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President's Notes

2021 has just flown by and this edition of the E-News will be the last of the year, but not the last BTRDA News of 2021 as we shall be reverting back to a paper edition for the final one of the year in December.

At our last Board meeting we decided to split up the AGM and Awards Luncheon. Last year, due to covid, we had a virtual AGM by Zoom and it seemed to work well so we have chosen Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

For those of you that have not attended an AGM before, we go over the accounts for the year and the directors are available to discuss any topics that members may want to bring forward. We shall also have all the Chairs of our Committees available to answer any specific sporting questions.

The Awards Luncheon will be held at the Prescott Hillclimb venue near Cheltenham on Sunday 30th January 2022. Prescott is the HQ for the Bugatti Owners Club. Their general manager is Gemma Price, a director of BTRDA, so we shall be in safe hands. The venue can take 100 persons so we shall hopefully be full, so please put this date in your diary and we shall send out a booking form with the printed edition of BTRDA News in December.

It is coming up to the Awards season and the first discipline to confirm their arrangements is Rallycross who will be holding their presentations at the Drayton Manor Park Hotel on Saturday 22nd January. The MRF Forest Championship looks like holding their presentations on the same day but I don't have the venue details so look out for details on their website. This year we shall be inviting the main awards winners of the Protyre Asphalt Championship to the Lunch Presentations at Prescott. Finally the Sporting Trial dinner and presentations will take place on Saturday 22nd January at the Tortworth Court Hotel, Wootton under Edge following the Gold Star Final at Crewkerne. You can now see my dilemma, three functions on the same night...so which one to attend, I shall keep you posted!

You may have seen the news that Jane Evans has had to retire from the position of Championship Manager of the Protyre Asphalt Championship at the end of the year as she has had a promotion at work. I would like to thank Jane very much for all her work over the past years and may I welcome Darren Spann to the BTRDA as her replacement. A hard act to follow, but I wish Darren all the very best in making the Asphalt Championship even stronger.

Best wishes to all Members
Mike Broad



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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



**Mark Kelly, Neil Roskell and
Jason Pritchard Head to Otterburn
for Exciting 2021 Protyre MSUK
Asphalt Rally Championship Title**



Three drivers go into the final round of the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship aiming to become 2021 drivers' champion – with Mark Kelly, Neil Roskell and Jason Pritchard battling for the title on the Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally (Sunday 24 October) over the Otterburn military range in Northumberland.

Mark arrives at the fifth and final round holding a 15-point lead. In his first season in Britain's premier sealed-surface series, the Bolton driver has recorded three second place finishes and a fifth in his Flext-backed Ford Fiesta R5+. He's never been to Otterburn before, and he and co-driver Neil Colman will be looking for another good result to offset the high 25 point that they currently need to drop when the final end of season points are calculated.

Mark currently has 109 points and the most he can finish the season on is 114.

Neil Roskell goes into the final round second in the series after an excellent first season in his ND Civils/Collins Construction-backed Ford Fiesta R5+ which has included a third, fourth and fifth place points finish. His son Daniel is down to co-drive on the Cheviot, but it's more likely to be John Cope on the pace notes. Neil has the most limited experience of Otterburn possible, as the engine blew on his Subaru Impreza on the first corner of the Tyneside Stages! The Blackpool driver has a 12th place point score to drop and is therefore a real contender for the title as he can score big on Otterburn.

Neil currently has 95 points and the most he can finish the season on is 107.

Jason Pritchard is third in the series, seven points behind Neil and 20 points behind Mark. He has more experience of Otterburn than his rivals, having won the previous two Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship titles on the Cheviot.

Having retired on the Hills Ford Three Shires Stages, he and co-driver Phil Clarke have already effectively dropped a score and can add 29 points to their total points tally if they were to win the final round in their North Road Garage Ford Focus WRC05.

Jason currently has 89 points and the most he can finish the season on is 118 – which means that he only has to finish in the top four to win his third straight Protyre Asphalt title.

Other drivers could play a crucial role in the destiny of the title, as happened in 2019 when Alan Kirkaldy/Cameron Fair won the event and Jason Pritchard won the title by finishing third, despite finishing behind title rival Damian Cole on the day.

There is a close battle for the class B14 title, which Adrian Spencer now leads. The RED Industries Subaru Impreza WRX driver, who is co-driven by Rick Sutcliffe, is just one point ahead of Anthony Eaton, who has enjoyed a great season in his Autotest Ford Fiesta R4. Ian Jackson, who has guided Anthony all year, has one hand on the class B14 co-driver's trophy.

Craig Jones will be aiming to bounce back from his crash on the PokerStars Rally. Co-driven by Shaun Layland, the Brecon driver could still win the B14 title, but needs another very good result in his RHL and Jay Jays backed Mitsubishi Evo 9.

Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Ben Crump has a great chance to secure both the Ford Escort Challenge and class B11 titles when he appears in his Coltech Rally Services Escort Mk2. Co-driver Ian Beamond was side-lined with tonsillitis on the Isle of Man and hopes to be back in the navigator's seat for the important season finale.

Geoff Glover will be hoping that another good result in his self-built rear-wheel drive Vauxhall Astra will be enough to give his co-driver the B11 title, as Keith Barker tops the leaderboard going into the final round.

Olly Hunter is new to rallying, but he's already shown a natural turn of speed in his Vauxhall-engined Ford Escort Mk2, most notably by winning the Mintex Award for the best improvement on seeding on the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally. Co-driven by Jonathon Kennedy, he'll be one to watch as he heads to Otterburn for the first time.

Mark Jasper will be aiming for the class B13 drivers' title, as he and co-driver Don Whyatt contest the event in their Ford Escort Mk2. Andy Brinkley can't win the title himself, but a good run in his BMW M3 could hand Mark Mason the navigators' trophy.

Mark Holmes/Mark Perryman lead the R5 class by nine points after scoring a win and two second place finishes in their Ford Fiesta S2000, and another second would be good enough to give them a well-deserved title.

Stuart Anderson/Kenny Owen have already clinched the Historic class title after a great season in their ex-works Vauxhall Chevette HSR and will be out to enjoy themselves before the winter break.

Protyre Motorsport will take a large range of tyres to Otterburn, including Pirelli, Michelin and Hoosier, and operate an on-event fitting service for all registered Championship contenders.

Special Stage TV will live stream action footage on its Facebook page, with Howard Davies spearheading the commentary team. It will also interview crews during the day, all of which can be seen on its edited highlights programmes.

Organised by Whickham & District Motor Club and Hadrian Motor Sports Club, the 2021 Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally (Sunday 24 October) will contain 12 stages totalling 61 stage miles, all held on the Otterburn military range in Northumberland. The event starts on the range at 08.30, with this year's Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally champions crowned at the podium ceremony at 16.45.

Paul Evans



Mark Kelly



Neil Roskell



Ben Crump



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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Darren Spann appointed Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship Manager

The BTRDA has appointed Darren Spann as Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship Manager from 2022, following the retirement of Jane Evans at the end of the 2021 season.

The BTRDA gives Jane a huge thank you for her amazing work over the past four years as she rebuilt the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship to its current status as the premier asphalt championship in the UK.

Darren Spann's appointment brings a wealth of experience from the world of rallying. Having run the hugely successful Motorsport News Circuit Rally Championship since its inception seven years ago, he has also been Clerk of the Course for the Neil Howard Stages Rally since 2012, turning the event from a single venue stage rally into one of the biggest events on the Oulton Park calendar. He was pivotal in bringing the Wales Rally GB stage to Oulton Park in 2019 and recently successfully hosted the opening round of the 2021 British Rally Championship.

Darren commented: "I am delighted to be given the opportunity to run the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship and with the help of the BTRDA and my team we fully intend to bring the Championship to the spectators, building on the work we have already carried out with the Motorsport News Circuit Championship. Amongst our aims is to establish a clear structure between the two championships, making it far easier for teams to gather sponsorship and create opportunities to allow us to find and develop the next Richard Burns."

Jane Evans commented: "It has been an honour to be able to work with the competitors who I have always held in high regard and have had a huge amount of respect for. Over the past four years the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship has developed into something that competitors wish to belong to and we have built relationships and friendships, from competitors to events to service crews, who are always ready with the kettle and a warm welcome. I have had an amazing team, who have shared my vision and have embraced my ideas. None of this would have developed without the support of Protyre and Shaun Chetwyn [Protyre Motorsport Manager] who has guided me through good and bad times and to Mike Broad and Mike Sones, long standing members of BTRDA. I wish all competitors good luck for 2022."

Mike Broad, President of the BTRDA, commented: "I would like to say a very big thank you to Jane for all her hard work over the past few years, she has been a delight to work with and we wish her every success with her new job. I am delighted that we have appointed Darren and I am certain that he with his team will develop the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship even further."



Darren Spann

Miss any reports or news?

Paul Evans

Check them out here:

Hills Ford Three Shires -

<https://asphaltrallying.com/2021/09/20/melvyn-evans-extends-protyre-msuk-asphalt-rally-championship-lead-with-maximum-points-on-the-hills-ford-three-shires/>

Pokestars 2nd October -

<https://asphaltrallying.com/2021/10/02/pritchard-wins-big-on-the-pokestars-to-put-him-back-in-contention-for-the-2021-protyre-msuk-asphalt-rally-title/>

MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series



Four down, two to go in terms of rounds of the 2021 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and the situation in the BTRDA Gold Star Championship couldn't be tighter! Having been leading the charge, Garry Pearson/Niall Burns (Skoda Fabia) had an off-day on the Trackrod Forest Stages, allowing George Lepley/Tom Woodburn (Lancer EVOX) to move marginally ahead of them. Ian Bainbridge/Will Atkins (Fabia) led the Trackrod for a while and are still in there fighting, as are Elliot Payne (Fiesta) and winners of the event, Callum Black/Jack Morton (Fiesta). However, having posted two consecutive retirements, the latter have left themselves with no room for error between now and the conclusion of the series...

The first 'result' of the season sees Lepley/Woodburn crowned as Class B13 champions – in what is a very competitive class, their four maximums from four starts cannot be beaten.

The MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star Championship has seen different winners on each of the four events but, through it all, Paul Street/Ian Jones (Escort) find themselves narrowly ahead of the Avenger of Baz Jordan/Arwel Jenkins. Meanwhile, in the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup, the tables are turned with Jordan a solitary point in front of Street! The Escorts of Robert Gough and Owen McMackin claimed top Silver Star points on the Woodpecker and Trackrod respectively, but 2017 Champion Ashley Davies (Escort) and loan Lloyd (Peugeot 208 R2) cannot be ignored!

For their part, Lloyd and co-driver Sion Williams have grasped both the BTRDA Rallye R2 & R2 Junior Cups by the scruff of the neck and, although they're not home and dry just yet, three maximums in each will come into their own once dropped scores take effect.

For the first time ever, a 1400C car took maximum Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA 1400 Championship points on the Woodpecker Stages after all three front-running 1400S crews retired! Adrian & Matt Walk (Ford KA) triumphed on that occasion but then Steve Black/Paul Morris (Suzuki Swift) took their second maximum on the Trackrod and now have leaders Richard Jordan/James Gratton-Smith (MG ZR) firmly in their sights.

With just the Grizedale Stages in early December to go, George Lepley also leads the Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK. It's always possible that he could be caught, but it has to be said you'd get good odds at the bookies!

Further details of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series are available at : www.btrdarally.com/ while information on the Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, can be found at : www.englishrally.co.uk/

Andrew Hail



George Lepley/ Tom Woodburn
Trackrod Stages
(Malcom Almond)



Lloyd/ Sion Williams
Trackrod Stages
(Kevin Money)

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BTRDA® Allrounders Championship

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There will be a good number of qualifiers in 2021 and not only that there will be at least 2 qualifiers for the one car award. An even more remarkable fact is that the one car leader, Bob Milligan, in his Mini which he has used for Car Trials, Targa and AutoSOLO, is also in second place overall. The overall leader is still Jamie Yapp who has used the Clio and Nova from the Yapp family garage of cars and also navigated for John Fox (who is in 3rd place) in a Targa rally.

No less than 7 of the 8 qualifiers to date have used the Targa Road Rally Group to score points which shows that the BTRDA initiative to have the championship has been worthwhile for Allrounders. The Allrounders 2021 championship continues until the 31st December so there is still a chance for more drivers to collect points.

Alastair Moffat and Stuart Perren need just one more event and as both are good on the Sporting Trials hills this branch could be a good opportunity. Then, of course, there is the Knutsford AutoSOLO, or the Knutsford Targa – so many choices!

Simon Harris has used the same Golf GTi for his Allrounder single car points that he drove to Gold Medal status in the HERO Le Jog events and becomes the second qualifier in this section. Of interest is that it is the same Golf GTi which came second overall at the very first AutoSOLO at the Aust services back in 2002. In 2021 Simon has had to drive extremely well even to get into the top 5 of the saloon car class. It just shows how AutoSOLO cars have developed over the last 19 years.

There may not be any qualifiers for the under 25 trophy this year. Let's hope that the young Rallycross drivers, and others, will be able to get out and about more in 2022.

Peter Cox



Bob Milligan / David Middleditch “flying” at the Hatsford Targa (Photo by Angela Danby)

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Check them out here:

Provisional interim scores as at 12th
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<https://btrda.com/championship/allrounders/news/2021-btrda-allrounders-championship/>



Allrounders contenders Stuart Perren in his Patrial, Alastair Moffatt - Clerk of the Course, and Phil Darbyshire - Club Steward at the Mercia Trial

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2021 Season the story so far.....

The 2021 BTRDA Rallycross season is proving to be an epic one so far, with 5 rounds down and 1 to go. The season started at Lydden back in early May with a huge 82 car entry, this was followed up with a 61 car entry at Round 2 at Blyton, Rounds 3 & 4 were at Pembrey in August with 71 entries and Blyton Round 5 with 58 entries proving the BTRDA Rallycross Championship is as popular as ever.

Heading into the final round at Knockhill on October 24th it looks highly likely that Super Modified driver Jason Bleasdale (Vauxhall VX220) will take the overall crown. All he must do is 'start' the event, but as we know anything can happen in Rallycross and there is a gaggle of drivers behind him looking to take advantage should the worst happen.

In Production 4x4 it is former champion Dan Beattie who leads the way, in Production Rory Denning heads the points table and the legendary Vince Bristow heads up the classic category. With Jason Bleasdale looking like he will take the overall crown it is a battle between Fred Ling and Phil Chicken who will pick up the overall Super Modified championship. In Juniors Owen Robbins has had 3 wins and leads the way but is closely followed by Kacper Potyra and Corey Padgett. The Clubman 4x4 Championship only has 3 rounds this year and is headed up by Martin Hawkes who is closely followed by David Bell and Derrick Jobb

The season finale takes place at Knockhill on October 24th where the overall crown, all categories and classes will be decided.

John Rook



Rory Denning



Jason Bleasdale



Dan Beattie

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- The season finale at Knockhill will see the 3rd heats and all finals LIVE streamed via MotorsportTV.com, YouTube and Facebook for the 2nd year in a row.
- The provisional 2022 calendar has been announced, 8 rounds are planned starting at Blyton on March 27th and ending at Knockhill on October 23rd.
- The new for 2021 Modified category has been a good success and seems to be gaining momentum going into 2022. There are a host of new cars in build including Ian Platts, Ian Smith and Stuart Hughes planning to race Ford Fiesta MK6s
- The 2021 has now received over 108 championship registrations which is the biggest numbers since the inception of the championship in 1977.
- Saturday 23rd October, the day before the final round has been confirmed the date for a Rallycross test afternoon at Knockhill between 3-5pm.

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Check them out here:

Round 3 Pembrey

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Premier Sports – Sky 412 in HD & 435 / Virgin 551 & 552

Showcase and Sporty Stuff on Sky will also show each event along with Samsung TV

In Addition to the above broadcasters and once the coverage has been aired it can also be seen on the BTRDA Rallycross Championship 'YouTube' Channel:

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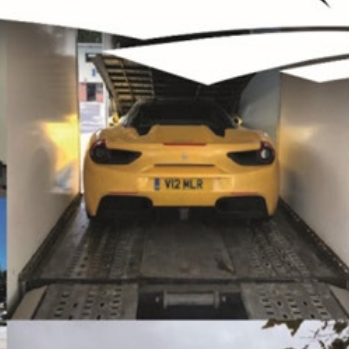
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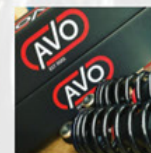
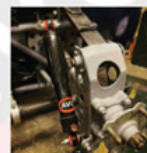
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At the start of the year there was doubt as to whether we would be able to run a full Championship or whether it would echo the 2020 season of only four events. As it has turned out, although we lost some of the early rounds due to Covid, which were unable to be rescheduled, eight rounds were successfully completed. The rescheduling of some of the rounds meant that not all our regulars were able to contest a full season, but 28 of our 37 Championship entrants managed to compete in at least one round and most events were well supported.

The final round, held at our sponsor's, Demon Tweeks, Wrexham headquarters and run by the BTRDA Autotest Committee proved to be an interesting experiment in how event might be run in the future. Due to a lack of marshals, the Clerk of Course, Mike Sones, decided to take a leaf out of the AutoSOLO book and split the entry into two (Sportscars and the Rest) with, following the toss of a coin, the Sportscars completing their first 3 runs whilst the Rest (Saloons and Specials) marshalled and did the timekeeping following which the positions were reversed for their rounds. This process was repeated for the afternoon runs.

Admittedly the Sportscars came off slightly the worse for having lost the toss, as the first rounds were rather wet, but in the end, everyone appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves as it gave a chance to observe the other classes, which normally are not seen during the day. Interestingly from an official's point of view the event seemed to run much quicker partly because, due to Covid restrictions, we were using the Marshal's check sheets so did not have to wait for individual timecards and the fact that Competitors chivied each other up and kept things moving.

Having said that we are pleased that eight of the projected eleven rounds ran, this is put into perspective by a recent Facebook post by Alastair Moffatt showing a copy of an advert for the 1969 Castrol BTRDA Autotest Championship (we believe that this was first year that they became Autotests rather than Driving Tests), which featured twenty-three rounds spread though out the country. Worse still is that the Hagley & DLCC event is the only one still to feature in our calendar.

A season report and the Final Championship Results will appear in the next issue.

Steve Layton



Liam Harkness



Will Herbert

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Castrol BTRDA Autotest Championship 1969

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AutoSOLO Championship

After the Sixty and Worcester event at Cheltenham racecourse it's going to down to the wire for the championship winner. After a wet start Neil took the lead and then it dried out and Alec was a clear winner. So, it's between Alec and Jamie next week with winner takes all, (unless Alec finishes 2nd and Alec wins!!!). Between them they have 6 championship wins.

However, all has not gone well with the Clio 172 Cup car this year and after falling into safe mode during 3 of his runs Jamie was out in the Nova at the Sixty and Worcester event and finished 4th BTRDA. For me the safe mode is me forgetting to put my foot flat down on the throttle pedal itself! Mind you, Alec also has had some technical problems this year with an over heating issue with his Caterham 7 causing a recent retirement.

It's not just competitors who have had problems this year with organisers of 2 rounds being cancelled, one due to a pile of, politely called muck, on their old airfield venue and the other one cancelled due to Stephen Spielberg deciding he didn't want black lines on the old airfield he was using for his Amazon air drama serial. Now, what can go wrong in 2022 for either competitor's cars or venues?

Miss any reports or news? Peter Cox

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Alec Tunbridge drives past the complex video set up at the Bristol MC event at Wroughton.

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Mr Tyre Motorsport Targa Road Rally Championship

Four rounds gone, two to go. And John Davies has won all four Rallies! We're off to Trac Mon in Anglesey for the penultimate round of the championship, then it's off to 3 Sisters for finale at the Knutsford Targa.

Caerwent was a cracker of a Targa. Forresters Car Club put on a fantastic event, impressive for their first ever Targa. Hopefully the majority of crews survived with minimal tyre damage and wheels in one piece - Caerwent is renowned for its kerbs.

The Kent Forestry Targa followed, the event being located solely in Mereworth Woods for 2020. Crews reported a great event with many smiling faces. Many crews took advantage of double driving, swapping seats to double their experience and enjoyment.

John Davies and Nick Bloxham flew on the Kent Forestry Targa, taking a commanding win. Steve Rethchless and Sasha Heriot took a fine second overall, clearly revelling in the woods. Huw Morris and Richard Crozier finished a solid fifth overall.

Proving that Historic cars can be used to good effect on Targas, Darrell Denning and Derek Drayton took the class in their Volvo. John Rhys Owen and Sandra Loton-Jones took maximum points in class in their MG ZR. The Thompsons chose to save their Rover and claimed their Marshal points.

The Championship points now show John Davies with four perfect scores and many bonus points (from others beaten in the event class). But it's not over yet!

Similar with Sasha Heriot leading the Navigators.

Planning is underway for the 2022 Targa Championship with an extended Championship following its inaugural year. As always, comments are appreciated so we deliver the Championship that YOU want.

See you out there.

Alan Wakeman



Steve Retchless



Rhys Owen

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Richard Yapp

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BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

Low Down Torque

In the last issue I noted that our North Yorkshire weekend was imminent. I'm pleased to report that it was a great success and will hopefully be a regular feature in our future calendar of events as we continue to prise ourselves away from Covid-19 related constraints.

I am optimistic that the 2022 calendar will have a better resemblance to "normality" than the last two have. Sadly we lost our ultimate qualifying round, doubtlessly hindered by being towards the extreme of our geographical spread coupled with it being the end of the season.

In this edition you'll find the concluding part of our insight into the famed Moffatt family, this month featuring multi-discipline and multi-champion Alastair. I rather think you'll see Alastair's name crop up a few times in the Autotest columns elsewhere in this e-News.

Work behind the scenes has been continuous in the review of championship classes and is nearing completion for final consultation and subsequent approval by the two championship committees for introduction in 2023.

We now look forward to a trip to North Wales for the 2021 Grand Final Trial on Sunday 7 November. Marshals will be most welcome at Hendrellwyn-y-Maen, near Llanfair Talhaiarn, map ref 116/895678, post code LL22 8TE. Co-ordinates 53.195N, -3.655W. What3words – noodle.baker.animated (track entrance from the road) or open.soups.hushed (site HQ). No excuse for not finding us! Start time will be 10:30 a.m.

Keep safe and well.

Car Trials Snippets

- Congratulations to Rupert North for winning the Motorsport UK British Car Trial Championship whilst campaigning a "new" car

Neil Mackay



Rupert North



Trevor Moffatt

Photos Courtesy of Peter Wardle



**Kevin Roberts and
Nigel Jones**

Note from the Editor: I would just like to take a moment to say a massive thank you to Neil Mackay, Mike Broad, Nick Pollitt and everyone I met when I was at the Gaby Mohr Memorial Car Trial. I had so much fun, it was fascinating to watch and everyone was happy to chat and answer all the questions I had! I look forward to coming out to another Car Trial next season!

Miss any reports or news?

Check them out here:

GABY MOHR MEMORIAL CAR TRIAL -

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BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

The Moffatt Trialling DNA, part 4/4

Alastair - 2021 demon tweeks BTRDA Autotest Gold Star Champion

It is fitting that our final Moffatt in this mini series has reverted to type and earned yet another Gold Star. But that is now, what of the younger Alastair?

Alastair is some 12 years junior to eldest brother Trevor, and his hands-on motorsport started aged 10 with a go-kart, when he competed in 3 races and "did OK". As we read in Part 3, the 2 younger boys honed their slippery condition driving skills on test days at Sherington Kart Track and during this time Alastair passengered for his father on PCT's.

At 16 the star in the making did 3 BTRDA events, the first being Sixty & Worcestershire Motor Club's championship round autotest a week after his birthday, doing "OK" in a standard Escort Mk2 1300 with no diff. Certainly enough to win the Novice award and not finishing last was another motivational element that hooked the teenager on autotesting. Alastair then started to plan to do the autotest championship the following year.

In the meantime, Alastair double-drove with his father in the Clan to win overall his first trial he drove on and a BTRDA event at that! Then the second event produced another win. Alastair found trials an easy out of the box sport to take up, commenting "but if you sit next to a 5 times champion it is a master class and you spot a mistake and what would correct it".

1995 featured a full Autotest championship year in a Nova, benefitting greatly when he was taken under the Irish wing that had come over to do the championship. 5 coaches plus his dad yielded a class win on every event that year and culminated in the Silver Star win.

During 1996-1999 Alastair campaigned his Mini Special, achieving some ftd's, competing against the Irish who continued to coach him, helping him to eventually win his first Gold Star in 1999 together with the BTRDA Allrounders Gold Star.

There following a period of rallying, competing in the BRC 1400 Class and amassing many stage wins in class but the car's fragility prevented any wins. 2001 was a two-rally event due to foot and mouth before 2002/2003 when the BTRDA Forest Rally Championship beckoned. Now in a Peugeot 106 GTi, multiple class wins ensued and best of the rest many times, headlined with a 16th o/all. The next year Alastair contested the Peugeot 206 Cup within the National Rally Championship but when leading the Cup his campaign came to an abrupt halt after a 6th gear off on the Manx National. Time for a rest.



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The Moffatt Trialling DNA, part 4/4

Alastair - 2021 demon tweeks BTRDA Autotest Gold Star Champion

But many more highlights followed: 2007 Autotest championship “did OK”; 2008 to 2011 Gold Star Autotest Champion; 2009 won every autotest event and had no penalties over the season – “best season!”; and then we find Alastair drawn into the world of stunt driving...

2012 – Alastair’s first Guinness World Record, this one for the tightest parallel park, now down to 7.5cm spare gap. Then came the tightest reverse parallel park. With all these acquired skills it is no wonder that the BTRDA Autotest Championship featured again with Gold Star wins in 2015 and 2016. Followed by a lay-off with occasional select events but soon back at the top in 2019.

2020 was the year in which everyone’s lives and interests became disrupted, as we well know. Alastair reverted to Car Trials, qualified for the Final and became Silver Star Champion, winning the Final for good measure; all with 5 year old William in the car (not that he weighs much and in the family tradition it’s good to start them off young!).

Not that he’s counting, but we understand that the foregoing has amassed 9 Gold Stars (plus 1 in waiting), 2 Silver Stars, 70 BTRDA crested spoons and 6 Motorsport UK Championships. Oh! Plus 13 Guinness World Records.

When not competing Alastair has been a super-car engineer and remains heavily involved in stunt driving and car preparation. We asked all the clan about their driving test experiences and Alastair admits that left foot braking probably secured him the fail at the first attempt, but he sailed through on the second.

As for precious cars in ownership, the first Mini Special will never be sold, having owned it since the age of 16, and the family Clan Crusader will also never be sold.

I’m most grateful for the extensive contributions received from Bill, Trevor, Alastair and John and it’s fair to say that many of us will have competed against some of them (directly or indirectly) over the years – in my case all of them!

Neil Mackay



BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

It has been a highly competitive start to the second half of our season. We have been blessed with a multitude of different winners, which has given us a really competitive looking championship.

Its encouraging to see trials being won by different drivers, in different cars in different conditions.

It has been another dry start to the second half of our season with the only event that saw any semi-serious rainfall being the Pete Fear trial near Ross-on-Wye. The result of the dry weather has seen a number of events being won on very low scores with Richard Sharp even achieving the holy grail of sporting trials by achieving a completely clear trial at the Walsingham. Although for much of the day grip wasn't a huge issue, there were certainly a number of hills that needed serious attention and as the zero's tick over the pressure always begins to mount. Richard and Joe did a great job to bring it home for their first win of the year.

We started the second half of the year up north with Josh Veale continuing his good form of the last couple of years with a win at the Stuart Butterfield before Bill Rhodes took the spoils on the second day of the double header at the Robin Jager. We then swung down to the other tip of the country for the David Ayres trial where another first-time winner of the year Andy Wilks picked the victory to add to his steadily growing collection of wins.

The slippery nature of the Pete Fear trial played into the hands of our chairman, Stuart Beare who was able to exploit the full capabilities of his Sherpa-Indy to take a well deserved and narrow victory to join the list of winners for the season.

As for the championships Richard Sharp continues to lead the way in the Red Independent class with Mike Salton and Stuart Beare hot on his heels. Darren Underwood has completed the transition into the independent world and continues to go from strength to strength and leads the way in the Blue Independent class with John Cole chasing him hard.

Moving into the Live Axle classes Bob Packham continues to dominate the red live class in his Kincraft, however things are a lot closer in the blue live class with Sam Beare leading the way from John Firth. That one looks like it will go down to the wire with only a handful of events left in the season

It's also great to see some lively competition from some of our newcomers in the Rookie Class. Ian Blease-Dudley leads the way from Matt Sharp, who are producing some great performances in their live axle Sherpa

Sandy Veale



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 some 50 years, initially as a Production Car Trial committee member and many times PCT Champion. He was Secretary of the Rallies Committee during a period of great development in road and stage championships and he became BTRDA Chairman in 1982. He then took on the demanding role of General Secretary in 1988 through until 2004. Hazel oversaw organising the AGM and Awards Presentation event from 1988 right through until 2013, between them Mike and Hazel's household performed the distribution of BTRDA News for some 30 years.

HOWARD WILCOCK: Howard joined the BTRDA Rally Committee in 1979 and has been involved with the BTRDA Rally Championships since 1987, firstly with the Clubman's 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 MSUK 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 was subsequently elected as President in 1989. His tenure of that position saw 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 MSUK 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 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.

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.

SIMON HARRIS: Simon joined the BTRDA in 1994 and has been a member of the Car Trials (formerly Production Car Trials) Committee since 1997, whilst his other motorsport interests include our Allrounders and AutoSOLO championships and the HRCR/HERO Historic Rallying series. In November 2003, when the company restructure took place, Simon was appointed the first Company Secretary to BTRDA Ltd, a position he held for the next 15 years. Alongside this role, Simon took on the now unofficial role of General Secretary, acting as committee secretary to BTRDA Ltd and to Council, together with being a central contact point for the BTRDA brand. Simon finally retired from this position in November 2018, where the breadth of his duties and responsibilities have had to be divided between several other individuals!

PAT EGGER: Since the mid 1970's Pat has been an active competitor and organiser. Driving on Autotests, AutoSolos, Car Trials, Autocross events, and co-driving on gravel and asphalt rallies mainly with her husband Richard. In the autumn of 2004, she took over the collation and production of BTRDA News from Janet Darbyshire a role she continued for 16 years until her last edition, the Winter News 2020.

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