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Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have a question or comment.

Chairmans Conflab - Mr Jaggs gets wordy.....

This month I am pleased to report on what must be the ultimate accolade for any motor sport club, being awarded MSA Motor Sport Club for 2009, this builds on our 3rd overall in 2007. On Friday 22nd January Paul Barrett and I attended the MSA Night of Champions at the RAC Club in Pall Mall to collect the trophy. The RAC club is a very impressive building, steeped in history and had Jenson Button's winning Brawn F1 car in the foyer and an early 1900's classic with the registration number 1 RAC. After pre-dinner G&T's we went into the dining hall, we were on Table 1 with Alan Dean-Lewis. The running order of awards was split into three groupings, to be presented between the 4 course dinner, we were due to get ours in the same grouping as Jenson Button. Within a few minutes of sitting down we were told that the running order had been reversed and we were to be third up to collect our award after Jenson who had received the Hawthorn Trophy. Tony Jardine was comparing and gave a very detailed summary of our achievements and justification as to why we had won this ahead of other clubs. So up we went to receive a very nice Wedgewood pewter trophy following which I had to say a few words in acceptance. I cannot remember what as firstly I was not expected to be asked and secondly changing the running order and seeing that award winners were being asked questions by Tony Jardine, I really did not have time to

think. Anyway my words were along the line that this award is in recognition of our increasing membership, the range and type of events we organise and most importantly the support from members who compete and the contribution and commitment of members who organise or help organise these events. Further this award is a reflection of a lot of hard work and effort not just this year but over a number of years. Paul may remember better but I think it made sense at the time.



Brian Jaggs and Paul Barrett with the JLT Sport MSA Club of the Year 2010 Award

A few clubs have won this trophy twice but not in successive years so this is a challenge for us. The trophy is major piece of silverware and is ours to keep, the original is always retained by the MSA and has our name engraved on it. If you want to see the trophy, it will be re-presented to the Club by Alan Dean-Lewis at our Awards Night on 18th February. After that we plan to keep it on display at Prestons Garages at Writtle.

On the competition front, the 'One and Only Preston' ran in early December, from the competitors perspective I believe this was a total success and would thank all of the organising team, marshals, helpers, sponsors, landowners and competitors. Congratulations to Adrian Gladwin for winning in just his second event after running this event for 10 years.

Similarly congratulations to the organising team for the TRS Bentwaters Stages this was the first running of this event and from what I saw and heard on the day was an outstanding success. At the awards ceremony the AEMC stage rally awards were presented brilliant performances by several Chelmsford members, Tony Michael and Paul Barrett taking the spoils for best driver/co-driver respectively. Richard Bonner and Jim Bowie also picked up awards.

Finally, can I clarify that the fact that I have not attended in person to show support for our Huttons Kitchens Stages at Woodbridge to date has purely been due to commitments running the Preston and should not be viewed as not supporting this event or indeed stages rallies in general. I start work on this in June and from September onwards almost every weekend involves one or more days doing route recce work, PR, seeing landowners roadbook documentation etc. So for all those who were surprised not to see me, to date it has been a deliberate decision not to attend as I did not want to compromise the Preston by over committing my time. I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding.

MSA Night of Champions 2010

As Brian mentioned in his report both him and Paul Barrett attended the MSA Night of Champions. Below is the submission prepared by Paul which was part of our case for club of the year.

Introduction - Since being placed third in the 2007 Club of the Year awards Chelmsford Motor Club has expanded significantly its membership, improved on the success of its existing events, further developed relationships with landowners and introduced new events with new organising teams as well as developing a training programme for navigational rallies and entering into a partnership with Thames Gateway College – offering students with diverse ethnic backgrounds and from a generally low-income part of east London the opportunity to become actively involved in club motorsport and to complement their studies with practical experience of marshalling, servicing and competing on club events.

Membership Initiatives - Membership figures closed 2007 at 267, rising to 313 at the end of 2008 and were already close to 300 by the end of the August 2009 – suggesting a closing total of around 350. The majority of these members are active competitors or marshals – as our lengthy annual club championship tables attest.

As part of our strategy to encourage younger people into the sport, free membership is offered to all registered students and apprentices from the start of 2009; so far 30 new members have taken advantage of this.

In recognition of the higher insurance costs for young drivers on 12-car rallies the club offers free entry and subsidised insurance to all under-21s.

The club has many younger members competing, marshalling and organising events. At 15-year old is lying second of fifteen drivers in the club's autotest championship, there are several under-25 drivers and navigators in all three rally-based tables (12 car, road rally and stage rally). The MSA under-18s officials' signing on sheets are printed off for most events that the club organises.

Development of marshals and officials - The club's chief marshal and her team of helpers have spent a significant amount of time developing a contacts database.

Training programmes are embedded within our strategic plan for club nights – first aid, timing and general safety training evenings are held during the year. In November we will be using the MSA's training materials to host a marshals training and grading card evening.

Each major event plan includes a briefing session for key officials and marshals in the week leading up to the event.

Marshals' contributions are recognised by an annual award, a £100 prize draw on every major event and free food & goodies on all full day or night events.

Promotion - The main tool for the promotion of the club is its website – this is maintained and updated on a daily basis by the webmaster and club members. All event details, links to other clubs' and associations' websites and key contact details are available on the site. The forums provide members with opportunities to communicate with each other and the committee and in the restricted areas event organisers use the wiki-functionality to share current event documentation.



Brian saying a few words. Accompanied by Paul and Tony Jardine

Other promotional activities include attendance at Endurance and Historic rally open-days, monthly club-nights with a variety of social and training activities, a monthly club magazine (which is posted to all non web-connected members) and investment in promotional materials such as marshals' pens, mugs, stickers and clothing – a substantial amount of club funds is spent each year on promotional materials and events.

Training Programmes - To align with the club's successful and hotly contested Winter Series of navigational 12-car rallies which commenced in September 2009 an integrated training programme has been developed. Specifically aimed at beginners and novices, but with modules for semi-experts, the programme starts in August with training sessions at club-nights hosted by expert navigators and event organisers and continues into the spring of 2010. An additional focus has been placed on techniques that navigators and co-drivers would expect to find in endurance, historic and special stage rallies – regularity section, road-books etc. To ensure all available 12-car entries are filled by beginners and novices, expert road-rally navigators are excluded from entering as navigators, but often mentor trainees from the driving seat.

In parallel to the road-navigation training programme a second course on special stage rallies is running. Experienced international-level co-drivers host training sessions on all aspects of co-driving, from multi-use events to pace-notes, road-sections and service-crew management.

For the budding new drivers there are training sessions on car-preparation.

Community Partnerships - In addition to our long-standing relationship with the East Anglian Air Ambulance (annually raising over £2500 for the charity) we have recently entered into a partnership with Thames Gateway College of Dagenham, east London.

The club supports TGC's motorsports degree course programme – providing promotional material and attendance (members and their cars) at college open days, free membership for all students, and opportunities for students to service cars on stage rallies, marshal on events and compete.

Senior committee members have also supported the college's racing and rallying programmes – providing help, advice and licensed drivers from the club for the Fiesta Challenge, Formula Renault, the recent 24-hour 2CV race at Snetterton and the college's Fiesta stage rally programme.

Over the last three years over fifty students have been involved in various aspects of the club's activities – the Woodbridge Stages regularly host a coach-load of students who are allocated competing cars to service as part of the practical grading of their course.

High Quality, Innovative Events – Development of organising teams - National B: Chelmsford Motor Club's long-standing rallies –the Preston and East Anglian Classic continue their long history as successful road-based events in the region and have been joined in recent years by the EACS Endurance and the Woodbridge stages. In 2009 the EACS Endurance became the first rally to use the Suffolk coastal forests in over twenty years, as well as using four airfields in Suffolk, and the Woodbridge stages attracts the highest entry of any one-day multi-use stage rally in the region. In 2010 all four events will continue and will be complemented by a second stage rally, this time at Bentwaters – another Suffolk airfield. The Hutton Kitchens Woodbridge Stages has been selected as a round of the British Junior Formula 1000 championship. A sprint in collaboration with Green Belt MC is also planned for June 2010 – this will be the first time the club has hosted such an event.

Clubsport: The core of the club's development strategy for new competitors and officials is its clubsport events. Six 12 car rallies annually, a PCT, a scatter, an autotest and three gymkhanas are used to develop potential venues and organisers to graduate to National B events whilst offering low-cost, high quality, low-risk sport for new and experienced members alike. Each Clubsport event is 'supervised' by an experienced organiser with newer organisers holding the reins, often for the first time.

Landowners - Over the years the club has maintained close relationships with a variety of East Anglian landowners – this approach has made the Preston road rally a 'must-do' event in every road rally competitor's diary and even attracts a few famous racing drivers! Relationships with the MoD have allowed us access to Sculthorpe and West Raynham in Norfolk, Honington and Woodbridge in Suffolk for stage rallies and gymkhanas.

In 2009 we obtained access to the Suffolk forests by developing relationships with the local Forestry Commission and also secured the use of privately owned airfields including Bentwaters, Parham and Debach for the EACS Endurance road rally.



MSA Night of Champions - Award Winners

Award photo's by Tunç Şengün - HPC Images - MSA/BTCC Accredited Photographer - tunc@HPCimages.co.uk

Marshalling Matters - Karen Cook

This year is no exception for marshalling. We are putting on quite a few events and we will be contacting our marshals quite a bit. With this in mind, I will be conducting an email survey on which events our marshals would like to marshal for us and which events you would not like to be contacted for. Please let me know what events you would like to do so we can avoid bombarding every marshal for every event. It is especially important to know this information as from September 2010 to February 2011, we have 8 events within weeks of each other.

There will also be a recovery MSA course under the Association of Motorsport Recovery Operators held in March 2010 at a Chelmsford venue. This will cover recovery training and assessment. The course will be run by John Blackwell. Details are on the Volunteers in Motorsport website.

We need volunteers in the club to come forward to be part of the organising teams for future gymkhana if the events are to run this year. Gymkhanas are not too demanding of your time and well worth the effort. We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic members to join us and help get fully involved in an event regardless whether the event is a small but compact 12 car to the bit more demanding gymkhanas to the larger stage, road or endurance rally events. If you feel passionate about Chelmsford putting on an event, then volunteer your services. The committee will ensure you have all the help and support you may require.

From time to time we are contacted by other motorclubs to help them marshal their events. I will be advertising these events on the club website's forum for marshals and in the excellent magazine Spotlight so please check regularly to see if you can lend your marshalling services to Chelmsford and other local clubs.

Club Events Calendar - Please support when you can.

Club Night - Awards Night - Thu 18th February. Come along and see who won what!

Alan Dean Lewis will be present to present the club with the Club of the Year Trophy

Derek Stone 12 Car - Fri 19th February. Contact Brian Jaggs.

Motex Gymkhana - Sun 28th February at RAF Woodbridge. Information on web site NOTE VENUE CHANGE.

Club Night - Thu 18th March. Annual General Meeting

March Hare 12 Car - Fri 19th March. Contact Paul Brewerton.

Club Night - Thu 15th April. Quiz Night.

Javalin's Jumbo Jymkhana - Sun 25th April - Honington

April Blossom 12 Car - Fri 30th April. Contact to be confirmed.

Autotest - Sun 16th May - RAF Woodbridge (In conjunction with a B19 Sprint)

Club Night - Thu 20th May - Regularity Training

Lumenition East Anglian Classic - Sat 12th June. Contact Gavin Leech.

Club Night - Thu 17th June - Golf Gti

Club Night - Thu 15th July - Barbeque

Priestley 12 Car - Fri 17th September. Contact Gavin Leech.

Hutton Kitchens Woodbridge Stages - Sat 25th September. Information on web site.

Halloween 12 Car - Fri 22nd October. DATE TBC.

Rover Center Gymkhana - Sun 17th October at Woodbridge. Information on web site.

EACS Endurance - Sat 30th October. Contact Paul Barrett.

Mill Hill Car Trial - Sun 14th November. Contact Richard Nel.

Mick Bliss 12 Car - Fri 26th November. DATE TBC.

The Preston - Sat 4th December. Contact Brian Jaggs.

Motex Gymkhana - Bulletin 1 - Venue Change

Following the successful, but slightly noisy, TRS Bentwaters Stages the owners of Bentwaters Parks have asked us to give the venue a rest from motorsport for a few months. This is to ensure the long-term viability of the venue, which is close to housing in places and which is shared with other commercial organisations.

The Motex Gymkhana will now be held at MoD Woodbridge [Map 169 / 322478], on 28th February. All other event plans are unchanged.

Anyone who does not wish to compete at Woodbridge may request a full refund of entry fees.

Urgent – Marshals needed!! Currently we have over 70 entries, but very few marshals. Please can we have some more volunteers. Competitors – please can you make an effort to persuade a friend to come along and marshal. If the marshalling situation does not improve then the event will not be able to run as planned. Please take note of the wording in the 2010 gymkhana regs – there are three gymkhanas, as well as the East Anglian Classic, Hutton Kitchens Woodbridge Stages and EACS Endurance, this year and we would like you to make an effort marshal on at least one event.

The Chief Marshal, Craig Marven can be contacted at: Tel: 01245 603869 [H] Tel: 07599 075212 Email: craigmarven@blueyonder.co.uk 52 Thames Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2LW

We look forward to seeing you all at Woodbridge on 28th February

Spotlight. It's your mag!

Please remember, Spotlight is YOUR mag and it relies on comment from the membership. I only put it together and send it out. Please, please, please send your thoughts, ideas, comments, and contributions to me as and when you can. When you have done an event, marshaled or just noticed something daft, drop me a few lines and as long as it's not too illegal or immoral, I'll include your words. If you have a picture let me have it and I will scan the original and return it to you. Sometimes, due to limited space, it may be necessary to edit articles.

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Next issue on April 1st. Copy to me by the 20th March please or as soon after your event as possible..

The Weald Group of Motor Clubs

The motor clubs listed below make up the Weald Group. Providing you are a member of one of the clubs, you can enter any event that doesn't require a competition licence without joining the club. It's best to contact the event organiser to make sure there is space available for your entry.

The current main contacts for each Club are:

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Southern	Robert Pike	01233 840057	robert@pulmolink.co.uk

Weald Events

20/20 RALLIES

Sat 20th Feb - Sevenoaks - Chin, 01732 823 132 or chin@btinternet.com

12 CAR RALLIES

Fri 12th Feb - B18 - Roger McKenzie - details above

Fri 19th Feb - CMC - Matt Endean - details above

Sun 14th Feb - Eastbourne - Tim Smith - details above

Tue 16th Feb - Census - Graham Prett - details above

SCATTERS

Thu 18th Feb - Sevenoaks - Chin - details as for 20/20

12 CAR REGULARITY RUNS

Sun 7th Feb - Blackpalfrey - Andy Gibson - details above

CAR TRIALS

Sun 7th or 14th Feb - B19 - Jane Anthony - 01474 852779 or jane_b19@hotmail.com

Mr Gossip brings us this and that....

On the family front lots has been going on. Some of these may be a bit late!

Shane Keilthy & Lisa Dodsworth announce their engagement

Steve Tilbrook & Charlotte Landon announce their engagement

Ben Scott & Karen Cook announce their engagement

Dave Taylor & Sarah daughter Tiggy Athenia Taylor (7lb 2oz) arrived 18th January.

Mark Barham & Andrea plan to marry in the next couple of months as does Any Manston (sorry I dont know his intended's name).

Best wishes to you all from the committee and membership of Chelmsford Motor Club.

TRS Bentwaters Stages Rally - Jim Bowie

Bentwaters is my 12th stage rally in the 106 and 2nd with Karen Cook in the hotseat. I felt flattered by my seeding at 18 out of 42 and third seeded in class. To be fair I was at least 21st on the road because late entries that finished in the top 5 were wearing 42,43 & 44 !

My gearbox had been rebuilt before the event at some expense and I was annoyed that 5th gear disappeared on the short journey from scrutineering to the airfield. At the insistence of the marshalling Ian Mephram I could not start the event in this state as all the other gears would slide off the mainshaft and I'd be doomed (Dads Army accent here). Fortunately Spike Chris & Thomas were able to remove the endplate and tighten it all up before SS1.

Wow was it quick out there & 5th much in use but absolutely fabulous (to coin another TV sitcom!)

I knew I'd struggle to live with Aron Rayner at no 14 (I was right he finished an incredible 7th) and Miles Johnson in the TGC college Fiesta at 15 (right again he finished 18th but I did beat him on SS2). My mission was to be 3rd i/c and achieved it despite a big spin on SS4 , slight fuel surge on SS5 and a lack of rear brakes on SS6.

Very impressed by David Earthy overtaking me on SS6 - why were you so quick at the end of the day David ? 6 of those and you'd be knocking on the top 10.

JB

In the absence of any photo's of Mr Bowie from Bentwaters here is one of Ed and Ben Scott.



Chelmsford Motor Club Awards

Thursday 18th Feb is the annual awards presentation night. Not only will we be awarding the awards to the deserving championship winners , we will be presenting the Fender Bender, Marshal of the Year, Best Newcomer and The Chairman's Award. Alongside these fabulous prizes, Alan Dean Lewis from the MSA will be formally presenting Chelmsford Motor Club with the prestigious JLT Sport MSA Motor Club of the Year trophy.

The Club Award Winners are as follows:-

12 Car Rally Driver	1 - Mike Thomas 53 Points	2 - Kevin Ablitt 51 Points
12 Car Rally Navigator	1 - Rich Baker 53 Points	2 - John Hodgeson 51 Points
Road Rally Driver	1 - Dave Town 94 Points	2 - Claire Abrey 78 Points
Road Rally Navigator	1 - Matt Fowle 88 Points	2 - Rob Henchoz 88 Points
Stage Rally Driver	1 - Tony Michael 100 Points	2 - Matt Fowle 90 Points
Stage Rally Co Driver	1 - Paul Barrett 100 Points	2 - Tom Ward 57 Points
Autotest	1 - Mike Thomas 132 Points	2 - Matt Endean 115 Points
Sprint	1 - Nick Pope 28 Points	
Autocross	1 - Colin Smith 82 Points	
Car Trial	1 - Mike Thomas 18 Points	
Clubman's	1 - Matt Endean 49 Points	2 - Mike Thomas 47 Points
Marshal's Award	?	
Fender Bender	?	
Best Newcomer	?	
Chairman's Award	?	

NOTE - Road Rally Navigator was tied but Matt scored the points on fewer events.

Well done to everyone who took part and didn't make this list. Many thanks to Ed Scott for keeping track of the points over the last months.

January Jaunt 12 Car Rally Results - 29th Jan 2010

1	Matt Endean / Suze Endean	Beg	Rover 214	0F / 3M
2	Philip Brent / Graham Robinson	Nov	Morris Mini Cooper S	0F / 11M
3	Kevin Ablitt / John Hodgeson	Beg	Peugeot 106sxi	0F / 15M
4	Tim Loftus / Paul Wicks	Beg	Porsche 924	0F / 15M
5	Michael Helm / Colin Wake	Nov	Triumph TR6	0F / 19M
6	Dave Town / Ben Scott	Exp	Rover 214	1F / 0M
7	Nick Powter / Willie Williams	Sem	Corsa	1F / 22M
8	Keith Lane / Karen Cook	Beg	Fiesta	1F / 26M
9	Nick White / Rob Galley	Beg	Rover 214	1F / 29M
10	Mike Bishop / Darren Armitage	Nov	Triumph Stag	1F / 30M
11	Adam Kelly / Stuart Collett	Beg		3F / 1M
12	Daniel Scales / Chris Long	Sem	Corsa	3F / 14M

Andy and Chris, the organisers, would like to thank the following for helping out on the night. Ed Scott, Eddie Call, Adrian Bragg, Rich Milbank (and friends), Mike Banks, Brian Jaggs, Tony Michael, Tom Merchant and Baz Miller.

Carpetbagger - Suze Endean.

What to say....really pleased with how it went!! We finished 18th o/a and 4th i/c. For my first Bagger, and 3rd RR [done the Preston twice] I was really pleased with that result. Andy Elcomb was navigating for me and he hadn't done an event like this for many years so it was a little in at the deep end for both of us. To beat Matt was an added unexpected bonus as well, it was the first time we've both been out in our rally cars competing against each other, bar some local autotests. Yes he had some issues but that's rallying!! We cut 1PC in the first section and a few in the second section, and "missed" one of the last controls as it had gone when we got there [we were running close to OTL] but other than that had a good night. Was pleased not to have to cut that much and there were some cracking lanes out there.

The car was good all night - the only / main issue at times was with it being a 1.0 1st was needed for some of the hills because it really was struggling! It had a new throttle body after The Preston and that sorted out many issues so really pleased with that as it was greatly improved.

It was a really good night, I didn't know quite what to expect but enjoyed it and if someone had told me 24 hours beforehand where I would finish i would have been very happy! Aim is always just to improve on seeding and anything on top of that is just a bonus.

A huge, huge huge thanks to Roger, Rob, Graham, and everybody else who put on a lot of work for last night, especially the marshals. Much appreciated so many thanks

It's Membership Renewal Time

CMC finished last year with a fantastic 333 registered members. This is the highest for many years. Thank you.

So, to 2010. Lets see if we can beat last years number. So far this year we have 116 and here are the newest members to date.

Daniel Callear	Ellen Clough	Colin Evans	Alan Hercliffe
Barbara Hercliffe	Andrew Hercliffe	Matthew Hercliffe	Murray Macdonald
Hazel Macdonald	Michael Mckenna	Alicia Mclachlan	Beatrice Mclachlan
Jamie Mctoldridge	Sean O'hanrahan	Irina Plant	Jamie Plant
Robbie Plant	Thomas Wareham		

And just incase anyone has missed the news, it's membership time! Please send your crisp tenners to Dave Judd. His details are in the front of this issue.

London to Capetown Rally 2011

Rob Henchoz, CMC member and owner of Amazon Cars and Richard Atherton are preparing this beast to compete on the 27 day London to Capetown Rally which leaves from Big Ben on New Years Eve. During the year we will be chronicling the work planned and completed.



November 2009

So, we had a busy weekend collecting our car for the London-Cape Town rally, which went something like...

- Saturday: delivered Cathy's 122S back to Luton
- Sunday 0430: depart for Stansted airport, with Richard Atherton
- Sunday 1200: found our new 144 in Copenhagen airport's car park P5, the keys were in the wheel well as arranged, and the car started: excellent!
- Through Denmark, onto the ferry, through Germany
- Sunday 1900: arrive at Drachten (Holland), met a chap called Hans in the Irish Pub and chatted about his adventures in Heathrow and across America - then sallied forth for an excellent Indonesian dinner before collapsing into bed.
- All the while we were arranging to get one of our competition overdrives from the workshop via Stansted to Spain for a stranded rally car (Casablanca rally) - successfully!
- Monday am: visited Flok Boer, to admire his axle and engine emporium: now Flok builds genuine 200bhp B20 motors, with good torque curves, so you can appreciate the wealth of his engineering knowledge (on which subject he lectures at the university).
- Monday pm: Hoek van Holland ferry to Harwich, whilst tele-advising our man in Spain how to build a Volvo gear box!
- Monday midnight: back at our workshop in Suffolk, with a happy 144 - and now arranging to get a gearbox to Gatwick airport for Spain!
- Tuesday: gearbox leaves our workshop in a taxi, now bound for the "left luggage" at Stansted.
- Wednesday? Hopefully Patrick will be back in the Casablanca rally after all our monumental efforts to sort his transmission out!

Oh, and here's a photo of the Cape Town car, with Richard busy fitting UK spec headlights ready for its MoT...



Please support Rob and Richard by donating to Malaria No More
<http://www.justgiving.com/AmazonCars>.

Winter Series Table - Only 3 Events to Go!

Winter Series														
Beginner		Driver	Navigator	Marshal	Organiser	Table Top	Priestley	Halloween	Mick Bliss	January Jaunt	Derek Stone	March Hare	April Blossom	TOTAL
1	Suze Endean	6	6		9	9	7	10		12				59
2	John Hodgson		6				9	11	5	10				41
3	Michael Helm	6					8	9	6	8				37
4	Karen Cook		6			8		5	10	5				34
5	Colin Wake		6				8	9		8				31
6	Paul Wicks		6						7	10				23
7	Tim Loftus	6							7	10				23
8	Andy Turner	6				7		5						18
9	Adam Kelly	6							9	2				17
10	Stuart Collett		6						9	2				17
11	Nick White	6		6						4				16
12	Rob Galley		6	6						4				16
13	Steve Tilbrook		6				10							16
14	Brian Miller		6					4						10
Novice														
1	Mike Thomas	6	6			6	12		8					38
2	Graham Robinson		6				5	7		11				29
3	Philip Brent	6					5	7		11				29
4	Trevor Suckling	6	6				6	6	3					27
5	Keith Lane	6							10	5				21
6	Mike Bishop	6						8		3				17
7	Darren Armitage		6							3				9
8	Kevin Ascott		6											6
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1	Adrian Bragg	6	6	6		12	4	12	4					50
2	Eddie Call	6	6	6		12	4	12	4					50
3	Richard Baker	6	6	6		6	12		8					44
4	Chris Long	6	6				6	6	3	1				28
5	Dave Town	6							12	7				25
6	Paul Brewerton			6		11								17
7	Nick Powter	6								6				12
8	Willie Williams		6							6				12
9	Daniel Scales	6								1				7
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1	Ben Scott		6		12		11		12	7				48
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3	Chris Parmenter	6			9		3	7						25
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Please let Ed Scott have your event results. You can contact the Championship Secretary Ed Scott by phone, 01277 650917 or by email tables@chelmsfordmc.co.uk. Club members who are registered on our web site can also claim by using the on line form.

Extracts from e-Wheels, the monthly publication from the MSA

The MSA wishes all club members safe and enjoyable motor sport in 2010.

New Hampshire RLO

Mike Hall is the new Route Liaison Officer for Hampshire. His contact details are below.

Hampshire RLO: Mike Hall, 10 Orchard Close, Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 5SD. (h) 01189 712747 (m) 07774 951937.

New Year Honours

David Butler receives an MBE for services to disabled motor sport. As Chairman of British Motor Sport for the Disabled, which he established in 1987, David Butler has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers. He is still the only disabled driver worldwide to have held both an International Race and International Rally Licence, and his persistence and dedication has now enabled many others to follow his lead.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA, said: "David has worked tirelessly to benefit others and has greatly enhanced the status of disabled people, especially those wishing to be involved in motor sport. He has been an inspiration, a role model and a symbol of hope to many disabled people and he fully deserves this great recognition."

Readers will probably be aware that Jenson Button was awarded an MBE in recognition of his performances for Brawn GP in 2009 and that Ross Brawn received an OBE for more than 30 years of service to motor sport

Safety Car regulations corrected

In the 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook*, the text concerning the operation of the Safety Car in circuit racing (Section Q, Appendix 2) is incorrect in two places.

More information can be found on the Latest News section of the MSA website at:

<http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=1&nid=1291>

Club Officials seminars 2010

Places are still available on some of these seminars being run by the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust). If you wish to attend, please check availability of places with Richard Nunn at the MSA (rnnn@msauk.org or 01753 765071).

More information about the seminars was in the December and November issues.

Day, date and broad locations are:

Sunday 24 January – Northern Ireland (Aldegrave area)

Saturday 30 January – South East (Sevenoaks area)

Sunday 31 January – Central Southern (Basingstoke area)

Saturday 20 February – North (York area)

Sunday 21 February – Eastern England (Peterborough area)

Saturday 27 February – Midlands (Solihull area)

Sunday 28 February – North West (Runcorn area)

Saturday 6 March – Wales (Llandrindod Wells area)

Sunday 7 March – South West (Exeter area)

Saturday 13 March – Scotland Central (Motherwell area)

Sunday 14 March – Scotland Highland (Inverness area)

Fitness for duty

The following words are taken from the *MSA Scrutineers E-bulletin # 48*:

It has long been accepted that it is not appropriate for officials to partake in the consumption of alcohol during a meeting. That said there is nothing wrong with having a relaxing drink after the day's toils if that is your choice. Please remember to be responsible with your alcohol consumption "the night before". If you work on the basis of only drinking an amount of alcohol the evening before such as to mean you would not fall foul of a police breath test at the start of the meeting you will not be too far wrong. Remember it is not only competitors who are required not to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol or drugs, but also officials.

In the bulletin, Scrutineers were also reminded that smoking whilst officiating is to be avoided.

Blue Book on website

The 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the MSA website. Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 *Kart Race Yearbook*, the *Motor Club Manual*, *Motorsports Now!* – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of *e-Wheels* (in Word and pdf formats). Go to www.msauk.org > Clubs > Publications.

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