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The Acorn

January 2009

The Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



Kevin Abblit and Dave Ledbetter sloch their way round the Preston.



At the start, Kevin tries to look like he knows what he's doing!



EACS Endurance Road Rally 28th March 2009

Into the forest.....

The **EACS Endurance** is a 300 mile day/night road rally for lightly modified two-wheel drive cars limited to 1400cc petrol and 2000cc diesel non-turbo engines, built to the Endurance Road Rally formula. In addition we will be running an **Endurance Intro** class for beginners in unmodified cars; these have the opportunity to compete on the daytime selectifs. This year the event is based at the Holiday Inn in Ipswich and supports the **East Anglian Air Ambulance**; last year CMC rallies raised over £2000 for the charity.

Starting on Saturday lunchtime, the 180 mile day route will be based around MoD Woodbridge, with afternoon up to forty miles of selectifs at various Suffolk venues linked by some pretty country lanes.

After a supper halt in Ipswich a night leg of around 100 miles will commence with around twenty miles of selectifs in the local forests and simple navigational sections on tarmac lanes and bringing the event to a finish with an awards presentation at midnight back at the Holiday Inn. This should allow the majority of competitors the opportunity to get home at reasonable time. A special rate has been negotiated with the Holiday Inn for those crews who have longer journeys, or who wish to join the organisers in the bar after the event.

The route instructions will be straightforward – this year a tulip road book will be adopted in line with other premier endurance rallies and will be complemented by detailed selectif diagrams which will ensure that crews of all abilities can complete the rally.

Chelmsford Motor Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006, is noted for its high-quality and popular events organised by experienced competitors. The EACS Endurance will be no exception. The club's results service using Liege timers and chips is one of the best in the country.

We are grateful for the support of **EACS Ltd**, an IT service and support company based in Huntingdon. As usual, **M&H Photography** will be covering the rally and this year the **entry fee includes two presentation prints**.

As an incentive to marshals we have £100 cash prize draw and free food for those marshalling both legs of the event.

We are delighted to be a round of the **2009 Endurance Road Rally Championship** www.endurance-rallying.co.uk

You can enter and pay on-line at www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk between December 20th and 14th March 2009. **As an incentive to enter early we are offering the chance to pay a deposit and defer part of the entry fee until 1st April** – some of you may be a bit hard-up after the SW Endurance!

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You can e-mail copy to dawn.travers@ntlworld.com

I will also accept copy on disc or CD-Rom; on paper (typed or handwritten) or by 'phone for juicy gossip.

Wednesday 21st January 2009

The Bell, Kemsing starts from 8.30pm

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2009 – what sort of year will it be? Do you believe everything you read in the paper and sink into the slough of despond thinking that all you can do is sit tight, don't spend anything, don't do anything especially anything enjoyable, like motorsport – or do you use your imagination and make sure that we live in an active economy driven by you and all the activities which make up your life?

If you do the former there's bound to be a self-inflicted recession, if the latter then life is at least enjoyable and stands a good chance of picking itself up by its bootstraps and benefiting you, the ordinary man, sorry, person on the Clapham Omnibus.

All that means that I am encouraging you, not recklessly but prudently, to carry on with your motorsport, especially at the cheaper, club, end. If you find parts of your sport increasing in cost dramatically then vote with your feet (wheels?) and turn to something cheaper – or lobby those who inflict unreasonable cost escalations upon us without very good justification. There's plenty of choice out there of events which cost very little, and let's hope that petrol/diesel (don't start me on the so-called green fuels which really aren't!) stays at the current cost.

If you've not tried Autotesting, and especially AutoSOLOs and you enjoy hurling your car around on tarmac or grass with nothing to hit (unless you try really hard!) then look at what your membership of this club, via it's affiliation to six Regional Associations, it's involvement with the Weald MC mechanism and by the many events we organise ourselves, offers to you.

If you like working as part of a team and driving the lanes then there are Scatters, 12-cars and 20/20 Rallies for you to enjoy. The Car Trials run in the winter months are good cheap fun and test your car control to the limits. Motor Sport is a very wide area of activity, if you join a tennis club you get tennis, if you join a rugby club you get rugby – if you join a motor club you get all these and more under one 'umbrella' often with the same group of friends.

Hmm! No wonder the MSA has such a hard job writing the rules of our sport – but more of that next month.

A very happy, prosperous and active New Year to you all

Chin

Editorial Ramblings

Happy New Year everyone. Hope you all had a good Christmas break and that your car preparations are going well for the coming season.

Despite the doom and gloom of the economic downturn, let's forget it for a while and celebrate the achievements of our members in 2008 at the Annual Awards dinner on 31st January. There is still time to get you tickets if you are very quick. Give Andy Elcomb a call now and tell him your menu choices.

There's plenty to look forward to competition wise with the winter season part way through. Nigel and Rosemary Mead have kindly volunteered to organise our next Scatter in February. After doing such a great job of their last event, please come out and support their hard work at putting on some fun in the lanes for you. Contact them for more details.

Don't forget it you can't come and compete you can always volunteer to help marshal. Without marshals there are no events.

Enjoy your competing and motorsport this year, what ever you choose to do, your club is here to help and support. Come along to the Competitor's forum in February at The Bell, Kemsing to find out more.

TTFN!

Dawn Travers

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British Racing Green, 56,000 miles,
brand new MOT, fully serviced,
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Offers:
Chris Judge 07765 663 258.

Deadline for copy for the February
edition is 21st January

Anything received after this date may
not be included.

COMPETITION CALENDAR 2009

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT | ORGANISING CLUB / Contact | LOCATION | Status | Open To / Champ Round |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--------|-----------------------|
| 31st January | 2008 Annual Awards Dinner | Sevenoaks & DMC: Contact Andy Elcomb for ticket and menu information. Tel: 01622 884856 or email: andyelcomb@yahoo.com | Hadlow Manor Hotel, Hadlow, Nr Tonbridge, Kent | Social | |
| 1st February | 12 Car Regularity Run | Blackpalfrey MC (Weald MC): Details and entry-forms on www.blackpalfrey.co.uk or from Andy Gibson 01227 792740 or email: champco@tiscali.co.uk | TBC | CS | |
| 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 (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 (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 | Weald MC (Sevenoaks DMC): Contact Chin for entries or to offer marshalling help. Phone: 01732 823132 or email: chin@btinternet.com | 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 | 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 | 7Oaks & DMC (for Weald MC): Chris Scudder | | CS | |
| 15th March | Car Trial | 7Oaks & DMC (for Weald MC): Clive Cooke | Stoneacre Farm | CS | |
| March | 20/20 Rally | Weald MC (Bexley MC): TBC | 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

Event News – Single Venue Stage Rally at Longcross

London Irish Motor Club are pleased to announce that they again running the EMERALD STAGES on SUNDAY 15th February 2009 at Longcross, near Chertsey. The event is a single venue tarmac rally at Longcross test track, which is off the B386 (next to the M3) and the usual format is being used with 8 stages being run, with stage mileage around 60 miles.

They are looking for your support as a Marshal if you are free on the 15th. Marshal's signing on will be between 7.15am and 8am, in the visitor's car park, by the front gate, with 1st car due at 10am and last stage will close by 17.30. (No spectators are allowed on this venue).

If you are able to assist on the event please contact Chief Marshal Martyn Nutt (details below) with your name, address, email and mobile phone details and how many people you will bring along with you. Regulations/entries for the event are available on the LIMC website, <http://www.londonirishmotorclub.com>

Martyn Nutt, Chief Marshal

Home telephone – 01689 818488 Mobile - 07768 467163 Email – m.nutt@sky.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 15th January 2009 MMKMC
Contact Tom Solomon

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Thursday 19th February 2009 | SDMC |
| Thursday 19th March 2008 | MMKMC |
| 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

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|------------------------|--------|
| Friday 13th March 2009 | 7Oaks |
| Friday 10th April 2009 | CENSUS |

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.freemove.co.uk

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



Club Social Calendar 2009

What's On?

Wednesday 21st January 2009

January Quiz
 Format and Quizmaster TBC
 The Bell, Kemsing from 8.30pm



Plus we'd like to organise a Bowling Night probably in Maidstone. Again details to be confirmed.

Saturday 31st January 2009

2008 Annual Awards Dinner
Hadlow Manor
Hotel, Hadlow,
Nr Tonbridge, Kent



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.

February 2009—one night between 16th 21st February Scaletrix Night rescheduled. Watch this space

If anyone has any ideas about how to fill the forthcoming social nights, please let a committee member know.

We are stil looking for a Social Secretary, please contact a committee member if you are interested.

ASEMC Car Trials Championship

The Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs will be 'resurrecting' their Car Trial Championship for 2009.

The Championship will kick-off on 15th February when Falcon Motor Club run their popular Southern Autos trial at Dunstable. This is a multi-championship event and forms round one of other Association Championships including the ACSMC. The ASEMC Championship will be fought over (provisionally) six rounds with your best 5 events to count. Class structure is via MSA guidelines and an impressive set of awards is on offer which includes Best Female and Highest Place Junior. Contenders will need to have an MSA (minimum Clubmans) competition license costing £23.00. Registration fee is £10.00 and full details can be obtained by emailing **Chris Judge the Championship Co-ordinator** at judgece66@aol.com

Car trials have proved popular, but there has been no proper regional championship for some time. This is part of a three-year project to get the championship off the ground again and build it up with the help of South Eastern clubs accordingly. Please sign up and support it.

Chris Judge

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

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

Membership Renewals

Thanks to everyone who has renewed so far. Please keep them coming in with any changes of details and updates as necessary, especially any changes or amendments to email addresses we hold for you.

Andy Elcomb
Membership Secretary

TRK Twaddle

Well folks, that wraps up another year- another successful year for most of us with lots of good results throughout the year.

I've just finished our annual trophy calculations (it's taken me all day when I should have been Christmas shopping – NOT) so now my brain hurts. Here are the final tables for the year.:

Chalky White Trophy

Interesting table – old then young then three females!

| Member | Points | Trophy |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Chin | 25 | Chalky White |
| Philip Fawcett | 24 | |
| Rosemary Mead | 17 | Marvic |
| Christine Balderson | 15 | |
| Kerry Simmonds | 15 | |
| Nigel Mead | 13 | |
| Clive Cooke | 12 | |
| Chris Scudder | 11 | |
| Andy Elcomb | 10 | |
| Steve Hatton | 10 | |
| Colin Shipway | 10 | |
| Stacey Thompson | 10 | |
| Chris Judge | 6 | |
| Dawn Travers | 6 | |
| David Balderson | 5 | |
| Chris Dennis | 5 | |
| Rees Thompson | 5 | |
| Keith Crocker | 4 | |
| Roy Dawson | 4 | |
| Gee Dawson | 4 | |
| Russell Giddings | 4 | |
| Jason Andrews | 3 | |
| Colin Billings | 3 | |
| Sue Billings | 3 | |
| Leonard Calver | 3 | |
| Darren Clayden | 3 | |
| Jim Giddings | 3 | |
| Daren Hall | 3 | |
| Tracey Neil | 3 | |
| Steve Pattinson | 3 | |
| Gareth Richardson | 3 | |
| Karen Webber | 3 | |
| Peter Wilks | 3 | |
| Judy Cooke | 2 | |
| Viv Elcomb | 2 | |
| Iain Gibson | 2 | |
| Roger Sawyers | 2 | |
| Steve Stringer | 2 | |
| Stephen M Thompson | 2 | |
| Darren Tyre | 2 | |
| Rob Waters | 2 | |
| Andy Webber | 2 | |
| S Albrow | 1 | |
| Mark Biddle | 1 | |
| Patrick Bridger | 1 | |
| Julie Clayden | 1 | |
| Ian Crocker | 1 | |

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| Martyn Ellis | 1 | |
| Andy Kilby | 1 | |
| Timothy Loftus | 1 | |
| Paul Wickes | 1 | |
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As last year **Stacey Thompson** has done so much to help run our events that she takes the Trog Trophy for the `third year running. I nearly caught her up this year but rest assured I shall be trying my best not to win it next year. Stacey, I know, wouldn't mind not getting it again if it meant that more of you came forward to help run our sport – so, who's it going to be then?

| TROG TROPHY | POINTS | Trophy |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| Stacey Thompson | 920 | Trog |
| "Chin" | 875 | |
| Philip Fawcett | 625 | |
| Andy Elcomb | 360 | |
| Suze Bisping | 320 | |
| Chris Scudder | 290 | |
| Karen Webber | 200 | |
| Clive Cooke | 160 | |
| Steve Pattinson | 140 | |
| Colin Shipway | 140 | |
| Dawn Travers | 110 | |
| Christine Balderson | 80 | |
| Colin Billings | 80 | |
| Peter Wilks | 80 | |
| Nigel Mead | 80 | |
| Stephen Stringer | 80 | |
| Ian Crocker | 80 | |
| John Kemp | 80 | |
| Rosemary Mead | 20 | |

Now we come to the tables for actually doing motor sport. **Daren Hall** has now won our premier trophy for all the events which we organise for the eleventh time, well ahead of any other past winner. **Chris Judge** was pushing him hard for the title but not quite hard enough, so he gets the Seigle-Morris Trophy for the fourth time, the first being in 1982! **Darren Tyre** would have taken the Consolation cup but he needed one more Chalky White point to qualify (phone me, Darren, and I'll give you a long list of where you can gain that point for next year!!) so the cup goes to Nigel Mead. The highest placed of the fair sex (whoever said sex was fair?) was **Suze Bisping** who was eighth overall in the table and wins the Boacicea Bowl.

| Member | Points | Trophy | Qual |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------|------|
| Daren Hall | 510 | Rose & Crown | Y |
| Chris Judge | 469 | Seigle-Morris | Y |
| Darren Tyre | 377 | | |
| Ian Crocker | 329 | Jim Bate | Y |
| Chris Penfold | 318 | | |
| Nigel Mead | 269 | Consolation Cup | Y |
| Matt Endean | 259 | | |
| Suze Bisping | 248 | Boadicea Bowl | Y |
| Stephen Thompson | 209 | | |
| Andy Elcomb | 206 | | Y |
| Matthew Randle | 192 | | |
| Jay Grossmith | 181 | | |
| Steve Hatton | 161 | | Y |
| Darren Clayden | 154 | | Y |

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|--------------------|-----|--|---|
| Jason Andrews | 153 | | |
| Matt Oliver | 149 | | |
| David Balderson | 144 | | Y |
| Darren Russell | 137 | | |
| Jonathan Start | 130 | | |
| Bob Gibson | 130 | | |
| Rosemary Mead | 126 | | Y |
| Bill Oliver | 121 | | |
| Daniel Whittington | 120 | | |
| Ralph Travers | 117 | | |
| Don Scales | 117 | | |
| Andy Webber | 108 | | |
| Kevin Ablitt | 99 | | |
| Iain Gibson | 98 | | |
| Nick Houston | 98 | | |
| John Kemp | 84 | | Y |
| Russell Giddings | 83 | | Y |
| Bob Hoare | 81 | | |
| Chris Scudder | 81 | | Y |
| Colin Tester | 78 | | |
| Tracey Niel | 73 | | |
| Jim Giddings | 71 | | Y |
| Clive Cooke | 65 | | Y |
| David Simpson | 60 | | |
| Tony Gomis | 52 | | |
| Mark Calder | 52 | | |
| Raymond Brown | 49 | | |
| Peter Wilks | 47 | | Y |
| Keith Crocker | 45 | | Y |
| Glyn Williams | 35 | | |
| Andy Kilby | 34 | | |
| Mick Hopkins | 33 | | |
| Adam Ratcliffe | 30 | | |
| Chin | 30 | | Y |
| John Calder | 26 | | |
| Bradley Maxted | 26 | | |
| Patrick Bridger | 26 | | |
| David Newbold | 25 | | |
| Cathy Simpson | 20 | | |
| Tim Bateman | 19 | | |
| James Bateman | 16 | | |
| Cliff Ratcliffe | 13 | | |
| Christopher Wise | 10 | | |
| Ashley Filmer | 10 | | |
| Lucie Bateman | 10 | | |
| Duncan May | 10 | | |
| Tony Short | 10 | | |
| Colin Billings | 10 | | Y |

The Basil Tye Trophy is an interesting one because it scores just whether you've been there rather than how well you did. This year's winner **Lorraine Chappell**, also did very well as well as just turning up.

| Member | Points | Trophy |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Lorraine Chappell | 45 | Basil Tye |
| Daren Hall | 42 | |
| David Balderson | 33 | |
| Andy Webber | 33 | |

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| Chris Judge | 30 | | |
| Iain Gibson | 30 | | |
| Suze Bisping | 29 | | |
| Nigel Mead | 28 | | |
| Darren Tyre | 28 | | |
| Stephen Thompson | 26 | | |
| Matt Endean | 25 | | |
| Kevin Ablitt | 24 | | |
| Andy Elcomb | 23 | | |
| Rosemary Mead | 22 | | |
| Chin | 19 | | |
| Andrew Gibson | 18 | | |
| Jay Grossmith | 18 | | |
| Tracey Niel | 18 | | |
| Chris Penfold | 17 | | |
| Russell Giddings | 15 | | |
| Jason Andrews | 15 | | |
| Jim Giddings | 15 | | |
| Matthew Randle | 14 | | |
| Steve Hatton | 14 | | |
| Andy Kilby | 13 | | |
| Ian Crocker | 13 | | |
| Darren Clayden | 12 | | |
| Gareth Richardson | 12 | | |
| Declan Armstrong | 12 | | |
| Glyn Williams | 12 | | |
| Daniel Whittington | 10 | | |
| Clive Cooke | 10 | | |
| Bob Gibson | 9 | | |
| Bill Oliver | 9 | | |
| Ritchie Gatt | 9 | | |
| Richard Lee | 9 | | |
| Matt Oliver | 9 | | |
| Chris Scudder | 8 | | |
| Peter Wilks | 8 | | |
| Ralph Travers | 8 | | |
| Adam Ratcliffe | 8 | | |
| Darren Russell | 7 | | |
| Nigel Mummery | 6 | | |
| Michael Druce-Smith | 6 | | |
| Don Scales | 6 | | |
| Jonathan Start | 6 | | |
| Patrick Bridger | 6 | | |
| George Wall | 6 | | |
| Tony Gomis | 6 | | |
| John Kemp | 6 | | |
| Michael Edwards | 6 | | |
| Duncan May | 4 | | |
| Bradley Maxted | 4 | | |
| Allan Sayers | 3 | | |
| Richard "Archie" Pelling | 3 | | |
| Colin Tester | 3 | | |
| Colin Billings | 3 | | |
| Stephen Stringer | 3 | | |
| Raymond Brown | 3 | | |
| Darren Brock | 3 | | |
| Gareth Hurford-Jones | 3 | | |
| Ashley Filmer | 3 | | |
| Paul Stocker | 3 | | |

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| Graham Child | 3 | |
| Graham Smith | 3 | |
| Nick Houston | 3 | |
| Nick Clark | 3 | |
| Bob Hoare | 3 | |
| Mick Hopkins | 3 | |
| John Calder | 3 | |
| Mark Calder | 3 | |
| Emlyn Hurford-Jones | 3 | |
| Cathy Simpson | 2 | |
| Christopher Wise | 2 | |
| Cliff Ratcliffe | 2 | |
| David Newbold | 2 | |
| David Simpson | 2 | |
| James Smith | 2 | |
| Willie Williams | 2 | |
| Keith Crocker | 2 | |
| Lucie Bateman | 2 | |
| Tarna Ablitt | 2 | |
| Ted Holloway | 2 | |
| Tim Bateman | 2 | |
| Tony Short | 2 | |
| Vivien Elcomb | 2 | |
| James Bateman | 2 | |

The Des Quinn Trophy which is basically for turning up at our events in any capacity has gone to me again – come on everyone, make a fight of it! Mind you, it's good to see 67 of you scoring.

| Member | Points | Trophy |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Chin | 23 | Des Quinn |
| Nigel Mead | 18 | |
| Rosemary Mead | 17 | |
| Philip Fawcett | 16 | |
| Chris Judge | 16 | |
| Andy Elcomb | 15 | |
| Daren Hall | 13 | |
| Steve Hatton | 13 | |
| Chris Scudder | 13 | |
| Darren Tyre | 13 | |
| Tracey Neil | 12 | |
| Christine Balderson | 11 | |
| Suze Bisping | 11 | |
| Clive Cooke | 11 | |
| Kerry Simmonds | 11 | |
| Stephen M Thompson | 10 | |
| David Balderson | 9 | |
| Ian Crocker | 8 | |
| Chris Penfold | 8 | |
| Stacey Thompson | 8 | |
| Jason Andrews | 7 | |
| Darren Clayden | 7 | |
| Matt Endean | 7 | |

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| Dawn Travers | 5 | |
| Daniel Whittington | 5 | |
| Kevin Ablitt | 4 | |
| Colin Billings | 4 | |
| Roy Dawson | 4 | |
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| Chris Dennis | 4 | |
| Jim Giddings | 4 | |
| Andy Kilby | 4 | |
| Darren Russell | 4 | |
| Don Scales | 4 | |
| Patrick Bridger | 3 | |
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| Viv Elcomb | 2 | |
| Mick Hopkins | 2 | |
| Nick Houston | 2 | |
| Bradley Maxted | 2 | |
| Gareth Richardson | 2 | |
| Roger Sawyers | 2 | |
| John Start | 2 | |
| Karen Webber | 2 | |
| Willie Williams | 2 | |
| S Albrow | 1 | |
| Julie Clayden | 1 | |
| Yvonne Knight | 1 | |
| Timothy Loftus | 1 | |
| Duncan May | 1 | |
| Cliff Ratcliffe | 1 | |
| Paul Wickes | 1 | |
| Christopher Wise | 1 | |

The Mark Dawson Memorial Trophy was presented by Mark's parents, Roy and Gee (who still appear in our lists!) in memory of the total enthusiasm and involvement that Mark displayed in all areas of our club. The trophy tries to reflect this adding together the positions in the four main tables which count members success in our events, invited events and

marshalling/organising. If you haven't scored in any of these tables you are penalised by the addition of a prohibitive 100 points. The scores for each table are not the number of points you score in that table but are your ranking in that table – in this case points don't make prizes.

Last year **David Balderson** was the clear winner but this year he is only one point ahead of **Chris Judge**. So look at the table and see how well you would have done if you'd entered just one event in the table that cost you 100 points and resolve to broaden your chances in 2009.

| Member | R&C | Tfspeed | Tfnonsp | Chalky | Points |
|---------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| David Balderson | 17 | 6 | 22 | 15 | 60 |
| Chris Judge | 2 | 25 | 21 | 13 | 61 |
| Iain Gibson | 28 | 12 | 2 | 36 | 78 |
| Andy Elcomb | 10 | 100 | 7 | 9 | 126 |
| Nigel Mead | 6 | 100 | 18 | 6 | 130 |
| Daren Hall | 1 | 100 | 5 | 28 | 134 |
| Rosemary Mead | 21 | 100 | 19 | 3 | 143 |
| Jason Andrews | 15 | 16 | 100 | 22 | 153 |
| Darren Tyre | 3 | 11 | 100 | 40 | 154 |
| Russell Giddings | 31 | 5 | 100 | 21 | 157 |
| Chin | 48 | 100 | 8 | 1 | 157 |
| Clive Cooke | 37 | 100 | 14 | 7 | 158 |
| Darren Clayden | 14 | 21 | 100 | 26 | 161 |
| Jim Giddings | 36 | 3 | 100 | 27 | 166 |
| Stephen Thompson | 9 | 19 | 100 | 39 | 167 |
| Ian Crocker | 4 | 18 | 100 | 47 | 169 |
| Andy Webber | 26 | 1 | 100 | 42 | 169 |
| Tracey Niel | 35 | 14 | 100 | 29 | 178 |
| Matt Endean | 7 | 100 | 4 | 100 | 211 |
| Andy Kilby | 45 | 100 | 20 | 49 | 214 |
| Suze Bisping | 8 | 100 | 10 | 100 | 218 |
| Matt Oliver | 16 | 7 | 100 | 100 | 223 |
| Steve Hatton | 13 | 100 | 100 | 10 | 223 |
| Patrick Bridger | 51 | 28 | 100 | 45 | 224 |
| Jay Grossmith | 12 | 100 | 17 | 100 | 229 |
| Bill Oliver | 22 | 10 | 100 | 100 | 232 |
| Matthew Randle | 11 | 22 | 100 | 100 | 233 |
| Gareth Richardson | 100 | 4 | 100 | 31 | 235 |
| Kevin Ablitt | 27 | 100 | 9 | 100 | 236 |
| Jonathan Start | 19 | 20 | 100 | 100 | 239 |
| Chris Scudder | 33 | 100 | 100 | 8 | 241 |
| Tony Gomis | 39 | 17 | 100 | 100 | 256 |
| Steve Stringer | 100 | 23 | 100 | 38 | 261 |
| Keith Crocker | 43 | 100 | 100 | 18 | 261 |
| Paul Wickes | 100 | 10 | 100 | 51 | 261 |
| Viv Elcomb | 100 | 100 | 27 | 35 | 262 |
| Glyn Williams | 44 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 267 |
| Adam Ratcliffe | 47 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 272 |
| Peter Wilks | 42 | 100 | 100 | 33 | 275 |
| Colin Billings | 62 | 100 | 100 | 23 | 285 |
| Duncan May | 60 | 100 | 29 | 100 | 289 |
| Lorraine Chappell | 100 | 100 | 1 | 100 | 301 |
| Declan Armstrong | 100 | 2 | 100 | 100 | 302 |
| Phil Fawcett | 100 | 100 | 100 | 2 | 302 |
| Andrew Gibson | 100 | 100 | 4 | 100 | 304 |
| Christine Balderson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 4 | 304 |
| Chris Penfold | 5 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 305 |

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|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Kerry Simonds | 100 | 100 | 100 | 5 | 305 |
| Richard Lee | 100 | 100 | 6 | 100 | 306 |
| Bob Gibson | 100 | 8 | 100 | 100 | 308 |
| Micheal Edwards | 100 | 9 | 100 | 100 | 309 |
| Nigel Mummery | 100 | 100 | 11 | 100 | 311 |
| Colin Shipway | 100 | 100 | 100 | 11 | 311 |
| Paul Stocker | 100 | 100 | 12 | 100 | 312 |
| Stacey Thompson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 12 | 312 |
| Richie Gatt | 100 | 13 | 100 | 100 | 313 |
| Alan Sayers | 100 | 100 | 13 | 100 | 313 |
| Dawn Travers | 100 | 100 | 100 | 14 | 314 |
| Graham Smith | 100 | 15 | 100 | 100 | 315 |
| Nick Clark | 100 | 100 | 15 | 100 | 315 |
| Archie Pelling | 100 | 100 | 16 | 100 | 316 |
| Chris Dennis | 100 | 100 | 100 | 16 | 316 |
| Rees Thompson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 17 | 317 |
| Darren Russell | 18 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 318 |
| Roy Dawson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 19 | 319 |
| Gee Dawson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 19 | 319 |
| Bob Gibson | 20 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 320 |
| Daniel Whittington | 23 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 323 |
| Ralph Travers | 24 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 324 |
| Nichael Druce-Smith | 100 | 24 | 100 | 100 | 324 |
| Graham Child | 100 | 100 | 24 | 100 | 324 |
| Sue Billings | 100 | 100 | 100 | 24 | 324 |
| Don Scales | 25 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 325 |
| Leonard Calver | 100 | 100 | 100 | 25 | 325 |
| George Wall | 100 | 26 | 100 | 100 | 326 |
| Tarna Ablitt | 100 | 100 | 26 | 100 | 326 |
| Darren Brock | 100 | 27 | 100 | 100 | 327 |
| Nick Houston | 29 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 329 |
| John Kemp | 30 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 330 |
| Emlyn Hurford-Jones | 100 | 100 | 30 | 100 | 330 |
| Steve Pattinson | 100 | 100 | 100 | 30 | 330 |
| Gareth Hurford Jones | 100 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 331 |
| Bob Hoare | 32 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 332 |
| James Smith | 100 | 100 | 32 | 100 | 332 |
| Karen Webber | 100 | 100 | 100 | 32 | 332 |
| Ted Holloway | 100 | 100 | 33 | 100 | 333 |
| Colin Tester | 34 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 334 |
| Judy Cooke | 100 | 100 | 100 | 34 | 334 |
| Roger Sawyers | 100 | 100 | 100 | 37 | 337 |
| David Simpson | 38 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 338 |
| Mark Calder | 40 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 340 |
| Raymond Brown | 41 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 341 |
| Rob Waters | 100 | 100 | 100 | 41 | 341 |
| S Albrow | 100 | 100 | 100 | 43 | 343 |
| Mark Biddle | 100 | 100 | 100 | 44 | 344 |
| Mick Hopkins | 46 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 346 |
| Julie Clayden | 100 | 100 | 100 | 46 | 346 |
| Martyn Ellis | 100 | 100 | 100 | 48 | 348 |
| John Calder | 49 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 349 |
| Bradley Maxted | 50 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 350 |
| Timothy Loftus | 100 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 350 |
| David Newbold | 52 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 352 |
| Cathy Simpson | 53 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 353 |
| Tim Bateman | 54 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 354 |
| James Bateman | 55 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 355 |
| Cliff Ratcliffe | 56 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 356 |

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|------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Christopher Wise | 57 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 357 |
| Ashley Filmer | 58 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 358 |
| Lucie Bateman | 59 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 359 |
| Tony Short | 61 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 361 |

The Tyrrell-Fleming Speed Trophy has been sewn up by **Andy Webber** for some time as it's a summer discipline in the main. It's about time the rest of you made a fight of it. Will the new categories which are mandatory in 2010 make a difference?

| Member | Points |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Andy Webber | 1085 |
| Declan Armstrong | 567 |
| Jim Giddings | 345 |
| Gareth Richardson | 329 |
| Russell Giddings | 327 |
| David Balderson | 313 |
| Matt Oliver | 310 |
| Bob Gibson | 260 |
| Michael Edwards | 260 |
| Bill Oliver | 238 |
| Darren Tyre | 238 |
| Iain Gibson | 228 |
| Ritchie Gatt | 195 |
| Tracey Niel | 151 |
| Graham Smith | 130 |
| Jason Andrews | 127 |
| Tony Gomis | 118 |
| Ian Crocker | 111 |
| Stephen Thompson | 108 |
| Jonathan Start | 107 |
| Darren Clayden | 92 |
| Matthew Randle | 89 |
| Stephen Stringer | 87 |
| Michael Druce-Smith | 56 |
| Chris Judge | 53 |
| George Wall | 41 |
| Darren Brock | 22 |
| Patrick Bridger | 12 |

The Tyrrell-Fleming Non-Speed Trophy was also decided some time ago but points are continuously being added, mostly by **Lorraine Chappell**.

| Member | Points |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Lorraine Chappell | 1745 |
| Iain Gibson | 925 |
| Andrew Gibson | 634 |
| Matt Endean | 335 |
| Daren Hall | 299 |
| Richard Lee | 234 |
| Andy Elcomb | 205 |
| Chin | 202 |
| Kevin Ablitt | 175 |
| Suze Bisping | 167 |
| Paul Stocker | 150 |
| Allan Sayers | 150 |
| Nigel Mummery | 142 |
| Clive Cooke | 140 |
| Nick Clark | 119 |
| Richard "Archie" Pelling | 102 |
| Jay Grossmith | 86 |
| Nigel Mead | 73 |
| Rosemary Mead | 65 |

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|----------------------|----|
| Andy Kilby | 61 |
| Chris Judge | 60 |
| David Balderson | 60 |
| Glyn Williams | 56 |
| Graham Child | 33 |
| Adam Ratcliffe | 30 |
| Tarna Ablitt | 27 |
| Vivien Elcomb | 20 |
| Willie Williams | 15 |
| Duncan May | 10 |
| Emlyn Hurford-Jones | 10 |
| Gareth Hurford-Jones | 10 |
| James Smith | 10 |
| Ted Holloway | 10 |

Well done to ALL of you listed above, it means that you've got out of your chairs to make or sport and our club work as it should. For the other trophies we award each year you'll have to book your tickets for our awards presentation dinner and join in the fun. It's now 2009 so time to get cracking for a new year – I wish you all a most successful season.

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Borough 19 Motor Club
are organising on behalf of
Weald Motor Club
At Chapman's Hill, Ridley,
Meopham, Kent
On Sunday 8 February 2009

Welcome to a New Year of
 Motorsport and to kick-off B19 have
 their PCT at Chapman's Hill,
 Meopham on Sunday 8th February
 2009.

You can obtain regs and an entry form from Jane Anthony by ringing: 07710243039 or 07808 612999 or by Email: jane_b19@hotmail.com

They are not taking entries on the day; therefore if you would like to compete please can you send your entry to Jane Anthony before the event.

Offers of help are also very welcome.

Eastbourne & Ram MC— 12 Car Report

My original plan for the first weekend of November involved marshalling on the Preston. However friends wanted to go out for a meal on the Saturday night, so any Preston related plans were shelved and I made my way to the local Smith & Western. After a good night with friends I awoke on Sunday morning and decided to have a look at the club forum. The first thread I saw was to do with that night's Eastbourne Ram 12 car, Tim Smith was short of a navigator and was trying to find a willing volunteer for the evening. Since I wasn't going to be doing anything and didn't need to catch up on any sleep I put myself forward.

Less than 12 hours later I found myself sitting in the Green Man at Ringmer tucking into a bacon and cheese baguette (first mistake), waiting for Tim.

After settling myself into the passenger seat of his Peugeot we received the first navigational hand out- a circular herringbone of all things! There was a clue in the form of a church though and we soon started to make a little headway with the plotting until we couldn't make it work to reach the crossroads about 2/3rds of the way through. Head scratching ensued and fortunately it wasn't too long before we'd made it work to the crossroads and we made our way into the icy night. It wasn't long before we had our first moment in the narrow lanes on the ice, expertly controlled by Tim we continued on our way. Conditions were difficult with the ice being very patchy, plenty of grip one moment and none the next meant that the going was slow. We arrived at the crossroads expecting to find a control, but then realised in our excitement at making the navigation work we had forgotten to plot the last few junctions! (Second mistake) This was duly corrected and we arrived at the control having dropped only a few minutes.

The second hand out was entitled 'An Addition Of Heights' so I started hunting for the relevant spot heights, but there were none to be found that matched. Tim however subtracted the second number from the first and ended up with a spot height that matched the one that was at the end of the road, game on! We plotted all the navigation this time (!) though one height had an approach and depart which momentarily foxed us. Problem solved we headed on our way and only had to stop when I couldn't remember which line I was supposed to be following, my fault as I had drawn the line incorrectly earlier and hadn't rubbed it out (Third mistake).

We arrived at TC2 dropping more time but getting a good number of code boards and received the next part of the navigation, a set of tulips. These took a little time to plot as the route was split over two maps and this was the section where we crossed from 198 into 199 territory. The navigation also instructed us to drive Long Way Round all triangles on the route, and unfortunately we missed one and picked up a dummy code board (mistake four).

The handout at TC3 was gridlines and, having used them in my navigation several times didn't have too much of a problem. The road was still slippery

though and dense patches of fog slowed our progress. We also had to deal with a small ford which was ok in itself but the water that had been dragged up either side on the road had frozen meaning lots of wheel spin on the way out. At this point my first mistake was starting to manifest itself as Mal de Navigator and this was compounded by the fact that I had wrong slotted Tim.

The TC4 hand out was a series of turn left, miss left, turn right, etc, etc and again this caused few problems. Unfortunately though I can't plot on the move (not enough practice) so we dropped more time in the slippery lanes and thick fog although I was happy with the number of code boards Tim was calling out. Unfortunately I wrong slotted Tim again and although I quickly realised my mistake a car behind us meant that Tim had to wait to turn round.

We arrived at TC5 having dropped 26 minutes and we received a hand out listing a series of map references that we weren't to pass through. These were quickly plotted although they passed from 199 back into 198 making life a little difficult juggling the maps. We pressed on and we soon caught another competitor which held Tim up. I was quite pleased with this as it gave me a chance to have a bit of a breather and hopefully a chance for my stomach to settle. Tim wanted to press on though but the lanes were too narrow to pass in however they did pull into one side as soon as they could. We continued on for a few miles until it was time for my fifth mistake. I had lost my place on the map and hadn't warned Tim of the impending 60 right into 60 left. Tim managed to manhandle the 309 round the icy right hander but the road dropped downhill into the 60 left and there was just not enough grip to make it round the corner. We slid gently off into a field entrance stopping just short of a hedge. The car had stalled and the hot exhaust was melting the icy mud but fortunately the car restarted at the first time of asking and when Tim threw it into reverse we popped neatly back onto the road.

The last few miles were completed without incident and we arrived back at the pub much to my stomachs relief, or so I thought! Tim asked me if I was OK, and as soon as I said 'yes' I knew that I wasn't. Fortunately map boards balance well on 309 dash boards so I was able to make a quick exit and arrive safely in the second (albeit smaller) hedge of the night. It took me a few minutes to 'regain my composure' as it were, and by that time we were OTL for the last control, so we picked up a fail.

Back inside the warmth of the pub we found that the other crews had a difficult time too, struggling with the conditions and the navigation. As the time cards were being marked up I spotted that we had 6 fails and dropped 26 minutes which I was disappointed with initially until Doug Foreman started to read out the results. It transpired that the other crews had had a really tough time and I couldn't believe it when we were the last crew to be read out, preceded by that famous phrase 'and the winner is'.

My thanks go to all the marshals, to Doug for putting on a really good event and to Tim, firstly for putting up with me all evening (no small feat) and secondly for getting us round safely, just!

My next outing is going to be The Exeter Classic Trail, I'm passengering / naving / Co driving for new member **Ted Holloway** in the new year but right now I'm heading off down to Brighton to see Status Quo. I hope you all had a good Christmas and didn't worry at all about your eating habits! I wish you a happy and successful 2009, competitively or other wise.

The Preston - 6th / 7th December 2008

So, time for what was probably the biggest event I'd ever competed on - yes I've done National B status events before [sprints and circuit racing] but The Preston certainly has the most hype. Based in Norfolk and Suffolk we left home quite early as we had to be at scrutineering for just after 7pm, but apparently it's also "tradition" to visit The Little Chef for some dinner first too.

Everybody kept telling me that one of the main aims with The Preston was simply to finish, and I was determined not to retire. I've only ever had to retire from one event before, a CMC autotest, and being ever so slightly competitive by nature I didn't want to repeat that.

We started at dead on 11pm, and headed for the first section - what an introduction! It gave me a good taste of what was to follow - ruts, mud etc - you name



it, it was there. We were going well, and caught the car in front so had made up a minute which was very pleasing. Driving down a reasonably muddy / boggy track we were flat in second and started to lose power. I thought we could be bogging down so changed to 1st and zilch. I pulled over,

popped the bonnet and Matt couldn't see anything wrong and decided we were overheating so the heater was put onto full power which was how it was to stay for the rest of the night, to try and get some heat away from the engine. Whilst stopped we were overtaken by four or five cars which was disheartening, but we were pleased to finish the section after a few "moments" of sidewaysness.

Having completed the first section the car then developed a "coughing issue" which stayed with us all night - we think the cats were breaking up, so 1st gear was getting to 20 / 25mph [normally 30mph] and 2nd gear was getting to 40mph [normally just under 60mph]. Thankfully, due to the conditions this wasn't too bad but when you're in the smallest engined car anyway and only have 998cc of "grunt" [if you can call it that....] you need every bit of power you can get!

We made it to first petrol and had a few minutes to fuel both the car and ourselves and were lying 27th overall. Up until second petrol, about 4am, all went

well too and we were lying 21st overall which we were pleased with. After second petrol though, things started to unravel.

We lost a reasonable amount of time looking for a control, which we then found had been scrapped at the start [the nav had forgotten this....!], so we lost quite a bit of time and decided to cut a section out which gave us 4 fails, as otherwise we would've been running quite close to OTL and we decided not to risk it. We also lost quite a bit of time with a route blockage before we decided to cut, which didn't help, but such is life.

Having cut out a section, we continued onwards and completed the last few sections, including the very rough Fox Pin - the only part of the event that Matt asked me to slow down on! Unfortunately, the last section didn't go so well for us, just like at the very beginning of the event. Leading up to the start, there was the world's biggest puddle with some rather nasty mud on one side and a forest on the other. I decided the mud looked pretty bad and, not wanting to get stuck, ventured slowly through the puddle - and then the car died. I felt it going and gave it all the revs the car had left but unfortunately it just died. Eventually we got her going again, and then I cocked up the very first corner of section - a hairpin right, I thought I'd get it round on the handbrake, it didn't want to go, and ended beached on the bank. Anyway we got around in the end, and a fun section it was too! A big thanks to the guys with the Land Rover for towing us and the marshals for their help too.

It was a VERY tough event, and very rough, and I know understand why / how people talk about it. I'm pleased with my driving having never done a road rally before, and the nav wasn't too bad either. The conditions were like nothing I have ever driven in - never driven on ice, it was very icy, never driven on bad mud, it was very muddy, never driven on bad ruts, it was very rutty and rough, etc [!!]. We finished 26th overall in the end, but the fact we finished was a big achievement in itself.

There are now quite a few bits damaged on the car - we lost the nav mirror early on which I have no idea where or how, spotlights are cracked, missing mud-flaps, coughing / cats issue as earlier mentioned and maybe other things yet to be discovered. However, all of the issues should be able to be fixed and we plan on keeping the car to use in a few Car Trials etc over the next few months and then use again on The Preston next year.

The aim was to finish, I set another of finishing top 35 [this was the day before the event] and thought top 30 would be amazing....now of course I wish we finished in the top 25!

Suze Bisping



Sevenoaks 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. ?????????? 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 Glentrammon 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 | Hethel | 02 Aug | B19 | John Sharp | jmsharpb19@hotmail.co.uk | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 13 | Lydden | 15 Aug | L.I/7oaks (best to count) | TBA | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 13 | Lydden | 16 Aug | L.I/7oaks (best to count) | TBA | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 14 | M.I.R.A | 22 Aug | Midland AC | Roger Thomas | secretary@shelsley-walsh.co.uk | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 15 | Brands Hatch | 12 Sept | RMC/SEMSEC | Ken Greenfield | ken@semsec.plus.com | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 16 | Shelsley Walsh | 20 Sept | Midland AC | Roger Thomas | secretary@shelsley-walsh.co.uk | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| 17 | Debden | 04 Oct | Herts | Tony Staines | tony@stainest.freemove.co.uk | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 18 | Goodwood | TBA | | TBA | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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 nor 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 co-ordinator 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 one of the event organisers. This will be confirmed from event signing on sheets if deemed necessary. Qualifying Period 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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Please note that this version of the Speed League Regs have yet to be officially approved by the MSA. Once the MSA has approved them, they will be available for competitors to download from our website and in Acorn as the final version.

The Registration form is available to download from the website now, so get your registrations in early.



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Marshal of the Year

Steve Weston, a member of the Castle Combe Racing Club, has been voted the winner of the prized JLT Sport/MSA Marshal of the Year Award 2008 by the MSA.

The award recognises excellence by a volunteer marshal from any discipline of motor sport and the winner collects the prestigious trophy (as well as a cheque for £250) at the MSA's annual Night of Champions awards evening in January. An active marshal for nearly 20 years at race and speed events, Steve recently took on the role of Club Child Protection Officer at Castle Combe and has since taken an active role in the recruitment and training of young cadet marshals.

Club of the Year

The Rathfriland Motor Club in Northern Ireland has been voted the top motor club in the UK for 2008 by the MSA.

Representatives of the club will receive a trophy and cheque for £1,000 at the MSA's annual Night of Champions awards ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London in January.

Of particular importance to the judges was Rathfriland's Safety First schools programme, which highlights to young motor sport fans the importance of car preparation and safety requirements for motor sport and how some of these lessons can be carried over to new road drivers – a direct road safety message.

Second and third clubs

Second prize, an MSA Flag Trophy and £500 goes to Clay Pigeon Kart Club. With entries increasing by 20 per cent and club membership by 40 per cent, Clay Pigeon is obviously doing a great deal right. Regular open days address entry-level issues for new competitors and the club undertakes extensive promotion in the nearby towns.

Third prize, an MSA Flag Trophy and £250 is awarded to Castle Combe Racing Club which, in just three years, has been responsible for the recruitment of more than 100 new marshals and the training of more than 600.

Highly commended clubs

The Trent Valley Kart Club and Stockton & District Motor Club were highly commended by the judges and will receive commemorative certificates. Trent Valley has become one of the UK's leading kart clubs with its splendid facilities at PF International. Stockton & DMC has arrested a decline in numbers to emerge as a very active club.

2009 Seminars for Officials

Licensed Clerks & Stewards

Letters have been sent to MSA Licensed Clerks and Stewards inviting them to attend the full day training seminars planned during the period January to March 2009. If you are eligible to attend these seminars and have not received an invitation to attend, please advise Richard Nunn, Volunteer Officials Coordinator at the MSA on 01753 765071 or e-mail at r.nunn@msauk.org, so that full details can be forwarded.

For your guidance, dates and broad locations are as follows:

24 January – Motherwell; 25 January – Inverness; 31 January – Peterborough; 1 February – Basingstoke; 7 February – Brighouse; 8 February – Solihull; 21 February – Exeter; 22 February – Llandrindod Wells, 8 March – Belfast.

Evening seminars are also planned in the Isle of Man (2 February), Jersey (3 February) and Guernsey (4 February).

Scrutineers

Letters have been sent to MSA Licensed Scrutineers, Trainee Scrutineers and Environmental Scrutineers, advising of the series of training seminars arranged for them. If you are eligible to attend these seminars and have not received an invitation to attend by Christmas, please advise Michael Duncan, Technical Administrator at the MSA on 01753 765037 or e-mail at michael.duncan@msauk.org, so that full details can be forwarded. Note that there are separate seminars for Car and Kart disciplines.

For your guidance, dates and broad locations are as follows.

Car: 17 January – MSA HQ; 18 January – Taunton; 24 January – Cambridge; 25 January – Brands Hatch; 1 February – South Wales; 7 February – Belfast; 8 February – Fife; 21 February – Brighouse; 22 February – East Midlands.

Kart: 18 January – Three Sisters; 24 January – Whilton Mill; 25 January – Buckmore Park; 31 January – South West; 7 February – Belfast; 8 February – Fife.

Club Insurance

Through special arrangements with JLT Sport in early 2008, the MSA arranged club social events cover as an addition to the automatic insurance cover provided to its Clubs as a benefit of MSA registration. We are pleased to advise that this continues for 2009 at no additional cost to Clubs.

Full details of the cover is available from Simon Fowler, Competitions and Clubs Manager on 01753 765045 or e-mail simon.fowler@msauk.org

VAT

Following the reduction of Value Added Tax announced by the Chancellor in the recent Pre-Budget Report, the MSA made the following statement.

The majority of fees charged by the MSA are exempt from VAT – licences, permits, etc. Only certain products and services are subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

The MSA will amend the price of all items over £100 in accordance with the reduction of VAT from 17.5 per cent to 15 per cent.

The MSA will not amend the prices of items under £100. Any additional revenue generated as a result of retaining these prices will be donated to the Motorsport Safety Fund. The MSA estimates that this sum is unlikely to exceed £5,000 in 2009.

Yearbook omission

There is an omission in the MSA *2009 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (the so-called Blue Book which is sent to licenced competitors). It is in Section I - Sprints, Hill Climbs and Drag Racing.

The omitted text is in the Winter issue of *Motor Sports Now!*, the MSA publication sent to licence holders, and on the MSA website at: www.msauk.org > News under the heading Clarification for Sprint and Hillclimb competitors.

e-Wheels

Word and pdf versions of previous *e-Wheels* can be downloaded from the MSA website www.msauk.org by clicking on MSA publications>Wheels>e-Wheels.

Merry Christmas from all at the MSA. Have a safe and successful 2009 motor sport season.

Allan Dean-Lewis

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