

# Editorial

# June 2009

The May Club Night at the Raymond Mays Museum in Bourne was attended by 32 members and proved to be very interesting and the visit to Lola (on 29<sup>th</sup> May), arranged as a thank you to all those who marshalled at the Lola open day was attended by 34 people. We were treated to a good look round their carbon fibre processing areas, the design facilities and the wind tunnel. It was all very interesting, and feedback from their staff indicated they also found it nice to talk to people who understood what they were doing. We had to be a bit careful as they also make parts for unpiloted air and undersea vehicles for the MoD, as well as body panels for the McClaren Mercedes which are 'confidential'. They confirmed during the visit, and we are the first to definitely know, that they will be entering F1 next year.

Hopefully, tonight you have all gathered with your writing implements, clipboards and torches to take part in the annual Treasure Hunt, starting here at the Farmers in Yaxley.

Next month is the Annual Barbecue, which is again free! The Red Lion has now changed hands, so we thought we'd try the food at our regular haunt, the Farmers and food should be available from about 20:00. We can try out their barbecue and see if it cuts as much mustard as the Red Lion's did.

The next committee meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> July, although there will be a special meeting for those involved in the Peterborough Festival weekend on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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## Calendars

### Social

Date	Social Event	Location	Type
June			
8	PMC Club Night	The Farmers, Yaxley	Treasure Hunt
11	Bourne MRC		Talk – Simon Hadfield
14	Bourne MRC		Classic Car Show
20	Mayors Parade	Peterborough	Parade
July			
4/5	Show	Peterborough Embankment	Show
9	Bourne MRC	TBA	Barbecue
13	PMC Club Night	The Farmers, Yaxley	Barbecue
Aug			
2	Duxford Classic Car Show	Duxford	Classic Car Show
10	PMC Club Night	The Farmers, Yaxley	
15	Maxey Car Show	Maxey	Classics and Kit Cars
	Bourne MRC		
30	Stamford Round Table Event	Stamford	Includes a Classic Car Show

### Competition

Date	Event	Location	Type
June			
13	Sutton & Cheam Abingdon Car-nival	Abingdon	Sprint
13	Barkston Heath Sprint	Barkston Heath	Sprint
13	Dukeries MC – Dukeries Rally – contact: Joanne Smith 01623 480410	Sherwood Forest – OS 120	MV
14	Sutton & Cheam Abingdon Car-nival	Abingdon	SV
20	Borough 19	Lydden	Sprint
27	Tunbridge Wells MC	Goodwood	Sprint
July			
5	Armstrong Massey (Beverley & DMC) – contact Mark Edwards	Driffield	SV
6	Slaithwaite & Huddersfield MC – Opposite Lock Rally – contact Rosemary Wilkinson 01422 370649	Manby	SV
12	Borough 19	Debden	Sprint
19	Sutton & Cheam	Longcross	Sprint
19	Barkston Heath Sprint	Barkston Heath	Sprint
25/26	Mid-Derbyshire MC – Drystone Rally	Derbyshire	RR
Aug			
2	Borough 19	Hethel	Sprint
7	Sheffield & Hallamshire – Centenary Stages – contact Mary Jones 0114 2471963	Twyford Wood	SV
8/9	Ripon MSC – St Wilfreds RR	Central Yorkshire	RR
8	BARC – John Clark Sprint	Curborough	Sprint

15	Oaks/London Irish	Lydden	Sprint
30	Wolds Rally – Carlton & Mablethorpe – contact Gerry Blythe	Fulbeck	SV

## Membership and other matters

As the magazine was despatched last month we received some very sad news, one of our longest-serving member, Norman Bradshaw, had sadly passed away following a lovely holiday in Panama. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his widow, Jean, and his family.

On a lighter note, we have another new member, Mark Nelson-Smith from Barnack, who has a Caterham and took part in the Barkston Heath event – along with Andrew Faux, Ian Claridge, Ian Toon, John Ross and sundry others. We've been told that there is a chance we may be able to participate in a track day at Cadwell which is being arranged by Javelin for the RAFMSA.

We have also been informed that GSF Car Parts are prepared to offer a 10% discount on parts on production of a Club card – they are round the back of Perkins Engines and GSF stands for German, Swedish and French. However, it also includes other related cars (like Skodas and SEATs) and they can also get parts for other makes.

With regard to the show on the Embankment (4/5 July), if anyone wants to show off their car, please contact Alan or another member of the committee to book a space – otherwise we may not have room for you.

Also – do we have any volunteers to look after the mobile loos? You would need somewhere to store them and a 4x4 or similar to take them to Trials and things and bring them back. We also need someone to maintain them ... (probably not the most pleasant job!).

## Peterborough Festival

This takes place from 20<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July and starts with the Mayors Parade. We are part of the final weekend's efforts on the Embankment (coinciding with something on the river) and we are intending to display some of our vehicles and also to invite other clubs, motoring associations, etc. to display with us. To this end, we will need some volunteers to help man the stand on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you can help, or would like to display your car, Alan is collecting names – as many as possible!

## **NORMAN BRADSHAW**

Norman, a great friend of Peterborough Motor Club, sadly passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

I first met Norman at a P.M.C. race meeting when we were marshalling together in the early '60s. We were both farming and interested in motor sport so we became friends straight away. We were puzzled that day because after a tricky harvest we were standing in the Silverstone rain, yet could hear the unmistakable sound of a combine harvester drum- very strange!

Norman built a 'special' for the 1967 autocross season. It was a taster for things to come. He soon built an improved version of the 'Bradbilt' with a nice big V8 Daimler engine. It sounded lovely and Norman had a lot of success in it. When he went for a little more power by substituting a Rover V8 a few seasons later the extra grunt caused him headaches in the transmission department but a Hewland gearbox brought more reliability. I remember an Eliminator competition after an autocross in the late '70s. There was a big prize to win and all the top guns fancied winning it. The start was at the top of a hill and Norman's handbrake wasn't quite up to holding the big Bradbilt on the red light. This was cured by cutting a suitable tree branch which Norman used as a prop and discarded when the green light came on! He went on to win the competition. Not only that but he became National Champion when he won the B.T.R.D.A. Autocross Championship in his Bradbilt in 1979.

Norman was chairman of the autocross committee, organising a couple of meetings for P.M.C. per year and became chairman of the club, a position he held for many years. At this time Norman acted as Club Steward at P.M.C.'s annual race meeting at Silverstone and always made a point of walking round to every marshal post during the day and having a word with the marshals. Eventually new barriers and wire fencing made this impossible.

There was a group of club members who used to meet at the Decoy each week for a pint and a chat. We'll always remember Norman for his cheery ways and knowledge on any subject connected with motorsport.

The sporting trials fraternity will miss him as well. He enjoyed these events immensely and rarely missed one. We competed in one about 25 years ago. I drove the borrowed car and Norman acted as 'bouncer'. We were doing quite well with Norman's weight being expertly distributed around the car and providing traction, which made up for the shortcomings of the driver- until the 'A' frame broke! The ladies at the trials will miss him as well. Norman towed those toilets for many miles for everyone's comfort and privacy.

These are just some of my memories of Norman. I'm sure that everyone reading this has a wealth of memories of their own. We'll think of him and talk about him for a very long time. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Jean and her family.

PHIL MANSER

## **Marshals wanted!! etc.**

Marshals are required for the following events:

Dukeries Rally – 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 – Sherwood Forest – contact Chief Marshal: Steve Gascoigne (01623 650323) or (07754 761202) or Deputy Chief Marshal: Simon Hall (01522 779197).

Armstrong Massey (Beverley & DMC) – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 - contact the Chief Marshal, Mark Edwards (e-mail: mark@bdmc.org.uk or 07813 182123). Signing on will be from 7:30am to 8am.

Wolds Rally (Carlton & Mablethorpe Motor Clubs) - 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 – contact Gerry Blythe by phone: 07931727237 (M) or 01507606981 (H) or by email: gerry@sblythe.freerve.co.uk. There is also a website for the event (which takes place at Fulbeck) at [www.woldsrally.co.uk](http://www.woldsrally.co.uk).

Coalville Car Club are organising a multi-venue Autotest on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, called the Gold & Silver Goblets Autotest. It is based around the Rugby/Lutterworth area and looks a lot of fun. If anyone is interested, please contact Christopher Valentine at [christopher\\_valentine@goodyear.com](mailto:christopher_valentine@goodyear.com) or by phone on 07949 698316.

## **HANDS ON PRACTICAL TRAINING DAY**

Organised by: The Association of North East Midland Motor Clubs

Hosted by: The Eastwood & District Motor Club

Sunday 2nd August 2009  
Fulbeck Airfield, Near Newark  
Start 10.30am to 3.00pm

This year there will be Catering on site PLEASE support them.

To include:

Radio, Marshalling, Timing, Stage set up, First on Scene, Basic Fire Training and Mock Incident Scenario, all this within a stage just like on a real event.

Plus much more to be finalised; tell us what YOU want  
If you're involved in motor sport then there's something there for you  
Useful information for  
Marshals, radio crews, organiser's competitors, photographers and spectators

Auto Solo

After the training Eastwood are organising an Auto Solo event for any one who has attended the training day. Come and have a go in your standard road car, test your driving skills against the clock starts 3.00 pm until 6.00pm

Contact Richard Ashton: Email: [Richard@calderrescue.co.uk](mailto:Richard@calderrescue.co.uk)  
John Minns: 0115 9890673 Email: [djminnsrally@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:djminnsrally@tiscali.co.uk)  
John Hickling: 0115 9384601 Email: [john.hickling1@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.hickling1@ntlworld.com)

## **And finally ...**

### **Car loses all four wheels!**

A car travelling on a motorway in Switzerland lost all four wheels simultaneously, coming to an immediate halt in the middle of the highway, police said on Saturday.

The car had just stopped and the passengers had changed from winter to summer wheels themselves, a common task in Switzerland where there is plenty of snow in winter, but used the wrong nuts when mounting the new set.

"When they then drove back on to the motorway, all of the wheels disconnected," St Gallen cantonal police said in a statement. "Luckily, no one was injured and no other vehicle was damaged."

### **Makes a change from tales of the sat-nav!**