

Editorial

March 2008

Last month's we 'nattered' at the Club night, and had our Annual Dinner, which was well supported by 52 members and friends, who enjoyed the talk by Graham Robson, our Guest of Honour. The loan of the display cars by Phil Johnston & Phil Manser was much appreciated, as was the help in setting up the display. The Andrew Leach memorial Cup was won by Simon Messervy, for help behind the scenes, and the Thornton Spanner went to Tim Cousins for getting his Chevron back into motorsport. Incidentally, if you report your exploits in these pages you could win it next year! The following weekend we ran the Pollard Sporting Trial, and, at on the 29th four members braved the East Anglian Motor Clubs Quiz, managing NOT to win (as per instructions). There are reports later in the Magazine.

This month we are showing videos/DVDs, including some 'old' racing film etc.

Next month we have nothing specifically organised, so will have another 'discussion evening', where we will be gearing up for our annual Silverstone meeting on the 27th.

The next committee meeting will be on 7th April.

Jan

Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Organiser	Location	Type
Mar			
10	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Video/Natter
15/16	Malton MC Ryemoor	OS 99/100/105/106	RR
16	Borough 19 MC Sprint	North Weald	Sprint
22	Eastwood & DMC Phoenix Stages	Manby	SV
24	Sutton & Cheam Sprint	Longcross	Sprint
29	North Humberside MC Forest Stages*	Yorks Forest	MV
Apr			
5/6	Matlock MC VK Derbyshire	OS 119	RR
6	Trackrod MC Lookout Stages	Melbourne	SV
6	Sevenoaks & DMC Sprint	North Weald	Sprint
12	BARC SE Sprint (morning only)	Lydden	Sprint
14	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	
19/20	Sheffield & Hallamshire Jackson Trophy	OS 110/119	RR
20	Mid-Derbyshire MC Twyford Stages	Twyford Wood	SV
27	Green Belt MC Sprint	North Weald	Sprint
27	PMC Silverstone Meeting	Silverstone	Race
May			
4	Herts County	Debden	Sprint
11	North Humberside John Overend Memorial*	Melbourne	SV
12	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Great Egg Race
17/18	Lindholme MSC Danum Rally	111/112/113	RR
18	Borough 19	Bentwaters Park	Sprint
25	Harrow CC	North Weald	Sprint

June			
7	Sutton & Cheam Abingdon CAR-nival	Dalton Barracks	Sprint
8	Sutton & Cheam Abingdon CAR-nival	Dalton Barracks	SV
9	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Treasure Hunt
14	Dukeries Rally*	Nottingham Forests	MV
14	Borough 19	Lydden	Sprint
22	Bury & Border MC Torque Bac Rally	Tba	SV
28	Tunbridge Wells MC	Goodwood	Sprint

- Includes Historics

57th SILVERSTONE MEETING

The club will be holding its 57th Annual Race Meeting at the Silverstone on Sunday 27th April 2008 and we still need as many members and friends to help and marshal please or even just spectate. Supplementary Regulations and Entry forms are now available on our web site. Once again we have a varied and interesting programme of eight races as follows:

Two ALLCOMERS RACES for Saloons, GTs, Sports, Sports Racing and Clubman's cars.

Two scratch races for the BARC South East Centre Tintops, Sports Cars and the Tiger Challenges.

Two scratch races for the 2008 Monoposto Racing Championship in six classes including two for motorcycle engined cars.

Two scratch races for the Red Dragon Race and Track Club MR2 Challenge.

Two scratch races for the Red Dragon Race and Track Club Nippon Challenge.

Indications from some of the championship organisers are that we should get good support with grids for several races in excess of 25 and hopefully some fully subscribed at 40. As always we try to provide a fun day out, and interesting and varied field with good racing and even overtaking!

This year we are continuing with the new format. Instead of a set number of laps for each race we are substituting a specific number of minutes plus one lap eg 14 minutes plus one lap for most races. This should give us more control over the timing of the programme and also allows us to run slightly longer races to give drivers more value for their money. Also we try to provide most drivers with the opportunity to enter more than one race. We are also trying a new format of one practice / qualifying session and two races for each of the races except for the Monos. This will mean less practice and more racing and better value for money for competitors.

We do need all the help we can get so please ring Phil Johnson (01733 263786, Peter Richards (01354 67748) for further information and to offer general / admin help or Andrew Turner (01733 840816) to volunteer to marshal. For entries ring Alan Kemp (01733 551094). But do please get involved! It's your club's major event of the year. See you there!

Phil Johnson

Charles Pollard Trial

24th February 2008

What a glorious day for a trial. The weather was sunny and extremely dry, so how do we stop the experts? The trial was held at our new site at Tilton-on-the-Hill, although the postal address is Billesdon. When we were here last year we could not even get in the paddock field, but this year you could drive anywhere, which at least made the parking easy.

There was the usual layout of ten hills, repeated three times, and a good entry of 32, all of whom arrived, with three crews travelling all the way from Cornwall. At the end of the first round Julian Fack had set the standard with a totally clear round. There were six crews on 1, and David Rance, the newly promoted Blue Class competitor was on 2. At lunchtime, after round 2, it was Julians brother, John, who achieved a clear round, as did Stephen Barnes, to share the lead with Julian on 1, followed by, Duncan Stephens and Steve Courts on 2, and David Rance and Stuart Beare on 3, Kim Warwick on 4, and Monty Peters on 5.

The final round sorted them out with Julian scoring on three hills, and John on two, thus giving the trial to Duncan Stephens, who only dropped 4 marks all day. The other end of the field was Roy Robinson on 132! There were 641 clear runs from a total of 960 starts during the whole trial, which I think must be some record!!

Many thanks to all officials and marshals for making this a great event. Lynn Jones, and his right hand man Pete for the paperwork and results, Alan Kemp, standing in for John Corfield, for the scrutineering, John Holman as Chief Marshal, and the ladies' favourite Norman Bradshaw for bringing the toilets, while Norman Manser acted as Steward. Special thanks to the setting-up crews of Tom, Margaret, Lynn and David Bastable.

After declaring the results we adjourned to the Rose and Crown for a pie and pint, keeping up the traditions at the end of a good days sport.

Dates for your diary – The next trial is the WARCO, at Uppingham on Sunday 28th September.

Results

1st Overall and 1st Red Stephen Barnes passenger	The Charles Pollard Trophy Jack Davies	4
2nd Overall and 2nd Red John Fack	Maxine Fack	5 (27 Clears)
3rd Overall and 3rd Red Julian Fack	Meg Marrion	5 (26 Clears)
4th Overall and 4th Red Steve Courts	Jim Knifton	5 (25 Clears)
5th Overall and 1st Blue Monty Peters	The Sprinzel Trophy John Bundock	7
7th Overall and 2nd Blue David Rance	Christopher Clements	12
16th Overall, and 1st Green Mark Seward	The Laurie Brown Trophy James Tancock	25
25th Overall and 2nd Green Bill Sherras	Kate Sherras	51
Best PMC		
17th Overall Kim Warwick	Margaret Stapleton	26
20th Overall Tom and Elizabeth Stevenson		28

Brian Stapleton

For the Record.....

The B.T.R.D.A. Championship final in January was held at Averilside Farm at Longnor, Derbyshire. It was the first time since the early Fifties that no PMC members qualified!!!

Let's hope that this year we are back on form.....

The East Anglian Motor Clubs Quiz 29th February 2008

Friday evening your Chairman picked up Phil Johnston, George Byford and Brian Peck, as they had 'volunteered' to make up a team to contest the above quiz. In past years PMC has contested the quiz, and although we have never won it, it seemed worthwhile PR to go along and have a go. We arrived at West Winch, just south of King's Lynn with a little time to spare and familiarised ourselves with the bar, and of course the quiz format. It seemed there were to be 10 rounds of 10 questions, although the final round consisted of 25 pictures. As these were already displayed, I suppose that 25 during the whole evening was a reasonable increase. There was also a 'Jeremy Clarkson' Joker to be played, on one round only, which would double the points scored in that round. Looking at the titles it seemed best to use it on the 'Racing' round 8, as Phil and Brian both thought they may know an answer or two.

The first round started with the club sitting behind us, Cambridge CC, playing their joker the first round, and going on to score 38 out of 40, which meant everyone else played catch-up all evening. The results were displayed after the following round, so we had an idea that we were not last as the event went on. Half way there was a break to allow us a quick snack of pizza, kindly provided from our £10 entry fee, which help sustain our efforts to the end. I say 'our', but I must say I was mainly there to write down the answers! Fortunately our joker netted 36 points, so the others do know something about racing!, and at the end we finished fourth with 177 of a possible 250. The winners scored 207, so next year we expect to visit a venue near Cambridge. We struggled home through howling winds and streaming rain to record a most satisfactory evening.

Alan Kemp.

MARSHALS WANTED

Change of date and venue:

EASTWOOD MC - **JANE COWLING MEMORIAL PHOENIX STAGES RALLY** will now take place on 22rd MARCH 2008 at Manby, near Louth

Signing on is by 08:15 to be on stage by 08:45 and with the first car at 09:20.

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

Marshals are also required for the **North Humberside Forest Rally** on Saturday 29th March 2008. Matthew Atkinson of BDMC is Stage Commander of Langdale North, which is the longest stage and is being run twice and he is in need of marshals. Signing on is at the Northern end of the stage, on Map 94 at 889 022.5, entering via the B1416 at 892.5 042.5 – you can also use Explorer Map OL27. Signing on will be from 07:20 to 07:50 with the first car at 09:20. The second stage is due to start immediately after the first has finished, at around 12:50 and they are scheduled to be finished by 15:30. You do not need to be a registered marshal and can just turn up if you like. Failing just turning up, you can email Matthew on matthew@bdmc.org.uk.

Marshals are also required for the **Twyford Stages** on Sunday 20th April, at Twyford Wood, just up the A1 at Colsterworth, near where they are digging the road up. For more details and regs contact the Entries Secretary, Emma Mozley on 07841593569 or visit their website at www.mid-derbyshiremc.co.uk. If you want to marshal, please contact Gem Cantrell on 07890750762.

Radio Marshalling

If anyone is interested in getting involved in Radio Marshalling, Border MC are hosting a radio training evening on Wednesday 2nd April at the Beckett Arms, Corringham, Gainsborough. Start time is 8.00pm and the instructor is Brian Avery.

The evening will contain topics for beginners right through to more advanced operators.

Help please!

If anyone thinks they would like to do something different on 30th June, Norman Manser would be grateful if someone would volunteer to go and help with timing horses at Wittering. I would think it's probably a good day out-of-doors. Please contact him if you are interested.

The weekend of 9th/10th August sees a new kitcar show in Peterborough and we are hoping to be able to man a stand there or something. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Alan.

RACE RETRO (14-16 March)

MOTORSPORT ACADEMY TO PROMOTE APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT HISTORIC MOTORSPORT SHOW

Discounted tickets and FOC hospitality for students.

The Motorsport Academy will use Race Retro, the International Historic Motorsport Show (Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, 14-16 March) to promote apprenticeship training opportunities for the motorsport industry, and the historic sector in particular.

INDUSTRY-WIDE SURVEY

The initiative has been devised in response to the disturbing findings from research commissioned by the Motorsport Academy, that 42 percent of companies operating in the UK Motorsport industry have skills shortages, and that 56 percent believe that apprenticeships are the answer.

As part of its related research, the Academy recently asked over 3,000 motorsport companies to complete an on-line survey on the subject and engaged many members of the industry and public in the debate at January's Autosport International Show.

The Director of the Motorsport Academy, Eric Newell, said: "We are making progress towards a complete apprenticeship solution, but we still need more support from the industry. Even though our questionnaire was specifically designed to allow us to help the companies complaining of skills shortages, the return rate has been rather disappointing. We urgently need these companies to engage with our related research work. If they don't, I fear their problems are only likely to

escalate.

"The Government supports the idea of new apprenticeships and, since the publishing of the Leitch Report, has been committed to increasing apprentice numbers. It is also prepared to make the necessary funding accessible. Provided the industry can help us ensure that educators deliver the courses required, we can begin to tackle the skills shortages of which they complain.

"Our involvement in Race Retro will give us direct access to nearly 450 key members of the historic motorsport industry sector (where there are particular skills issues) - a very valuable opportunity which we will make the most of."

EDUCATION ZONE & DISCOUNTS FOR STUDENTS

The Motorsport Academy is working with the organisers of the show to create an Education Zone, comprising the Academy itself supported by a range of motorsport educators and trainers active in the historic motorsport sector.

The Academy's stand will serve as a complimentary meeting and hospitality area for students, where they can link up with educators and trainers or potential employers, or chat freely with their colleagues. The UK's motorsport engineering students are being actively encouraged to visit the show and can enjoy a discount of £10 off the entry fee if they book in advance via the Motorsport Academy.

CAREERS & RECRUITMENT SERVICES ON OFFER

The Motorsport Academy's recently produced Careers Guide will be readily available to students visiting the show, while the Academy's recruitment and HR services (now collectively branded "Motorsport Recruitment") will be promoted to employers. These services include:

- Jobs Board.
- Managed Recruitment Service.
- Outplacement.
- Free Employment Law Compliance Checks.
- On-site and Outsourced HR Services.
- Employment Law Support and 24/7 Legal Telephone Helpline.

Visitors to the Show looking for jobs and careers in motorsport can also talk to the Academy's recruitment team on the stand, and leave their CV.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS & HISTORIC FORD ENGINE ON STAND

The Motorsport Academy stand will feature a variety of practical demonstrations applicable to the historic motorsport industry sector, such as coachbuilding, wheel manufacture and composite lay-ups. There will also be a Ford Escort BDA engine on display, in deference to the Escort's 40th anniversary, which is being celebrated at the show.

For further details of the Motorsport Academy and the products and services it provides for Motorsport industry employers, employees, educators and students, please log onto <http://www.motorsportacademy.org>

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RACE RETRO CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF ICONIC RACING CARS

This year's Race Retro, the international historic motorsport show, will celebrate 100 years of iconic racing cars, with exciting and interesting vehicles spanning the years from 1908 to present day.

Held at Stoneleigh Park from 14th to 16th March, racing cars on show range from a 100-year-old Panhard Levassor Grand Prix car on the Vintage Sports Car Club stand, to a 2007 Aston Martin V8 Vantage N24, courtesy of the Aston Martin Owners Club, which has been purpose-built to compete in events in 2008.

Iconic cars include a 1960 Ferrari 246 Dino, shown by the Historic Grand Prix Car Association; a 1965 Lotus 26R on the Grand Prix de L'Age d'Or stand; and a 1991 Reynard 913 from the Monoposto Racing Club. Dawn Treader Performance Ltd will display a newly-restored 1986 Lotus 98T Formula 1 car, while Ecurie Bertelli will showcase a 1938 ex-works Brooklands speed model Aston Martin. Club Alpine Renault will bring the Vialle Autogas Alpine 110, winner of the Dutch Rallycross Championship in 1978, and a regular winner of the FIA European Rallycross Championship.

Other features include a collection of Ford works rally cars, from the Ford Zephyr to the current Focus World Rally Car, displayed as part of the show's tribute to Ford's motorsport successes.

Exhibitors Historic Motorsport and David Sutton Cars will have the World Championship winning Rothmans Escort Mk2 on their stand, as well as hosting a visit from Bjorn Waldegard, the 1997 World Rally Champion and winner of the 2007 East African Safari, who will also appear on the Live Rally Stage.

The British and World Sidecar Champions and their racing vehicles will make their Race Retro debut, to celebrate the evolution of sidecar racing. The motorcycle area will feature the famous Yamaha Classic Racing Team, as well as a replica Ace Café and the inaugural Cafe Racer Concours, featuring iconic cafe racers from the 1950s and 1960s.

Race Retro will pay tribute to rally hero Markku Alen in the Rally Hall, with a Lancia 037 driven by Markku in the FIA World Rally Championship during the early 1980s and a Delta Integrale, hosted by Lancia Sport, which was his ride during the late 80s. Markku will join a line-up of star drivers on the Live Rally Stage, also including Pentti Airikkala and Russell Brookes.

Other famous drivers and co-drivers - such as Nicky Grist, Paddy Hopkirk, Tony Mason, Rosemary Smith and Stuart Turner - will be at the show to sign autographs. Malcolm Wilson, the former WRC driver and British Rally Champion, will open the show on Friday morning. Malcolm is the principal of M-Sport, who build and prepare the current Ford WRC cars, as well as running the works Ford Rally Team. He will be joined by Mark Deans, newly-appointed Director of Ford TeamRS, Ford's motorsport division in Europe.

The Bio-Fuels feature in Hall 2 - dedicated to investigating how historic motorsport can become "greener" - will display the Honda Hybrid Rally Car and an E85 Fiesta from M-Sport, together with classic cars converted to use bio-fuel. Power Torque Racing will launch a bio-fuel engine, while Greenergy will be promoting their 99 Octane race fuel and Anglo-American Oil will promote their E85 fuel.

If all this inspires you to invest in a competition car of your own, there is the Bonhams Classic & Historic Motorsport Auction, as well as the opportunity to conduct private car sales and test drives.

Tickets are available for one or two days, with savings when booking in advance. Children under

16 years are given free entry to Race Retro. The show is open from 09.30 each day and closes at 17.30 on Friday and Saturday, 16.30 on Sunday.

To book tickets and for the latest updates, please visit <http://www.raceretro.com>.

MALLOCK 50th ANNIVERSARY

2008 will be the 50th Anniversary of this unique and famous marque, the founder, Major Arthur Mallock, having sold the first customer Mallock U2 in 1958.

This landmark confirms the Mallock marque as the longest-surviving racing car manufacturer in continuous production in the United Kingdom under the same family ownership.

This is a remarkable achievement in one of the most financially volatile and unpredictable business sectors in the world.

FESTIVAL BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary, Mallock cars will provide the main events and focus of the 750 Motor Club Festival Weekend on 23/24 August at Silverstone. These will include a static display, a Mallock "allcomers" race on Saturday and a Grand Parade of Mallock cars past and present on Sunday morning.

The main event on Sunday will be The Mallock Gold Cup, a handicap race open to any Mallock car, from an original Mk.2 to the current Mk.35 "Synergy" Clubmans formula car.

Richard and Ray Mallock, sons of the founder, are making a special plea to all Mallock owners, including hillclimb and sprint cars, to bring their cars to Silverstone to race or display.

"The 750 Club has had strong links with Mallock for over 50 years," says Richard, who currently heads U2 production and sales.

"A magnificent celebration meeting for Arthur's 75th birthday was run in 1993 and we would dearly love to surpass that large turn-out in August."

Records show that a very high percentage of the 400-to-500 cars produced are still in existence and many are still competing and winning on a regular basis.

If you own a Mallock and would like to support what Arthur Mallock and his sons have created over 50 years for the enjoyment of the club competitor, by racing or displaying your car, please email Peter Burnham at peterburnham@dsl.pipex.com.

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