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Leading Allrounder Roger Holder

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President's Notes Winter 2014

The end of another year, or not quite, for the Sporting Trials brigade. Congratulations to all our champions and class winners. It is notable this year to see quite a few new names on our trophies, which is excellent. Although the rally championships have their own ceremonies, most of our awards for our 7 different sports and all our special awards are presented at our luncheon on SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2015 at the National Motor Cycle Museum near the NEC in Birmingham. Please try and make it – it is really a great day and we have some **SERIOUS FUN** as well as having a pleasant lunch in good company. The AGM starts at 11.00 am and the Luncheon at 12.30 pm.

Congratulations to our 2 time Gold Star Forest Rally Champion Steve Perez who won on a tie break (which had to go down to how many 3rd places he had), beating his arch rival Paul Bird. The scoring system devised by the Rallies Committee really does throw up these amazing results and nearly always goes down to the wire.

At the AGM we shall be explaining the accounts for the financial year 2013/14, which will show a loss to the Association. Both the Forest and Asphalt Championships were unable to find a replacement sponsor for Get Connected in 2014. The Association Board committed to underwrite from reserves any losses to a maximum of £10K per series, to make sure that they were able to maintain their standards and keep their costs for 2014 within budget. I am pleased to report that both Championships have had a very successful year increasing their registrations, and we can look forward to 2015 with confidence. We have always said that the money we have collected over the years is there to support our Championships and this is probably the very first time that we have had to invest in our future to this degree. We are still very solvent and by doing this it has given our Rally Championships time to find alternative funding for 2015.

Finally may I thank all our committee members, organising clubs, sponsors and members who have joined together to make 2014 such a successful year. Brand BTRDA is very strong and healthy.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and Awards Luncheon on the 25th January.

Mike Broad

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BTRDA LUNCHEON - SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2015

**NATIONAL MOTOR CYCLE MUSEUM , COVENTRY ROAD, BICKENHILL,
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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*, 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*, 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.

Tickets can be purchased online via the BTRDA website or an application form can be filled in and returned to Mrs Gemma Price, Rose Cottage, Pool Hill, Newent, GL18 1LL. Tel: 01531 822954

We look forward to seeing you on 25th January to celebrate all of our achievements in 2014!



BTRDA Board and Council Elections.

As is custom the AGM will see elections for positions on the BTRDA[®] Ltd Board and Council. The Board are the Company Directors, who are responsible for the business operation of BTRDA[®], whilst Council oversees the Sporting activities of the Club and is made up of the Chairman of each Committee, or their representatives, and a number of elected Members whose knowledge of and enthusiasm for Motor Sport help to guide the direction of the overall operation.

This year three of our long standing Members of Council; Julian Fack, John Larkin and Nick Pollitt have decided not to stand for re-election, in order to make way for "new blood", and we thank them for their unstinting support over more years than they wish to remember. So now is your opportunity to come and help to make a difference in the future development of our Championships and, we like to think, Motor Sport in general. If you are interested in joining us, nomination forms are available from the Secretary of the Association, Neil Mackay and need to be submitted by 17th January. Neil's contact details are on inside of the front cover of the News.

BTRDA[®] Allrounders Championship

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ALLROUNDERS – CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR END

As I write this article 2014 championship events are drawing to a close with just one rallycross and one sporting trial the last events in the BTRDA calendar of Serious Fun. With a bit of searching you may still find an acceptable speed event. So now we look forward to the end of season awards presentation at the National Motor Cycle Museum, close to the NEC in Birmingham, on Sunday, 25th January, when the Association Annual Luncheon and AGM takes place together with the main award presentations for all the BTRDA championships. This is a major social event for BTRDA and all its members, and is always enjoyable. A ticket application is in this News and is also on www.btrda.com.

We are encouraged that of our 21 contenders there are ten qualified for the end of season awards. The leader, and in line for the The Peter Cooper Trophy, is currently Roger Holder with 104.41 points from three autotests, one car trial and two autosolo events. Roger has competed in Allrounders for a number of years. Currently lying second, and in line for the Darbyshire Trophy, is Allrounders committee member John Fox, with 95.23. This year John has competed in a greater number of sprints and hillclimbs, with his best points from two sprints, three autosolos and one sporting trial (with Jess Fack as his passenger and using her dad's SRB trials car). In third place at the

moment, and in line for the gallery tray which is the Margot Young Trophy, is Jamie Yapp, another long-standing supporter of our championship, with 94.86 from a rallycross (brilliant, Jamie), two speed events and three autosolos. Both John and Jamie, just 0.37 of a point apart, were very late qualifiers but in the last run of events jumped up the points table and pushed a few down a tad. Leading for the Davijon Trophy for using the same car for all events and in fourth overall spot is Liam Rollings in his self prepared mini. Liam has returned to the championship this year and gained his points from three autosolos, two autotests and one very important autocross. Other interested contenders should note that useful points can be gained by including a speed event. Other qualifiers using just the one car are Nick Pollitt (VW Lupo), who generally excels in car trials but is equally at home in other disciplines and Richard Yapp (MX5), both long time supporters of clubmans events and this championship. We congratulate all of them and the others who have qualified for our end of year awards:- Dave Walker, Martin MacKenzie, Lee Matthews and David Allman, these last two having included points from forest rallies, David from the co-driver's seat. Jess Fack, who has had such an exciting and busy year, can still qualify if she can compete on that sixth event. Full

provisional interim points are included elsewhere within these pages and the Championship ends on 31st December.

This year our championship failed to attract the younger members, well, those under the age of 25, which is a shame. There is the Duckham Trophy for the highest place qualifier under 25, but alas no takers this time round. Originally the Duckham Trophy was presented to the highest placed autocrosser who also qualified for allrounders. When we lost the autocross championship the trophy was



John Fox and Jess Fack
Ross & DMSL Sporting Trial
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presented to the competitor coming fourth in the allrounders championship until a couple of year's ago it was decided to award the trophy to encourage our younger competitors. The trophy carries some great names. In an attempt to give a little more encouragement your committee has decided to allow FREE championship registration for ANYONE under the age of 25 as at the first of January. The entry level to motorsport may well be car trials for some or maybe autosolo which have taken off with clubs nationally, or whatever you like, really. You do not have to have the full house competition prepared car to take part in motorsport, "just run with what you have".

As you may be reading this News close to Christmas, your thoughts could be "what can I do in January?" Well, the BTRDA will be at the

Autosport International Show 8-11 January, with a Rallycross static stand and putting on a show in the Arena with Clubman Rallycross cars, racing 6-8 cars at a time with added noise!! On Saturday 10th our Sporting Trials final and dinner will be taking place in Cumbria, the event at Gale Hall, and the dinner just up the road from Penrith. Then I've already mentioned the Annual BTRDA luncheon and AGM on 25th. After that it all starts over again starting the competitive year with sporting trials. Let's hope the weather is better than the first early months of this year and access to sites is good, last year it was rain that put the venues at risk.

Well that's it for this year folks, see you out and about, and best wishes to you all in the New year. Whatever the weather, enjoy your Motorsport.
Phil D.

Old Allrounders Ramblings

I visited the Classic car show, with Jamie and his mate, and found former Allrounder Brian Betteridge on a stand with his rare Escort. I had not seen Brian for over 25 years when he drove his Beetle in AutoX, Trials and Tests. The Escort known as a 1700T was a prototype built by Ford to compete against the Audi Quattro in the early eighties. Apparently three WRC cars were built and two were written off in practising by Ari Vatanan. The project was abandoned as the rear wheel drive was still no match for the Audi four wheel drive. The RS200 four wheel drive car was then produced with limited success. Brian owns one as well! Group "B" cars were then banned in 1986 following the fatalities in the Portugal rally involving the RS200. Brian's car is the only car in the world to exist in the rally spec hence the rarity and is insured for £1/4 million!

This got me thinking about how some folks manage to drive front and rear wheel drive equally well, whilst the rest of us struggle. I have said for over 10 years that I was quicker in rear wheel drive than front wheel drive (having driven sprites for over 25 years) However, I then found, when I got the mx5, that not only did Jamie beat me first time out, (despite never having driven it before) as I



Mike Broad, Nick Pollitt & Jamie Yapp
2 Old Allrounders and one young one

spent too much time sideways (great fun though!) I am actually now faster in the Nova, isn't life strange.

The old adage about the older I get the quicker I used to be, seems to apply to me. I was told at the Hagley awards 'do' that apparently in speed events, you go about a second slower for every decade. If that's the case, it must be a second a year for Autotests and Solos in my case!

Richard Yapp

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REIS BTRDA Allrounders Championship Provisional Overall Scores to 23rd November 2014

	Score	Group	TOTAL										
Roger Holder	17.50	A	17.14	A	17.14	A	16.67	B	18.18	H	17.78	H	104.41
John Fox	7.69	F	18.26	G	17.33	G	16.67	H	17.50	H	17.78	H	95.23
Jamie Yapp	16.67	E	19.17	G	18.67	G	12.73	H	13.33	H	14.29	H	94.86
<i>Liam Rollings</i>	<i>17.14</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>8.57</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>16.67</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>16.67</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>17.14</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>86.19</i>
<i>Nick Pollitt</i>	<i>17.14</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>16.67</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>16.00</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>6.67</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>11.11</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>80.92</i>
Dave Walker	10.00	A	10.91	B	10.00	B	16.36	B	5.71	H	14.29	H	67.27
Richard Yapp	10.00	A	14.78	G	14.67	G	9.09	H	8.57	H	10.00	H	67.11
Martin MacKenzie	5.71	A	8.00	A	12.73	B	13.33	B	14.55	H	11.11	H	65.43
Lee Matthews	2.86	A	13.33	B	13.33	B	14.55	C	13.33	H	5.00	H	62.40
David Allman	10.00	B	10.91	B	12.00	B	8.57	C*	11.82	C*	8.00	H	61.30
<i>Richard Yapp</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>6.67</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>4.21</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>6.67</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>50.88</i>
Simon Harris	17.14	B	16.92	B	17.50	B	8.00	H	12.00	H			71.56
Stuart Perren	11.43	A	11.43	A	11.11	A	16.00	F	10.77	F			60.74
John Moffatt	18.57	B	18.46	B	18.00	B							55.03
Neil Bye	3.33	C*	12.86	C*	13.33	D*	14.29	D*					43.81
Duncan Wild	8.57	A	12.50	A	16.00	A							37.07
Jess Fack	4.32	G	5.33	G	7.50	H	6.67	H	4.44	H			28.26
Mike Bailey	11.43	D*	12.50	D*									23.93
Tommi Graham	11.43	D	12.50	D									23.93
Helen Perren	8.57	A	6.00	A	6.67	A							21.24
Brian Sharpe	5.00	A	2.86	A									7.86
Andrew Dobrovolskis													0.00

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*



Qualifiers Dave Walker and Richard Yapp
 Photos: Nick Pollitt & Geoff Robinson



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FIVE ALIVE!....

This year's REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship didn't reach its conclusion until the second weekend in November but, even before the final event in the calendar - the Otterburn Military Ranges-based Cheviot Keith Knox Stages - took place, Damian Cole had secured his fifth consecutive title. Following Cole and co-driver Elliott Edmondson's win on the penultimate round in Wexford, the only crew who could have upset the applecart were Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh, but their absence from Otterburn sealed the destination of the 2014 title. Having said that, Cole signed off in fine style with his second consecutive victory on the Cheviot, giving himself a full-house - five maximum scores - on his way to his record-breaking feat.

The conclusion of the Cheviot, which saw Simon Mauger/Ashley Trimble finish as runners-up in the former's Escort MkII, was the scene of considerable celebrations for John Stone. Third overall on the day in his Legend Fires Skoda Fabia WRC saw him complete a 100% finishing record for the season - 7 starts, 7 finishes - on his way to his best-ever Championship result, 2nd overall. His co-driver for most of the season, but unavailable for the Cheviot, was Carl Williamson who takes 3rd in his category.

Filling in the gaps, then, 3rd driver and 2nd co-driver (again!) in the overall Championship standings were Steve Simpson and Patrick Walsh. After a very promising start to the season - they were leading after both the Manx National & Jim Clark Rallies - their cause wasn't helped by retirements on the ALMC Stages in Ireland and then the Tyneside Stages at the beginning of August. Simpson won the title back in 2007 and Walsh has been runner-up for the past three years - surely their luck must change soon....

Alex Laffey/Jack Morton traded in their Fiesta S2000 for an R5+ during last winter and, after an inauspicious debut on Epynt in March, slowly began to get to grips with their new steed as the season progressed. An outright win on the non-Championship Rally of the Midlands in June proved to be a great confidence booster to the point that, with just the Cheviot to go, Alex was 4th overall in the Drivers' table with an excellent chance of taking a podium spot. However, that was conditional on a good run over Otterburn.... Just a couple of miles into the opening stage, the car stepped out and on to the grass - you can probably guess the rest!...

So, Laffey ended up in 5th place, behind Simon Mauger whose last-gasp push moved him one higher. Mauger has contested just five rounds this year, but made them all count. He takes Class B12 and, once again, emerges as the 'class of the field' in the Millington Rear-Wheel Drive Challenge. Prior to the Cheviot, Keith Robathan held sway in both class and Challenge in his own Escort and had entered the final round with Phil Sandham who had already clinched the co-driver's title from his endeavours with Darren Atkinson earlier in the season. The records show that that all came to a very abrupt halt on the Tyneside Stages, also on Otterburn, in August and we are led to believe that, three months later, what is left of that particular



**MSA Asphalt Rally Champions
Damian Cole & Elliott Edmondson on the Mewla Rally
Photo: Ralliphotowales**



MSA Asphalt Rally Championship



Escort is still on its trailer!...

David Tinn's first full Asphalt Championship season in a Proton Millington Satria has been a very steep learning curve over unfamiliar territory in an unfamiliar car. Partnered on occasions by his daughter Alice, Marc Fowler and Giles Dykes (thankfully, not all at the same time!), he swiftly came to terms with the task and, at one point, was sitting in 4th place in the overall points. Unfortunately, engine failure (are we allowed to say that, bearing in mind the car in question?!...) on the Cheviot saw him finish 7th in the final analysis. We hope to see him back in 2015 when he will be up against Simon Chapman who has recently pensioned off his Metro 6R4 in favour of the Proton that was used by Ollie Mellors to take runner-up spot on the Manx in May.

David Hardie/John McCulloch participated when time permitted and they, too, made the most of every opportunity to add to their points tally, such that they finished their season as winners of Class B13. That accolade carries with it the Kwiktrak trophies and vouchers donated by sometime Championship co-driver Simon Hunter. Hardie/McCulloch's main threat was fellow Scotsman Jim Sharp, but he really needed the eventual winners not to finish the Cheviot if he was to benefit fully - but, as can be seen, they did!...

Meanwhile, Darren & Sue Underwood made the AB Motorsport Front-Wheel Drive Challenge all their own without the need to go to Otterburn in November. Five starts, four maximums and one second in their Nova left the opposition trailing in their wake. Taking as little notice as possible of those ahead of him,

Andy Hawkins persevered in his VW Golf to finish behind the Underwoods but, perhaps more importantly, clinch Class B11 by a narrow margin from Martin Hodgson/Tony Jones in their Escort.

Ian Barnard made no mistake in his dominance of B9, his Nova taking maximum points every time it finished on its way to claiming the Fuchs Titan Race end-of-season award of £500-worth of product for its driver's 2015 campaign. Kevin Tappin's rapid 1600cc Escort was the Underwood's greatest threat in B10, while Paul & Julian Doroszczuk's always immaculate Escort was 3rd in B11 behind Hawkins and Hodgson.

Behind the battling B12 Escorts of Mauger, Robathan & Atkinson, the two Talbot Sunbeam Lotuses of Mike Taylor/Peter Grant and Cathy Sewart/Various have been an ever-present force throughout this year. Mike's best result came in Wexford when Cathy retired, while the tables were reversed on the first visit to Ireland when hers was the only Sunbeam to see the finish line!

Championship regular John Indri had what was, by his standards, a quiet season. Those who know him will be surprised to hear that there is such a thing, but the winter purchase of an Impreza S11 to replace the trusty Darrian proved not to be such a good idea as was first thought. Indeed, the Chelmsford driver's best result of the season came at the wheel of the 'yellow peril' - 3rd overall on the Mewla.

In spite of neither driver completing the final round, Alex Laffey and David Tinn occupied the top two places in B14. Laffey wins the Prima Motorsport Junior Trophy for the third - and final! - time as, having reached the tender age of 23, he won't be eligible for it next year! However, Carlisle driver Peter Taylor will and his outright win on the Tyneside Stages marks him out as a likely candidate to succeed Laffey. By the time the flag drops next March, no doubt there will be others....

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

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OR By visiting the Championship website :

www.asphalt rallying.com

RALLY CHALLENGE - EXTRA

Intending to enter the new Rally Challenge? Why not also register for our Allrounders Championship. By finishing five events in the two rally groups you would be well on the way to qualifying, needing just one more event from one other group - and you could use your rally car in at least our Speed Group (Sprints, Hillclimbs, Autocross). The Allrounders Championship is open to both rally driver and rally co-driver.



MSA Asphalt Rally Championship 2014 'ROLL OF HONOUR'

1st OVERALL DRIVER	DAMIAN COLE	REIS-GC Champ. Trophy/ BTRDA Award
1st OVERALL CO-DRIVER	ELLIOTT EDMONDSON	REIS-GC Champ. Award/ Motordrive Trophy
2nd OVERALL DRIVER	JOHN STONE	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	CARL WILLIAMSON	REIS-GC Champ. Award

Millington Rwd Challenge

1st Simon Mauger/Phil Sandham

AB Motorsport Fwd Challenge

1st Darren & Sue Underwood

MSA Championship Classes:

N4	David White/Matthew White	B12	Simon Mauger/Phil Sandham
A6	David Earthy/-----		Keith Robathan/Peter Grant
B9	Ian Barnard/-----		Darren Atkinson/Mark Mason
B10	Darren & Sue Underwood	B13	David Hardie/John McCulloch
	Keith Tappin/Peredur Davies		Jim Sharp/Michael Calvert
	Matthew Roberts/-----		-----/Craig Wallace
B11	Andy Hawkins/Tony Jones	B14	Alex Laffey/Jack Morton
	Martin Hodgson/J Doroszczuk		David Tinn/Ken Bills
	P Doroszczuk/-----		Alan Oldfield/Andrew Roughead

SUPPLEMENTARY AWARDS :

ANDREW HAILL ASSOCIATES GROUP 'N' TROPHY : David White

PRIMA MOTORSPORT JUNIOR AWARD (Trophy & Replica) : Alex Laffey

HENDY FORD MOTORSPORT AWARD (Trophy + £100 Voucher) : Damian Cole

JOHN HORTON MOTORSPORT MANAGEMENT 'STAR DRIVE' : John Stone

KWIKTRAK TROPHIES (1st in B13) : David Hardie/John McCulloch

FUCHS TITAN RACE AWARD (1st 1400) : Ian Barnard

BEST EVENT : Whickham/Hadrian MCs

TONY DAVIES MEMORIAL AWARD : Team Lotusbits

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

As we approach the Christmas break at the end of this year's trials calendar it is time to consider the situation. As Mike Sones predicted, 2014 would be a hard year and as usual he was correct. Whilst entries in BTRDA trials this autumn have been satisfactory in the middle of the country, at the far-flung ends of the kingdom it has not been such a happy picture. In general the broadly Midlands based events have attracted numbers in the mid to high '20s, but trials in the Southeast and the North have not bettered twenty, and sometimes only reached the mid teens. I am referring to BTRDA Championship trials only but it is interesting to note that very few drivers from the Southeast are travelling, whilst a talented contingent of Northern drivers are regularly competing in Midlands based events, helping to make up the numbers.

The MSA British Championship went right down to the wire, it was resolved in favour of John & Maxine Fack's MSR, who won by just one point from Ian Bell & Russell Sharp's Hamilton. As it turned out (although neither was aware at the time) it all hinged on the last few feet of the last section of the Loughborough Trial at Eaton near Melton Mowbray. John needed to beat Mark Milne's Crossle, and to do that he had to clean Dave Oliver's section, something that no one else managed. He did so with a fine climb and so won the 2014 championship. Congratulations to John & Maxine and commiserations to Ian & Russell,



Josh Veale & James Washer looking every way but the way they are going!

Peter Fear Trial

Photo: Julie Johnson www.daisyroot.com

and thanks for entertaining us all year with some really skilled performances. Roll on 2015.

Speaking of John reminds me that he has been working for over a year now on a huge spreadsheet potentially showing all BTRDA Sporting Trial winners. He has now reached a point where he needs more input, particularly on the early years. With luck some of you will be able to help, but John is also hoping to get access to the Haymarket archive to peruse old copies of Autosport, which used to cover our sport in great detail. When I started in the early '70s we got at least a half page with a photo every week in Autosport. Big trials like to Gold Star used to get two whole pages, unimaginable today. I am proposing that we put the whole sheet on the BTRDA website for everyone to look at, and hopefully to add missing information and correct any errors. One thing that becomes obvious when you look is the very small numbers of winners at any period in history. I hope you will find it interesting and I leave you to find out more when it makes its way onto the website.

Yet again we are in trouble with tyres, the current favourite the Vredestein T-Trak has been withdrawn, leaving just one listed tyre, the Toyo 330. There is nothing wrong with that except we need more than one tyre for just such a situation in future. As always we are looking for something that performs worse than the existing tyres, something that seems almost impossible to achieve. When we changed to the T-Trak from the previous Sprint+ from the same manufacturer we were confident that its smooth looking tread would not perform as well as the incumbent. We were wrong, it was quite a bit better in all conditions apart from freezing weather. There is a frantic search going on for one or more replacements for testing right now, and we hope to have some recommendations very soon. It may not be possible to add any tyres to the Blue Book list until the end of 2015, but the Toyo should at least see us through until then.

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

As usual we ran two BTRDA Trials Training days, one at Shelsley Walsh in April and one at Long Compton in October. We did not attract anywhere near the previous level of support for the Long Compton day, but what it lacked in numbers it made up for in quality. We even had Mark Hoppe there, who had won the Car Trial Gold Star just a couple of weeks previously. As you might expect he showed great promise, although he was flagging by the end of the day. These days are very full on and highly concentrated, especially when there are only a few participants, leaving little time to relax and think about what you have learned. As Mark discovered driving a sporting trials car is different from anything else. In order to drive home the message that the "fiddle" brakes are the most important thing in trials driving, I always repeat a little joke that "you might be able to carry on if you break the steering, but if your fiddle brakes go wrong you have to retire straight away!" I have never really believed it, but during the Loughborough Trial, Ian Bell's Hamilton snapped its steering rack clean in two in an unseen pothole half way through the afternoon round, yet he managed to finish the trial in second place.

At the time of writing we only have the 750 Gloster Trial to close the 2014 calendar, which is not an MSA round this year, but after Christmas we have the Gold & Silver Star Final to look forward to on Saturday January 10th. This will be at the challenging Gale Hall site above Melmerby near Penrith. We have had several near misses with the weather in recent years, including the last time at Gale Hall. That time we ran the trial OK, followed as usual by the Trials Dinner in the evening, but overnight a full gale developed with torrential rain and storm force winds, which made life problematic for those who had to brave the Southbound M6 on the way home. It would have been impossible to run the trial on the Sunday. Let's hope we get away with it once more this time. The Trials Dinner & prize giving will be at the North Lakes Hotel in Penrith.

We have been very fortunate to get a great deal of coverage in Motorsports News this year thanks to the efforts of Duncan Stephens, who supplies print ready copy and photos before the



Ian Bell & Russell Sharp on the Peter Fear Trial
Photo: Julie Johnson www.daisyroots.com

6am deadline on Mondays, regardless of whether he has competed on the event or not. Considering the small numbers and non commercial nature of our sport we are truly "punching above our weight" in terms of publicity. Thanks Duncan. Hopefully the combination of training days and regular exposure in print will enable us to recruit enough drivers for the sport to remain viable in the medium term.

Actually finding new recruits in terms of drivers is not our most pressing problem, nor is the supply of cars or sites to compete on. No, our problem is organisers, we need Clerks of Course, Secretaries, Chief Marshals, Scrutineers and marshals. For far too long we have relied on the same small teams, many of whom are getting too old to do as much as they have done in the past. We are working on this, and recent rule changes which require drivers to miss out one event in the championship and to "officiate" in one form or the other can only help. We have a terrific sport, let's keep it going and hopefully growing.

I stepped down as Chairman of the Trials Committee a few years ago, only to be brought back for a temporary stay. I said at that time that I would not carry on past my 70th birthday, and that time has come. Simon Kingsley, a top competitor in his Crossle, and member of the MSA Trials Committee, will be taking over in January after the Gold Star Final, so the best of luck to Simon in the years to come.

Happy Christmas to you all, and I look forward to seeing you on the hills in the New Year.

Julian Fack

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ST Short event reports

Charles Pollard Trial, Peterborough MC, Uppingham, 28 September, BTRDA & MSA - 22 starters.

1	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crosslé	16	1 st Red
2	Thomas Bricknell/Stuart Hancy	Crosslé	20	
3	Mark Milne/Vickie Hunter	Crosslé	35	
15	Paul Faulkner.Gerard Phillips	Sherpa Indy	98	1st Blue
18	John Cole/Anne Cole	MJH 3	123	1st Green

This very compact site with lots of molehill type lumps always produces a decent event, even in sunny weather since the slope faces North, and does not generally dry out. Roland Uglow started his fine campaign here and showed the Championship leaders how to do it, with a superb display, in spite of having to travel from North Cornwall.

John Southern Trial, NPTCC, Firbank, Cumbria, 5th October, BTRDA - 19 starters.

This is the most Southerly of the Lake District sites, and is a steep wooded bank with plenty of scope for long sections. Bryan Walker has waited five years for his first win, and he must have been delighted to beat the Championship leader here.

1	Bryan Walker/Mark Simpson	Jedi	12	1st Blue
2	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton	13	1 st Red
3	Simon Kingsley/Matthew Kingsley	Crosslé		14
6	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	25	1st Green

Pete Fear Trial, Ross & DMS, Pauntley, nr Newent, 12 October, BTRDA & MSA - 32 starters.

The new site for the Pete Fear is steep but sandy and amazingly grippy. Hills that look impossible are fine, even when it is wet. This is a large site and offers plenty of scope, but it does demand a careful choice of tyre pressures by the C of C. This time higher pressures would have worked better.

1	John Fack/ Maxine Fack	MSR	4	1 st Red
2	Andy Wilks/Mark Smith	RCAP	5	
3	Simon Kingsley/Jo Edwards	Crosslé	7	
11	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	26	1st Green
13	Alastair Moffatt/ Jim Lewis	Facksimile	35	1st Blue

Mercian, Coventry & Warwicks, Long Compton, 19 October, BTRDA & MSA - 27 starters.

Long Compton always produces a good trial, there is just so much scope, whatever the weather. Duncan Stephens laid out some huge long and testing sections, although there were only 24, it felt like we had done 48 by the end!

1	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crosslé	15	1 st Red
2	Tom Bricknell/Lester Smith	Crosslé	16	
3	Ian Veale/Sandy Veale	Sherpa	22	
12	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	54	1st Green
16	Alastair Moffatt/Richard Pinkney	Facksimile	65	1st Blue

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Stone Trough Trial, YSCC, Keighley, Yorks, 26 October, BTRDA & MSA - 21 starters.

This was a new site for the Trough, and although it is very compact and the sections are close together, sometimes causing some drivers confusion, it proved to be a challenging event with much careful trickling required. Yet again Roland Uglow showed his mastery of the conditions with a fine win to take the top award, a lovely little stone trough mounted on a wooden plinth, covered in the great names from the past.

1	Roland Uglow/Andy Wilks	Crosslé	7	1 st Red
2	Simon Kingley/Mat Kingsley	Crosslé	12	
3	John Fack/Maxine Fack	MSR	13	
7	Bryan Walker/Mark Simpson	JEDI	20	1st Blue
16	Ian Fullwood/Janette Fullwood	CAP	98	1st Green

November Sporting Trial, sportingtrials.com (KBCC), Otham, Kent, 2 November, BTRDA & MSA - 16 starters.

Sadly a very poor entry for this well run trial near Maidstone. It was dry to start with, and required really well executed trickling to maintain progress, but then the rain tipped it down and it became a maximum attack blasting trial, and during the lunch break the trial was abandoned due to dangerous descents. There were some very big scores in spite of the limited number of sections.

1	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton	37	1 st Red
2	Ian Veale/Sandy Veale	Sherpa	41	
3	Josh Veale/James Washer	Sherpa	53	
11	Richard Robarts/Beth Carroll	RB7	94	1st Blue
12	John Cole/Anne Cole	MJH	118	1st Green

Roy Fedden Trial, Bristol MC, Thornbury, 9 November, BTRDA & MSA - 27 starters

First time at the new site, a wooded location used previously for 4 x 4 trials, ideal conditions from heavy rain during the week, and a challenging event. As usual a large contingent of enthusiastic Bristol MC members marshaling. John Fack consolidated his challenge for the MSA Championship here, with one trial to go.

1	John Fack/Maxine Fack	MSR	21	1 st Red
2	Ian Wright/James Washer	Sherpa Indy	24	
3	Peter McKinney/Zoe Chilton	Crosslé	24	1st Blue
12	Mike Wevill/Nigel Cowlin	Crosslé	73	1st Green

Loughborough Trial, Loughborough CC, Eaton, 23 November, BTRDA & MSA - 22 starters.

Thomas Bricknell set out the sections on Thursday, and reported it was bone dry and hard, he hoped for rain. His wishes were granted and it did not stop until Sunday, although it only drizzled a little during the trial, perfect conditions. A great trial, and a brilliant win for Peter & Liz Fensom. John Fack's third place beat Ian Bell's second to the MSA Championship by one point only.

1	Peter Fensom/Liz Fensom	Hamilton	36	1 st Red
2	Ian Bell/Russell Sharp	Hamilton	40	
3	John Fack/Maxine Fack	MSR	44	
11	Bryan Walker/Jackie Walker	JEDI	79	1st Blue
13	Richard Sharp/Joe Sharp	Cartwright	81	1st Green

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Provisional Championship Table - Top Scorers

Name	Class	Total	Trial Wins	Lough-borough	Robin Jager	Robin Alexander	David Ayres	Charles Pollard	John Southern	Peter Fear Pinford	Mercian	Stone Trough	November Sporting	Roy Fedden
Ian Bell	Red	296	6	29	28	29	25	24	29	27	22	24	30	
John Fack	Red	289	5	28		30	30	26		30	25	28	25	30
Roland Uglow	Red	269	4			28	23	30			30	30		
Simon Kingsley	Red	269	0	26	29	17	21		28	28		29		
George Watson	Red	258	0	23	27	23	20	22	24	19	18	23	21	
Andrew Wilks	Red	254	0	21		25	28	25		29	16		22	20
Peter Fensom	Red	252	2	30	30	24		27		24	24		24	25
Julian Fack	Red	235	0	25		18	11	18			21	27	23	
Mark Milne	Red	230	1	27				28	27			22		27
Richard Sharp	Green	218	0	18	23	22	18	C	25	20	19			
Steve Courts	Red	208	0	19		19	18			16				24
Joshua Veale	Red	200	0			27	24	23		22	27		28	
Martin Grimwood	Red	197	0	22	24	13	13	21	c	17				26
Bryan Walker	Blue	194	1	20		21	17		30			25		
Thomas Bricknell	Red	169	0				29	29			29			
Richard Roberts	Blue	164	0	15				14			7		20	21
Dave Rance	Red	159	0					17		21	23	26	26	
Roger Bricknell	Red	158	0	24		15	26	19		25	26			
Peter Mckinney	Blue	156	0	17	25	16	27			c				28
Ian Wright	Red	155	1								20		27	29
John Cole	Green	152	0	13		9	15	13		13	5		19	16
Paul Faulkner	Blue	128	0					16		15	12		18	18
Duncan Stephens	Red	124	0	c		26								23
Mike Readings	Blue	123	0			14	22	15		11	9			
Pat Henson	Blue	123	0	12		11	7			12	11			14
Brian Thornton	Red	112	0		21							21		
Ian Veale	Red	110	0							26	28		29	
Barry Hogg	Red	103	0	16	26			20				20		
Jerome Fack	Red	98	0							23	17			22
Stephen Wicken	Green	90	0			5	4	12		3			17	
Paul Price	Blue	68	0								14			
Alastair Moffatt	Blue	68	0							18	15			
David Morris	Blue	68	0		20							18		
Dave Hailes	Green	68	0	14						10				13
Ian Fulwood	Green	67	0	c		3	12			14		19		
Robin Jager	Red	59	0		22									
Alan Baker	Green	55	0			7	6	11		9	10			12
Boyd Webster	Blue	54	0											
Neil Cromey	Green	46	0			6	3			7	4			10
Robert Packham	Green	41	0				c		25					
Stuart Perren	Green	41	0	11						8				
Dougie Parkinson	Blue	40	0											

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2014 MSA British Championship Provisional Final Scores

by Janet Darbyshire, Championship Co-ordinator

	Name	Car	Total
1	John Fack	MSR	128
2	Ian Bell	Hamilton	127
3	Roland Uglow	Crossle 80T	108
4	Andy Wilks	RCAP	93
5	Peter Fensom	Crossle & Hamilton	90
6	George Watson	Hamilton	84
7	Simon Kingsley	Crosslé	81
8	Josh Veale	Sherpa & Crosslé	79
9	Thomas Bricknell	Crosslé	65
	Ian Wright	Sherpa Indy	65
11	Julian Fack	Crossle	62
12	Steve Courts	Facksimile	57
13	David Rance	Crossle	54
14	Ian Veale	Sherpa	50
15	Peter McKinney	Crossle 80T	49
16	Mark Milne	Crosslé	48
17	Roger Bricknell	Facksimile	45
	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	45
19	Duncan Stephens	Crossle	41
20	Richard Roberts	RB7	29
21	Paul Faulkner	Sherpa Indy	26

22	Paul Price	CAP	24
	Martin Grimwood	Crossle	24
24	Jerome Fack	SRB	23
	Bryan Walker	JEDI	23
26	Mike Readings	Sherpa Indy	22
	Barry Hogg	Hamilton	22
28	Brian Thornton	Kincraft	12
29	John Cole	MJH Mk3	11
30	Alastair Moffatt	Facksimile	8
	David Morris	SRB	8
32	Robin Jager	Kincraft	7
	Stephen Wicken	Concord	7
	Nick Speed	Crossle	7
35	Dave Zank	Sherpa	5
	Jon Moores	MSR	5
37	Mike Baker	Crosslé	4
	Dave Oliver	Facksimile	4
	Ian Fullwood	CAP	4
	Mike Wevill	Crosslé	4
41	Stuart Beare	Sherpa Indy	3
42	Dave Hailes	Facksimile	2
	Colin Campbell	Jedi	2
44	Neil Cromey	Sherpa	1

Stats for MSA British Championship

The 15 events that made up this year's championship were won by

John Fack - 5 wins
 Ian Bell - 4 wins
 Roland Uglow - 3 wins
 Peter Fensom - 2 wins
 Ian Wright - 1 win

44 competitors in 15 different makes of car scored points during the season.



John & Maxine Fack in action at the Peter Fear Trial.
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LOW DOWN TORQUE

Time waits for no man, so here we are once again composing our seasonal, indeed end-of-season, jottings. With a little more leisure time over the Christmas / New Year holidays we might just attract a spike in our readership figures, so I best not stray too far off the beaten track for fear of losing you.

Beaten track? It is, of course, on the unbeaten track that we car trials enthusiasts become so animated; and why not indeed? Aside from enjoying the fresh air and exercise, there is always lots to chat about. Invariably it will be the same old subjects, as in any branch of motor sport, but occasionally something new sparks an interest just to add to the conversational cocktail.

Permit me to direct you to Simon's 'Scorer's Snippets' for a comprehensive summary of how the season panned out. But let me add an extra word of congratulations to our new Gold Star winner, Mark Hoppé, for his well-measured attack on the car trials championships because not only did Mark win "ours" he also cleaned up on the "other" one. Surely unprecedented in the first full year of contesting trials championships; only a select few have ever achieved "the double" and 2014 will forever be etched onto Mark's motor sport CV.

Thank you to all contributors to the Survey Monkey event reports, providing invaluable

feedback. This leads me neatly to offer our congratulations to Ross & District Motor Sports for winning the Mike Stephens trophy - for the best event in the qualifying rounds. Worthy winners, once again.

After having lost our former April Welsh weekend opportunity we welcomed Bala & District Motor Club's Derwydd Trial into the Championship in September; and the club pulled out all the stops to make us very welcome indeed. The sun shone too, which always helps.

We are delighted to announce that David Allman has agreed to join the car trials committee and we look forward to hearing any new perspective that David may bring to the table; thoughts from a younger generation, too.

The 2015 Championship Rules are available at www.btrda.com/Car_Trials/ There have been some tweaks to the Class 3 definitions to make them more inclusive, but the most significant change is to the scoring section in which we have added a 'bonus points' element to make the Grand Final more attractive to more competitors. This should make for a really interesting Grand Final with a far less predictable outcome; opportunities for more competitors to win the Gold Star championship and more pressure on "the favourite". Great stuff!

We look forward to seeing you at the annual BTRDA luncheon on 25 January and to the new season of car trials. Meanwhile, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Neil Mackay

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**2014 Silver Star Champion
and
Jack Williams Trophy
Winner
Steve Courts**

Photo: Nick Pollitt



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Derwydd Trial, Bala Motor Club 28th September 2014

"The A49 and A5 don't immediately spring to mind as lovely driving roads, but between 6 and 8 on a dry Sunday morning they can be great fun." That's how I started an event report back in 2005, and it still holds true today. Comprehensive arrowing to Bala Motor Club's first use of a new site for the championship brought to mind the excellent arrowing on the PK Memorial Road Rally in June when I brought the Golf up to Corwen for its first proper Welsh road rally for nearly 30 years.

Anyway, back to today. There was no chance of going to look at the hills, as we were down in the farmyard with just glimpses of posts and arrows about 200 feet higher up the mountain. So it was time to change the wheels, load the ballast and have a cup of coffee with an excellent bacon buttie, while chatting to other competitors including a large number of keen local youngsters (aged maybe 15 to 25+). The cars were mostly destined for the knackers after a few more trials, but only one (from maybe a dozen) retired from this event.

Despite a little low cloud descending into fifteen minutes of mizzle during scrutineering, the conditions were going to be pretty dry up on the sections. The forecast was for a dry day with some sunshine, and that proved correct. The car numbering system seemed to be based on when drivers entered the event, so it wasn't easy to see who was in which class (or event – as there was a Clubman's event running alongside). Get over that slight mental hurdle, and also that it didn't seem imperative to stick to a running order, and you just go with the flow. Typically, we BTRDA lot stuck as close to our running order as we sensibly could – and still enjoyed ourselves!

Driving up past the rest of the sections, we came to a 'clump' of the first three hills. The first included a loop while avoiding a couple of car-sized rocks, and a short steep uphill finish. Most scored one or two, while most experts cleaned it. The second hill had an off-camber turn at about the 7 marker, which caught many non-ballasted cars out on the still-damp grass, and Neil Mackay had to burn for 30 secs to get out. Speed was of the essence on hill three – once the 150 right had been negotiated, and most got out OK. Hill Four's finish was at the

same altitude as the start, but the dips and twists were a little taxing. Hill Five was achievable on a cross gradient, where most didn't keep their speed up (only seven cleans from 30 cars). Hill Six looked trickier, but was drier and not too difficult. Hill Seven again wasn't steep, but had a couple of small humps to get over and then a choice of down through wet ground or short cut over a low level rock across the top (turning 120 right all the while) with a poorer line to a clean. Only seven cleans again. None though on the last hill where a really steep eight foot 1 in 2, with little run up, greeted us. Only three ones here, including Tim Beard and John Wadsworth.

Class One after the first round was Tim Beard on 12, David Allman on 17, Dave Walker on 18 and John Wadsworth on 24. Class Two had Neil and me on 2, with Rupert on 5, Nigel Griffith's Nova on 8, a 106D on 9 and the rest well into double figures. Barrie Parker and Brian Roberts led Class 3, also on 2, with Alan Roberts on 3 and Aled Wyn and Neil Jones' MX5 on 6.

Round two had unchanged hills, and although Neil caught a stone which made the car jump out of gear on Hill One before the two marker, he cleaned the last hill to take lunch on 4. Rupert and I both lost one on Hill Eight to be on 6 and 3 at the half way point. Back down to the farmyard for the lunch break and although the hills hadn't been altered before, they would be afterwards.

Different kettle of fish now! Hill one was tightened and lengthened, but didn't cause too many problems. Hill Two and Three ditto, while the rest of the sections were only causing problems for the unballasted cars. After three rounds. After three rounds, Beard 23, Walker 27, Wadsworth 31 & Allman 33.

Kevin Roberts (C of C) then got a case of the 'got to take marks off them', and Hill Two got really tight. Beard and Walker scored 7, while Allman and Wadsworth fought their way to the top. Even Rupert had to 'tweak' his Mini in one bit, so you can imagine what Neil and I had to do (successfully). Neil and I were the only ones up a much lengthened Hill Three, but it was Hill Four which killed my chances. Just an

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impossibly tight uphill ninety left, with no space to play with. I might have made it at the third attempt, but it cost me a six and the class lead; Neil didn't clout the six post like me, but stopped at four. Hill Five had a decent new climb from the six post, and Neil had a great drive to the top, while I'd lost it and dropped another four.

The Class One battle continued to its exciting end, with Allman on 62, Walker on 52, Beard on 48, and Wadsworth storming to the win on 42. Having held the class lead since the first hill of the day, I was somewhat disappointed to lose out on the last round. However, Neil cleaning Hill Five gave him the deserved win on 8 marks lost, and overall victory with me second on 14. Rupert was on 19 and the 106D was on 29. Thank you to Jim for passengering for me (as well as Neil) on an energetic day.

Class Three's dice was also decided on that Hill Four, where Barrie managed to get his Westfield round the bend, with Brian Roberts failing, and Alan Roberts making it. They finished on 7, 10 and 9 respectively.

Mention must be made of the fantastically keen and enthusiastic marshals, along with their accuracy. The ladies of the Club provided the not-expensive hot snacks/rolls and free tea/coffee. The results were not slow considering they had two rounds to score up each time, and also they cross-checked them electronically. Results were available on the Bala MC website that evening. A great effort by the Club.

The A5 and A49 don't immediately spring to mind as lovely driving roads, and between 5 and 8 on a dry Sunday afternoon they weren't wonderful. But overtaking powerfully, yet safely, on roads you know is one of the crumbs of pleasure left in A road driving.

1 st Overall	Neil Mackay	Citroen AXGT	8	40%
1 st Class 1	John Wadsworth	Ford Ka	42	97%
1 st Class 2	Simon Harris	VW Golf GTi	13	64%
1 st Class 3	Barrie Parker	Westfield Sei	7	88%

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BTRDA Grand Final, 5th October 2014.

After a long season starting back in my home county of Dorset in early March, 17 of the 20 qualifiers for the 2014 Grand Final headed to Catton Park, Lichfield for the 2nd time in 5 weeks to contest the new format final.

The major awards were all still up for grabs and the 7 hills looked (and proved) to be really tricky with many stopping points ready to catch out the unprepared.

Class 3 uncharacteristically led away at hill 1, giving the rest of us the chance to eye up the hills and the available lines.

Hill 1 was challenging with a run along the flat into a well judged climb before a sharp drop and a climb through some deceptively slippery nettles.

With the exception of 3 drivers in class 1 we all made a 4 and headed off to hill 2. It was deceptively slippery under some trees and this is where the scores started to diverge with Steve Courts starting his challenge for the gold in the Imp with a superb 1 best of the rest being a 3. Mark Hoppé started his challenge by

pinching 3 off of all the class 1's to head the class after 2 hills.

So it continued until the end of the 7 hills making up round 1 – a real mixture- in fact I would say the hardest set of tests I have done in my short career. They were ably (fiendishly) laid out by Duncan Stephens

After round 1 Mark Hoppé (41) and Simon Harris (31) headed class 1 and 2 with class 3 stalwarts Dave Oliver and Steve Courts tied with Brian Roberts all on 22.

The venue was grippy but slippery all at the same time and continued to test the metal of the title protagonists.

Round 2 saw Mark Hoppé drop a 6 on test 6 and lose a huge 5 points to the resurgent Dave Walker to trail by 4 – the nerves were setting in for Hoppé who needed to win the event to guarantee the gold in his first season in the championship.

In class 2 Simon had stretched to a 11 point lead over local ace Nick Pollitt in the borrowed Duncan Stephens Nova. However it was class

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3 that was still oh so tight with Oliver now 1 point ahead of Courts.

Round 3 saw a little tightening of some sections and a widening /dual route addition to a couple of hills. A low score 28 by Hoppé got him back to the head of the field with Tim Beard now starting to pressurise Walker for the 2nd spot in class 1. Class 2 saw John Moffatt score the lowest for the round but he had damaged his chances in round 2 and it was still Harris out in front.

Class 3 saw Steve Courts grab a 1 point lead from Oliver after underscoring by 2 on the round.

So as we headed to lunch Hoppé still had his hand on the Gold – just – any slip would potentially see Courts take it by a point overall – so with 2 rounds to go it was still very tense.

Round 4 after lunch was perhaps the most pivotal of the season, with a great round from Hoppé extending his lead over Walker and Beard, which coupled with a dropped 5 on hill 2 costing Courts very dearly as he dropped to 6 behind Oliver going into the final round of the year.

Class 2 saw Moffatt put in a round of 6 to gain 3 on Harris. But the Golf was still holding sway out in front.

Onto the final round and Hoppé had stretched enough of a lead to cope with an over confident approach to the final hill, which saw him head the class ahead of Walker and Beard.

Harris had a stunning round of 3 to take the poorly supported class 2 win by a country mile from Moffatt and Pollitt with Neil Mackay just a few points further back after working the AX very hard on several sections.

Class 3 saw a super round by Barrie Parker, but it was a little too late to challenge Oliver and Courts for the top places.

So after an excellent and worthy Grand Final the points were totted up and the results announced.

John Wadsworth had already won the Mac Hazlewood trophy for his total points scored during the season – a great result for the well travelled veteran.

The Jack Williams award for lowest score across the season was won by the super consistent Steve Courts.

The season long class winners were Dave Walker, John Moffatt and Dave Oliver.

John Wadsworth in the Ka had been struggling a little during the day but had done enough to take the Bronze star from Kevin Roberts.

The battle for the Silver Star was resolved with Steve Courts taking it from Simon Harris.

However, the battle for the Gold Star saw Hoppé take the overall trial win and add 20 points to the maximum he had brought to the final to make it a double championship win – adding it to the MSA title won 5 weeks earlier at Catton Park. (Not bad for a fat newcomer in a boy racer's Saxo :)

The marshals and organisers of the final and all events this year need commending for the efforts that have made a great seasons trialling. I am already looking forward to 2015.....where do I sign up ?

Mark Hoppé



2014 Gold Star Champion Mark Hoppé

Photo: Nick Pollitt

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Scorer's Snippets 9th November 2014

The Silver Star[®] Championship was close going into the Grand Final with Steve Courts and I just three points apart. Also, Brian Roberts and Tim Beard were another four or five points back, so they were ready to move up if either of us slipped up. Luckily for us we didn't, as I won my class, and Steve came second in his. So the points gap at the end was narrowed to just one to Steve's advantage. Pretty close!

Mark Hoppé was the favourite for the Bronze Star[®], having obtained the five maximums to take to the Final. But John Wadsworth was just three behind, with Kevin Roberts five further back. It could have gone any which way. With Nick Pollitt 'defecting' to the ballasted class, the door was nudged further open for Mark to win the event overall and score a further maximum to win the Gold Star[®] title. Even under 'favourite's pressure' he duly did – see his event report elsewhere in this News – and although John did not have a good day, he did just enough to stay ahead of Kevin and inherit the Bronze Star[®] title, Kevin being Runner Up.

The new Gold Star[®] scoring system actually had no effect on deciding the champion this year. However, it did reduce the number of potential winners going into the event from everybody to, realistically, about seven drivers this time. The Committee are introducing a slight tweak to the scoring at the Final next year to increase the chances for the Final event winner to become Gold Star[®] champion. We will see if it has the desired effect of more optimism at the start of Finals day.

Mark Hoppé leaps straight to Gold Star[®] – only status next year, while John Wadsworth moves up to the Silver Star[®] championship.

As they rightly should, the committee discuss each of the qualifying events in detail, taking into account the replies/comments from Survey Monkey that the competitors themselves have submitted after events. The Committee then have the unenviable task of choosing which of the events was the best. You may be interested to know that this whole subject of reviewing the events takes over ninety minutes – it is not just glossed over. It was good to see that the Cymru Trial had excellent reports this year, and that the Gaby Mohr, Wyre Forest and Ernest Owen were at that level too. But, as last year, the best two were considered to be the Warwickshire and Wye Valley trials, with the latter just taking the honour.

As usual, here are some annual statistics for you. The average number of competitors per event has moved back up from 30.8 last year, to 31.2 this year. The average number of national competitors has decreased substantially from 24.6 to 19.9. BTRDA registered drivers also fell again from 12.5 to 11.3 per event. Our championship registrations increased by two to 28. The best supported event (including Clubman) was again Falcon's spring trial, now called the Ivinghoe Trial with 40 entries, while the most National competitors were at the Wye Valley (32). The most BTRDA competitors were at the Wyre Forest (20).

The list of Championship Award winners is as follows; congratulations to all of them.

Simon Harris

BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship Award Winners

Gold Star [®] Winner	Mark Hoppé
Silver Star [®] Winner	Steve Courts
Silver Star [®] Runner up	Simon Harris
Bronze Star [®] Winner	John Wadsworth
Bronze Star [®] Runner up	Kevin Roberts
Class 1 Winner	Dave Walker
Class 2 Winner	John Moffatt
Class 3 Winner	Dave Oliver
Jack Williams Trophy	Steve Courts
Nancy Mitchell Trophy	not contested
Mac Hazlewood Trophy	John Wadsworth
Mike Stephens Trophy	Ross & District Motor Sports

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	Champ Status	Ernest Owen 1	Golden Springs	Basil Elkington	Ingthoe Spring	Warwickshire	Wyre Forest	Wye Valley	Cymru	HCC Wales	Ernest Owen 2	Gaby Mohr	Matthews A-Salvage	Derwydd	Mac Hazelwood	Best Five	Grand Final	Championship Total
NAME	02/02	02/03	23/03	06/04	11/05	08/06	22/06	19/07	20/07	31/08	14/09	27/09	28/09	TOTAL			18/10	
Mark Hoppe	B	10		10	9	10	10	10	8	10	10			57	50	20	70	
John Wadsworth	B		C	10	7	9	8	8	9	7	6	9	10	76	47	14	61	
Kevin Roberts	B		A		6	5	9	8	9	6	7	7	*9*	67	42	14	56	
David Allman	B		N		1	6	5	6	0	7	7	7	7	43	32	12	44	
Roger Holder	B	7	C		7	1	4	9	9	7	4			35	33			
Peter Houghton	B		E	7	5	5	4	5	7	1	3			37	31			
Martin MacKenzie	B		L		1	1	3	7	7	5	2			26	24			
John Waddington	B	5	L	9	1	7					5			21				
Chris Judge	B		E											0				
Mike Jones	B		D							4				4				
Steve Courts	S			8	*9*	10	10			10	10			57	49	18	67	
Simon Harris	S		C	9	9	9	*9*		0	10	7		9	53	46	20	66	
Brian Roberts	S		A	6	7	7	6	9	10	7	6		8	65	41	16	57	
Tim Beard	S		N	7	7	8	7	7	0	8	8		9	54	40	16	56	
Dave Walker	S		C				7	6	5	9	2		8	38	36	18	54	
Bill Moffatt	S	9	E	7	4	7	0							18	27	10	37	
Jeff Buchanan	S		L		5	4	3	4	6	2			5	36	27	8	35	
Dave Harvey	S	9	L	7	8	4	5			8			7	32	37	0		
Mike Stephens	S		E		*9*	4								9				
Nigel Weeks	S		D											0				
Dave Oliver	G			10	9	9	7	8	10	9	9			71	47	20	67	
John Moffatt	G	St		9	10	10	10				8			47	47	18	65	
Barrie Parker	G	St	9	9	10	8					8	10	10	64	48	12	60	
Nick Pollitt	G			9	10	6	9			*9*	9			43	43	16	59	
Neil Mackay	G			2	6	2	8			9			10	35	35	14	49	

*9 - Scored as the Secretary or C of C of the event

BTRDA® 2015 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.

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Jan	3/4						Championship Final Gale Hall, Melmerby Cumbria 01788 542694
	10						
	11						
	17						
	18		Knutsford DMC				
	24						
	25						
	31						
Feb	1						
	7						
	8						
	14						Jigger Jug NPTCC, Cumbria 01228 561308
	15					Wydean Incl. MSA English Chepstow	Geoff Taylor Hagley & DLCC Worcestershire 01527878192
	21						
	22						
	28				Test Day at Blyton		
Mar	1		Bristol MC				Walsingham 750MC, Hampshire 01342 842539
			Golden Springs Woolbridge MC, Mervyn Brake, 01305 260124				
	7					Malcolm Wilson Incl. MSA English Cockermouth	Training Day (14th) 01788 542694
	8			Blyton	Tour of Epynt Llandoverly		Peter Blankstone MAC, Shelsley Walsh 01886 812211
	14						
	15		Ross & District MSL Curborough				Stuart Butterfield Yorkshire 01274 487998



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21							
22		Devizes & DMC	Basil Elkington Sevenoaks & DMC Chris Judge 01474 873628				President's Trophy**** Southsea MC Hampshire 02392 253732
28							
29	Herefordshire MC Hereford						
Apr	3/4						
5	EASTER		Ivinghoe Spring Falcon MC Geoff Hodge 01763 848422				
6							
11							
12		CSMA NE London					Raymond Baxter NPTCC, Cumbria 01228 561308
18							
19	Warwickshire Drivers				Somerset Stages Incl. MSA English Minehead		J.B.Taylor Sportingtrials.com Gloucestershire 01732 359235
25							
26		Oxford MC	Ernest Owen Owen MC Mike Sones 01283 791368				Pennine Airedale & Pennine Derbyshire 0161 9735633
May	2						
3							
4	Bank Holiday Monday		Ilkley Motor Club				
8							
9					Manx National Rally Douglas, Isle of Man		
10			Warwickshire Cov & Warks MC Hazel Stephens 01676 532337				Four Turnings Camel Vale, Cornwall 07814 014233
16							
17	Wolverhampton & SSCC	60 & Worcs				Plains Rally Walespool	
23/24							
25	Bank Holiday Monday						
30							
31	CSMA NEL						



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Jun	6	Abingdon CAR-nival*					
	7	Dolphin MC	Wyre Forest Kidderminster MCC Mac Roath 01562 752950	Pembrey Pembrey		Carlisle Stages Rally Longtown	
	13						
	14						
	20						
	21	CSMA NW	Wye Valley Ross & District MSL Simon Harris 01531 820761				
	27						
	28	Knutsford & DMC					
July	4						
	5				ALMC Stages Trim, Co. Meath		
	11	Hartlepool & DCC				Nicky Grist Stages Builth Wells	
	12	Alwoodley MC	Bristol MC				
	18		Cymru North Wales CC Dave Thomas 01492 584872				
	19		HCC Wales Clwyd Vale MC Pete Dale 01745 857316				
	25	South of Scotland MC					
	26		Loughborough CC				
Aug	1						
	2	Owen MC	Aintree CC		Tyneside Stages Otterburn		
	8/9						
	15						
	16	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC					
	22						
	23		U17 MC NW				
	29						
	30	Whitchurch MC	Bath MC		Mewla National Builth Wells		
	31	Bank Holiday Monday					



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Sep	5					Woodpecker	
	6					Incl. MSA English Ludlow	
	12						
	13	Farnborough &DMC*	Gaby Mohr Wolvs & SSCC, John Fox 01902 844399				Robin Jager NPTCC, Cumbria 01228 561308
	19			Pembrey			Robin Alexander Camel Vale, Cornwall 01566 784348
	20	Loughborough CC		Pembrey			David Ayres Launceston, Cornwall 01566 784348
	26		Matthews Auto Salvage Trial Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC Lee Matthews 01248 421681			Trackrod Rally incl. MSA English Pickering	
	27		Derwydd Bala & District MC Brian Roberts 07811 092135				Charles Pollard Peterborough Northants 01733 252886
Oct	3						
	4	Oxford MC			Cheviot Keith Knox Rally Otterburn		John Southern NPTCC, Cumbria 01228 561308
	10						
	11						Pete Fear Pauntley Ross & District MSL Newent 01989 780469
	17					Cambrian Llanudno	Training Day Oxfordshire 01788 542694
	18			Blyton			Mercian Trial Coventry & Warwickshire Oxfordshire 01676 532337



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22							
25		60 & Worcs					Stone Trough**** Yorkshire Sports Yorkshire 01274 487998
31							
Nov 1		Knutsford MC					November Sporting Sportingtrial.com Kent, 01732 359235
7					JLT Tempest 2 Rally MSA English ONLY		
8					Aldershot		Roy Fedden Bristol CC, Somerset 07801 415238
14							
15			Croft				
21							
22							Loughborough Loughborough CC Nottinghamshire 0116 2364022
28				Championship Awards			
29				Presentation			
Dec 5					Championship Awards Presentation		
6							Gloster, TBA Gloucestershire 017788 542694
12/13							
19/20							
26/27							

Calendar Notes

*AutoSolo** means dates/venue to be confirmed
Car Trials: The Grand Final will be held in
 October Contact Neil Mackay 0115 9291728
Asphalt Rally Championship is likely to be
 these published 6 rounds with 5 to count.
Sporting Trials – President's Trophy may
 move to the 29th May.
 Stone Trough 25th October not confirmed.



Membership Report

The final figures for 2014 are below. We have a grand total of 794 registered members, an increase on last year.

Forest Rally	313	AutoSOLO Challenge	5	Car Trial	27
Asphalt Rally	233	AutoSOLO Championship	20	Sporting Trials -	67
Autotest	40	Allrounders	21	Rallycross	68

As always, many thanks to those who have joined online in 2014. Please note when completing registrations for 2015, either online or paper format, that there is a slight increase in prices.

And don't forget to book your luncheon tickets available now at the online shop at www.btrdamembership.com
Jodie Pemberton



REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

PEREZ IN SEVENTH HEAVEN!....

Well, if you thought the finish of last year's REIS BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship was close, this one would have had you on the edge of your seat! In 2013 Euan Thorburn came out on top in a tie-break situation by having four maximum scores to Connor McCloskey's three but, this time, not only did Steve Perez and Paul Bird end the season with the same number of points - they also had equal numbers of firsts, seconds and thirds....

The BTRDA Rally Series regulations state that 'any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores within their best six scores. In the event of a further tie, the greatest number of second highest scores and so on. Should this fail to resolve the tie, then reference will be made to a competitor's 7th highest score...' and that's what finally tipped the balance in Perez' favour - a measly (or so it seemed at the time!) 22 from an off day on the Plains trumped Bird's seventh score - a 1 for starting, but not finishing, the Somerset Stages.

While Steve Perez took his second Gold Star title, four years after his first, his guide for the season, Paul Spooner, had contested every event to date - including the Malcolm Wilson in Peter Smith's Metro 6R4 - which precluded him taking any points from the Cambrian. Hence, Aled Davies, Bird's able partner, found himself as 2014 BTRDA Gold Star Champion Co-driver, adding to the two Asphalt Championship

titles he gained a decade ago!

Somewhat overshadowed by all the noise of brain cells and calculators trying to work out points situations was the fact that Dave Weston Jnr and Kirsty Riddick kept their heads (whilst all around!....) to take their first BTRDA Rally Series win on the Cambrian. Second places on the Plains & Nicky Grist Stages had tipped us the wink that it was going to happen - it was just a case of when....

So, the final Gold Star Championship Drivers' points table shows Perez from Bird from Weston, while the Co-drivers' 'Roll of Honour' has a somewhat different look to it. Firstly, as outlined above, Aled Davies finished ahead of Paul Spooner and secondly, as Kirsty Riddick missed the Plains Rally, Ian Windress took 3rd place. His driver, Stephen Petch, was 4th, just four points behind Weston after a season for which the Bishop Auckland driver should be well pleased.

After a shaky start, which saw his Focus WRC end up in a culvert on the Wydean, Petch set about fulfilling the promise he had shown by winning the 2013 Trackrod Forest Stages. Taking a mid-season change to a Fiesta R5+ in his stride, not only did he finish every event he entered but, at the same time, his lowest score was a 25 - coincidentally on the Cambrian. As Fiestas slowly become a more common sight in the UK forests, Petch and his team can sleep easy in the knowledge that they already have

the best part of a season's experience of the car more than anyone else - roll on 2015!

Luke Francis/John H Roberts arrived in Chepstow in February having up rated their Group N Lancer EVO9 to Class B13 during the winter, and the early signs were very encouraging. Three excellent scores from the first four events gave considerable cause for optimism but, sadly, it was not to last. Retirements from three of the last four



Gold Star Winning Driver Steve Perez and 2nd O/A Co-Driver Paul Spooner Photo:Ralliphotowales





REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

rounds - including the Cambrian which they won in 2012 - pushed them down to the lower reaches of the Top Ten but, nevertheless, a point had been made....

Group N continues to be a hot-bed of competition - seven crews scored points on the opening round and one, Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy, continued to do so on such a regular basis that, by mid-season, not only were they leading the BTRDA Production Cup® but they also found themselves at the top of the Gold Star table overall! However, a constant thorn in their sides were Tom Naughton/Andi Mort whose similar Lancer EVO9 had got the better of them on the Malcolm Wilson, Somerset & Plains Rallies. A mid-season blip - absence from the Dukeries followed by a DNF on the Nicky Grist - gave hope to their rivals, but a solid end to the Championship saw Naughton/Mort run out winners from Thompson/Murphy and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence.

Roland Llewelin/Jamie Edwards were in the mix until the Nicky Grist, while Alex Allingham/Chris Williams finished top dogs on the Woodpecker in their Impreza. Jamie Anderson only managed to fit in three events this year but, having won two of them and been second on the third, his presence is still to be treated with respect!

Matthew Robinson/Sam Collis' domination of the REIS BTRDA Silver Star® Championship in 2014 has been something to behold! Eight starts, eight finishes, six maximums to give them a 'full-house' in the points, not to mention the driver's third consecutive Silver Star - and

then, of course, there's the BTRDA Historic Cup® and the MSA English Rally Championship which have both been claimed by the Escort crew...

In spite of a rare retirement on the Cambrian, Jon Ballinger/Mike Wilding (Opel Manta) hung on to runners-up spot, whilst a good run in North Wales elevated Sean Edwards/Steve Pugh (Ford Escort) into 3rd place at the expense of the Fiesta ST of Sasha Kakad/Andrew Price.

In marked contrast to the past couple of seasons, the Morris Lubricants BTRDA® 1400 Championship went down to the wire in 2014 and Mat Smith/Giles Dykes (Ford Ka) emerged from the final run through Penmachno to take the title. On the day they were beaten by Dan Gray/Matt Rogers (Peugeot 106) who were their closest rivals in the overall Championship, while their first maximum of the season helped Marcel Freling/Karen Robinson (MG ZR) to 3rd place.

Forty-five (yes, that's 45!) drivers scored points at some time during the year and, of those, five scored one or more maximums! Such was their commitment that each of the final Top Six drivers started eight of the nine events in the calendar and sixth-placed Ryan Weston (David's brother) was only 21 points adrift of Mat Smith by close of play....

The BTRDA Rally First® Championship had been put to bed by Nick Carr/Joe Sturdy on the Trackrod Forest Stages but, in the final analysis, the second, third and fourth-placed drivers were all on the same points tally! James West, Rory Jones and Neil Andrew were split by numbers of maximums, seconds and so on, while co-drivers Steve Eggington and Dom Adams had to be similarly prised apart by Tynemouth Computer Services' ever-faithful results system.

Full details of the 2015 REIS BTRDA Rally Series, incorporating the Gold Star, Silver Star, BTRDA 1400 & 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

RALLY CHALLENGE - EXTRA

Intending to enter the new Rally Challenge? Why not also register for our Allrounders Championship. By finishing five events in the two rally groups you would be well on the way to qualifying, needing just one more event from one other group - and you could use your rally car in at least our Speed Group (Sprints, Hillclimbs, Autocross). The Allrounders Championship is open to both rally driver and rally co-driver.

ANDREW HALL





Gold Star Winning
Co-Driver
Aled Davis
with
Second Overall Driver
Paul Bird

Rally First
Champions
Nick Carr and
Joe Sturdy
on the Woodpecker



1400 Championship
Winners
Mat Smith and
Giles Dykes
on the Cambrian

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REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

REIS BTRDA Rally Series 2014 Award Winners



Champion Driver	Steve Perez	Champion Co-Driver	Aled Davies
Second Overall	Paul Bird	Second Overall	Paul Spooner
Third Overall	David Weston Jnr	Third Overall	Ian Windress



Champion Driver	Matthew Robinson	Champion Co-Driver	Sam Collis
Second Overall	Jon Ballinger	Second Overall	Mike Wilding
Third Overall	Sean Edwards	Third Overall	Steve Pugh



Champion Driver	Mat Smith	Champion Co-Driver	Giles Dykes
Second Overall	Dan Gray	Second Overall	Matt Rogers
Third Overall	Marcel Freling	Third Overall	Karen Robinson

BTRDA RALLY FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Nick Carr	Champion Co-Driver	Joe Sturdy
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BTRDA PRODUCTION CUP

Champion Driver	Tom Naughton	Champion Co-Driver	Andrew Mort
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BTRDA HISTORIC CUP

Champion Driver	Matthew Robinson	Champion Co-Driver	Sam Collis
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OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

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

First Lady Driver Jayne Auden First Lady Co-Driver Karen Robinson
 First Senior Driver Neil Andrew First Senior Co-Driver Mike Wilding

MG ZR Rally Challenge

Champion Driver	Rory Jones	Champion Co-driver	Tom Hughes
Second Overall	Marcel Freling	2 nd Co-driver	Karen Robinson
Third Overall	Richard Gemmell	3 rd Co-driver	David Auden





REIS BTRDA® Rally Series

REIS BTRDA GOLD STAR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS AWARDS

B14	Driver	Co Driver	B13	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Stephen Petch	Kirsty Riddick	1 st	Simon Rogers	Andrew Sankey
2 nd	-	-	2 nd	Luke Francis	John Roberts
3 rd	David Bogie	Kevin Rae	3 rd	Wayne Sissions	Neil Shanks
B10	Driver	Co Driver	B11	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Steve Deeley	Alan Proudman	1 st	Nick Dobson	David Millard
2 nd	James Hutchings	Jessica Rogan	2 nd	Jody Bowcott	Steve Pugh
3 rd	Nathan O'Connor	Tim Leigh	3 rd	Tony Williams	Karen Phelps
N4	Driver	Co Driver	N3	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Tom Naughton	Andrew Mort	1 st	Sacha Kakad	Andrew Price
2 nd	Russ Thompson	Andy Murphy	2 nd	Tony Simpson	Ian Bevan
	Patrick Naylor	Ian Lawrence	3 rd	Simon Dalton	-
H1	Driver	Co Driver	H3	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	David Dobson	Adrian Scadding	1 st	Allan McDowall	Gavin Haycock
2 nd	Rex Ireland	-	2 nd		Gavin Heseltine

MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 - CLASS AWARDS

1400S	Driver	Co Driver	1400C	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Clive Anstey	Mark McCulloch	1 st	Matthew Jackson	Teresa Butler
2 nd	Ryan Weston	Tim Currie	2 nd	James Weaver	Mark Vaughan
3 rd	Martin Shaw	Ian Prout	3 rd	Robert Evett	Richard Simmonds

BTRDA RALLY FIRST - CLASS AWARDS

RF1.4	Driver	Co Driver	RF1.6	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Rory Jones	Dominic Adams	1 st	James West	Steve Eggington
2 nd	Neil Andrew	Tom Hughes	2 nd	Ron Hall	Ron Morgan
3 rd	Carl Davies	Richard Jones	3 rd	Steven Knott	-

RF1.0	Driver	Co Driver
1 st	Sam Bilham	Graham Wild
2 nd	Claire Marsh	Abi Haycock
3 rd	Thomas Bayliss	-

BTRDA Rally First Junior Driver Nick Carr
 BTRDA Rally First Junior Co Driver Joe Sturdy

Special BTRDA Trophies to be awarded by the BTRDA Rallies Committee

- ◆ Bill Turner Trophy for best event – Cambrian Rally
- ◆ Ian Butcher Trophy (best performance in 1st season) – David Weston Jnr
- ◆ Mickey Dee Trophy (most entertainment) – Sam Collis
- ◆ Richie Holfeld Maximum Attack Trophy – Mat Smith
- ◆ Rally Man of the Year (Phil Price Trophy) - Matthew Robinson



2014 MSA ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD WINNERS

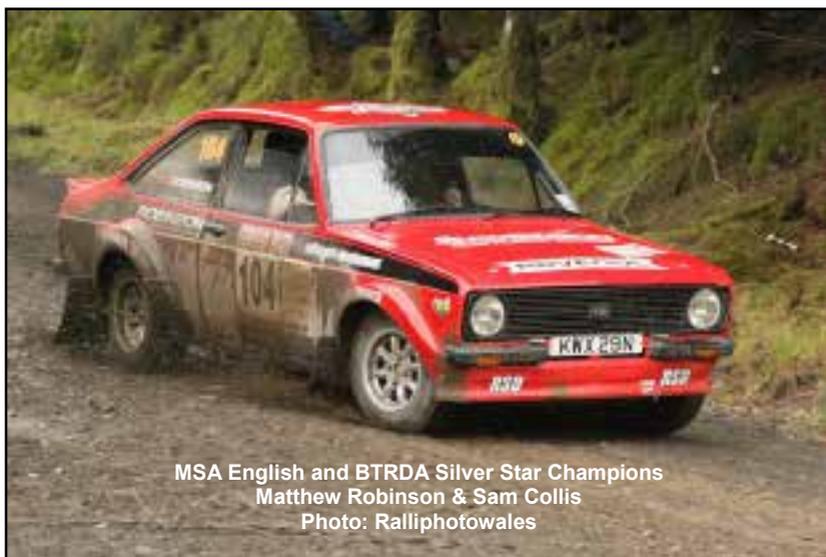
Champion Driver	Matthew Robinson	Champion Co-Driver	Sam Collis
Second Overall	Neil Andrew	Second Overall	Dominic Adams
Third Overall	Rory Jones	Third Overall	Steve Eggington

E1	Driver	Co-Driver	E2	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Nick Carr	Tom Hughes	1 st	Marcel Freling	Karen Robinson
2 nd	Jon Ambler	Joe Sturdy	2 nd	Clive Anstey	Tim Currie
3 rd	Carl Davies	Richard Jones	3 rd	Mat Smith	Giles Dykes
E3	Driver	Co-Driver	E4	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	James West	Jessicca Rogan	1 st	Sacha Kakad	Andrew Price
2 nd	Nathan O'Connor	Alan Proudman	2 nd	Tony Simpson	Ian Bevan
3 rd	Steve Deeley	Jane Robbins			

E5	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Nick Dobson	Mike Wilding
2 nd	Jon Ballinger	Gavin Haycock
3 rd	Sean Edwards	Steve Pugh

First Junior Driver £250 (from Mintex)
First Junior Co-driver

Sam Bilham
Dominic Adams

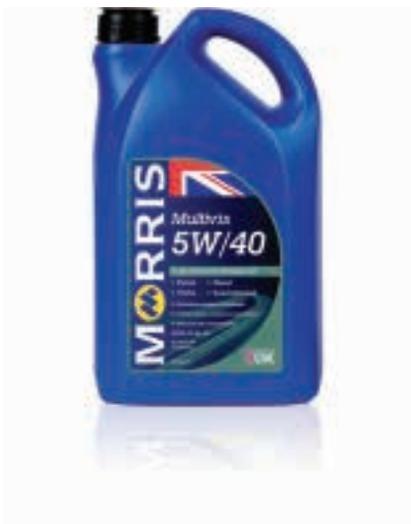


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From The Hot Seat

Having wrapped up the Championship in time for the last edition of the News, other than thanking our sponsor Demon Tweeks for their continued support, I only have the prospects for 2015 to report on. Firstly the Championship will see the addition of a new round to be held in Scotland next year in light of the renewed enthusiasm for the sport "north of the boarder". Having done some reshuffling of traditional dates, this new event to be organised by the South of Scotland Car Club, under the supervision of seasoned Autotester and Top Gear stuntman Gordon Clendinning, on Saturday the 25th July, along with another non-Championship one on the Sunday to make the trip worthwhile for the Southerners. Another change being that Caernarfonshire & Anglesey will no longer be a double header weekend with Knutsford but become a stand-alone one in August. So, with the exception of Northern Ireland (who have their own vibrant Championship), we will again travel to all the Home Nations in 2015.

I have previously written about our attempt to encourage new drivers into Autotesting by the introduction of a Starter Series of events using

a more simplified basic level test layouts to enable competitors to lean there craft before moving up to the Championship event which can be quite daunting. I am pleased to say that, with the support of the MSA, the "Rookie Challenge" is to become, also with some assistance from Demon Tweeks, the "BTRDA® Clubmans Autotest/PCA Challenge" in 2015, initially based on a small number of events organised by experienced competitors, who will mentor the newcomers to our sport. The events will be run under dual permits, Autotest and PCA, at Clubmans level so that no licences are required and points scored in either section will count towards the final awards. Seasoned competitors who have finished in the top ten of the Gold Star or top five of the Silver Star Championships are not eligible for the Challenge but will be encouraged to attend their local events to pass on their expertise to the competitors. So now is a great time for anyone who fancies taking their driving skills up to a new level to come and have a go.

Steve Layton

From the Pits

After the lie down to recover from the excitement of the finish of the BTRDA Demon Tweeks Gold Star Autotest championship, only a few weeks later there was a need for another lie down after watching the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotests at the Arrow Hotel, Alcester. The 4 car team event has been run by the Hagley & District LCC since 1958 (although only a 3 car team then). and the 2014 event must go down as one of the closest finishes ever. I'm sure if Eire's Paul Phelan is reading this he will correct me! After 7 tests it was the Northern Ireland team of Robin Lyons, Mark King, Paul Blair and Steven Ferguson who beat the Republic of Ireland team of Eamonn Byrne, David Thompson, Timmy Lynch and Guy Foster by the narrowest margins of 3.9 seconds after the 28 individual team member runs. That difference could have been the other way round if the single cone

penalty of 5 secs had been avoided by the Republic team. However, the Northern team had collected 4 during the day on what were some of the best testing autotests that Malcolm Livingston has created. The final 68.9 second run by Steven Ferguson to clinch the event was one of the most spell binding 68.9 seconds I have ever watched at an autotest. If you are around the Arrow Mill Hotel area in October 2015 pop in to be thoroughly entertained. Before then, if you are with the new young technology of Facebook there are some very good videos of various drivers on the tests available. The Ken Wharton event is always an event where you can meet up with some of the more senior autotesters. One of the more older drivers who did pop in this year was John Larkin who used to compete against Robin Lyons father, John, back in the 70's. John was also at the event supporting the Northern



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Ireland team, looking more like a bank manager now than he did back in the 70's! I do remember the contest between John Lyons in his Mini and Trevor Smith in his Midget for the 1974 Gold Star title which finally went in favour of John and stopped the two year run of Gold Stars for Trevor. During that season Trevor tried competing in a mini but after a not so good day against John went back to the Midget. Three years later Trevor teamed up with two other Johns, Larkin and Calton to win the Ken Wharton for England. If only their skills were available in 2014 for the England team! After all these years John Larkin is retiring from the BTRDA Council and the Autotest committee where he was the Chairman for many years. We all thank John for his contribution to the BTRDA over the last 40 years. As a Life Member we won't be losing John to the BTRDA.

Back to 2015, and yes, I did say 2015, and the welcoming news is that the Autotest committee are going to run a Clubmans Autotest/PCA Challenge for the year to attract the younger

driver and the newcomer to competition autotests. This follows the successful trials earlier on in the year where a test day was organised with a much simpler pylon layout. Trials of coloured cones to indicate direction of travel and other ideas were carried out to try and get the driver round the test successfully. Exact event dates for the series have yet to be sorted but they are all likely to be in the Midlands area to reduce travelling. As the organiser of the regional Southern Autotest championship I'm finding it more difficult to get Clubs to organise Nat B tarmac rounds, last year there were only 2 non BTRDA clubs putting forwards events. We have many more clubs organising Clubmans grass events. Could this be the way to go by including this type of event in the Challenge? Or, how about a grass round in the Gold Star series to really find the best allround Autotest driver? Something to think about as you digest your fiftieth mince pie sat around the log fire!

Peter Cox

My 2014 autotesting season with the best yet to come (I hope!)

So we all started a new year of autotesting, a new season and a fresh start with more chances to win but also more opportunities to mess things up!!

My season actually started quite well with a third place at Hagley, a third place at Wolverhampton and my first and only FTD of the season at a very greasy and muddy Hereford event at Foxley. After then things took a bit of a 'wrong turn' (sorry!!) with too many penalties, caused I think by trying too hard, but also of course due to some very stiff competition from Richard Pinkney, Paul Fobister and Chris Chapman to name but a few.

Later on in the season the events were great fun and very enjoyable, however my results were best recorded as 'could do better!!' But I did redeem myself somewhat winning FTD in the reserve event at the Ken Wharton. Mechanical problems did appear on more than a few occasions with things like a huge hole in the gearbox causing a loss of a lot of oil, the

throttle cable breaking halfway around a test and over assisted power steering so that you had to guess which way the blitz would off next!!

Paul and I have enjoyed travelling to most of the events together. At the Anglesey Autotest (won by Malcolm Livingston) Paul beat me by 0.1 of a second and someone said 'I expect it will be a bit quiet on the way home!' Actually it wasn't, but I did resolve to try harder next time!!

Over the years I have come to the conclusion that events are not won but rather that they are lost. If you are consistently quick with good car preparation and you can keep your head in the heat of the competition then you just might come out on top. We can all have excuses about the weather, the tests or our tyres but at the end of the day it is a sport we very much enjoy. So keep entering, keep smiling and keep trying to win. I know I will and I hope you will join me in the 2015 season.

David Evans



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	David Fox	Class Award
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C	Richard Pinkney	The RICHARD SQUIRE Trophy
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D	Paul Fobister	The RIFLEMAN Trophy
	Dave Evans	Class Award
E	Richard Yapp	
H	Toby Cook	The DARBYSHIRE Trophy
J	Paul Fobister	The JOHN LARKIN Jubilee Trophy
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	3 rd Malcolm Livingston	Class Award
Best over 60	Duncan Wild	An Award
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BTRDA[®] Newcomers AutoSOLO Challenge

Going SOLO

So, everything went according to plan and both the AutoSOLO Challenge and the Championship were decided on the last event of the season (phew!). In the Challenge both Patrick Boyle and Stephen Watts knew that they had to win their respective classes to stand a chance of taking overall honours and they both did, with Patrick becoming the Challenge Champion by virtue of a maximum of seven class wins out of seven, while Stephen could only count six wins and one second to finish one point behind. So a fitting end to what has been a very successful series of events over the last seven years. The Challenge was created in 2007 to encourage new competitors into what was then a new type of event. With the support of the organising Clubs this format proved to be very successful, with a number of initiates moving on to other sports, or into the AutoSOLO Championship, which began in 2013 for those who wished to compete at National B level. So we now hand the baton back to the Clubs to encourage newcomers

and thank Demon Tweaks for their support over the last eight years.

The last round of the Championship saw three competitors finishing on a maximum score of 70 points, so the tie decider came in to play. Mike Biss (MX5) took the Championship for the second time by virtue of 11 Class wins from the events that he had competed in, from Stuart Harrison (GBS) with 10 wins, a second and a third, whilst Liam Rollings (Mini) just had seven straight wins. Both Liam and Stuart took their respective Class wins, as did Ben Heggs (Fiesta) in the large engine saloon class. Once again a very successful year for what is becoming a growing Championship thanks to the enthusiasm of the organising Clubs and the assistance of Meath Engineering.

I am sure that 2015 will continue to be a hard fought Series and look forward the keen competition.

Steve Layton

BTRDA Newcomers Autosolo Challenge 2014 Provisional Scores

NAME	BEST 6 SCORES TO DATE	FINAL 02/11/14	BEST 7 SCORES Overall	AWARDS
Boyle, Patrick	60B	20B	80B	1st Overall + 1st in Class
Moore, Graham	25B/10D		25B/10D	
Solarski, Robert	9C/8E		9C/8E	
Vinall, Alan	10C		10C	
Watts, Stephen	59D	20D	79D	1st Class D

Patrick Boyle
2014 BTRDA
Newcomers Autosolo
Challenge Winner

Photo: Duncan Wild



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AutoSOLO Championship Provisional Scores

NAME	5-Oct-14	26-Oct-14	2-Nov-14	Best 7 Scores	Award
Class A					
Rollings, Liam	10	10		20	1st in Class
Wakeman, Alan	9	8		62	2nd in Class
Wakeman, Miranda	8	5		13	
Dallyn, Paul				0	
Dunlop, David				0	
Yapp, Jamie		9		9	
Williams, Andrew			10	10	
Yapp, Richard		7		7	
Class B					
Heggs, Ben	7		8	59	1st in Class
Graves, David			3	3	
Olsen, Richard	6			6	
Olsen, Emma	5			5	
Smith, Alexander				0	
Class D					
Biss, Mike	10	10	10	70	1st Overall + 1st Class
Yapp, Richard	5		9	30	
Sones, Mike				0	
Class E					
Harrison, Stuart	10	10	10	70	1st in Class
Harrison, Ian	9	8	9	64	
Matthews, Lee	8			8	
Smith, Trevor					



**Mike Biss
2014
BTRDA AutoSOLO
Champion**

Photo: Duncan Wild

Getting Started

How did you get into Motorsport? Was it marshalling, navigating or competing on grass roots events? Did a friend or a relative take you to events? Was your mum or dad a competitor? Where are our new competitors coming from?

These are all questions currently being discussed in the various BTRDA committees. In autotesting the average age has been climbing and we have very few juniors while the majority of competitors are in the Jubilee class for those over 45. Recently I was speaking to Dave Thomas who looks after the ANWCC Championships. He said that in the past 20 years the average age of all ANWCC competitors has risen by 10 years. As members of BTRDA we are committed enthusiasts. It would be a good idea if we could all encourage someone to get involved, but in what branch of motorsport.

My first contact with motorsport was a visit to Oulton Park in the mid fifties. My parents were members of the caravan club and I remember taking part in a driving test with a trailer on the back. After finishing third I was disqualified because I didn't have a driving licence, after all I was only fifteen. I marshalled on the caravan road rally in the late fifties and always had an interest in cars but it wasn't until I went to Loughborough University (sorry C.A.T. in those days) that I became involved in competing. I went marshalling and took part in autotests. This brings me to the point of this article. In those days any car was suitable to learn the skills of Autotesting. I started with a 1939 Rover 12 at Donnington on the pre-war race track and followed with a Ford 100E. The tests were relatively simple, easy to learn and fun to drive. The costs of competing were low and remain so.

After University I enjoyed autotesting and car trials in my everyday road car, interspersed with the odd road rallies. The autotests at regional and BTRDA level could be driven in my road car during the seventies. Gradually the sport of autotesting and the cars have developed beyond recognition from thirty years

ago. Gone are those enjoyable events where we learned our craft of handbrake turns, J turns, etc.

Now Autosolos provide an excellent introduction to motorsport for many people and there are many young members of BTRDA in this branch of the sport (and a few old hands as well). While it was thought that some would try autotesting it would appear that in general drivers don't want to make this transition. Newcomers don't like to go backwards, although several manage to do that involuntarily on events. Many clubs run grass autotests and PCAs for their members but few events on sealed surfaces. The new initiative by the BTRDA Autotest committee of running a Clubmans/PCA Autotest Challenge will test the water to see if it will attract new competitors to autotesting. The events will be of the form I remember in my youth; simple to learn and drive while giving a lot of fun. They will provide an opportunity to develop skills and encourage newcomers. We all have to start somewhere. The PCA element should persuade father/mother and son/daughter to have a go. How I wish I'd been able to compete at 14 rather than wait until I had a licence and my own car. If successful it can form a basis for clubs to adopt.

Back to my first question. How did you get started? In autotesting many of our younger participants are related to current participants. Children often follow their parents interests. I doubt that BTRDA motorsport at the top level will survive purely on existing members breeding their successors. We should encourage new competitors through our local clubs. As far as autotesting is concerned I hope that the BTRDA initiative will provide a bridge to move up to BTRDA Championship events. Even if you are not an autotest exponent, perhaps you can watch how our idea progresses and then introduce our ideas to your club.

Watch this space.

Duncan Wild



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“Winter Warmer Rallycross”

The DDMC (Darlington & District Motor Club organised) “Winter Warmer” Rallycross meeting on November 16th at the Croft Circuit attracted a huge entry of 60 cars which all put on some fantastic racing in front of the largest crowd seen at a BTRDA Rallycross event ever. With some great promotion taking place in Darlington town centre the week before plus local and social media covering the event this provided the Croft Circuit with its 3rd largest Championship crowd of the season.

The headlining “**Procters Coaches**” Clubman Supercar class was boosted at the event by some “non championship” drivers including; WRX driver Kevin Procter (Fiesta), Mad Mark Watson (Xzara), Gary Pusey (Subaru) and Rallycross newbie Dmitrij Sribnji in his Subaru which was converted from a time attack car to a rallycross car in 7 days. Not surprisingly it was Procter who dominated the day but behind him the racing was fast and furious. Going into the event it was Andy Grant (Ford Focus) who was leading the Championship, however his title challenge came to an abrupt end after practice as a gearbox problem would prevent him going any further in the event. This left Simon Horton to pick up the event win and also the 2014 Clubman Supercar Title, he was chased all the way to the flag by Mad Mark Watson until the last corner of the last lap when suspension failure would prevent him from

taking the flag. Coming home in 2nd place was Gary Pusey and picking up the final place on the podium in his first ever rallycross event was Dmitrij Sribnji.

The “**Funk Motorsport2** Super Modified class attracted a huge grid of 21 cars which provided some extremely close racing throughout the 3 heats. Driver of the class at Croft must go to Daniel Rooke the Southern Autocross Championship driving a Citroen AX in his first ever Rallycross meeting. Daniel travelled all the way from Devon for the event and put in some fast heat times to line up on the front row of the A Final. In the C Final it was Richard Lewthwaite (MR2) and Rob Scott (Toyota) who both progressed onto the back of the B Final grid. The B Final was won by Brian Jukes (TT) and in second place was Jim Black, with both drivers going onto the back of the 10 car A

Final grid. The class was won by Jack Thorne in his Super 1600 spec Citroen C2, however he was chased all the way to the flag in the A final by Championship leader Kieran Curran (Corsa) and completing the podium was Daniel Rooke (AX).

The “**Red5Motorsport**” Production class had a large entry of 18 cars all of whom provided the huge crowd with some great racing throughout the day. In the heats the fastest times were shared between

2014 Rallycross Champions Kieran Curran
Photo: Hal Ridge, Rallycross World



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Jeff Hope-Davies, Gareth Softley and John Gaskin, just proving how competitive the class was. In the B Final it was championship contender Ryan Stutchbury (205) and local driver Ian Horn (Nova) who finished 1st and 2nd and would join the back of the 10 car A Final grid. In the A Final it was Martin Peters who lead from lights to flag but he was chased all the way by current class leader Jeff Hope-Davies and John Gaskin (Saxo).

The **“Fuchs Lubricants”** BMW Mini and Class Mini classes saw a boost in entries at Croft with 3 entries in each category. In the BMW Mini class it was non championship contenders Kris Hudson and Keifer Hudson who lead the way with David Bell not finishing the A Final after

suffering with a puncture. In the classic mini class it was rallycross returnee Alan Forster who won all 3 heats and the final and he lead home Martin Knowles and Craig Truelove.

The event also had a class for Autocross cars and a grid of 6 cars was assembled all local drivers from the Newcastle area. Nearly all of them were trying rallycross for the very first time and in the A Final it was Ben Davison (Corsa) who won from Mark Pearson (Puma) and Keith Jeffrey (Nova).

All the competitors now only had 2 weeks in which to prepare their care for the final round of the 2014 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship at the Blyton Circuit.

“Kieran’s Championship Delight”

Ireland’s Kieran Curran rounded off what has been a fantastic year by winning the final round of the 2014 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship at Blyton (Sunday 30th November) and with it, the overall BTRDA Championship title.

The MDA (Minicross Drivers Association) organised event at Blyton which was titled the **“Anita Wadge Memorial Rallycross Meeting”** in memory of long time marshal and rallycross supporter Anita Wadge who sadly passed away in 2013. The event attracted a large entry which was boosted by the MSA Swift Sport and MSA Junior Swift Championships. The racing took place on a slightly re-modelled circuit from the one used in March and it certainly got the approval of all competitors. All the competitors and organisers were blessed with a crisp sunny day which meant all the racing was fitted in within daylight hours and with minutes to spare. With FREE spectator entry the crowd was the biggest seen at Blyton for a long time and they were all treated to some great racing.

The **Funk Motorsport Super Modified** class attracted a strong entry of 12 cars and it was Tony Lynch (BMW Mini) and Kieran Curran (Corsa) who shared the fastest heat times in qualification. The racing in the class was

intense all day and it was these 2 drivers who would sit on the front row of the A Final grid. In the C Final it was Dave Ewin and Rob Scott who finished 1st and 2nd respectively and moved onto the back of the B Final. The B final was a fantastic race from start to finish and was initially lead by Brian Jukes (Audi TT), but when his engine let go on lap 3 it was Larry Carter (206) who took up the race lead which is where he stayed until the flag. Todd Crooks (BMW Mini) finished 2nd in the B final and would join Larry on the back row of the A Final. The 6 car A final was the last race of the day and it certainly gave the crowd some fantastic entertainment and great racing. As the lights went to green it was Kieran Curran and Allan Tapscott who made the best starts, leaving Tony Lynch scrambling for grip on the line. The next 4 laps would see some fantastic action, drivers swapping places, time and time again, when the chequered flag came out it was Kieran who took the win from Allan



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Tapscott and Tony Lynch rounding off the top 3. Following the top 3 home were Guy Corner (206), and B Final finishers Larry Carter and Todd Crooks.

This class win for Irishman Kieran Curran was enough for him to clinch the overall BTRDA Championship title. After the race Kieran said "This has been an unbelievable year, I started season not with the intention of doing a full Championship, but as results came my way I found myself in a strong position and decided to carry on. The BTRDA Championship is a great Championship, everyone is so friendly and welcoming, I hope to come back and defend the title in 2015"

The **Red5Motorsport Production** class attracted a large entry of 19 cars which meant the finals went all the way down as far as an E final. With such a diverse grid, some new drivers taking part and a championship at state this class provided some of the best racing throughout the day. During the heats it was Martin Peters and class leader Jeff Hope-Davies who shared the heat time which would see them both start from the front row of the A Final grid. The first final to be run was the E Final and this was won by Steve Kemp (Saxo)

and rallycross newbie Oak Richardson (205) who would join the back of the D Final. The D Final was a very close affair but it was Colin Ramsey (205) and Chris Harper (Saxo) who came 1st and 2nd and would join the back of the C Final grid. Chris Harper who was sitting 2nd in the production championship before the event started was having a dramatic event with disastrous first heat, a non finish in the 2nd heat due to broken steering he found himself starting from a D final and knew he had to make progress if he was to challenge Jeff Hope-Davies and Martin Peters in the overall Championship. The C final was probably one of the closest races throughout the day with positions changing each lap. In the end it was Leigh Hickey (205) who took a great race win and was followed over the line by Ryan Stutchbury (205). However it was events behind these 2 which would eventually shape the final positions in the 8v and 16v classes. In the 8v class Colin Ramsey who came into the event leading the class, had a race ending coming together with Damon Fatchett which would see both cars limp over the line. Top 16v competitor Chris Harper also had a tough race, not being able to make it any further forward than 3rd place which wasn't enough for him to progress to the B Final. The B Final was won by John Gaskin (Saxo), he was followed over the line by Gareth Softley (Xzara) and these 2 drivers would join the back of the A Final. The A final was a great race with Jeff Hope-Davies and Martin Peters being locked bumper to bumper for the entire race. When the flag came out it was Jeff who took the win and also the Production title. He was followed home by Martin Peters and B final winner John Gaskin.



Jeff Hope-Davis at Croft
Photo: Hal Ridge, Rallycross World

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The **Fuchs Lubricants** BMW Mini class only had 1 starter and it was **David Bell** who won the class on the day and also took the 2014 BMW Mini class Championship. In the **Fuchs Lubricants** Classic Mini category there was close racing all day from Martin Knowles and Craig Truelove. The final was now different with both cars nose to tail for the entire race, when the flag came out it was Craig Truelove who took the win and also the class Championship.

In the support categories it was local driver Chris Mullen who took the win in the MSA Swift Sport class and Charlie Bean who won the Junior class. This win for

Charlie was also enough for him to claim the 2014 Junior Rallycross Championship title.



Simon Horton at Croft
Photo: Hal Ridge, Rallycross World

With the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Season now over, attentions turn to 2015 which is shaping up to be a bigger and better year than in 2014. In January the BTRDA Rallycross Championship will have its biggest ever presence at the Autosport International where a static 3 car stand will be on show for 2 days and this is in addition to BTRDA Rallycross competitors taking part in the "Live Arena" for the very first time. On February 22nd there is a non MSA test day at Blyton run by the MDA and the first round of the 2015 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship takes place at Blyton on March 8th.

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A Few Words from Bill.

Here we are at the end of the BTRDA's first stand-alone championship year. We all need a pat on the back as I think that it has been a great success. The rushing about is supposed to have finished after Blyton, or has it? Not for some of us, whether it is the organising side or you guys on the performing side, there's more to come before R1 at Blyton next March.

Our 2015 Championship regs have been written and sent to the MSA, winners from this years championship have been contacted regarding the prize giving and luncheon in January but before all of that we have an Autosport International Show to organise with some of you flying a Rallycross flag over 4 days in the exciting Live Arena and others of you have the opportunity to have your car on our 2 day static display. We are sure that it will be a great success.

You will see the end of year Championship Points in this mag, congratulations to Kieran, our Dave Fuell Trophy jumps the water to SI for 2015, but not for the first time, those honours went to John Haffey in 1992.

We look forward to seeing you at the lunch and prize giving on 25th January, in the meantime Merry Xmas and H-N-Y. See you at either the Autosport Show or the test day at Blyton on 22nd February.

Bill Skermer

Provisional Points Tables

	R1 Blyton	R2 Pembrey	R3 Pembrey	R4 Pembrey	R5 Croft	R6 Blyton	Dropped Score	Total
Overall Championship								
Kieran Curran (Ire)	0	30	30	25	27	60	0	172
Jeff Hope-Davies	16	17	23	30	27	60	16	157
Allan Tapscott	30	17	0	30	21	54	0	152
Supermodified Overall Championship								
Kieran Curran (Ire)	0	30	30	25	27	60	0	172
Allan Tapscott	30	17	0	30	21	54	0	152
Tony Lynch	0	23	21	21	25	50	0	140
Production Overall Championship								
Jeff Hope-Davis	16	17	23	30	27	60	16	157
Martin Peters	27	0	30	0	30	54	0	141
Chris Harper	25	25	14	23	21	28	14	122
Super Modified 2101cc+ Class								
Tony Lynch	0	27	27	25	30	60	0	168
Allan Tapscott	32*	19	0	30	27	58	0	167
Guy Corner	25	18	30	29*	23*	50	18	157
Super Modified 1601 to 2100cc Class								
Sean McAdden	25	21	21	21	0	46	0	134
Gary Cook	29*	0	0	26*	30	0	0	85
Phillip Kelly	0	26*	26*	0	0	0	0	52



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Super Modified up to 1600cc Class								
Kieran Curran	0	30	32*	32*	29*	64	0	187
Larry Carter	32*	25	25	25	25	54	25	161
Rob Scott	25	23	23	27	23	50	23	148
Production 1601cc to 2000cc Class								
Gareth Softley	32*	32*	26*	30	32*	60	26	186
Ashley Barney-Kemp	23	27	21	27	0	50	0	148
Martin Rodgers	25	0	0	0	27	58	0	110
Production up to 1600cc 16V Class								
Jeff Hope-Davis	17	18	23	30	27	60	17	158
Martin Peters	29*	0	32*	0	30	58	0	149
Chris Harper	25	25	17	23	23	34	17	130
Production up to 1600cc 8V Class								
Ryan Stutchbury	21	25	25	29*	27	60	21	166
Colin Ramsey	32*	23	23	0	30	50	0	158
Leigh Hickey	25	21	19	25	25	58	19	154
BMW Mini Class								
David Bell	0	0	0	0	30	40	0	70
Classic Mini Class								
Craig Truelove	20*	0	0	0	27	48	0	95
Martin Knowles	0	0	0	20*	0	46	0	66
Alan Forster	0	0	0	0	32*	0	0	32
BTRDA Clubman Supercar Class								
Simon Horton	27	30	21~	30			21	87
Andy Grant	32*	27*	26*~	0			0	85
Derek Job	25	27	0	0			0	52

*FTD Extra 2 points in sub class, ~ reduced points due to number of starters

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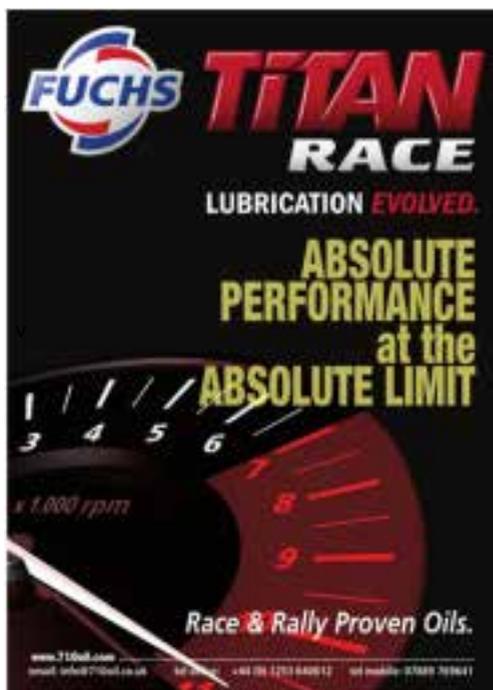
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7	Andy Grant ahead of Simon Horton at Pembrey	Hal Ridge Rallycross World
8	Dave Rance/Duncan Cartledge	Julie Johnson Daisyroots.com

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



**BTRDA Gold Star and
MSA Autotest Champion Richard Pinkney**

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