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# The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman .....

## SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – August 2019

Dear SW Members

I am very pleased to announce Rob Hambly as our new Social Media/PRO and Webadmin officer for the SW Region. Duly appointed at our last committee meeting. Welcome on board Rob.

I am also pleased to say we managed to get a budget to run a Speed Training Day at Boscombe Aviation Museum, where we usually hold our Training events.

This is set for **20<sup>th</sup> October 2019** and will cover the usual, modules of training required for Speed. So that will be First Aid/FMOS, Incident reports, fire (theory & practical), radio procedure & communication and Flag along with anything else we can think of for your delectation. A buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Alex Hodgkinson our training officer to book your place. If Alex's work takes him abroad as it does from time to time I will then take up his mantle in the interim.

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

Thursday 24 October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm;

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

All the best and stay safe.

*Wendi Batteson*  
South West Chairman  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## BMMC South West Intrepid Travellers

Have you ever travelled a long distance to marshal? Three members of the South West region did earlier this year when they visited the Isle of Man, not as far as some have travelled but far enough.

The Manx Motor Racing Club (MMRC) were seeking marshals for their Manx Classic event in April as they had insufficient marshals from the island, so led by Graham Ellis applications were made to marshal. The three travellers were Graham, his wife Celia and Al Clarke, applications were lodged and acceptances soon came back. All we had to do now was get there but, this was not as difficult as first thought mainly because the MMRC had got suitable arrangements in place for us to catch the ferry and arrive at our designated hotel in time for a sign on and briefing before a trip around the island to locate the three sites we would be marshalling at.

We joined marshals from all across the UK, some travelling even further than us, from Somerset as well as across from the Midlands, North West and North East. We were able to visit all three locations for the events at the "Sloc" down near Peel in the South West of the island, Creg Willys in the centre of the island and Lhergy Frissel which is in the north of the island. All three locations are closed road events; which the Isle of Man are experienced in as they hold the annual motorcycle TT races; part of the TT course passing through the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> location we were to marshal on. The weather on the island had been brilliant in the two weeks leading up to the events but Storm Hannah was heading in and we experienced three days of cold, windy and wet weather.



Al, Celia and Graham on the "Sloc" day one

On the first day Al was on a post at the top of the hill and Graham and Celia were close to the start. It was Al who had his hands full with an especially significant incident part way through the day requiring attendance of the rescue and medical crews, luckily the injuries to the driver were minor but the position of the car in its final resting place was difficult leading to a long delay while recovery was carried out.

On the second day the weather was a little kinder with lots of rain and a bit less wind but again Al was in the thick of it dealing with a number of incidents even though he was at post one, whilst Graham and Celia dealt with a single breakdown further up the hill.



Graham and Al at Creg Wilys on day two

On the third day all three were in view of each other but, Al was located on one of the TT posts and Graham and Celia were the next post up located on an earth ramp in a better protected area. On this day none of us were in action but, at lunchtime the Chief Marshal and his team decided that the weather was so bad that marshals on exposed posts were at risk due to the high winds and low temperatures and so the rest of the day was cancelled.

All three had a brilliant time and were able to interact with the other marshals at the event.

We have indicated that we are happy to return in 2020 but we have asked for better weather!!

Graham Ellis  
South West Membership Secretary  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

# CAR-nival 2019

08<sup>th</sup> -09<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Dalton Barracks, Abingdon

Celia and I attended the second day of this two day event to marshal the rally element. The weekend includes a unique 2 Course Sprint, a Championship AutoSolo and a 70+ mile stage rally, all supported by free camping and caravanning, a Hog Roast and BBQ, Beer Tent and Live Comedy in the CAR-nival Marquee.

Now organised by a trio of clubs (Craven MC / Farnborough District MC / Sutton Cheam MC), CAR-nival owes its success to the efforts and support by up to 30 Southern-based clubs. Predominantly, CAR-nival is about serious motorsport but there is another very important element – Charity! In the last 22 years they have raised in excess of £300,000 for the ‘good causes’.



Dalton Barracks is a staging post for those either going on deployment or returning from overseas postings and so their ‘downtime’ is an important element of their service life in the armed forces. In brief, this has meant that the daily ‘off-duty’ life of the soldiers serving at the adjacent Army Barracks are being enhanced as a direct result of the event. Sports equipment, film shows and even the odd ‘Smoking Shelter’ have been provided to help break the monotony of life in the Barracks.

Meanwhile the other beneficiary, The Friends of Stowford, provide local adults and teenagers with learning difficulties their important independence and education.

Through Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival and generous donations have provided them with Mini Buses for day trips and outings, a specially-equipped holiday home near the sea and a superb Day Room, situated at the very heart of their local residences. Monies are raised through donations as part of the entry fees for each element of CAR-nival although many give much more than the minimum requirement.

Additional fundraising is also done through the now-infamous Friends of Stowford BBQ on Saturday night (including the Hog Roast) as well as from the profits in the beer tent and all the other catering activities. CAR-nival features an atmosphere that you can almost touch as over 400 competitors combine with 2,000 overnight campers and spectators – it’s a real family affair and it is inherently safe for children to watch Daddy (and sometimes Mummy) ‘*play motor racing*’.

After 22 years, it has grown into a great club motor sport social gathering, almost tribal with old friends and rivals all meeting up for a fun weekend at Abingdon with some arriving on Friday with their tents and caravans and then staying all-weekend.

## Regalia Items

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
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
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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*  
SW Regalia Officer  
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