

Editorial

June 2008

Last month's Egg Race was very poorly attended, with only two teams taking part.

This month sees the annual Treasure Hunt, organised this year by Richard Elms as a penalty for winning last year. The start is at the Green Man in Marholm (Fitzwilliam Arms to the uninitiated), not as I inadvertently put in the Calendar of Events, at Ellindon. (Must try harder, Jan).

July (next month) sees the annual Barbecue at the Red Lion in West Deeping, which is booked for eating at about 20:00 and is free (as usual). If you haven't been before, it is normally an excellent evening.

The next committee meeting will be on 7th July.

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Calendar of Events

| Date | Event/Organiser | Location | Type |
|--------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| June | | | |
| 9 | PMC Club Night | Marholm | 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 |
| July | | | |
| 6 | Sutton & Cheam Motor Club | Longcross | Sprint |
| 6 | Beverley DMC – Armstrong Massey Rally | Driffield | SV |
| 12 | SEMSEC | Lydden | Sprint |
| 13 | Herts County | Debden | Sprint |
| 14 | PMC Club Night | Red Lion, West Deeping | Barbecue |
| 19/20 | Mid-Derbyshire MC – Drystone Rally | 119 | RR |
| 19 | Slaithwaite MC – Opposite Lock Rally | Manby | SV |
| 20 | Bournemouth & DCC | Clay Pigeon | Sprint |
| August | | | |
| 3 | BARC | Curborough | Sprint |
| 9 | Sevenoaks & DMC | North Weald | Sprint |
| 9/10 | Peterborough Kit Car Show | East of England Showground | Show |
| 10 | Sheffield & Hallamshire MC – Centenary Rally | Twyford Wood | SV |
| 11 | PMC Club Night | Natter | Ellindon |

*Includes Historics

Questionnaire.

By now everyone should have received their 'questionnaires' from Vince Brierley/Blue Dolphin. Apparently there was a bit of a mix-up over postage for some people, so we hope no-one had to pay to get it. The aim of the questionnaire is to find out what people think of the Club and how they think we can improve things. I think there have been several suggestions and I know Vince is very pleased as he has received over 40 completed forms back, only one of which was anonymous. He has received replies from far and wide (including the locals) and from recent members to those of us who have been members for some considerable time. Blue Dolphin will collate the replies and pass their findings to the committee, who will duly deliberate them and I will report them to the rest of the membership via Exhaust Notes.

Watch this space.

Silverstone (part deux)

The highlight of the day for us was the drive in the small-engine mono race by local lady Victoria Dyson.

Vicky unfortunately spun near the end of the first lap and when she had sorted things out and got the car facing the right way the rest of the field had long gone out of sight. Undaunted, Vicky gave chase and caught up with the pack.

At the flag she finished 15th having overtaken no less than 15 other cars. You would have to watch a whole season of Grands Prix to see so much action.

Well done Vicky.

N. P. B.[Club Steward.]

Kit Car Show - Peterborough

A Kit Car Show is being held on the East of England Showground on the weekend of 9th/10th August. We are proposing to join forces with Tiger Cars of Thorney Toll in running a mini-circuit where people can have rides in a Tiger car. We are also proposing to have a stand to publicise the Club. To that effect, we'd like as many interesting cars as possible (whether kit or not) to display there one day or both days and for people to help man the stands. Please contact Alan Kemp if you can help.

Fiftieth Anniversary - Lola

As Britain's most prolific producer of racing cars, Lola have been in existence for 50 years and are therefore celebrating their Golden Anniversary this year.

They are planning to hold a parade of racing cars through Huntingdon on 12th October (note : change of date from 28th September). Having produced close to 4000 race cars during 50 golden years in the fast lane, Lola has won races in Formula 1, Le Mans, Daytona 24 Hours, Can-Am, Champ Car and Indy 500. Lola's enviable position will guarantee a star-studded line-up of race cars and drivers from past to present to support this landmark event, when racing cars will parade on the streets of Huntingdon for the first time.

A selection of famous Lola racing cars will set off from Lola's headquarters in Huntingdon and travel through a designated route via the local ring road finishing with the cars forming a spectacular paddock in Huntingdon's historic market square. Adding to the occasion, Lola will host a public 'Q & A' session in the market square, featuring Lola Chairman Martin Birrane, the Mayor of Huntingdon, and an array of current and former drivers that have raced under the yellow and blue colours of Lola.

It is anticipated that there will be PMC members assisting with marshalling on this.

Road Section Insurance For Rallies

Richard Eggar wants to remind everybody that they offer insurance for clubs running rallies, where they want to provide road insurance for competitors.

It is worth pointing out a few important features:

- They take a much more flexible view of young competitors.
- They offer cover for course cars and other vehicles which the event may use.
- They do not try and tie you up with long-term agreements which take away your freedom as a client.

They say "Talk to us".

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LEADED FUELS UPDATE

Bayford & Co Ltd brought leaded petrol back to the UK market in 2000, primarily to service the needs of the classic car owner.

As the only government-approved supplier of leaded fuel in the UK, following the decision of the major oil companies to withdraw the product, Bayford remains committed to do all it can to make leaded fuel as widely available as possible.

Recent press speculation suggesting that Bayford is no longer willing to supply leaded fuels is incorrect.

Bayford, winner of numerous awards from the classic car industry for its efforts, including the Penrite Award for its Managing Director, Jonathan Turner, and the Classic & Sportscar Award for "Product of the Year", takes its role in fulfilling this declining yet important demand very seriously.

Bayford does, however, face difficulties in securing product and recently outlined its frustrations in a letter to its retailers, which presented the full picture of the situation. Its long-term blending partner has decided that the volumes through the tank are no longer sufficient and the search for an alternative supplier - which complies with the stringent health and safety criteria for leaded product - now extends across the world. Several possible options are being considered.

Never one to give up, Bayford's Managing Director, Jonathan Turner - an enthusiastic supporter and collector of veteran, vintage and classic cars - is continuing the search for a satisfactory solution.

Turner said: "Working alongside the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs and Lord Montague, we have had a consistent fight over the years with the government to keep this product available.

"Despite having to pay an extortionate rate of duty on leaded and the consistently declining volumes, we are working hard with all concerned to continue to make leaded fuel available. Despite all the frustrations, our retailers have been fantastic. This subject is very close to my heart and we are determined to do all we can for our customers and all the classic car clubs and enthusiasts across the country."

THE GLARE CLOVERLEAF RALLIES 6 SEPTEMBER 2008

Last year, after a 30-year gap, the Cloverleaf returned as an historic road rally, leaving behind its legacy as a classic Norfolk road rally of the 1970s.

The revived event immediately became a modern-day classic, by welcoming competitors to regularity rallying for the first time in the Cambridge area. Little has changed for 2008, except to react positively to competitors' comments in the revival year and to welcome Glare UK Ltd as the event sponsor.

GLARE is an innovative range of professional and DIY car care products. Ray Crowther - Clerk of the Course - said: "GLARE is a fitting sponsor for an event that attracts the best prepared historic road rally cars in the UK. With their support, we hope to exceed the £1,300 that we donated last year to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which is the principal beneficiary of the event."

West Essex Car Club is running this dual permit event. The main event - the GLARE Cloverleaf Historic Rally - is a National B permit for historic cars, a qualifying round in the 2008 Richard Egger Insurance HRCR Clubmans Championship. The subsidiary event - the GLARE Cloverleaf Clubmans Rally - is for competitors without a competition licence or an historic car, who wish to sample a regularity and special test rally.

Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Essex will play host to the 160-mile event, with over 100 miles of regularities and 10 special tests. The most memorable part of the day will be visits to two MoD sites with private road regularities and long tests.

Led by Ray Crowther - winner of the 2006 HRCR Clubmans Championship - and assisted by many of the original organisers from the '70s, their collective aim has been to design a day to balance the contributions of driver and navigator.

The organisers do not want navigators to get lost, so most of the route will be defined by marked maps, leaving just a couple of sections with straightforward navigation.

Pacing the driver to the average speed schedule will be the key task of the navigator, with the added security that the worst public road regularity penalty will be dropped to forgive a mistake or obviate a baulking.

Meanwhile, the driver will be having fun with a series of new, varied and very smooth tests to challenge his or her skills and car.

The popular diversion from last year of a driver-only and navigator-only regularity will add to the fun of the day without impacting greatly on penalties.

Couple the driver and navigator plans with the promise of slick paperwork, rapid results, a long awards list, superb Rally HQ, and a friendly and attentive organising team, and West Essex Car Club hope to be welcoming rally folk to Heydon Grange Golf & Country Club on 6 September, as competitors or marshals.

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