

# Editorial

# January 2008

Happy New Year to all Club Members!

Last month (last year even!) we had our annual Christmas Buffet, which was well attended and the food was delicious.

This month we are having a quiz and next month will be a natter/video evening, unless someone organises a tabletop rally, in which case you will be informed by flyer.

If anyone has any ideas for attracting new members, or for things we could do to attract the same, or would like to volunteer to help to run something in the event of something being suggested, would they please contact Vince Brierley by email. His email address is [vincent@brierley.co.uk](mailto:vincent@brierley.co.uk).

The next committee meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

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## A Note from your Chairman

We still urgently need volunteers for Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer on the Committee, and any other help with potential improvements within the Club. Vince Brierley collected a number of suggestions at the buffet in December which will be reviewed for feasibility and then published. The most promising idea is that we help promote the RAFMSA sprint series at Barkston Heath, which will keep the Club name 'out there' and allow members the opportunity of trying out the course as and when events are run - more details later!

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Organiser	Location	Type
2008			
Jan			
<b>14</b>	<b>PMC Club Night</b>	<b>Ellindon</b>	<b>Quiz</b>
Feb			
<b>11</b>	<b>PMC Club Night</b>	<b>Ellindon</b>	<b>Video/Natter</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>PMC Annual Dinner</b>	<b>Ellindon</b>	
<b>24</b>	<b>Pollard Trophy</b>	<b>Tilton</b>	<b>Sporting Trial</b>

## **Congratulations again!!**

Our Johnson Trial again tied on points for the "Best Trial of the Year" award with the Northern Phoenix Trial Car Club's Robin Jager Trial.

The decision was therefore up to the BTRDA Committee as there can only be one winner. After much deliberation it was awarded to the Robin Jager, as it was felt they had made the most improvement over the last few years. The Chairman said that this in no way reflected badly on the high standard of the Johnson, and long may it continue.

Thanks to all who made this event to such a high standard.

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## **Pollard Sporting Trial**

The Pollard Sporting Trial will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Tilton site.

This is at Nethercourt Farm near Billesdon, on the A47 towards Leicester. The map ref is SK710045. At the junction of A 47 with B6047 about 10 miles west of Uppingham, turn North on B6047. After 3/4 mile turn left (opposite a layby) onto unclassified road. After a further 3/4 mile left again at crossroads (close to a radio transmitter) and the entrance to the farm is 20 yards on the left.

Marshals are required for this event. Please contact Lynn Jones (or someone else connected with Trials) if you can help. Also, if you can help set out the course on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> from around 10:30, your assistance will be most welcome!

Contacts [lynnjones2009@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lynnjones2009@tiscali.co.uk) Phone 01733252886 or Brian Stapleton phone 01733202450.

## **Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Ellindon Masonic Lodge on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish to attend please contact David Catling with your choice from the menu below by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Phone 01733 260626, e-mail rallyman100 @ hotmail.com or 21, Stokesay Court, Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 6SL.

The meal is scheduled to start at 7pm for 7.30pm and the cost is £10 a head for members and guests.

The Guest of Honour is Graham Robson.

Graham possesses a world-wide reputation as a motoring historian, and has been close to the sport of rallying for many years. Not only as a competitor, team manager, organiser, reporter, commentator and observer, but above all as an enthusiastic historian, in more than forty years he has never lost touch with the sport. His experience of rallying is worldwide. Not only has he competed in many British and European events, but reported on marathons in South America, and acted as a travelling controller in the legendary London-Mexico World Cup rally. As a recognised authority on many aspects of classic cars and motoring of that period, he is the most prolific of all authors, with more than 120 published books to his credit. Over the years he has owned, driven, described and competed in many of the cars featured in this Landmark Rally Cars series, and his insight into their merits is unmatched.

## **PMC Dinner Menu 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

### **Starters** (including roll & butter)

Mushrooms stuffed with Couscous  
Chilled Fanned Melon with Summer Berries

### **Main Course**

Roasted Supreme of Salmon with Dill and Prawn Sauce  
Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding

### **Puddings**

Deep Apple Pie and Custard  
Fresh Fruit Salad

### **Vegetarian Main Course**

Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice  
Roast Pepper filled with Mushroom Risotto  
Hot Savoury Quiche

Coffee or Tea with mints

## **SILVERSTONE 2008**

The Club's 57th Annual Silverstone Race Meeting will be on Sunday 27th April 2008. There will be the usual mixture of races - more details next month. This will be an all hands on deck experience again so will all everyone volunteering to marshal contact Andrew Turner and those volunteering for admin contact Phil Johnson or Pete Richards please.

PHIL JOHNSON

## **MARSHALS WANTED**

EASTWOOD MC - JANE COWLING MEMORIAL PHOENIX STAGES RALLY will take place on 23rd MARCH 2008 at Fulbeck Airfield (between Newark and Sleaford)

This year it is a Clubmans rally + Round 1 of Peugeot Championship

Radio Crews, Start/Finish Crews, Marshals etc. all required on the day  
Contact John Minns 0115 9890673 (evenings)  
or email [djminnsrally@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:djminnsrally@tiscali.co.uk)

## NEW SINGLE-SEATER & ONE-MAKE SERIES TO BE LAUNCHED BY GRAHAM HATHAWAY RACING AT AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL

Essex-based specialist race car preparators Graham Hathaway Racing (GHR) will launch the new Speads RM08 single-seater race car at the Autosport International show at NEC Birmingham in January (on stand CP7 in Hall 10). The RM08 will be the first car launched at the show when it opens at 09.00 on Thursday 10 January.

The distinctively-styled Speads RM08 will be the car of choice for a new BARC-supported one-make single-seater series called Formula Triple S, which will run a selected programme of meetings throughout 2008, before expanding to a full season in 2009. The RM08 is also suitable for Monoposto, SEMSEC, sprints, hillclimbs and other open-wheel events.

The 2008 Formula Triple S calendar includes events at Pembrey, Mallory Park, Anglesey and Lydden. The track activity schedule will be one 20-minute qualifying session, followed by one 20-minute race each day during a two-day meeting, while there will be a single 20-minute qualifying session followed by two 20-minute races during one-day events.

GHR - the exclusive UK distributor for South African-based Speads Formula Cars - will supply the Speads RM08 as standard, with the popular 1300cc Hayabusa engine (the regulation engine for Formula Triple S), although a 1200cc ZX12 power unit will be available for those who purchase the car for use in Monoposto.

The RM08 is the result of six years of development carried out in its native South Africa. The RM08's handling characteristics are defined largely by its full aerodynamic package – including adjustable front and rear wings, bargeboards, flat floor and rear diffuser - and from the Dunlop full slick (or wet) tyres to be used on the UK version of the car. These elements combine to create substantial grip when the car is on track. With the RM08 track being 60 inches (1524mm) both front and rear and the wheelbase running to 130.5 inches (3315mm), its physical size, coupled with the grip levels, creates nimble, responsive handling.

"Formula Triple S and the Speads RM08 are a perfect match, particularly for younger drivers coming out of karting, as they will be able to learn at an early stage about proper, fully-equipped single-seaters, which can only help them progress up the single-seater ladder," comments Graham Hathaway. "The RM08 is a very impressive car and brings a refreshingly modern design to the UK racing scene. One of the main advantages of the RM08 is the cost compared to equivalent cars in terms of the overall price of the car, its maintenance and the running costs. "The performance level of the car is also very impressive, so there is going to be a big adrenaline rush for anyone who drives it, which makes it ideal for club racers," concludes Hathaway.

The car will sell for £29,995.00+VAT for the fully-built, 1300cc Hayabusa powered version, with other prices relating to different specifications. GHR can also supply the RM08 in kit form.

Racers who would like more information about the Speads RM08 and Formula Triple S are advised to contact Graham Hathaway Racing by calling them on (01621) 856956.

## RICHARD EGGER INSURANCE TO SPONSOR HSA SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hillclimb and Sprint Association is one of the most active clubs supporting hillclimbing and sprinting in the UK. The HSA promotes its own sprint events and publishes "Speedscene" magazine, which is well known as the only regular publication reporting on hillclimbs and sprints in the UK. The HSA also runs the HSA Speed Championship, with a calendar of 18 events and open to HAS members with a National B licence (or upwards). More information may be found at <http://www.hillclimbandsprint.co.uk>.

Following their successful ten-year relationship with sponsors Aldon Automotive, HSA Chairman Chris Bennett has announced that they are now to join forces with Richard Egger Insurance, who will be sponsoring the 2008 Richard Egger Insurance HSA Speed Championship. Chris Bennett said: "Richard Egger Insurance is a well-known specialist for all aspects of motorsport-related insurance and consider this relationship with a leading club in speed events the perfect way to develop their business and - at the same time - support newcomers to the sport, the area in which the HSA excels".

Confirming the agreement on 18 December, Chief Executive Richard Egger commented: "The HSA have shown that they can work successfully with a sponsor. Hillclimbing and sprinting is a sector of motorsport that we wish to support and - following our policy of encouraging Motorsport at its grass roots - the HSA Speed Championship is a natural place for Richard Egger Insurance sponsorship".

For more information about Richard Egger Insurance, please call 0115 985 0165 or visit <http://www.richardeggerinsurance.co.uk>.

## RICHARD EGGER INSURANCE OFFERS RTA COVER

Richard Egger Insurance offers a club and competitor-friendly solution to the need for Road Traffic Act compliant insurance for cars involved in events which have sections on the Public Highway.

Cover is available for competitors, officials and organisers. The paperwork is designed to be club and competitor friendly.

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## Motorist filled car with petrol through window

Hungarian police are hunting an early morning driver who poured 150 litres of petrol through the back window of his car.

He then staggered back into the driver's seat and drove off with petrol dripping on the floor at the petrol station at Nyiregyhaza.

Police suspect the confused motorist was either very tired or very drunk.

A police spokesman said: "When staff spotted what he was doing he was almost finished - and then he drove off before they could stop him.

"It is a surprise the fumes did not make him pass out - there is a real risk the petrol could start a fire."

## SAT NAV TAKES SHOPPERS TO WRONG LILLE

Fifty Christmas shoppers on a coach trip to Lille in France ended up 100 miles away in Lille, Belgium, after a sat-nav blunder.

By the time the coach party from Gloucestershire arrived in France, they only had two hours to spend in the shops before they closed for the night.

After leaving Cheltenham, the driver of the coach ended up 100 miles off course in Lille, Belgium (pop: 15,000) when they should have arrived in Lille, France (pop: 220,000)

"It was ridiculous," said one passenger. "The coach driver obviously had two Lilles to choose from on his sat-nav and he picked the wrong one.

"A few of us started to wonder what was going on when we saw signs for Eindhoven, which clearly isn't in France.

"But the driver wouldn't be told - he insisted he knew what he was doing. We ended up spending more than seven hours on the bus which is not my idea of a great day trip."

"We ended up only having two hours in the Lille shops so it was all a bit of a rush and a lot of us weren't able to buy as much as we wanted," added the passenger.

A club spokesman said: "We're very sorry that our staff and families have been disappointed in this instance, especially as we run so many successful coach trips throughout the course of the year."