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**Front cover:** Andrew Bainbridge/Alan Coombs in their Renault Clio Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> Overall at the Targa Rally at Woodbridge on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (**Photo – Andrew Manston**)

## Editorial

The last month and the next couple weeks was/is a busy for those involved with our Competition events. So it will be a short editorial, I guess I could blame on the general election.

In the last month the change to the Road Traffic Act to allow motorsport events of roads without having a Act of Parliament, see article.

Chris Deal

## **allglass Anglia MiddleWick Stages**

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

Entries are closing soon

Setup crews needed – contact Chris Deal

Marshals wanted – contact John Davie

The Middx County AC evening at the ACE café is on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** beginning at 6pm.

The format is an informal evening with lots of talk about cars and club motorsport and other things.

MCAC would like to invite local club members to come along. The ACE is open to anybody and serves good food. There is a lot of history attached to the Café going back to the 50's and 60's with the 'ton up boys' on their motorbikes.

The forecourt will hold 40/50 car and we would like to get a good display of 'Club' cars from all aspects of motorsport and will have to ask people arriving in 'normal' cars to park outside on surrounding streets. There will be space to off-load trailers.

## **Summer BBQ and Concourse D'elegence**

### **At Old Owens, 19.30 for 20.00**

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

For tickets and contact Mel 07748-952005

## GBMC Events 2017

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Middlewick Stages at Woodbridge (with MCAC and Wickford AC)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – BBQ and Concours at Old Owens

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Woodbridge Sprint (with Wickford AC), plus AutoSolo (with AMSC)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – North Weald Sprint (we assist Harrow CC)

Plus a Xmas meal, maybe some visits and a quiz or two.



The Club needs volunteers to help with the following:-

Marshalling at club events

Posting news and forthcoming events on our Facebook page

Organising quarterly club night events /rally school

Contact David Hughes, club secretary, on 01707 651280 or

[secretary@greenbeltmc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@greenbeltmc.org.uk) if you can help with any of these tasks

## Anglia Motor Sport Club Calendar

Now that GBMC is part of the Anglia Motor Sport Club you can take part in events run by member clubs which only need a membership card. The purpose in forming the group was to combat the decline of grass roots motor sport in East Anglia. All of the clubs involved were to a greater or lesser extent suffering from lack of competitors, organisers, and marshals for the events that they were running, and needed to pool resources in order to keep the events viable. At the time, the MSA had quite restrictive rules governing who could or could not be invited to club level events, and the idea of an umbrella club was formed as a survival mechanism that would allow us to remain compliant with the rules of the MSA.

Member Clubs are Cambridge CC, Chelmsford MC, Eastern Counties MC, Falcon MC, GBMC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Middlesex County AC, Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, West Suffolk Motorsport Club and Wickford AC.

We are going to update the wording on our membership cards and membership forms etc going forwards.

### Calendar

Date	Type	Descr	Permit	Pro Club	Org Club	Description
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Stage	Single Venue	National B	WAC	GBMC WAC	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Rally	Navigation	Clubmans	AMSC	AMSC	12 Car Regularity Run
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Autotest	Autosolo Autotest	Clubmans	AMSC	WSMC	2017 AutoSOLO Challenge
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Rally	12 Car	Clubmans	SCCoN	SCCoN	Navigational Scatter
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Rally	Road Historic	National B	CMC	CMC	
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Tour	Tour Assembly	CoE	FMC	FMC	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Tour	Tour Assembly	CoE	SCCoN	SCCoN	Classic Tour
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Autotest	Autosolo Autotest	Clubmans	AMSC	GBMC MCAC WAC	2017 AutoSOLO Challenge
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Rally	Navigation	Clubmans	AMSC	AMSC	12 Car Regularity Run
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	Rally	Navigation	Clubmans	AMSC	AMSC	12 Car Regularity Run
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2017	Rally	Targa	Clubmans	AMSC	WSMC WAC	2017 Targa Challenge

## Competition Calendar

Date	Events	Club	Venue/Start	Format
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Plains Rally	Knutsford MC	Mid Wales	Multi venue Rally
13/14 May	Snetterton Sprint	B19	Snetterton	Sprint
14 <sup>th</sup> May	South Suffolk Classic	Eastern Counties MS	Suffolk	Classic Car event
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Allglass Anglia MiddleWick Stages	GBMC/MCAC/WAC	Suffolk	Single Venue Rally
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Severn Valley Stages	Midland Manor MC	Mid Wales	Multi venue Rally
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Carlisle Stages	RAC Rally MC	Keilder Forest	Multi venue Rally
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Abingdon CAR-vinal	Sutton & Cheam	Oxon	Sprint
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Abingdon CAR-vinal	Sutton & Cheam	Oxon	Single Venue Rally
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Flying Fortress Stages	Dukeries MC	Northants	Single Venue Rally
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Debden Summer Sprint	GBMC/WAC	Essex	Sprint

## Show Calendar

### Enfield Pageant of Motoring Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Enfield Playing Fields, Great Cambridge Road (A10), EN1 3PL, £10 opens 09.00.

### Goodwood Festival of Speed 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Sometime between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> you'll need to be at the [2017 Goodwood Festival of Speed](#), motoring and motorsport's world-renowned garden party, to ogle an assortment of precious metal that falls under the newly announced theme 'Peaks of Performance – Motorsport's Game-Changers'.

Yes, for the 25<sup>th</sup> running of this unique event that every year attracts the finest race and rally – and two-wheeled – kit that ever turned a wheel, we're inviting those cars and bikes that were so good the rules were tweaked or rewritten to give rivals a chance.



Among the assortment of classics from the past century or more of endeavour will be 1,000bhp turbocharged Grand Prix cars of the 1980s, unlimited Group 7 sportscars from the glory days of Can-Am, the 750kg-formula European Championship leviathans of the mid-1930s and the bewinged beasts of rallying's Group B era. Bike-racing fans will be able to marvel at many of the iconic 500cc Grand Prix bikes with their light-switch throttles and two-stroke powerbands, as well as 200bhp-plus MotoGP missiles and Isle of Man TT and World Superbike winners.

Get those dates inked in now, for the event is guaranteed to once again offer an incredible assault on the senses for petrol-veined enthusiasts of all ages and persuasions.

**Red Bull Soapbox Race 2017, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at Alexandra Palace**

More details next month.

## **London's Motorsport at the Palace**

Get your motor running for London's Motorsport at the Palace, a two-day event celebrating all eras of motoring, on **Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August 2017**. Held at Crystal Palace, one of the oldest venues used for racing in the world and the first place from which live televised motor-racing was ever broadcast, the event attracts motorsport fans, classic car and bike enthusiasts and thousands of visitors looking for a fun family day out over the bank holiday weekend.

At the heart of the event is the motorsport. Using parts of the iconic racing circuit that still runs throughout the park the two day sprint will showcase racing cars from all eras ranging from prewar leviathans to modern day supercars. Get up close and personal to a heady mix of metal in the shows paddock area before watching the cars



tear off down the strip in the hope of beating the lap record as the likes of Sir Stirling Moss and James Hunt have done before them.

The show field will house hundreds of classic cars and bikes as more than forty clubs and their members display their pride and joys. Live music, trade stands, fun fair rides, children's entertainers, stunt performers and food stalls complete the mix.

Motorsport at the Palace will be held on Sunday 27th to Monday 28th August 2017 over the Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets are now on sale, with adults passes from £12 when booked in advance. NEW FOR 2017 Children under 15 go free when accompanied by a paying adult. Car parking is available on-site and is free to visitors. For more information visit [www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk](http://www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk)

**RallyDay – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Castle Coombe**

More details to come

## **Summer Debden Sprint**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Regulations are on the website, Entry fee £75 for GBMC/WAC members

Enter on line and by via BACS

Marshals wanted – contact John Davie

### **Motor Museums**

Bicester Heritage, Bicester, Oxon

Brooklands, Weybridge Surrey

Cotswold Motor Museum, Bourton on the Water, Gloucester

Coventry Transport Museum, Coventry, Warks

David Sutton Rally Car Museum, Daventry, Northants

Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warks

Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset

Ipswich Transport Museum, Ipswich, Suffolk

London Motor Museum, Hayes, W London

National Motor Heritage, Beaulieu, Hants

Whitewebbs Museum of Transport, Enfield



## Comp Sec News

We are already halfway through May and we have had two events, the TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint and the DCs Tostig - Targa Rally at Woodbridge and soon to come is the allglass Anglia MiddleWick Stage at Woodbridge and the Debden Sprint.

The TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We have just enough entries to make it worthwhile with 31 starters and few marshals mostly from Harrow CC. Roughly a third of the entries was GBMC. You can read about Adi Andrie on his first Sprint in this issue. The next course went down well, but a few people got lost. A few tweaks are needed for next time. Thanks to GBMC helpers – Gerry Thurlow as Club Steward, Loyd Gerken as Srutineer, John Davie as Chief Marshal, Peter Thorn and Ed Davies as Marshals, Robert Taylor as Press Officer and thanks to Steve Tammadge for arranging for the continuing support of TAMS Packaging.

The DCs Tostig - Targa Rally at Woodbridge on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May attracted 61 starters on a chilly Sunday morning, thankfully dry. We haven't attracted any Targa competitors to the Club yet, so the GBMC reps were John Davie, Peter Nathan and myself. We did have around 25 marshals looking after 3 tests.

As time is short for the next event, I will try to give a more in-depth report next month.

We are planning the competition events for 2017 with other clubs, the calendar is as follows:-

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Middlewick Stages at Woodbridge (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Debden Sprint (with Wickford AC)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Woodbridge Sprint (with WECC/WAC), plus AutoSolo (with AMSC)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Debden Targa (with AMSC)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – North Weald Sprint (we assist Harrow CC)

Until next month.

Chris Deal

If you have any action pictures forward them to me, so I can include them in future issues and it would be nice if they accompany a story.

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPRINTING IN 2017?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

## THE 2017 ESSEX EXTREME AEMC SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Classes for all types of cars.

We have a class to cater for all types of vehicles and the overall championship is decided on class positions.

Category A: Road Going Series/Specialist Production Cars

(Inc. classes for standard cars, 4WD, Kit Type Cars and Replicas)

Category B: Modified Series/Specialist Production Cars

Category C: Sports Libre Cars

Category D: Racing Cars

### Calendar

There are up to 20 rounds to choose, from March to October, counting towards the championship using venues at Abingdon, Curborough, Debden, Goodwood, Hethel, Lydden, North Weald, Rockingham, Snetterton and Woodbridge

The best 10 scores will count towards the championship.

Event Supplementary regs will be sent to each registered competitor,

So, no need to chase around for regs.

For the championship details and a registration form visit the AEMC website.

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## ESSEX EXTREME AEMC Sprint Championship – 2017 dates

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rockingham	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Hethel	Borough 19MC
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Abingdon	Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	North Weald	Green Belt MC/Harrow CC
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Debden	Herts County
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Snetterton	Borough19 MC
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Snetterton	Borough19 MC
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Abingdon	Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Debden	Wickford AC/Green Belt MC
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodbridge	WECC/Wickford AC
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Hethel	Borough 19 MC
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Curborough	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	North Weald	Harrow CC/Green Belt MC
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Goodwood	TWMC/Sevenoaks & DMC
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Curborough	BARC (Mids)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Debden	Herts County
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Rockingham	BARC (Mids)



**Peter Goulding at North Weald (Photo – Nick Cook)**

## **TAMS Packaging North Weald Sprint – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

The North Weald Sprint organised by GMBC and Harrow CC this spring has been my first motorsports competition event, ever.

I did a couple of track days in the past, which introduced me to driving at speed, but this was in a completely different class of experience.

First of all I was alone on the circuit, a wide concrete surface that used to be an airfield, and I could literally push the car to the limit - my own limit as well as the car's - without worrying about anything else.

Secondly, running against the clock and being in a competition creates a certain kind of pressure - to give it all you've got - and in the moment this translates into a rush of Adrenalin that tends to overload regular thinking, and puts you in a place where you act from instinct rather than mind. This made the experience feel very raw, very real and exhilarating.

We were lucky to have nice sunny and dry weather.

It was amazing to see all the different types of cars, from standard road going vehicles to proper race and rally cars. It was really nice to meet other competitors and organisers - which also were as varied as you can get, from teenagers to septuagenarians, men and women - alright, mostly men - to exchange thoughts about our passion for cars and speed.

There was a total of five runs for each driver, two practice runs and three timed runs. Not a lot by any means, but the only possible way to do it given the nature of the circuit.

The track design was good in general, challenging and fun, although coming out from a fast last corner it was a bit tricky to distinguish the finish line from the sea of cones around the area - which led me to hesitate a couple of times and miss the finish altogether on my last run.

But overall I was happy to see that my time improved after every run as I was getting more familiar with the circuit and the handling of my car around it. My last time was 20 seconds better than my first one, and put me in second place in my category, out of three people - which was a bonus for the day.

I really enjoyed the day at North Weald, it was expertly organised, fun, and rewarding.

Looking forward to the next one....

**Adi Andrei**

## **Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship 2017**

The Associations of Eastern and South Eastern Motor Clubs are pleased to announce the 2017 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship. For the third year we are promoting a single pan-regional championship covering the Eastern and South Eastern regions.

Jelf Insurance Partnership is represented by a familiar face in the left hand seat of a certain yellow TR7 on many of the last year's championship rounds – Jaz Bareham runs the motorsports insurance division which offers club liability and equipment, road event cover and insurance for individuals' motorsports requirements.

For 2017 we have ten rounds in the championship, with seven to count, placing a premium on consistency throughout the year but giving more flexibility for crews based across the wider geography of the championship. Many of the rounds will be familiar to competitors in the previous championships but we also have some new events, notably Snetterton and Cadwell Park - all promise to be challenging and fun.

Registration can be done online at the AEMC website – <http://aemc.org.uk/StageRally>, or by the more traditional methods of posting or giving a form to the championship co-ordinators (Paul Barrett & Dave Town) at the first few events of the year. Many of you have registered an interest through the online entries systems for Brands, Goodwood and Snetterton (each of which have full entries now) and it's important that you are registered before starting your first event. I'll be marshalling the service area at Brands so I hope to catch up with many of you.

Paul Barrett

The 2017 Jelf Motorsport.com Stage Rally Championship will be contested over ten rounds (with seven scores to count) as follows:

21st January	MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) - Chelmsford Motor Club
11th February	Sherrards Resourcing Southdowns Stages (Goodwood) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs
19th February	Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglia Motorsports Club
5th March	Donnington Stages (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club
9th April	Cadwell Rally (Lincolnshire) – Border Motor Club
21st May	Middlewick Stages (Suffolk) – Middlesex County AC & Green Belt Motor Club
11th June	Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club
18th June	Flying Fortress Stages (Northants) - Dukeries Motor Club
28th August	Wethersfield Stages (Essex) – Chelmsford Motor Club
2/3 December	Rockingham Stages (Northants) (two-day event) - Middlesex County AC

## 2017 Formula 1 World Championship

26-Mar	Australian GP	Melbourne	Vettel, Ferrari
09-Apr	Chinese GP	Shanghai	Hamilton, Mercedes
16-Apr	Bahrain GP	Bahrain	Vettel, Ferrari
30-Apr	Russia GP	Sochi	Bottas, Mercedes
14-May	Spanish GP	Barcelona	
28-May	Monaco GP	Monte Carlo	
11-Jun	Canadian GP	Montreal	
25-Jun	Azerbaijan GP	Baku	
09-Jul	Austria GP	Spielberg	
16-Jul	British GP	Silverstone	
30-Jul	Hungarian GP	Budapest	
27-Aug	Belgium GP	Spa-Francochamps	
03-Sep	Italian GP	Monza	
17-Sep	Singapore GP	Singapore	
01-Oct	Malaysian GP	Sepang	
08-Oct	Japanese GP	Suzuka	
22-Oct	USA GP	Austin	
29-Oct	Mexico GP	Mexico City	
12-Nov	Brazilian GP	Interlagos	
26-Nov	United Arab Emirates GP	Abu Dhabi	

## 2017 World Rally Championship

19-22 Jan	Rally of Monte Carlo	S. Ogier/J. Ingrassia	Ford
09-12 Feb	Swedish Rally	J. Latvala/M. Anttila	Toyota
09-12 Mar	Rally of Mexico	K. Meeke/P. Nagle	Citreon
06-09 Apr	Rally of Corsica	T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul	Hyundia
27-30 Apr	Rally of Argentina	T. Neuville/N. Gilsoul	Hyundia
18-21 May	Rally de Portugal		
08-11 Jun	Rally of Italy		
29Jun-2Jul	Rally of Poland		
27-30 Jul	Rally of Finland		
17-20 Aug	Rally of Germany		
05-08 Oct	Rally of Spain		
26-29 Oct	Wales Rally GB		
16-19 Nov	Rally of Australia		

## MOTORSPORT on TV

F1 on C4 (same live) , WRC on C5 (highlights on Tuesday evenings), BTCC on ITV4 (live with support races), British Rally Championship - BRC on C4 (highlights on Saturday mornings the week after), Goodwood events on ITV4 (highlights), Formula E on Spike (Freeview ch31, live), Various including BTRDA Gold Star Rally championship on Front Runner (Freeview ch91).



## 2017 BTCC CALENDAR

April 1-2	Brands Hatch (Indy) R1 T. Ingram, R2 G. Shedden, R3 A.Jordan
April 15-16	Donington Park R1 A. Moffat, R2 T. Ingram, R3 C. Turkington
May 6-7	Thruxton R1 M. Neal, R2 R. Collard, R3 C. Turkington
May 20-21	Oulton Park
June 10-11	Croft
July 29-30	Snetterton
August 12-13	Knockhill
August 26-27	Rockingham
Sept 16-17	Silverstone
Sept 30-Oct 1	Brands Hatch (Grand Prix)

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## SELECTED EVENTS IN 2017

27/28 May – Lydden Hill, World Rallycross Championship

29 June/2 July – Goodwood House, Festival of Speed

27/28 August – Crystal Palace, Motorsport at the Palace

28 August - Lydden Hill, World Rallycross Championship

2 September – Brighton, Speed Trials

8-10 September – Goodwood circuit, Revival Meeting

5 Nov – London to Brighton, Veteran Car Run



Adrian White/David Lobb - BMW 318is (Photo – Andrew Manston)



## MSA achieves closed-road motorsport for mainland Britain

In one of the biggest developments in the history of UK motorsport, the Motor Sports Association's long campaign to bring closed-road events to mainland Britain has been successful, with the enabling legislation commencing on Monday (10 April).

Since 2010 the MSA has called for a change in the law to allow local authorities to suspend the Road Traffic Act for authorised motorsport events, without requiring individual Acts of Parliament. Independent research commissioned by the MSA and conducted by the Sport Research Institute at Sheffield Hallam University showed that local communities across Britain could generate up to £40m of additional revenue by closing roads to host a limited number of motorsport events.

Primary legislation providing the framework for closed-road motorsport was passed in the 2015 Deregulation Act. The MSA has since worked closely with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the secondary legislation required to make this framework available to event organisers. This comprises an impact assessment with the commencement order.

The commencement order names the MSA and its sister governing body for two-wheel UK motorsport, the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU), as the two authorising bodies for closed-road motorsport events from 10 April onward.

Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive, said: "This is a seismic shift for UK motorsport, and one that the MSA and the wider motorsport community have pursued determinedly for many years. We can now take motorsport to the people, and in turn those local hosting communities have the opportunity to benefit from the economic boost that these events may provide.



“Many people have contributed to this long campaign and we must first give special mention to my predecessor as MSA Chief Executive, Colin Hilton, for starting down this road seven years ago. Thanks also to our former Director of Communications, Ben Taylor, for his relentless lobbying, and to our Rallies Executive, Ian Davis, for his invaluable contribution to the required legislation. We owe a further debt of gratitude to Ken Clarke MP and Ben Wallace MP and for their tireless support in Westminster.”

Andrew Jones MP, Transport Minister, said: “Britain is a world leader in the motorsport industry and this will further cement our position. There are already races of this kind in some areas of the British Isles which are incredibly popular, attracting thousands of spectators. New road races will boost local economies through increased tourism and hospitality, and offer community opportunities such as volunteering.”

Among those welcoming the news was the all-electric FIA Formula E Championship, which stages events in capital cities across the globe. It said: “The FIA Formula E Championship warmly welcomes the news that the UK’s Road Traffic Act has been amended, permitting the closure of roads and allowing for the possibility of regulated motor racing on closed highways.

“We recognise the key role that the MSA, and its Chief Executive Rob Jones, have played in making this happen. This move considerably helps the prospect of the London ePrix returning to the streets of the British capital.”



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Organising quarterly club night events /rally school

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## SCRUTINEERING BAY MAY 2017

It brought it home to me how dangerous motorsport can be following the very nasty incident that happened at the Donington BTCC race meeting during the support F4 race last month. Despite all the best safety equipment and various crush devices installed into competition cars, the type and ferocity of the incident that Billy Monger suffered is fortunately very rare. I'm sure everyone in the club will want to join me in wishing Billy a quick recovery from his appalling life-changing injuries.

The following weekend, at a race meeting at Snetterton, I was not impressed with a driver who presented me with a very old, and well out of date, crash helmet! Despite his whinging and moaning, and protesting he'd raced with this crash helmet for many years without problems, I removed the **yellow** MSA helmet sticker, and showed the competitor the manufacturer's sticker inside the helmet showing the date the helmet had been constructed, August 1994, 23 years old!!! The cork padding had disintegrated from inside the plastic/GRP shell, the cloth material covering the foam had ripped and the foam was falling off, and the chin strap was torn and worn away in places! There were chips and scrapes on the outside suggesting the helmet had had a hard life! The car he wanted to race in? An Aston Martin, worth probably in excess of £100,000! What price do you put on your head!

At the same race meeting I impounded several pairs of worn out and ripped gloves, two sets of out-of-date harnesses and two sets of karting racing boots, not being suitable for car racing because they were of a nylon material and not fire resistant! One competitor even complained to the Clerk of the Course who, with the competitor present, examined the impounded boots and gloves. I'm glad to say the CoC agreed with me, and sent the competitor away to find replacement boots and gloves!

What I'm trying to say here is, please ensure your personal safety equipment is fit for purpose. Make sure the equipment is appropriate for the events relevant regulations you wish to compete in. Race safety equipment requirements can differ slightly for stage rallies and sprints. Are they correctly homologated, and in date! Same goes for competition seats and safety harnesses too! It's all part of your pre-event checks. Let's put it this way, you certainly wouldn't be allowed onto a building site wearing trainers, and not wearing a Hi-Viz jacket and hard hat would you???

In the last few days, we have received a bulletin from the FIA, via the MSA, regarding **FEV** plumbed-in fire extinguishers. The FIA have withdrawn, with immediate effect, the homologation of the **FEV FX G-TEC3300R** fire extinguisher due to the wrong construction of the metal bottle. It only affects the extinguisher with the FIA homologation number **EX.008.16** on the label.

The manufacturer has asked competitors with these FEV fire extinguishers, to remove them from the vehicle, following the manufacturer's instructions carefully, and return the extinguishers to the supplying retailer. Of course, the vehicle will not be allowed to compete with this fire extinguisher installed, and must be replaced with an appropriate FIA homologated extinguisher before being allowed to compete.

I have requested the MSA to publish the bulletin in all the motorsport comics as soon as possible to avoid competitors being disappointed that their competition cars will not be allowed to compete with the invalid homologated fire extinguishers. (ED – If you want a copy of the bulletin please email me)

There has been another bulletin published in various MSA publications recently regarding Roll-Over Protection Systems (ROPS) for single seater racing cars. It's something that's been brewing-up, mainly with sprint/hill-climb single seaters. As single seaters have progressed down from their previous Formula racing series as they go out-of-date, (for example Formula Ford/Vauxhall, FRenault, and F3 etc.) they are finding new homes in sprints and hill-climbs. Due to the (how can I put this delicately?) variations of the sizes of the drivers, the single seaters ROPS are being modified, mainly to accommodate the more vertically challenged drivers, thus it can possibly invalidate the homologation for the ROPS! Unfortunately the MSA Blue Book is not very clear in the ROPS regulations for sprint/hill-climb single seater racing cars, it's causing much confusion! Hopefully, the 2018 Blue Book regulations for single seaters ROPS for sprint and hill-climb cars will be made more clearly...we hope! For the moment, scrutineers are being asked to use their discretion if the car complies with the ROPS regulations and to help and offer advice to competitors accordingly.

Don't forget, it's the competitor's responsibility to prove that his or her competition car conforms to ALL the MSA, and their respective championship, regulations. If you need any homologation certificates for ROPS etc., please contact the MSA Technical department to obtain the necessary homologation certificates, and remember to bring them with you when the car is scrutineered please.

If you have any scrutineering questions, please contact me, [lpgerken@googlemail.com](mailto:lpgerken@googlemail.com), or my details are in the MSA Blue Book.

Have a safe competitive year.

Loyd Gerken MSA National Scrutineer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017  
AT OLD OWENS SPORTS CLUB  
COOPERS LANE, POTTERS BAR



The meeting commenced at 21:05 with Malcolm Wise (MW) in the chair and with 18 other members and 1 guest in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from John Start, John and Sarah White, Doug Williams and Loyd Gerken.

1. **Minutes of 2016's AGM** – had previously been published in Wayfarer magazine so all had had opportunity to read them but for good order a copy was placed on each table. Attendees were asked if they wanted the minutes read out aloud. Not requested. Last year's minutes were proposed by Ian Davies and seconded by Chris Deal. There were no objections.
2. **Matters arising** from those minutes – none.
3. **Secretary's Report** – the secretary expressed his thanks to the previous secretary (CD, now Comp. Sec.) for providing the facts and figures needed to compile the secretary's report and then read it aloud for the benefit of the meeting. A copy will appear in Wayfarer in due course. There were no questions raised on the secretary's report. It was proposed by Melanie Camp and seconded by Robert Taylor.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer passed round copies of his profit and loss account as well as an income and expenses statement. He noted that in the Club's financial year 2016 no surplus had been made due to the substantial purchase of a new box trailer for carriage of club equipment and replaced the old club caravan that had had its day. The MSA club development fund contributed £3,000 towards the cost (£6,500 approx.) of the new trailer. The treasurer took the meeting quickly through his figures, noting that subscription payments received via PayPal were always about 81 pence short due to their deduction of that amount as commission. He would prefer that members paid by internet banking or by cheque than by PayPal. Treasurer mentioned a fraud that had been perpetrated on the

Club's account at NatWest whereby a third party had succeeded in setting up a standing order without his authority resulting in our account being debited with approx. £250. Eventually the bank acknowledged the fraud, refunded the lost £250 and paid £20 in compensation!

£250 was also returned to the Club that had been paid for storage of the old caravan. There was also £724 insurance premium rebated to the Club by the MSA.

At the end of last financial year income was £11,500 while outgoings were £14,427.

Treasurer's Report proposed by John Millidge and seconded by Geoff Jackson.

5. **Question time;**

Dan Chalk asked whether we have to pay a fee to be a member of Anglia Motor Sport Club. Reply – yes, we do but it is nominal, about £20 p.a. and in line with fees the Club pays to belong to other area associations (although, of course, AMSC are not an area association). GBMC paid AMSC for their share of the venue hire fee to run the special stage rally at Snetterton on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017. £500 has already been disbursed to GBMC and their share of the profit made by that rally, thought to be of the order of £850, is expected to be received within a few weeks once all final bills for the event have been paid.

DH asked whether the MSA Motor Sport Development Fund (as it is now known) would pay for new equipment, stage rally signage, stage radio boards, etc. as urgently required by GBMC. JD (John Davie, Chief Marshal) replied that it would depend upon claiming in the Fund's new financial year (as we did very nicely out of it last year – £3,000 contribution to new box trailer).

DH will ask the MSA Motor Sport Development Fund administrators when their fund's financial year begins/ends so that we can apply in their new financial year for a further grant.

Geoff Jackson asked how much we pay to be an MSA recognised motor club in consideration of the amounts we receive from them in the way of grants.

The question was also asked whether we do receive more entries to events as a result of being a member of AMSC. JD explained how the system works.



It was also mentioned that the Club has joined the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs and the Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs similarly to extend the scope of invitations to other club's event for our members.

## **6. Election of officers to the Club's committee.**

The Chairman asked whether anyone attending would like to put themselves forward to become a committee member. No offers were forthcoming. Chairman noted that offers did not have to be there and then, at the AGM, but would certainly be welcome and considered at any later date.

No existing committee member declared themselves unprepared to stand again during 2017 and as such all existing members were deemed to have been re-elected en bloc, although the secretary, having but one year's experience in post, requested a vote of confidence. This request was dismissed.

Accordingly Green Belt's committee for 2017 consists of Gerry Thurlow (President), Malcolm Wise (Chairman), Ed Davies (Treasurer), Chris Deal (Competition Secretary, area association liaison representative and magazine editor), David Hughes (Secretary and membership), Robert Taylor (Press Officer), Melanie Camp (Social Secretary), John Davie (Marshalling co-ordinator).

Vice President Geoff Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their work in running Green Belt Motor Club noting that there is a lot of work involved in running a motor club nowadays. His proposal was seconded by John Millidge.

The Chairman asked whether there were any objections. There were none so the Chairman thanked the committee members for agreeing to stand again and Vice President Geoff Jackson for his vote of thanks.

## **7. Any other business?**

Ian Davies (ID) noted that the proposed outing to Beaulieu Motor Museum last year did not take place, probably due to the distance and asked whether the committee would consider organising an outing to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, Warwickshire this year instead.

The question was asked whether any outings are planned. The Social Secretary (MC) responded that two trips (Beaulieu and Brooklands) were planned last year but support for both had been very poor, amounting to only 9 expressions of interest and as a result both were cancelled. In order to make planning worth the



effort and to avoid embarrassment Cancelling bookings) there has to be more interest, a minimum of 12 persons at least.

Bletchley Park is another possibility. The last visit the Club made there was well supported and enjoyed by all who went. However, it was mentioned that unlike the previous visit tours are no longer guided which is a shame.

Dan Chalk mentioned the classic car and aeroplane show, Flywheel Festival, at the Heritage Motor Centre, Bicester airfield as another possibility. DH noted that tickets to this show are quite expensive. Nevertheless we could publish details in the Wayfarer magazine.

Louise Hughes mentioned that The Dutch Nursery (local to Potters Bar) run a lot of coach trips including some that might be of interest to members. DC noted that they no longer actually run the trips themselves, they are contracted out. LH will forward a link to their website to MC for review of possible trips.

GJ mentioned the motorsport action and static displays at the annual Crystal Palace Sprint, which this year will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

RT noted that Club members have attended this event in the past and that, like all of these outdoor events, it is entirely dependent on the weather as to whether it is a pleasure or not. There were also an appreciable number of club stands not used which was disappointing and might have been one of the reasons the organisers of this event have changed its date from the Spring Bank Holiday to the late Summer Bank Holiday weekend.

GJ asked about the venue for next year's Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation. The Chairman replied that we are looking at options but do not intend to return to Mill Green Golf Club (where the AD & AP was held on 25/02/2017).

Opinions as to the quality of the dinner itself were mixed, some said good, some said poor and some said acceptable. All agreed that the room lacked atmosphere.

GJ reiterated that wherever the Club decide upon it must have overnight accommodation available on site as far as he is concerned. He asked why we didn't go back to The White Horse Hotel, Hertingfordbury. It was explained that it no longer exists, having been demolished and housing built on the site.

DC remarked that local hotels are expensive.

DH noted that committee had agreed that the top price the Club could charge for a ticket to the Annual Dinner next year would be £35 per person.

JM (John Millidge) interjected with a request to the Chairman to leave the meeting before it ended to take someone to a late evening medical appointment.

AA (new member, Adi Andre) asked whether GBMC members ever participate in track days noting that 10% discount is available for group bookings of 5 or more at all of MSV (Motor Sport Vision) circuits.

MW replied that we have not been involved in track days as a club and that it is unlikely that more than a very few would take up the opportunity but we could test interest by putting a note in Wayfarer.

AA reiterated that he was asking about participating only, not about the Club organising a track day.

CD (Comp. Sec.) pointed out that if members were to go to track days it would reduce the numbers entering our sprint events because track days and sprints are similar but competing types of events.

AA asked, in that case, how do beginners train to participate in circuit events, noting that MSV provide expert tuition at their track day events.

MW advised that the committee would discuss the subject at its next meeting. He asked AA the cost of taking part in a track day (full, not half day). Answer – approx. £90-150 although Silverstone GP circuit - £300.

DC, Vice President, asked where is the official weekly meeting place and ‘home’ of the Green Belt Motor Club now? Is it the Old Owens Sports and Social Club, Potters Bar or is it the Two Brewers public house, Northaw?

Unfortunately members’, including some committee members’, opinions are divided on this matter. Some have not forgiven the management of the Two Brewers for repeatedly closing the pub early, prior to their arrival, on Wednesday evenings towards the end of last year and over the Christmas and New Year period. Also for not making any concessions to events such as last year’s AGM when we were allocated an area of the pub that was inadequate for the purpose. It was as if our club was not welcome at the Two Brewers.

As a result the decision was taken at committee level to move the official meeting

place of the Club to the Old Owens Sports & Social Club about one mile along the same road towards Potters Bar. Those attending at this venue have always been made welcome, bar prices are more reasonable than the Two Brewers and there is much more room available for Green Belt requirements (although the large hall can be chilly and rather uninviting in the winter months). The main disadvantage of this place is however, that on occasions (particularly when darts matches are being played) it can be excessively noisy – to the extent that some people using hearing aids cannot hear a word that is being said by their friends. This makes this venue unacceptable to some people and as a result there has been a strong move to return the weekly Club night meet to the Two Brewers, which has more recently become busier and therefore not prone to closing its doors early. It is also cosier than and never as rowdy as Old Owens.

The chairman responded by noting that Wednesday club nights rarely involve any set activities and consist of little more than 6-10 people having a drink together. As such the Two Brewers is more comfortable and the preferred choice. There is rarely any motoring or motor sport discussion on those evenings. Added to which those attending generally arrive too late (usually 10 p.m. or later) to make it possible to invite any prospective new members to come along.

On the other hand, on those occasions when the Club has an organised function, e.g. quiz night, barbecue and concours d'elegance, guest speaker, general meeting or other function likely to draw more than a handful of members the Old Owens offers more suitable facilities, including catering, a dedicated seating area and a large car park, etc.

In consideration of the above points the Chairman suggested the idea of holding 'Club nights' monthly rather than weekly but on those nights there should be an organised event having a motoring or motor sport theme.

Chairman added, however, that this idea should be further discussed at a future committee meeting before a final decision is made.

As alluded to above there is also the issue of the time of the evening at which members arrive at Club nights. This has habitually become 10 p.m. which some members find too late. This has, of itself, become something of a divisive issue.

In the meantime Green Belt will refrain from publishing in the Wayfarer magazine

or on the Club's website a regular time and place of meeting.

JD, Chief Marshal, suggested that once a month the Club night consist of 'noggin n natter' and once a month a more formal or organised Club night.

MC, Social Secretary, very reasonably queried whether there might be another venue that would better suit the diverse needs of members. This is a possibility that could be explored. Alternatively could club nights be held at Old Owens on a different night of the week than Wednesdays that might obviate the problem of excessive noise?

OC remarked that Old Owens is no different to (a) pub(s) in terms of noise.

MC asked for ideas for events for Club nights.

AA suggested a guest speaker once a month. He had attended a meeting at which a senior member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists had given a talk on performance driving that AA had found most interesting. On another occasion a talk had been given by a judge on road traffic legislation.

MW noted that it is very embarrassing if we have guest speakers but not many members turn up.

JD suggested trying organised events, e.g. a guest speaker over a reasonable period of time with a view to increasing the number of members attending Club nights.

GJ said he finds the Wayfarer magazine very interesting and considers it a 'lifeline' for those no longer able to attend Club nights or events on a regular basis.

8. The Chairman informed the meeting that the date of next year's Annual General Meeting would be announced later in the year and closed the meeting at 22:05 hours.

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