

June 2012



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Dear Member,

Welcome to the June 2012 newsletter!

The year is now well underway and all motorsport activities and championships are now getting up to speed. Please, if you are competing, feel free to mail me your reports for inclusion in the newsletter to share with fellow club members.

Stuart

MSA Newsletter

The latest edition of the MSA newsletter can be downloaded and read by clicking here.

The latest edition of the MSA quarterly magazine can be downloaded and read by clicking <u>here</u>.

The 2012 "Blue Book" is also available here.

Nicky Grist Stages Rally – 14th July

Gary Marriott, our Chairman, has asked me to forward the following information to all members:

I have registered our interest to help out on the Nicky Grist Stages Rally on the 14th July which is a round of the BTRDA championship.

To date I have had several people interested in attending.

The event is based in Builth Wells with all the stages being run on the Epynt Ranges and the surrounding forests, Halfway and Crychan.

It is likely to be an early start on the Saturday so have found a BB in Builth Wells (The Hollies http://www.theholliesbuilthwells.co.uk/ £35 per night BB) which will allow us to have a few beers and a curry after the rally and not have to drive all the way back the same day.

If anyone is interested could you please let me know (<u>Gary.Marriott@btconnect.com</u> 07799 624926) as I need to advise numbers to the organisers (please book your own BB direct).

Thanks, Gary

Air Ambulance

Please may I bring to your attention a petition to encourage the Government to exempt Air Ambulance services from duty on the fuel they use, in the same way as the Lifeboats (RNLI) are exempt.

If we gain 100,000 signatures, Parliament is duty bound to debate the issue - currently we have over 20,000 signatures.

Thank you for your support for this magnificent volunteer funded service.

Please pass on to all of your UK friends.

http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349

Thanks for your support

15^{th - 17 th} June 2012 – CSCC Spa Summer Classic @ Spa Francorchamps – Stu MacMaster

When I heard about Andy and Allan Davies making the trip to Spa earlier in the year I jumped at the chance to see if there was a spare seat in the motor home to tag along and act as a pit bum for the weekend. So the weeks passed leading up to the event, and our numbers increased to make the trip over to Belgium. There was myself, Carl Bennett, Dave Hill, Steve Turner, and of course Allan and Andy Davies who would be doing a shared drive in Allan's impressive BMW E30 M3.

It was an early start Thursday morning to get down to Stafford, home of Driveme. Net, to get to the motor home, M3 in tow, to get to Dover for the 2pm sailing to Dunkirk. We

arrived at Dover in good time, and were soon loaded on to the ferry, saying goodbye to the white cliffs and Old Blighty!

2 Hours later and we landed at Dunkirk, and started the 2nd leg of the drive to get to the circuit. We arrived at Spa at about 8:30pm and made our way in to the circuit, there where already loads of people there, so we ummed and arred a little before deciding on the best place to set up camp, and promptly got unloaded what needed to be unloaded – table, chairs, cheese and wine, and had a bite to eat and some wine to relax after the trip.



The format of the weekend was to be a 30 min qualifying session on Friday, where both drivers needed to learn the track, and the best time of the session would be used for race 1 on the Saturday, with the results of that race being used for Sunday's race.

Unfortunately, the Belgium weather wasn't being kind, with rain forecast for Friday / Saturday, but getting better and drier on the Sunday. As Andy had driven the circuit before he opted to do the wet race, with Allan doing the Race on the Sunday.



The "crew"



What the holder was really made for...?

So with a wet qualifying session, Andy took the first few laps in the Toyo 888 shod M3 before handing over to Allan for the majority of the session so he could get to know the

track. With tricky conditions, and not the best wet weather tires, they did an impressive job qualifying the car, and set 12th fastest time out of a 52 car grid!

Following a wet Friday night, the weather forecast stayed true and a wet Saturday followed...



Andy struggled in the race with the Tires, with a few other competitors opting for list 1a tires to get some grip through the water covered track....







He finished the race a respectable 17th overall, which was bettered when it was discovered a few cars finishing higher up the order had fitted full race wets to their cars – a tire not allowed in this series, and there where excluded from the results!

Thankfully Sunday saw some better weather, and by mid morning the sun was starting to crack through the clouds and dry the track. Allan started 14th on the grid after cars from the previous days racing had been excluded and moved to the back of the grid.



Allan made a reasonable getaway and started to settle down as he got familiar with the track. There was a fair bit of action on the track as higher powered cars, unable to use their advantage in the wet made their way forwards, and lighter, and less powerful cars that had prospered in the wet got shuffled backwards.









Allan brought the car home in a respectable 13th position out of the 46 that finished the race. The car was promptly loaded on to the trailer again, and we packed up everything again, and began the long trip back to England – roll on September when Andy is back over there racing in the Masters!!

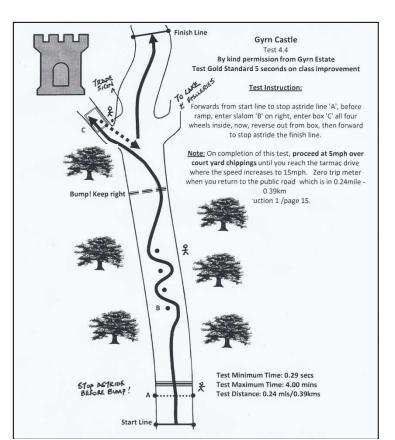


2012 Three Castles Welsh Classic Trial

A group of nine members from Wallasey Motor Club were marshalling on a test at Gyrn Castle in North Wales on the last day of this year's tenth anniversary Three Castles Classic Trial.

Having been nominated as test commander, I was a little nervous before the event that not enough marshals would arrive but with Neil Evans' chasing and a start crew organised by Dave Thomas, there were enough bodies on the day.

Initially, I think, people were a little disappointed with how short & comparatively simple the test appeared to be. However, despite the early start, it turned into an interesting morning's



motorsport with a variety of classic cars and varying levels of commitment from the crews. Surprisingly, the rain we were all expecting held off and we managed to stay dry which was a bonus

After some instruction on the Liege clocks from the clock car, Gary, Neil & Jon took up position at the stop line.

The cars ranged from 30's sports & tourers to early 80's saloons & sports cars. There was a wide variety of makes including Alvis, Austin-Healey, Bristol, Jaguar, Maserait, Mercedes, Morgan, and Porsche.

Steve & CJ were monitoring the "garage" (C) manoeuvre which several competitors managed to miss completely! The rest of us were split between the slalom (B) and a stop line (A), noting any crew who failed to negotiate the manoeuvres successfully.

Whilst not as dramatic or technically sophisticated as rallying, the variety of cars and driving techniques on this trial made it interesting.

And we finished in time for a lunchtime pint.....

Tony King

New Brighton RNLI Visit – 9th July

Wallasey Motor Club have been invited by the RNLI to visit to the New Brighton Lifeboat station to see how the operation works and to get a close up view of some of the specialist vehicles and equipment they use which are unique to the RNLI and in some cases to New Brighton station itself.

This has come about from our connection with the RNLI as our nominated charity for the Promenade stages rally, an association which is now in its fourth year this year. this trip will take place on Monday 25th June at 20:00, if you are interested in attending Please contact Andy Macdonald on 07980-224-294 or on a club night, as we have to give numbers.

Following the tour, it has been suggested that everyone can regroup over a pint at the Queens Royal afterwards.

Social Events Calendar

When	What	Where
2 nd July 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club
9 th July 2012	RNLI Visit	New Brighton, see
		newsletter for details.
16 th July 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club
23rd July 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club
30 th July 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club

Neil Philpotts did have a BBQ organized for Mon 2nd July, but this has now been cancelled due to the wet weather. This will be reorganized, and you will be notified of the new date via email.

WMC Business Meeting – 21st May

The second WMC Business Meeting of 2012 was held at the Port Sunlight Village Social Club on Monday, 21st May.

The club's Committee tries to keep all members up to date with what's happening in **your** club via the club website (<u>www.wallaseymc.com</u>), the monthly newsletters and regular emails. Minutes of all Committee Meetings, which are normally held monthly, are included in the newsletter. However, the Business Meetings provide an additional opportunity for members to raise any concerns or ask for further information from the Committee.

Whilst obviously disappointed at the small number of club members who were interested enough to attend, the Committee are pleased that no issues were raised during the Business Meeting. This is obviously an implicit expression of confidence in the way the Committee is running the club.

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