



NEWSLETTER



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RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The committee are once again trying to improve the Club Rally Championship. A set of rules to be discussed by the committee are printed on the back page. Have you any views on these rules, can you suggest any new ideas? Please either write to the committee chairman, or apprehend any committee member and give them your views. Should we have prize money (Can we afford it?). The next committee meeting is on Tuesday 22nd October, please have your say before then.

AUTOTEST

I hope to hold the November Autotest on Sunday 7th November at Readers Yard, Brandsburton. Regulations will be out shortly.



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If anyone is interested in marshalling on this year's event, please contact John Newlove on 01904 608524.

He is still trying to finalise whether we are needed at Silverstone or maybe Blenheim.

Larkspeed LEAGUE

Well done to all our members who competed in this year's League, despite us not having any entries at all on some rounds, we still managed a very creditable 7th Overall.

Top Ten scores as follows.

Ilkley & DMC	2228.3
Sheffield & Hallamshire	1678.6
Sporting Escort Owners	1620.4
Airedale & Pennine	986.0
Keighley	945.2
Y.S.C.C.	927.6
NHMC	714.7
Beverley	598.7
York	556.0
Trackrod	445.8

The annual prize presentation will be held on Saturday 13th November at The Parkside Hotel, Pontefract, from 8.0 PM, please let Robert Newlove know if you are going, entry is free!.

CLUB CLOTHING

I have had a new booklet from Price & Buckland who supply us with various items, with the club badge embroidered on it, plus your name if you wish.

They can supply sweat shirts, sweaters, sports shirts etc, an example of some prices are shown below, please contact Robert Newlove for more details.

Short Sleeved Polo Shirt	£13.60
Sweat Shirt Crew Neck	£12.65
V Neck sweater (Wool)	£18.75
V Neck Sweater 50% Wool/Acrylic	£17.00
V Neck Sweater 100% Acrylic	£12.90
V neck Sweatshirt	£12.90

cardigans, Fleece Jackets etc also available, if we order before Xmas, there will be 10% discount on the above prices.

MSA NEWS

Clubcross rules

The Motor Sports Council has approved regulations for the new Clubcross category, which begins on 1 January 2000.

A club will only be allowed to organise clubcross events at Clubmans status.

Permits for clubcross will be issued at the sole discretion of the MSA, and are subject to prior approval of track details.

The maximum length of a clubcross course must not exceed 800 metres; the maximum length of any straight must not exceed 100 metres, such a straight to be followed by a corner of at least 90 degrees, off-setting the course from its original line by at least twice the width of the course.

Clubcross events shall not be timed to an accuracy of less than one second. Timing should be by hand-held watches. An MSA licensed timekeeper is recommended.

Clubcross cars must be scrutineered for basic safety. An MSA licensed scrutineer is recommended.

Only one car may run at a time in clubcross events. There will be no practice runs in clubcross, all runs counting towards the competition.

All clubcross competitors will be given the opportunity to walk the course prior to competing.

Competitors will be given the opportunity of a minimum of two runs, the aggregate of the two runs counting for the results. If more than two runs are permitted, the time for the worst run will

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seatbelt pre-tensioners and a 1.3 litre fuel injected engine.

• There are 155 Mini clubs in Britain, 8 in Germany, 1 in Croatia and no less than 400 in Japan.

be ignored and the aggregate of the remaining runs will count for the results. The maximum number of runs shall not exceed six.

All competitors must have the opportunity of an equal number of runs to count towards the results.

Any competitor who has never held a valid RTA licence must produce proof (by signatures on the competition licence) of having been classified in the results of three clubcross events or three other MSA-permitted events (such as kart race, autotest, production car trial) or show proof of having completed a race or rally course at an MSA recognised school.

Only the following three categories of vehicle are allowed to compete in clubcross.

Economy 'Standard' Production Saloons. The maximum engine capacity is 2000cc, forced induction is prohibited, four-wheel drive is prohibited and the only tyres permitted are of highway pattern (not off-road, on/off road or winter pattern).

Road Saloon Cars. In addition to the rules for Production Saloons, cars must be fully road legal, carry a valid tax disc, have a valid MOT certificate (if applicable) and must compete in road legal condition.

Minicross Cars. Must comply with the Minicross regulations and the same tyre regulations as Production Saloons.

Each vehicle may be driven in an event by maximum of four different competitors.

Loss of road traffic licence

From 1 January 2000, it may no longer be necessary for a competition licence holder to notify the MSA if he or she is disqualified from driving on the public highway.

This change was approved in principle by the Motor Sports Council, but remains subject to advice from the Judicial Panel and final ratification by the Council.

The MSA will retain the right to act

against a driver who loses his or her road traffic licence in a manner which is deemed to bring motor sport into disrepute.

Timekeepers needed

A shortage of timekeepers is becoming apparent in every discipline of UK motor sport. The Motor Sports Association is attempting to fill the vacancies by every possible means — with new recruits, with experienced timekeepers who have left the sport or even retired timekeepers prepared to help out. For more information, please contact John Ryan at Motor Sports House (tel 0175 368 1736).

Historic rally changes

The Motor Sports Council has approved details changes affecting all historic rallies in the UK. Subject to final ratification, the changes take effect from 1 January 2000.

After that date, historic road rally classes must be based on the ability of competitors (masters, experts, non-experts, and novices).

It will be permitted to sub-divide these classes by vehicle cubic capacity and/or vehicle age. It is recommended that classes be the same as for historic stage rallies.

In brief...

- Passengers as young as 12 are allowed to compete in production car trials from 1 January 2000.
- The Inter-Association Off-Road Trial takes place on 31 October at Tong, West Yorkshire. Details from John Richardson, tel 0175 770 2048.
- Super Unloaded fuel (BS7800) will be banned from kart racing in the UK from 1 January 2000.
- 'Live recovery' of stranded competitors (without stopping the competition) is permitted on competitive salaris and hillrallies after 1 January 2000.

TECHNICAL TIPS

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More fuel for thought!

What is it? Where does it come from? Not as complicated as it sounds if you think in terms of a combustion chamber full of mixture.

When lean-burn engines looked to be the way forward for production cars, engines started to run into problems of an increased number of misfires as the mixture got weaker. Fairly obviously the weaker the mixture the harder it is to set the mixture alight with a spark.

So how can you have your cake and eat it? The answer is a stratified charge. Instead of spreading your available fuel throughout the combustion chamber you try to arrange for more of it to pack towards the spark plug, giving a richer local mixture which fires up more readily. That flame then spreads throughout the chamber igniting the weaker mixture within.

You can get this effect with a lot of chamber swirl which tends to centrifuge the fuel to the outside of the chamber where the spark plug is located.

As for us racers this is of academic interest only: all we want is as much power-rich mixture inside the chamber as we can get.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1959 at the Motor Show.
2. Donald Healey.
3. Spain (last used in 1954).
4. S.C.H. 'Sammy' Davis (son of Colin won TF in a Porsche 904GT).

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NORTH HUMBERSIDE MOTOR CLUB RECEIVE TOP HONOURS

North Humberside Motor Club clinched the coveted Stage of the day award on the recent Trackrod Yorkshire Rally held in the Yorkshire Forests on the last weekend of September.

Over sixty members and friends of the club rallied together to run the Gale Rigg Stage on Saturday afternoon, which was, in the opinion of the rally organisers, the best of the entire event.

Near disaster was just around the corner for one crew on this, the penultimate stage of the rally. Johnny Milner driving his Toyota Celica rounded a fast left hander, hooked a rear wheel into the scenery and plummeted down a steep bank and landed 30ft below the track. Both crew members emerged from the wrecked car to walk away with out a scratch. The car however suffered from extensive panel damage to every panel except the roof.

Rescue and Recovery crews attended after the remaining cars had completed the stage and the stucken car was eventually extracted from the hole 3 hours later. Both crew underwent a quick check over by the medical team and were declared shaken but not stirred.

North Humberside crews enjoyed a successful event, Gavin ruler and Dave Everard in the Sierra 4 x 4 completed the Rally in 11th overall in the national category and Dave Watkins & Gav. Heseltine finished an enjoyable day in the ex-HannuMmikkola Escort 3rd in class in the classic section of the event.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all members and friends of NHMC for helping our Club win the stage of the day on the Trackrod Yorkshire Rally 99.

A special thanks goes to Neil Fewlass who was drafted in at the 11 th hour to man the equipment van and help build the stage., To John Newlove, Graham Hardwick, and Gareth Pannall for changing their plans and help build the stage, and to Christopher Newlove for helping his dad!! (and blowing the warning whistle all day).

Dave Cogan

Acting Stage Commander.

WELL RECOVERED

After Mr Milners little excursion on Gale Rigg, the recovery units sprang into action.

Pennine 1 & 6 plus our own John Richardson of Burr Bank recovery, completed a well co-ordinated recovery of the celica from a near impossible location in just over 3 hours. The car itself was a near right off, yet it was driven back onto it's awaiting trailer using its own power much to the amazement of all onlookers.

Well done to all recovery crews involved.

A Welshman, a sheep, and a dog were survivors of a terrible shipwreck and found themselves stranded on a desert island. After being there awhile, the three got into the habit of going to the beach every evening to watch the sun go down.

One particular evening, the sky was red with beautiful cirrus clouds, the breeze was warm and gentle; a perfect night for romance. As they sat here, the sheep started looking better and better to the Welshman. Soon, he leaned over to the sheep and put his arm around it. The dog got jealous, growling fiercely until the Welshman took his arm from around the sheep. After that, the three of them continued to enjoy the sunsets together, but there was no more cuddling.

A few weeks passed, and lo and behold, there was another shipwreck. The only survivor was a beautiful young woman - the most beautiful woman the Welshman had ever seen! She was in pretty bad shape when they rescued her, and they slowly nursed her back to health. When the young maiden was finally well enough, they introduced her to their evening beach ritual. It was another beautiful evening, red sky,

cirrus clouds, a warm and gentle breeze; perfect for a night of romance. Pretty soon, the Welshman started to get "those feelings" again. He fought them as long as he could, but he finally gave in, cautiously he leaned over to the young woman, and whispered in her ear...

"Would you mind taking the dog for a walk?"

**NORTH HUMBERSIDE MOTOR CLUB LTD
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2000**

1. Both Crew members must be current members of NHMC Ltd at the time of competing on a event submitted.
2. Any Rally of National B Status or above will count towards the Championship, but Competitors must compete in at least one of the NHMC Organised Rallies.
3. Where possible crews should enter events as North Humberside members. (i.e Events where NHMC is an invited Club or part of a invited association).
4. Best six scores to count.
5. Points will be scored as follows;

Starting a Event	20 Points
Finishing a Event	10 Points
Ist O/A	30 Points
Ist in Class	25 Points
2nd in Class	20 Points
3rd in Class	15 Points
4th in Class	10 points
5th in Class	5 Points

Plus one point for each starter in your class that you beat excluding the top 5 in that class.

6. AWARDS

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| Ist Driver | Trophy & Replica + voucher to value of £100 to be used on NHMC Rally in 2001. |
| Ist Co Driver | Trophy & Replica |
| 2nd Driver | Trophy & Replica + Voucher to the value of £75 to be used on NHMC Rally in 2001 |
| 2nd Co Driver | Trophy & Replica |
| 3rd Driver | Award + voucher to the value of £50 towards NHMC Rally in 2001 |
| 3rd Co Driver | An Award |

Cash awards may also be awarded dependent on numbers entering

7. Results to be handed or posted to **Jane Sturdy 60 Hall Road, Sproatley Hull HU11 4PZ 01482 813287**, within 28 days of the event. The events official results or a copy of the same will be required to claim points.

**WANTED
A MAGAZINE EDITOR**

Can you help, please contact any member of the committee or Robert Newlove

CLUB NIGHTS

Last year, we tried to make the first thursday in each month, a bring the wife night, (although I don't think this is politically correct.! We are going to try this again now winter is drawing near, I will try to hold a quiz on this night, if anyone would like to volunteer to run a quiz, please contact Robert Newlove .

STOP PRESS.....

Regulations have just arrived for Malton Motor Club's Gravel Sprint., to be held on Sunday 7th november To known as the MEM, Des Winks Dalby Gravel Sprint. It offers a chance for rally drivers to go it alone, without a Co-Driver, will they find their way?.

For a entry fee of £95.00 or £175 for a shared car, you get a course of 3.7 miles of classic yorkshire forest. Entries from Plug Pulleyn 01347 811013.

Marshals contact Liz Young on 01759 372895