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Editorial Ramblings

At last—it finally seems as if Summer is coming, and the days are longer—more of a benefit in that the evenings are lighter, meaning evenings can be spent outside in the daylight doing rally car prep, of which there is [always!] plenty to do. This also means, of course, that the Summer Autotest Series is nearly upon us so please get your entries into Stacey Thompson—hopefully by the time you are reading this, the regs and entry form will be out and on the website so please send those entries in.

Some club members may have received an email recently from the MSA, or seen it on various internet forums where it has been widely discussed. The MSA have launched a Manifesto for Motorsport with the three issues for discussion being closed road events; planning laws; and motor sport as an environmental test bed. It's well worth taking a few months to look at www.msauk.org/manifesto and signing the petition—more information in e-wheels at the back of this Acorn.

A couple of reminders from committee members please—it would greatly assist Andy Elcomb if results could be sent to him promptly after events. We are sure there are events that members are competing in which we don't know about, and sending the results in makes Andy's job as Trophy Records Keeper a lot easier and you never know, you could be in the running for a Championship or two.... Secondly, that leads on to my request—copy for Acorn is always gratefully received, no matter how short or long, as I can only include what has been sent to me. If you've been competing somewhere, please take a few minutes to pen something and send it in or even send some photos, as I'm sure it will be of interest to many club members.

See you at an Autotest soon, or Crystal Palace.

Suze Endean

Chin's Chairman's Chat

For someone who doesn't really enjoy sprints ('cos I'm no good at it!) I must admit that I did enjoy myself at North Weald and managed to improve my times with each run. The atmosphere at the event was really friendly with familiar faces and newcomers all making it a very good day out; my thanks to all who worked hard to put it on.

Our AGM was well attended which I found encouraging and indicates that our club is active and buoyant with, again, new faces taking an interest. Several topics including Speed regulations, our finances and, of

Yours if you want them, have them:
Three 4 tray canilever toolboxes, 1 @ 22", 1 @ 19", 1 @17". John Symes 07802 275412

course, the forthcoming Crystal Palace were discussed with some very positive contributions. Your committee remains the same with only a few changes of role among its members and I feel that there's the potential for good things ahead. These will not happen, however, without the support of all our members, too often it's the same old (and not so old!) faces that turn up to do the work. Running events is enjoyable in whatever capacity you feel able to contribute and is part of any club based activity. Please take this on board and join in with us.















Before Crystal Palace we have the first of the Evening Autotests at Farningham to enjoy. I'll be competing this year and my entry is already in - make sure you get yours in early so that Stacey has an easier time with the paperwork at each event.

One point that was raised by our President at the AGM was the duty we all have to respond, if we feel necessary, to any regulation change with which we disagree or oppose. If you hold an MSA licence of any sort then you will receive Motorsport Now, the MSA's publication. In here are the proposed rule changes which have been presented to the Motor Sports Council and the process through which they go involves this publication to you all for information and for your responses - if you don't respond to anything you don't like then you lose the ability to change it. This involvement by all involved (some see it as democracy) has been hard won over the years, not, of course, by chaining to railings or committing suicide in front of the King's horse but by strong representation through clubs and associations. Please make sure you make your feelings known, either directly or via your club committee or regional association.

Andy Kilby and I enjoyed the Lands End Trial despite some very dismal weather, the B went well throughout the event but suffered a fuel pump failure on the way home which meant that slight slopes became mountains and more that 40mph was only possible down hill. A new pump has been fitted and there seems to be even more power than before. Clive Cooke, Sid Marks and Nick and Angela Woollett all seemed to enjoy the event too, despite Clive running well down the order and suffering from the mud, ruts etc.

I look forward to seeing most of you either Autotesting or at the Palace or both.

Chin


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 **18th May**. 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 handwrit- 


COMPETITION CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ORGANISING CLUB / CONTACT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Open To/ Champ</i>
1st May	Sprint	BARC [Midlands]: Contact Noreen Ward, noreenward@tiscali.co.uk	Ips	Nat B	7oaks SL
2nd May	Sprint	B19 MC: Contact John Sharp, jmsharpb19@hotmail.co.uk	Hethel	Nat B	7oaks SL
2nd May	12 Car Regularity	Blackpalfrey: Contact Andy Gibson, Tel: 01227 792740, andy@blackpalfrey.co.uk	TBA	CS	
5th May	Grass Autotest	MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk	Headcorn	CS	
6th May	Grass Autotest	SDMC: Contact Stacey Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com	Farningham	CS	
12th May	Grass Autotest	MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk	Headcorn	CS	
16th May	Tarmac Autotest	CMC: Contact Richard Nel, Tel: 01245 467715, Richard.A.Nel@baml.com	Woodbridge	CS	
16th May	Sprint	B19 MC & CMC: Contact Roger Grimes, Tel: 07877 049515, peskywabbit@btinternet.com	Woodbridge	Nat B	7oaks SL
20th May	Grass Autotest	SDMC: Contact Stacey Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com	Farningham	CS	
23rd May	Autotest Training Day	MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk	Headcorn	CS	
26th May	Grass Autotest	MMKMC: Contact autotest@mmkmc.co.uk	Headcorn	CS	
30th May	Sprint	SDMC: For entries contact Karen Webber, Tel: 01732 875091, kes.web1@tesco.net . For spectator / marshal info etc please see	Crystal Palace	Nat B	
31st May	Sprint	SDMC: For entries contact Karen Webber, Tel: 01732 875091, kes.web1@tesco.net . For spectator / marshal info etc please see	Crystal Palace	Nat B	
3rd June	Grass Autotest	SDMC: Contact Stacey Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com	Farningham	CS	
12th June	Sprint / Autosolo /	SCMC: Contact Barry Guess, BarryGCharlie@aol.com	Abingdon	CS / Nat B	7oaks SL
17th June	Grass Autotest	SDMC: Contact Stacey Thompson, Tel: 0208 3002609, stacey1965@hotmail.com	Farningham	CS	

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

Club Social Calendar

(Contact Rosemary or Nigel Mead, Tel.No: 01892 832420).

WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2010

QUIZ NIGHT

Come and test your knowledge on motorsport - and your general knowledge too !! At The Bell, Kemsing. Start time 8:30pm (Please contact Rosemary or Nigel if you will be purchasing food).

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 2010

NOGGIN AND NATTER

At The Bell, Kemsing. New to the club? Wish to meet other members? Then come along for a chat over a beer and a bite to eat. (Please contact Rosemary or Nigel if you will be purchasing food).

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2010

BAT AND TRAP

More information in a future edition of Acorn.

North Weald 4th April Sprint results

Of 53 entries 27 were Sevenoaks members, 21 of which are registered for the Speed League! Our Chairman Chin got faster all day in Class A1. A2 had a massive entry of 20 (13 Sevenoaks) with Sevenoaks members in the top 3 spots in class. Matt Randle 1st 78.11, Andy Webber 2nd 78.51 and Darren Russell 3rd 79.37. Matt must have been trying hard as he managed to break a headlamp on a cone. Luke Rolling made his sprint Debut in his 205 GTi .

In Class A3 SDMC members were battling mid class, changing places all day. Graham Pryme took 3rd in class 80.18, narrowly piping David Balderson 80.47. A4 saw me & my dad dual driving his daily driver (both under prepared). I was trying hard enough to end up across the grass on the exit of the fastest corner, but in the end experience prevailed. A6 had another sprint debutant (I think) Jeff Wiltshire, who came 4th in his Phoenix in what seemed to be a very competitive class 78.66

B9 only had Steve Stringer in it, in his Sunbeam, but judging by the huge grin across his face whilst looking out the side window, it still looked like he had lots of fun!!! 78.27 C11 saw another close fight between Darren Tyre & Chris Penfold, Chris was just over 80 seconds on runs 1&2 with Darren just under 80 seconds run 1 & 78.6 run 2. Darren came down to a 77.94 on his final run, but Chris found over 2 seconds & posted 77.69 to take 3rd in class.

What a great day; good weather if a bit blowy but ran like clockwork, again a huge thank you to all the organizers & marshals.

Russell Giddings

BRSCC Quiz Night 22nd April

The Sevenoaks team of myself, Chin, Chris Dennis, Steve Thompson and Nigel Mead finished runner up at the BRSCC's quiz night on 22nd April. This annual event attracted 8 teams from around the South East and was won (yet again) by the BRSCC HQ staff. Not surprising as it contains Colin Mann and as he's a journalist and press officer for the BRSCC, his knowledge of motor-sport is totally extensive and would be difficult to beat worldwide I reckon. In fact, although his team did well, Colin answered most of the questions himself! The star of our team was Chris Dennis who was brilliant, although we did all play are part. The format of the quiz was based on a race with lap one asking 10 questions on Formula One, followed by lap two on Sports Cars, then National and Club racing, then Rallying and finally a section on general knowledge. This bit however, had your illustrious team frowning and looking at one-another often with pained expressions!

Anyway, it was a good fun event and we modestly did very well. We also won two raffle prizes which will be used in one of our own club nights soon.

Final Results:

BRSCC	58.5
7'Oaks	48.0
Race Resue	47.5
BARC SE	44.5
Annie's Angels	33.0
Jolly Bankers	23.0
Crazy Gang	18
BMR Marshals	16

Chris Judge

Crystal Palace 2010



The event is taking shape with much hard work being put in by the organising committee. The awareness of the event by the general public is growing and ticket sales on line have started to roll in. The new Tarmac has been laid and the fitting of the Armco will be under way about the time you're reading this. We've raised over £30K of sponsorship which helps with the budget and have really good support from the local Nissan dealers, the Ancaster Group and several others.

There's lots going on to attract the public and to make the weekend memorable to all; Gordon Spice will be there with one of his Capris, although he won't be driving it, and Barry 'Whizzo' Williams will be there too. Although the stated closing date for entries will have passed by the time you read this, if you would like to enter please put an entry in as soon as you can and watch the website for regular updates and information www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk

We're at present a bit underrepresented by 'normal' club sprint cars as we've been concentrating on the rarer historic cars which would have been at the Palace in its glory days and a better balance would present our sport to the public in a way that would encourage them to join in and enjoy our sport.

Go Motorsport will be there to promote our sport to the public of the metropolis and hope to have a 2010 Formula 1 car on display amongst other items. The display area is coming on really well with over 20 clubs registered to show some very interesting machinery.

Away from the standard motor sport aspect of the event we have Roary the Racing car and his mechanic Big Chris coming along to keep the kids amused and many other family attractions, so the kids etc. won't be bored while the enthusiast enjoys the sport.

As you are no doubt aware this event will need all the help we can get to prepare, set up, run and clear up so please volunteer - track work, tyre stacks, etc. to Andy Elcomb and marshalling to Chris Scudder. There will be other work parties needed and help on the two days so please watch the Sevenoaks website, the Crystal Palace Website and your email inbox for requests to help.

One of the really encouraging aspects is the amount of help and encouragement we're getting from the London Borough of Bromley and especially the staff at the park. It's great to know that we're all pulling in the same direction.

Please make sure you get involved in this event in whichever capacity fits you best, we're here to set our club up positively for the future.

Tewin Water Diamond Classic—20th June

On the 20th June 2010 Falcon Motor Club Ltd, will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Tewin Water Speed Trials with a special one off event called the Tewin Water Diamond Classic, at the original venue, Tewin Water near Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

The event will consist of two parts, the first being a timed demonstration on the tarmac drive to Tewin House. The course will be laid out using cones to form a slalom approximate a quarter of a mile long. Cars will be timed in one direction before being turned around and timed back again. The second part of the celebration will be a display of Classic cars of the area in front of the house. Due to the sensitive nature of the venue spectators will be from competitors friends and family thus insuring a unique and friendly atmosphere. The event will not be publicized in either the national or local press. However we do need the support of competitors to make the day a success which is where you and your members come in.

Falcon Motor Club would like to invite your club members to take part in this unique one off event. There is unfortunately a fee to enter the timed demonstration which is being held under a MSA permit. The entry fee includes membership to Falcon Motor Club on a temporary basis. Entry to the static display however is free and open to all tax exempt cars (pre 1972).

If any of your members would like to take part an entry form can be downloaded from the clubs web site at <http://sites.google.com/site/falconmotorclub/eventregulations> or ring the secretary of the meeting, David Maitland on 01438 210793 before 9pm please, for an entry form.

My Motorsport Life [well what I can remember!] *continued*

....The following year was a repeat except we towed to events, I managed to win the championship, and Flip took the ladies with ease. In those days finding accommodation was a little tricky... no world wide wobbly web. Sometimes we took a tent and sometimes I booked a B&B. We used to do an awful event at Huddersfield, I really struggled to find somewhere to stay and so booked a pub. We got to the place and pulled up to which Flip [also towing] said 'are we lost?' 'no this is it' 'I am not staying there' 'well you are sleeping in the car then' It had nylon sheets and a massive valve TV that didn't work, they didn't do dinner but the breakfast was fantastic. So where do we eat we said? "the Chinese oop road" which was doing a wedding and they said "te cuntry cloob oop te road first left oop by te mill can't miss it." Well we found it but there were about twenty coaches parked up, and it was full... "aye no prob, wait till 'trippers go, and it'll be al reet" - the best roast beef you could ask for. Result. However for the event the next day the CofC had no idea, one test was too tight, and while the sports cars were OK no one else would get round. Trevor was first and I was second to go, so we said we wouldn't start, parked our cars and told em to take a pylon out. They did in the end, but the event was dropped after that.

In '76 I also got enlisted to navigate for Chris Daisy on the caravan rally, this was a stage event for cars and caravans with special tests at the end [which was the real reason I was there]. We were in a 3 car team, sponsored by CI and Lee Davy with cars from Drake & Fletcher/Vauxhall. Lyke Cathcart/Mike Cockle and us had droop snoot Firenzias, and Martin Lumby [a CI rep] had a Victor saloon, with Blydenstein head and manifold which was much quicker than the droop snoots. The build up went on for months, Chris and Lyle went everywhere [even out to dinner] with the caravan on the back and we all went testing at Manston where it was decided to put the caravans on 6" reverse rims with 70 profile radials. They gave so much grip we wore out the front corners of the caravan when they popped up on one wheel, so skids were fitted! The event was in April and started at Silverstone. It was 'in cold, and we had to sleep in the caravans which were scrutineered more closely than the cars. We had to have breakfast [cereal and dried milk, tea water and kettle] and toilet facility [bucket and spade]. At scrutiny we only had two tables for three caravans, which caused a bit of trouble, [you talk to him while we swap the table type stuff] and the Caravan Club didn't think spare wheels should be bolted to the floor... anyway we started eventually with a stage around the track and out into the car parks at about 5.30am. It was very icy...And the arrows were put up by caravanners... so a straight over crest **was not flat** and led into a hairpin right. After a big tankslapper and both rear wings bent on the Firenza we stopped, Chris selected first and was flagged down by a marshal who said in his best BBC voice 'I say old chap do you know your gas bottle is hanging off' for all I know it may still be there. We continued through forests and airfields. I drove some of the road sections so Chris could sleep, and I discovered that sleeping on a stage was possible... the days were 20+ hours! We did a USAF base in Norfolk somewhere and the runway lights were on for us, but it was very icy at the finish. The marshal was standing in the middle of the track to give us a time, but we were not slowing... at the last moment he decided to run...it was like a cartoon his legs and arms were going but he wasn't!!

On a road section we met a furniture truck which shot sheet of ice off it's roof, this hit the screen, and cracked the laminated glass, then punched holes in the caravan and took the window out!! **VERY SCARY!** The guys from Lee Davy repanelled the van with new ready striped panels glued over the top, as there was a penalty for damage, but we had to sleep in the thing full of ice and glass whilst the service crews slept in big caravans at Silverstone. After the event the team had won and so sprits were high. It started with the double bed being made without the table in the middle so it all collapsed, then we tied a tin can full of stones on a piece of string and hung it over a handle, waited for quiet, and gave it a tug... they thought we were winding up the legs so hatched a plan. Roger Bateman filled a saucepan with water, opened the door and tried to throw it over the roof to the noise, except it hit the side and soaked him..... we gave it 5 minutes and went again, this time he went outside in the cold.... And so the night went on....

For the following year's caravan rally I serviced, and the droop snoots were retired. Everyone had Victors which were 2300s with Blydenstein heads and exhausts and Koni shocks, they were a fabulous tow car. Martin Lumby thumped a fence with his and put a decent dent in the front, and after the event I bought it from Drake and Fletcher still with dent. Flip and I were by then towing to events, and I had come home one Friday to be greeted by Dad who had bought a trailer!! [Cheap I am glad to say]. We hooked it on the Beetle and it had Land Rover wheels, the back was about 4 feet off the ground... We had to do a bit of re engineering and it was shortened by 5 feet, and a pair of Indespension units put on. That trailer survived several reincarnations [including becoming a 4 wheeler] until 2000, when I gave it to Graham Standen, who has now passed it on Anyway when we both towed, my Beetle was slower and so I led and Flip followed in the MGB GT. I hadn't mentioned the purchase of the Victor, I just turned up on a Friday night in it. She didn't think it was good plan until she took it out for a quick run, came back and said from now on she was leading, she never knew Victor went like that!

To be continued

Steve Stringer

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New MSA logo

Observant readers will have noticed the new logo above. As mentioned in last month's *e-Wheels*, the MSA has refreshed its corporate identity to reflect a more contemporary and dynamic image. The MSA is not expecting officials, marshals and clubs to rush out and replace clothing, stationery and other branded items until these need replacement. If you have any questions about any of the MSA's logos or their application or require an electronic copy of appropriate versions, please contact Miles Booker, Head of Customer Services at the MSA on 01753 765002 or at miles.booker@msauk.org

New Judicial Panel Chairman

Steve Stringwell has been appointed Chairman of the MSA Judicial Panel and will sit on the Motor Sports Council. Steve has more than 40 years' experience in motor sport, having started as a marshal in 1967, before spending 15 years competing in club and international rallies.

Recent awards

David Butler MBE was awarded the Prince Michael Award of Merit - the MSA's most prestigious individual award, which is bestowed on those adjudged to have given 'a meritorious service to British motor sport'. David has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers.

An MSA Lifetime Achievement Award was made to Howard Strawford, in recognition of almost 60 years of dedication to the sport. Howard has developed Castle Combe Circuit into a thriving centre for motor sport while retaining a great profile within the local community.

With the support of the MSA, a number of Regional Associations have made Lifetime Achievement Awards to recognize the outstanding achievements of particular individuals within their Associations

Association of North Western Car Clubs - Dave Thomas

Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs - Robin McKinney and Ronnie Trouton MBE

Association of Northern Car Clubs - Iain Tullie and Mike Yates

Association of North East and Cumbria Car Clubs - Bill Troughear

Committee nominations please

The MSA is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the Specialist Committees which represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport. The Specialist Committees, covering Autotest, Cross Country, Historics, Karting, Race, Rallies, Speed Events and Trials, meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House to discuss and debate new regulations and other issues. The decisions and minutes are communicated via the Committee Chairmen to the next MSA Council meeting for approval.

All applicants must be a member of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association, which must support the application. There are no formal qualifications required other than experience in motor sport. The roles are voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to meetings at Motor Sports House, and the appointments are normally for a three-year term.

Anyone interested in applying should submit a brief outline of their motor sport involvement and achievements to the sponsoring MSA-registered club or Regional Association, together with 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.

As applications are considered for the limited number of positions available each year, the MSA would encour-

age those who may have applied before but not been successful, to consider reapplying this year.

Applications must be received before the end of June 2010.

Vote for motor sport!

The MSA, in conjunction with the Motorsport Industry Association and the Auto-Cycle Union, has unveiled a Manifesto for Motorsport, highlighting some of the ways in which the government could assist the development and on-going success of the sport.

The MSA has identified three key areas of policy that will form the basis for the governing body's public affairs activity throughout 2010 - closed road events, planning issues and environmental initiatives.

For a full copy of the manifesto, go to www.msauk.org/manifesto

To sign a petition indicating your support for motor sport events on closed roads, go to www.petition.co.uk/msa

GoMotorsport.tv

The MSA is pleased to announce the creation of GoMotorsport.tv and invites MSA-registered clubs to make use of this exciting new facility.

Designed to bring video footage of UK club motor sport together under one banner, GoMotorsport.tv provides all clubs with the opportunity to have their own dedicated video webpage, on which they can upload footage of their events free of charge. Each page is fully customisable to show the club logo, include introductory text about the club and a link to the club's own website.

"It is similar to having your own YouTube channel," confirms MSA Chief Executive, Colin Hilton, "but the difference lies in the collective power of bringing the clubs together under one banner to showcase club motor sport. The quality will vary between events from amateur to professional post-produced programming, but that will be part of the attraction."

To register for the service, club officials should email tv@msauk.org detailing the club name and their personal contact details to request a username and password. Please note that login details will only be supplied to club officials.

Club Child Protection Officer applications

Since the end of 2009, the method by which the MSA processes Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure applications has changed, with the administration of this function now undertaken on its behalf by TMG CRB based in Nottingham. TMG is highly experienced in this area, undertaking in excess of 200,000 checks a year. It provides this service to many other sporting governing bodies (including the Football Association, the England Cricket Board and the Rugby Football Union).

All Club Child Protection Officer applications should continue to be made to the MSA using the standard form. The MSA will verify the request and forward it to TMG for processing. The MSA will then be provided with the results of the disclosure applications and be responsible for taking any actions as may be appropriate. Thanks to the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust, this service will remain free of charge for volunteer officials.

The MSA will also provide to TMG on a regular basis the names of those MSA Licensed Officials whose existing disclosure is due for renewal. This will take place as previously indicated in a broadly three-year rolling period.

The MSA's Child Protection Policy has been updated (latest v.2, 12/09) to reflect these changes and can be viewed at www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/Child_Protection_Policy.pdf



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*And lastly Bruce, aka
Steve Stringer's dog, at
the March Car Trial....*