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The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – April 2018

Dear SW Members

Well, what can I say, we've had some topsy turvy weather with the Beast from the East and then some real summery type weather of up to 28 degrees in heat and sunshine. It is back to what could be considered normal at the moment and Spring is underway with greenery everywhere.

I hope any training days you attended were worth the effort made and you got the right modules signed off in your PRC. Our Kart marshal training day was a huge success and very interactive which was great. Chris Hobson our previous National Chairman came to help out, which was great for us and one or two members were caught in clinches to demonstrate various FMOS requirements which caused a few wry comments as you can imagine! All in great spirit and a good day was had by all, according to the majority of comments on the feedback forms. A huge Thank you to Alex our Training Officer for organising this.

Your committee is looking to fill a couple of vacancies if anyone is interested in helping out and becoming involved in the Region. Please do contact me for further details.

All the best and stay safe

Wendi Batteson
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Castle Combe Training Day

On Sunday 8th April over 130 marshals attended the Castle Combe training day, many of whom were BMMC members. This was a re-arranged date as the initial training day had been yet another victim of the legendary beast from the east. I was proud once again to be asked by the club to help instruct on the day as my role as an MSA Trainer.



One of the experienced groups attending the fire theory session

Of the 130 or more marshals attending there were 30 trainees, which was good to see that young blood is being drawn into the wonderful world of marshalling. They were given their own group and timetable, so as enable them to be given a taste of all the different sessions being held throughout the day. This way you give them enough of a feel for what marshalling is all about, without overloading them first time out with information.



Giving the trainees a reminder of the safety points about fighting fires before letting them loose



Trainees are encouraged to have a go at using a fire extinguisher under controlled conditions. They all seemed to enjoy this part of the day.

The session topics for the day were:

1. First Aid
2. Fire Theory and Practical
3. First Marshal On Scene Theory and Practical
4. Flags
5. Communications Theory and Practical
6. MSA Incident Pack

Some of the practical sessions during the day included car handling and rolling. First Aid is always well received; first marshal on scene practical used formula fords in scrutineering to add authenticity to the session. Communications did an information handling exercise using radios, which proved more difficult than some people realised, but very thought provoking showing just how important it is to give clear information on radios.

Thanks to the Castle Combe Racing Club for putting on again a very good training day. If the comments I heard during the day is anything to go by all those attending were pleased with the day. The club has built up a good reputation of putting on a well-structured and interesting day. Which I am very honoured to be part of.

Paul Wiltshire
South West Members & Competitions Secretary
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BMMC Training Day Old Sarum

On Saturday March 10th. The SW Region held a training day at Old Sarum airfield just outside Salisbury. Fortunately, the weather held for this years event, as many others held this year had been blighted by the beasts from the east.

The training day had been arranged for and aimed at Kart Marshals this year. As the BMMC alternates each year, between different marshalling disciplines. Although all marshals are invited to training days. This years attendance was slightly down on years previous possibly due to the bad weather we were all experiencing this spring.

The day began with the classroom sessions. The subjects covered being. Fire Theory and Practical,



Paul Wiltshire
Taking the fire
theory session with
an attentive
audience

First Marshal on Scene, taken by Chris Hodgson



Dave Weston taking the communication
session as part of his assessment.



The practical fire fighting is always popular with the marshals attending. Our thanks again to Gareth Woodrow for the provision of the area to carry out this session

Kart Flagging was presented by Steve Brooks and communications by Dave Weston. Dave Weston is a probationary MSA trainer and gave this session as part of his assessment to become a full MSA trainer. The SW region committee would like to thank the staff at the Boscombe Air Museum for the use of their facilities and to the volunteer trainers for giving up their time to assist with the days events.

The committee is already looking towards the 2019 training days. If any of the SW region members have anything that they would like to be presented at the next training day the region holds. Please contact Alex Hodgkinson (Training Officer), or Wendi Batteson the SW Chair.

To all our members keep safe this season and put to good use the training you have all acquired.

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