

Editorial

September 2008

Last month's meeting was a useful discussion about the results of the 'Blue Dolphin' Club survey, and, next month's will be a similar discussion, with the emphasis on where we go from here.

This month we've already had the *AGM*. The magazine is late so that a report from Alan could go in. We had a good turnout at the *AGM*, with the intention of trying to sort out where the Club goes from here and people were asked to state whether or not they would support various Club activities, with a reasonable amount of success.

If anyone has further suggestions as to what the Club can do to recruit new members/get more publicity/have more interesting Club nights/etc., please contact Alan.

After last month, when I was almost inundated with articles for the magazine, this month's is a little light on things from members. It was wonderful to get all those articles! More please!!!

Jan

Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Organiser	Location	Type
13/14	Richard Burns Memorial Rally	RAF Marham	Rally
21	Harrow CC Sprint	North Weald	Sprint
*27	Trackrod Yorkshire Rally – Trackrod MC	Yorkshire Forest	MV
28	PMC Warco Sporting Trial	Uppingham	Sporting Trial
28	Borough 19 Sprint	North Weald	Sprint
October			
4	Harold Palin Memorial Stages Rally – Eastwood & District	Manby	SV
5	Herts County sprint	Debden	Sprint
11/12	AB Motorsport - Matlock MC	120	RR
12	LOLA 50th Anniversary run	Huntingdon	Marshalling
13	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	
26	Rallitrak Premier Rally Includes Historics	Sherwood Forest	MV
25/26	Mablethorpe & DMC Autumn Mist	122/131	RR
November			
2	Malton MC – Malton Forest Rally	Yorkshire Forest	MV
9	Kings Lynn MC Lynn Stages	Sculthorpe	SV
10	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	
29/30	Beverley & DMC Beaver Rally	100/101/106/107	RR
December			
4-7	Wales Rally GB	Wales	MV
15	PMC Club Night	Ellindon	Buffet

Post AGM - Chairman's Report

I was gratified to see so many members turn up for the AGM, and be prepared to register their support for various aspects of Club activity. I was therefore persuaded to stand again as chairman, and was duly re-elected unanimously. I thank everyone for their support, and I will do as much as I can to help the Club secure its future.

I would like to report that Vince Brierley has been elected to the committee in the role of PR consultant and is also prepared to accept the responsibilities of vice-chairman. Andrew Faux was also elected as treasurer, whilst Jan Leach and Richard Elms were re-elected and will retain their roles as magazine editor and competition secretary.

It was accepted that, as we no longer have an organiser for the 'Silverstone' race meeting, and as there are increasing difficulties in reconciling the short lead time imposed by Silverstone, and the necessary requirements of the various race championships that we have to invite to our meeting, it will no longer be possible for PMC to run this event. This is unfortunate after so many years of involvement with Silverstone, but circumstances have made this necessary.

We will continue with our trials, which are being run by Lynn Jones, with the help of Brian Stapleton, and hope to resurrect the Careby site for future use. Unfortunately only those members who normally support the trials have committed to helping in the future, so we are still short of helpers. I would like to believe that we will be able to add some more names to the helper list in the near future, especially as this is now the only motor sport event that the Club currently runs.

Following the 'Blue Dolphin' review, and after much discussion a number of initiatives are being actively considered.

1. After several years at Ellindon Masonic Lodge, the consensus of opinion is that we need an alternative venue for club meetings, one that will be more appealing to casual potential members, and where we can have a dedicated club room and adequate parking for club members cars. Several potential venues have been suggested, and are being looked at, but if any member would like to suggest somewhere, hopefully with some idea of availability and costs, the committee would be happy to consider them.
2. The stand at the Peterborough Kitcar show generated some interest, and we have to build on this to make the club more visible to local citizens.
3. It has been suggested that we have a 'go' at a karting event, which could attract some younger members, and we would welcome someone to organise this.
4. We are intending to have a greater involvement with the RAFMSA sprint meetings at Barkston Heath as these could provide the competition elements which we have been lacking recently. The format of these events allows for a range of club members to be involved, and there is the intention of PMC co-promoting a National Championship Sprint meeting in 2010.
5. There are plans afoot to resurrect The Horrell Trophy, which many of you will remember as a combination of PCT and grass Autotest – Watch this space.
6. We would like to invite more speakers to social evenings, and have a number of names in mind. We would like to think that these would be well supported.

Following our trial at Uppingham on the 28th of September, for which additional marshals are needed, our next commitment is to support the Lola open day in Huntingdon on 12th October where we will be able to 'up' the profile of PMC. We already have some volunteer marshals and need more as we require around 60 in total. We are hoping that Bourne MC and Andrew Turners contacts will be able to help us out, but it would be nice to provide the majority from PMC.

If there are any members who were unable to make it to the AGM, but would like to help, please would they contact me ASAP.

With the support and enthusiasm of members I believe we can improve the way the Club works, and see more benefits for members in the future.

Alan Kemp

Warco Trial.

The Warco trial will take place on Sunday 28th September at Uppingham. The site is about 1/2 a mile south of Uppingham on the A6003. We need help with marshalling on the day from 10 a.m. Offers of help with setting up beforehand would be most welcome. Please give this event your support.

The trial will take place at Rectory farm Uppingham at map reference 864984 which is just to the west of the A6003 heading South from Uppingham towards Corby. Leaving Uppingham take a small track off to the right at the bottom of the slope, around 400 yards after passing the sign indicating the end of 30mph speed limit. The entrance to the site is just a few yards along this track.

All our Trials are Championship rounds for B.T.R.D.A and R.A.C. and are our Club's main events.

Please ring Brian Stapleton on 01733202450 or Norman Bradshaw on 01733810268 with offers of help.

Norman Bradshaw

Lola 50th Anniversary Parade Sunday 12th October 2008

A parade of cars from 1958 - 2008 is planned to leave the factory at 12:00, and run down St Peter's Road, turn right onto Ermine Street and drive round the ring road, turning off past the bus station and down to the market square. John Surtees has been confirmed as one of the drivers. The cars are being escorted by the police and the parade should take less than half an hour to pass. 60 - 80 marshals are needed to police the route between the Lola factory and the market square in Huntingdon. Marshals are requested to come to the factory from 09:00 until the briefing at 10:45, where they can have a look around and be treated to a bacon butty if they come early. They will need to be on-station to stop access to the route and control public viewing during the parade, then may come to the market square where the cars will be on display until 16:00. All offers of help to Alan Kemp, will be gratefully accepted!

Lola have offered a special tour of the factory to all marshals which will be arranged at a later date.

Marshals required

Marshals are wanted for the Eastwood Motor Club's **Harold Palin Memorial Rally**, which is being held at Manby, near Louth, on 4th October, 2008.

It is a round of both EMAMC and ANNEMC Championships.

Radio, Marshals, Start & Finish, all types of help required. Signing on is by 0815 hours at the Manby Complex office in the service park area.

If you are interested, please contact John Minns on 0115 9890673 or email him at djminnsrally@tiscali.co.uk.

Marshals are also required for the **RalliTrak Premier Rally & Premier Historic Rally** on Sunday 26th October 2008, which is organised by Dukeries Motor Club Ltd

It is a round of the Competition Car Insurance EMAMC Stage Rally Championship, the Road Runner/Phoenix Awards ANEMMC Stage Rally Championship, the Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Championship and the 2008 MSA Regional Committee Inter-Association Stage Rally Challenge.

The RalliTrak Premier Rally will be run in Sherwood Forest on Sunday 26th October. There will be 3 forest stage venues used twice on the event with 38 stage miles. The 13th Premier Historic Rally will run in advance of the modern event and is used by many competitors as a shakedown for the Roger Albert Clark Rally. There is a Rally Challenge for teams of three cars which represent each of the Regional Motorsport Associations in the UK.

The website www.premier-rally.co.uk will carry all the pre-event information such as supplementary regulations, entry list, spectator information and marshalling information and will contain the post event report and results after the event so please check back for further information.

Please email shall3@btconnect.com or call the Chief Marshal (Simon Hall) on 07788 922414 if you can help.

Marshals are also required for the **Trackrod** on the 27th September, specifically for the Cropton stage. Signing on is at about 06:30 with a finish as 16:30 (or thereabouts). There are modern vehicles, historic and LandRovers taking part, so something for everyone. There are also marshals' goodies. If you are interested please contact Gordon Waddington on 01302 537804 or via email at gwaddington@talktalk.net.

St Raphael Club of Peterborough

We have received a letter from Mervyn Hill, Treasurer of the St. Raphael Club of Peterborough (for Handicapped Persons), for whom we annually put on an event. It reads as follows:

"I have been away a few days and apologise for the delay in acknowledging receipt of your very generous donation of £500.00 from the Peterborough Motor Club.

I can confirm that the members were absolutely delighted.

As I have mentioned many times the members do their best to generate funds from club activities but we can only survive with help and assistance from external sources. We are so grateful, therefore, for the continued support we receive from the Motor Club and the financial gift you gave us a fortnight ago will be a tremendous boost to our funds for the rest of this year.

Please convey our warm thanks to all your members and also extend our appreciation to those who provided and assisted with the hospitality on 6th August."

Dunlop Great and British Motorsport Festival - 27/28 September

The Dunlop Great & British Motorsport Festival, on 27/28 September, draws the curtain on a fantastic season of top quality motorsport at Rockingham, with the final event promising even more action-packed racing.

There will be close sportscar racing from the Radical UK Cup and Radical Club Cup, while the British Touring Car stars of the future battle it out wheel-to-wheel in the Dunlop Sport Maxx Cup.

MINI lovers can expect a feast of racing thrills from the UK's longest running single make formula, the MINI Se7en Championship, as well as the modified 1300 MINI Miglia Championship and the MINI challenge.

To round off the meeting there will be 150mph paint-swapping action from the 2008 Pickup Truck Championship series, featuring Team Rockingham, on Europe's fastest racing circuit - the Rockingham oval.

HRCR AND RICHARD EGGER LAUCH TAILORED INSURANCE PACKAGE

The HRCR and Richard Egger Insurance have teamed up to offer HRCR members unrivalled insurance products, tailored to suit the particular needs of drivers and car owners with an interest in historic rallying.

Notable products include a "family fleet policy" for people who own several cars. Given the basic assumption that not all cars are driven at once, and that the number of drivers being covered does not exceed the number of vehicles, then sizeable discounts can be available.

Classic car policies are available, offering the chance to add period modifications, cover for road sections on regularity and road rallies, cover for scenic tours and much more. For those competing on stage rallies, specific policies are available, as well as a dedicated policy for service barges.

There are even policies available for marshals, to cover their vehicle and all the equipment which a marshal carries on events. In addition, HRCR members can enjoy a five percent discount on all other policies.

"We launched Richard Egger Insurance in January with serious backing from our parent, Chaucer Insurance," said Egger, a long-standing HRCR member and competitor in the Dunlop/Gambia MSA British Historic Rally Championship. "In addition to the core motorsport products I developed many years ago, we now have products that are ideal for the broader HRCR membership."

HRCR chairman Chris Hunt Cooke commented:

"This is a very useful service for our members. Richard Egger has been around motorsport for a long time and his understanding of the sport enables us to be confident that the products and services he offers will be suitable for our members."

For further information, please contact:

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Eco Tyre Initiative

Greenerways Rally

Saturday October 25th 2008

The forest rally Eco Tyre initiative is set to move up a gear on 25th October this year with the one-off Greenerways Rally, which will be run by the Cumberland Sporting Car Club and held in the Kielder forest complex. The aim of the event is to evaluate the newly designed Pirelli Eco Tyre in rally conditions, with the Forestry Commission and MSA on hand to witness the outcome.

The organisers of the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship brought Pirelli UK and Forestry Commission together at the end of 2007, running a test with Kris Meeke to see what affect tyre design would have on reducing erosion of forestry tracks. The test was hailed a huge success with Forestry Commission

asking the sport to organise a rally where all of the cars would run an Eco Tyre in true competition.

Because the brand new designed tyre comes straight from the Pirelli factory, the restriction on size means that the Greenerways Rally will be for four wheel drive production-based cars including Super 2000 only. Any car from Group N Sapphire Cosworth to Subaru N14 or Super 2000 is eligible, basically anything that has been homologated in Group N4 and still conforms to the spirit of the class.

Open to any competitor holding an MSA issued rally licence, the format is compact to assist in cost saving by holding the event over just one day. More akin to a rally time trial, competitors (driver and co-driver) who enter the event will get to recce the track before tackling four timed runs over a five mile stage in the Kielder Forest complex.

BRC Manager Mark Taylor added, "Having seen the results of the original test for myself, I firmly believe that the Eco Tyre is the way forward, it ticks so many boxes. I'm appealing to everyone involved in the sport to support the event, whether you are competitors, marshals or organisers, this is so important to the future of forest stage rallying."

In another innovation, the entry fee for the event will include the use of four of Pirelli Eco Tyres, a recce of the stage and an inclusive shakedown session so drivers can adjust their cars to suit the new rubber.

David Higgins, current British Rally Championship leader said, "It's a great concept for an event to test the benefits of this new Eco tyre, and anyone can enter irrespective of your licence grade." Adding, "I plan to support the rally and think it is important that those involved in the sport consider their impact on the environment, we all have a responsibility here and so hopefully this will help secure a future for forest rallying in the UK."

For more information, see www.greenerwaysrally.co.uk