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The Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



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Wednesday 18th February 2009

Competitor's Forum—A perfect night for coming along to find out about the coming season's events, Crystal Palace and how to get involved in the club. The Bell Kemsing from 8.30pm.

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I hope that those few who attended our Awards Dinner enjoyed themselves. It's a shame that more of you weren't able to make it, it takes a lot of hard work to put these things on (thanks **Andy, Viv, Karen, Colin** etc.) and it is the culmination of our competition year, which is why we're all here.

I've been in the chair for about two years now and, whilst we still have a very healthy club, with an active membership doing well in various motor sport disciplines, the support for our social activities seems sadly lacking.

Whilst we're on the topic of support from our members, we're working hard on returning to Crystal Palace but, as you may have read in the press, we need to find a considerable amount of funding. We have the agreement of the park owners, Bromley Borough Council, who have been very helpful so we're aiming for the second May bank holiday in 2010. There will be an awful lot of work required and that's where you all come in; in the next few weeks we will have a campaign package to drum up support from sponsors and we need any of you with ideas for putting these packs out to likely supporters. There will be a special edition of Acorn to put this to you in detail so watch out for it and get your thinking caps on for any lead you may have – it may be worth your while.

On the competing front **Andy Kilby** and I had a good start to the year on the Clee Hill Trial in Shropshire in the middle of January. Based in Craven Arms it looked an interesting area to trial in and so it proved. The night before the event the heavens opened with rain and even snow on the Long Mynd but undeterred, we set off amongst the very varied machinery that make up the average Classic Trial entry. Our class, that for novice crews in fairly ordinary cars (although I'm not sure of the definition of that!) included an MGB Roadster navigated by a name from the SDMC past, one Neil Forrest who, back in the 60s was **Bill Shewan's** very successful navigator. We had a pleasant chat towards the end of the event while our drivers were busy pumping up tyres. Some sections were just plain impossible – hairpin right immediately steep, very slippery uphill were we got an 11, as did all but the Cannon Trials car in our class(!). Some were long, a bit rough and very challenging but do-able, whilst others were really dramatic, mainly a very long, not too steep, very slippery on moss and grass with a covering of snow track up onto the Long Mynd with the sun directly into our eyes, which we were very happy to clean. The last section was so badly rutted that when we came to a halt past the 8 marker we couldn't move at all even with a dozen chaps pushing and pulling downhill; it was so badly rutted that I couldn't even open my door. We eventually got out with a lot of rocking, pushing etc. and were happy to enjoy a glass of Old Salopian in the bar of the Craven Arms Inn.

Not knowing how well we'd done we set off for home and, in the 600 mile round trip the B never missed a beat – except for the very deep flood we hit on the way back to our hotel on the Saturday evening, nothing that a can of WD40 and a couple of handkerchiefs couldn't sort. To cap it all we ended up first in class which was very encouraging – thanks Andy.

Just a final reminder – our next 2020 Rally is on

February 21/22nd starting in Westerham so we'll need lots of help from you lot – why not sort out your championship qualification early in the year by volunteering to spend a little time making this event run – Chief Marshal is **Chris Scudder 07711 078552**.

Don't forget now's the time to get the car ready for the season, put the magazine down and get out to the garage – now!

Chin

Editorial Ramblings

Oh my! What an interesting start to February we have had, weather wise! Enough snow and ice to get people talking about a new Ice Age coming. Well almost! Hope most of you managed to survive unscathed, I heard a rumour that a certain **Mr Elcomb** had a bit of bother with some front end contact on his Vitara. The first battered cup nominee of the year, unfortunately not in competition however, but not a bad first attempt! Hopefully his last this year. Lots of stuff going on this month and also socially we have one or two treats on offer. Do take a look at what's coming up and see if you can support one or two of our socials, the more the merrier.

The 12 cars and scatters continue to be well supported and the organisers are very happy that their hard work is going down well. Please come out and play or marshal on the remaining events, including our own 20/20 rally on the night of Saturday 21st February. Chin has already mentioned it above but it will be a good event if we get support from you lot out there.

Talking of support (need to find mine for when we go ski-ing at half term!!) oops wrong type of support — our first speed event is drawing near and we are looking for some fresh organisers to help out. Does anyone out there fancy having a go at an organiser's role? There are lots of experience advisors around to help you through and as a starter event to dip your toe in the organiser's water, North Weald is a good one to do. Call **Ian Crocker** or **Chin** or me even to see what you can do.

We are hoping to put together a special edition of Acorn in March all about Crystal Palace. If you have anything you would like to contribute, your experiences of our previous events or even visiting the race circuit in its hey day (or is that hay day?!) please send it in to either me or Chin.

As you can see I am still here rambling away and again, we really do need a volunteer to take on the production of the Acorn. I will provide full training and the club is able to help out with any software you will need if you don't have any already. Please give it some serious thought as the Acorn is a valuable communication tool, whether you prefer the paper version or the electronic one, it keeps our members in touch.

I am looking to start a foundation degree course in the near future (haven't got the start date yet) but will need to give this up for a while to get back to studying. Please give it some serious thought and give something back to the club.

TTFN!

Dawn Travers



COMPETITION CALENDAR 2009 FORTHCOMING EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	ORGANISING CLUB / Contact	LOCATION	Status	Open To/ Champ Round
8th February	Car Trial	Borough 19 MC (for Weald MC): Entries and regs from Jane Anthony Email: jane_b19@hotmail.com or phone mob nos: 07710243039 or 07808 612999	Chapman's Hill, Nr Meopham, Kent MR 188/633636	CS	
13th February	12 Car Rally	Borough 18 MC (for Weald MC): Dave Clark on 01474 833496 eves or 07967 627833 mob anytime or email da_jr.clark@btinternet.com	Start & @Finish The Bull Wrotham Map 188 edition C3	CS	
15th February	Single Venue Stage Rally	The Emerald Stages—London Irish Motorclub Regs from www.londonirishmotorclub.com Marshal volunteers to Martyn Nutt: Mobile - 07768 467163 Email – m.nutt@sky.com	Longcross, Chertsey	Nat B	
18th February	Social Night	Sevenoaks & DMC: Competitor's Forum	The Bell, Kemsing from 8.30pm	Social	
19th February	Scatter Rally	Sevenoaks & DMC (for Weald MC): Contact Nigel & Rosemary Mead—Tel: 01892 832420 - Mob: 07531 262298 or email: secretary@sevenoaksmotorclub.com Route all on map 188.	Start & Finish at The Tickled Trout pub in West Farleigh MR 188/713527.	CS	
21/22nd February	20/20 Rally	Sevenoaks & DMC (for Weald MC): Contact Chin for entries or to offer marshalling help. Phone: 01732 823132 or email: chin@btinternet.com Chief Marshal is Chris Scudder 07711 078552.	Start: Westerham Garage—TBC Finish: Maidstone Services—TBC	CS	
27th/28th February	Sunseeker	Southern Car Club / Croydon DMC: Marshals needed. Volunteers to Phil Fawcett 07840 523439	Bournemouth	CS	
1st March	12 Car Regularity Run	Blackpalfrey MC (for Weald MC): Entries to Andy Gibson 01227 792740 or check out www.blackpalfrey.co.uk for an entry form.	TBC	CS	
1st March	Shakedown Sprint	Borough 19 MC: Entries and regs from Steve Cox 07710 393601 (Mobile) or 020 8390 0763 coxygoesvroom@blueyonder.co.uk	Honington	Nat B	
13th March	12 Car Rally Using Map 177 E3 edition	7Oaks & DMC (for Weald MC): Entries and offers of marshals to Chris Scudder 07711 078552 or email chris.scudder@virgin.net	Starting Lay by on A20 opposite Scratchers Lane MR 177 565654	CS	
15th March	Car Trial	7Oaks & DMC (for Weald MC): For Regs and entries contact Clive Cooke 01732 353814 clive.v.cooke@virgin.net	Stoneacre Farm Nr Beare Greene	CS	
March	20/20 Rally	Weald MC (Bexley MC): TBC	TBC	CS	
5th April	Sprint	Sevenoaks & DMC: For regs and entries see www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com	North Weald Airfield, Epping, Essex	Nat B	7oaks SL; Others TBC
5th April	12 Car Regularity Run	Blackpalfrey MC (for Weald MC): Entries to Andy Gibson 01227 792740 or check out www.blackpalfrey.co.uk for an entry form.	TBC	CS	

For further information contact :-

Competition Secretary: Ian Crocker 01892 546006 email: ian@seight.com

Speed League contact : David Balderson, 01689 601661 email: balderson@ntlworld.com



Scatter Season 2008-09

Dates of the forthcoming scatter rallies to be organised by 7Oaks & DMC and Maidstone & MKCC for Weald MC.

Next One:

Thursday 19th February 2009—SDMC

Organisers: Nigel & Rosemary Mead
Tel: 01892 832420 - Mob: 07531 262298 or email: secretary@sevenoaksmotorclub.com
Start & Finish at The Tickled Trout pub in West Farleigh MR 188/713527 Route all on map 188.

Thursday 19th March 2008	MMKMC
Contact Tom Solomon	
Thursday 2nd April 2008	SDMC

Please check the Acorn main event calendar for organisers and start venues each month. Regs available to download from www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com

12 Car Season 2008-09

Dates of the forthcoming 12 Car rallies to be organised by 7Oaks & DMC, B18, Croydon DMC and Census MC for Weald MC.

Next One:

Friday 13th February 2009 B18MC

Contact - Dave Clark on 01474 833496 eves 07967 627833 mob anytime or email da_jr.clark@btinternet.com

Friday 13th March 2009 7Oaks

Organiser: Chris Scudder 07711 078552 and leave a message; 01474 703346 evenings before 09:00PM or E-mail chris.scudder@virgin.net

Friday 10th April 2009 CENSUS

Organiser: Matt Fowle—01273 551145

Main organisers for each of the organising Weald clubs will be:

Entries for the Croydon promoted events to:
Peter Turner, daytime telephone/fax: 01883 623465
Mobile: 07778 857160
Email: apt.design@btinternet.com

Entries for the Sevenoaks promoted events to:

Chin. Tel— Home: 01732 823132
Work: 020 8691 6221.
Email: chin@btinternet.com

Entries for the Borough 18 promoted events to:

Roger McKenzie, Tel: 01732 884312.
Email: rmckenzie@playleandpartners.co.uk

Entries for the Central Sussex (CENSUS) promoted event to:

Matt Fowle, Tel Home: 01273 551145
Work: 01273 416331
Email: matt@mdfowle.freeserve.co.uk

Regs and entry form available to download from www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com

Club Social Calendar What's On in 2009?

Wednesday 18th February 2009

Competitor's Forum—A perfect night for coming along to find out about the coming season's events, Crystal Palace and how to get involved in the club. The Bell Kemsing from 8.30pm.

Wednesday 18th March



Bowling Night at Tunbridge Wells Bowlplex, Knights Park

Choices are:

1. Bowling only (1 game = about 1 hour) £5.00/ person with deposit of £2.00 per person payable 1 week before date.
2. Bowling + meal package (2 games = 2 hours) plus meal choice of hotdog/burger/chicken or one veg dish and chips £12.99. Payment in full required by 11th March.
A booking of four lanes has been made (enough for 20 people) so please call **Nigel Mead** on 01892 832420 or by email to: secretary@sevenoaksmotorclub.com to book your place and preference.

Wednesday 15th April

Annual General Meeting of the Sevenoaks District Motorclub to be held at The Bell, Kemsing. Starts promptly at 8.30pm

Wednesday 20th May

Quiz Night—rescheduled due to lack of participants in January. Chin has been busy compiling devious and not so devious questions to test your skill. Bring a team or join up with mates on the night for a fun evening. The Bell, Kemsing from 8.30pm.

Tuesday 26th May 2009

Scalectrix Night is to be rescheduled to be held at Hadlow Manor Hotel, Hadlow Nr Tonbridge. Watch this space for further details.

Wednesday 17th June

Film Night at The Bell Kemsing—If you have anything Motorsport related of interest to bring along preferably on VHS or DVD, please come along or ring a committee member.

TRK Report

Well the first two events are in already, the recent Croydon 12-car and the Cleve Hill Trial, so this is the first table of the year:

Tyrrell-Fleming Non-Speed

Member	Points
Chin	60
Andy Kilby	60
Tarna Ablitt	27
Kevin Ablitt	27
Daren Hall	23
Andy Elcomb	23
Rosemary Mead	20
Nigel Mead	20

Chin



Borough 18 MC / WEALD MOTOR CLUB

Friday 13th February 2009
Round 5 of the 2008/2009 Rod
Wray 12 Car Rally Championship
Starting and finishing from
THE BULL HOTEL at WROTHAM
MR188 / 612 591

Map 188 edition C3 is required
45 miles of f....u....n!!
Expert and Novice Navigation in
sealed envelopes.

For marshalling and entries please
Contact Dave Clark on
01474 833496 eves
or 07967 627833 mob anytime
or email
da_jr.clark@btinternet.com

Sevenoaks & DMC / WEALD MOTOR CLUB

20/20/Rally

Overnight 21st/22nd February 2009
Start Westerham Garage, finish at
Maidstone services 20 entries 20
controls 100% cheap and fun
motorsport.

For marshalling and entries please
Contact Chin on (Home) 01732
823132 (Work) 020 8691 6221
or email

Chin@btinternet.com

M&MKMC Scatter 15th January 2009

The January Scatter run on behalf of Maidstone by the Lanes was a nice straightforward event. Daren Hall did well on the maps for me and picked out a spot-on route for us to follow and we were able to collect all required 30 clues and be back to the finish pub in Bredhurst before anyone else.

Three clean sheets (ie all 30 clues collected) meant the tie break of order of getting back worked in our favour and we left proudly clutching a couple of bottles of wine.

Yes, it did help a little bit that we were using a lot of lanes very familiar to me - in fact we were less than 100 metres from my house at one stage - but non-the-less, as is always the case with scatters, it is all down to a with-it navigator to get a good result.

Despite the weather having been rather unpleasant in the preceding days, the roads were on the whole fine, just a bit of mud in some places and the inevitable potholes, most of which I managed to avoid, with one exception that rattled Daren's teeth but didn't puncture.

So we've got some more 2009 TRK points in the bag - I wonder if I can move myself nearer the top of some of the tables this year?

Andy Elcomb

Speed Season starts here
**7Oaks & DMC organising a
Nat B Sprint**
on

**Sunday 5th April at
North Weald Airfield, Epping Essex.**

Regs will be available shortly to download
from the club website at
www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com

WEALD (Sevenoaks & DMC) 12 CAR 5th December 2008

Car No.	Driver	Navigator	Fails Min	Class	Position
1	Mick Ross	Craig McGurk	3F 22	N	8th
2	Nigel Mead	Rosemary Mead	2F 16	N	7th
3	Chin	Andy Kirby	1F 29	E	6th
4	Ben Smith	Matt Clark	1F 0	E	5th
5	Andy Elcomb	Daren Hall	0F 17	E	3rd
6	Clive Cooke	Kevin Ablitt	0F 4	E	1st
7	Nick Powter	Willie Williams	0F 23	E	4th
8	Dave Bushby	Dave Clarke	0F 14	E	2 nd

Results for the CDMC January Jiggle 12 Car

	FAILS	MINS	POSITION	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	CLASS
CAR 1	4	29	11	Nigel Mead	Rosemary Mead	N
CAR 2	5	29	12	Wug Utting	Russell Utting	N
CAR 3	1	28	3	Mick Rose	Craig McGurk	N
CAR 4	4	25	8	Howard Shaddock	Keith Edwards	E
CAR 5	3	19	6	Ben Smith	Matt Clark	E
CAR 6	1	26	1	Mark Stokoe	Bob Stokoe	E
CAR 7	1	27	2	Tarna Ablitt	Kevin Ablitt	E
CAR 8	4	26	9=	Maria McKenzie	Roger McKenzie	E
CAR 9	4	26	9=	Dave Town	Mick Town	E
CAR 10	2	12	4	Andy Elcomb	Daren Hall	E
CAR 11	2	31	5	Dave Bushby	Dave Clark	E
CAR 12	3	27	7	Nick Powter	Glyn Williams	E

Thanks to Neil and Andy Ayling for putting on such a good event in January. The weather was not kind but 12 cars turned up, started and finished. The finish pub was not too crowded and the food most welcome. Well done everyone.

Roger Sawyers

7Oaks Car Trial

Our first trial of the year will be Sunday 15th March for your enjoyment!

The ONLY reasons for cancellation will be ridiculously wet weather in the preceding week, or lack of entries. The former, you cannot do anything about, but the latter.....!!

Regs and entry forms for this event are available from me or you can download them from the website at www.sevenoaksmotorclub.com, Hope to see y'all there,

Clive Cooke

Tel: 01732 353814 or email: clive.v.cooke@virgin.net





BRSCC S.E. Centre Annual Quiz Night

Once again to banish the winter gloom and credit crunch we are organising our Annual Quiz night in the Kentagon at Brands Hatch on the evening of Wednesday 4th March 2009.

This will give the winner's of 2008 trophy to try and retain the trophy or for someone new to take the title. We invite all Motor clubs and Marshals to get together in teams of 6 to uphold the honour of the BRSCC or your own club.

A cash bar will be available. Sandwiches and nibbles will be offered to help those who have not had time to go home before the evening begins.

Quiz entry fee of £10 per team payable on the night

Teams of six (give yourselves a name) are requested to register with us by email to Carol Glenn at carollglenn@hotmail.com by the 1st March so that we have a good idea how many people we should expect.

Five or Six wide ranging motorsport themed rounds of ten questions each plus one General Knowledge round, will be put to the teams in reasonably quick-fire time. At the end of each round teams will exchange their answer sheets with a team close-by, though NOT with a table from the same club, whilst the Quiz-Master goes through the correct answers. Each team will chose in advance a JOKER round when they will shoot for DOUBLE points.

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19.30	Meet and greet in Kentagon
20.15	QUIZ
21.30	Presentation of Trophy and Prizes
21.45	Noggin & Natter until closing time.
23.00	Kentagon closes



Fellow Clubs do take the opportunity to join us for an evening's fun and laughter. Please circulate your members and let us know if you will be sending a team or teams as soon as possible.

Carol Glenn
Secretary of the Meeting for the BRSCC SE Centre
carollglenn@hotmail.com
07947598225

ASEMC Car Trials Championship.

Sevenoaks members are already supporting the new for 2009 ASEMC Car Trials Championship. Registrations already include Dave Balderson in his Peugeot 205 and Edward Hollaway with his Ford Fiesta. Both will be competing in class two for front engined two wheel drive cars. The first round of the Championship kicks off at the Falcon Motor Club's 'Southern Autos' event in Dunstable on 15th February. Co-ordinator Chris Judge said "It is refreshing to get ideas, input and enthusiasm from drivers already. One of the aim's of this new Championship is to make it a truly friendly series where every driver has an input in the way things are run."

To register contact Championship Co-ordinator Chris Judge at judgece66@aol.com.

ACSMC Car Trial Championship 2009 (Formerly "Production Car Trials")

This last year has seen many fewer ACSMC competitors taking part in Car Trials above Club level. This is an attempt to interest ACSMC Club members in the Regional Championship and to give information about the classes and events, as we would be delighted to welcome you into the Championship.

There should be a class available for any two-wheel drive car with at least two seats and without 'fiddle' brakes. Class R was added to try and provide an opportunity for road rally cars (especially endurance rally cars) where their usual preparation and safety equipment won't be a disadvantage. Class S is mainly intended for classic trials cars which wouldn't normally be allowed in (production) car trials except at club level although other 'specials' would be welcome.

As well as the awards for the Champion and Class Winners, there are also awards for the best Clubman, Lady, and 'Under 25' Driver.

The 2009 ACSMC Car Trials Championship classes for competitors' points scoring, are as follows:

Classes 1 – 4 will be as per the MSA Competitors Yearbook suggestions –

- 1 – Two wheel drive production cars first registered on or after 12 years prior to 1st January in the current year, taxed, carrying no ballast, driven to venue, max 10kg sumpguard, no modifications.
- 2 – Front wheel drive production cars not eligible for class 1.
- 3 – Rear wheel drive production cars not eligible for class 1.
- 4 – Modified production cars and kit cars.

Class R – Two wheel drive road rally cars as described in MSA Competitors Yearbook Sections H102 to H129 – Road Rallying. This class might not be included in the Index of Performance for overall positions on an event.

Class S – Two wheel drive cars not eligible for classes 1-4 or R. This class might not be included in the Index of Performance for overall positions on an event, and is only eligible for a class award in the Championship.

In all classes tyres must comply with MSA general regulations for Car Trials.

Only cars in Classes 1 and R should be required to produce an MOT certificate – cars in the other classes will not need to have MOTs.

The ACSMC Car Trials Championship will comprise of six National B events in 2009 (although this number may increase slightly). Falcon's 'Southern Autos', 'Brickhill', and 'Guy Fawkes' trials are all Championship rounds in the north of the Region. Woolbridge's 'Golden Springs', Eastbourne & Ram's 'Mercury', and Famborough's 'Autumn Trial' are the southern rounds. This means that if you compete on Falcon's events or the southern rounds (this can include officiating on one trial which gives points equivalent to a class win) then you will have done half the Championship without travelling to the other end of the Region. As you can see, a Championship campaign could be put together quite easily.

Full regs. for the 2009 ACSMC Car Trials Championship and an application form are available from the Championship Co-ordinators using the contact details above, or on the ACSMC website from early 2009.



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Go Motorsport 2009

The *Go Motorsport* campaign has had a very encouraging first six months, attracting more than 45,000 visitors to the website since the launch in June. It has also had great success at major events such as the British Grand Prix, the British Motor Show, Goodwood Festival of Speed and Wales Rally GB.

However, while many thousands have visited the website, very few have made direct contact with clubs through the website channels. With this in mind, *Go Motorsport* in 2009 will work more closely with clubs to attract new people as well as raising the profile of the sport at both a local and national level. More than 160 clubs completed the *Go Motorsport* questionnaire in 2008 and their details and events were listed on the website. The MSA would like to encourage more clubs to get involved this year – particularly as a comprehensive fixture list is one of the most popular sections of the website.

Please click on the link below to open the questionnaire. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete but will ensure that *Go Motorsport* has all the correct information for 2009.

Click here for the questionnaire or paste the following URL into your web browser:

http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire_2009.xls

Please return the questionnaire by email to info@GoMotorsport.net as soon as possible.

Forest fees

The MSA has confirmed the fees that will be charged for providing access to the Forestry Estate for MSA-permitted rally events in 2009. As established in the new three-year Master Agreement, covering 2008 to 2010 inclusive, prices have increased in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI), as set in October 2008 at 4.2 per cent.

Speedier licences

The MSA's online licensing facility opened for business at the start of December at www.msauk.org, offering nearly three quarters of all competitors the opportunity to speed up their licence application. Online applications will be dispatched in fewer than ten days – reducing by a third the turnaround time compared to standard postal applications.

Ton-up clubs

Will your club be celebrating its centenary in 2009? The MSA has a Centenary Club Award, which may be used by the receiving club, at its discretion, either as a commemorative award or as a special award for occasional or annual presentation. Please advise Allan Dean-Lewis at the MSA (e-mail: adean-lewis@msauk.org) if 2009 is your club's ton-up year.

MSA Yearbooks

The *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook 2009* and the *Kart Race Yearbook 2009* are provided free with the relevant MSA competition licences. They can also be purchased from the MSA for £25 and £9 respectively (inclusive of postage within the UK). Orders should be addressed to Sales Dept, Motor Sports Association, Colnbrook SL3 0HG or can be made online at www.msauk.org

2009 Autosport International Show

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA opened this year's show (8 to 11 January) flanked by MSA Elite programme members, Adam Gould and Alexander Sims, who in the past month have claimed the two biggest prizes in British motor sport for young drivers – the Pirelli UK Star Driver shootout and the McLaren Autosport Driver of the Year respectively.

Speaking at the opening, Colin Hilton said: "The MSA invested more than £1.2m in the development of UK motor sport last year and we will continue this programme of investment in 2009 to ensure that the sport continues to grow in these challenging times."

MSA 2009 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook correction – fuel testing

Regulation changes with regard to fuel testing were ratified by the Motor Sports Council at its meeting on 4 March 2008 and duly published in the Spring 2008 issue of *Motor Sports Now!* – the quarterly MSA publication sent to licenced officials and competition licence holders.

However, these changes were omitted from relevant sections of the 2009 *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (the so-called Blue Book which is sent to licenced competitors) but can now be viewed on the MSA website at www.msauk.org>Clubs>Publications>MSAYearbook

Yearbook omission

As mentioned in *e-Wheels* December 2008 and repeated here for emphasis, there is an omission in the MSA 2009 *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* in Section I – Sprints, Hill Climbs and Drag Racing. The omitted text is in the Winter 2008 issue of *Motor Sports Now!* and on the MSA website at: www.msauk.org > News under the heading Clarification for Sprint and Hillclimb competitors.

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Sevenoaks & District Speed League 2009 – Regulations

- 1.1** Sevenoaks Speed League 2009 is organised and administered by the Sevenoaks & District Motor Club Ltd. in accordance with the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (Incorporating the provision of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.
- 1.1.1 MSA Championship Permit No. **CHS2009/016** MSA Championship Grade C Status National B
- 1.2 Officials**
- 1.2.1 Championship Co-ordinator is Karen Webber 35 Chestnut Close Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4FP.
Tel: 01732 875091 e-mail: kes.web1@tesco.net
- 1.2.2 Eligibility Scrutineer is Mike Betts 52 New Road London E4 8ET 0208 529 8294 mikebetts@btinternet.com
[TBC](#)
- 1.2.3 Championship Stewards are: Steve Pattinson, Iain Gibson, Colin Billings .
- 1.2.4 Championship Scorer & Registrar is David Balderson, 17 Glen trammon Close Orpington Kent BR6 6DL
Tel: 01689 601661 e-mail balderson@ntlworld.com
- 1.3 Competitor Eligibility**
- 1.3.1 Entrants must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of Sevenoaks & District Motor Club and in possession of valid MSA Entrants Licences.
- 1.3.2 Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the Sevenoaks & District Motor Club, be registered for the Championship and in possession of a valid 2009 MSA Competition Licence (minimum Non-race national B)
Members must display at least one Championship sticker on their competing cars in order to recognize our sponsors who are Storguard and Glazewing.
- 1.4 Registration**
- 1.4.1 In order to score points, members must register with the Championship Registrar.
- 1.4.2 This is free to members.
- 1.4.3 Registration will be allowed on the day of a Championship round but members will only score points from that event onwards.

1.5.1,2,3 Championship Calendar

Round	Event	Date	Club	Contact	Email	TT	LT	Sprint	Hill
1	North Weald	15 Mar	B19	John Sharp	jmsharpb19@hotmail.co.uk		✓	✓	
2	North Weald	05 Apr	7Oaks	TBA			✓	✓	
3	Wiscombe	25 Apr	Woolbridge	Gwyneth Wright	gwyn@gwynethwright.co.uk	✓			✓
4	Curborough (2Lap)	02 May	BARC MIDS	Noreen Ward	noreenward@tiscali.co.uk	✓		✓	
5	Debden	10 May	Herts	Tony Staines	tony@stainest.freemove.co.uk		✓	✓	
6	Bentwaters	17 May	B19	John Sharp	jmsharpb19@hotmail.co.uk		✓	✓	
7	Abingdon	06 June	Sutton & Cheam	Barry Guess	BarryGCharlie@aol.com	✓		✓	
8	Castle Combe	27 June	Bristol	Louise Hemmings	louise.hemmings@bristolport.co.uk	✓		✓	
9	Debden	12 July	Herts	Tony Staines	tony@stainest.freemove.co.uk		✓	✓	
10	Llandow	18 July	BARC Wales	Anita Williams	anita.williams1@btinternet.com	✓		✓	
11	Llys y Fran	19 July	Swansea	Rob Allender	rob.allender@ntlworld.com	✓			✓
12	Goodwood	1 Aug	Brighton and Hove	Tony Johnstone	tj@brighton.com		✓	✓	
13	Hethel	02 Aug	B19	John Sharp	jmsharpb19@hotmail.co.uk	✓		✓	
14	Lydden	15 Aug	L.I/7oaks (best to count)	TBA			✓	✓	
14	Lydden	16 Aug	L.I/7oaks (best to count)	TBA			✓	✓	
15	M.I.R.A	22 Aug	Midland AC	Roger Thomas	secretary@shelsley-walsh.co.uk	✓		✓	
16	Brands Hatch	12 Sept	RMC/SEMSEC	Ken Greenfield	ken@semsec.plus.com		✓	✓	
17	Shelsley Walsh	20 Sept	Midland AC	Roger Thomas	secretary@shelsley-walsh.co.uk	✓			✓
18	Debden	04 Oct	Herts	Tony Staines	tony@stainest.freemove.co.uk		✓	✓	

Best 10 scores from 18 rounds to count unless rounds drop to 15 then the Championship Co-ordinator will try to find a suitable replacement in good time .If that is not possible, the championship will be decided on 'Best 9 scores less one for each round lost'. (Thus, best 9 from 15; best 8 from 14, etc.)

1.5.3 Obtaining regulations for Championship rounds is the responsibility of the registered contender and neither the club or its officials will be held responsible for a competitor's failure to secure an entry. Please note that reserved places are not held open by organisers.

1.6 Scoring

1.6.1 Members can only score points in one car per event. It is up to the member to advise the Championship Scorer which vehicle is to score, (if more than one is entered, before the start of the event.) Points will be awarded based on class position (regardless of class size) as follows:

1st in class 10 points; 2nd 9 points; 3rd 8 points; 4th 7 points; 5th 6 points; 6th 5 points

All other finishers will be awarded 4 points. (To be a finisher, competitor must complete one timed run) A competitor making FTD will receive 12 points, regardless of class size.

One extra point will be awarded for each class competitor beaten up to a max of 5pts.

[E.g. class of 10 places 1st to 5th will get 5 points, 6th – 4pts, 7th – 3pts, 8th – 2pts, 9th – 1pt, 10th – 0 pts.

Class of 14 places 1st to 9th will get 5pts, 10th – 4pts, 11th – 3pts, 12th – 2pts, 13th – 1pt, 14th – 0pts.

class of 4 1st – 3pts, 2nd – 2pts, 3rd – 1pts, 4th – 0pts.]

(Any driver who starts practice, but fails to complete a timed run, will be considered as a 'competitor beaten' by a finisher. Competitors must advise the Scorer where this occurs; as such cars may be shown as DNS in the results.)

FTD winners will score the extra points against their regular class.

2 points will be awarded to contenders starting practice but not completing a timed run.

1.6.2 In the event of a tie the MSA standard method will be used, as defined in **G11** of the MSA 2009 Yearbook.

1.6.3 Appeals arising out of the Championship classification or points must be made in accordance with Section **C(d)65** of the MSA Yearbook 2009.

1.7 Awards

1.7.1 Awards will be presented as follows;

1st Overall-Marketing Machine Trophy+£220

2nd Overall-Trophy+£100

3rd Overall-Trophy+£75

4th Overall-Trophy+£55

5th Overall-Trophy+£45

6th Overall-Trophy

7th Overall-Trophy

8th Overall-Trophy

9th Overall-Trophy

10th Overall-Trophy

Special awards will be made as follows;

a) The Tourist Trophy + £25 to the driver, other than the overall winner, with the highest combined score at Rounds defined as "TT" rounds on the calendar.

b) The Local Trophy + £25 to the driver, Other than the overall winner, with the highest combined score at rounds defined as "LT" rounds on the calendar.

c) The Neil Davison Award + £25 to the highest placed driver competing in Hillclimb events other than the overall winner.

d) The Kentish Times Cup + £20 to the highest placed driver of a taxed and insured road car other than the overall winner.

e) The Muller Cup + £20 to the highest placed saloon car driver other than the overall winner.

f) Special award + £20 to the highest placed single seater or sports racing driver other than the overall winner.

g) Best new comber + £20 to the person the Championship coordinator believed to have done well during the season.

1.7.2 To qualify for an award, competitors **MUST** marshal or act as an official at ANY Sevenoaks organised event in any discipline this must be an all day event or two half days/evening events equivalent to 1 days work i.e. Rally Events, Autotests , Speed events, PCT's etc any event setups and any other club activity deemed to be equal to that of marshaling. **It is the responsibility of the competitor to inform the Championship Scorer on the relevant form with a club official's signature** when and where this occurs or via Email endorsed by and one of the event organisers. This will be confirmed from event signing on sheets if deemed necessary. Qualifying Period to be from 6th Oct 2008 – 31st Dec 2009.

All awards will be presented at the dinner and dance to be held in 2010. Award winners not collecting their award will forfeit any cash bonus to charity.

2.0 Sporting Regulations Judicial Procedures

2.1 **Rounds** - in accordance with **Section C(d)** of the MSA Yearbook 2009.

2.2 **Championship** - in accordance with **Section C(d)** of the MSA Yearbook 2009

3.0 Technical Regulations

3.1 **Eligible Vehicles** - are those complying with the Technical and Safety Regulations laid down by the MSA, and with the class requirements of each individual event. Eligibility protests should be made in writing to the Championship Co-ordinator. In the event of a protest the onus is on the competitor to satisfy the organisers of the validity of the protest and not the organisers to prove non-compliance.

3.2 **Classes** - Competitors will run in Classes as defined in the SR'S for each round.

3.3 **Safety Requirements**- All cars must comply with the requirements of Section **I** and **C(c)** as appropriate to the category of car in the MSA Yearbook 2009.

All cars must comply with the current MSA Noise Regulations, and any special requirements applicable to a particular venue. Stated in the SR'S of each Round.

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Sevenoaks Speed League 2009

Registration Form 2009

The championship is only open to fully paid up members of Sevenoaks and District Motor Club.
No registration fee is necessary.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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..... POSTCODE.....

TEL No.....(Home)(Work)

E-MAIL.....

VEHICLE MAKE..... MODEL..... C.C.

IS THE CAR TAXED AND INSURED?.....YES / NO

SIGNED..... DATE.....

Send to Scorer: David Balderson 17 Glentrammon Close, Orpington ,Kent,BR6 6DL.

Sevenoaks Speed League 2009

Marshaling Qualification

In accordance with Rule 1.7.2 I confirm that I marshaled / officiated at the following event(s):

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Please note that only one FULL DAY OR 2 HALF DAYS/EVENING events are required to qualify,
but please do more if you can.

Signed.....Please print name.....

Signed 7Oaks Official _____ Print Name _____

**Send to Scorer:David Balderson 17 Glentrammon Close, Orpington ,Kent,BR6 6DL.
Once you have marshalled**

Sevenoaks & District Motor Club Car Trial

Organised on behalf of Weald Motor Club
At Stoneacre Farm, Otham, Nr. Bearsted, Kent
M/R 188 800536
Sunday March 15 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The Weald Motor Club Ltd. will promote a Clubsport Car Trial, organised by Sevenoaks & District Motor Club on Sunday March 15, open to all members of the club and 6 invited clubs, including but not restricted to MGCC and Falcon MC.
2. The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (MSA GR) (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these supplementary regulations and any written instructions the Clubs may issue for the event.
3. The MSA Clubsport permit is TBA.
4. Club memberships cards **will** be inspected at signing-on.
5. It is hoped to have at least 6 sections, all on private land, and at least two runs at each.
6. Competitors will not be required to attempt the sections in any particular order.
7. All cars will comply with the MSA Vehicle and Tyre Regulations.
8. The following classes will apply:-
 - (A) Front wheel production cars up to 1400cc.
 - (B) Front wheel production cars 1401cc and above.
 - (C) Front engined rear wheel drive production saloons
 - (D) Front engined rear wheel drive production sports cars
 - (E) Rear engined production cars
 - (F) Specials - any other vehicle, except four wheel drive.
9. Vehicles will be strictly scrutineered. Classification of any vehicle will be entirely at the discretion of the organisers, as will any amalgamation of classes.
10. Awards will be presented as follows:-
 - FTD - lowest overall score (excludes Class F)
 - Class 1st
 - Class 2nd (subject to 5 entries)
 - Class 3rd (subject to 8 entries)
11. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes on March 14. All entries must be made on the official entry form **(BEFORE THE DAY PLEASE)** and be accompanied by the appropriate fee of (still ONLY) £17.00. Entry fees may be refunded at the organiser's discretion.

12. The Secretary of the Meeting, to whom all entries should be sent, is
Clive Cooke, 13, Cornwallis Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 4EP
Tel: 01732 353814 E mail. clive.v.cooke@virgin.net

14. Other senior officials are: Club Steward - T.B.A.
 Clerk of the Course - T.B.A.
 Scrutineer - T.B.A.

15. The maximum number of entries for this event is 40 - accepted in order of receipt – and the minimum is 10. Should this figure not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event. The Class minimum is 3, but the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes at their discretion in order to provide more equitable competition.

16. Two or more drivers per car may be accepted, subject to the organiser's discretion, each being treated as a separate entry.

17. We bring to your particular attention the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association J13, and remind you that a front seat passenger must be over the age of 12 years, and that the passengers comprising the 'crew' at the start, may not be altered during the competition.

18. Marking and penalties will be as stated in MSA GR J51

19. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible following the end of the event, and will become final shortly thereafter. Any protests must be made, and will be dealt with, in accordance with MSA GR C(d) 45-59.

20. Identification numbers supplied by the organisers must be fixed in a prominent forward facing position.

21. All marshals and officials are appointed 'Judges of Fact' to adjudicate on items listed under MSA GR J27

22. All other GR's of the MSA apply as printed, except that General Technical Regulations 52-58 and 85-106 do not apply and Car Trial Technical Regulations 97 (a) (d) (e), 101, 104, 105 (a) (c) have been deleted.

23. As the event takes place on private land, there is no need for vehicles to be taxed or MOT'ed, but they MUST be properly silenced.

EXTRA INFORMATION

The usual on-site catering will be available - **please patronise** - as will the toilet facilities.

As always, please take special care driving around the venue so as to avoid damage to people and property (the sheep need the grass as well!)



Sevenoaks & DMC Club Events Calendar 2009

Date	Event	Type	Venue
19-Feb	Scatter	Clubsport	
13-Mar	12 car	Clubsport	
15-Mar	Car Trial	Clubsport	Stoneacre Farm 188/800536
02-Apr	Scatter	Clubsport	TBA
05-Apr	Sprint	Nat B	North Weald
07-May	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
20-May	20/20	Clubsport	
21-May	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
04-Jun	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
18-Jun	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
02-Jul	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
16-Jul	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
26-Jul	Autosolo	Clubsport	North Weald
09-Aug	Autotest	Clubsport	Farningham
15/16 Aug	Sprint	Nat A/Nat B	Lydden
11-Oct	MV Trial	Clubsport	Kent - various
06-Nov	20/20	Clubsport	
13-Nov	12 car	Clubsport	
15-Nov	Trial	Clubsport	
10-Dec-09	Scatter	Clubsport	

The above list shows all of the various events that Sevenoaks & DMC will be organising during 2009. It is not however, a complete listing of all events that Sevenoaks members are eligible to compete in. The club is a member of 6 regional associations, these being the **Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs, Association of Eastern Motor Clubs, Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs, Association of South Western Motor Clubs, Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs** and the **London Counties Association of Motor Clubs**. This means that as a Sevenoaks member, you can compete in any event run by another club that invites any one of these associations.

Additionally, all of the above events will score you points in the club's various championships such as the Rose & Crown, Tyrrell Fleming and the Chalky White. Don't forget that if you are competing in the Sevenoaks Speed League, then you will have to marshal at one of these events in order to qualify you for a championship trophy should you be quick enough to win one.