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President's Notes

I have been asked many times over the years how I was able to be successful as a co-driver in rallying. The answer of course is to choose the right driver! I was lucky enough to sit next to some of the world's best drivers of my time and to observe just how it was done, and, as in most professions just how easy they made it look.

Just 3 days before the BTRDA Car Trial Grand Final I got a call from Nick Pollitt. His usual passenger was unavailable at the last moment and could I help out. Yes please. I had a great day watching the "master" at work. The day was the windiest of the year so far and the ground was very wet. The Clerk of Course Simon Harris had laid out some very difficult hills. They were much wider than I had seen before and therefore more difficult, which line to choose? Nick took it in his stride and had a very successful day. He was disappointed not to have won outright but Duncan Stephens was determined to do the double of MSA and BTRDA Champion. Nick won his class and came third overall and I able to watch another great driver at work.

I am writing these notes just before the 75th Anniversary Rallycross event at Croft on the 24th November. May I thank the Rallycross Committee for all their efforts and in particular John Rook for all his hard work to make this event happen. A full entry is proof of the demand out there for Clubmans Rallycross and we hope this heralds a new beginning in 2014.

We have many Champions and Winners in our 8 motor sport disciplines. Congratulations to all but I have to make mention again of the Gold Star Forest Championship. It invariably goes down to the last event to find the Champion but this year it went one better. A tie and the winner announced on count back for the most wins. Euan Thorburn from Duns in Scotland 4 wins. Connor McCloskey from Coleraine in Northern Ireland 3 wins – fantastic. To make up for his disappointment for coming 2nd Connor won the MSA Welsh Championship. This year the REIS-Get Connected BTRDA Forest Championship was truly a national event for clubmen.

And so to the most important day of the BTRDA calendar SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2014. The AGM and Prize Presentations at the National Motor Cycle Museum near the NEC Birmingham. The AGM will start at 11.00 am prompt and the luncheon at 12.30. You can find more details on www.BTRDA.com including booking form and payment details.

So another year has flown past and it has been a good one for BTRDA. A huge personal thanks to all our committee members, organising clubs, sponsors and members who have helped make our 75th anniversary year so special. Congratulations to all our Champions and Class Winners. We cannot all be winners but we can have some "SERIOUS FUN". May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas, a prosperous and successful New Year and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and luncheon on the 26th January.

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PAST PRESIDENTS

Maurice Toulmin	1938 – 1959	Denis Flather	1959 – 1967	Vacant	1967 – 1974
Denis Flather	1974 – 1989	Brian Midgley	1989 – 2007		

BTRDA LUNCHEON - SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2014

NATIONAL MOTOR CYCLE MUSEUM , COVENTRY ROAD, BICKENHILL, SOLIHULL B92 0EJ

Taking place at the National Motor Cycle Museum, the BTRDA Luncheon is an annual awards presentation and dinner celebrating the Champions and achievements of all BTRDA disciplines.

The day starts with the **BTRDA AGM**, with coffee from 1030am and the meeting commencing at 11am in the Balcony Suite. This is where new Council Members and Directors are elected and a brief overview of the previous year across all BTRDA sports is given. All fully paid up members are welcome to attend and have an input into the future direction of our Association.

Following the AGM, we move onto the **Luncheon**, commencing at 1230pm in the Compton Suite, where a wonderful three course, sunday lunch style meal is followed by an exceptional awards presentation combined with a detailed overview of our competitors and champions over the previous 12 months. Every BTRDA Sport is featured, their champions crowned and trophies awarded. All BTRDA Members are welcome to attend, along with their guests, and tickets are only £27.50 per person, including a high quality three course meal.

To book your place visit the BTRDA website and follow the links, or complete the attached form and send to Gemma Price enclosing a cheque made payable to BTRDA.

We look forward to seeing you on 26th January to celebrate all of our achievements in 2013!



REIS – Get Connected **BTRDA**® Rally Series THORBURN BY A WHISKER!.

In one of the closest finishes to the BTRDA Gold Star Championship ever, Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton arrived back in Llandudno at the conclusion of the Cambrian Rally to claim the title from early series leaders Connor McCloskey/Francis Regan on a tie-break. The two crews finished the season on identical points, but Thorburn had accrued four maximum scores to McCloskey's three... So, having suffered disappointment in their bid for the Scottish Championship the previous weekend, it all came good for the Scotsmen on what was Thorburn's 27th birthday - what a way to celebrate it!

Indeed, every aspect of the REIS – Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series has been most keenly fought in 2013. Prior to the final encounter in North Wales, there were still four drivers in with a chance of succeeding Shaun Gardener to the coveted Gold Star title. Charlie Payne was top of the table but, having contested all the previous eight rounds, he had no choice but to sit out the Cambrian and hope that something happened to his rivals that

would blow their respective bids off course. Unfortunately for the Yorkshire farmer, it didn't!

Stephen Petch/Ian Windress had been knocking on the door of their first win at this level for a while – they were leading the Woodpecker Stages after four of the five stages, only to be stunned by a late charge from McCloskey which saw them demoted to second in the final analysis. Unbowed, they returned for the Trackrod Forest Stages, giving BTRDA Series competitors their first look at the Yorkshire forests for several years, and made no mistake this time. However, if they were to translate that into a Championship-winning position, they had to do it all again on the Cambrian. Nothing less than a win would do and, even then, their fate was to a certain extent in the hands of others. So, when their progress was halted by alternator failure, the calculators were put away – for this year, at least.

Connor McCloskey began the season with guns blazing! Wins on the Wydean & Somerset Stages, coupled with seconds on the



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Gold Star Champions Euan
Thorburn/Paul Benton on the Trackrod
Photo: Simon Clarke



pair were hopeful of a similar result this time – 'hopeful' being the operative word! A broken oil cooler on the last forest stage of the day put them out, leaving Alex Allingham/Chris Williams as the only Group N points scorers on the day – and those that Williams earned moved ahead of Roberts in the table. So, the final Top Three Production Cup drivers were Francis, Anderson and Allingham, while just five points separated co-drivers Williams, Roberts and Flynn.

Malcolm Wilson and Plains Rallies put him into a commanding position as the season reached its halfway point. But, as has been proved this time, it's never over till it's over and Euan Thorburn's dogged determination has paid dividends. Come the final round, he had left himself no margin for error – and, fortunately, didn't make one!

On a general note, it's good to see some new names appearing in the results and, in addition to those above, mention must also be made of Ollie Mellors in his Proton Millington. The combination didn't appear until the Plains but, since then, there have certainly been some raised eyebrows amongst the establishment. Should the team commit to a full season in 2014, it will doubtless cause the World Rally Car fraternity to look to their laurels!

It's funny how things work out, but the Trackrod was an event that Luke Francis just wanted to forget – until he got to the finish.... On the final stage, his Lancer's front suspension collapsed without warning and, by the time he and John Roberts had cobbled it back together and limped to the finish, they had taken a maximum. With any chance of a good result gone, they trundled back to Pickering only to learn that, following the retirement of Jamie Anderson/Ella Flynn, Francis could not now be caught for the BTRDA Production Cup!...

Roberts, however, had a bit more to do if he was to join his driver at the top of the table but, having won the Cambrian outright in 2012, the

Having finished each of the first eight rounds in their Mk1 Escort, Peter Smith/Patrick Walsh had been sitting atop the REIS – Get Connected BTRDA Silver Star Championship points tables for quite a while. However, their position could not be described as 'comfortable' as, despite their best efforts, they had not been able to shake off the attentions of Rob Dennis/Andy Boswell – and then there was defending champion Matthew Robinson. His season had started very slowly – absent from the Wydean, a retirement on the Malcolm Wilson and a disappointing showing on the Somerset left him way down the order at one-third distance. But then a 'win' on the Plains heralded a turnaround of some magnitude – maximum scores on five of the final six rounds moved him into top spot at the last gasp, and by just one point from Dennis who, himself, was only two in front of Smith.

Walsh had a weekend to forget as, having been pipped by Boswell to the Silver Star Co-drivers' title on the Cambrian, the following day he saw his season-long lead in the MSA Asphalt Championship slip away after retirement on the Cheviot Rally demoted him to runner-up in that as well!...

So, the Silver Star Championship had a back-to-back winner – cue Julian Wilkes/Will Rutherford-Child who made the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship all their own for the second year running as well. They



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produced a similarly dominant display in their familiar Vauxhall Nova but their title wasn't confirmed until after the Trackrod Stages at the end of September. Prior to that, if Mat Smith/Giles Dykes had scored maximums on both the Trackrod and Cambrian Rallies, and Wilkes hadn't scored, the outcome could have been different. But it wasn't, and just to rub salt into the wound, Wilkes not only finished the Trackrod, but beat Smith into the bargain, adding the 1400s to the MSA English Championship title he had already claimed on the Woodpecker!...

Smith/Dykes were second and Dave Bennett/Alistair McNeil third. Roger Priestnall/Jamie Forrest, who led the Championship for a while mid-season, eventually took 4th but it is worth remarking that there were only 20 points

between first and fourth by the end of the season.

In spite of not contesting the Cambrian, Joe Evett/Calvin Houldsworth emerged as BTRDA Rally First victors, from James West who retired in North Wales. Nick Carr and Mick Smith, who finished on identical points, were 3rd & 4th. Meanwhile Houldsworth beat Joe Sturdy (Nick Carr)) by a single point!

Full details of the 2013 REIS - Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series, incorporating the Gold Star, Silver Star, Millers Oils 1400 & BTRDA Rally First Championships are available on the Championship website : www.btrdarally.com while the MSA English Rally Championship has its own : www.englishrally.co.uk

ANDREW HALL



**Silver Star Champion Driver
Matthew Robinson with Sam Collis
Trackrod Rally**

**Silver Star Champion Co- Driver
Andrew Boswell with Robert Dennis
Trackrod Rally**



**MSA English Champions and Miller
Oils BTRDA 1400 Champions
Julian Wilkes/Will Rutherford-Child**

Photographs by Simon Clarke
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REIS – Get Connected BTRDA® Rally Series

2013 BTRDA Rally Series Award Winners

REIS – GET CONNECTED



BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Euan Thorburn	Champion Co-Driver	Paul Beaton
Second Overall	Connor McCloskey	Second Overall	Francis Regan
Third Overall	Charlie Payne	Third Overall	Paul Spooner



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BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Matthew Robinson	Champion Co-Driver	Andrew Boswell
Second Overall	Robert Dennis	Second Overall	Patrick Walsh
Third Overall	Peter Smith	Third Overall	Michael Gilbey



MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Julian Wilkes	Champion Co-Driver	Will Rutherford-Child
Second Overall	Mat Smith	Second Overall	Giles Dykes
Third Overall	David Bennett	Third Overall	Alistair McNeil

BTRDA RALLY FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Joe Evett	Champion Co-Driver	Calvin Houldsworth
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BTRDA PRODUCTION CUP

Champion Driver	Luke Francis	Champion Co-Driver	Chris Williams
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BTRDA HISTORIC CUP

Champion Driver	Peter Smith	Champion Co-Driver	Patrick Walsh
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Vital Equipment Champions on Ice Award

1st Junior Driver	Cameron Davies
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OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

First Junior Driver (£250 from Mintex) Joe Evett
 First Junior Co-Driver Joe Sturdy

First Lady Driver Rachael Patterson First Lady Co-Driver Pamela Hilton
 First Senior Driver Robert Dennis First Senior Co-Driver Pamela Hilton

MG ZR Rally Challenge

Champion Driver	Joe Evett	Champion Co-driver	Calvin Houldsworth
Second Overall	James Weaver	2 nd Co-driver	Teresa Butler
Third Overall	Rob Hansford	3 rd Co-driver	David Auden



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REIS – GET CONNECTED BTRDA GOLD STAR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS AWARDS

WR1	Driver	Co Driver	B13	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Stephen Petch	Ian Windress	1 st	Keith Parry	Eryl Evans
2 nd	Oliver Mellors	Andrew Joll	2 nd	Jim McNeil	Anthony Blyth
3 rd	Pater Elkins	Ross Weir	3 rd	Peter Baylis	Will Rogers
N4	Driver	Co Driver	N3	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Luke Francis	Chris Williams	1 st	Simon Dalton	Keegan Ree
2 nd	Jamie Anderson	John Roberts	2 nd	Cameron Davies	John Orme
3 rd	Alex Allingham	Ella Flynn	3 rd	Daniel Wakefield	
B12	Driver	Co Driver	B11	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	John O'Gorman	James Gratton-Smith	1 st	Robert Barrett	Pamela Hilton
2 nd	Barry Jordan	Nigel Hutchinson	2 nd	Tony Williams	Karen Phelps
			3 rd	Ben Cressey	Andy Murphy
	B10	Driver	Co Driver		
	1 st	Robert Smith	Craig Maggs		
	2 nd	Thomas Lloyd	Jonathan Bouchard		
	3 rd	Brad Axon	Jonathan Shearing		
H1	Driver	Co Driver	H3	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Rex Ireland	Adrian Scadding	1 st	Theo Bengry	Les Forsbrook
2 nd	John Baker	Seyyan John			

MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 - CLASS AWARDS

1400S	Driver	Co Driver	1400C	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Roger Priestnall	Jamie Forrest	1 st	James Weaver	Teresa Butler
2 nd	Harry Gardner	Elliott Graham	2 nd	Rachael Patterson	Jamie Forest
3 rd	Jayne Auden	David Auden	3 rd	Rob Hansford	Andy Street

BTRDA RALLY FIRST - CLASS AWARDS

RF1.4	Driver	Co Driver	RF1.0	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Joe Evett	Calvin Houldsworth	1 st	Mick Smith	Joe Sturdy
2 nd	James West	Steven Eggington	2 nd	Nick Carr	Simon Cox
3 rd	James Watkins	Richard Suter	3 rd	Bart Lang	Elgan Davies

BTRDA Rally First Junior Driver Joe Evett
 BTRDA Rally First Junior Co Driver Joe Sturdy

Special BTRDA Trophies to be awarded by the BTRDA Rallies Committee and announced at the Dinner & Awards Evening

- ◆ Bill Turner Trophy for best event – Somerset Stages
- ◆ Ian Butcher Trophy (best performance in 1st season) – Oliver Mellors
- ◆ Mickey Dee Trophy (most entertainment) – Matthew Robinson
- ◆ Richie Holfeld Maximum Attack Trophy – Connor McCloskey
- ◆ Rally Man of the Year (Phil Price Trophy) - Mick Smith





MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

2013 AWARD WINNERS

Champion Driver	Julian Wilkes	Champion Co-Driver	Will Rutherford-Child
Second Overall	Robert Smith	Second Overall	Jamie Forrest
Third Overall	Roger Priestnall	Third Overall	Jonathan Boucard

E1	Driver	Co-Driver	E2	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Joe Evett	Calvin Houldsworth	1 st	Mat Smith	Giles Dykes
2 nd	James West	Steve Eggington	2 nd	Harry Gardner	Elliott Graham
3 rd	Nick Carr	Joe Sturdy	3 rd	Dave Bennett	Alistair McNeil
E3	Driver	Co-Driver	E4	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Thomas Lloyd	Craig Maggs	1 st	Simon Dalton	Keegan Rees
2 nd	Philip Clarke	Ian Jones	2 nd	Cameron Davies	Michael Gilby
			3 rd	Daniel Wakefield	John Orme
E5	Driver	Co-Driver			
1 st	Peter Smith	Patrick Walsh			
2 nd	Robert Dennis	Pamela Hilton			
3 rd	Robert Barrett	Andrew Boswell			

First Junior Driver £250 (from Mintex) **Joe Evett**
First Junior Co-driver **Joe Sturdy**

THE ROAD TO WALES....

The organisers of the final round of the World Rally Championship introduced a new initiative for 2013, the Road to Wales, which offered the winners of major domestic championships the opportunity to compete on Wales Rally GB. Two free entries - one each for the three-day and two-day National events - were granted to the BTRDA for the winners of their Gold Star & Rally First Championships respectively, and so it was that both Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton (Ford Focus WRC) and Joe Evett/Calvin Houldsworth (MG ZR) were able to take their places in the start line-up on Deeside.

Having had an extremely busy season, Thorburn/Beaton's seventeenth rally of the year ended in a resounding victory. Using their familiar Ford Focus WRC, they started off as they meant to continue by stopping the clocks nearly a minute-and-a-half quicker than anyone else on the opening 20-miler in Hafren. This put them into a lead they maintained throughout the rally and, 112 stage miles later, they arrived at the finish on Sunday afternoon nearly five minutes in front of their nearest rivals.

For their part, Evett/Houldsworth also made the most of their 'prize-drive', taking their MG ZR to 7th overall and a class victory by almost three minutes after completing the 70 stage miles in their particular event.

A fine performance by both crews brought down the curtain on what has been a BTRDA Rally Series to remember! It all starts again in Chepstow on 15th February when contestants on the Wydean Forest Rally set out on the long road to victory once more!



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ALLROUNDERS – CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR END

As you may be reading this NEWS during the Christmas holidays, I can remind you that our Allrounders Championship officially closes on December 31st. The provisional interim scores are on another page of this issue. We think they are unlikely to change substantially.

So subject to any unforeseen change our Overall winner of the PETER COOPER Trophy will be once again Duncan Stephens. Duncan has been the Champion in Sporting Trials and Car Trials in both BTRDA and MSA and a class winner in Autotests, so is well suited to being an Allrounder. Second Overall and winning the DARBYSHIRE Trophy will be Roger Holder, well known as an Autotester but also showing a skill in AutoSOLO and Car Trials. Third Overall is currently John Fox winning the MARGOT YOUNG Trophy with scores from Sprints (speed group) Autotest and Autosolo. With just five qualifiers this time, in fourth place is Martin MacKenzie having used Autotests, Autosolo and Car trials to gain a useful set of marks. And in fifth place is Jess Fack the only one to attempt FOUR disciplines to qualify, Autotest, Autosolo, Sporting Trials and a Speed group sprint.

Unfortunately there are no qualifiers for the under 25 age group DUCKHAM TROPHY or the DAVJON TROPHY for an entrant using the "Same Car" this year, but we should encourage our young members to have a go

at the Allrounders Championship so tasting the different sports.

At our last Committee meeting we reviewed the regulations for our Championship, as we do every year. This time this was undertaken following a survey using SURVEY MONKEY. The survey was sent to 75 past and current entrants and the responses were discussed in some detail. To this end your committee has reverted to maximum three scores from any BTRDA Championship group with no more than two scores from the non-BTRDA Championship Speed group.

As you will see from the scores a few entrants did not achieve the required six events to qualify for awards this time round. Adrian Read was one short, possibly a sprint or maybe an Autosolo. Two of our regular Allrounders Jamie and Richard Yapp missed a third group as did Xavier Brooks. The highest Rally competitor was Matt Beebe with points from both driving and as a co-driver. Conner Corkill from the Isle of Man did two events in different cars - an Escort (the older proper type) and a Subaru. I mention Conner as he might be



Qualifiers
Roger Holder (Left) &
Martin MacKenzie (above) with
Emma Holder and Lin MacKenzie
in the hard working Cranmore
Garage Starlet
Photo: Julie Johnson
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tempted to do a few more main land events in the future if I keep bringing his name into reports! Other notable missing entrants are the Perrens, Stuart and Helen, both Autotesters of note but busy with other interests too. Pat and Richard Egger have also had a busy year with other aspects of motorsport taking their time away from Allrounders championship.

2013 has been a Special Year for BTRDA as an Association, the 75th Anniversary, with some of our sports making a special effort at events. The Anniversary Rallycross at Croft in November will be the opportunity to also announce the return of a Rallycross Clubmans Championship for 2014. The GO-Motorsport day at Silverstone was well supported by our Autotest, Rally and Sporting Trial drivers. All had stands to show off cars and give information connected with the sports.

BTRDA Rallycross will be at *Autosport International - The Racing Car Show* at the NEC Birmingham from 9th to 12th January. Do come to the stand to have a chat.

We look forward to next year and hope to see many of you at the Annual Awards/Lunch/AGM on Sunday, 26th January at the National Motorcycle Museum, near the NEC Birmingham, M42-J6. An application form for tickets is in this NEWS.

Your next NEWS should be around MARCH, so start planning your motorsport year from the calendar of events in the centre pages of this issue.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your sport.

Phil D

REIS BTRDA Allrounders Championship

Provisional Overall Scores to 18th November 2013

Name	Score	Group	TOTAL										
Duncan Stephens	16.00	A	16.00	A	18.46	B	18.67	B	17.33	E	17.78	E	104.24
Roger Holder	17.50	A	17.14	A	15.38	B	18.18	B	16.36	G	16.00	G	100.56
John Fox	13.33	A	15.00	A	14.29	F	17.65	F	17.78	G	18.00	G	96.05
Martin MacKenzie	10.00	A	8.89	A	12.31	B	10.00	B	5.45	G	4.00	G	50.65
Jess Fack	5.00	A	12.00	E	11.43	E	3.33	F	6.00	G	3.33	G	41.09
Jamie Yapp	18.67	F	18.82	F	17.50	G	18.00	G					72.99
Xavier Brooke	16.00	F	15.56	F	12.00	G	16.67	G					60.23
Adrian Read	5.00	A	10.91	B	13.33	B	15.56	F	13.33	G			58.13
Matt Beebe	11.43	C*	18.71	D	16.84	D							46.98
Nick Pollitt	18.18	B	18.46	B	10.00	G							46.64
Richard Yapp	13.33	F	14.12	F	8.24	G	10.00	G					45.69
Trevor Clarke	4.00	A	16.36	B	14.55	B							34.91
Kevin Hardwick	10.00	A	13.33	A	9.09	G							32.42
Dave Walker	11.11	B	14.55	B	5.00	G							30.66
Connor Corkill	18.33	D	12.00	D									30.33
Siôn Matthews	14.00	B	16.25	C									30.25
Duncan Wild	12.00	A	16.67	A									28.67
Stuart Perren	8.89	A	11.11	A									20.00
Brian Sharpe	8.00	A	6.67	A	3.33	G							18.00
Jon Ballinger	17.14	C											17.14
Jim Pullar	9.23	B	6.67	G									15.90
Richard Egger	6.67	A	8.57	G									15.24
Helen Perren	4.44	A	6.67	A									11.11
Pat Egger	3.33	A	2.86	G									6.19
Lee Matthews		rtd		C									0.00

A - Autotest B - Car Trials C - Forest Rally D - Asphalt Rally
 E - Sporting Trials F - Speed G - AutoSOLO * Indicates Rally Co-driver



BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

I am writing these few words within 24 hours of the 75th Anniversary Rallycross at Croft.

- It was great event, not a good event but a great event.
- All committee want to thank those involved from organisers at DDMC, Marshals and the drivers, have a pat on the back. Terry (Wright) and his team put on a great day.
- Marshals stuck to their posts, even you drivers didn't complain about all of the imposed breaks between races (due to it being a quiet day), well done all.
- It is with thanks to Tim Whittington that you read the following article which is also on Rallycrossworld.com.
- It was great to see and listen to Bill Mantovani commentating, I am sure that you will remember that he was a RX journalist before Tim's time!
- Thoughts go to the families of a couple of folks who were missing, David Sharp of SMART Timing who passed away on 14th November. David you will be missed thank you for all of your support over the years. Thank you Ian, Jo and the team for coming down and producing the results on what must have been a difficult day for you. Also Arthur Debenham was missing, he was due to commentate on the weekend, however Adrienne, his wife was not able to make the journey, get well soon Adrienne.

Roll on 2014 and lets get the Championship going.

Bill Skermer.

BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship

This championship will return in 2014, with classes for;

Clubman Supercar SuperModified

Over 2100cc
1601cc to 2100cc
Up to 1600cc

Production

Up to 1600cc 8v
Up to 1600cc 16v
Up to 1600cc 16v VVT
1601cc to 2000cc

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Classic Minicross

Juniors Rallycross

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BTRDA 75TH ANNIVERSARY RALLYCROSS CROFT CIRCUIT 24TH NOV. 2013

Position	Position	Car	Position	Position
1 st Overall	Paul Swift	Ford Escort	1 st Bmw Mini	Keifer Hudson
2nd	Lance Foster	Mini	2nd	Kris Hudson
3rd	John Gaskin	Citroen Saxo	3rd	David Bell
1 st Supermodified	Paul Swift	Ford Escort	1 st Classic Mini	Ian Clark
2nd	Dave Black	Vauxhall Astra	2nd	Martin Knowles
3rd	Mike Boak	Audi Tt	3rd	Kelly Bird
1 st Stock/Hot Hatch	John Gaskin	Citroen Saxo		
2nd	Martin Peters	Citroen Saxo		
3rd	Stuart Jackson	Citroen Saxo		
1 st Super 1600	Darren Grimpton	Suzuki Swift		
2nd	Larry Carter	Peugeot 206		
3rd	Andy Bedford	Vw Lupo		
1 st Autocross	Alex Fawcett	Vauxhall Tigra		
Dominic Yates Trophy	Gary Simpson	Bmw E30		

BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

Club culture by Tim Whittington

24.11.13 article published on RALLYCROSSWORLD.COM

It may not seem like it, but today's club event at Croft might well have been the single most important rallycross to have taken place in the UK this year.

How so? Without raking over ground that need not be disturbed here, this year there was no clubmans rallycross championship in Britain. The UK has a licensing structure that means new drivers start at National B and can then progress to National A and International licence levels. There are places within the categories on offer in the MSA British Rallycross Championship events that allow new competitors to enter and make that progression, but until 2013 there had also been events for those up and coming drivers, and also for those who wanted no more than to race at a club level with all that involves in terms of car specification, cost of competing, style of event, etc.

In a concerted effort to change this situation for 2014, the BTRDA and Darlington and District MC, together with other interested parties, worked hard through the year to plan an end-of-season event that would demonstrate the viability of clubmans rallycross. With an entry list that was full, and with reserves, months before the event took place, the meeting succeeded in the requirement to gain the support from competitors that would make it financially viable to organise; in the UK, where clubs have to pay commercial circuit hire fees to use a track, that is a crucial factor.

More than anything at this level, where almost everybody is paying for their own sport, it is

important that those competitors go away having enjoyed a good day's racing. By and large, Croft appeared to succeed on that point too. Run on the 'classless' format pioneered by Bill Chesson at Lydden, the event pitched cars of all varieties – except for Supercars which were not eligible – in together and provided for some good racing in proper winter conditions.

At the end of the day it was local rally driver Paul Swift who came through to win. His Escort Mk2 rally car was ideally suited to the conditions and its driver, nicely warmed-up having done a rally at Oulton Park on Saturday both were in the groove – he set fastest time in the second heat – and was willing to mix it with the fastest rallycrossers on the day. Stu Emery led the final before Swift passed. Charging through from the back of the field, Lance Foster reached second at the end in his Mini. John Gaskin, fastest in the first heat in his Citroen Saxo, recovered from a heat two crash to make third in the final.

There were also those kind of personal triumphs that this level of racing all about; novice racers Andy Bedford "I wasn't last, so I'm happy" and Mike Yates, "I had a good day and the car is still in one bit".

The event was also used to launch the 2014 BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship, projected to run over six events using a new course at Blyton Park, Pembrey and Croft. All those involved managed to make this event a success, the real trick now is going to be maintaining the momentum and creating a consistently well supported championship.



75th Anniversary Rallycross Trophies (Left)

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Paul Swift on Track (Below)

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GOLD STAR

CHAMPION	Richard Pinkney	The FLATHER STAR Autotest Trophy an Award and a BTRDA Gold Star
RUNNER-UP	Dave Evans	The FRANK LIVINGSTON Memorial Trophy and an Award

SILVER STAR

CHAMPION	Rob Rolston	The A.C.WESTWOOD Trophy an Award and a BTRDA Silver Star
RUNNER-UP	Dave Cook	The CASTROL Trophy and an Award

BRONZE STAR

CHAMPION	Kevin Hardwick	The IAN MANTLE Trophy and an Award
RUNNER-UP	Toby Cook	An Award

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

A	Rob Rolston	The ANDREW LARKIN Memorial Trophy and an Award
Best under 1100	Brian Bridge	The HARROW 79 Trophy and an Award
B	Lee Valentine	The MOTORSPORT Trophy and an Award
	2 nd Dave Cook	An Award
C	Richard Pinkney	The RICHARD SQUIRE Trophy and an Award
	2 nd Steve Morten	The TREVOR J. SMITH Trophy and an Award
	3 rd Chris Chapman	An Award
D	Dave Evans	The RIFLEMAN Trophy and an Award
best FERWD	Paul Fobister	An Award
	3 rd Duncan Wild	An Award
E	Mike Biss	The FIONA Cup and an Award
H	Toby Cook	The DARBYSHIRE Trophy and an Award
J	Dave Evans	The JOHN LARKIN Jubilee Trophy and an Award
	2 nd Paul Fobister	An Award
	3 rd Steve Morten	An Award
Best over 60	Duncan Wild	An Award
L	Not awarded	The LADIES AUTOTEST Trophy and an Award
Best Event	CSMA NEL	The Denis Flather Shield



Demon Tweaks Direct **BTRDA® Autotest Championship**

From the Hot Seat

Here we are, another year gone and the 2013 Autotest Championship all done and dusted. Congratulations to all the worthy winners, who are listed elsewhere by Pete Cox, and to all our organising Clubs and their hard working members, without whom we would not be able to run our Championship. Particular thanks to Knutsford & District, who stepped in at short notice to run the last round and ensure that the final placings were achieved on the tarmac rather than by default.

By the time that you read this our "Pilot Intermediate Autotest" will have taken place with the idea of showing Clubs and Associations how they can run a simplified event, with marker cones numbered (a la AutoSOLO) to show the route and colour coded to show the direction of travel through the gates. The principle is to encourage competitors to take the step from AutoSOLO or

Grass Autotest to tarmac Autotesting, by offering an easy to remember course so that they can concentrate on developing the skills that they will need before moving up to Championship level. We hope that, if enough Clubs take up the format it could become the basis for regional Championships.

So what for 2014? We hope to see the return of a few "old" faces who have been absent this year, but rumour has it that our Champion will be absent due to family and business commitments. However, Richard has been seen taking great interest at a recent Sporting Trial, but someone needs to explain that you are not supposed to do a "wobble wobble" between the posts and a 360 around the no.1 marker is frowned upon!

Steve Layton

From The Pits

Well, well, it wasn't until I entered this year's top 20 into my GOLD STAR database that I realised that it has taken Richard Pinkney 9 years and 19 FTDs to win his first Flather Gold Star title, and the more important prized Gold Star. The years of modifying (and repairing!) the Caterham 7 have been worthwhile for after 5 years of consistent placing on the lower rungs of the podium it is the top place for him in 2013. Richard only drove at 8 of the 12 events this year but at 7 of them he was FTD and that meant a maximum score of 140 points. Richard now joins the select group of 27 drivers who have won the Gold Star trophy in its 56 years since it started in 1958. Runner up, and winner of the Frank Livingston Trophy, is another well-deserved driver in Dave Evans who competed at all the rounds in his Blitz special and won his first silver spoon for FTD at the Warwickshire Drivers event in April. He then went on to win two more spoons during the year, it will soon be time for a tea party! The final podium place

goes to Paul Fobister who has revitalised the Haigh special which David won the championship back in the 80's to be a top challenger in 2013. David did have a look at the car during the Jubilee celebrations at Curborough and decided it had gone a long way away from the original concept of fiddle braked rwd car and Herald front suspension and was now more of a sports type car. However, the results speak for themselves with Paul never out of the top 5 in all 12 events in



Richard Pinkney Gold Star Champion & 1st Class C
Photo: Duncan Wild



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the series. I think Paul has done a really good job on the car. In the last 2 championship years Paul has moved up 7 places each year, where will it be in 2014? Looking down the list of top 20 finishers new people to add to my chart are Toby Cook in the Cook family Micra in his very first year of BTRDA autotesting and Steven Haigh who has driven well in his mini special. I was almost going to add Martin Mackenzie but spotted that he was in the top 20 back in 1990. Martin has been a consistent supporter of the championship over the years in a variety of cars and for 2014 he has promised to be out again in a refurbished Mackenzie special.

The Silver Star could have gone down to the final event but Roger Holder didn't enter and it is Rob Rolston who will collect the Silver Star and the A C Westwood Trophy at the Motorcycle Museum in January. The Silver Star is based on class positions and is only open to those who haven't won the Gold Star or who have finished in the top 10 during the past 5 years. Roger's final position of number 10 in the 2013 Gold Star list means that Roger will not be eligible for Silver Star the next few years. Rob scored 3 Class A wins in his 1380 Mini whilst runner up Dave Cook in his Class B Micra had opposition from Lee Valentine (Nova) in the class and had to settle for a series of 9 point scores when Lee competed. Dave Cook wins the impressive Castrol Trophy which reflects the oil companies' sponsorship back in the 70s. Mike Biss (Mazda MX5) and Kevin Hardwick (Peugeot 205XS) were taking points off each other in the road going class E with class wins finally going 4 – 3 in Mikes' favour. That was enough for Mike to take the final Silver Star podium place. Returning to the Silver Star in 2014 will be Stuart Perren since his last top placing was in 2008 and who has also taken up that strange sport of trying to go up vertical grass slopes at 1mph with the occasional use of the handbrake i.e. Sporting Trials! Stuart has also been heavily

involved with the Whitchurch MC and running their BTRDA championship event which won the best event award in 2012. Which nicely brings me to the award of the Dennis Flather shield for the best event in the 2013 series. This goes to a very deserving Mike Biss and the CSMA NEL team who two years ago had to find a new venue after the open spaces of the New Barnet library closed their grounds. Mike moved up north to Milton Keynes and found the open car park spaces and roads of the MK Dons football stadium and used them to good effect. Receiving the award is a true reflection of what the other competitors in the championship think of your event.

I've already mentioned Kevin doing well in the Silver Star so it will be no surprise to read that he won the Ian Mantle Trophy for the best in the Bronze Star competition. At the opposite end of the age spectrum to Kevin was Toby Cook who was sharing his fathers' Micra and receiving excellent tuition from him. Over the year the times were getting better and better from Toby and his reward will be the runner up award. Kevin, having won the trophy, will not be eligible again in 2014, will it be the year for Toby?

After all the names have been listed above I should record that no less than 36 entrants scored points in the Gold Star at some time during the year for finishing in the top 20 of an event. That does leave 12 of the entrants who didn't make the top 20 and it should be a target



David Evans Gold Star Runner-up & 1st Class D
Photo: Duncan Wild



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of all drivers to aim for those Gold Star points. You do feel like you have achieved something when you score your first point. That does reflect a little of my own experience when back in the 70s it was only the top 5 open cars and top 5 closed cars (i.e. saloons!) who scored points. Also in those days entries per event were always in the 30/40s which made things even harder. Off the memory train now and just once again congratulate all the 2013 entrants who scored Gold Star points.

I can't finish without reporting on the thoughts of the many autotesters who attended the

funeral of Harry Livingston in the old Little Hereford church set in open countryside. Harry was the third driver to win the Gold Star back in 1960 and as his coffin was carried to the graveyard we thought that there should have been a celebratory autotest in the large field next to the church. Never mind the rain and the wet grass, autotesters can perform in all conditions. Harry was following his son Malcolm's autotesting activities at events right up to the 93rd year of his life. I hope I will be doing the same!

Peter Cox

Final Results after Round 13 Knutsford DMC 2

Gold Star			
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham	140
2	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	132
3	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	127
4	Stephen Morten	Sylva Striker	124
5	Chris Chapman	Sylva Striker	118
6	Ian Chapman	Riot	112
7	Lee Valentine	Nova 1600	112
8	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	100
9	Keith Walton	Lowcost KW7	99
10	Roger Holder	Mini Special/ Nova	87
Silver Star			
1	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	66
2	Dave Cook	Micra	63
3	Mike Biss	MX 5	62
4	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205xs 1360	60
5	Brian Bridge	Mini 1098	59
Bronze Star			
1	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205xs 1360	59
2	Toby Cook	Micra	54
3	Steven Haigh	Mini Special	36
4	Bert Greenaway	Bertone	32
5	John Waller	Sylva Striker	18
CLASS A			
1	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	68
2	Brian Bridge	Mini 1098	62
3	David Goodlad	Mini	39
4	Dave Mosey	Mini 1400	30
5	Bob Budd	Mini 1380	30

CLASS B			
1	Lee Valentine	Nova 1600	70
2	Dave Cook	Micra	63
3	Toby Cook	Micra	54
4	Roger Holder	Nova 1400	47
5	Martin Burn	Nova	17
CLASS C			
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham	70
2	Stephen Morten	Sylva Striker	65
3	Chris Chapman	RAW Striker 1800	61
4	Ian Chapman	Riot	60
5	Keith Walton	Locost KW7 1600	53
CLASS D			
1	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	68
2	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	66
3	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	57
4	Mike Sones	Mini Special 1380	51
5	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special	46
CLASS E			
1	Mike Biss	MX 5	67
2	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205 xs	66
3	Brian Sharpe	Suzuki Ignis	17
CLASS H			
1	Toby Cook	Micra	70
2	Joe Sturdy	Nova	19
CLASS L			
1	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1700	20
CLASS J			
1	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	137
2	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	134
3	Stephen Morten	Sylva Striker	130
4	Ian Chapman	Riot	125
5	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	118



Demon Tweaks Direct **BTRDA® Newcomers AutoSOLO Challenge**

Going SOLO

I am delighted to report that both the Challenge and Championship were decided on the final event and both winners did so with a maximum score.

Dan Darkin started the season in a Saxo and finished it in a Nova, but still managed 7 class wins to become the BTRDA Newcomers AutoSOLO Challenge Champion and Class B winner. David Graves managed to win Class A, despite having to swap cars and Classes during the season due to his Ka being written off on the way home from one event, and Graham Moore started and finished the year in his MX5 but bought out an Octavia VRS in between to win Class C while Stephen Watts stuck with his MX5 to take Class D honours. A particular mention should go to Sean Pearce in his RX8, which is a large car to throw around an AutoSOLO course, something that he does with great abandon.

In the Championship Kevin Belcher was always favourite to take overall honours, with some magnificent displays of driving in his Imprezza, in which he also won Class C, but was pushed by the 2012 Champion Mike Biss, who had to

be content with Class D win in his MX5, right to the end. The 2012 Challenge winner, Paul Dallyn, won Class A in his Mini (a proper one!), Ben Heggs was a worthy winner of Class B in the hairy Fiesta and Stuart Harrison drove the GBS to win Class E.

In 2014 we continue as before, with the MSA again giving us dispensation to run the Challenge at Clubmans level as a direct result of the success it has had in bringing new competitors into Motor Sport. I am also pleased to confirm that financial support will continue to come from our good friends **demon tweaks**, and past Autotest Champion Trevor Smith in the shape of Meath Engineering (Tools) Ltd. My thanks to scorer, Richard Yapp for his hard work in what has been a difficult year for him, and to those of you who have kept us both on the straight and narrow when our ability to add up has failed us. A Happy New Year to all and I look forward to seeing you at the first round in January (hopefully without the snow this time!).

Steve Layton

BTRDA Newcomers Autosolo Challenge

NAME	15-Sep-13	22-Sep-13	BEST 6 SCORES TO DATE	Final 20-Nov-13	Best 7 scores Overall	Award
Roger Barfield	7B		50B	16B	66B	2 ND Class B
Dan Darkin			60B	20B	80B	1 ST O/A 1 ST Class B
Stuart Eardley			21D		21D	
David Graves	6B		20A/32B	12A	32A/39B	1 ST Class A
Sam Karangatha			23B		23B	
Oliver Knight			14A		14A	
Graham Moore		9D	49D/37C	16D	65D/37C	1 ST Class C
Sean Pearce			37B	10B	47B	
Ben Powers			8D		8D	
Stephen Watts		10D	57D	18D	75D	1 ST Class D



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AutoSOLO Championship Provisional Scores

NAME	22-Sep-13	20-Oct-13	27-Oct-13	Best 8 Scores	Awards
Kevin Belcher	10C		10C	80C	1 st O/A 1 st Class C
Mike Biss	10D		8D	73D	1 st Class D
Xavier Brooke		10D	9D	29D	
Arthur Chan	9D		10D	70D	2 nd Class D
Owen Cule				8D	
Paul Dallyn	8A		7A	68A	1 st Class A
Nick Darkin		10B		60B	2 nd Class B
Jess Fack				17B	
John Fox				7A/40B	
Kevin Hardwick				5A	
Ian Harrison	9E		6E	70E	
Stuart Harrison	10E		9E	73E	1 st Class E
Ben Heggs			9B	68B	1 st Class B
Roger Holder				9A/6D	
Sam Holder				1A	
Mike Sones				20B	
Dave Walker				5B	
Richard Yapp				15A/6D	
Jamie Yapp			9A	37A/9D	
Jim Pullar				8A	



Clockwise from top left:-

Nick Darkin – 2nd in Championship
Class B
David Graves – 1st in Challenge Class A
Steven Watts – 1st in Challenge Class D

Photos: Duncan Wild

BTRDA® 2014 Championship Events

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ALLROUNDERS: With the exception of "invitation by qualification" events such as the Car Trial and Sporting Trial Finals all events qualifying for all BTRDA® Championships within the calendar year (1 January – 31 December) will be qualifying events for the Allrounders Championship. Additional events may be selected, of which notice will be given in BTRDA® NEWS and on www.btrda.com. Events for the Speed Group G will be any NON-BTRDA CHAMPIONSHIP Autocross, Sprint or Hill Climb of National A or National B status. Entrants may choose which of the events to enter and it is unnecessary to advise BTRDA Ltd in advance of the selected events.

Note: Only AutoSOLO results from the Championship events count towards qualification (i.e. not Challenge results)

Jan	Autotest	AutoSOLO**	Car Trials *	Rallycross**	Rally - Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
4/5							
11							Championship Final
12							01788 542694
18							
19		Knutsford DMC Champ & Challenge					
25							
26	BTRDA Luncheon						
1/2							
8			Ernest Owen Burton on Trent	Blyton– Round 1			Jigger Jug NPTCC
9			Owen MC				
15			Mike Somes			Wydean Incl. MSA English	Geoff Taylor Hagley & DLCC
16		U17 MC NW Challenge only	01283 791368			Chepstow/Forest of Dean	
22							
23							Loughborough CC
Mar							
1			Golden Springs Blandford Forum, Woodbridge MC,				Walsingham 750MC
2		Bristol MC Champ & Challenge	Mervyn Brake, 01305 260124				
8						Malcolm Wilson Incl. MSA English	Peter Blankstone MAC
9				Blyton– Round 2	Tour of Epynt Llandoverly	Cockermouth/Lake District	
15							
16	Hagley & DLCC Curborough Steve Layton 01527 878192						Stuart Butterfield Memorial Trial YSCC
22							
23		Ross & District MSL Champ & Challenge	Basil Elkington Sevenoaks & DMC Bearstead Chris Judge 01474 873628				President's Trophy Southsea MC
29							
30							



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	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials *	Rallycross**	Rally - Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Apr 5	Herefordshire MC		Alan Houson Memorial				Raymond Baxter
6	Hereford		Falcon MC				NPTCC
	Sue & Darren Underwood		Milton Keynes				
	01568 709158		David Maitland				
12			01582519167				
13		CSMA NE London				Somerset Stages	J.B. Taylor
		North Weald				Incl. MSA English	Sportingtrials.com
		Champ & Challenge				Minehead/West Somerset	
19/20/21	EASTER						
20		Peterborough MC					
		Challenge only					
26							
27	Warwickshire Drivers						Derbyshire
	Rugby, Bob Budd						Lancs & Cheshire
	02476 361558						
May 3							
4							
5	Bank Holiday Monday						Cumbrian 2 Day
							Trial
							Non Championship event
Fri 9					Manx Rally		
10					Douglas,		
11			Warwickshire		Isle of Man		Four Turnings
			Gaydon				Camel Vale
17							
18	Wolverhampton & SSCC	AMSC/CSMA NW	Cov & Works MC	Pembrey- Round 3		Plains Rally	
	Bobbington	Challenge only	Hazel Stephens	Pembrey- Round 4		Welshpool/West Wales	
	Nick Darkin		01676 532337				
	01746 762276						
24/25							
26	Bank Holiday Monday						
30					Jim Clark National		
31					Kelso		



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Jun	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials *	Rallycross**	Rally - Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
1	CSMA NEL						
7	TBA, Mike Biss 01525 720299	Abington CAR-nival Dolphin MC Champ & Challenge				Dukeries Incl. MSA English Southwell/ Sherwood Forest	
8			Wyre Forest Stourport, Kidderminster MCC Mac Roath 01562 752950				
14							
15	Whitchurch MC Shrewsbury Helen Peren 01785851440						
21							
22			Wye Valley Ledbury Ross & District MSL Simon Harris 01531 820761				
28	Caermarvonshire & Anglesey North Wales James Robertson	CSMA NW/Oxford MC Champ & Challenge					
29	Knutsford & DMC Wrexham, Duncan Wild 01244 300511						
July							
5							
6		Bristol MC Champ & Challenge			ALMC Stages Trim, Co. Meath		
12							
13		Ilkley Motor Club Champ & Challenge				Nicky Grist Stages Builth Wells/Mid Wales	
19	Hartlepool & DCC Hartlepool Bob Clouston 01429 429672		Cymru Abergele N Wales CC Dave Thomas 01492 584872				
20	Alwoodley MC Sherburn, Robert Cook	U17 MC NW Challenge only	HCC Wales Prestatyn, Clwyd Vale MC Pete Dale 01745 857316				
26							
27		Loughborough CC Champ & Challenge					
Aug							
2							
3	Owen MC Birmingham, Lynn Whitlick 01785 823466	Aintree CC Champ & Challenge			Tyneside Stages Otterburn		
9							
10							



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	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials *	Rallycross**	Rally - Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Nov 1							
2							November Sporting Sportingtrial.com
8						JLT Tempest 2 Rally	
9					Cheviot Keith Knox Rally Otterburn	MSA English ONLY Aldershot/Hampshire	Roy Fedden Bristol
15							TBA, Stroud
16							
22/23							
29					Championship Awards Presentation		
30							
Dec 6						Championship Awards Presentation	Gloucester, TBA
7							
13/14							
20/21							
27/28							

Notes

* Car Trials: There will be another Welsh weekend, dates to be announced consisting of Matthews Auto Salvage Trial, Anglesey and a non-championship invitation event. ** Rallycross – Further dates to be announced *** AutoSOLO – Several dates are still provisional

Membership report

Final figures for the 2013 championship registrations are below which show an impressive total of 624. Very many thanks to all those who have joined on line in 2013. As always there will be continual improvement and we aim to make it even easier for 2014.

When you fill up the enclose registration form on paper, or more hopefully on-line please note that there has been a small increase in membership fees and championship fees for 2014. These are to ensure that you continue to receive this excellent News and more importantly for the championships that they continue to provide you with the top class events and championship awards that have been the hallmark of the BTRDA since 1938.

Liz & Peter Cox



Final 2013 Championship registrations:

Forest Rally	279
Asphalt Rally	161
Autotest	48
AutoSOLO Challenge	12
AutoSOLO Championship	21
Allrounders	25
Car Trial	26
Sporting Trial	73

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MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

COLE WITHSTANDS HEAT! ...

Outright victory on the final round of the REIS – Get Connected MSA Asphalt Rally Championship, the UTS Cheviot Keith Knox Stages Rally, ensured Damian Cole of a record-breaking fourth consecutive title. Prior to 2012 Pete Doughty was the only driver who had scored a hat-trick of wins (1994-96). Cole then joined him last year and has now gone one better. In the Championship's 30-year history (it first ran in 1984), although John Price took twelve individual titles, they came in ones and twos – the Metro 6R4 driver never actually managed to take three on the bounce

Although he led the points table prior to the start of the Otterburn Ranges-based event, Cole was one of four drivers who could, conceivably, have become the 2013 Champion. Paul Bird, 2007 Champion Steve Simpson and John Indri were all in with a chance of returning home from the Otterburn Ranges as victors.

Bird's day began badly when his Focus WRC's power steering pump failed minutes before the start – the stages on Otterburn are difficult enough as it is, and swift changes of direction are a prerequisite of decent times! In the event, Bird's 6th place after the first loop was testament to the former MSA Gravel Rally Champion's determination.

Cole led the event after the first stage and, even allowing for the imposition of a two-minute penalty for an alleged technical offence, still took the win by twenty seconds.

First to go was Steve Simpson who arrived back in service after the fourth stage in second place overall, but an ominous oil leak turned out to emanate from a crack in his Impreza WRC's gearbox casing. With a 15-mile stage next on the agenda, the decision was taken to call it a day. Simpson's co-driver Patrick Walsh had led his particular section right from the off, following victory on the Tour of Epynt back in March, and could only be denied his crown by Brian Cammack – and it would take a maximum to do it.

Cammack, as usual, was guiding Simon Mauger round the Ranges in the latter's amazingly quick Millington-engined Escort MkII and, following Simpson's exit, moved into 2nd place. Then, with Cole's penalty applied, the pair took over the lead of the rally, only to lose out on the final stage. They finished on identical times to John Stone (Skoda Fabia WRC) but lost out in the tie-break as they were two seconds slower on the opening stage. However, neither of the co-drivers in the cars that finished first and second was Championship-registered, giving Cammack the maximum he needed to take the Championship – cue wild scenes outside Rally HQ, the Otterburn Castle Hotel!...

Of the other title aspirants, John Indri had retired his Darrian prior to the final two stages with transmission trouble and Paul Bird put his Focus off the road on the final stage. Although he eventually got going again, he had taken a maximum which, coupled with his earlier bothers, saw him finish 9th overall – and runner-up in the Championship standings.

The end of the Asphalt Championships was marred by a couple of protests but, nevertheless, onlookers have witnessed one of the most competitive series for years. The nine rounds have seen five different winners – Cole (3), Bird (2), Peter Lloyd (2), Simpson (1) and Euan Thorburn (1) – and we can only hope that 2014 shapes up in similar fashion!



1st Overall Driver Damian Cole with Craig Drew
Tour of Epynt. Photo: John Kendrick





MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

The Millington Rear-Wheel Drive Challenge has added a new dimension to the Championship this year. Thirty drivers scored points during the season and, from them all, Simon Mauger emerged as the winner. It has to be said that John Indri's retirement from the final round aided Mauger's cause but, nevertheless, four maximums and a second from five starts is a very impressive tally! Accompanying Mauger to top spot was that man Cammack who adds the RWD title to his tally for the season.

Although having to give best to an Escort in the final reckoning, Darrians held the next three places, with Indri, Washington James and Ashley Field all pushing the BMW M3 of 2012 winner Richard Felgate down into 5th place. However, Felgate's co-driver, Mark Mason, was Brian Cammack's nearest challenger, with 19-year old Josh Davison in third place.

Meanwhile, although Paula Swinscoe took her second consecutive win in the BTRDA Front-Wheel Drive Challenge, her driver, Matt Beebe (MG ZR190), had to settle for second behind Tim Daltry's Peugeot 205. Beebe took maximum points every time he finished an event, but three retirements during the season put him on the back foot. Craig Jose's trips up from Cornwall were rewarded with 3rd place, while Nigel Hewett and Emma Morrison took the other podium places in the Co-drivers' category. Daltry also claimed the AB Motorsport Peugeot 205 Challenge from Jose, in spite of retiring from the final round with engine trouble.

In the classes, Julian Barnett's reliability was a

major factor in his N4 win. His Impreza finished all six events it started to keep it ahead of Chris Rice's similar car. Rob Tout, whose vice-like grip on the category in 2012 saw him take the title with ease, was left wondering just what he'd got to do to coax his hitherto-reliable Lancer EVO9 to the finish. A class win on Epynt was followed by four consecutive retirements, and left his season in tatters but, hopefully, a finish on the Patriot at the end of September will help to restore some confidence.

Alex Laffey/Jack Morton began the season in a new Fiesta S2000. As confidence grew, the results started to come and 6th overall on the Cheviot saw to it that they would finish 2013 with a full-house – five maximum scores.

In addition to their 'Best Improvement on Seeding' awards on each round of the Championship, Fuchs Titan Race also put up £500 worth of product for the 2014 season to the driver of the highest-placed 1400cc car at the end of the year. The Lotus Elise of Howard Moore/Sasha Heriot laid claim to it, from the Vauxhall Nova of Ian Barnard/Andy Bull.

The Kwiktrak trophies, awarded to the winning driver and co-driver in B13, went to Adrian Spencer/Mark Hewitt. Chris Daykin and Neal Arden were scrapping over second place on the Cheviot until the latter left the road on the final stage.

As we say 'goodbye and thank you' to Get Connected at the conclusion of their two-year tenure as joint sponsors of the Championship, the search continues to find a new 'partner' for REIS. 2014 will be their seventh year of involvement with us and we trust it will, once again, be a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Further details of the REIS – Get Connected MSA Asphalt Rally Championship are available from the Coordinator :

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By visiting the Championship website : www.asphaltrallying.wordpress.com

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2nd Overall Driver Paul Bird with Aled Davies
Tour of Epynt Photo: John Kendrick





MSA Asphalt Rally Championship 2013 'ROLL OF HONOUR'



1st OVERALL DRIVER	DAMIAN COLE	REIS-GC Champ. Trophy/ BTRDA Award
1st OVERALL CO-DRIVER	BRIAN CAMMACK	REIS-GC Champ. Award/ Motordrive Trophy
2nd OVERALL DRIVER	PAUL BIRD	REIS-GC Champ. Award
2nd OVERALL CO-DRIVER	PATRICK WALSH	REIS-GC Champ. Award
3rd OVERALL DRIVER	STEVE SIMPSON	REIS-GC Champ. Award
3rd OVERALL CO-DRIVER	JACK MORTON	REIS-GC Champ. Award

BTRDA FWD CHALLENGE

1st Simon Mauger/Brian Cammack

BTRDA RWD CHALLENGE

1st Tim Daltry / Paula Swinscoe

MSA Championship Classes:

N4	1 st Julian Barnett / Dan Holley	A7	1 st Alex Laffey / -----
	2 nd Chris Rice / -----	A8	1 st Graham Coffey / -----
	3 rd Rob Tout / -----		2 nd Mark Worley / -----
B9	1 st Howard Moore/Sasha Heriot	B10	1 st Craig Jose/Nigel Hewett
	2 nd Ian Barnard/Andrew Bull		2 nd Dale Clatworthy/Marc Clatworthy
B11	1 st Tim Daltry / Paula Swinscoe	B12	1 st Simon Mauger / Mark Mason
	2 nd Matt Beebe / Emma Morrison		2 nd John Indri / Josh Davison
	3 rd Graham Watkins / J Doroszczuk		3 rd Washington James / Ian Meakin
B13	1 st Adrian Spencer/Mark Hewitt	B14	1 st John Stone / Paul Hollingham
	2 nd Chris Daykin / Giles Corbett		2 nd Gary Le Coadou / -----
	3 rd Neal Arden / Dan Megannity		

AB Motorsport Peugeot 205 Challenge

1st Tim Daltry / Nigel Hewett
2nd Craig Jose / Emma Morrison

SUPPLEMENTARY AWARDS :

ANDREW HALL ASSOCIATES GROUP 'N' TROPHY : Julian Barnett
PRIMA MOTORSPORT JUNIOR AWARD (Trophy & Replica) : Alex Laffey
HENDY FORD MOTORSPORT AWARD (Trophy + £100 Voucher) : Damian Cole
GUY WOODCOCK & COMPANY AWARD (Trophy + £50 cheque) : Tim Daltry
JOHN HORTON MOTORSPORT MANAGEMENT 'STAR DRIVE' : Jack Morton
KWIKTRAK TROPHIES (1st in B13) : Adrian Spencer/Mark Hewitt
FUCHS TITAN RACE AWARD (1st 1400) : Howard Moore

BEST EVENT : ALMC Stages
TONY DAVIES MEMORIAL AWARD : Mike Sones



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LOW DOWN TORQUE

Well, here we are, post survey and another championship year put to bed. We pass on our congratulations to Duncan Stephens for joining the select few who have achieved the "double" with outright successes in ours and the MSA's Car Trials Championships. The Grand Final was so nearly scuppered by the October rainfall but the commitment by Simon Harris and the team at Ross and District Motor Sport not to be outdone should not pass without mention: thank you team!

We are grateful to everyone who took time out to submit a response to our recent survey; perhaps what was most encouraging was the enthusiasm for our sport. Passion should be addictive though, and we need to engage more with prospective competitors. We are now looking at ways in which our "skill base" can better be deployed for the benefit of others. We already knew that we are in direct competition with the many other interests and pursuits that everyone follows to a greater or lesser extent and we want to make the sport more accessible to a wider range of people. This might include true historic cars and from a completely different perspective, "soft-roaders". These elements will depend to a great extent on the flexibility and co-operation of our organising clubs; each of the two elements mentioned will bring its own challenges to the clerks of the course.

The changes that you will find in the 2014 Championship Rules will include the elimination

Ernest Owen Trial, 6 October

Concluding the qualifying rounds, the Ernest Owen trial at Catton Park is always an excellent test of crew and car before the Grand Final. The inimitable Nick Pollitt had been persuaded to return again to clerk the course and, with Mike Jones' assistance, put on a suitably varied and challenging set of 8 hills, one being a timed test. The ground conditions were near perfect and the weather had kindly arranged to remain dry on the day, greatly enhancing the social element that we enjoy when not confined to sheltering in our cars! Midlands-based trials invariably attract a good number of entries but on this occasion numbers were rather disappointing; they certainly didn't

of the need for Class 1 cars to be driven to the venue; we will amalgamate the existing Classes 3 and 4; the scoring methodology for the overall (Gold Star) Championship Winner will adopt the "league plus Final" system deployed in the Silver Star and Bronze Star Championships; and we have identified a tyre that is considered to be against the spirit of the regulations and will be specifically prohibited – see the 2014 Car Trials Championship Rules on www.btrda.com for details.

In the Autumn NEWS we mentioned "log cards" for the recording of eligibility or potential safety concerns. We expect to introduce these on a voluntary basis, to be carried with the car and made available to event scrutineers; we also hope to achieve closer liaison with these officials from one event to another to ensure that previous observations have been attended to.

My thanks to our Car Trials committee for their time and support, and on behalf of all of us thank you to all championship contenders and the organisers and marshals that enabled the qualifying rounds and the Final to take place. We look forward to seeing everyone back next year and to welcoming many more faces around the paddock and on the hills.

Very best wishes and Season's Greetings!

Neil Mackay

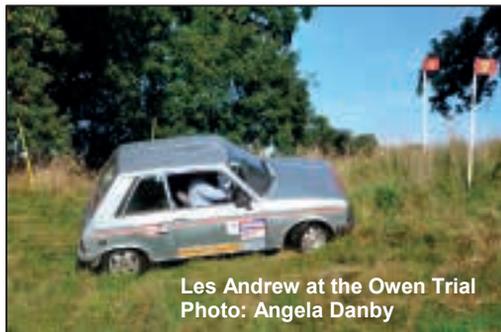
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reflect the quality of the venue or the event itself.

Class 1 cars were Saxo vs Ka and although the Saxo was better suited to the irregularities in the ground the Ka in the seasoned hands of John Wadsworth put in a very good show, as indeed Trevor Clarke demonstrated in the morning, before retiring. Tim Beard was 3 up on David Allman at lunch and a consistently better afternoon allowed him to stretch the lead to 21 points for the Class win.

In the older and/or ballasted Class 2 fwd cars, Rupert North was in top form all day, exploiting the nimbleness and pace of the 1275cc Mini for a class win. Keeping him honest throughout

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Les Andrew at the Owen Trial
Photo: Angela Danby

though was Simon Harris in his tidy red Golf GTi, finishing just 9 points behind. In third place, after a day of nip and tuck, Neil Mackay brought his AX GT along a further 4 behind having headed Les Andrew off at the pass. Actually, Les had down-sized his engine and it wasn't best suited to all of the sections.

Moving to the rwd cars, two of the three Imps dominated. This time it was Dave Oliver to the

fore, with an uncomfortable 4 point lead at lunch over Steve Courts, equal on round 3 but a stronger 4th round to ease further ahead. A further reward ultimately came to Dave from achieving 1st Overall, pleasing Steve who then received Class award! On this occasion, Barrie Parker in the Westfield was a more distant 3rd.

Wrapping up the classes were Classes 4 and 5, providing a terrific spectacle for any spectators, we had 2 Duttons, a Cannon and a VW Buggy. Although only two points up on Kevin Roberts at lunch time, Duncan Stephens put in a strong 3rd round and a sublime 4th round to seal the class and pitch for the overall, but had to settle for 2nd on index. Charles Knifton's Buggy beat Stuart Bartlett's Cannon to take the Class 5 award.

Thanks to Owen Motoring Club and their new administrative team for another fine event at the picturesque Catton Park; we look forward to returning next year!

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BTRDA Car Trials Final 27th October 2013

Simon Harris and Ross & District Motor Sports Club had a major headache five days before the championship final when the land owner withdrew permission due to the extremely wet conditions. Many phone calls later a new venue was sourced, at Heightington, the Kidderminster Motor Club's "orchard" was host for the third final on the trot. Now all Simon had to do was pray it didn't rain too much in the coming days and persuade his officials to travel that far. Thankfully the rain just about abated during the week, and the hills were laid out the day before, on his third trip to the venue in as many days, prior to extremely heavy overnight rain.

The eighteen final contenders were fairly evenly split, with four in class 1, five in class 2, six in class 3 and three in class 4 for the first time in numerous years. Nick Pollitt had flipped his coin and the Saxo was his chosen weapon in what would prove to be its swan song trial and I had chosen the Melos, hoping the steering would stay in one piece - unlike at the Owen when it kept falling apart!

Long wide sections with multiple stopping places were the order of the day, with class one disappearing to the Northern end of the site with all the club competitors competing in the Cotswold section. This included new BTRDA Council and Board member Gemma Price (Moffatt) who had managed to get her hands on Bill's family Troll to experience Car Trials at first hand. Alastair and John were very upset that Gemma got to drive it competitively before them!! Nick started as he meant to go on, taking seven points off the rest of the class on the first hill and by lunch had extended his lead over new BTRDA treasurer Tim Beard to forty points.

Neil Mackay immediately stamped his authority on class two, also from his first hill; within four hills he was already seventeen points up on Dave Walker, such was his expert trickling. Cymru winner Roger Holder was struggling to find traction in his Starlet, and soon had a slipping clutch to adjust - not helping concentration. Les Andrew gradually readjusted to 954cc in his 104, and climbed

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into second in class by the end of the first round.

Dave Oliver, Steve Courts, Bill Moffatt and Barrie Parker have thirty six BTRDA and MSA Car (PCT) Trial Championships to their names in class 3! Dave took the initiative from the off, but then made a very uncharacteristic error on hill eight to drop six points to Barrie. Then he was the only competitor to climb the last hill of the round, using all the available space. By the end of the round Dave was two up on the old fox Steve, with Barrie and the Westfield three further back.

The Roberts were all set to challenge each other for the Bronze star, with a winner takes all scenario, but very soon their minds were on a poorly car with the base plate in the distributor broken, resulting in the engine timing changing itself all the time. They missed two hills during the first round while completing a very temporary repair, while I disappeared into the distance, already forty points ahead.

Neil continued to dominate his class as the sections got more slippery, with the grass sparser, and at lunch was twenty four points up having climbed just two hills all morning. Nick was the only other front wheel drive competitor to climb a hill, conditions were that tough. Class three was heating up, with Barrie having the best round, to close within two points of Steve and Dave who were tied. Bill's old flair was showing through with some wonderful trickling, and I am not sure I have ever seen Bill travel the ground so fast! Bill ended up Silver Star runner up. I continued to extend my lead

with another very tidy round to be three points ahead of the Imps. Over lunch Brian and Kevin were buried in the back of their van completing a more permanent repair on their Dutton's timing with a mixture of cable ties, instant gasket and anything else that might work.

Lunch saw Simon's worst nightmare, an extremely heavy shower, necessitating more hill tweaking. The hills were just getting longer and wider resulting in even more confused drivers! The conditions resulted in one hill being cancelled and the fourth round cancelled in its entirety.

Scores now increased substantially. Nick had a poor round by his standards (perhaps the BTRDA President had started navigating again in the passenger seat) but secured the class, as expected, from Tim Beard. Tim won the Silver Star, a year after winning the Bronze Star at the same venue in the ultra competitive new car class. David Allman finished third in class, four points ahead of John Wadsworth, dropping just under 200 points.

Neil kept it steady to take another seven points off Les, dropping 99. Dave Walker finished six points up on Roger Holder, with Martin Mackenzie next on a very challenging day.

Seven hills and a tremendous nail biting battle in class 3. The gloves were off, with Dave wanting to make up for last year's disappointment (and a quiet year in the Imp) over Steve, and Barrie wanting to show the potential in the Westfield in his first year. Barrie took the lead with some second gear action two hills from the end then promptly dropped two points to Dave on the next hill. Three points separated them with one hill to go. A long slight cross camber, and open bend at the eight that no one had got round. To go high, low, middle. Dave dropped an eight, Barrie an eight having locked himself out, and then Steve just managed to gain a point. Dave and Barrie tied on 72, with Dave having one more zero. What a battle of champions! Barrie promptly then needed half a dozen people to push him out of the paddock in the BMW so maybe the right driver on the day won. He did find second gear better than in the Westfield



Nick Pollitt & Mike Broad at the Grand Final
Photo: Angela Danby

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though, when he missed it a couple of times!

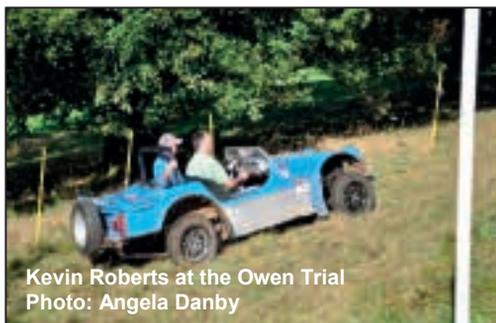
Brian was now much happier in the Phaeton and suddenly woke up, thrashing his brother in law by twenty points in four hills, then just as fast forgot, dropping two twelves on his last two hills! However he had done enough to secure the Bronze Star over Kevin in his first year of trialling. No doubt they will come back more competitive next year having spent half the year analysing the Melos! The conditions began to favour the Melos even more, and the use of a large right foot in second gear started working at critical points!! My last two hills will

live in my memory for a long time. The penultimate section offered at least two straight up options, and the line round the trees from the morning with lots of bends. I ended up changing gear six times on the hill with a mixture of trickling and burning to score a two. The last section saw the Melos driven like the Crossle, sideways in second, until round the second bend at the five and catching the trickle in first for a one, to finish the day on 46 and taking over twenty points off everyone during the round.

Having missed out on the double in 2010 in the Nova by two points, it's really pleasing to complete the double and win the BTRDA Car Trials championship for the first time after eighteen years of trialling in the driving seat, and probably approaching nearly thirty somewhere in the car!!

A massive thank you to Simon and Angela for re-organising the event in five days at a venue nearly fifty miles from home, all the Ross marshals that made the trip too and for finishing so early after a great day's challenging motorsport.

Duncan Stephens



Kevin Roberts at the Owen Trial
Photo: Angela Danby

Scorer's Snippets 18th November 2013

We hadn't intended going back to the Orchard for the third year running – and to be frank, it hadn't occurred to me that it was the case until it was mentioned on the day of the event. The build up of the wet weather (we had 7.7 inches of rain here [Ross] through October) was causing me concern as Clerk of the Grand Final. Our planned site at Putley would have been great for the trial itself, but access to it through two muddy gates is a problem in wet weather. On querying the farmer on the Monday prior, he thought it would be a good idea to cancel – translation, 'don't come'. 24 hours later, with thanks to Mac Roath at Kidderminster for the contacts, the event was re-planned for the Orchard, near Stourport. The logistics of informing everybody (marshals, competitors, MSA permit, toilets, permissions etc) were completed, and all I needed was dry weather until the Sunday. No chance of that and, although Saturday went well on section set up day, the evening wasn't so good with a

marshal crying off and the scrutineer damaging his back and withdrawing his services. I was woken up by rain at 0130 – couldn't sleep after that with horrible visions of turning everybody away at the gate to the field. I arrived at 0630 (dawn after the clocks changed) with the relief of being able to get into the field. I managed to change six of the hills before I had to go back to the paddock and do the scrutineering. We got the event started early and that allowed me to change the other two hills before we got going. Things went OK on the day, I think, and although a pesky heavy shower over lunch meant that the ground wouldn't accept a fourth round without a major restructure of the hills, I hope the competitors had a good day.

Tim Beard had a good result and, with Bill Moffatt up against tough opposition, he leap-frogged the Imp driver to win the Silver Star[®] championship; Bill taking the runner up spot. The Bronze Star[®] championship was likely to

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be going to mid-Wales, but I bet that Brian and Kevin Roberts had their doubts when the car started mis-firing badly. It didn't look good when they had to take time out to effect repairs; David Allman and Roger Holder were waiting to pounce. But eventually the Dutton re-joined the fray to complete the event and finish winner and runner up in the Bronze Star[®].

Brian Roberts now moves up to the Silver Star[®] championship next year; while, after over thirty years of being Gold Star only, Steve Courts also moves to the Silver Star[®] championship next year. After due consideration of all the qualifying events, the Committee whittled the choice of best event to two. As Ross and District's Wye Valley Trial has been the best qualifying event for the past two years and is

therefore not allowed to win it three times in a row, the unmade decision was avoided and the Warwickshire Trial was awarded the honour.

As last year, here are a few statistics for you. The average number of competitors per event has reduced from 33.6 (2011) to 33.1 (2012) and to 30.8 this year, while the average number of national competitors has decreased by 1.6 to 24.6. BTRDA registered drivers also fell (by 1.8) to 13.8 per event. Our registrations dropped to 26 from 30 last year, virtually all in Bronze Star[®]. The best supported event (including Clubman) was Falcon's Alan Houson event with 43, while the most National competitors were at the Warwickshire (36).

Simon Harris

Final Championship Table 2013

NAME	Champ Status	Alan Houson	Golden Springs	Basil Elkington	Matthews A-Salvage	Dennis Wells	Warwickshire	Wyre Forest	Wye Valley	Cymru	HCC Wales	Gaby Mohr	Ernest Owen	Mac Hazlewood	Best	Grand Final	CHAMP
		10/02	03/03	17/03	13/04	14/04	05/05	09/06	23/06	20/07	21/07	08/09	06/10	TOTAL	Five	18/10	TOTAL
Tim Beard	S					5	8	8	7	7	6	4	10	55	40	18	58
Bill Moffatt	S						7	7	9	10	9			42	42	14	56
Dave Walker	S		7	St			4	3	7	8	3	6	5	43	33	16	49
Jeff Buchanan	S				2	4	7	6	3	5	4		6	37	28	12	40
Dave Harvey	S			St			6	6	7			7	7	33	33	0	
Simon Harris	S						6	7	*9*				9	22			
Adrian Read	S					6		9	6					21			
Mike Stephens	S						*9*							9			
Brian Roberts	B						9	9	9	10	8	7	7	59	45	16	61
Kevin Roberts	B				9	9	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	76	44	14	58
David Allman	B					7	6	7	5	6	10	1	9	51	39	16	55
Roger Holder	B	8			5	0		4	5	10	7		6	45	36	14	50
John Wadsworth	B				5	3	4			4	7	3	8	34	28	14	42
Martin MacKenzie	B	6			6	0		1	3	3	4		4	27	23	12	35
Trevor Clark	B				6	2	9		4	8	0	7	0	36	34		
Chris Judge	B	9	6	St			3							18			
Mike Jones	B		8											8			
Howard Blackwell	B	0					7							7			
Bob Williams	B						2	1						3			
Barrie Parker	G	9	9		9	10	9	8		9	10	8	8	89	n/a		
Duncan Stephens	G	10	10	St		10	10	10	10	9	10	9	9	88	n/a		
Dave Oliver	G	9			10	9	10	10	10	0	8		10	76	n/a		
Nick Pollitt	G				7	10	10	10	10			10	*9*	66	n/a		
Les Andrew	G	7			9	8	7	5		7	10	0	7	60	n/a		
Steve Courts	G	8					8	9	8			9	9	51	n/a		
Neil Mackay	G				7	0	9	0	4			9	8	37	n/a		

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2013 was a reasonably satisfactory year, we lost a few events from our very full calendar of 23 trials, but those that did run attracted just enough entrants, much the same story as in 2012. Many of our clubs were upset by the lateness of entries, thinking that they were going to have to cancel at a late stage, only for sufficient numbers to arrive at the last gasp. We will be encouraging our clubs to impose differential pricing with a big penalty for lateness in 2014. We had a close fight for the MSA British Championship which went down to the penultimate event, and we had two outstanding and well supported Training Days, both of which produced new competitors for the sport, so not too bad in summary.

The end of our season is nigh, although, as most of you will be aware, our Final, when the Champion is decided, is in early January. We are going to Huntington near Kington, on the Welsh border. The next hill along is Hergest Ridge, which some of you may remember as one of Mike Oldfield's tracks on his famous Tubular Bells album. The date is the 11th of January, and the Trial Dinner will be at Penyard House, Weston-under-Penyard, Ross on Wye.

BTRDA's remit is to promote championships, and has a policy of not running events, so as to

avoid competing with our clubs, however, as always there are exceptions to any rule. The London Car Club's Gloucester Trial has been running for around 100 years and is famous (infamous?) for being the straw that broke the camel's back in 1938 when the event finished 6 hours late, and only two cars completed any hills at all. As a result the BTDA was formed, which became BTRDA some 20 years later. London CC have been going through some problems lately, so in this instance BTRDA have picked up the baton and are running a trial on the same site and date, called the Gloster to avoid any copyright issues. The London CC Gloucester is not only extremely old, but it's history and trophies are unmatched, and virtually any trials driver from any era you care to name will be engraved on those awards. For this reason we decided to run it this year to maintain momentum, to see what can be done next year to try to preserve it. Ideally we would avoid handing it over to another club, since that would lose the history and trophies, but if that is the only solution then so be it. I am pleased to report that the BTRDA Gloster has attracted 25 entries so far, which is a decent field by 2013 standards.

In some ways having BTRDA run an event from time to time is no bad thing, as it enables us to see how things are "at the sharp end". One subject that has been worrying us all year is the declining numbers of clubs and experienced personnel to run trials. We have lost two of the Peterborough trials, out of three, and so far we believe the two London CC trials for 2014 are very doubtful. There are two factors at work here, the age of organisers, and the economics of running events. We are actively seeking potential new clubs who may be interested, but the economics have also got slightly out of kilter lately. On one hand they are having to pay more realistic fees to use the land, the days of a bottle of Scotch are long gone, but our competitors are expecting two proper loos, which are not cheap at around £75 each, and the services of a paramedic, at over £100. These costs would be containable if entries were in the high 30s, as they were a few years ago, but today 20 to 28 is the typical range, which gives much less room for manoeuvre with a typical entry fee of around

**A very muddy Alastair Moffatt obviously enjoying Sporting Trialing.
Photo: Julie Johnson**



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£35. This was brought to mind when Gemma Price told the board that her Vintage Sports Car Club Cotswold trial in the grounds of the Prescott Hillclimb course was running a Reserves List of 17, having accepted something over 100 runners. In addition the VSCC entry fee was £63. The BTRDA Gloster will probably make a small loss with 25 runners paying £35 each, so we will no doubt be advising our clubs to increase the level of their entry fees for 2014, in addition to the differential mentioned above.

One success story in 2013 has been our Trials Training Days, widely publicised on the well used BTRDA Website, we got 14 participants for the March day at Shelsley Walsh, and 14 again to Long Compton in October. It was gratifying to receive so many plaudits for both, one regular "Motorsports day out" customer said it was by far the best he had attended. These days have two purposes, to train those who already have cars and are committed to join the sport in safety and driving techniques, basically a master class. The other half is for those who could be interested in joining the sport to have a "taster" without committing any capital expenditure. We provide enough cars with their owners in the passenger seat to take two "punters" each during the day. We have found it best to separate the two parts completely on the day. We also run the training days on the Saturday before a major trial on the same site, so those who are interested can come along the following day and see how it should be done. We will be running two more in 2014, in March and October again.

At the Shelsley Training Day we had a novice called Richard Sharp, who immediately impressed, so much so that we had to create some steeper hills just to provide him with a challenge. He went straight out and bought a car and competed in quite a lot of events in the late spring and autumn, winning the Green Class almost every time. I mention him in particular because, unusually for sporting trials, he won the Roderick Grey

Trial in Cumbria in November, in his first year, a tremendous achievement, a feat which marks him out as a star to watch in the future.

Another novice who has been doing well is rather better known in the BTRDA, Alastair Moffatt has purchased an old Facksimile and, as might be expected, has made his mark almost immediately. At the Mercian Trial he was notable for the volumes of smoke which practically obliterated his car on the sections, but just a couple of weeks later it was clean as a whistle at the Roy Fedden Trial. Regardless of smoke he was in the results right away, which was no surprise to those of us who have followed his career in other BTRDA sports, obviously another star to watch.

We imposed a controversial rule change for 2013, which I mentioned in previous copies of the News, namely the requirement to "Officiate" at one event each year. "Officiate" is defined as being one of the named officials, or marshalling on the day. The reasoning behind this is the need for more competitors to get involved with running of events, we are always short of marshals and Clerks of Course are becoming an endangered species! Under the rule only those who complied would be able to compete in the Final in January. It was obvious from the beginning that this would cause problems, particularly as we approached the end of the season. One might have thought that so many drivers would want to marshal at the last event that there would be no one left to compete! We did relax the rule somewhat during the year, allowing those who instructed at one of the Training Days to comply, and



**Ian Bell/Russell Sharp
in a Hamilton
Photo: Glenn Bennett**

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excusing Silver Star drivers from obeying the letter of the law, but even so it has caused problems for some. One difficulty is the fact that serious chasers of the MSA British Championship need to compete at every round to remain "in the hunt". This leaves the very few non-MSA rounds left for complying with the rule, and those can be geographically distant from one's address. Personally I believe strongly in the rule, and think it is the only way forward if we are to find the officials we need, bearing in mind that you cannot compete and officiate on the same event, as per the Blue Book. Not only that but the rule has been successfully employed by NPTCC in Cumbria and STCC in Northern Ireland for many years.

Talking of the British Championship, we have had a very close race this year, finally settled at the Roy Fedden Trial. Ian Bell and Russell Sharp's Hamilton and Thomas Bricknell's Crossle, with various passengers, have been neck and neck all year. For a while it looked as if Ian was the favourite, but his performances dropped off after the Pinford. It was only after the Fedden that he discovered a hairline crack in the intake plenum, causing the car to run lean at low throttle openings, which explained his problems. It was obvious at the Fedden that he was in trouble, and he finished an uncharacteristic 8th. If Ian is out of the top three there is usually something wrong. Taking advantage of the situation Thomas did not put a wheel wrong and pulled himself to the top the podium with one event to go, so congratulations Thomas and commiserations

Ian, thanks to both of you for showing us all how it should be done.

We have had quite a number of roll-overs in recent years, some resulting in injury, so the MSA Trials Committee are looking to see if anything can be done to improve safety. There have been a number of initiatives, we have tried modern section lower profile tyres, and looked at tyre pressures, we have also tested the existing alternative tyre the Toyo 330, but nothing practical has come of it so far. Consideration has been given to reducing maximum power in the larger engines, but some of the most prolific rollers over the years have used very low powered Imp engines. Two more initiatives are in the offing, we will be corner weighing the cars on a set of race scales, both laden and unladen, in full trialling mode at an event, and we will be trying some "shaved tyres" which will have a minimal tread depth, say 2mm. This is a low cost process used in some racing formulae where road tyres are a requirement. The stats produced by the weighing will be fascinating to analyse, particularly taking some of the dramatic differences in crew weights between teams into account!

That's all for now, remember the Final on the Welsh Border in January, and I look forward to seeing you all there or at the luncheon at the end of January.

Julian Fack

ST Short Event Reports

Charles Pollard - 29th September - Peterborough MC. - Uppingham. 23 starters & 23 finishers

This small site at Uppingham has a North facing slope which is just big enough for eight sections, and it provides a real challenge, as it is covered in slippery grass which does not dry out during the day, and large molehills all over which catch out the unwary with ease. Thomas Bricknell's very low score just goes to demonstrate his uncanny ability to search out and use what little grip is available.

1	Thomas Bricknell/Beth Carroll	Crosslé	1 st Red	8
2	Simon Kingsley/Jo Edwards	Crosslé		11
3	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton		17
9	Andy Wilks/Mark Smith	RCAP	1st Blue	42
16	Bryan Walker/Jackie Walker	Jedi	1 st Green	70

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John Southern Trial - 6th October - NPTCC - Firbank – Cumbria 25 starters & 19 finishers.

Firbank is the most southerly of the Lake District sites, and is only a few minutes off the M6. This year it dumped huge amounts of rain on the Saturday on the woods containing the site, but it just about stayed dry during the day. All the low hills round and about were covered in very low cloud, which looked threatening. The site itself was in perfect condition, damp throughout, and it did not dry. Ian Bell mastered the day with ease, but George Watson must have been very pleased with the performance of his new Hamilton, to come second overall.

1	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton	1 st Red	4
2	George Watson/Victoria Watson	Hamilton	1 st Blue	14
3	Julian Fack/Meg Marrion	Crosslé		14
8	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	1 st Green	34

Pete Fear Trial - 13th October - Ross & DMC - Pauntley - 24 starters & 23 finishers

The new site was excellent, with loads of space, and three separate types of terrain. There was a wooded section which was sandy, an area of mountain grass, which got more difficult as the day wore on, and some grazed meadow grass which became easier during the day. The site will improve as the club get to know it in future years. Roger Bricknell's passenger, Lorna Harrison, had paid for the privilege as part of a charity event.

1	Simon Kingsley/Jo Edwards	Crosslé	1 st Red	10
2	Tom Bricknell/Beth Carroll	Crosslé		12
3	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton		17
4	Andy Wilks/Mark Smith	RCAP	1 st Blue	17
17	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	1 st Green	63

Mercian Trial - 20th October - Coventry & Warks MC - Long Compton 24 starters & 23 finishers

The long track to the site was covered in huge puddles, some very deep, so we were worried about the conditions on the site itself, but in practice it was excellent, and the sections were all long and very testing but possible, a true test of driver skill, it was a master class in trials laying out skills. After showing some impressive climbs for a novice, Richard Sharp's Cartwright lost drive as its propshaft broke, and unusual reason to retire. The Mercian was also the Inter-Association Team event with just 4 teams entered

1	ASWMC 1 – Tom Bricknell, Duncan Stephens & Andy Wilks	total 105
2	AMMC 2 - Ian Bell, Peter Fensom and George Watson	total 147
3	AMMC 1 – Julian Fack, John Fack and Dave Oliver	total 186
4	ASWMC 2 – Roland Uglow, Josh Veale & Richard Robarts	total 195

1	Tom Bricknell/Beth Carroll	Crosslé	1 st Red	20
2	Ian Veale/Sandy Veale	Sherpa		25
3	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton		27
5	Jerome Fack/Jess Fack	SRB	1 st Blue	39
13	Alastair Moffatt/Gemma Price	Facksimile	1 st Green	77

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Stone Trough Trial - 27 October - Yorkshire SCC - Laycock, near Keighley 18 starters & 17 finishers

The compact site was wet and windy and it provided a good test of ability all day. Simon Kingsley was having a great day matching Ian Bell until the last hill when Ian snatched victory with an excellent climb which Simon did not match.

1	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton	1 st Red	36
2	Simon Kingsley/Matthew Kingsley	Crossle		38
3	Barry Hogg/Matthew Frith	Hamilton	1 st Blue	46
6	Bryan Walker/Mark Simpson	Jedi	1 st Green	66

November Sporting Trial - 3rd November - Sportingtrials.com - Otham, Kent 24 entries

One side of the valley was very dry, whilst the other was wet and slippery. The dry side was not very inspiring, but a heavily cross cambered section allowed the first car on to gain a huge advantage, and Josh Veale took it to win the trial. No one running later managed to match him. Josh's win in an old live axle Sherpa is a testament to his skills as an engineer and driver.

1	Josh Veale/James Washer	Sherpa	1 st Red	25
2	Ian Bell/Rusell Sharp	Hamilton		28
3	Richard Roberts/Beth Caroll	RB7	1 st Blue	28
9	Alastair Moffatt/Hamish Rowe	Facksimile	1 st Green	83

Roy Fedden Trial - 10th November - Bristol MC - Dyrham Wood - 28 entries

Very heavy rain had flooded the roads on the Friday night and the C of C was worried about the trial happening at all, but in fact the woods were in better condition than ever and the event was very enjoyable. Thomas Bricknell sealed his win in the MSA British Championship here, and Ian Bell had a torrid day by his standards to come 8th. A few days later he discovered an engine malady which explained his lack of form towards the end of the year.

1	Thomas Bricknell/Jason Daniel	Crossle	1 st Red	16
2	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crossle		30
3	Jerome Fack/Jo Edwards	MSR	1 st Blue	32
12	Alastair Moffatt/Paul Price	Facksimile	1 st Green	48



George & Victoria Watson
in a Hamilton
Photo: Glenn Bennett

Simon Kingsley
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Provisional Championship Table - Top Scorers

Name	Class	TOTAL	CHARLES POLLARD	JOHN SOUTHERN	PETER FEAR PINFORD	MERCIAN	STONE TROUGH	NOVEMBER SPORTING	ROY FEDDEN	OFFICIATED
Ian Bell	Red	379	[^] 28	30	28	28	30	29	[^] 23	25
Thomas Bricknell	Red	351	30		29	30		[^] 27	30	
Joshua Veale	Red	335	23		23	24		30	26	25
Simon Kingsley	Red	334	29	25	30		29	26		25
George Watson	Blue	308	[^] 17	29	25	[^] 19	24	25		22 25
Roland Uglow	Red	307	26		21	20			29	25
Andrew Wilks	Blue	294	22		27	21			21	25
Steve Courts	Red	283	20		18			23	15	25
Roger Bricknell	Red	236	25		24					25
John Cole	Green	212	12		11	13		19	12	25
Peter Fensom	Red	212	27		19	22			25	25
John Fack	Red	198	24			25				25
Duncan Stephens	Red	194				27				25
Barry Hogg	Blue	193	18	27			28			25
Richard Robarts	Blue	192				15		28	24	
Peter Mckinney	Red	191	14		26			24		25
Julian Fack	Red	188	21	28		23			c	25
Bryan Walker	Green	179	15	22			25			25
Paul Faulkner	Blue	159	19		15	16	27	20	18	25
Boyd Webster	Blue	157		21			21			
Ian Veale	Red	129			22	29			27	25
Richard Waterhouse	Blue	127		26			19			
Mike Readings	Blue	127			10	14			20	25
Dave Oliver	Blue	125	16			12		18		25
Jerome Fack	Blue	119				26			28	25
Dave Hailes	Green	118	11		8	11			9	25
Pat Henson	Blue	110			13	17	22		17	
Calvin Kneebone	Red	106							11	25
Michael Salton	Green	104		19			18			
Richard Sharp	Green	100	13	23	14	C				
Martin Grimwood	Blue	97								25
Robin Jager	Red	95		24						
Paul Price	Blue	94			17				14	25
Dave Rance	Red	87								25
Ian Wright	Red	85						c		25
Nick Speed	Blue	84			16				c	25
Alan Ede	Green	75			12				c	
Alastair Moffatt	Green	68			9	18		22	19	
David Zank	Green	65								25
Mike Wevill	Blue	63								
Ian Evitt	Blue	61								25

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Provisional Scores 2013

by Janet Darbyshire, Championship Co-ordinator

1	Tom Bricknell	Crosslé	145
2	Ian Bell	Hamilton	142
3	Josh Veale	Sherpa	117
4	Roland Uglow	Crosslé	113
5	George Watson	CAP/Hamilton	79
	Andy Wilks	RCAP	79
7	Steve Courts	Facksimile	75
8	Roger Bricknell	Facksimile	70
9	John Fack	MSR/X-Facktor	68
10	Simon Kingsley	Crosslé	66
11	Duncan Stephens	Crosslé	64
12	Peter Fensom	Crosslé	56
13	Richard Robarts	RB7	52
14	Peter McKinney	Crosslé	48
15	Julian Fack	Crosslé	45
16	Ian Veale	Sherpa	44
17	Ian Wright	Sherpa Indy	30
18	Jerome Fack	SRB/MSR	28
	Barry Hogg	Hamilton	28
20	John Cole	MJH	24
21	Nick Speed	Crosslé	22
22	Paul Faulkner	Sherpa Indy	17
	David Rance	Crosslé	17

24	Jon Moores	MSR 6	16
25	Pat Henson	Facksimile	15
26	Alastair Moffatt	Facksimile	14
	Robin Jager	Kincraft	14
28	Calvin Kneebone	Kincraft	12
29	Alan Ede	Kincraft	10
	Paul Price	CAP 5	10
	Dave Oliver	Facksimile	10
32	David Zank	Sherpa	9
	Kevin Judd	Sherpa	9
	Brian Thornton	Kincraft	9
35	Boyd Webster	Kincraft	8
	Andrew Bell	Hamilton	8
	Richard Waterhouse	Sherpa	8
38	Ian Evitt	Crosslé	7
39	Mike Readings	Sherpa Indy	6
	Steve Wicken	Concord	6
41	Mike Wevill	Crosslé	5
	Mike Baker	Crosslé	5
43	Bryan Walker	Jedi	4
44	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	3
45	Richard Thomas	Kincraft	1

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MIKE and HAZEL STEPHENS: Mike has been involved in BTRDA activities for over 40 years, primarily concerned with the Production Car Trial committee and was its champion many times over, but also as secretary to the Rallies committee during the period of greatest development of both road and special stage championships. Chairmanship of the Association was taken up in 1982, and only relinquished in 1988 to the more demanding role of General Secretary until 2004. Hazel has been in charge of the organisation of the AGM and Awards Presentation day since 1988, and between them, their household has looked after the distribution and posting of News and Clear Round since the early 1980's. They continue to be involved with various activities of the Association, including Rallycross, the Luncheon, book-keeping, News and Clear Round.

HOWARD WILCOCK: Howard joined the BTRDA Rally Committee in 1979 and has been involved with the BTRDA Rally Championships since 1987, firstly with the Clubmans Championship, and subsequently the Gold Star Championship, as Championship Co-ordinator. Throughout this period, his wholehearted commitment has been unstinting, his judgement and decisions taken about the format of the championship as a whole have been crystal clear, resulting in the Gold Star Championship being the pinnacle of clubman motorsport. He continues to be involved in the championship, and represents BTRDA on a number of MSA Committees

BRIAN MIDGLEY: Brian has been involved with BTRDA for over 40 years, principally associated with the production car trial world where he was committee chairman, and fierce competitor, for many of those years, whilst he was also responsible for the Association's awards for almost a decade. A constant and authoritative member of Council, he became a director of the Association upon its conversion to a Limited Company, and subsequently elected as President in 1989. His tenure of that position has seen the Association make great strides forward, both in its dealings with the MSA and in the motorsport world at large. His was the greatest contribution in the re-organisation of the Association into Holding, and Operational, companies that exist today.

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