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**MSA Asphalt Rally Championship  
B9 Class winner &  
BTRDA Rally Challenge Contender  
Ian Barnard on the Mewla Rally  
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## President's Notes Autumn 2015

We are now approaching the business end of the motorsport year. Competition is fierce for most of our championships but unusually both the Forest and Asphalt Rally series have their Rally Champions already, more of which you can read about in this edition of BTRDA News. My congratulations go to Simon Mauger, who has won the MSA Asphalt Championship driving his Metro 4M4, and to Dave Weston and Kirsty Riddick who are the BTRDA Gold Star Forest Champions for 2015.

I have highlighted the work done by our committees before, but make no apologies for doing it again. The success of our Championships is, in the main, down to the fact that many, if not all, have current competitors as committee members and can identify what needs to be changed from year to year to improve the championship. But as ever we could do with more help, so may I ask you all to consider, that, if you find that you can afford three or four days in the year to attend committee meetings to help your sport, could you please let me know and I shall pass on your details to the relevant chairman. My contact details are at the bottom of this article.

We could not survive as an Association without the support of sponsors, and we have quite a few. Could I please ask you all to support these companies by buying their products when you need to in front of any other, they help us to keep motorsport going.

Finally can I ask you to put SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2016 in your diaries? This is the date for our next AGM and Prizegiving Luncheon at the National Motorcycle Museum near Birmingham.

Last year was one of our best in terms of attendance and was also very enjoyable. If you can, please try and join us for the AGM at 1100hrs as we have some important announcements to make regarding the governance of the BTRDA. The meeting usually lasts about an hour maximum and then its off to the bar and luncheon, and then the prizegiving which is always SERIOUS FUN.

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# MSA Asphalt Rally Championship



## HOW THE BEST WAS WON!...

After countless years in a very rapid Ford Escort Mark II, Simon Mauger has wasted no time in adapting his skills to four-wheel drive to the point that, in his first season in his so-called Metro 4M4, he has become the 2015 REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Champion. A win on the Tour of Epynt at the start of the year put him into a lead he has maintained through to the finish - in fact, he didn't even have to worry about entering the final round as he'd already done enough to seal the title.

So, to the background - as Arkwright might have said, standing in the doorway of his 'Open All Hours' shop, 'it's been a f-f-funny old year!' We knew before the end of 2014 that there wouldn't be a Jim Clark Rally this year and, in spite of exploring all available avenues, a suitable replacement in the appropriate timeframe could not be found. We were also only permitted to go to (Southern) Ireland once and, at a stroke, that brought the eight-round calendar down to six. What we couldn't have foreseen, however, was that the MoD would withdraw permission for the final round, the Cheviot Keith Knox Stages, to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. There was no suitable alternative date which forced the organisers, who won the 'Best Event' trophy last year, to reluctantly call it off.

OK, only five events - less than we're used to, but all good quality and each with their own individual characteristics. The Epynt Military Ranges, in the Brecon Beacons, host the traditional season-opener, Port Talbot Motor

Club's Tour of Epynt, and it was here where Simon Mauger made his intentions perfectly clear. Nine seconds behind defending champion Damian Cole before the final stage - and one in front after it! So, that was the first maximum in the bag...

The IMGold Manx National Rally, in early May, attracted its strongest entry for years, over 50 of which were Championship-registered and from whom, for the second consecutive time, Jason Pritchard emerged as victor in his Ford Focus WRC. Cole and Jack Morton were 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh (Impreza WRC) as third points scorers. Mauger belied his lack of knowledge of the stages (he'd not competed on the Isle of Man for eight years!) to finish right behind Simpson and found himself tying on points at the top of the table with Cole. However, Mauger's earlier maximum trumped Cole's two second-places to keep the Bicester driver in the lead - just!

After a lengthy gap which should have been occupied by the Jim Clark, thirty crews headed across the Irish Sea for the ALMC Stages - a far cry from the eight who did likewise the first time the event formed part of the Championship in 2010! Cole & Simpson both retired early on and Mauger managed to avoid the pitfalls that claimed so many others to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> but, more importantly, top points scorer - again!....

Now Mauger had already won the Tyneside Stages - the first of, potentially, two visits by the Championship to the Otterburn Ranges - in his Escort in 2010. Cole then took victory three years on the bounce, but last year's winner, Peter Taylor, was absent on this occasion. So, with Simpson also a former Otterburn winner, who would your money be on? Well, there was only twelve seconds in it by the finish, but Mauger came out on top (from Cole) to take his third and, as it turned out, decisive maximum score of the year. The news of the Cheviot's demise in mid August meant that, with only one more event rather than two, those who were hoping to rain on Mauger's parade had their hopes dashed and

**Damian Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> O/A Driver & 1<sup>st</sup> B14 with Jack Morton 1<sup>st</sup> O/A Co-Driver & 1<sup>st</sup> B14**  
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## MSA Asphalt Rally Championship



that a Class B13 car, rather than a World Rally Car, had come out on top for the first time since 2008.

For reasons best known to himself, Mauger's co-driver Jonathan Hawkins didn't register for the Championship until after the Tour of Epynt. Consequently, as the season progressed, he was always a score behind in the battle for the Co-drivers' title and come the Mewla, therefore, he still had work to do. He hitched a ride with Chris West, an Epynt 'virgin', who was seeded at No.58 in his Peugeot 306 Maxi. After an epic drive - no doubt partly due to his co-driver's in-depth knowledge of the terrain! - he came home in 8<sup>th</sup> place overall. Even so, it wasn't enough to stop Jack Morton from taking the title - at 20 years old, not quite the youngest-ever recipient of the trophy. This time last year, Elliott Edmondson was just 19!....

So, Mauger and Cole occupy the top two spots in the Drivers' table, while Morton and Hawkins do likewise in the Co-drivers. But what of the others?.... Former circuit racer David Tinn has just completed his second full Championship season in his Proton Millington Satria and the improvement, especially this year, has been marked. He has finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, whilst his co-driver Giles Dykes is 4<sup>th</sup>, tied on points with John McCulloch who gets the nod for 3<sup>rd</sup> by dint of his best score in Ireland. Chauffeur-ing McCulloch, who was leading the table prior to the Mewla, round for this - and every other! - season is David Hardie whose always immaculately turned-out yellow Impreza has finished all five rounds this year. David missed out on a podium finish by a mere two points, having been in 2<sup>nd</sup> place after the Tyneside Stages.

With the top four drivers finishing in different positions to their respective co-drivers, Alex Laffey/Andrew Roughead steadied the ship by taking their Fiesta R5+ to 5<sup>th</sup> and a class win, while 6<sup>th</sup> were David & Mathew White who successfully defended their Group N in their Impreza.

A win on the Mewla gave Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh some encouragement after a trying season in their Impreza WRC. Simpson finished the year equal on points with Richard Clews (Impreza) but, obviously, his maximum on the Mewla put him one place

ahead. Bob Fowden/Ashley Trimble (Impreza) took in as many rounds of the Championship as time would allow and were rewarded with a Top Ten finish, whilst Andrew Hockridge/Aled Edwards' Citroen DS3 R3 was the highest-placed two-wheel drive car in the table.

Hockridge/Edwards also won the AB Motorsport FWD Challenge from David Earthy's C2R2 Max, while early leaders Royston & Bridge Carey slipped to an eventual 3<sup>rd</sup> after their Clio recorded consecutive DNFs on both the Tyneside Stages & Mewla Rally. However, at just 17 years of age, Bridge has a bright future ahead of him - putting aside his unfamiliarity with the territory, he navigated his dad to a class win on the Manx and a maximum FWD score on the ALMC Stages.

Swapping ends, so to speak, this year were Darren & Sue Underwood. Having successfully contested the FWD Challenge in their Nova, they wheeled out an Escort G3 in 2015 for an ultimately successful attack on the Millington Rear-Wheel Drive Challenge. No Mauger or Indri to worry about this time but, nevertheless, there were plenty of others who had to be taken seriously! By the finish, past winners Richard Felgate/Mark Mason were the Underwoods' nearest rivals in their BMW M3, with Tony Rees' Darrian, running as high as 4<sup>th</sup> overall at one stage on the Mewla, moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> at the last gasp.

The 1400 class (B9) was a hotly contested part of the Championship this year. With the occasional change of co-drivers due to work commitments, the ever-cheerful Ian Barnard/Richard Bonner (Nova), Steve Brown/Paul Stringer (Micra Kit Car) and Ian & Mags Kelly (Micra) contested all five events, each retired from one and, prior to the Mewla, were all in with a shout of the class win. In the event, the drivers finished in the above order, while the Co-drivers were Kelly, Bonner & Stringer.

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

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## Championship Positions Following Round 5

### Overall Positions

	Drivers	
1	Simon Mauger	116
2	Damian Cole	112
3	David Tinn	100
4	David Hardie	98
5	Alex Laffey	97

	Co-Drivers	
1	Jack Morton	116
2	Jonathan Hawkins	110
3	John Mcculloch	103
4	Giles Dykes	103
5	Andrew Roughead	96

### AB Motorsport FWD Challenge

1	Andrew Hockridge	57
2	David Earthy	38
3	Royston Carey	36

1	Aled Edwards	54
2	Bridge Carey	37
3	Margaret Kelly	29

### Millington Rear Wheel Drive Challenge

1	Darren Underwood	40
2	Richard Felgate	33
3	Tony Rees	27

1	Sue Underwood	44
2	Mark Mason	36
3	Phil Williams	23

### Class Leaders

N4	David White	60
A6	David Earthy	60
A8	Steve Simpson	45
B9	Ian Barnard	54
B10	Tom Middlemiss	33
B11	Darren Underwood	49
B12	Andrew Hockridge	47
B13	Simon Mauger	60
B14	Damian Cole	57

N4	Mathew White	60
A6	Maria Rayner	30
A8	Patrick Walsh	45
B9	Margaret Kelly	49
B10	Richard Stewart	40
B11	Sue Underwood	49
B12	Aled Edwards	47
B13	John Mcculloch	48
B14	Jack Morton	60



**Tom Middlemiss/Richard Stewart**  
1<sup>st</sup> in class B10

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**David White/Mathew White**  
1<sup>st</sup> in class N4

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# **BTRDA® Allrounders Championship**

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### **ALLROUNDERS – Three Quarters Way Round**

As we enter the last few months of our Championship year the number of events left is diminishing rather quickly, so for those of us who still need to qualify for our end of year awards you should decide NOW and enter to avoid disappointment. From the end of September the BTRDA calendar of FUN shows us that Asphalt Rally, Autotest and Car Trial Championships are over (the Car Trial Final is by invitation only). You are left with:- three AutoSOLO, two Rallycross, two Forest Rally and eight Sporting Trials.

Looking at the current Interim scores in this News and on [www.btrda.com](http://www.btrda.com) this year is looking surprisingly good. We anticipate the number of Qualifiers could be close to 14. It's not over yet and who knows how those not yet qualified will do in the remaining weeks.

Interesting to note that Richard Egger, currently lying fifth overall has competed in FIVE disciplines, but due to having a better score from an Asphalt Rally drops a lower score from a car trial, hence best scores are from four groups. Points from four groups is not that unusual but we cannot immediately recall anyone claiming points from five groups.... unless you know different.

A number of you are doing well in other BTRDA championships. Liam Rollings (Mini) is leading the AutoSOLO Championship, Alan and Miranda Wakeman (Micra) are well placed in class, Ben Heggs (Fiesta) and Stephen Watts (Mazda) are second in their classes. Kevin Hardwick (Peugeot 205) is leading his class in Autotest. As I write this Alastair Moffatt is MSA British Autotest Champion and Champion elect in BTRDA Autotest Championships, so now perhaps he can try to qualify for our Allrounders too. After all it is THE championship to all of us who dabble in a variety of disciplines. Well done to you all.

In the last News mention was made to the early BMC Mini 850 cc colours of red, white and blue. Jan - Red, Phil - Blue who had a white Mini?



Kevin Hardwick at MGCC Sprint Curborough  
Photo: John Sheppard



Jess Fack at MGCC Sprint Curborough  
Photo: John Sheppard

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Well, Roland Uglow let us know he had a white one. So that's sorted! Oh the old days ..... I am reminded of T-shirts with the wording "*The older I get the faster I was*". Well that's true in some ways.

For next year for Rally and speed events the MSA have made the wearing of Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) mandatory. In speed events this does not apply to Road-going Production cars, or road-going Specialist cars but for single seaters and rally cars it will be mandatory. Clubs running sprints in particular are concerned that this additional extra cost (approx. £550) for new helmet with fittings for FHR and the FHR will reduce even further entries at Nat B club level. Lower entries leads to events not being viable - result event cancelled. At the last meeting of the AWMCC Regional Association (BTRDA are a member

club) concern was expressed by clubs on this issue. For quick reference the full MSA announcement was printed in the last BTRDA news page 26 or consult the MSA website [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org).

Now our season is not yet over, but if your main discipline is complete then support is always welcome. We need marshals in sporting trials and your own local club events. All events require help in one form or another and a volunteer is always worth at least a pot of gold! Rally GB looks extra good for spectating on this year too.

As always we are grateful to REIS for their continued support of our Allrounders Championship.

Whatever the weather enjoy your motor sport.

**Phil D**

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## REIS BTRDA Allrounders Championship Provisional Overall Scores to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015

		Group	Score	Total										
Roger	Holder	16.67	A	17.50	B	15.00	B	15.38	B	17.14	H	16.00	H	<b>97.69</b>
John	Fox	14.29	F	13.33	F	17.78	G	15.56	G	17.50	H	16.00	H	<b>94.46</b>
Liam	Rollings	13.33	A	15.00	A	10.00	B	16.00	H	16.67	H	16.00	H	<b>87.00</b>
Jamie	Yapp	8.00	E	12.00	E	12.00	E	18.89	G	17.78	G	17.50	H	<b>86.17</b>
Richard	Yapp	10.00	A	15.56	G	13.33	G	2.50	H	13.33	H	15.00	H	<b>69.72</b>
Kevin	Hardwick	15.00	A	13.33	A	13.33	A	2.22	B	10.00	H	15.00	H	<b>68.88</b>
David	Allman	13.33	B	8.89	B	10.00	B	13.33	C *	6.67	C *	6.67	G	<b>58.89</b>
Martin	MacKenzie	6.67	A	8.00	A	10.00	B	13.33	B	10.77	B	6.67	H	<b>55.44</b>
Dave	Walker	10.00	A	10.00	B	7.27	B	7.50	B	12.00	H	6.67	H	<b>53.44</b>
Richard	Egger	8.00	A	6.67	A	11.56	D	10.53	D	6.67	G	8.00	H	<b>51.43</b>
Pat	Egger	1.54	B	11.76	D *	10.53	D *	4.71	G	2.00	H	6.67	H	<b>37.21</b>
Alastair	Moffatt	17.78	A	17.78	A	17.78	A	12.00	F					<b>65.34</b>
Alan	Wakeman	3.33	B	16.67	G	12.00	H	10.00	H	12.00	H			<b>54.00</b>
Ben	Heggs	5.00	A	4.62	B	12.50	H	14.00	H	13.33	H			<b>49.45</b>
Stephen	Watts	8.00	B	12.00	H	16.00	H	10.00	H					<b>46.00</b>
Connor	Hook	4.00	E	6.67	E	2.50	E	18.00	G	14.29	G			<b>45.46</b>
Roger	Priestnall	15.65	C	8.00	C	16.00	C							<b>39.65</b>
Jess	Fack	11.43	F	6.67	G	4.44	G	12.00	H					<b>34.54</b>
Miranda	Wakeman	1.67	B	10.00	G	8.00	H	3.33	H	8.00	H			<b>31.00</b>
Duncan	Wild	10.00	A	10.00	A	10.00	A							<b>30.00</b>
James	Nicholls	8.89	B	13.33	C	6.67	C							<b>28.89</b>
Brian	Sharpe	15.00	B	8.33	B									<b>23.33</b>
Nick	Pollitt	15.56	B	5.00	H									<b>20.56</b>
Robert	Sharpe	10.00	B	5.00	B									<b>15.00</b>
Stuart	Perren	7.50	A	Rtd	F									<b>7.50</b>
Trevor	Clarke	5.00	B											<b>5.00</b>
Alan	Forster	Rtd	E											<b>0.00</b>

- 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*



Allrounders Qualifier  
Richard Yapp  
Photo: Geoff Robinson

# **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship**

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## **LOW DOWN TORQUE**

The championship committee met in July, when we welcomed David Allman to our ranks. Whilst helping to lower the average age of the committee members, we seriously need more representation from the under 30's to take this championship forward and represent the interests of today's and tomorrow's competitors. Our seasoned members have an enviable breadth of knowledge and ability, of course, but we need to see those traits pass down the line and be taken forward by younger enthusiasts. We can't offer a living wage as a reward, just the knowledge that any volunteer will be putting something back into the sport that they have embraced as we all have. How about you?

We meet again at the end of October, when we will chew the cud over the year, the Grand Final Trial, and next year's Championship. It would be remiss of me to pre-empt the committee's decisions, but some refinement to the rules can be expected, together with the reintroduction of log cards for cars and a more

"hands on" approach to regulating the championship.

We hope to be able to put on another training day, providing an opportunity for anyone to refine their trials skills away from the pressure of an event, but also to introduce the sport to absolute newcomers in a way that might just encourage a few more competitors. So, if you know of someone that might be interested, keep your eye on our newsletters and web site for details of date and location.

Now, this NEWS may just reach you before our Grand Final at the "Orchard", in which case – thank you for your support and good luck on the day, but if not – thank you for your support and I hope you enjoyed our end of season contest! Either way, we look forward to seeing you again next year, along with some newcomers.

**Neil Mackay**

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## **Cymru Trial – North Wales Car Club 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The first of the two "Welsh Weekends" kicked off with the Cymru trial, as ever the Hendrellwyn Farm venue offering spectacular views over Snowdonia. Usually deceptively slippery, the clear but windy weather made the ground conditions uncommonly dry for this site and this must be one of the lowest scoring events held here in recent years.

The entry was unfortunately down from last year, with only 15 starters in the National B event along with another 5 in the clubman Cymru Bach.

Henry Kitching and Mark Hoppé quickly resumed their battle at the head of Class 1 immediately moving clear of the rest of the class and outperforming both of the entrants in the ballasted Class 2. It would be another tense day for the two of them, never separated by more than one point and with Henry edging it with 32 points to Mark's 33. Tim Beard proved he is adjusting well to the increased power of a Saxo VTR with a consistent day finishing comfortably "best of the rest"! Chris Judge and myself ended on a tie-break in Chris's favour and Dave Walker (this time with

Fiesta power, what will he turn up in next?) recovered from a poor first round with a brilliant afternoon to overhaul John Wadsworth.

Despite lacking in quantity with only two starters, Class 2 saw the duel between Rupert North in the Mini and Gary Preston in his Fiat Uno again decided by a single point. Gary was one ahead after the first round but Rupert took a single point back in each of the next two and hung onto his lead by tying the final round.

The Roberts's Dutton was the runaway winner in Class 3, with Brian leading home loan by what must be considered a comfortable 8 point gap considering the close scoring in the other two classes. Indeed Brian could be understandably disappointed to have missed the overall win but the retirement of Barrie Parker suffering teething problems with his newly-acquired 1934 Singer 9 meant that the index calculation was unfavourable to Brian. This meant that Henry Kitching emerged from the tight battle at the top of Class 1 as the overall winner on index, his first victory on the Cymru Trail.

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As always thanks must go to Dave Thomas and his team, the hills were varied and offered

something for all classes while still being challenging in dry conditions.

*David Allman*

## **Clwyd Vale Motor Club – Wales Car Trial – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

A small but select bunch of competitors turned out for day two of the July Wales back-to-back trials. This time Clwyd Vale were using their site near Dyserth, and although some of the venue has been lost to tree planting, there was still plenty of scope which clerk Pete Dale used to good effect setting 8 challenging hills. Recent rain made the going decidedly greasy in the morning and this was catching out the unwary or unlucky.

7 cars in standard class 1, 3 in ballasted FWD class 2 and 5 in rear wheel drive class 3. I was not counting this event for championship points, so decided to try out my recent new acquisition a 1934 Singer 9 Sports. After de-snagging it on the North Wales event the day before, I was hoping to learn more about trials driving a pre-war car.

After the morning two rounds, Henry Kitching in his Corsa led Mark Hoppe by 3 points. It was nice to see the Prestons, Garry and Jo out again, and after two rounds they trailed Rupert North (original Mini) on 55, by 6 and 18 points respectively. In Class3, Kevin Roberts in his Dutton was going really well, beating uncle Bri' by 5 marks. At this point, I was enjoying myself and hanging onto 3<sup>rd</sup> in class!

After lunch, the hills had dried significantly and although Pete had tweaked them all, the scores were tumbling. In class 1, Henry continued his domination to stay 11 ahead of Mark to win the class and strengthen his MSA Championship challenge against Mark for the overall annual title.

In 2, Garry beat Rupert with a score of only 5 for the afternoon. Garry is getting to grips with the highly developed Ebay special, Fiat Uno Diesel Desire in blue. In class 3, Kevin had the best afternoon total on all with just 4 marks dropped.

This earned Kevin Roberts the overall title, narrowly beating Henry on index. Rupert won class 2 and uncle Bri' inherited the class 3 win.

Pete Dale did a great job on the hills keeping them all a challenge all day. Three people did a round with just one mark dropped, but no-one quite clean on any round. Good stuff. An excellent trial, in a lovely venue with fair and friendly marshals. One not to miss!

Well-done Kevin.

*Barrie Parker*

## **Gaby Mohr Car Trial Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

After a week of dry weather, there was a fair amount of rain a day or so before the event and the field was surprisingly slippery. It was slippery and soft all day too, and in most areas of the venue. It was a tricky day searching for the grip that sometimes just wasn't there.

Mark Hoppé just needed a finish to secure his retention of the British Championship. Nothing silly and no risks to the Saxo, he said at the start, and that is exactly what he achieved. Henry Kitching (Corsa) took an immediate lead that he was never going to forego, though the car had a mind of its own at times when it cut out or fluffed a few times. Lowest score on

each round gave him the class win with emphatically good scores on Hill Four at each attempt. John Wadsworth's 'new', and Shawn Franklin's usual, Ka stayed reasonably close on the first round, but John's poor afternoon put him out of the running for third spot. Tim Beard, sharing his 'new' Saxo with David Allman as usual, started slowly, but then got to grips with things and equalled or bettered Shawn after the first round and they eventually finished third and fourth. Liam Rollings, after Allrounders points and at only his second Car Trial found that grass doesn't have as much grip as asphalt, but being a 'feel' driver, had a very creditable day in his (wife's) Fiesta to

# BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship

finish fifth. David Allman needs more practice in Tim's car but stayed ahead of the rear guard battle. Dave Walker tried out another new acquisition – 2lt Skoda Fabia, and didn't enjoy these modern car traits of unswitchable EBD, TCS etc. Just when he wanted a touch more power, the engine died. Grrr. Chris Judge's wide tyre Saxo just didn't suit the tricky conditions and however much he tried the front tyres just let go at an inopportune moment.

Exactly as last year, Class Two turned into a competition of who could throw away the most marks and the class win. Neil Mackay (AX GT) couldn't get enough speed on the timed hills to lose marks there, and, like others, he also had problems on Pat Henson's Hill Four. Rupert North (Mini) drove into a nine post with a four score beckoning, and followed that with clipping a six post in the Hill One bomb hole. Other than that, Rupert drove well, taking advantage of the small and lightness properties that his car possesses, and finished second in Class. Philip Buckle (Saxo) hit a nine post in the bomb hole first round and repeated the feat with the six post on the final round, and although he had some good climbs elsewhere, he couldn't quite beat Rupert and finished third in Class. I had a total 'mare on Hill Four, locking myself out on Round One, not getting over the first 'lump' on the third round and locking myself out on the final round too – twenty marks gone on one hill. So although the Golf did well on the next hill beating all others in the class on each round, the damage was done and I came fourth in Class. So who won Class Two? Ray Jacobs was consistency itself in his Saxo. Hardly any mistakes (sliding into one six post in the bomb hole aside) and he deservedly took the spoils.

In Class Three, it was business as usual except for Dave and Jennie Oliver's absence (get well soon, both). Dave Harvey's 'new' gearbox cried enough after three hills and it was a long trip home to Hampshire for just ten minutes' play. Barrie Parker (Westfield) and Steve Courts (Imp), with Kevin and Brian Roberts (Dutton) and Nigel Weeks (Imp) were the entries and the winner could have been any of them. Brian and Kevin had off-days together and dropped off the pace. Barrie had one or two stunning climbs, but also the car let him down on occasions – but that's what happens when you keep fiddling with things! He had the toolbox as his passenger (strapped down, of course). Nigel took advantage with some decent climbs of his own and had the best round of the day at the end, dropping just two marks on the final round. It wasn't enough to beat the old master, though. Steve was just too good for everybody and his total of 41 was ten better than Nigel.

Henry and Mark were that far ahead in Class One that they were first and second overall, with Steve third and Ray and Rupert next. Excellent, accurate and friendly marshalling was again on show throughout from the W&SSCC crowd (with a couple of expert guest assistants, of course). The sections were altered effectively and the homemade cakes were fabulous, with donations to a very worthy cause.

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	Henry Kitching	Vauxhall Corsa	82	62%
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 1	Mark Hoppé	VW Lupo	101	76%
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 2	Ray Jacobs	Citroen Saxo	69	93%
1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3	Steve Courts	Hillman Imp	41	89%

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## Scorer's Snippets 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

There are three more events to go before numbers at the Grand Final are known. It's going to be a hectic time now, with four events in four weekends, and then we can calm down a bit and congratulate or commiserate with each other on our successes or disappointments.

We have fourteen qualifiers so far, with probably another five or six to do so from these

last three events. Mark Hoppé has a full 50 points to take to the Final. Brian Roberts and Steve Courts will be taking high forties scores there, with Barrie Parker, Henry Kitching and me expecting/hoping to join them – depending on results over the next couple of weeks.

The Silver Star championship is going to be incredibly close, with Tim Beard also in the mix ready to pick up the pieces. Bronze Star isn't

## **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship**

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quite so tight, with Roger Holder and Chris Judge at the top, but again there a number of others not far behind. Brian Roberts needs one very low score to let him catch up to Steve Courts in the Jack Williams table. It's exciting stuff, this trialling lark!

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

*Simon Harris*

### **Photographs from earlier in the season taken by Duncan Stephens**



**Mark Hoppe**

**Nigel & Gemma Weeks**



**Roger Holder &  
Martin McKenzie**

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# REIS RAVENOL BTRDA® Rally Series

## EARLY BATH - IN CHAMPAGNE!...

Not since Andy Burton and Robin Kellard won the BTRDA Gold Star® Championship back in 2011 have we known the destination of the title prior to the final round. However, a combination of circumstances has led to the names of the latest crew to take the coveted title becoming public knowledge prior to the start of the Woodpecker Stages at the beginning of September.

A combination of circumstances? Dave Weston and Kirsty Riddick had taken (very!) good scores on each of the first six rounds - including three wins, two seconds and a third. However, the one 'fly in their ointment' was that Paul Bird/Aled Davies could, theoretically, have overtaken them at the last gasp, but it was a tall order and the Focus WRC crew needed top scores on each of the remaining three rounds. So, when they withdrew their entry for the Woodpecker, citing PB's Superbike commitments, Dave & Kirsty - who were also absent from the Ludlow event - were crowned REIS - RAVENOL BTRDA Gold Star® Champions without turning a wheel, so to speak! Our congratulations to them - the first major title for Dave, while Kirsty can add this one to both the Scottish and English Championships she won in 2008!

Second and third places are still to be decided and it looks as if it will be a battle of the Fiestas. Stephen Petch/Ian Windress and Charlie Payne/Carl Williamson are in the frame - with just the Trackrod and Cambrian Rallies left to run, both crews have still to 'drop' a round and Payne/Williamson must score well on whichever they choose to contest if they are to overhaul Petch/Windress for runners-up spot.

The Hyundai Genpower BTRDA Production Cup® has seen differing fortunes amongst the major players - defending champions Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy set off at a canter with maximums on

the first two rounds, but a couple of retirements have left them with a lot to do on the one event they have left. Ahead of them, the first and second-placed crews also have two maximums apiece and have already dropped scores. Tom Naughton/Andi Mort's retirement from the Wydean sees them behind Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence in the table, but the battle of the Lancers is not over yet!

Tony Simpson/Ian Bevan (Fiesta) are 4<sup>th</sup> while Aaron McClure/Elliott Edmondson are having what might be described as a 'character-building' season in their Lancer! Roland Llewellyn (of Hyundai Genpower) and Jamie Edwards are also experiencing the highs and lows of the sport - on the one hand, they have posted three retirements but, on the other, were able to show the others a clean pair of heels on the Carlisle Stages...

OK, so we know who the Gold Star Champions are, but the REIS - RAVENOL BTRDA Silver Star® Championship still has plenty of mileage left in it! Following the Woodpecker, Rhys Yates' Fiesta holds sway but any one of the current top six drivers could be in that exalted position by mid-October. From just four results (three firsts and a second!) Callum Black's Citroen DS3 is second, but still requires good scores on the final two rounds if he is to go one better. The Mazda RX7 of early leaders Jake Scannell/Adrian Stevens is 3<sup>rd</sup>, while Boyd



Rhys Yates/Tom Woodburn  
Nicky Grist Stages  
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Kershaw's Escort MkII came out on top on the Woodpecker, to add to the second and two thirds the Kiwi already had. Paul Street's Escort is still in with a chance, as is the Manta of three-times Silver Star winner Jon Ballinger, but it's likely we'll have to wait until the Cambrian is over before this year's 'chosen ones' are revealed!

Having put six consecutive good scores on the board to lead the Kick Start BTRDA® 1400 Championship in their Proton Satria, Ryan Weston/Mark McCulloch chose to absent themselves from the Woodpecker, whilst current runners-up Keith & Mairi Riddick did make the journey down from Scotland, only for their MG ZR to let them down for the first time this season. Although it won't be much consolation to them, they were not alone! Dave & Freddy Brick (Vauxhall Nova), who can see Ludlow Racecourse from their farm, were also home before lunch....

Kieran Darrington/Pam Hilton (Corsa) did stay the course to take their seventh consecutive finish, but it's former champions Dave Bennett/Alistair McNeil (Corsa) who are, perhaps, the most threatening! Now dropped scores have come into play, their three maximums could well start to pay dividends, provided that they can perform similar feats on the Trackrod and Cambrian Rallies. Ash Slights/Alex Lee, too, have four good scores, even if their Toyota Yaris' gearbox did cry 'enough' on SS2 of the Woodpecker. There is still time to rescue the situation but they, too, must score heavily on the last two events.

Nick Carr/Joe Sturdy's second consecutive 'win' in the Vital Equipment BTRDA Rally First® Championship on the Woodpecker puts their VW Lupo into the ascendancy but, unusually, all the leading crews only have five scores. Morgan Handford's Polo is next, ahead of the Fiesta of erstwhile leaders Chris Wheeler/Yan Griffiths which waited until the final stage of the Woodpecker before throwing its toys out of the pram!

Then there's the Nissan Micras of Jonathan Pickering and Mick Quinn that are still in positions to launch an attack on top spot while, although currently down in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, Matthew

Thompson (Polo) and Neil Andrew (Lupo) are where they are from only four scores. Pressure? Plenty, but a Championship title is definitely possible....

The Woodpecker Stages not only marks the end of a lengthy summer break for all the MSA English Rally Championship contenders, but also the start of a hectic few weeks until its conclusion on the Tempest 2 Rally over the first weekend in November. Having both taken maximums for the third time in their respective classes on the Woodpecker, Dave Bennett finds himself a solitary point ahead of Rhys Yates, with Kieran Darrington breathing (metaphorically speaking!) down their necks. Ryan Weston held top spot prior to the Woodpecker and is still in a position to snatch it back - Yorkshire's Trackrod Stages will be his first opportunity....

The inaugural BTRDA Rally Challenge, featuring a 'mixed-surface' calendar of events from both the BTRDA Rally Series and MSA Asphalt Rally Championship, has generated a good deal of interest from competitors in both series. It began in the forest on the Somerset Stages where Stephen Petch/Ian Windress (Fiesta R5+) came out on top and, since then, each of the four rounds has had different 'winners'. Damian Cole/Jack Morton (Fiesta WRC) had their day on the asphalt roads of the Isle of Man and Paul Bird/Aled Davies (Focus WRC) were similarly successful on the Nicky Grist Stages. Back on to the 'black stuff' for the next two rounds - Simon Mauger's Metro 4M4 won the Tyneside Stages before Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh (Impreza WRC) topped the timesheets on the Mewla Rally.

With two more forest events to go, Cole/Morton lead the Challenge from Simpson/ Walsh while, having missed the Manx, Sara Williams (Impreza) is in touch in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Full details of the 2015 REIS - RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series, incorporating the Gold Star, Silver Star, BTRDA 1400 & Rally First Championships are available on the Championship website : [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) while the MSA English Rally Championship has its own : [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk)

Andrew Hail





# REIS RAVENOL BTRDA® Rally Series

## Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	David Weston	173
2	Stephen Petch	153
3	Charlie Payne	130
4	Dylan Davies	128
5	Patrick Naylor	127
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Kirsty Riddick	173
2	Ian Windress	154
3	Ian Lawrence	131
4	Llion Williams	131
5	Andrew Mort	114

## Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Rhys Yates	141
2	Callum Black	118
3	Jake Scannell	118
4	Boyd Kershaw	114
5	Paul Street	110
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Adrian Stevens	125
2	Phil Hall	115
3	Mike Wilding	108
4	James Gratton-Smith	98
5	James Hood	97



## 1400 Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Ryan Weston	157
2	Keith Riddick	145
3	Dave Brick	141
4	Kieran Darrington	141
5	David Bennett	118

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Mark McCulloch	157
2	Mairi Riddick	145
3	Pamela Hilton	143
4	Freddy Brick	141
5	Alistair McNeil	181



Keith & Mairi Riddick  
Nicky Grist Stages  
Photo: Ralliphotowales



David Bennett/Alistair McNeil  
Nicky Grist Stages  
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# REIS RAVENOL BTRDA® Rally Series



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
David Bennett	97	Alistair McNeil	97
Rhys Yates	96	Pamela Hilton	93
Kieran Darrington	92	Jame Hood	84
Ryan Weston	84	Mark McCulloch	84
James Hutchings	82	Joe Sturdy	75

## The Historic Cup



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Jake Scannell	91	Adrian Stevens	91
Paul Street	90	James Gratton-Smith	78
Barry Jordan	80	Phil Spilsted	72

## The Vital Equipment Rally First Championship



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Nick Carr	148	Joe Sturdy	148
Morgan Handford	127	Yan Griffiths	127
Chris Wheeler	123	Simon Broom	124

## The Hyundai Genpower BTRDA Production Cup



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Patrick Naylor	110	Ian Lawrence	110
Tom Naughton	92	Andrew Mort	92
Russ Thompson	92	Andy Murphy	92

## The MG ZR Rally Challenge



Driver	Score	Co-driver	Score
Keith Riddick	120	Mairi Riddick	120
Robert Evett	93	Michael Evett	93
Jayne Auden-Row	88	Kevin Gould	89

All results are shown following The Woodpecker Stages





# BTRDA RALLY CHALLENGE



## Rally Challenge Top 10 Positions after Mewla Rally

Best 5 scores to count which must include at least 2 scores from each surface.

Posn	DRIVERS	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Damian Cole	28	30	22	28	28	136
2	Steve Simpson	1	28	27	25	30	111
3	Sara Williams	25		26	26	27	104
4	Ash Slights	23	26	21	24		94
5	Stephen Petch	30		28	27	1	86
6	Ian Barnard	17	1	13	23	25	79
7	Richard Sykes	24	1	23	1	26	75
8	Tim Phelps	1	23	20		24	68
9	Nick Carr	1	22	19	22		64
10	Simon Mauger	1	27		30		58

Posn	CO-DRIVERS	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Jack Morton	28	30	25	30	28	141
2	Patrick Walsh	27	28	27	27	30	139
3	Ian Windress	30		28	28	1	87
4	Emma Morrison	26		26	1	27	80
5	Elwyn Manual	1	25	24		26	76
6	Joe Sturdy	1	23	23	25		72
7	Nick Allison		22	21	23		66
8	Richard Bonner	20		19	26		65
9	Craig Cameron	25	24	1			50
10	Ken Bartram	22			24		46

Round 1	Somerset Stages	18th April	80% Gravel
Round 2	Manx National Rally	8th / 9th May	Asphalt
Round 3	Nicky Grist Stages	11th July	Gravel
Round 4	Tyneside Stages	2nd August	Asphalt
Round 5	Mewla Rally	30th August	Asphalt
Round 6	Trackrod Forest Stages	26th September	Gravel
Round 7	Cambrian Rally	17th October	Gravel



**Nick Carr & Joe Sturdy**

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# BTRDA® 2015 Championship Events

September 2015

**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
Sept	26		<b>Mathews Auto Salvage Trial</b> Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC Lee Mathews 07778 905571			<b>Trackrod Rally</b> incl. MSA English Pickering	
	27		<b>Derwydd</b> Bala & District MC Brian Roberts 07811 092135				<b>Charles Pollard</b> Peterborough Northants 01733 252886
Oct	3						
	4	<b>Oxford MC</b>	<b>Grand Final</b> Hurtle Hill Farm Heighington, Nr Bewdley Worcestershire, DY12 2YE MR 138779701				<b>John Southern</b> NPTCC, Cumbria 01228 561308
	10						
	11						<b>Pete Fear Pauntley</b> Ross & District MSL Newent 01989 780469
	17					<b>Cambrian</b> Llandudno	<b>Training Day</b> Oxfordshire 01788 542694
	18			<b>Blyton</b>			<b>Mercian Trial</b> Coventry & Warwickshire Oxfordshire 01676 532337
	22						
	25	<b>60 &amp; Worcs</b>					<b>Stone Trough</b> Yorkshire Sports Yorkshire 01274 487998
	31						
Nov	1	<b>Knutsford MC</b>					<b>November Sporting</b> Sportingtrial.com Kent, 01732 359235
	7						
	8			<b>Championship Awards Presentation</b>		<b>JLT Tempest 2 Rally</b> MSA English ONLY Aldershot	<b>Roy Fedden</b> Bristol CC, Somerset 07801 415238
	14						
	15			<b>Croft</b>			



# BTRDA® 2015 Championship Events

September 2015

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
	21						
	22						Loughborough Loughborough CC
	28						Nottinghamshire
	29						0116 2364022
<b>Dec</b>	5						
	6						Gloster, TBA Gloucestershire 017788 542694
	12/13						
	19/20						
	26/27						
<b>Jan</b>	2/3						
	9				Awards Evening Ramada Penns Hotel Sutton Coldfield		
	10						
	16/17						
	23						
	24						
							AGM & Prize giving luncheon. National Motorcycle Museum

## Membership Report

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all having a successful motorsport year!

Here are all of the 2015 Championship registrations so far are:

Forest Rally	402	Clubmans Autotest/PCA Challenge	4	Car Trial	31
Asphalt Rally	130	AutoSOLO Championship	20	Sporting Trials -	57
Autotest	39	Allrounders	30	Rallycross	71

**Jodie**





# ***Demon Tweaks Direct*** **BTRDA® Autotest Championship**

## **From The Hot Seat**

With only one more round to go as I write this, Alastair Moffatt is certain to take both the BTRDA Gold Star Championship and the MSA title. Having so far competed in eight of the eleven rounds he has an unassailable lead and is on for a maximum score if he can take FTD at the final Loughborough event. Second place, however, is far from clear cut with Malcolm Livingston and Paul Fobister on equal points and the tie decider to come. Elsewhere the battle for the Silver Star continues between Willie Keaning, Dave Fox and Dave Mosey, while Willie has the Bronze star sewn up.

The middle of the season has been extremely busy with seven events having taken place since my last article in June, including a trip to Scotland. At the South of Scotland car Club's event the Championship contenders not only had to overcome the distance they travelled, but a gaggle of Irish competitors over for the weekend's craic. This is where Alastair rose to the challenge and finished first in his class and second overall from Paul Blair in his Striker.

The Committee is obviously concerned that about the pressures that having so many

events in a short period has, both logistically and financially, and at the moment the 2016 calendar has a much better spread, with at least a two week gap between events. The two events that we lost this year, Warwickshire Drivers and Owen Motoring Club will not return to the calendar next year, so we are on the lookout for new events, preferably on the South where we are thin on the ground, to be observed for future inclusion.

The Autotest Challenge has got off to a slow start in its first year, with only 4 registered contenders, but it is early days and it is still "work in progress" and ideas on how it should proceed are welcomed. The second round at the Whitchurch Firefly saw the tests simplified to allow the PCA drivers to learn from the Championship contenders which worked well for them. There was some criticism from the Championship Contenders that the tests were too easy, but analysis of the results showed that in fact it was "too easy" to loose time on them, as it was not possible to make up for mistakes elsewhere. Whilst we do not want to "dumb down" the sport there is room for this

type of event if we are to encourage newcomers to move up into the Championship, or face becoming elitist with a reducing number of competitors.

Having said that numbers are up this year and we hope that the proposed calendar spread will encourage more entrants at events next year.

**Steve Layton**



David Evans at Whitchurch MC's Autotest  
Photo: Stuart Perren

# Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

## From the Pits

It doesn't feel like 3 months ago I was predicting that Alastair Moffatt would win the 2015 demon tweaks Flather Gold Star championship and bring his total of Gold Stars up to 6. Well, it's a good job that nobody took any money off me in the way of betting against it as Alastair is now duly confirmed as the Champion with still one round to go. Alastair is just one point off getting a perfect score of 7 FTDs for the season with second spot Malcolm Livingston having 2 FTDs but a massive 13 points behind Alastair. No doubt that difference will diminish after the final round run by the Loughborough Car at the Blyton circuit cart track. Malcolm is actually tying with points with the similarly configured front engine rwd special of Paul Fobister who has competed on every round. Unfortunately Paul hasn't been able to repeat his performance of 2014 when he got his first two silver (plated) spoons for 2 FTDs. However, he has continued his autotesting education with several trips across the Irish Sea to take part in the championship rounds there. You always learn by competing against the very best. Back to Alastair and one record which is well and truly his is the time between his first and most recent Gold Star with 16 years between now and his first one in 1999. Next after Alastair is David Hagh with 10 years, but then he did win 9 in that time! Perhaps the only current competitor who could challenge Alastair on this score is Malcolm Livingston who won his first, and only, Gold Star back in 1994. Note that I have left out Trevor Smith in this analysis as Trevor is concentrating his efforts on the AutoSOLO scene at the moment and getting his MX5 to the head of the entrants in that sport. As a final comment on the state of the Gold Star in September 2015 it is good to report that all but 8 of the 2015 championship entrants have scored top twenty points. Well done to you all.

You will have to wait until the final 2015 News to find out who won the Silver Star as that could be either William Keating in his Nova or Dave Mosey in his Mini. If you really want to find out before then look on the [www.btrda.com](http://www.btrda.com) website! William has definitely won the Ian Mantle Trophy for the novices Bronze Star competition where second place Toby Cook has been finding it difficult to squeeze in competitive autotesting with the motorsport university course activities taking up time. And then there is building the mini special with his father Dave, but that is another story!

**Peter Cox**

PS

Some observant readers spotted that there was an error in my last article in that it referred to a photo that wasn't there. So here is what I wrote "*Could 2015 be getting near the end of the mini? The photo shows a comparison of the new and old versions taken outside of Eamon Byrne's garage in Ireland with Eamon's old Cooper S alongside Richard Yapp's BMW MINI Paceman. One has to say that the new one is somewhat larger than the old one and I can't see it being as manoeuvrable, despite what Paul Swift does at his displays!*" and hopefully the picture will this time be around this page somewhere!



# *Demon Tweeks Direct* **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Autotest Championship**

## Championship Positions after Round 11 Whitchurch MC

<b>Gold Star</b>			
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special	139
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special	126
3	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	126
4	Dave Evans	Blitz Special	114
5	Dave Mosey	Mini 1380	106
6	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7	105
7	Duncan Wild	ABS	98
8	William Keaning	Nova	97
9	Chris Chapman	Stryker	91
10	Ian Chapman	Riot	90
<b>Silver Star</b>			
1	William Keaning	Nova	68
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1340	65
3	Dave Mosey	Mini 1380	64
4	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	48
5	Colin Moreton	Westfield	35
<b>Bronze Star</b>			
1	William Keaning	Nova	68
2	Toby Cook	Micra	31
3	Brynne Cook	Nova	30
4	Cliff Parkinson	Westfield	23
5	Steph Carey	KA Special	16

<b>CLASS A</b>			
1	Dave Mosey	Mini 1380	68
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1340	65
3	Rob Rolston	Mini 1380	48
<b>CLASS B</b>			
1	William Keaning	Nova	70
2	Warren Gillespie	Nova	59
3	Brynne Cook	Nova	30
<b>CLASS C</b>			
1	Chris Chapman	Westfield	65
2	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7	59
3	Ian Chapman	Riot	58
<b>CLASS D</b>			
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special	70
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special	62
3	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	60
<b>CLASS E</b>			
1	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205xs	20
2	Richard Yapp	Mazda MX5	9
<b>CLASS H</b>			
1	Toby Cook	Micra	40
<b>CLASS L</b>			
1	Steph Carey	Mini Special	40
<b>CLASS J</b>			
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special	139
2	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	137
3	Duncan Wild	ABS	126
4	Ian Chapman	Riot	123
5	Steve Morten	Stryker	122



Mr & Mrs Layton on the clocks

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Brynne Cook at Whitchurch MC's Autotest  
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## Meath Engineering (tools) Ltd BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

### Going Solo

With only four more events to run, including the re-scheduled Aintree, we currently have a tie on maximum scores between Liam Rollings and Steve Conner, and 2014 Champion Mike Biss could still make this a three way draw, so it looks as though the Championship will go down to the tie decider. All but one of the 20 registered competitors have now scored, with 5 having competed in 9 rounds, and events continue to be well supported.

I have two errors to admit to, firstly we have been listing Liam Rollings car in the results as an Autin Mini, instead of an Austin, but as you know what we mean I have not corrected it, and secondly I stated in me last article that it was a "Blue Book" requirement that AutoSOLO cars be fully trimmed which is incorrect, but it is, however a requirement of the Championship and stated in many event regulations. On the subject of the "Blue Book" I understand that regulations for AutoSOLOs, and Autotests, will be re-written for 2017. Whist there are no fundamental changes to either branch of the sport but they will be separated with the Autotest section and there will be a provision for passengers to be carried in AutoSOLO, however, be aware of the recent "clarification" from the MSA on the carrying of passengers in Production Car Autotests, in that they **must** be a member of the Organising or Invited Clubs and the Membership cards must be presented at signing on.

Steve Layton

## Meath Engineering (tools) Ltd BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship Provisional Scores

CLASS A			11	12	13	14	15	16	no. events	Best 7 Scores	CLASS	O/A
Liam Rollings	Austin Mini	1310	<u>10</u>				<u>9</u>		9	70	1	1
Andrew Lewin	Nissan Micra	1348		<u>10</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>		9	63	2	3
Alan Wakeman	Nissan Micra	1275	9				8	10	9	62	2	4
Miranda Wakeman	Nissan Micra	1275	8				6		4	28	4	9
Andrew Williams	Nissan Micra	998					7		3	22	5	12
Jamie Yapp	Nova					<u>10</u>			1	10	6	17
Richard Yapp	Nova					9			1	9	7	
<b>CLASS B</b>												
Steve Conner	Renault Clio 172	1998	<u>10</u>				<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	9	70	1	1
Ben Heggs	Ford Fiesta Si	1998	8				8	9	9	60	2	5
Richard Olsen	MGZR	1800							4	31	3	8
Emma Olsen	MGZR	1800							4	25	4	10
David Graves	Ford Ka Sport	1597				<u>8</u>			3	25	4	10
Neil Brown	Ford Puma	1679							3	18	6	13
Dave Walker	Vauxhall Corsa			9					2	18	6	13
<b>CLASS D</b>												
Mike Biss	Mazda MX5	1800		<u>10</u>				9	6	59	1	6
Stephen Watts	Mazda Eunos	1839		9			8		5	46	2	7
Trevor Smith	Mazda MX5	1800							2	15	3	16
Richard Yapp	Mazda MX5	1800							2	13	4	
Peter Cox	Honda S2000	2000							1	7	5	18
<b>CLASS E</b>												
Daniel Hutchinson	Westfield SE	1900							2	16	1	15
<b>COMBINED</b>												
Richard Yapp						<u>9</u>			3	22		12

*Underlined = Dropped Score*



Andy Lewin  
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Steve Conner  
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## BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

Some sad news to start with, Calvin Kneebone passed away last month after a long battle with asbestosis, he was 77. For many years Calvin was one of the most successful trials drivers, winning 58 BTRDA trials, 4 Gold Stars and 3 MSA British Championships, the last in 2002.

He travelled enormous distances to compete, as he ran the Heron Inn at Malpas on the river near Truro. Almost all of his success came in the last Kincraft built by Jack Pearce, the 1200cc Hillman Imp powered version with the flat bonnet. Calvin's driving style was very precise and he excelled in woodland, which suited the Kincraft well.

In June Duncan Stephens arranged a special trial out of season to celebrate Calvin's successes, and he managed to keep it a surprise so he was brought along to see all his old friends and to have a short drive in the little Kincraft in the sunshine. After the trial we adjourned to a pub in Lostwithiel where Calvin stood a round of Cornish Pasties for all. It was good to see him enjoying the day even if he had to resort to an oxygen cylinder from time to time, and he was in good form at the pub enjoying the company of so many of his contemporaries.

We have been in some turmoil this year regarding tyres, as by misfortune both the tyres we allowed were withdrawn from production at more or less the same time. After much discussion the MSA Trials Committee got the Motor Sports Council to agree to an emergency

change in the regulations, and they added the Nankang CX668, the Maxxis MA510N and the new Vredestein T-Trak 2, (which replaced our old T-Trak) to the list. This does not mean we will be allowing the use of all these tyres, it merely gives championship organisers something to work with. In practice a short list of maybe just two tyres will be allowed by the Championship. Much more testing will take place this autumn, as the Maxxis and the Nankang had been extensively tested in the spring. The T-Trak2 has only been tested in summer conditions at one event so far, having only recently arrived on the market. One thing that is certain is we need to choose new types of tyre which perform less well than the T-Trak, in order to improve safety and allow the use of less steep sites, whilst maintaining the requirement for a very high level of driver skills.

One cry we have heard for years is "why don't we scrap the obsolete 165/80 x 15 tyre size so we can get a wider range of tyres to choose from?" It is surprising that the size is still common and reasonably well served by tyre manufacturers. On one website there are 20 different tyres listed, nine of which are budget priced. We have tested some different sizes but they all needed changes to the wheel rims, a very expensive option given the complexity of tyre retention systems used. We did try a lower profile tyre of similar rolling diameter (185/65 x 15) but it was dangerous on our existing rims due to the tyre "rolling over" onto its side on

cross cambers, it needed a wider rim. Recent investment in the last few years in specialist trials rims within the sport amounts to well over £25,000, so a change of rims is not to be undertaken lightly. Another factor when considering changing tyre sizes is to remember that independently sprung cars can adjust their ground clearance where live axle cars cannot. So any change to smaller rolling radius tyres could adversely affect the live axle cars where existing sections are used.



Dave Hailes and Mark Allit  
at the Robin Alexander Trial  
Photo: Judith Wilks

## **BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship**

Roland Uglow has been close to the top of our sport for many years, but this year he has really come good, he now leads the MSA British Championship by a margin, and his results are an example to us all. He has been on the podium all year, not that we have a podium! In a sport with a fair degree of "luck" involved, in terms of starting positions, changing weather, changing sections and so on, his performance, with Laura Wilks in the passenger seat of the Crossle 80T, at almost every event, has been outstandingly consistent. If he wins his first British Championship this year it will have been well deserved.

Gemma Price at Stunt Drive UK has been working with a new digital TV channel called Only Motors, and she advises that they are looking for content. At present they are on the internet only but they are moving towards Freeview next year, apparently. This could be the opening we have been waiting for, since Sporting Trials has not been shown on TV for about 40 years, unless you count some celebrity specials such as Driving Force. The public's comment "oh yes, I remember it on BBC in my youth, is it still going?" explains why our low profile that is so low it is almost subterranean!

Entries in Championship events this autumn are pretty well level with last year, in that they are just about big enough for stability, but not enough to encourage new clubs to take up the baton and have a go at promoting trials.

Having said that Josh Veale has been suggesting a new Midlands based Trials Club for a while now, and he reports a good level of interest this year. His plan is to create a new club to resuscitate some old trials that have disappeared in the recent and not so recent past. We wish him well in his venture and I am sure there is a groundswell of support, which will allow the new club to flourish, although a lot of work still remains to be done.

Chairman Simon Kingsley reports that the questions on the feedback form at Survey Monkey have been revised to be more relevant, and he requests that drivers make sure they use this facility after every trial so the Committee have a measure of the success or otherwise of our events. The specific link to the website for each trial is sent out with the results email after every event.

As usual we will be running our autumn Trials Training Day on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, on the site of the Mercian Trial at Long Compton near Banbury, which takes place the following day. This is not only an opportunity for those who want to have a "taste" of sporting trials before committing themselves to any capital expenditure, but also a chance to "shake down" existing cars in the sport or to help refine the driving techniques of current drivers, without the pressure of competition.

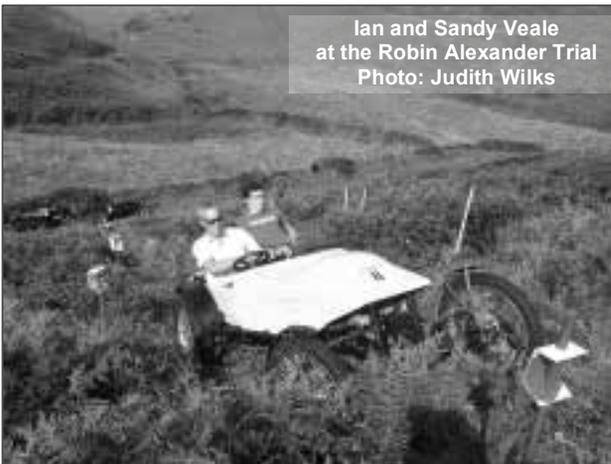
There is good news in that multiple champion Ian Wright has volunteered to be the C of C for the Gold Star in January, it will be held at the old MAC site at Huntington near Kington on the Welsh border, where we had a very successful Final a year or two back. The site is partly wooded and offers a variety of terrain.

We are planning to exhibit a trials car on the BTRDA stand at the Autosports International Show at the NEC in January, so Simon is looking for a very clean car!

Hoping to see you on the hills,

**Julian Fack**

Ian and Sandy Veale  
at the Robin Alexander Trial  
Photo: Judith Wilks



# **BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship**

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## **ST Short event reports**

### **Round 8 Robin Jager Trail NPTCC 13 September 14 Entries**

The second part of the season kicked off with the vast site at Gale Hall in Cumbria. The long distant traveller, Roland Uglow, made his trip worthwhile by taking a superb win on 3 points, followed by Ian Bell and Simon Kingsley. The hills were laid out in a part we have not used for six years. Local rising star Barry Hogg took

the intermediate class while Colin Campbell took the novice class.

1 <sup>st</sup> Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	3 Pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ian Bell/Russell Sharpe	12 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Simon Kingsley/Matt Kingsley	14 pts

### **Round 9 Robin Alexander Camel Vale 19<sup>th</sup> September, 26 entries**

Roland won on his practice ground in the back yard going round on 10 points, the next man was Ian Veale and John Fack was third. The conditions were very slippery on the bracken hillside which made grip hard to find Jerome Fack won the intermediate class whilst local man Alan Ede won the novice class

1 <sup>st</sup> Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	10pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ian Veale /Sandy Veale	13pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> John Fack /Jess Fack	17 pts

### **Round 10 David Ayres Launceston and North Cornwall 20 September, 15 21 Entries**

Roland continued his master class winning his 3<sup>rd</sup> trial in 8 days, he finished 20 points clear of Jerome Fack who in turn took the intermediate class, the conditions started dry but soon became slippery. Mention must be made of Barry Hogg who cemented a fine third place and so made the long trip back to Cumbria worthwhile.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	27pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerome Fack/Jess Fack	48pts
3rd	Barry Hogg/Jo Hogg	52pts



**Andy Wilks and Mark Smith  
at the Robin Alexander Trial  
Photo: Judith Wilks**

# BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Sporting Trials Championship

## Provisional Championship Table - Top Scorers

Name	Class	Total	Trials	Average	Total Trials	Trial Wins	Robin Jager	Robin Alexander	David Ayres
Roland Uglow	Red	264	9	29.33	10	4	30	30	30
Andy Wilks	Red	216	9	24.00	9	0		18	25
Ian Bell	Red	213	8	26.63	8	2	29		
Peter Fensom	Red	212	9	23.56	9	1	23	27	
Richard Sharp	Blue	187	10	18.70	10	0	21	23	20
Julian Fack	Red	166	7	23.71	7	0			
Barry Hogg	Blue	158	7	22.57	7	0	25	22	28
Josh Veale	Red	155	6	25.83	6	1	27	21	
John Fack	Red	150	6	25.00	8	0		28	26
Duncan Stephens	Red	132	5	26.40	5	1		24	
Simon Kingsley	Red	130	5	26.00	6	0	28		
Ian Veale	Red	129	5	25.80	5	0		29	
Steve Courts	Blue	127	6	21.17	6	0		16	27
Bryan Walker	Blue	119	5	23.80	5	1		20	23
David Rance	Red	115	5	23.00	6	0			
Martin Grimwood	Blue	112	6	18.67	6	0	20	17	19
Boyd Webster	Blue	109	5	21.80	5	0			
George Watson	Red	109	5	21.80	5	0	24	19	22
Paul Price	Blue	106	5	21.20	5	0			
Andrew Woodhead	Red	98	4	24.50	4	1	26		
Jerome Fack	Blue	89	4	22.25	6	0		26	29
Roger Bricknell	Red	88	4	22.00	4	0		25	21
Thomas Bricknell	Red	85	3	28.33	5	0			
David Hailes	Green	84	5	16.80	7	0		10 R	
Alan Murton	Green	78	5	15.60	5	0		14	16
Colin Campbell	Green	72	5	14.40	5	0	19		
John Cole	Blue	64	6	10.67	7	0		8	18
Colin Flashman	Green	64	5	12.80	5	0		15	18
Michael Wevill	Green	63	5	12.60	5	0		12	15
Richard Robarts	Blue	55	4	13.75	4	0			
Ian Wright	Red	53	2	26.50	2	1			
Alan Baker	Green	53	5	10.60	5	0		9	17
Mark Milne	Red	48	2	24.00	3	0	22		
Nick Speed	Blue	46	2	23.00	2	0			24
Brian Thornton	Blue	45	2	22.50	2	0			
Robert Packham	Blue	45	3	15.00	3	0			
Neil Crome	Green	44	4	11.00	4	0			
Ian Fullwood	Green	42	4	10.50	4	0			
Mike Readings	Blue	38	3	12.67	4	0			
Ian Rodman	Green	37	3	12.33	3	0			
Jeffery Armistead	Blue	36	2	18.00	2	0			
Pat Henson	Blue	34	3	11.33	3	0			
David Morris	Blue	33	2	16.50	2	0	18		
Mike Baker	Blue	29	3	9.67	5	0		13	
Michael Salton	Blue	28	2	14.00	2	0			
Jon Moores		22	1	22.00	1	0			
David Zank	Blue	20	1	20.00	2	0			
Alastair Moffatt	Blue	18	1	18.00	1	0			
Paul Faulkner	Blue	18	1	18.00	1	0			
John Ridley	Blue	16	1	16.00	1	0			
Irving Armstrong		14	1	14.00	1	0			
Richard Thomas	Green	14	1	14.00	1	0			
Rob Morgan	Green	8	1	8.00	1	0			
Robin Taylor	Green	7	1	7.00	1	0		7	
Richard Perry	Green	6	2	3.00	2	0			
Janette Fullwood	Green	4	1	4.00	1	0			

Note: Some of the above may not be registered for the championship

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship



## 2015 MSA British Championship Provisional Scores After Round 10

by Janet Darbyshire, Championship Co-ordinator

1	Roland Uglow	Crosslé	129
2	Ian Bell	Hamilton	81
3	Andy Wilks	RCAP	69
4	Josh Veale	Sherpa	65
5	Peter Fensom	Hamilton	63
6	Julian Fack	Crosslé	61
7	Duncan Stephens	Crosslé	57
8	Ian Veale	Sherpa	54
9	John Fack	MSR	47
10	Simon Kingsley	Crosslé	45
11	Barry Hogg	Hamilton	42
12	David Rance	Crosslé	40
13	Steve Courts	Facksimile	37
14	George Watson	Hamilton	36
15	Richard Sharp	Cartwright	31
	Paul Price	CAP 5	31
17	Andrew Woodhead	Jedi	29
	Jerome Fack	MSR	29
19	Bryan Walker	Jedi	28
20	Boyd Webster	Crosslé	27
21	Thomas Bricknell	Crosslé	26
22	Ian Wright	Sherpa Indy	23
23	Mark Milne	Crosslé	18
	Roger Bricknell	Facksimile	18

25	Nick Speed	Crosslé	15
	Martin Grimwood	Crosslé	15
27	David Hailes	Facksimile	10
28	Bob Packham	Sherpa	8
29	Brian Thornton	Kincraft	7
30	Jeff Armistead	Hutton	6
	John Cole	MJH 3	6
32	Mike Salton	Concord	5
	Richard Roberts	RB7	5
	David Zank	Concord	5
	Colin Campbell	Jedi	5
36	Alastair Moffatt	Facksimile	3
	Pat Henson	Crosslé	3
	Mike Reaings	Sherpa Indy	3
	David Morris	SRB	3
	Alan Baker	Apex	3
41	Paul Faulkner	Sherpa Indy	2
	Ian Fullwood	CAP	2
	Neil Cromey	Sherpa	2
44	Alan Murton	BAM	1
	John Ridley	Sherpa	1
	John Fox	SRB	1

\* Best 9 scores



**Team Orange.**  
**Roland Uglow &**  
**Laura Wilks**  
**on their way to winning**  
**the David Ayers Trial.**

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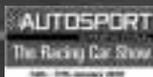
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## 2016

**Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> Rallycross Test Day,**  
**Blyton Park Circuit, Lincolnshire**

**2016 BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross**  
**Championship Round 1,**  
**Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, Blyton Park Circuit**



# **BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship**

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## **"2016 is Go!!!"**

"The BTRDA Rallycross Committee have managed to get the first few dates for 2016 confirmed. There will be a Rallycross test day to take place at the Blyton Park Race Circuit on Sunday February 28th. The first 2 rounds in the 7 round 2016 Championship have been confirmed, with Round 1 taking place on Sunday March 13th at Blyton Park and what is expected to be Round 6 taking place on Sunday October 16th".

## **"BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross goes all Historic"**

"With Retro being the in thing at the moment in many aspects of life and after requests from competitors, the BTRDA Rallycross Championship is introducing a Pre 1995 2wd Historic category. This category will run as an invitational category for the remainder of 2015, and is expected to become a Championship category in 2016 with its own regulations. It is likely to have 2 classes within the category in 2016; Historic SuperModified (Period cars with modern running gear) and Historic Modified (Period cars with period running gear). The category will allow for an increase in cc's of 25% on top of the original engine for the car thus allowing the 2500cc Ford Escorts etc to come and race. The only other real regulation imposed will be that sequential gearboxes wont be allowed".

## **"Production 4\*4 could be the way forward"**

The BTRDA Rallycross committee are investigating the possibility to introduce Production based 4wd regulations for 2016 which will allow drivers to compete within the Clubman 4\*4 class on a much more sensible budget. Driver support for such a class seems high we now just need some drivers to build cars and join the grid. Regulations are likely to follow the current Production ones which will mean the cars will have to retain a steel shell, original transmission, engine, ecu and turbo. The cars will be able to have singly adjustable suspension and will need to run on list 1A or 1B tyres".



**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



# BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

## A catch up from Bill & John.

Hi girl and guys, you all seemed to enjoy Pembrey and it was great to see you there. Most of you had horrible journeys to get there with stories of 9-ish hours, we gather that the M4 was vying with the M25 for the status of car park and it sounds like some of you had lengthy journeys home too. We hope that the pain was greatly outweighed by 2 days of **serious fun**.

Did you get chance to listen to Downforce Radio while you were sitting in that traffic on the way back? We hope that you enjoyed Jake's commentary. We will see Tom Brookes from Downforce at Byton, Tom gets involved with WRX so Blyton in October should be interesting for him, can someone please tell him that our version of the spotters tower is standing on the banking! Jake will be back with us for Croft, we have fairly quickly turned him into a RX fan, the clincher was when he saw Tommy G win the B final win and then go on to win the A Final. Downforce are also scheduling a new Rallying and Rallycross Show shortly, which will include driver interviews and meeting reports so keep an ear out for that one.

It's always a nail biting time for John and I after the entry date passes hoping that disasters don't befall any of you or your cars, work shop fires, slicing arms with angle grinders, you know, things like that!

We are also pleased to tell you that Leigh reports that family Hickey, long time BTRDA supporters will be back with us as soon as

possible, we are looking forward to seeing you guys.

We would both have liked to have been that proverbial fly on the wall when Martin Peters ended up being taken home by a recovery vehicle after his sparkly new tow vehicle let him down 30 miles from home, we missed you Martin, we hope to see you at R6.

Mad Mark assures us that we will definitely be seeing him at Croft, we look forward to that, he was somewhat fed up that he couldn't make it to Pembrey, however we will see him anyway on the Saturday night at the Jersey Farm Hotel for our 2016 Championship presentation. Booking information will be out in plenty of time, Andy Stevens is working hard on our 2016 regs and other arrangements are well in hand via John and committee.

We were all relieved that the local hospital cleared Oak Richardson to race again on Sunday, on Saturday he inadvertently snorted smoke after a small fire in the car, he's sticking to that story I can tell you! For sure we could all see that he had a much better day on Sunday.

David Attiwell's engine is sitting on his workshop bench while I type this, he has work to do and a decision to make as to whether he manages to get out for Blyton, we will see. He will certainly be back next year as he was thoroughly enjoying himself until he heard that very special noise that fills us all with dread.

Jeff H-D's cam belt ended up in 2 halves on Sunday and with his crew near to revolt as the bar was closing early and they wouldn't see all of the Wales match they left for the pub!

Production's Ram Sarathchandra has his head well buried in a Motorsport Engineering degree so we should see him back next year, good luck Ram with the studying.

Ollie Brooks has confirmed that he will be back with us this season, which will be good, I can give him his glass trophy from 2014!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Blyton.  
**Bill & John**



John Ward at Pembrey  
Photo: Trevor Coulson

# BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

## R4 & 5 Pembrey Circuit – race reports.

The fourth and fifth rounds of the BTRDA Rallycross Clubmans Championship took place at Pembrey in South Wales, where Irishman Tommy Graham took a pair of SuperModified wins in his wonderful Zakspeed Ford Escort MkII. On Saturday, round four, Graham had to go about winning the hard way, only making it into the A final having won the B final. On both days, the Escort was chased hard by the Super1600 Citroen C2 of Michael Boak, who then beat Graham in Sunday's Just for Fun SuperFinal, finishing less than a second behind the Clubman 4x4 winner, Gary Pusey.

Pusey also won on both days at Pembrey in Clubman 4x4. On Saturday, Dimitrij Sribnyj retired from the first heat with gearbox problems and was out for the day, while Pusey collected maximum points. On Sunday, Pusey beat Sribnyj in a head-to-head in the class final and now leads the Clubman 4x4 Championship

by six points with just one round remaining at Croft. In Sunday's SuperFinal, Sribnyj retired on lap three with engine problems.

Behind Graham and Boak in the SuperModified category, Kenny Hall completed the podium on Saturday in his Supercharged Renault Clio, ahead of Vince Bristow, 2012 overall BTRDA champion Gary Cook and Irishman Peter McGarry. Todd Crooks retired from the final with his BMW Mini, while Paul Williams finished ninth with his Ford Focus which gained the attention of the organisers who voted him Best Newcomer of the Weekend. On Sunday, it was Cook who claimed third spot, ahead of Philip Kelly's Toyota MR2, Cumbria's Dave Ewin and Vince Bristow. Crooks was classified seventh.

The Production Category battle was as fierce as ever at Pembrey, where John Ward and James Orton each took a win in their Peugeot 106s. Ward won on Saturday with Orton third, while Orton claimed the win on Sunday with Ward just behind in second. On both days, John Lyne joined the pair on the podium with a second and third place finish. Gwain Clark had an impressive debut in his Renault Clio and made the A final on both days, on Saturday he won the B final to progress. On Sunday, Clark finished fourth ahead of Eugene Ward and Paul Davis, while it was Richard Todd who claimed fourth spot on Sunday ahead of Alf Hyde, Clark and Davis.

John Ward leads the overall Production Category points table ahead of Orton and Davis, while the Irish driver also leads the overall championship standings, just four points ahead of SuperModified leader Gary Cook and Orton.

In the Historic and Classic Mini category, Vince Bristow claimed a pair of wins, each time ahead of the Peugeot 205 of Ryan Stuchbury with the Wakelings taking a win each, Shelley on Saturday and Richard on Sunday in their Minis.

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2WD v 4WD Sunday's Superfinal at Pembrey

Tommy Graham v Gary Pusey

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# BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship



## Provisional BTRDA Rallycross Championship Points Tables After Round 5

### BTRDA Championship Overall

1 <sup>st</sup> John Ward	184 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Cook	180 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> James Orton	175 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Todd Crooks	163 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Philip Kelly	161 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Peter McGarry	157 points

### BTRDA SuperModified Class Championship Overall

1 <sup>st</sup> Gary Cook	180 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Todd Crooks	163 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Philip Kelly	161 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Peter McGarry	157 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Kenny Hall	148 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Tommy Graham	106 points

### BTRDA Production Class Championship Overall

1 <sup>st</sup> John Ward	184 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> James Orton	175 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paul Davis	157 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Hope-Davies	152 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Gareth Softley	142 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Eugene Ward	128 points

### Clubman 4\*4 Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Gary Pusey	72 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dmitriy Sribnyi	66 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Simon Horton	0 points

### SuperModified 2101cc+ Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Todd Crooks	165 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter McGarry	138 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenny Hall	134 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Marc Jones	118 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Tommy Graham	113 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Dave Ewin	93 points

### SuperModified 1601 - 2100cc+ Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Gary Cook	203 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Philip Kelly	178 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> David Attiwell	136 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Scott Stuchbury	97 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Paul Williams	63 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Peter Hamlett	59 points

### SuperModified 1600cc Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Nick Potter	96 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jamie Yapp	76 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Peter McGarry	42 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Brian Thornton	37 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Kieran Curran	35 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Larry Carter	35 points

### Production 1601-2000cc Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Gareth Softley	151 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gwain Clark	135 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Martin Rodgers	77 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Barry Dutton	56 points

### Production 1600cc 16v Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> John Ward	186 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> James Orton	178 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jeff Hope-Davies	165 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Paul Davis	163 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Eugene Ward	132 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Martin Peters	110 points

### Production 1600cc 8v Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Eddie Gibbs	187 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Damon Fatchett	172 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Conor Hook	159 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Steve Kemp	119 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Stuchbury	108 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Leigh Hickey	75 points

### Classic Mini Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> Shelley Wakeling	96 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Martin Knowles	21 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alan Forster	0 points

### BMW Mini Class Championship

1 <sup>st</sup> David Bell	24 points
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**\*\* 6 out of 7 rounds to count**

**\*\* Final Round at Croft on November 15<sup>th</sup> counts towards double points**



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## My First and Second Rallycross Meetings

At Christmas 2014 I received the world RX DVD as a present off my mum. After driving my wife crazy over the festive period watching every round at every possible opportunity, I thought to myself this is worth a go! So I started to investigate an affordable way of getting into rallycross because running a 600bhp supercar was out of my league.

I used to do tarmac rallying in a ford fiesta in early 2000 for a couple of years and knew various championships to do with motorsport so checked out the BTRDA website. Low and behold there it was the championship that I could do. I then went on to YouTube and checked it out and it looked great fun, so I looked at every possible way I could do it. Again boring my wife with all the possibilities from stock to super modified to supercar! I Checked the regulations and came to the conclusion to do super modified! I went to Blyton to find out more and met the BTRDA clan and had my first experience of the friendly and proficient organisers. I ended up signing up for championship. I then got hands on my ST170 focus and almost completed it, but 2 weeks before the June event I had had a slip with my angle grinder working on the exhaust. This managed to open my arm up to the muscle! On the way to the A&E in the ambulance I was thinking of how this was not looking so good for my debut rallycross event. Several stitches later and a severed nerve I felt I might be a spectator at Pembrey not a competitor. Once my arm was healed I then set my sights for September, so I made sure to stay away from power tools on the run up to this event and made it down to Friday night in one piece no injury's and with my friends – team if you can call them that!

Saturday morning at scrutineering the car got through but unfortunately my helmet was out of date and no longer suitable. There was then the awkward moment of going round the pits looking for

another driver with a large head then asking if I could borrow their helmet! Thanks to John Rook I had options within minutes and thanks to Peter Gwynne who had a spare so all was good. On my first practice laps I was surprised at how loose the loose was and had a wakeup call after a very wild moment early on. Then the first heat, I was happy to bring it back in one piece. I spent the next 2 heats getting my hand in and learning the course and then the B final came around. I lined up, and thought just get it round, then it all started to unfold I was in 4 place and then I had the MR2 turbo spin out in front of me so I was then in third thinking don't spin! Then on the last lap I came on the finish straight only to see a slowing fiesta of Dave Ewin and went past him thinking I have just lucked my way into the A final but felt for Dave too as that can't be a good feeling. I went down for the A final line up and found that it was game on.

Sat at the back of the grid looking at all the top boys in front and around me it was intimidating to say the least, with Tommy Grahams escort sounding like a shotgun on launch, and we were off, I was following the pack (AT A SLIGHT DISTANCE) and then realised my first mistake on the 3-4<sup>th</sup> lap. The car started to misfire! Fuel... it's a very important part and I had forgot to fuel up between B and A final so opted for economy to finish the race. But a massive smile on my face for getting there and

James Orton

Photo: Trevor Coulson



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then to pick up a 3<sup>rd</sup> in class that evening the first day was a great.

Sunday morning after the practise laps I felt up for it so had a good go from the start. I had a good 3 heats, but the B final was there quickly, so I lined up and we got underway, I found myself going well and was chasing 2<sup>nd</sup> place and unfortunately I missed out on the finish straight by a fraction but it was the best race I had all weekend.

At the prize giving at the end I received 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and to my surprise I collected the newcomer award. This was brilliant as it made up for my disappointment earlier in the year

and the feeling I had achieved a lot in my first weekend. Also that I had been put forward for this award was a reflection of how supportive the organisers of the event were. It was a very friendly atmosphere from other competitors through to the organisers. I would like to thank all the safety crews, marshalls and everyone else involved in the smooth running of the event and a massive thanks to John Rook as he has been great in responding to all my emails, especially how late some of them got to him and on Sundays. To all my fellow competitors thanks for some great racing! See you in Blyton.

**Paul Williams**

**Vince Bristow**

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**Kenny Hall**

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### The Stross Rally Trophy

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**Vince Bristow**

### The Jack Twyford Trophy

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

**Euan Thorburn**

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

**Dukeries Motor Club**

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

**Angela Danby**

### The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

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

**Matthew Robinson**

## 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:** Mike joined BTRDA in 1972 specifically to contest the Production Car Trial Championship, and moved on to the Autotest Championship in 1974. Having been rallying since 1963, he joined the Rallies Committee in 1977 and ran the Road Rally Championship until its conclusion in 1987. Membership of the Allrounders/NEWS Committee began in the mid '70s, and the organisation of the AGM and Luncheon followed the retirement of Ron Kemp in the mid '80s. He was elected Treasurer in 1982 and served in that role until 1993. The Autotest Committee was joined in 1994, a membership that continues to this day. The Sporting Trials Championship was contested for a few years in the late '90s. In addition, he chairs the Rallycross Committee and is involved in the management of the MSA Asphalt Rally Championship. He was involved in the Association's conversion to a Limited Company, in the formation of the Holding and Operational companies that exist today, and in organising the 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. He was elected Chairman of Council in the Golden Jubilee Year of 1988 and continued in that position until retiring in 2014.

**BERNARD BAKER:** Bernard joined the Autotest Committee, representing event organisers, when Eastern Counties MC won the best event award for their Felixstowe round in 1977. He subsequently became committee secretary in 1980, a role he finally relinquished in 1997. His accountancy skills also brought him to the attention of BTRDA Council, when he was asked to take the role of Treasurer during 1994, a position subsequently confirmed at the AGM in 1995. He continued in the role until the end of 2014, having successfully reported on the financial affairs of both the Holding and Operational companies for 20 years.

# **Gold Star<sup>®</sup> Champions 2014**

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**Forest Rally Co-Driver**

**Rallycross**

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**Roger Holder**

**Richard Pinkney**

**Mark Hoppé**

**Steve Perez**

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**Kieran Curran**

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## ***AutoSolo Championship***

**Mike Biss**

## ***BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Challenge Winners***

**Asphalt Rally FWD**

**Asphalt Rally RWD**

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**Darren & Sue Underwood**

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