

Editorial

April 2006

Last month's talk by the Institute for Advanced Motorists was quite well-attended but I think we weren't quite what they expected, as the talk seemed to be a bit 'basic' and probably more aimed at the younger driver. However, it was quite interesting but I don't think they'll get many recruits from amongst our members from it.

This month, alas, we have another natter/video evening and hope to have a speaker in May.

The next committee meeting will be on April 24th, 2006, at the Masonic Lodge, due to Bank Holidays etc.

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Organiser	Location	Type
Apr			
8/9	VK Derbyshire Road Rally (Matlock MC)	Map 119	Road Rally
10	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Talk/Natter
16	Twyford Stages	Twyford Wood	SV Rally
29	PMC SILVERSTONE	SILVERSTONE	Race meeting
29/30	Jackson Trophy (Sheffield & Hallamshire)	Maps 109, 110	Road Rally
30	Bloodhound Rally	Swinderby	SV Rally
May			
8	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Talk/Natter
14	John Overend Memorial Rally	Melbourne (Lincs?)	SV Rally
20/21	Danum (Lindholme MSC)	Maps 111, 112, 113	Road Rally

Membership news

It is with much sorrow that we announce the sad demise of one of our long-time members, Bill Annible, who passed away suddenly a few weeks ago, and who will be much missed. Our thoughts are with his widow, Dorothy, and their two sons (Stuart and Matthew) and their wives. His funeral was well attended and the congregation included many PMC members, both current and former.

We also have a new member in the guise of Stephen O'Gorman from Wormley in Hertfordshire.

Bill Annible – by Phil Manser (abridged slightly)

It was a great shock to us all to hear that Bill Annible died suddenly in 21st March. He was 61.

Dorothy and Bill met before Dorothy was 16 and married in 1969 – the year they joined PMC. Bill came from farming stock and lived near Thorney before moving to Crowland. He started work at Kennings in 1960 and ran their body shop until they closed in 1984. After four years at Marshalls in charge of their body shop he started work with Royal Sun Alliance, assessing motor claims, and had been due to retire this summer.

When Stuart and Matthew came along, Bill gradually taught them everything he knew about cars, and enjoyed spending time with them and their wives, Della and Kathryn.

Our families grew up together. We attended many motorsports events together throughout the 70s, 80s and mainly the 90s. Bill campaigned Spitfires in autocross and rallies in the 70s when Dick Downs was his navigator, and his family enjoyed success with a little Fiat in PMC Production Trials, winning the Horrell Trophy. When I bought Paul Robinson's Mini 7 racer in 1991, Bill, Stuart and Matthew offered their help and within a few short weeks the car had been totally stripped and rebuilt ready for the first race – it was a pity I went off at the first corner. We enjoyed Mini racing for the next 10 years doing around 120 races and Bill was always ready with good advice and help when asked. He was always calm, even when things went wrong. If any of us wanted to know anything, we always asked Bill. Without the Annible family, we couldn't have done it.

Since his death we have all been remembering our favourite memories of him: of the time when he, Stuart and Matthew stripped the interior of a Range Rover and hid it in the attic whilst Dorothy was away; of the occasion when racing at Oulton Park (minus Dorothy on this occasion) and trying to move the car out in order to sleep in the van they found Dorothy's chocolate cake and tin under the back wheel (a 'chock'!) - Bill 'panel-beat' the tin back into some semblance of shape and hid it on a high shelf; of the party (10 people, table and chairs) held in the back of the Transit due to inclement weather and Bill's shoelaces being tied together by the end of it, with predictable results – he never found out who did it ...

For the past few seasons the Annible family have been running a team headed by Stuart in Pick Up Racing. The following is a quote from the team's website, which summed Bill up to a T:

“Bill is known as Dad because he is Stu and Mat's father. Most of the team call him Dad as well, just to avoid any confusion. Bill's wealth of experience in all things racing make him an invaluable person to have around – there's not much that this man hasn't seen! Ask him about racing or the motor trade and you can guarantee that he will have a story to tell that will have you in stitches. He also makes a mean cup of tea!”

With his passing, PMC have lost a true friend and a great character.

56th SILVERSTONE

Further to Phil's announcement last month regarding the Silverstone meeting, I'm now putting out a request for marshals.

Anyone wishing to marshal should contact Andrew Turner by one of the following methods:

by phone on 01733 840816 or 07905 101352 (mobile);

by email at andrew.turner@tesco.net

If you don't think you can manage to be there for a whole day, it will be possible to just go and marshal for the afternoon (that's specially for those who can't get up early at weekend!)

MAJOR CELEBRATIONS AT RALLYDAY 2006

The 6th Rallyday takes place at Castle Combe Circuit in Wiltshire on Saturday 22 July.

Rallyday 2006 celebrates the 25th anniversary of two major achievements from the 1981 World Rally Championship: Ari Vatanen and David Richards winning the Drivers' title in the Rothmans Ford Escort; and (in that same year) Talbot taking the Manufacturer's World Rally Championship with the Sunbeam Lotus. Some of the original works rally cars and teams which helped achieve these titles will be starring live on track in front the anticipated crowd of over 10,000 rally fans.

In addition, celebrating Lancia's centenary, the Lancia Motor Club will host a major display of evocative Italian machinery at the event. Highlighting the company's rallying pedigree will be a collection some of the world's most iconic rally cars, including Lancia Fulvia, Stratos, 037, S4 and Delta Integrale.

Further details of the 2006 programme, including the names of the star drivers, teams and attractions attending the show, will be confirmed in forthcoming press releases, and listed on the Rallyday website.

For anyone not familiar with the event, Rallyday is an annual show offering visitors a chance to enjoy the spectacle of a wide range of rally cars and rally stars, in an open and spectator-friendly environment. It combines live action on the track with static displays in the paddock, and has something to offer everyone -- from the rally enthusiast, to a family looking for an enjoyable day out.

On-track action comes in the form of professional driving demonstrations, track sessions, rally car rides, circuit parades and a feature rally stage. Off track, there are a host of displays where visitors can have a close look at some of the world's most iconic rally cars, which have made rallying history through the years.

Paddock activity centres on the main event stage, where guests are interviewed. There are also numerous trade exhibitors, ranging from major car manufacturers to individual specialists offering a diverse array of rally merchandise.

Rallyday Interactive is where visitors can go further than just spectate. Whether it be a rally simulator, radio-controlled rally car races or full-on white-knuckle rides in a selection of rally cars, there are many activities for people to participate in.

Advance tickets for this year's event are now on sale, priced at £10 per adult and £2 per child. Tickets, in addition to information on track sessions, paddock parking, trade stands and spectator information, can all be found on Rallyday's website at www.rallyday.com.

Uluru hard to find for drunk driver

A drunk driver just 100 metres from Australia's iconic giant monolith once known as Ayers Rock has stopped police to ask the way to the 1,100-ft-high rock.

The headlights of the man's car were actually shining on Uluru, which has a 5.8-mile circumference, Northern Territory police said.

The 44-year-old man, whose car was also towing an aluminium boat, has been charged with drink driving and unlicensed driving. (And sent to Specsavers?)

Tell Me This Won't Happen To Us !!!!

An elderly Floridian calls 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher:

"They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cries.

The dispatcher says, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard" he says, "She's got in the back-seat by mistake."

Senior Driving

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Driving

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh! Am I driving?"