours and in 2010 to do the FIA GT1 World Championship round in Abu Dhabi and for the past 5 years I have been the South West Region Recruitment Officer so you see I have done a lot of things as a marshal and I still enjoy it and would recommend the BMMC to anyone.

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