

May 2012



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Dear Member,

Welcome to the May 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.

Dukeries Rally June 9th 2012

It's that time again, Buccaneer MSC has been asked to run the **Clipstone South Stage** on the **Dukeries Rally**, which is a change of scenery from previous years. As ever we are looking for marshals, radio operators and timekeepers for the stage. Full details for the stage are as follows:

Rainworth Skoda Dukeries Rally

Stage	Clipstone South		
Location	Clipstone Forest, Nottinghanshire		
Date	Saturday 9 th June 2012		
Stage Cmdr	Trevor leathley		
Stage No.	SS 4	SS 7	
Signing On	08:00 - 08:30	N/A	
First Car Due	10:24	14:30	
Approx Close	13:15	17:20(is	
Signing On Ref	MAP REF	MAP REF 120/629 617	

If you are available for this event, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please let me know if you are available, along with any specific preferences of role. I can't guarantee that you will be given this role but I will do my best to try to make it happen. I look forward to hearing from you, Regards,

Trev

---Trevor LeathleyBuccaneer Motor Sports ClubWebsite: www.bmsc.org.uk01482 862377 (home)07980 476122 (mob)

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

Three Castles Welsh Classic Trial – 9th June

Dave Thomas is looking for a team to run a short test on the Three Castles Welsh Classic Trial on Saturday 9th June at a venue near Dyserth (never previously used for motor sport). It would require a start and finish timing crew, plus about 4 other observers. It would run in the morning (1st car approx 8.00 but I'd be around about 7.00). It wouldn't take long to set up - just a few cones and signs.

I also have quite a few vacancies on the other days (Wednesday to Friday) - view www.three-castles.co.uk for details of the event. Brief route details are attached.

Kind regards,

Dave V Thomas Chief Marshal Three Castles Classic Trial 2012 6th - 9th June 2012 www.three-castles.co.uk (Tel 01492 584872 or 07788 995345)

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

19th May 2012 – Honda VTEC Challenge @ Oulton Park – Stu MacMaster

So, it had been 18 months since it last had a competitive outing, but the 19th May saw the Integra's first race of 2012! To try and get me back in the swing of things, I opted for a

one off race in BARCs Honda VTEC Challenge – a series designed for just Honda cars fitted with any combination of VTEC Engine. As a one off race I was allowed to run my Toyo R888 Tires rather than the Yoko 048 control tire, but this would have to change should I decide to do anymore races in their championship.

I also managed to drag Dave Hill along with me in his ever impressive EP3 Civic Type R which made for a good day with an impressive 19 car entry in only the championships 2nd season.

We arrived at Oulton Bright and early, only to find the weather was anything but - cold and gloomy, rain spitting and a damp and greasy track welcomed us. The forecast was for better in the afternoon, but when I say better I mean it was only forecast to stop raining.

So out we went to qualify, tricky greasy conditions, not raining, and no standing water on the surface, just a moist sheen lay over the tarmac. I was 2nd in to the holding area, so was 2nd out on to the track. Being local and familiar with Oulton I wanted to get on with it as soon as possible and make sure no-one latched on to the back of me, so I swiftly passed the car out on track in front of me and set my fastest lap on lap 2 – just in time it seemed as an Accord Type R was having engine issues and his blue smoke from the exhaust was unlikely to add any grip for the remaining session. The results from Qualifying saw myself sat 3rd on the grid, with Mr Hill lining up back in 8th place.



As lunch time came and went, the light drizzle stopped and with the races before ours, the track was developing a dry line, and even drying across its whole width which was very good news.

Race 1 – Unfortunately the car that qualified 2nd had issues with his Diff in qually and couldn't start the race, this left the Pole sitter (Integra fitted with a 2.2 Prelude Engine)

alone on the front row. I was lined up next to a newer Civic Type R and ever mindful of Dave Hill a few rows back.....

Red lights came on and I got the revs up and prepared to launch..... out they went and I made a cracking start, straight in to the gap where 2nd place should have been, leaving the 3rd place Civic comfortably behind me. The leader however picked up his heels and started to become a smaller and smaller dot, this was going to be a race for 2nd place....

After the 3rd corner I checked my mirrors, and the only person I didn't want up my trumpet was there! Dave had made a great start, from 8th to 4th off the line and then to 3rd after a few corners and now right up behind me!!! I thought maybe he hadn't done all he could in the tricky qualifying sessions, but now it was dry he had really got the car hooked up and made the decision that as he had made such rapid progress if he made a move I wasn't going to bother going defensive. After another lap or 2 the inevitable (or so I thought) happened, and he had a nose up the inside in to Cascades and I gave him room and let him through. To my surprise though, once through he didn't begin to pull away, and there where places I could carry more speed and brake later. I stuck with him for a few laps and my pressure paid off, Dave missed a gear coming out of the Island Hairpin and I slipped by to take 2nd place again – the leader by this time was out of sight! And that's how it finished, myself in 2nd, and Dave in 3rd, my best ever result, and first time on the podium!







Race 2 grid was decided by the results from Race 1, this put me 2^{nd} , on the front row of the grid, with Dave in 3^{rd}

I again made a pretty reasonable initial start when the lights went out, but didn't carry enough speed through the first corner at Old Hall, and Hilly got a run along the outside to take 2nd place. Then, going down towards Island Hairpin I was passed again by a rather Rapid little EG Civic (4th place man from Race 1) up the inside, and pushed down to 4th!

It wasn't long however before it was apparent Dave had an issue, the little Civic was all over the back of him, and we where really reeling him in on the straights. On the run up to Lodge, the Civic passed and a corner later at Old Hall I slipped by – this was all due to Dave losing 4th gear, probably his most commonly used gear, and he gradually slipped down the order as he couldn't hold the pace.

That put me up to 3rd, hot on the heels of the 2nd place man. I followed him for a couple of laps, and found I was quicker now I had settled down from the start and began to put some pressure on him for 2nd place, making him take some defensive lines to protect his place. Then, going down the avenue, I got him off line to Cascades where he turned in off line at the top of the hill he gradually ran out of road on the exit, spoiling his exit speed and I passed on the lead up to the Island Hairpin. And that was how the rest of the race played out, the leader had again shot off in to the distance, and I was managing my

tires and the gap to 3^{rd} . I came away with a pair of 2^{nd} place finishes and a pair of class wins!







My Incar footage....

Race 1 -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8EAk5sGvck&list=UU7N_LZ9G5kQGAcfYlxEQO CA&index=2&feature=plcp

Race 2 -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBcn7szPTw&list=UU7N_LZ9G5kQGAcfYlxEQO CA&index=1&feature=plcp

Dave Hills Race 1 Footage - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2YtM2S-kTU

New Brighton RNLI Visit – 25th June

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
11th June 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club
18 th June 2012	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight S&S Club
25 th June 2012	New Brighton RNLI Visit	New Brighton Lifeboat
	_	Station (See newsletter for
		details)

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