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Wendi Batterson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – December 2018

Dear SW Members

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a festive merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Some of you will be relaxing I hope and recharging the old batteries ready for next season. Some of us, particularly Kart marshals carry on throughout the year, so I do hope their festive break is a well-earned rest! Having said that, some marshals are required for Boxing Day events like the Plum Pudding run, so I think it is fair to say we're out in all weathers and at all times throughout the year.

Chris Turrall our Recruitment officer retires on New Year's Eve, so I wish him well for the future, and if any of you are interested in that role on the SW Committee please do let me know. In fact, if anyone is interested in helping out and becoming involved in the Region. Please do contact me for further details.

The Bellini Trophy which is awarded for outstanding services to marshalling or our club was awarded to Chris Hobson of our region, for all he has previously done for the club and continues to do. I caught up with Chris at Camberley Kart Club where he was Stewarding for the meeting and asked Steve Brooks the Chief Marshal for Camberley Kart Club to present the award. It had been a cold and very wet day at Camberley, though the racing had been good. We were all feeling the chill by the time of the presentation.





We will be organising a training day for speed next year at Boscombe Aviation Museum to be held on a date to be confirmed sometime in May. Subject of course to obtaining grant funding to do so from BSMTT. I'll let you know as soon as it is organised.

Our dates for next year's committee meetings to be held at the Toby Carvery Solstice Park Services off the A303 are:-

Thursday 24 January 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 11 April 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 18 July 2019 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursday 24 October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm;

and finally, the AGM on Sunday 17 November 2019 at 12noon – venue to be advised.

Members are always welcome to attend any of our committee meetings, so if you wish to come along please diarise these dates.

I had a lovely Christmas Card from Maureen Stevens who won one of our 60th Anniversary raffle prizes of a "White Knuckle Ride" at Thruxton. Her experience follows later.

All the best and stay safe.

Wendi Batteson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

A Day to Remember White Knuckle Ride at Thruxton

WOW, we had such an amazing day. It started with a very friendly and warm welcome from the staff and drivers at Thruxton and with so much to see and cars of all shapes and sizes and ALL very fast.

We were entertained with food whilst waiting for our turn in the Hospitality Centre. Not before very long it was my turn in the three cars and the "White knuckle Ride" began.

First was the Porsche Cayman, then the Skoda Octavia and lastly the Peugeot THP Spider Race car. Each ride was 1 and a half laps round.

When in the Peugeot, it was difficult to explain the feeling of going at such a speed. The wind was getting under my helmet and it felt as though it would be wrenched off my head with it! You saw a corner approaching and then you were round it. It really was very quick! And unforgettable. Friends who came with us are signing up for a ride next year.

Thank you so much.

Maureen and Andrew Stevens

Retirement

To all my friends and fellow marshals throughout our SW Region, the time has come for me to retire due to my ongoing health problems. Unfortunately, I am not fit enough to be on the bank with you and although I have tried to do a duty away from the bank unfortunately my health issues have given me problems. I eventually discussed the situation with my GP and we decided that the time was right to retire.

I have been marshalling for well over 34 years and during this time I have met many interesting people as well as officiating at many events from:

Club meetings to Grand Prix's to the Dubai 24 hours in 2007 to the FIA GT1 Championship Abu Dhabi as well as 32 plus years officiating at Circuit Zandvoort at so many different meetings. Also, over the past 6 years I have been the Recruitment Officer for the SW Region BMMC.

So now it is time to say enough is enough.

I will support the region and the BMMC because I believe it is the best club for marshals in the Country and I urge you all to support our Committee in all they do.

If you think you have something to offer why not join the Committee. You can do this by sending the Chairman, Wendi Batteson, an e-mail at sw.chair@marshals.co.uk explaining what you have to offer and what you would like to do.

Chris A Turrall
Examining Post Chief

Clio Cup star Rowbottom confirms British Touring Car Championship campaign



Kidderminster-based Renault Clio Cup ace Dan Rowbottom will join the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship in 2019.

Backed by leading fuel and exhaust system cleaning brand Cataclean, Dan will graduate from the Renault Clio UK Cup to the BTCC with Ciceley Motorsport. That will mean Dan lines up in one of the team's Mercedes-Benz A-Class cars for the 2019 season.

Rowbo was a triple race winner last season on his way to fourth place in the Renault Clio UK Cup and has been eager to graduate to the BTCC. With the support from Cataclean, a long-time backer and supporter of Dan's racing, the time is right to step up to the BTCC.

Dan's career began in karting, winning the 2001 Super 1 National Comer Cadet Championship and the Renault Elite League - Super Libre title in 2005. A move to cars came in 2008 with a season in the SEAT Cupra Championship before funding stopped his progression. A return to car racing in 2015 placed Rowbo in the Lotus Elise Trophy before moving to Renault Clio in 2016.

"Money has always been tight and so to join the BTCC grid is a dream come true," says Dan. "Cataclean has been a great backer of my racing and with its support we have been able to make this possible for 2019 and beyond. With Ciceley Motorsport we have found a team that is a perfect fit and one that I am really happy to be with. We have been talking to the guys at Ciceley for a while and I have a really good feeling about the team and it will be great to be able to learn from Adam Morgan who has proved that the Mercedes-Benz A-Class is a winning car. I can't wait to get started."

Ciceley Motorsport Commercial Director Norman Burgess said: "We are delighted to welcome Dan to the team. We have been watching his pace in the Renault Clio Cup and have been very impressed, especially as he has been the real underdog up against the bigger teams. We are confident that he will soon be up to speed in the BTCC and we look forward to working with Dan and seeing him progress in the championship. Dan is a class act both at and away from the race track, we nearly secured his services while running our Clio team, everybody at Ciceley Motorsport is really looking forward to working with him.

"We are delighted to welcome Cataclean to the grid as well. A new, major sponsor on the BTCC grid is always welcome and we look forward to helping Cataclean promote its message successfully next season."

The opening rounds of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship will be at Brands Hatch, Kent, on April 6/7 with live and exclusive race day coverage on ITV4.

Peter Wilson
National Recruitment Officer
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Regalia Items

Item	Cost
	(£)
Union Jack W/Website	2.00
BMMC Anorak Badge	2.00
BMMC Lapel Badge	2.00
BMMC Tie Pin	2.00

BMMC Stickers etc.

Exterior Stickers	2.00
Long Atmospheric Stickers	2.00

Heroes items

Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Lapel Badge www	2.00
Heroes Stickers	2.00
Heroes Key-Rings	2.00
Proud Marshal Stickers	2.00

Clothing & Equipment

Woollen Ski Hats Black	4.50
Woollen Ski Hats Orange	4.50
Baseball Caps - Black	7.00
Baseball Caps - Orange	7.00

Sundry Zero Value Items

Grading Badges	1.00
Large Stickers 7"x7"	1.00

(Please note prices are as last advised).

I can be normally be found at Thruxton, Gurston Down, but also marshal at Castle Combe or Wiscombe Park.

If you need any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact me as per details advised within members of the committee.

Please also note that if you require new overalls these can be obtained at a discount, directly from AWS (tel 01233 638498); you will need to quote your BMMC membership number, and upon a signed delivery you will be entitled to a contribution to the delivery cost.

Ian Harrison
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