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**Mike Stephens on his way to
3rd Overall on the Cymru Trial**

50 years after first winning the same event in 1964

Photo: Duncan Stephens

President's Notes Autumn 2014

Apart from the Sporting Trials brigade, who have just woken up from their summer slumbers and are back in action, all our Championships are reaching the sharp end of the year with most titles and classes yet to be decided.

One driver however, has settled three out of a possible four rally championships with time to spare. Matthew Robinson, in his immaculate Escort mark 2, has already won the BTRDA Silver Star, Historic Cup and MSA English titles and at the time of writing, leads the Gold Star Championship as well. Matthew, from Yorkshire, has now won the Silver Star Trophy 3 years running which has never been done before and the most amazing fact is that he is only in his 5th season of rallying. He really is a most impressive driver. Many congratulations to Matthew and his co-driver Sam Collis

Although we have 7 different motor sport disciplines under the BTRDA umbrella, well over half of our members compete on our Rally Championships. In 2014 we have seen an increase in both Forest and Asphalt registrations in what I believe to be a diminishing market. In business terms, we offer an attractive product at an affordable price. The trick is to evolve the series by listening and providing what our competitors want. We all owe a lot to Norman Robertson and his Rallies Committee that look after the Forest Series and Andrew Haill and his team for the Asphalt Series that over many years now have been the stabilising influence on these 2 successful Championships.

Do not under estimate the amount of work and travel that our Championship organisers do especially at this time of the year. Not only do they have to oversee the end of this year's events but by the end of September they have to finalise next year's Championships for approval by the MSA. All this work is done on a voluntary basis so that our members can go and enjoy their motor sport.

By the time the next edition of BTRDA News is printed we shall know our winners and will be able to print our calendars. The prize presentation season will be in full flood. Our awards presentation and AGM luncheon will be held on **Sunday 25th January 2015** at the National Motorcycle Museum near Birmingham at 11.00 for the AGM and 12.30 for the luncheon. Please make a note in your diary and even if you have not won a trophy, come along to support us - it's a super event with good food and great atmosphere of **Serious Fun**.

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ROBINSON'S BARELY WAITED!...

2012 & 2013 REIS BTRDA Silver Star® Rally Champion Matthew Robinson has wasted no time in making it a hat-trick of titles, putting himself into an unassailable lead after the minimum requirement of six rounds of this year's Series. With Sam Collis guiding the way in his ultra-quick Escort MkII, the Ripon driver began with a maximum on the Wyedean Forest Rally, followed it up with another one on the Malcolm Wilson and then, after settling for two second places, returned to his winning ways on the Rainworth Skoda Forest Rally. His fourth top score, which came on the Nicky Grist Stages, was enough to ensure that the Silver Star trophy would be staying where it was for at least another twelve months....

Just to rub salt in any open wounds, Robinson returned for the Woodpecker and came away from Ludlow with his fifth maximum score, leaving the door open for a 'full-house' - six maximums - before the season is out, a feat which Sam Collis has already achieved. So, along with Silver Star success comes the BTRDA Historic Cup® - seven maximums to date leaving the opposition wondering what hit them - and the MSA English Championship is also now beyond the reach of anyone else. Better hire a van for the Awards Evening, then!....

Oh, and while we're at it, we mustn't forget that their consistency and speed also see them at the top of the Gold Star® points table with two rounds to go. Now, that would be a coup - Gold & Silver in the same season! However, they won't need to be told that there are a number of others with designs on succeeding Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton to Gold Star glory. Nevertheless, as the Championship heads towards its conclusion, the situation is such that everyone still in with a shout of the title has plenty of work to do before the finish in Llandudno in October.

Let's start with Paul Bird & Aled Davies - having retired from the Somerset Stages, the early-season leaders then missed the Plains & Dukeries, but outright wins on both the Nicky Grist and Woodpecker Stages have put them back in the frame. However, they have left themselves no margin for error in the run-up to the finish - good runs on the Trackrod and Cambrian are required if the momentum is to be maintained. They will, no doubt, take some comfort from the knowledge that the same applies, to a greater or lesser degree, to their rivals.

Steve Perez & Paul Spooner have come out on top on the Somerset Stages and what turned out to be the 55th, and last, Dukeries Rally, but have had to give best to Bird/Davies on the past couple of outings. After a problematic day on the Plains, they could do with dropping that score and, ideally, replacing it with a better one but, as past Gold Star Champions, they don't need us to tell them what is required!

As a late starter - we didn't see him until the Somerset Stages in April - Dave Weston Jnr has four good scores to his credit, but now needs two more to keep him in the running. Ditto Luke Francis/John H Roberts - 3rd



Matthew Robinson/Sam Collis Nicky Grist Stages
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REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

overall on the Woodpecker, just two seconds ahead of Weston, elevates them into a possible trophy-winning position - copy and paste comments above regarding final two rounds!

Having conducted an outwardly seamless transition from their Focus to a Fiesta R5+ earlier in the season, Stephen Petch/Ian Windress's progress received something of a kick in the teeth when the 'new' car suffered a transmission failure during a test the day before the Woodpecker, resulting in a non-appearance on the event. Having contested all six prior to that, they were going to have to miss one at some point and, so a re-jig of the plans now requires their attendance at each of the last two. They have five scores, the lowest of which is a 26, and it goes without saying, therefore, that improving on that will necessitate considerable effort from all concerned....

Then, of course, we can't discount the Group N contingent - with all the thrills and spills occurring at the 'sharp' end, Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy's consistency put them into the lead of the Gold Star Championship for a while and, if it wasn't for Matthew Robinson, they'd still be there now! After the Woodpecker, they hold sway in the Production Cup® but are under pressure from Roland Llewelin/Jamie Edwards, Tom Naughton/Andi Mort, Toni Carannante/Martin Auskerin and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence, all of

whom could rain on their parade when it matters most!

Jon Ballinger/Mike Wilding are the 'Best of the Rest' in the BTRDA Silver Star® Championship, while third-placed Sacha Kakad/Andrew Price will be peering over their shoulders to see if the ever-present Nick Dobson/Steve Pugh or Sean Edwards/ Gavin Haycock are likely to overhaul them.

The battle to succeed Julian Wilkes/Will Rutherford-Child as Morris Lubricants BTRDA® 1400 Champions is coming to the boil as drivers Ryan Weston and Marcel Freling find themselves on equal points. Their respective co-drivers, Mark McCulloch and Karen Robinson, are similarly 1st & 2nd, but a few points apart. Dan Gray/Matt Rogers are within spitting distance in third while, although Mat Smith/Giles Dykes are further down the order with only four scores, three of them are maximums....

After seven rounds, the BTRDA Rally First® Championship is finely balanced. Rory Jones/Tom Hughes are 'Kings of the Castle', from Sam Bilham/Graham Wild and Carl Davies/Richard Jones. However, it is from further down the table that Jones/ Hughes could be usurped - Nick Carr/Joe Sturdy, Neil Andrew/Dom Adams and James West/Steve Eggington are 4th, 5th & 6th respectively but, unlike those ahead of them, each has a score in hand. There's plenty more to be sorted here before anybody starts singing - fat or otherwise!

Full details of the 2014 REIS BTRDA Rally Series, incorporating the Gold Star, Silver Star, Morris Lubricants 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



Sacha Kakad/Andrew Price
Woodpecker Stages
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REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

REIS Gold Star Championship

REIS Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Matthew Robinson	145*
2	Russ Thompson	144*
3	Steve Perez	138
4	Stephen Petch	137
5	Paul Bird/ Roland Llewellyn	119/*
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Sam Collis	151*
2	Andy Murphy	148*
3	Paul Spooner	139*
4	Ian Windress	138
5	Jamie Edwards	123*

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Matthew Robinson	178*
2	Jon Ballinger	150
3	Sacha Kakad	125
4	Nick Dobson	121
5	Sean Edwards	119
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Sam Collis	180*
2	Mike Wilding	155
3	Andrew Price	128
4	Gavin Haycock	121
5	Steve Pugh	117



	Overall Driver	Points
1	Ryan Weston	143*
2	Marcel Freling	143
3	Dan Gray	134
4	Matthew Smith	118
5	Clive Anstey	118*

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Mark McCulloch	148*
2	Karen Robinson	145
3	Matt Rogers	134
4	David Auden	123
5	Timothy Currie	122*



Rory Jones/Tom Hughes
Nicky Grist Stages
Photo: Ralliphotowales

Marcel Frehling/Karen Robinson
Woodpecker Stages
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Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Matthew Robinson	124	Sam Collis	121
Neil Andrew	97	Dominic Adams	97
Rory Jones	92	Steven Eggington	93
Marcel Freling	90	Karen Robinson	92
Sacha Kakad	87	Tom Hughes	88

The Historic Cup



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Matthew Robinson	120*	Sam Collis	120*
Sean Edwards	81	Gavin Haycock	82
Rex Ireland	64	Gavin Heseltine	55

The *BTRDA* Rally First Challenge



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Rory Jones	173	Tom Hughes	172
Sam Bilham	151	Graham Wild	155
Carl Davies	151*	Richard Jones	153*

The *BTRDA* Production Cup



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Russ Thompson	103*	Andy Murphy	105*
Roland Llewelin	84*	Jamie Edwards	87*
Tom Naughton	79	Andrew Mort/ Martin Auskerin	80

The MG ZR Rally Challenge



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Rory Jones	120	Tom Hughes	120
Marcel Freling	118	Karen Robinson	118
Richard Gemmell	107	David Auden	100

All results are shown following The Woodpecker Stages *Best 6 from 8 to count





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COLE FIRES WARNING SHOT OVER EPYNT!...

Three rounds of the REIS MSA Asphalt Championship have taken place since the last issue of BTRDA News was unleashed and now, with just two more to go, the situation at the sharp end is getting quite tense!

Consistency - five starts/five finishes - had put John Stone/Carl Williamson into the lead of the series in their Skoda Fabia WRC, but absence from the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally over August Bank Holiday weekend due to an important family birthday saw them demoted to second. Taking over at the top were Damian Cole/Elliott Edmondson (Ford Focus WRC) whose win on the Mewla gave them their third maximum score and, as Cole chases his fifth consecutive Asphalt Championship title, puts them in a strong position as the season draws towards its conclusion.

However, nothing is ever that simple and, in spite of two consecutive retirements on the ALMC & Tyneside Stages, early season leaders - and maximum points scorers on the Jim Clark - Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh (Subaru Impreza WRC) could still thwart Cole's attempt to extend his run of success still further. Although they won't appreciate the reminder, the pressure is on for both crews and, from a casual onlooker's perspective, it has all the makings of a nail-biting finale!

Two more crews who have taken maximum scores this season, but due to retirements or

absence from other events do not feature in the upper reaches of the points tables, are Jason Pritchard/Phil Clarke whose Focus WRC was victorious on the Isle of Man and Peter Taylor/Andrew Roughead who, having shown potential on other events only for something to go wrong, finally came good on the Tyneside Stages, putting their Fiesta S2400 to the top of the timesheets on Otterburn.

Stone/Williamson still stand every chance of taking a podium spot and, come what may, the Skoda's reliability will have given them one of their most successful seasons for quite a while. After putting their new car off the road on Epynt in March, Alex Laffey/Jack Morton's graduation to a Fiesta R5+ this year has seen them settle into it and post a string of good results. The highlight so far has been 5th overall on the ALMC Stages and that, along with four other finishes, currently sees them in 3rd place in the table. Even so, they, too, still have work to do if they are to maintain their position - see above!

David Tinn's first full season in the Asphalt Championship in his Proton Millington has seen the former circuit racer's results improve event-by-event. As a measure of that improvement, contrast 27th overall on his first time on Epynt in March with 7th place on the recent Mewla over similar territory! His cause has also been helped by a 100% finishing record which, in his case, stretches to six events.

We now move into two-wheel drive territory and, following his fourth place on the Mewla, Simon Mauger (Escort MkII) inherits top spot which was left vacant by Darren Atkinson/Phil Sandham who walked away from a huge accident in their Escort on the Tyneside Stages. The home-built car stood up very well to the impact but, as the saying goes, it'll take more than a tin of T-Cut to put things right! Also Escort-mounted, Keith Robathan is contesting his first full Championship since the late 90s and has been



Andy Hawkins/Peter Littlefield Mewla Rally.
Photo: Ralliphotowales

enjoying a degree of success - that is if you discount the Mewla when his progress was halted by a broken brake calliper. Still 8th overall, the Aberdeen resident is holding off the attentions of Darren & Sue Underwood's Nova by a single point.

The Top Ten is completed by John Indri whose season has been just like the curate's egg - good in parts. The acquisition of an Impreza WRC during the winter to replace his trusty Darrian T90 GTR brought forth a good result on the Tour of Epynt, but then DNFs on both the Manx National and Jim Clark set the Essex driver's season back somewhat. Giving the first of the Championship's visits to Ireland a miss, John and co-driver Peter James returned for the Tyneside Stages and came away with a very respectable 5th overall. Even so, it was back to the Darrian for the Mewla - John had finished runner-up in 2013 - and 3rd, behind the battling Cole and Simpson, was just reward for their efforts - but where to now?

Once again, the Millington Rear-Wheel Drive Challenge has struck a chord with Asphalt Championship contenders - 25 drivers have scored points and it is only after his finish on the Mewla that Simon Mauger has moved into the lead. Darren Atkinson is next while 3rd placed Keith Robathan is handily placed to upset the apple cart. On paper, Phil Sandham could be caught for the co-drivers' title but his reappearance in the Championship this season

is, at best, unlikely!

With just the two events left to run, the Underwoods - Darren & Sue - have already made quite sure not only of the AB Motorsport Front-Wheel Drive Challenge, but also Class B10. Elsewhere in the classes, David Earthy's Citroen C2R2 is safe in A6 and similarly, in spite of his early exit from the Mewla when his Nova's engine developed a liking for fresh air, Ian Barnard had already done enough to secure B9 and the Fuchs Titan Race award of £500 worth of support towards his 2015 campaign.

Class B11 is to be fought out between Andy Hawkins' Golf and the Escorts of Martin Hodgson and Paul Doroszczuk while, as with the Millington Challenge, B12 will go to either Simon Mauger or Keith Robathan. B13, meanwhile, still has four crews scrapping over top honours - David Hardie/John McCulloch (Impreza) have the edge over Jim Sharp/Craig Wallace (Lancer EVO9), but the Metro 6R4 of Simon Chapman/Michael Calvert and Adrian Spencer/Mark Hewitt's Impreza are also within striking distance.

As with any event taking place on MoD land, the date of the final round of the Asphalt Championship, the Cheviot Keith Knox Stages Rally, is governed by the MoD themselves. This year the organisers have been given 9th November and so, after the visit to Wexford in mid September, any unfinished business will have to wait until then!

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

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David Earthy/Claire Williams Mewla Rally.
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Championship Positions Following Round 6 Mewla Rally

Overall Positions

	Drivers	
1	Damian Cole	146
2	John Stone	131
3	Alex Laffey	118
4	Steve Simpson	112
5	David Tinn	107

	Co-Drivers	
1	Elliott Edmondson	146
2	Carl Williamson	134
3	Jack Morton	125
4	Patrick Walsh	115
5	Sue Underwood	100

AB Motorsport FWD Challenge

1	Darren Underwood	72
2	David Earchy	34
3	Ian Barnard	31

1	Sue Underwood	72
2	Maria Rayner	30
3	Peredur Davies	25

Millington Rear Wheel Drive Challenge

1	Simon Mauger	57
2	Darren Atkinson	51
3	Keith Robathan	49

1	Phil Sandham	57
2	Jonathan Hawkins	36
3	Peter Grant	32

Class Leaders

N3	Carwyn Watkins	15
N4	Rob Tout	30
A6	David Earchy	57
A7	Neil Simpson	15
A8	Steve Simpson	54
B9	Ian Barnard	45
B10	Darren Underwood	72
B11	Andy Hawkins	44
B12	Simon Mauger	57
B13	David Hardie	42
B14	Damian Cole	72

N3	-	
N4	Daniel Holley	30
A6	Maria Rayner	27
A7	-	
A8	Patrick Walsh	57
B9	Maria Rayner/ Richard Suter/ Jim Lewis	15
B10	Sue Underwood	72
B11	Tony Jones	39
B12	Phil Sandham	57
B13	John McCulloch	42
B14	Elliott Edmondson	72



**Keith Robathan/
Den Golding
Mewla Rally.**

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BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

Now the summer break is over our season has restarted quite well in some ways. The good news is we have decent levels of entries in the few events that have run so far, in particular the Cornish Trials weekend which attracted thirty drivers to the Robin Alexander, back at it's traditional site on Roland Uglov's farm at Delabole. It was a superb day, mostly sunny and the site looked wonderful as usual, overlooking the sea, surely the best view in trialling?

John Fack has finally got the MSR working to his liking, and it shows in the results, he won both days in Cornwall to improve his chances of closing in on Ian Bell in the MSA British Championship, although Ian Bell still has a big lead.

The bad news as ever is the fact that so many of our clubs are losing personnel to run our events, as a result we look like losing a few trials from our calendar before Christmas. Although Peterborough MC will be running the Charles Pollard (traditionally known as the Warco) at Uppingham in late September, London CC have dropped out but 750MC Western Region look like taking over the Gloucester on it's traditional date in early December. The November Sporting is looking doubtful. The old YSCC Stone Trough, which disappeared for so many years has been brought back due to the efforts of Martin Grimwood on a small site at Laycock near Keighley, which has its limitations, but I hear that he has located a new site nearby with

great potential.

We will be running another Trials Training Day on the superb Long Compton site the day before Coventry and Warwick MC's Mercian Trial. These have been very successful lately, hopefully the trend will continue. These days have evolved from being solely safety training for newcomers to encompassing both that and marketing for the sport at the same time. We invite those who want a "taster" to see if Sporting Trials is for them or not. Early this year we had one participant who said he enjoyed the day but it was not his scene, but on reflection went out and bought a trials car a couple of weeks later. The participants all seem to enjoy the days and the feedback is universally good, which must help to lay a foundation for the future.

Talking of the future, having retired after too many years as Chair of the Committee a while ago, I was brought back as a temporary chair two years ago. I said I would only do it until my 70th birthday, and after that they would need to find someone younger. Those years have all but gone, and I will be retiring after the Final in January. I understand a couple of names have come forward to take over but nothing is sorted yet. I have no doubt things will work out for the best, as I feel most strongly that we need new blood and new ideas to help run things. The MSA have a good rule, brought in during my time there, that Chairmen serve a maximum of three stints of three years, after that they must stand down, I think this is the right way to ensure up to date thinking and lay foundations for the future.

Talking of the Committee I must thank those who have given so much time over the years and who have stepped down, as well as those who have joined recently. Duncan Stephens has served for many years and continues to do so on the MSA Trials Committee, and his expertise has been invaluable, as might be expected from the only driver to have won the BTRDA Allrounders Championship since the year 2000! Martin Grimwood has joined recently and he is a wise head representing the North, I have already mentioned



John Fack/Andy Egger , MSR,
at the Robin Alexander Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

his sterling efforts to bring back the Stone Trough Trial, whose premier award is a superb mini trough carved out of stone mounted on a wooden plinth.

We have a tyre problem yet again! Our most popular tyre, the Vredestein T-Trak has been superseded by a new T-Trak2, which is not yet available in our size, if ever. There are run-out stocks available, but who knows how long they will last. The Toyo 330, which is the other tyre on our approved list, is still available, but Toyo have announced the 350 as its successor, so even that is on notice, presumably. The 350 is available in our size, but will need careful testing before we can approve it. The problem with new tyres is that whatever the tread looks like, the grip seems to get better and better, the last thing we need. If you have any doubts about that statement, take a look at modern motorcycle rear tyres, the high performance ones are virtually slick. The good news however is that there seem to be plenty of 165/80 x 15 tyres on the market. At one time these looked like vanishing apart from very expensive classic car tyres, but that threat seems to have gone for now.

One subject for debate must be the continuing forward march of the modern independent suspension cars with rear mounted transmissions. A look at the results from any

Championship trial will show how dominant they have become. The question is should we try to accommodate the older live axle cars more fairly? There are good drivers who do well in live axle cars, such as Steve Courts, Josh Veale and Roger Bricknell, but there are those who feel that we need to give them a helping hand in some way. Possible solutions include a reduced tyre pressure allowance, as tried in Northern Ireland a few years ago, or some kind of "index" applied to the scores, or a class for live axle cars. The 1 psi tyre pressure allowance tried in Northern Ireland worked fine until good drivers and engineers took advantage and created well driven modern live axle cars with clever suspension, and really good engines. The result was they won the championship using the advantage, which did not help the owners of older live axled cars.

The Gold and Silver Star Final will take place at the Northern Phoenix's huge site at Gale Hall above Penrith on January 10th, followed by the Dinner Dance at North Lakes Hotel in Penrith. As usual we will be crossing our fingers for suitable weather. Last time we were at Gale Hall there was a major storm on the Sunday following Saturday's trial and as the site is at altitude it would almost certainly have been impossible to run that day. In case you are thinking "why not stay South?" I would remind you that the Final at Crewkerne just a few years ago came very close to cancellation due to snow blocking the access roads, and after a Final in Cornwall some drivers spent most of the following day stuck on the motorway due to blizzards on their way home. Basically we risk cancellation at around the turn of the year, but so far we seem to get away with it.

Hoping to see you on the hills this autumn,

Julian Fack



Ian Bell/Russell Sharp, Hamilton
Current MSA & BTRDA Championship leaders
Photo: Duncan Stephens

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

ST Short event reports

Robin Jager Trial, 14th September, Gale Hall, Melmerby, NPTCC, 18 entries

The usual Gale Hall site saw Robin Jager compete in his last trial, after 56 years in the sport, and he finished in an excellent 10th place in a live axled car. A small entry for the season opener saw local expert Andrew Woodhead and Karen Briggs decimate the field in his locally built Jedi, and Peter and Liz Fensom must have been pleased for his maiden outing in the ex Andy Bell Hamilton to come second,

well clear of Simon & Matt Kingsley in 3rd. Championship leader Ian Bell with Russell Sharp and George and Victoria Watson both drove out of sections for expensive scores, dropping both out of contention. Richard & Joe Sharp have been amassing trophies in the Green Class since he started the sport and this was no exception with a 9th place. There were no Blue Class runners.

1 st	Andrew Woodhead	Jedi	10	1 st Club Class
2 nd	Peter Fensom	Crossle	21	1 st Red
3 rd	Simon Kingsle	Crossle	33	2 nd Red
9 th	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	47	1 st Green.

Robin Alexander Trial, 20th September, Delable, Cornwall, Camel Vale MC, 30 entries

Top competitor Roland Uglow's site on the North Cornish coast with views over the sea looked, and was, in top form on this sunny but breezy day. John Fack picked up Andy Egger at the last minute as passenger in the MSR for the day as Maxine was not feeling well, and proceeded to take the win by the smallest of margins. After a few years of development he seems to have the car working to his liking and it shows in the results. Championship leader Ian Bell with Russell Sharp in the Hamilton lost

out by just one mark in the tight contest. Landowner Roland Uglow, with his usual passenger Laura Wilks took 3rd on the same very low score, and Josh Veale with James Washer, who works wonders with his old live axled Sherpa took a splendid 5th. An unusual situation lower down saw regular Green winners Richard and Joe Sharp's Cartwright narrowly beat Blue Class winner Bryan & Jackie Walker's Jedi by just one point.

1 st	John Fack	MSR	2	1 st Red
2 nd	Ian Bell	Hamilton	3	2 nd Red
3 rd	Roland Uglow	Crossle	3	3 rd Red
9 th	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	11	1 st Green
10 th	Brian Walker	Jedi	12	1 st Blue

David Ayers Trial, 21st September, Marshgate Cornwall, Launceston & NCMC, 30 entries

John Fack's Cornish built MSR passengered by Duncan Stephens cleared all but two hills on a hot sunny dry day on the very bumpy washboard surface topped with lush grass, which proved a challenge for many, to narrowly beat lunchtime leader Thomas Bricknell & Beth Carroll's Crossle. Andy Wilks & Mark Smith in the RCAP rounded out a superb weekend to take third. Roger & Julia Bricknell had an excellent day to finish fifth in the ancient live

axled Facksimile, after a torrid day with an undriveable car the day before at Delabole. Julian Fack sorted the recalcitrant throttle linkage for him in the paddock before the start to allow Roger to show his usual trickling skills to great effect. Peter McKinney & Zoe Chilton's Crossle won the Blue class in an excellent 4th overall. Richard & Joe Sharp yet again dominated the Green Class, finishing 13th.

1 st	John Fack	MSR	8	4 th	Peter McKinney	Crossle	13
2 nd	Thomas Bricknell	Crossle	9	13 th	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	25
3 rd	Andy Wilks	RCAP	10				

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship



2014 MSA British Championship

Provisional Scores

following the David Ayres Trial

by Janet Darbyshire, Championship Co-ordinator

* Best 9 scores

Pos:	Name	Car	Total
1	Ian Bell	Hamilton	108
2	John Fack	MSR	80
3	Andy Wilks	RCAP	68
4	George Watson	Hamilton	65
5	Roland Uglow	Crossle 80T	59
6	Steve Courts	Facksimile	43
	Simon Kingsley	Crosslé	43
8	Josh Veale	Sherpa	39
9	Thomas Bricknell	Crosslé	37
10	Ian Wright	Sherpa Indy	34
	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	34
	Peter McKinney	Crossle 80T	34
13	Duncan Stephens	Crossle	33
14	Peter Fensom	Crossle	26
15	Paul Price	CAP	24
16	Julian Fack	Crossle	23
17	Mike Readings	Sherpa Indy	22
18	Paul Faulkner	Sherpa Indy	19
19	Richard Roberts	RB7	18
20	David Rance	Crossle	16
21	Ian Veale	Sherpa	12

22	Barry Hogg	Hamilton	11
	Roger Bricknell	Facksimile	11
24	Martin Grimwood	Crossle	9
25	Bryan Walker	Jedi	8
26	Robin Jager	Kincraft	7
27	John Cole	MJH MR3	6
	Jerome Fack	SRB	6
	Brian Thornton	Kincraft	6
30	Alastair Moffatt	Facksimile	5
	Dave Zank	Sherpa	5
	Stephen Wicken	Concord	5
	David Morris	SRB	5
	Jon Moores	MSR	5
	Nick Speed	Crossle	5
36	Mike Baker	Crosslé	4
	Mark Milne	Crosslé	4
	Dave Oliver	Facksimile	4
39	Stuart Beare	Sherpa Indy	3
40	Dave Hailes	Facksimile	2
41	Neil Cromey	Sherpa	1



Clockwise from top left:
 Alan Ede/Chrissie Dawe,
 Mike Readings/Carole Greening,
 Jon Moores/A Rendell
 Photos: Duncan Stephens

BTRDA[®] Allrounders Championship

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ALLROUNDERS – THREE QUARTERS WAY ROUND

I'll start with the good news that our association has again increased its membership this year, with our rally series group exceeding 700, the balance covering our other disciplines, plus a small group of currently non-competing members who just like to be in the loop of what is happening in BTRDA. The rejuvenated clubmans rallycross championship, which is geared to providing a lower cost approach to the sport, is attracting new and returnees to a sport which the BTRDA has been involved with since the mid 1970s. The final round is at Blyton Park, nr Gainsborough on 30th November. Will we see you there?

As the end of September draws near, our competitive calendar is drawing to a close, with only around 20 BTRDA and a few speed events left for our allrounders to use to qualify for the awards. Two championships, car trials and autotest, are almost complete. The car trial final is at Catton park, nr Burton on Trent on the 5th October. Helping with marshalling is good fun and you can see the various skills required to do well in this low cost discipline. In Sporting Trials it is often said you can hear the skill !!! The organisers will always be pleased to see you and even more delighted if you can offer to help.

Now who is doing well in this years allrounders, well with 21 registered 19 have scored points and currently 4 have qualified for the awards.

Roger Holder is leading from Liam Rollings (currently leading for the DAVIJON trophy) who is in front of Martin Mackenzie with Richard Yapp in fourth place. We expect more to qualify.

Roger and Martin have sometimes shared cars, mainly a Toyota and have also had the use of John Moffatt's well set up Nova for car trials. Our returnee Liam Rollings was second in 2009 and also won the DAVIJON Trophy for using the one car in all events. This year Liam added an Autocross for his 3rd Group sport. Other contenders please

note! This has elevated him to second place. Martin and Richard will no doubt shuffle about a little before the close of business.

So who are the dark horses? When Jamie Yapp attains his 6th score, he would rocket well up the points table to challenge the current top three positions. Simon Harris, our hard working Association Secretary and longtime supporter of the Championship, could well qualify but needs a third Group. Dave Allman has Co-driven on forest rally, car trialed sharing with our Association's new Treasurer Tim Beard, and will, we are told, be adding an Autosolo. Then there is Lee Matthews, a resident of Anglesey, with points from four Groups. He needs just one more event from any Group. With scores from four events, AutoSOLO and Speed, we have John Fox and Jess Fack and I expect a late attack from them. Sporting trials have been very useful to Jess in past years of Allrounders. Nick Pollitt and Stuart Perren are also on four events and needing to incorporate another Group in their last two events. So a few of you lurking about just under the radar. Some may have left it a little late to attain those six events to qualify for the end of year awards, but all is not yet lost. One year Committee Member Adrian Read started his campaign in the August and still managed to qualify.



Stuart Perren pictured here at a sunny Curborough.
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The points table is below and will be on the BTRDA web site, www.btrda.com. We hope

the rest of you who can, will try to qualify for the end of season awards. But how keen are you? Or have you left it too late?



Duncan Wild at a very wet Hartlepool
Photo: Nic Ayre

We were sad to learn of the recent death of ex-contender Pat Flynn and send our sincere condolences to his family and friends. Pat had one of the highest individual event points scored in the history of Allrounders with 19.65 at a Blyton Rallycross in May 2002.

That's it for now, hope to see some of you out and about at the last few events of the year.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport
Phil D



REIS BTRDA Allrounders Championship

Provisional Overall Scores to 16th September 2014

Name	Score	Group	TOTAL										
Roger Holder	17.50	A	16.67	A	17.14	A	16.67	B	18.18	H	17.78	H	103.94
Liam Rollings	17.14	A	10.00	A	8.57	G	16.67	H	16.67	H	16.67	H	85.72
Martin MacKenzie	5.71	A	8.00	A	12.73	B	13.33	B	14.55	H	11.11	H	65.43
Richard Yapp	10.00	A	6.67	A	14.78	G	14.67	G	9.09	H	6.67	H	61.88
Jamie Yapp	16.67	E	19.17	G	18.67	G	12.73	H	13.33	H			80.57
John Fox	18.26	G	17.33	G	15.00	H	16.67	H					67.26
Simon Harris	17.14	B	16.92	B	17.50	B	8.00	H	5.45	H			65.01
Nick Pollitt	17.14	B	16.67	B	16.00	B	13.33	G					63.14
Lee Matthews	2.86	A	13.33	B	13.33	B	14.55	C	13.33	H			57.40
John Moffatt	18.57	B	18.46	B	18.00	B							55.03
David Allman	10.00	B	10.91	B	12.00	B	8.57	C*	11.82	C*			53.30
Stuart Perren	11.43	A	11.43	A	11.11	A	16.00	F					49.97
Dave Walker	10.91	B	10.00	B	16.36	B							37.27
Duncan Wild	12.50	A	16.00	A	8.00	A							36.50
Neil Bye	3.33	C*	13.33	D*	14.29	D*							30.95
Mike Bailey	11.43	D*	12.50	D*									23.93
Tommi Graham	11.43	D	12.50	D									23.93
Jess Fack	4.32	G	5.33	G	7.50	H	6.67	H					23.82
Helen Perren	8.57	A	6.00	A	6.67	A							21.24

A - Autotest B - Car Trials C - Forest Rally D - Asphalt Rally E - Rallycross
 F - Sporting Trials G - Speed H - AutoSOLO

* Indicates Rally Co-driver *Names in italics indicates Davijon score*



BTRDA[®] Clubmans Rallycross Championship

“Devonshire’s best put on a show at Pembrey”

Round 4 of the 2014 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship took place at the Pembrey Circuit on August 17th and it was two drivers from Devon who put on a show and stole class honours. Andy Grant (Barnstable) stormed to victory in both the Supercar class and the overall Superfinal and Allan Tapscott (High Bickington) who won the Super Modified class.

On a warm sunny and dusty day 30 of the UK’s top Rallycross drivers descended on the Pembrey Circuit and although it wasn’t the biggest entry seen this year, the racing in all classes was extremely close. Also for the first time ever seen within Rallycross in the UK the event organisers ran 4 qualification heats throughout the day, which was well received by all the drivers, giving them even more track time.

The **Supercar** class despite only having 2 starters was a close run affair throughout the day, with Andy Grant (Ford Focus) being pushed all the way to victory by Simon Horton (Subaru Impreza).

The extremely popular and entertaining **Super Modified** class again provided some of the best racing throughout the day. The entry was boosted by two returnees from Ireland, Tommy Graham (Ford Escort Zakspeed) and Kieran Curran (Vauxhall Corsa) who ran each other very close through the heats. The racing in this

class was fierce all day with a mixed array of machinery trying to take pole position for the A Final. In the end it was Irishman Tommy Graham who put himself on pole for the A final, with Allan Tapscott in the middle of the front row and Kieran Curran on the outside. In the B final it was Marty Hawkes who won after 4 very close laps trying to fend off the battling Ashley Walton.

When the lights went out at the start of the A final it was Allan Tapscott who made the best start and for 4 laps was chased all the way to the flag by Tommy Graham, in the end only winning by three-thousandths of a second. Guy Corner (Peugeot 206) came home in 3rd place after having a great battle with Kieran Curran and Gary Cook (MG ZR). Other finishers in the A final were Tony Lynch (BMW Mini), Sean McAdden (Corsa) and the two drivers who made it through from the B Final, Ashley Walton (C2) and Marty Hawkes (Suzuki Swift). Unfortunately Newcastle’s Brian Jukes (Audi TT), blew his engine as he crossed the line and was classified 10th in the A final.

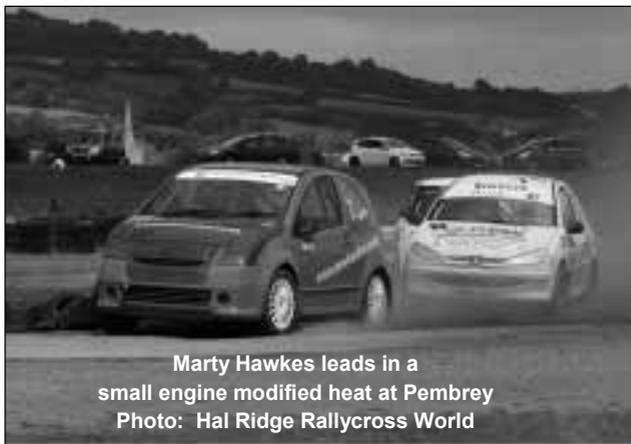
The entry level class into the BTRDA Championship the **Production** class again provided the biggest entry of the weekend with 15 cars taking to the grid. Current Overall Championship and Production class leader Chris Harper didn’t have things his own way in the heats and after 2 heats was facing the

prospect of only a B Final start, however strong results in the remaining 2 heats meant an 8th place start on the A Final grid. The racing throughout the 4 heats was extremely close but in the end it was Round 1 winner John Lyne who put himself on pole position for the A Final. The first 2 finishers in the B Final were Steve Kemp (Peugeot 106) and Barry Dutton (Renault Megane) who took their places on the back row of the A Final.



Tony Lynch out in front in his
Lucas Oils BMW Mini at Pembrey
Photo: Hal Ridge Rallycross World

BTRDA[®] Clubmans Rallycross Championship



Marty Hawkes leads in a small engine modified heat at Pembrey
Photo: Hal Ridge Rallycross World

who came out on top claiming his first ever victory in Rallycross. He was joined on the podium by Paul Davis who had his best ever result and John Lyne in 3rd place. Championship leader Chris Harper managed a good result coming home in 4th place and was pushed all the way to the flag by B Final winner Steve Kemp.

The only starter in the **Classic Mini** class was championship returnee Martin Knowles who had lots of fun racing with the production class and picked up maximum points for his efforts.

The Production A Final started with carnage at the first corner with pole sitter John Lyne being hit from behind by Ryan Stutchbury putting him into a spin and a bizarre incident involving Barry Dutton saw his car steer straight on into the crash barrier, sustaining substantial damage to the car. The red flags subsequently came out and the grid had to reform for another start. The re-run final was a close run race and in the end it was local driver Jeff Hope-Davies

Round 5 of the Championship takes place at the Croft Circuit on November 16th, followed by the final round of the Championship which is at the Blyton Circuit on November 30th (Double Points).

John Rook
Rallycross Committee

Pat Flynn

It is with a sense of loss that the BTRDA sees the passing of Pat Flynn. For as long as most people can remember Pat has been bouncing around, bubbling over with ideas and projects to encourage more people to compete in motorsport and numerous competitors have arisen from both the 205 and BMW series he created. It always seemed that if one ventured out to marshal, spectate, service or compete you would bump into Pat along the way and he would continue to enthuse about his projects and ideas for growing our sport.

In addition to rallying, he developed a love of rallycross and the words of Bill Skermer are a fitting summary.

"Pat was a larger than life character in Rallycross, a gifted driver competing in our Stockhatch Class in his 205, and returning to us in his BMW (rwd) in the Modified Class.

Pat has passed his gift and passion on to the next generation as his son Connor competed in Junior Rallycross as a stepping stone for his future rallying exploits."

The thoughts of all of the BTRDA go out to his family.



BTRDA[®] Clubmans Rallycross Championship

2014 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship Provisional Points to Round 3

Overall Championship	
Chris Harper	87
Jeff Hope-Davies	86
Kieran Curran (Ire)	85
Guy Corner	27
Allan Tapscott	30
Supermodified Overall Championship	
Kieran Curran (Ire)	85
Guy Corner	85
Allan Tapscott	77
Brian Jukes	69
Tony Lynch	65
Production Overall Championship	
Chris Harper	87
Jeff Hope-Davis	86
Steve Gaunt	68
Gareth Softley	67
Paul Davies	64

Super Modified 2101cc+ Class	
Guy Corner	100
Brian Jukes	89
Allan Tapscott	81
Super Modified 1601 to 2100cc Class	
Sean McAdden	94
Gary Cook	61
Phillip Kelly	52
Super Modified up to 1600cc Class	
Larry Carter	107
Rob Scott	98
Kieran Curran	94
Production 1601cc to 2000cc Class	
Gareth Softley	120
Ashley Barney-Kemp	98
Barry Dutton	79
Production up to 1600cc 16V Class	
Chris Harper	90
Jeff Hope-Davis	88
Steve Gaunt	75
Production up to 1600cc 8V Class	
Ryan Stutchbury	100
Leigh Hickey	90
Steve Kemp	84
Classic Mini Class	
Craig Truelove	20
Martin Knowles	20
BTRDA Clubman Supercar Class	
Andy Grant	91
Simon Horton	84

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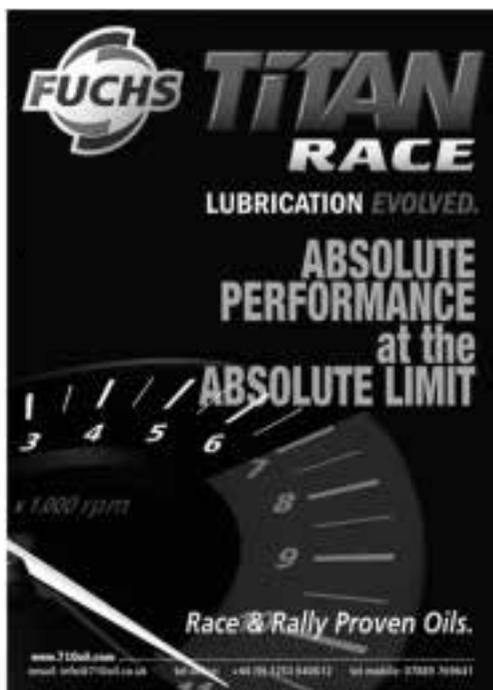
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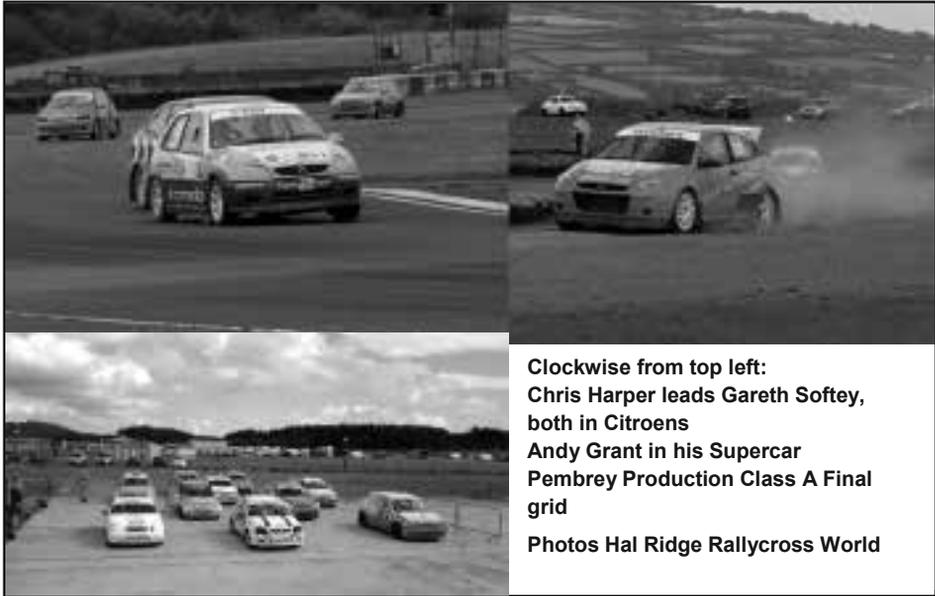
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Clockwise from top left:
 Chris Harper leads Gareth Softey,
 both in Citroens
 Andy Grant in his Supercar
 Pembrey Production Class A Final
 grid

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Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

From The Hot Seat

When I wrote my last article we were at the halfway point in the Championship and now it's all decided. Although down on competitor numbers this year, it's been one of the hardest fought and closest for many years and as we went into the last round Richard Pinkney (Caterham 7) and Paul Fobister (Haigh Special) were on equal points. The Loughborough Car Club band ventured north east to Blyton Park for the final round of the BTRDA and MSA Championships to a venue more familiar to our Rallycross colleagues. Fortunately they decided to stick to using only the black stuff and laid on some excellent tests find out who would become the 2014 Champion.

At the end of the day Richard secured the Gold Star Championship, along with the MSA title, for the second year running, by taking FTD and beating Paul by just 2 points with Dave Evans (Blitz) 3rd. Paul's cause not being helped by the rare appearance of Alastair Moffatt (Mini

Special) in his class, although an excellent performance by Malcolm Livingston (Lindsay Special) nearly managed to prevent Richard from scoring maximum points. Dave Cook (Micra), who professes not to like front wheel drive, took the Silver Star Championship in front of Rob Rolston (Mini) and the well-deserved Bronze Star went to a Warren Gillespie (Nova) from his compatriot Willie Keating (Nova), who are leading in a revival of Scottish Autotesting, with Toby Cook (Micra) just 1 point behind.

Classes were won by Rob Rolston, Dave Cook, Richard Pinkney, Paul Fobister (who also took the Jubilee "over 45s" class), Richard Yapp (MX5), Toby Cook (Junior) and Helen Perren (Ladies - Retrotester).

Our thanks to all the competitors who did come out to play this year, and, in particular, those who regularly appeared and supported our Championship. They were rewarded by

highest standard of events you could wish for in a Championship and again our appreciation goes to the Clubs who ran them. As for next year, who knows, hopefully an increased entry and an even higher standard of performance, we look forward to see what develops.

On the subject of next year, the Committee is intent on perusing a "starter" level completion by going back to basics and hopefully I will be able to bring you news of the "Rookies Autotest Challenge" in the next issue.

Steve Layton



**MSA and BTRDA Champion
Richard Pinkney
Photo: Nic Ayre**

From the Pits

Another championship year over and despite the number of registered entrants being down from 2013 the cream has certainly risen to the top. After a season when the specials were often getting the top scores it was the current Gold Star champion Richard Pinkney in his Caterham 7 who pipped them at the final Loughborough CC event with his fifth FTD of

the year. Richard's final FTD didn't give him the full maximum score of 140 points ending up on 137 points but it was enough to leave long time points leader Paul Fobister in the Haigh special in second place with 135 Gold Star points. The Loughborough event was a real shoot out, or should it be drive out or autotest out? between Richard and Paul over the 15

Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

tests on the kart track at Blyton. Richard had 2 pylon penalties but then Paul had a maximum on Test 4 which dropped him 20 secs. However on pure test times it was Richard who was definitely on top with 8 test best times and the rest shared between 4 times Gold Star winner Alastair Moffatt (4) Malcolm Livingston (2) and Dave Evans (1). It was just not Paul's day.

Looking at the final points scores for all the championships it is remarkable to see that there are only two drivers who have ended up with a maximum score, Richard Pinkey in his Caterham 7 in the sports car class and Toby Cook in the under 25 class. In reality it is only Richard as there was only ever Toby in Class H! It does reflect the level of completion between all the drivers in 2014. In Class A for small cars Rob Rolston, Dave Mosey, Anthony Preston and Brian Bridge all had wins in their minis but Rob did suffer from small class sizes in getting the maximum points for the Silver

Star championship which eventually went to Class B leader Dave Cook in his Micra. In Class B itself Dave shared class wins with our welcome travellers from Scotland, Warren Gillespie and William Keating and also Roger Holder and the young Toby Cook. Behind Dave in the class came Warren who ended up with the same number of points as Toby where with one more extra second in class place for Warren than Toby he took the tie decider. William but just one more point behind. Warren, Toby and William were the top 3 in the Bronze Star although they didn't finish in the same order after reduced points for Toby when there were only 3 in the class at the event meant it was William who was second. The final Bronze Star points were 58, 57 and 56 – you couldn't get any closer than that!

After all that excitement it's time to have a lie down – more autotest news and analysis in the next News.

Peter Cox



Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA[®] Autotest Championship

Championship Postitions after Final Round

Gold Star			
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7	137
2	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	135
3	Dave Evans	Blitz Special	130
4	Chris Chapman	Striker	125
5	Malcolm Livingston	Lotus 7/Lindsay Special	118
6	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	103
7	Ian Chapman	Riot	100
8	Keith Walton	Locost KW7	97
9	Dave Cook	Micra	84
10	Warren Gillespie	Nova	76
Silver Star			
1	Dave Cook	Micra	64
2	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	61
3	Warren Gillespie	Nova	58
4	William Keaning	Nova	57
5	Toby Cook	Micra	56
Bronze Star			
1	Warren Gillespie	Nova	58
2	William Keaning	Nova	57
3	Toby Cook	Micra	56
4	John Waller	Striker	47
5	Stephen Haigh	Mini Special	27
CLASS A			
1	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	68
2	David Fox	Mini 1340	44
3	Bob Budd	Mini 1380	35
4	Dave Mosey	Mini 1400	30
5	Anthony Preston	Mini	20
CLASS B			
1	Dave Cook	Micra	66
2	Warren Gillespie	Nova	58
3	Toby Cook	Micra	58
4	William Keaning	Nova	57
5	Roger Holder	Nova	49
CLASS C			
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7	70
2	Chris Chapman	Striker	64
3	Ian Chapman	Riot	55
4	Keith Walton	Locost KW7	50
5	John Waller	Striker	47
CLASS D			
1	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	68
2	Dave Evans	Blitz Special	63
3	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special	59
4	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	52
5	Stuart Perren	Retrotester	36
CLASS E			
1	Richard Yapp	MX 5	19
CLASS H			
1	Toby Cook	Micra	70
CLASS L			
1	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1700	50
CLASS J			
1	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	139
2	Dave Evans	Blitz Special	134
3	Malcolm Livingston	Lotus 7/Lindsay Special	129
4	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	119
5	Ian Chapman	Riot	114

Membership Report

The 2014 Championship registrations so far are:

Forest Rally	314	AutoSOLO Challenge	6	Car Trial	28
Asphalt Rally	161	AutoSOLO Championship	20	Sporting Trials -	66
Autotest	40	Allrounders	22	Rallycross	69

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Going SOLO

With, as I write this, only 3 rounds of the Championship, and 1, plus the Final, of the Challenge, to run everything is looking very tight at the top (a bit like F1 without the agro – I hope). It has very much the look of being won on the tie decider, as Mike Biss (MX5) and Stuart Harrison (GBS) are on equal maximum points, with Ian Harrison (GBS), and possibly Liam Rollings (proper Mini), being mathematically able to match them. In the Classes, A should go to Alan Wakeman (Micra) or Liam - B to Ben Heggs (Fiesta) - there is no one entered in C – D to Mike and E to Stuart, but you never know what might happen in the remaining round (no dodgy steering wheels I hope?).

While in the Challenge, what looked like a commanding lead by Stephen Watts (MX5) has been overtaken by Patrick Boyle (Fiesta) with a maximum from six events giving him a 1 point advantage, so it looks like the double points score on the Final will be the decider. This will be the last year of the Challenge in this format, as it will be absorbed into the Championship next year as I suggested in the last magazine. Falling numbers means that it is difficult to justify the dispensation from the MSA to run at Clubmans level and shows the growth in AutoSOLO Nat B events throughout the Country.

Whatever the final outcomes, it has been another successful year for us to grow from, so please tell all of your friends to think about entering in 2015. In the meantime, good luck to all.

Steve Layton

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BTRDA Newcomers Autosolo Challenge 2014 Provisional Scores

NAME	15-Jun-14	22-Jun-14	13-Jul-14	20-Jul-14	27-Jul-14	2-Aug-14	30-Aug-14	14-Sep-14	21-Sep-14	BEST 6 SCORES TO DATE
Boyle, Patrick			10B		10B	10B	10B			60B
Moore, Graham	9B	1D							8B	25B/10D
Solarski, Robert		9C						2E		9C/8E
Vinall, Alan										10C
Watts, Stephen					9D				10D	59D

AutoSOLO Championship 2014 Provisional Scores

NAME	22-Jun-14	6-Jul-14	13-Jul-14	27-Jul-14	2-Aug-14	14-Sep-14	21-Sep-14	Best 7 Scores
Biss, Mike		C		10D		10D	10D	70D
Dallyn, Paul				10A				35A
Dunlop, David	8A	A	9A					27A
Graves, David	8B		10B		9B			36B
Harrison, Ian	9E	N	9E			9E		63E
Harrison, Stuart	10E		10E			8E		70E
Heggs, Ben	7B	C		9B		10B		60B
Matthews, Lee								9D
Olsen, Emma	5B	E						21B
Olsen, Richard	6B							29B
Rollings, Liam	10A	L					10A	50A
Smith, Alexander								22B
Smith, Trevor		L						
Sones, Mike	10D							10D
Wakeman, Alan	9A	E				10A		60A
Wakeman, Miranda	8A							23A
Williams, Andrew		D			10A			14A
Yapp, Jamie								16A
Yapp, Richard				9D			7D	5A/16D



BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

LOW DOWN TORQUE

I'm sorry to have to report that my pursuit of other interests has resulted in taking my eye off the ball so far as Car Trials are concerned; and taking 2 x 2-week holidays in the period July to September hasn't helped the cause either.

At the time of writing, with just the second Welsh Weekend on offer to gain further points before the re-formatted Grand Final, the

season has, once again, flown by. It is always good to see a healthy mix of cars, drivers and their respective wide age ranges, although I'm less sure as to what ages count as "young" or "older" these days!

If this issue of NEWS reaches you before 5th October, we would be delighted to see some volunteer marshals at our Grand Final on that day, to be held at Catton Park, between Lichfield and Burton upon Trent at SK 208 153. Details on the Car Trials pages at www.btrda.com.

The Winter issue of NEWS will, I promise, have far more Car Trials content, and will naturally include the results from the Grand Final and a full report on the event and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Star Championships.

Best wishes
Neil Mackay

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Brian Roberts at the Owen Trial
Photo: Angela Danby

Short Event Reports

Warwickshire 11th May

Barrie Parker was a delighted winner of the Warwickshire Car Trial, the first time he had contested the event in the Westfield he bought last year. The deciding factor came from two stunning climbs on one hill during the afternoon, to turn a one point deficit into an eleven point class win over Dave Oliver, a multi-time winner at Burton Dassett Country

Park.

Nick Pollitt also came from behind in the new car class to beat championship leader Mark Hoppe. A titanic six way battle in the front wheel drive class saw six competitors covered by just nine points with John Moffatt winning by three points from Simon Harris and the tying Ray Jacobs and Philip Buckle.

Wye Valley 22nd June

Steve Courts won the Wye Valley Car Trial for the first time since 2008, after a very tight scoring day in the rear wheel drive class, beating Kevin Roberts by three points. Kevin's Dutton had earlier suffered an under-dash fire in the extremely hot, dry conditions.

extended his British championship lead, beating Pollitt (VW Lupo) by just a single point.

John Moffatt customarily won the front wheel drive class from Philip Buckle and Neil Mackay, who tied on points fifteen behind Moffatt.

Mark Hoppe, having bought his Saxo from Nick Pollitt last year, won the new car class and

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Cymru 19th July

Rupert North won the Gerry P Evans Memorial Cymru trial for the first time, after dominating his class all day; this was his first win for three years at National level. Heavy overnight rain and morning drizzle had made for extremely slippery conditions with the ground deteriorating continually.

Mike Stephens celebrated fifty years since winning his first trial at the event and lead the rear wheel drive class all day, opening up a nineteen point lead over the two Roberts' Dutton, but was disappointed to only manage

third overall, having not driven the car for two years and admitted to some costly errors and not being match fit.

British championship leader Mark Hoppe took an early lead over Yorkshire's Henry Kitching on the first round which he maintained throughout the day to secure the class win and second overall by sixteen points. Fellow Yorkshireman John Wadsworth, ex winner of the Coupe des Alps, secured third in class.

The day, however, belonged to North, who achieved some amazing climbs, finishing with lowest marks and twenty five points ahead of ex British Autotest Champion Roger Holder. Roger had borrowed John Moffatt's Nova to try and defend his overall win at last year's event.

Dave Oliver sneaked into third in class on the last round with a bit of second gear use in his Peugeot 205 ahead of Martin Mackenzie (who was also driving Moffatt's Nova) by a single point.



Kevin Roberts at the Owen Trial
Photo: Angela Danby

HCC Wales 20th July

A delighted Henry Kitching starred at the HCC Wales Car Trial to take his maiden overall win at national level.

Local driver Brian Roberts pushed Kitching hard for overall on sections that dried significantly as the day passed to finish a close second overall.

The front wheel drive class saw the battle of the day with Dave Oliver snatching the class in the last few hills by a single point from Roger Holder and Rupert North.

John Wadsworth took the new car class after Kitching's brilliant drive.

Ernest Owen Memorial 31st August

Steve Courts added the 2014 Ernest Owen Memorial Trial to his countless number of event wins - Steve dropped just 10 marks over the entire day! And of course, we must also mention Mark Hoppe, who although he could not manage to take overall from Steve still took an excellent class win in Class 1 from Dave Walker, which was enough to clinch his title as

the MSA Car Trials Champion, in his first year of competing - a remarkable achievement.

Class wins also went to Simon Harris in Class 2, followed by Neil Mackay, and the Class 3 title was taken by Dave Oliver, with Dave Harvey coming 2nd in this class.

DS and NM

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Gaby Mohr Car Trial Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club

14th September 2014

The warm and dry early September (remember that?) continued into the middle of the month and so, although there was some slight dampness with the early morning dew, it boded for a dry trial; and mostly it was, with just a few patches of green grass and some nettles to give the Clerk some respite.

Mark Hoppé, having already secured the British Championship and five maximums to take to the BTRDA Final, took a break from the long journeys up the M5, leaving the stage for Nick Pollitt in his Lupo. However, Henry Kitching (Corsa) had other ideas and a day-long battle was to ensue, leaving the others playing a different game. The leaders were on 4 and 9 after the first round with John Wadsworth's Ka on 27 and Tim Beard (Saxo) on 28. The rest were in the 30's and 40's, and so it continued for the remainder of the event, albeit slightly closer than in the damp first round conditions. David Allman (sharing his Saxo with Tim Beard) picked up some useful scores on the last round to get close to Tim and they finished fourth and third in class respectively. John Wadsworth had a couple of late errors to drop down to fifth in the class.

Class Two turned into a competition of who could throw away the most marks and the class win. I started the ball rolling on the very first hill of the day in my Golf by losing 6 to the other

main contenders, while John Moffatt (Nova) waited until the third section by trying the timed hill too fast and spinning out of grip before the eight post. Philip Buckle (Saxo) was having some excellent climbs and led the Class at lunch on 20, with Rupert North (Mini) on 25 and me on 27. First hill after lunch and it was Philip's turn to chuck some points away, with an eight instead of a fairly routine clean. John got his act together on the third round and overtook me (who didn't get round the tree like the others), and Rupert did well too to be leading after this round. Following the old tracks is a classic error, and so it was Rupert kicking himself on the last round losing a costly nine, and the class win. I managed to claw back a mark to finish one adrift of John, while Rupert was five better, and Phillip four further in front to win the Class.

In Class Three, a titanic battle was engaged. Barrie Parker (Westfield), Dave Oliver (Imp) and Steve Courts (Imp) had a right old day with some incredibly low scores. Two marks were lost on the first round – and that's the total across all of them! Apart from the timed hill and its very optimistic bogey time, another two marks were lost between them on Round Two. Kevin and Brian Roberts (Dutton) were doing their best – and doing well, but in this exalted company it was never going to be enough.

Going into the last round the three masters were on 9, 9 and 10. Barrie blinked and lost an inexplicable five on a very simple hill – maybe he hit a post, I don't know. He finished on 16. Dave lost a couple of marks here and there, and finished on 13, while Steve lost just three on the last round (all on the timed hill) to also finish on 13. The tie-break gave the result to Steve Courts (26 zeroes to Dave's 25). It was that close, and great to watch.

Although the low scores in Class Three usually see them



Dave Harvey at the Owen Trial
Photo: Angela Danby

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take the overall award, the three of them being so close cancelled each other out. The comparatively high scores and closeness of them made Class Two lose out too, which left Class One with the spoils. Henry and Nick were that far ahead (almost add their scores together for the third placed person) that they were first and second overall.

The event was also the Inter Association Car Trial with five teams from three Associations contesting the event. Neither ANWCC team featured too strongly, while one member of the

ASWMC team had an off day to leave them in third. AWMMC Team A lost out to their Team B by just 14%, so Tim Beard, Dave Oliver and Simon Harris were the winning team. The trophy is back where it belongs – in the West Midlands!

Excellent, accurate and friendly marshalling was on show throughout from the W&SSCC crowd (with some expert guest assistants, of course). The sections were altered effectively and the homemade cakes were fabulous, with donations to a very worthy cause.

First Overall	Henry Kitching	Vauxhall Corsa	50	57%
First in Class 1	Nick Pollitt	VW Lupo	61	70%
First in Class 2	Phillip Buckle	Citroen Saxo	47	82%
First in Class 3	Steve Courts	Hillman Imp	3	76%

SNH

Scorer's Snippets 15th September 2014

At the time of writing, we have just the new Welsh Weekend to go at the end of September for qualifying events. The Grand Final is just one week later at Catton Hall. All of these will have happened by the time you read this, of course, so the website will be the place to look for what happened there.

We have 18 qualifiers for the Final so far, with two more sure to achieve that status, and one more possibly getting there. The permutations

of who could win what are more complicated with our new-for-2014 Gold Star scoring system, so I'll let the tables do the talking after the event.

The championship scores are on the BTRDA website – and they are usually updated by noon the day after an event. They are also displayed at most events – the ones I go to anyway! Alternatively, I can e-mail you a copy if so desired.

Simon Harris

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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)

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials *	Rallycross**	Rally - Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Oct	4						
	5	Oxford MC Champ & Challenge	Grand Final Burton upon Trent c/o Owen MC				John Southern NPTCC
	11						
	12		c/o Neil Mackay 0115 9291728				Pete Fear Pauntley Ross & District MSL
	18						
	19	Knutsford MC Championship & Challenge Final			Cambrian Llandudno/North Wales		Mercian Trial Cov & Warks
	25						
	26						Stone Trough Y.S.C.C
Nov	1						
	2						November Sporting Sportingtrial.com
	8						
	9				Cheviot Keith Knox Rally Otterburn		Roy Fedden Bristol
	15					JLT Tempest 2 Rally MSA English ONLY Aldershot/Hampshire	
	16						
	22			Croft – 2wd & 4wd			TBA , Stroud
	23						Loughborough Trial
	29						
	30			Blyton – 2wd only	Championship Awards Presentation		
Dec	6					Championship Awards Presentation	
	7						Gloucester, TBA
	13/14						
	20/21						
	27/28						



SPECIAL AWARDS 2013 WINNERS

The Stross Rally Trophy

Steve Perez

Awarded annually to the BTRDA member achieving the best performance(s) or individual result(s) on any International or National Special Stage Rally Championship/Event. This trophy is awarded upon the recommendation of the Rally Committee

The Jack Twyford Trophy

Not Awarded

Awarded annually to the highest placed BTRDA member driving on the British round of the World Rally Championship or otherwise any event in the British Rally Championship

The John Gott Memorial Trophy

Patrick Walsh

A Special Award to be presented at the discretion of the Rallies Committee

The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

Liz Cox

A Special Ladies Award to be presented at the discretion of Council

The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

Peter Smith

Awarded to the winning driver in the Gold Star Series Historic Cup

HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE

DEREK SMITH: Joined the BTRDA in 1951, competing regularly, particularly in Autotests, and won the Flather Star in 1963. After three years as Secretary of the Autotest Committee he became General Secretary of the Association from 1967-1982 and was also Treasurer during the same period. As Chairman of the Rallycross Committee from 1976 to 1978, and a Group 1 RAC Timekeeper, he did much to improve the standards of timekeeping at BTRDA Rallycross and Autocross events

PHIL and JANET DARBYSHIRE: Phil and Janet have been actively associated with the BTRDA since the 1960's, and both served on the Autotest Committee and since the Mid. 70's on the Allrounders Committee. Phil is still a member of Council and has served on the Rallycross committee since 1984. Additionally they have been involved in the production of the BTRDA News

BRIAN and MARGARET STAPLETON: Though almost exclusively with Sporting Trials Committee, Brian and Margaret have also served the Association since 1974 with Brian acting as Committee Secretary and Margaret as a co-ordinator for the Sporting Trials Dinner. Both continue to take an active interest in the BTRDA.

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 book-keeping, and the 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.

MIKE SONES: Has been continuously involved in road rallying from 1963 to this day, and joined the BTRDA in 1972, specifically to do the Production Car Trial Championship. 1974 saw the first involvement in the Autotest Championship that continues to this day. In 1977 he joined the Rallies Committee and took on the job of running the Silver Star Road Rally Championship until its conclusion in 1987. He joined the Allrounders/NEWS Committee in the mid 70's, and membership of this committee was continued until mid 1990's. The awards luncheon in 1981 was the first time he acted as master of ceremonies, a role that was expanded to organisation of the AGM and Luncheon upon the retirement of Ron Kemp. He was elected Treasurer of the Association in 1982 and served in that role until 1993. Having twice won the MSA Autotest Championship, he joined the Autotest Committee in 1994 and he continues to be a member, now being the championship marking official. When the BTRDA became the permit holder for the MSA Asphalt Championship, Mike was one of the liaison committee members, and continues in that role. He took up Chairmanship of the Rallycross Committee in 2008. He was involved in the Association's conversion to a Limited Company, and later in the formation of the holding and operational companies that exist today. He took a leading role in the organisation of both the 60th and 75th Anniversary celebrations. He was elected Chairman of Council in the Golden Jubilee year of 1988 and continued in that position until retiring in 2014.

Gold Star[®] Champions 2013

Allrounders

Duncan Stephens

Autotest

Richard Pinkney

Car Trial

Duncan Stephens

Forest Rally

Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton

Sporting Trial

Duncan Stephens

AutoSolo Championship

Kevin Belcher

BTRDA[®] Challenge Winners

Asphalt Rally FWD

Simon Mauger/Brian Cammack

Asphalt Rally RWD

Tim Daltry / Paula Swinscoe

AutoSolo

Dan Darkin



David Tinn/Marc Fowler on the Mewla Rally

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