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Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson
OUTRIGHT WINNERS - Round 1 of the MRF TYRES Forest
Championship, The Malcom Wilson Rally
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President's Notes

And off we go for 2022....

It's all systems go for 2022 as our Championships get back to some semblance of order after the last two Covid hit years.

All but the Protyre Asphalt Championship have commenced their seasons and the first reports are that the response has been really good.

In fact, at our recent Board meeting, Julian Fack said that the entries on the first three rounds of the Sporting Trials Championship reminded him of the "good old days" (not sure which decade he means !)

It's really good that we have so many registrations and I very much hope that our passion for Motorsport will divert our attention for a short time from the sad state of affairs we see happening in this world of ours.

In my last President's Notes, I mentioned that Darren Spann was revamping the Protyre Asphalt Championship for 2022. Many of you will already know about the circumstances that have led to Darren, and his team to resign. I thank Darren for all his efforts and fully understand and support his decision to step down. I very much hope that we can work together in the future.

The month of February was extremely hectic due to Darren's departure, and so I am delighted to welcome Paul Morris, aided by Paul Wakely who volunteered to take over the running of the Protyre Asphalt Rally Championship. Both Pauls have been regular BTRDA co-drivers over the past 20 years, both in the Forest and Asphalt Series. I wish them all the best and I know the Championship is in safe hands. The first round will be the Tour of Epynt over the Easter weekend.

And finally, you may have noticed that Andrew Wheatley has been appointed the FIA Rally Director....in other words the boss of rallying Worldwide !

I have known Andrew over the past 15 years and I am so pleased for him, a proper rally man at the helm. What's more, he has been a member of BTRDA as he has competed in our Rally First category of the MRF Forest Championship many times in his little Fiesta and more recently in a very well turned out Ford Puma (the old version) winning the class on the Cambrian Rally last year with his son Oliver on the notes. It's a huge job and we wish him well

In these difficult times I think it is even more important to make sure you can enjoy those things we treasure the most, so hopefully we shall enjoy have Serious Fun in 2022 when we can.

Mike Broad.

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd
Held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. as a “Zoom” webinar
(75th AGM of the Association)

The Chair was taken by the President, Mike Broad, who welcomed the 29 members and their guests to the meeting. He observed that this is our second running of an Annual General Meeting as a virtual “Zoom” webinar independent of the prizegiving luncheon, which returns on Sunday after last year’s enforced cancellation due to the Covid pandemic.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Ernie and Patricia Lee, Brian Midgley, Norman Robertson, John Rook, Brian and Margaret Stapleton, Jamie Yapp.

2. To receive & approve the Minutes of the 39th AGM held on 3 February 2021.

The minutes of the 39th AGM were passed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Mike Sones commented on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020: membership numbers and income were down as a consequence of the pandemic and with a full year of costs to pay the small loss of around £1,900 was quite an achievement. The Association had kept faith with its members and succeeded in keeping in touch through eNews and News. Most Championships had run to some extent. With the Covid disruption following on into 2021 we can expect another abnormal year in the financial position, but we are well placed to weather this unprecedented storm. Mike thanked Tim Beard and Richard Yapp for their additional work in adopting the digital accounting required of HMRC.

The President thanked Mike for his report, adding that some Championship fees had been rolled over from 2020 to 2021. Draft results for 2021, with its compressed series of events, presented a better outcome than 2020.

4. Election of a Director of The British Trial and Rally Drivers Association Ltd.

Neil Mackay was unanimously reappointed as a Director of the Association; there were no other nominations.

5. Election of a Director of BTRDA Ltd.

Nick Pollitt was unanimously nominated for reappointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd; there were no other nominations. It was noted that Nick had recently retired as Chair of the Motorsport UK Trials Committee.

6. Election of Council Members of BTRDA Ltd.

Ian Arden, Peter Cox and Duncan Wild retired by rotation and were all re-approved for nomination as Council Members of BTRDA Ltd; there were no new nominations. The President commented that he would like to see someone take up the remaining vacancy.

7. Announcement of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members.

Steve Layton, as Chair of BTRDA Ltd and Council, presented a slide listing the members of all our committees with thanks to all committee members and gave a brief resumé of all the championships. Steve also thanked all event organisers, competitors and sponsors for their efforts in supporting us through another difficult year. The President added special thanks to Alan Wakeman for his work in launching the new Targa Road Rally Championship.

8. Any Other Business

The President summarised the year with thanks to all directors for their time and attendance at the monthly Zoom meetings, together with Gemma Price for her behind-the-scenes work on this virtual meeting.

In the wake of a successful Rallycross awards presentation, the return of the traditional Association annual luncheon and prizegiving is expected to see around 70 seated at the Bugatti Owners Clubhouse, Prescott Speed Hill Climb.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

2022 Awards Luncheon

The BTRDA Awards Luncheon was held in person at the Bugatti Owner's Club at the end of January. It was a lovely chance for everyone to get together again in the same room and celebrate the award winners together.

Many thanks to Gemma Price and the Bugatti Owner's Club for putting together such a wonderful event.

It was a great turn out and refreshing to see everyone back together again after the past few years!



Special Award for Mike Sones

Our very own ex-Chairman Mike Sones was honoured by Motorsport UK at the opening round of our Autotest Championship.

Just prior to the event in front of a fantastic turnout of who's who in Autotesting, Nick Pollitt presented Mike with a special award from MSUK in recognition of his many years service as Chairman of the Motorsport UK Autotest Committee and his huge contribution to Council and the board of Directors of MSA and MSUK.

It was a complete surprise to him, but he was of course able to make a typical Sones off the cuff response to the assembled crowd.

Nobody could be more deserving of such an honour.



STOP PRESS for the sad news just received that Mike Sones passed his final control at the weekend, no longer will we benefit from his wisdom, his wit, his wonderful service and friendship to BTRDA which spans some 50 years.

A full appreciation will of be published in the next edition, we offer our most sincere condolences to his family and to his vast number of friends.

MRF Tyres BTRDA[®] Rally Series



The opening round of both the 2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, the Malcolm Wilson Rally, attracted an excellent entry of over 120 cars and, from them, former BTRDA Gold Star Champions Stephen Petch and co-driver Michael Wilkinson emerged as victors in their Fiesta. Fastest times on four of the seven stages in the Lake District forests saw them arrive at the finish 16s ahead of the Skoda Fabia of Ian Bainbridge/Will Atkins, while Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen took 3rd place BTRDA points in another Fiesta.

First car away from the start at M-Sport in Dovenby, Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh's Fiesta retired from 2nd place in Greystoke after clipping a rock and damaging its suspension.

David Crossen's Escort MkII led the MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star Championship runners, from the similar car of Rob Wright/Mark Fisher, with the Talbot Sunbeam VXR of Andy Davison/Tom Murphy in the final podium spot. James Lepley, younger brother of George, suffered a baptism of fire on his first BTRDA event with his Escort retiring on the opening stage of the day!

Meanwhile, the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star Championship is currently led by Lewis Hooper's Rally First Nissan Micra which completed the event just eight seconds ahead of the Proton Satria of Gary Scott/James Hedges. Edward James/Charlie Mason's Nissan Micra Kit Car is 3rd at this early stage of the proceedings. Fancied front-runners, Dave & Freddy Brick, took a wheel off their Nova on SS2 and immediately joined the list of retirements!

Grant Inglis (Escort MkII) and Alex Waterman (Datsun 1600SSS) are joint leaders of the BTRDA Historic Cup, while Yaniv Bar/Osian Owen (Fiesta) hold the upper hand in the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup.

As ever, the class-based Motorsport UK English Rally Championship has joint leaders after the first round with Nick Dobson (Escort) and Richard Hill (Lancer EVO9) joining Petch, Crossen, Bar & Waterman on the top step of the podium.

Further information on the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series : www.btrdarally.com
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Motorsport UK English Rally Championship : www.englishrally.co.uk

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MRF Tyres BTRDA[®] Rally Series

The calendar for the 2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series is as follows :

DATE	EVENT	BASE
March 12th	Malcolm Wilson Rally	Cockermouth
April 9th	Rallynuts Stages	Royal Welsh Showground
May 14th	Border Counties Rally	Jedburgh
June 18th	Kielder Forest Rally	Hexham
July 9th	Nicky Grist Stages	Builth Wells
September 3rd	Woodpecker Stages	TBA
September 24th	Trackrod Forest Stages	Filey
October 29th	Cambrian Rally	Llandudno

Meanwhile, the calendar for the Motorsport UK 2022 English Rally Championship is :

March 12th	Malcolm Wilson Rally
May 14th	Border Counties Rally
June 18th	Kielder Forest Rally
September 3rd	Woodpecker Stages
September 24th	Trackrod Forest Rally
October 15th	Wyedean Forest Rally
December 3rd	Grizedale Stages

Photo's courtesy of Kevin Money



Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson



David Crossen



Alex Waterman/Glyn Thomas

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

Just 9 of the 104 BTRDA 2022 Championship events have taken place so far – not forgetting the many Speed events that also can qualify.

Showing the range of events to qualify Simon Harris has already scored points navigating for Ben Smith on the Bath MC Festival Targa Rally whilst Jamie Yapp had a top ten finish at the Devizes & DMC Spring AutoSOLO. Both events used Kemble Airfield but with very different formats.

For the Targa Rally it was just one of the venues used and had a test which took 4min 13 secs to complete whilst for the AutoSOLO there were 12 runs on tests on a shorter course which were restricted in size by the maximum 200m by 200m envelope for an AutoSOLO test area.

In the end, Simon/Ben's time for their 9 tests totalled 109 mins 50 secs whilst for Jamie it was 10mins 52.3 secs. However, at the end of the day I would say that both of them were equally worked out after a top class day of motorsport and both of them deserve their BTRDA Allrounders points.

In a complete contrast of sports Stuart Perren has been propelling his Sporting Trials car up incredibly steep hills putting both car and driver to the limits. With many of the components of Stuart's car being hand machined by himself he has been kept busy modifying them to give that extra bit of strength needed. The Sporting Trials events are unique in that a passenger, or bouncer, is required to get the car to perform but the passenger/bouncer does not get any major championship points. It could be said they provide an equal contribution as for Stage Rallies and Targa Rallies where those in the second seat have full recognition.

A final thought on different talents is those contenders taking part in Autotests where Alastair Moffatt had a bit of a fraught day at the Curborough Sprint course for the Hagley & DLCC opening round of the Autotest series. With tests of similar length to the Kemble AutoSOLO courses the major difference was the 20 handbrake turns/reverse flicks and stop astrides required for the Autotest and when Alastair's handbrake cable broke on his mini special that certainly did not help.

Overall, I hope I've showed you what a vast range of talents are required for a BTRDA Allrounders championship contender and why it was regarded the top BTRDA championship by our founding President, Denis Flather, a thought continued right up to today's President, Mike Broad.

Peter Cox



The hard work needed by both Stuart Perren and bouncer to get up to the top of a hill.

Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



**Tour of Epynt to host opening
2022 Protyre Motorsport UK
Asphalt Rally Championship
round as Paul Morris takes
over as series co-ordinator**



The Nigel Ferguson Fabricators Tour of Epynt on Saturday 16 April will host the opening round of the BTRDA-run 2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship as Britain's premier sealed-surface rally series completes a calendar, sporting regulation and management shake-up – with experienced rally navigator Paul Morris taking over as Championship Co-ordinator.

Paul brings a huge wealth of rallying experience to the role. His first introduction to the Asphalt Rally Championship was in the mid-1980s servicing for John Price – a driver with whom he later won his first national rally on the 1996 Cheviot. Paul remains a very active co-driver and contested the PokerStars Rally (a round of the Asphalt Rally Championship) with Roger Moran in a Škoda Fabia R5+ last year. Paul is also the reigning BTRDA Bronze Star champion, having co-driven for Steve Black in a Suzuki Swift.

Paul will be assisted in the role of Asphalt Rally Championship Co-ordinator by fellow co-driver Paul Wakely. His rallying career also spans over 40 years and Paul's long list of achievements includes two victories on the Mewla Rally; in 2005 with Melvyn Evans (Subaru Impreza S7 WRC) and 12 years later in 2017 with Bob Fowden (Subaru Impreza S11 WRC).

Paul has also reassembled many of the backroom staff that have been involved in the Asphalt Rally Championship in recent years, including results/points guru Ron Jackson, photographer Mark Sims, scrutineer Geoff Doe, press officer Paul Evans and the live streaming team at Special Stage TV – with commentary this year coming from former WRC and BBC reporter Mark James.

With continued support from title sponsor Protyre Motorsport – the largest supplier of Pirelli, Michelin and Hoosier motorsport tyres in the UK – Paul has wasted no time in confirming a revised 2022 calendar that features some of the UK's best asphalt stages.

The 2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship will begin with the popular Port Talbot Motor Club organised Nigel Ferguson Fabricators Tour of Epynt on Easter Saturday. A route of approximately 70 stage miles is planned over the famous rollercoaster roads above Sennybridge.

Round 2 will be the Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally. Organised by the Jim Clark Memorial Motor Club, the closed road event will be based in Duns and takes place on 27/28 May.



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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

The series remains in Scotland for Round 3, which will be the Dunoon presents Argyll Rally on 24/25 June. The Mull Car Club organised event ran as a closed road stage rally for the first time last year and included two stages through Dunoon's town centre and challenging stages around the Cowal peninsula in the picturesque Argyll and Bute region.

The classic Hamilton's Folly stage will feature in Round 4 as the series returns to Northern Ireland for the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally on 23 July. Organised by Rathfriland MC and Ballynahinch & DMC, the event made its Asphalt Rally Championship debut in 2019 and featured some spectacular closed road stages in County Down.

Round 5 will be the Get Connected Rali Bae Ceredigion on 3/4 September. Organised jointly by Newtown and District Automobile Club, Aberystwyth and District Motor Club, Lampeter and District Motor Club and Teifi Valley Motor Club, the Aberystwyth-based event is Wales' only closed road stage rally and hosts a round of the Asphalt Rally Championship for the first time.

The closed roads of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire were highly praised when the Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages made its series debut in 2021 and therefore it is no surprise to see the Cheltenham Motor Club-organised event host the sixth and penultimate round of the series on 18 September.

The seventh and final round of the series will be the PokerStars Rally on 30 September/1 October. Organised by Manx Auto Sport, the event will feature some of the classic Isle of Man stages including Little London and St Mark's and be based at the TT Grandstand.

Paul Evans

2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

16 April	Nigel Ferguson Fabricators Tour of Epynt
27/28 May	Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally
24/25 June	Dunoon presents Argyll Rally
23 July	Carryduff Forklift Down Rally
3/4 September	Get Connected Rali Bae Ceredigion
18 September	Hills Ford 3 Shires Stages
30 September/1 October	PokerStars Rally



Mark Kelly



John Stone

Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Testing Times

Well, here we go again, another year and a new season of Autotesting begins, hopefully less disrupted than the last two. To date we have 27 registrations, which includes several new faces, with some regulars still to register, so it looks to be a competitive year for the sport.

The first round of the Championship reflected this with a good entry of 32, which included competitors from all the home countries thanks to the addition of Jamie and George McMillan who bought their Nova over from Ballyclare. Dave Goodlad and Dave Fox were the only representatives in the Mini Class, but no less that 13 contested the Large Saloon Class, all being Novas with the one exception of Toby Cook in the very competitive Micra. This included the return of Paul Swift having a day out with Charlie Lower and a gaggle of “young” drivers, rapidly learning the ropes, which is great to see.

The Sports Car Class was equally well supported by the usual suspects with the addition of Cameron Pinkney in his Striker. Lee Valentine and Mark Thornton continue to learn the skills of piloting their very rapid Westfields, whilst a little over exuberance saw Stephen Morton tangle with a very substantial gate, resulting in a severe tow out on the rear wheel due to a bent axle. To Richard Pinkney's surprise he encountered no breakages during the day, just having to change Cameron's gearbox twice, which resulted in a clean event and him taking FTD.

2021 Champion Alastair Moffatt, who had spent the week before fitting his engine, had a substantial lead at the lunch break, but a wrong test followed by handbrake cable issues resulted in him being overtaken by Dave Mosey for the Class win. Sympathy must go to Sean Kell who made the long drive down from “the North” only for his car to fail on the first test, but he assures me that “he'll be back”

So overall a good start to the season with the second round at Foxley due on the 3rd April. Unfortunately, we have lost the Boundless by CSMA SE London event in September due to venue issues.

Steve Layton



Alastair Moffatt



Paul Fobbister

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Hagley & District Light Car Club
Hereford Motor Club
Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC
Alwoodley Motor Club
Knutsford & District MC
South of Scotland CC
Rhyl & District MC
Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC
Loughborough Car Club

13th March
3rd April
24th April
19th June
3rd July
16th July
14th August
21st August
11th September



Dave Mosey



Toby Cook



Richard Pinkey



John Moffatt

Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

On the table at the 2023 BTRDA Luncheon there will be a Gold Star to be given to the 2022 BTRDA AutoSOLO Champion. It will be the very first time one has been awarded for this, relatively, new branch of motorsport which only started 20 years ago in the UK.

I think back to the meeting we had between 4 of us under the MSA Autotest Chairman where we decided on the principles of the UK version, which differed somewhat from the north American version, our thoughts were to have the sport for just road going vehicles which had to be driven to the venue for tests which took place on hard standing and could be completed without the use of a handbrake.

It has been pleasing to see that those principles have held firm and there have been only very small changes to the rules over the 20 years. And what's even more pleasing is that the events are so popular that for many you have to get your online entry in within a couple of hours or you are on the reserve list.

One entrant in 2023 is 2/7 of the way to that Gold Star and that is Neil Jones in his Mazda MX5 whose has scored maximum points at the first 2 events on the way to his aim of achieving top points at the best 7 to count. The 2022 champion, Alec Tunbridge, has not had a good start in his Caterham 7, but then, there are still another 14 rounds to go! The other top runner in 2022 was Jamie Yapp in his Clio 172 Cup car. I'm sure he will want to add to the 3 Allrounders Gold Stars he has won so far. A fine second overall place at the Devizes & DMC Kemble event could be a good omen to the AutoSOLO season.

Other notable performances at Kemble were from Gary Ridgway and Eddie Martin in their MX5s and Steve Conner in his Puma. Steve is one of those drivers who can be as quick in a fwd car as he is in a rwd car. It's going to be a good year for AutoSOLOs!

Peter Cox

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

EVENT	DATE	CLUB	VENUE
1	06 February	Bolton-le-Morrs CC	Three Sisters
2	13 March	Devizes & DMC	Kemble
3	10 April	Bath MC	Kemble
4	24 April	Oxford MC	Finmere
4A	24 April	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
5	02 May	Clwyd Vale MC	Ruffin
6	22 May	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
6A	22 May	Bristol MC	Wroughton
7	11 June	Dolphin MC	Abingdon
8	19 June	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
9	17 July	EMCOS	Worcester Race Course
10	14 August	Bath MC	Kemble
10A	14 August	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
11	04 September	Devizes & DMC	Kemble
12	10 September	Loughborough CC	Coventry
13	11 September	Bristol MC	Wroughton
14	02 October	Oxford MC	Finmere
14A	02 October	Clwyd Vale MC	Ruffin
15	16 October	Sixty & Worcestershire	Worcester Race Course
16	23 October	Knutsford & DMC	Booths Hall

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BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

Welcome to the Car Trials section and welcome to another new Championship year. A big “thank you” to everyone who has already signed up, despite the fact our qualifying rounds do not start until next month.

For some months now a working party has been exchanging and debating ideas on how a future class structure might look. As many of you reading this will be aware, the working party’s proposals went out for consultation last month. This was sent out together with an opportunity to channel feedback via an online survey, which is seeing an encouraging level of response. At the time of writing, the survey remains open and it would therefore not be appropriate to pass comment until it has closed and been considered by the championship committee. Watch this space!

Speaking of the championship committee, we have recently seen the retirement of two stalwarts - Steve Courts and Dave Oliver. Once again, thank you gentlemen for your time and contributions over quite some length of time. We’re now on a recruitment drive and hope we can attract one or two willing volunteers prepared to shoulder some of the tasks and responsibilities running the championship entails. I envisage the ideal forum for this, and in which matters arising from the class proposals consultation can be discussed, will be the resurrection of an open committee meeting. Now that many of us have become accustomed to meeting in a virtual setting, together with the geographical spread of our membership and the ever-increasing cost of travel, I envisage holding such a meeting in the near future. Invitations will be sent to all 2021 and 2022 registered contenders, in accordance with the committee’s constitution.

For now, that just leaves me to wish you an enjoyable and successful season and trust that we all remain healthy in these challenging times.

Neil Mackay

Nick Pollitt reports.... The Ernest Owen Car Trial has a NEW DATE and a NEW VENUE. The fabulous Apley Estate in Shropshire, between Bridgnorth and Shifnal, will host a Car Trial for the first time. Owen MC, after 20 years, have moved the event from their Catton site in Staffordshire as it is no longer available, but Tim Beard and Nick are thrilled to be using part of The Apley Estate for Round 6 of the BTRDA Championship. In February the Hagley & District CC ran a Sporting Trial (on different sections!) at Apley, the smooth yet challenging hills and the wonderful setting are a must for any trialist.



Steve Courts



Dave Oliver

BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

BTRDA CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This calendar represents our best understanding of information available from the organising clubs and will be updated as may be necessary.

		<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Approx Location & Main Road</u>		<u>Nearest Postcode</u>
2022						
April	9 Sat	Derwydd Car Trial	Bala & District MC	Corwen	A5	LL21 9UP
April	10 Sun	Clwyd Trial	Clwyd Vale MC	Dyserth	A55 / A5151	LL18 6HT
April	24	Ivinghoe Spring Trial	Falcon MC	Tring / Dunstable	A505	LU7 9DH
April	30 Sat	Spring Trial	Windwhistle MC	Axminster	A35	EX13 7QN
May	1 Sun	Golden Springs Trial	Woolbridge MC	Crewkerne	A30	TA18 8QP
May	15	Ernest Owen Memorial Car Trial	Owen MC	Telford	A442	TF11 9DX
June	12	Wyre Forest Car Trial	Kidderminster MCC	Stourport on Severn	A451	DY12 2YE
June	26	Wye Valley Car Trial	Ross and District MS	Ledbury	A438	HR8 2RF
July	23 Sat	A & P Car Trial	Airedale & Pennine MCC	Bolton Bridge	A59	LS29 0RH
	24 Sun	Filtrate Trophy Car Trial	Ilkley & DMC	Bolton Abbey	A59 (B6160)	BD23 6AP
August	6 Sat	Gerry Evans Memorial Cymru Trial	N Wales CC	Abergele	A548	LL22 8TE
	7 Sun	Derwydd Car Trial	Bala & District MC	Corwen	A5	LL21 9UP
Sept	11	Gaby Mohr Memorial Car Trial	Wolverhampton & SSCC	Bridgnorth	A458	WV16 6XD
Oct	23	GRAND FINAL	c/o Bugatti Owners Club	Cheltenham	A46	GL52 9RD



Paul Myatt



Barrie Parker



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MDA/Blyton Park test day

An extremely soggy Sunday in February saw a whole host of new and regular rallycross drivers descend on the Blyton Race Circuit, Lincolnshire for a test day. The rain was relentless, however the 37 or so cars assembled on the day made good use of the track time to get their cars ready for the 2022 season.

Some of the notable cars seen testing included; Dale Ford's new Super Modified Vauxhall Corsa, Daryl Ambrose in his self-built Peugeot 106 GTi, James Ashe in the ex Steve Gaunt Citroen C2 and Cai Mainwarring in the ex Maciak Florzsak 106 GTi. A number of new Junior drivers also tested their Suzuki Swifts which includes Holly Woolley and Tyler McAlpine.

Other notable drivers attending were Luke Holly in the UK's first FIA spec Cross Car, new for 2022 and Tomasz Ramanauskas in his Production 4x4 Mitsubishi Lancer.



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2022 BTRDA Rallycross Championship preview

March 27th at Blyton Park Circuit sees the start of the 2022 BTRDA Rallycross Championship season and an entry in excess of 60 cars is expected. 2021 defending champion Jason Bleasdale will return in a brand new Vauxhall VX220 with the 2021 car being handed over to younger brother Darren who is sure to challenge for top honours.

The 2022 season is shaping up to be the most open and unpredictable in recent years with so many new driver car combinations and a whole host of drivers switching categories and cars choosing winners will be difficult.

2020 overall BTRDA Champion Dale Ford will move up to the ultra-competitive Super Modified category in a Vauxhall Corsa recently purchased from Belgium.

The Modified category which is only in its 2nd year is likely to see a big jump in numbers with defending champion Max Weatherley returning and will be joined by rallycross newbies Stuart Hughes (Fiesta ST), Ian Lufferman (Fiesta ST) and Rob Tinto (Ford Puma).

The brand new FIA Cross Car category is generating a lot of interest and is expected to attract some entries in 2022, however it will be 2023 before it flourishes once enough FIA spec machines have been built and are in circulation.

Other notable news ahead of the 2022 season will see the BTRDA Rallycross Championship once again be present at the Autosport Show in January 2023 along with 2 new confirmed shows, The British Motor Show on 18th-21st August and MotorsportLIVE at Silverstone in November.



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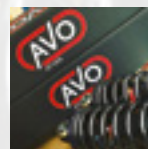
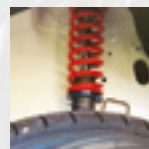
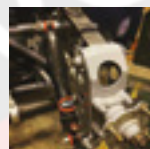
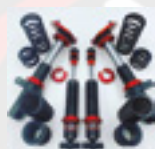
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Many congratulations to Nicole Wadge and Ryan Stutchbury on their wedding which took place at the end of an exciting Championship year and at a very fitting venue. Both of Nicole's parents were rallycross supporters in more than one way and motorsport wedding bells started to ring when Classic Category driver Ryan (via his R1 Motorsport team which supports anything upwards of 4 cars at each of our rallycross meetings) proposed to Nicole a few years ago.

The gorgeous bride and bridesmaids were well announced arriving in a tuned and mapped Audi RS6 curtesy of Classic Category driver Jamie McBain, they were having such a great time that the bride was a few minutes late to the start line! The start line marshals however were kind that day and the lights were not turned out without her. Young Freddie (no doubt a pending BTRDA Clubman's Junior Rallycross Champion) along with all relations and guests were treated to grandstand seats to watch the ceremony.

There was no need for each team to crack up the BBQs as a traditional afternoon and evening ensued. Special mentions should go to Dan Flitcroft and his partner for his very individualistic and highly amusing Best Man's speech which was in the form of a video whilst later in the evening Nicole, Ryan and guests were treated to a great performance from lead singer Scott Stutchbury accompanied by other family and friends in a specially formed band named The Fools Brothers covering "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love", choreographed by Ryan's mom Kirsten.

The chequered flag was around midnight with little bodywork damage evident! A classic and very enjoyable event overall, many congratulations to the bride and groom.

BTRDA Committee



BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

We are nicely underway in the 2022 Sporting Trials season with 3 trials been run from the 2022 calendar as well as the culmination of the 2021 championship season back in January with the Gold and Silver Star Final.

A big congratulations must go to Simon Kingsley who took his first Gold Star title with an excellent drive at the Crewkerne site down in Somerset, which was in great condition on the day. Simon found himself locked in a day long battle with Thomas Bricknell and it was by virtue of Simon keeping his day error free and consistently reaching the sharp end of sections that allowed him to take the spoils. Congratulations Simon and of course Beth in the passenger seat who has made a happy habit of winning bouncers cushions for a variety of drivers.

The Silver Star was equally hotly contested and a big congratulations must go to Jason Daniel who took the win in his Concord. Talking of happy habits, that's 4 times in the last 5 years that a concord has taken the Silver Star title. Top tip from this reporter is to make sure you get yourself a Concord if you qualify for the Silver Star next year.

Thomas to his credit has not let being pipped at the post demoralize him and has started the 2022 season with a bang, taking a win at the season opening JB Taylor trial in Kent and then following that with a win at the Walsingham Trial near Petersfield. Richard Sharp is our other winner this year taking victory at the very wet Geoff Taylor trial.

The trials world is very much looking forward to a full calendar and successful 2022 season after a couple of years of disruption. Sporting trials looks to be heading in a healthy direction with a good entries so far this year, showed in the fabulous entry of 38 for the excellent Walsingham trial hopefully a sign of things to come.



Jason Daniel and Dave Kimberley (Concord) Silver Star Winners

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

SPECIAL EVENT MAY 21st LONG COMPTON

We are also looking forward to a special event being held this year on the date of the Jacobean trial. The event will be a celebration with the plan to hold both modern and historic trials on the same day at the same site but doing different sections. We might even get close to 100 cars if we are lucky, it will be something quite special to bring together the rich history of our sport on one day. A number of top competitors are also offering up their cars for use on this day so check out the sporting trials facebook pages to see what's available for use, and maybe you could be involved too.

Excitingly we also have some BTRDA rounds taking place in N.Ireland this year so our Irish friends will be able to qualify for this years gold and silver stars in their own right if they achieve enough points as well as the standard invites they receive for the final.

Championship rules have also been tweaked this year to hopefully give a better, more competitive fairer championship for all. The new sporting trials website which can be found at sportingtrials.co.uk continues to grow and evolve and we are proud of what it has already become and look forward to improving it further. Please check it out if you haven't already.

We look forward to seeing you all on the hills soon!



Simon Kingsley and Beth Carroll (Crosslé)
Gold Star Winners

Photo's Courtesy of Duncan Stephens

Mr Tyre Motorsport Targa Road Rally Championship

The first event of the season has run, and what an event! Round 1 was the Bath Motor Club Festival Targa, based at Castle Combe. The event sets a high standard for other Targas to follow.

The initial question was whether the event would run, due to the weather. Storm Eunice appeared at just the wrong time. Would the Test furniture stay in place? Would the set-up crews be blown away? Storm Eunice was strong but passed fairly quickly on set up day. The Festival Targa was on!

The eternal question on Targas – tyres! A real mixture of tyres were fitted to cars. Many were running FIA Asphalt tyres. Some were on worn gravel tyres. Others were on a variety of road tyres, including Winter and van tyres.

Test 1 and 2 were two 6.31 mile Tests on the perimeter roads around the circuit, the Rally tuition area and out on the circuit itself at Castle Combe. With 30 second starts, and lapping, the Tests became busy, but everybody was enjoying it. Well, almost everybody, James Griffiths broke a gearbox mount, end of Rally. Ben Pritchard aquaplaned at Quarry turn, ending up in the tyre barrier, and the end of his event but at least he could leave early for the long drive home.

The next Test was at Charlton Park. A country estate which was bound to be muddy after the rain. Some changed to gravel tyres for the driven wheels. A stray, mobile rock on a narrow section caused issues for many, with several punctures resulting. Ethan Davies was too enthusiastic in the slippery conditions, hitting a tree (probably the only tree there!) and retiring.

Tests 4 and 5 were at RAF Lyneham. Back to Castle Combe for 6.1 miles of Test. A run out to Kemble followed for test 7, then dropping into Charlton Park again for test 8, before returning to Castle Combe for the last test of the event. Many were changing their front tyres from gravel to asphalt for Combe.

The ideal set up appeared to be four FIA asphalt tyres for most of the event, with gravel tyres (carried in the car) for the tests at Charlton Park. But there were many variations on the theme.

Test 9 was the same as test 6. Crews were bound to get it right, but many were taking it easy after a long day of competition.

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Elliott Sharp



Darrell Denning and Derek Drayton

Mr Tyre Motorsport Targa Road Rally Championship

Unfortunately, there were retirements amongst the BTRDA Championship crews, Anita Wickins, navigating for Malcolm Dunderdale, suffered from car sickness. This is becoming more and more common with Targa crews, presumably due to the acceleration and especially braking heavy. Anita wasn't the only one to suffer. Rich Jones and David Hillidge retired early in their Micra.

Of the BTRDA crews who finished, very few had anything significant to report, but all were obviously enjoying themselves. Raymond Davies and Llinos Davies were having great fun in their 1 litre Micra, finishing 47th overall, smiling all the way. BTRDA stalwarts David Allman and Tim Beard were out in their 205 XS, finishing 41st and Alex Reynolds and Chris Martin were out in their unusual Toyota Corolla, but still bagged 37th overall.

The irrepressible Darrell Denning and Derek Drayton were throwing their Volvo around, probably the largest car on the event, but it was driven with gusto. 24th overall was their reward and first Historic. David Ginn and Philip Russ were out in their normally aspirated Subaru Impreza, the only 4WD car in the event. An excellent 6th overall started their season well. Huw Morris and Daniel Pidgeon had a great event, finishing fourth overall.

The whole of this report hasn't mentioned John Davies and Nick Bloxham. You can almost guarantee that John and Nick will disappear at the front of the field. It happened again, winning the event by over two minutes from Gavin Rogers and Georgina Clark, despite John's gearbox developing problems near the end of the event. John and Nick are now leading the 2022 Mr Tyre Motorsport BTRDA Targa Road Rally Championship.

The season now builds in momentum with events coming thick and fast. Some weekends see two events scheduled on the same weekend, but they're far enough apart to appeal to crews in different geographies. Championship Contenders don't have to compete in every Championship round, there is choice.

Make sure that you're aware when entries open as events are filling within minutes, practice those typing skills!

A great start to the year, great thanks to Bath Motor Club and all the organisers, Marshals, radio, and other crews. The Bath Festival set a standard for others to follow. Can't wait for the next rounds!



Raymond and Llinos Davies



John Davies and Nick Bloxham

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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