



June 2010

The Oakleaf

Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



Editorial Ramblings

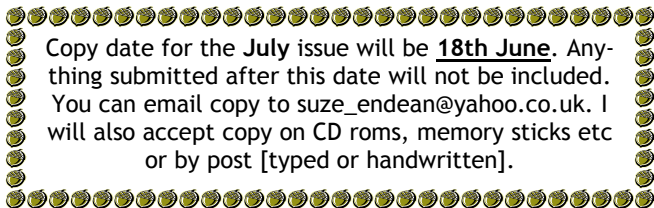
As you can probably imagine, preparations for Crystal Palace are nearing completion at the time of writing this. With many club members involved, copy is rather scarce this month hence this being an Oakleaf. Personally, although there is more work to do on both of our cars, we are getting there and looking forward to three days at The Palace. My rally car has been off the road since the clutch went on a 7oaks Car Trial at the end of March so it will be good to be out competing in it again.

May has seen the start of the 7oaks Summer Autotest Series and although we missed the first round, we marshalled on the second. It was good to see a number of competitors out, with a mixture of new and familiar faces. June sees a couple more evening autotests [see below] as well as a Noggin and Natter at The Bell, Kemsing, on 16th June.

On a personal note, a new Acorn Editor is needed. I will be stepping down from Acorn at the end of the year at the latest. I want to continue with extra qualifications, and this combined with a work relocation meaning I will have a reasonable commute and not the quick and easy tranquil boat trip across the Thames each day, means something has to give. My last issue will be the December issue, however if somebody wants to take it over sooner that would be appreciated. If you are interested, or have any questions, please get in touch.

Hope to see you at Crystal Palace or an event soon.

Suze Endean



Copy date for the July issue will be **18th June**. Anything submitted after this date will not be included. You can email copy to suze_endean@yahoo.co.uk. I will also accept copy on CD roms, memory sticks etc or by post [typed or handwritten].

SDMC SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR

(Contact Rosemary or Nigel Mead, Tel: 01892 832420, mead.rosemary@virginmedia.com. Please contact The Bell if you will be purchasing food, 01732 761550).

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2010

NOGGIN AND NATTER

At The Bell, Kemsing, anytime from 7pm.
New to the club? Wish to meet other members?
Then come along for a chat over a beer and a bite to eat.

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2010

Usual Noggin and Natter at The Bell, Kemsing.

Also:

BAT & TRAP

At The Old Jail, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX. 7.30pm for an 8pm start.
Please contact Chris Dennis if attending (0208 467 9933, chrisdennis70@hotmail.co.uk)

WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2010

NOGGIN AND NATTER

At The Bell, Kemsing, anytime from 7pm.
New to the club? Wish to meet other members?
Then come along for a chat over a beer and a bite to eat.

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

PIG RACING

At The Bell, Kemsing, from 7:30pm
The cute little pigs are back!

| DATE | EVENT | ORGANISING CLUB / CONTACT | LOCATION | Status | Open To/ Champ Round |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--|--|------------|-------------------------|
| 3rd June | Grass Autotest | SDMC: Contact Stacy Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com | Farningham | CS | |
| 9th June | Grass Autotest | MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk | Headcorn | CS | |
| 12th June | East Anglian Classic | CMC: Contact Jacqui Leech, Tel: 01376 348948, Jacqui@eastanglianclassic.co.uk | Starts Barnham Broom Golf & Leisure, Norwich | Nat B / CS | HRCC Clubmans |
| 12th June | Sprint/ Auto-solo / Stage Rally | SCMC: Contact Barry Guess, BarryGCharlie@aol.com | Abingdon | CS / Nat B | 7oaks SL |
| 17th June | Grass Autotest | SDMC: Contact Stacy Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com | Farningham | CS | |
| 23rd June | Grass Autotest | MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk | Headcorn | CS | |
| 26th June | Sprint | Bristol MC: Contact Louise Hemmings, louisehemmings@hotmail.com | Castle Combe | Nat B | 7oaks SL |

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

Wider regulation consultation

Regular visitors to the MSA website will have noticed that proposed rule changes for consultation are now posted in the News section. These relate to the regulations in the MSA *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* and MSA *Kart Race Yearbook*, which are updated and published at the beginning of each year. Printed versions of the Yearbook(s) are sent to MSA licence holders and digital versions can be downloaded from the MSA website (see below).

Previously, the consultation process was solely conducted via *Motorsports Now!* - the MSA publication sent to licence holders quarterly. In order to improve the consultation process, the Motor Sports Council has agreed that any proposed changes to regulations (made by MSA Specialist Committees) should also be made available on the MSA website.

Consultation for all Specialist Committee proposed regulation changes closes on **20 August 2010**. However, we encourage you to make any comments on proposed changes to regulations *prior* to the next meeting of the respective committee where possible (see below).

Dates of next meetings of MSA Specialist Committees (2010)

Autotest Committee - 7 July
Cross Country Committee - 14 July
Historic Committee - 21 July
Kart Sporting Committee - 10 August
Race Committee - 29 July
Rallies Committee - 22 July and 29 September
Regional Committee - 19 May and 18 August
Speed Events Committee - 20 July
Trials Committee - 4 August

Please note that proposed regulation changes *agreed* by the Motor Sports Council will continue to be published in *Motorsports Now!* and subsequently included in the following (2011) issue of the relevant MSA yearbook.

Situations vacant

As detailed in the April issue of *e-Wheels*, the MSA is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on its Specialist Committees. Applications must be received before the end of June 2010. Please submit a brief outline of your motor sport involvement and achievements to the sponsoring MSA-registered club or Regional Association, together with your name, address, contact details and any relevant qualifications. The club or association will forward the application to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG.

Closed roads lobby

At the time of writing, more than 3,600 people had signed a petition indicating their support for motor sport events on closed roads. To add your name, go to www.petition.co.uk/msa

Designer clipboard

Many of you will know that the Motorsport Safety Fund is a registered charity formed in 1974 to help improve safety in the sport. It produces many useful publications and has recently introduced a clipboard specially designed for motor sport. There's weather-protected information on the radio alphabet, flag signals and so on plus four clear plastic pockets for entry lists, instructions and other items.

It has an A5 clear pocket and a business card size pocket which will take one of the fund's new z-fold marshalling leaflets (available shortly). A strong clip, pen holders and a tag for hanging the board complete the high specification.

An essential item for all marshals, officials and organisers, the clipboard costs just £10 including postage and packing. Go to: www.blencolour.com/motorsportsafetyfund/Publications.html

Wales Rally GB news

Many of you will already have 11 to 14 November in your diary. To keep up to date with news of Wales Rally GB, register for the ezine at www.walesrallygb.com. If you wish to marshal on the Wales Rally GB you need to be a registered marshal with the MSA. We recommend you do this a few months in advance of the rally. You can download a Marshals Registration Form from the MSA website (www.msauk.org > Officials > Download 'Marshals' forms > Marshals Registration Form).

Award for motor sport road safety DVD

The Capita Symonds' Casualty Reduction Programme, based in Blackburn with Darwen in the North West of England, was developed during 2009 to include signposting young people to become involved with local motor sport clubs and events as positive diversionary activities. The message was that motor sport competitors drive fast but safely because they have to conform to the regulations imposed by the MSA - regarding the type of event, the type and preparation of the vehicle and the experience of the driver.

The MSA assisted Capita Symonds in developing a DVD of its Casualty Reduction Programme to highlight this link and this was shown at some of the Safety Seminars held last year. This DVD (limited copies of which are available from the MSA on request) was recently given a highly commended award by the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation in the North West Safety Project of the year category.

Ilkley - more than 100 years on

Ilkley & District Motor Club has joined the list of clubs which have celebrated 100-year anniversaries. To mark the milestone, Alistair Tullie, President of Ilkley & District Motor Club, was presented with one of the Centenary Club Awards specially commissioned by the MSA.

FIA women's commission

Following unanimous agreement from the members of the World Motor Sport Council, the FIA has established a new commission to facilitate the full participation of women in all aspects of motor sport. The Women & Motor Sport Commission (WMC) held its first meeting on 26 April under the Presidency of former world rally winning driver, Michèle Mouton. The MSA is represented on the commission by Sue Sanders.