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John Fox and Jamie Yapp competing together against each other at the Kemble Targa

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President's Notes

Most members will know of the passing of Mike Sones in late March.

His funeral was held on May 9th near Lichfield and a celebration of his life at the wonderful National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas followed which was only a mile from where Mike lived. The turnout on the day was incredible, with every motor sport discipline represented in great numbers. He would have been amazed that so many thought so highly of him. He was a close friend of mine for over 50 years, and I shall miss him dearly.

Michael was one of the cornerstones of our Association and he will be a very difficult act to follow, so much that already we are having to fill the posts that he held with not just one person, but many. To say that BTRDA will miss him is a massive understatement.

Just a few days ago, I was informed by Pat Baldwin, that Derek Smith had died. Most members will not have met Derek, but you may have read about him as he was featured on the back page of our BTRDA News as an "Honorary Member for Life".

Derek was instrumental in growing the BTRDA throughout the 50s, 60s and 70s. In partnership with President Denis Flather, he ran the Association to the point that in his time as General Secretary (1967 - 1982) the membership grew to well over 1000 members.

Derek was a director of Reckitt and Colman and was able to allow his secretary, one Pat Baldwin, the time to help him in his task of running the Association.



No easy job in those days, for instance the newsletter was produced on a Gestetner machine and individually posted out, something these days would take a few minutes... As a top RAC Timekeeper he helped our sports improve the standards and was a major person in the introduction of Autocross and Rallycross to the BTRDA portfolio.

Marshalling keeps you fit!!

I volunteered to marshal on two trials on consecutive weekends last month and came back fitter and very tired!

On the first weekend I helped out on the Owen Car Trial in the beautiful grounds of Apley Hall near Bridgnorth. We had the usual four seasons in the day, but I really enjoyed the day in very friendly company. The next weekend I went to Long Compton to the amazing Sporting Trial Festival put on by the Veale family and what a turn out it was, there has never been such a number of Sporting Trials cars competing at one venue I believe.

The weather was kind, and my hill was at the top of the ridge with a stunning view. Suffice to say that it was a great day and I felt like a mountain goat by the time to go home came around. I was very grateful to the competitors who came back to my hill to help collect the stakes and deliver them to base.

Mike Broad



Derek Smith



Mike Sones

Mike Sones 1946-2022



What a life, what a loss, we are all going to miss him more than we ever would have thought, it's only now that so many motor sport people are realising his huge input since the 1960's right up to date.

Mike's memorial service near Lichfield on May 9th was just as he had wished, his cousins, all his motor sport friends, his old school song sung with gusto.

Then afterwards at The National Arboretum, it was a lovely setting for a celebration with films, photos, stories and memories from some of those closest to Mike. There was also a fabulous display of memorabilia and some of his many trophies and even 2 autotest cars thanks to Alastair and John Moffatt.

He would have loved it!

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A Brief Look at History



The name of **Denis G Flather** will be well known to many BTRDA members in most of the Championships, he was a founding member back in 1938 and performed two stints as President.

He was a very successful Sheffield businessman, a true gentleman and an incredible driving force and flag waver for BTRDA.

So, when you win one of the many major trophies he donated you can put a face to the name.

I remember him back in my early days with BTRDA and his example was one of the main reasons I was encouraged to get involved, a great motivator and part of our rich history.

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1966 Sporting Trials Championship Calendar

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GOLD STAR TRIALS 'EXPERTS' CHAMPIONSHIP		
9th Jan.	Peterborough M.C.	Derbyshire Trial
16th "	Maldstone and Mid-Kent	Brian Lewis
30th "	North Midland M.C.	Kitching
6th Feb.	Hagley & District M.C.	Clee Hill
20th "	Rotherham & L.C.C.	Centenary
27th "	West Hants & Dorset	Knott
6th Mar.	Mid-Cheshire C.C.	Willshire
13th "	Y.S.C.C.	4/44
20th "	S.U.N.B.A.C.	Colmore
27th "	N.L.E.C.C.	Jacobean
3rd April	Lancs. & Cheshire	Derbyshire Trial
24th "	Darlington & L.C.C.	Roderick Gray
18th Sept.	B.A.R.C. (Yorks) & Y.S.C.C.	Stone Trough
25th "	Southsea M.C.	President's Trophy
2nd Oct.	Northampton & L.C.C.	Lerngate
9th "	Maldstone & Mid. Kent	Bossom Trophy
16th "	Chiltern C.C.	Chiltern Hills
23rd "	Sheffield & H.C.C.	High Peak
30th "	Shenstone & L.C.C.	Chase Trophy
6th Nov.	Bristol M.C.C. & L.C.C.	Roy Fegdon
13th "	Leicestershire C.C.	John Bull Trophy
20th "	Kentish Border C.C.	Kentish Border
27th "	Seven Fifty Motor Club	Biggs Memorial
4th Dec.	London M.C.	Gloucester.

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Testing Times

We have had three rounds of the Championship to date: Hagley, Hereford, and Wolverhampton, all at varied and interesting venues. Hagley used the expanse of asphalt offered by Curborough Sprint Course, whilst Hereford returned to the narrow concrete roads of the Foxley Estate and Wolverhampton revisited the Stafford Driving Centre at Seighford, this time using the kart track. All sites have their challenges with the latter two offering courses bounded by grassy banks, which seem to have a magnetic attraction for Autotest cars. Seighford had the added interest of the track having been polished by karting and therefore affording little grip in some areas, however all rose to the challenge of this adrenalin boosting feature.

So, with three events completed Alastair Moffatt leads the Gold Star field by virtue of two FTDs and one third, Willie Keaning is lying second and Chris Chapman third. Toby Cook leads the Silver Star from Joel Conlan and Lee Matthews, whilst Sean Kell fronts the Bronze Star from George Harris and Elis Matthews. Toby is fitting his Autotesting around a busy season of mechanicing for Ginetta, BTCC and W Series, so Seighford one weekend and then to Miami and Barcelona before, hopefully, a return to the Autotest paddock in mid-June!

The availability of venues has caused some of our organizers a headache this year with Loughborough CC having to reschedule to September from June and, we are told, that Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC are looking to move to July from August together with the loss of the Boundless by CSMANE London event in September. The good news is that the Knutsford and District MC have offered to run a replacement event on the 2nd of October at Demon Tweeks as the final round of the Championship and bringing us back to ten rounds.

Steve Layton



Chris Chapman



Toby Cook

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
Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC
Rhyl & District MC
Loughborough Car Club
Knutsford & District MC

13th March
3rd April
24th April
19th June
3rd July
16th July
31st July (Provisional)
14th August
11th September.
2nd October.



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Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

June is halfway through the year but there are still 10 AutoSOLO events left for competitors to have a go at in order to be the first winner of an AutoSOLO Gold Star. Having competed on the maximum number of events possible Neil Jones in his latest Mazda MX5 heads the points table with 6 scores totaling 177, just 3 short of the maximum for 6 (best 7 scores will count at the end of the year). The update to a Mk3 MX5 version has certainly provided Neil with an advantage which he is using to add to his high level of AutoSOLO skills. Championship newcomer Michael Dolby is currently in second spot overall and managed to beat that man Neil at Ruthin market for the Clwyd Vale event. In third place is past champion Alec Tunbridge in his Caterham 7.

Another new entrant who has recorded some impressive times has been Kieran Belcher driving a Renault Megane R26 in Class C, the turbo putting him up a class when the 1.7 engine capacity factor is taken into account for the 1998cc power unit. It's been top ten scores for the under 25 Kieran and it looks as if he has inherited some of that incredible talent his father had when getting FTDs in his Subaru. Others doing well so far this year have been Gary Ridgeway in his supercharged MX5 and Eddie Martin in another MX5. It has also been a welcome back to Liam Rollings who over the last few years has shown us all the rebuild process for his MX5 on FB. You won't miss Liam as the car is the only bright orange one competing!



Chris Kent



Steve Conner

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

This year is the 20th anniversary of the first AutoSOLO run by the Bristol MC at the Aust services on the old M4. I must pay tribute to one of the main creators of the sport - Mike Sones. It was actually Paul Parker who was running the MSA National Speed championship who had spotted the activity of Solos in the USA. He had obtained a very good book showing how courses could be designed and other information on car classes.

Thinking that this could be a good starter point for Sprints in the UK the MSA had other ideas and passed it on to the Autotest committee. So, a meeting took place in a Bristol Hotel between Paul, a SW speed competitor with Mike and me representing the RAC Autotest committee. Ronnie Troughton chaired the meeting and guided us on the MSA views with the essence being that events had to be on a hard surface (i.e., not run as an Autocross!), cars to be driven to the event and venues to be contained within a 200m square envelope, as for Autotests.

The events were intended to be an introduction to motorsport with competitors then progressing to either Sprints or Autotests. Mike was put in charge of formulating the rules which were thrashed out at an evening meeting at the Leicester Forrest M1 service area between Mike, myself, and Richard Ineson. It is a fitting tribute to Mike that those rules we agreed upon in 2002 are unchanged in 2022, the only addition being the allowance of passengers and 14-year-old drivers. Thanks, Mike, for your guidance, the sport will remember you with great respect

Peter Cox



Eddie Martin

EVENT	DATE	CLUB	VENUE
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

MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series



WHEN THREE ISN'T A CROWD!!!

Indeed, the more, the merrier!... The first three rounds of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series have each produced different winners - Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson, Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear and Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh - but, while Petch & Payne also have one DNF to their names and Hirst suffered a challenging day last time out on the Border Counties Rally, Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen have posted three 3rd place BTRDA points finishes to put themselves into the lead of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Gold Star Championship but only just! Two points is all that separates the top three drivers and co-drivers, with the Kielder Forest Rally next on the agenda, followed by a trip to mid Wales for the Nicky Grist Stages.

Similarly, the MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star Championship has also seen three different crews on the top step of the podium. Irishmen David Crossen and Michael McDaid came up trumps on the opening two events while Rob Wright/Mark Fisher took the honours on Round 3 which, in spite of a troubled outing on the Rallynuts Stages, sees them as current kings of the 'two-wheel drive' castle. The common denominator with all of the above is Ford – Fiestas for Gold Star and Escorts for Silver...

The Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star Championship is the exception that proves the rule in that only two different drivers have won the category in the three outings to date. Lewis Hooper's Rally First Nissan Micra swept all before it on the Malcolm Wilson Rally but, since then, the Vauxhall Nova of Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname has proved unbeatable – in spite of fuel pump failure on the run-in to the finish of the Border Counties which led to its emotional driver having to push it over the line in Jedburgh! Nevertheless, consistency puts Hooper in charge of both the Bronze Star and MRF Tyres Rally First Cup!...

Returning to the theme of different winners each time out, although Grant Inglis/Gavin Chisholm's Border Counties Rally ended prematurely when their Escort MkII left the road on the second stage, they still lead the BTRDA Historic Cup, but by a reduced margin. Michael McDaid (Escort), Ernie Lee (BMW325i) and Kris Hopkins (Triumph TR7) have also benefitted from maximum points scores along the way. Not to be outdone, the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup has Yaniv Bar/Osian Owen, Mat Jackson/Sasha Heriot and Tony Simpson/ Ian Bevan (Fiestas) all able to describe themselves as category winners to date, but Bar/ Owen lead their rivals overall!..

Having had a break since the Malcolm Wilson Rally, contenders for the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, reconvene in Hexham for the Kielder Forest Rally in mid-June.

Further information on the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series: www.btrdarally.com
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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



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Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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THE HOME of Rallycross hosted the fourth round of the 2022 Autosport International BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship on May 28th, as just over 70 drivers made the long trip to the south-eastern corner of England at Lydden Hill. Many were eager to try the newly profiled circuit, with the famous Chesson's Drift turned into a steeply banked corner with several possible racing lines and joker laps no longer a going concern, and the new layout met with positive feedback from all concerned.

The biggest entry of the day came from the Melius Ltd Pre-1995 Classic category, including a welcome first appearance of the season from Ray Morgan's Ford Escort Mk3-BDA and the debut of Tony Chrisp's new Vauxhall Nova. There was a familiar look to the top of the heats as Lee Wood's Motaquip Mk2 Escort took two wins and Marc Jones's MR2 the other, while Vince Bristow turned from "Mr Sideways" to "Mr Upside Down" as he rolled his BMW in heat one, but despite missing some glass the repaired car was soon back on track and won the B Final ahead of David Attiwell's Nova with Davy Crockett's Chevette surprisingly missing out on an A Final place in third.

Two favourites hit early trouble in the main event with John Cross's Stratos replica once again struck by gremlins and he failed to get off the start line – further than Morgan got as he did not appear for the race – while Blyton victor Richard Moroney got as far as Dover Slope on lap one before his Escort let him down. Jones led the early going from his usual rocket start until Wood squeezed through at the chicane and won by three seconds to extend his championship lead, Bristow breezing through for third from the back. Attiwell was fifth home behind Jamie McBain who overcame a flapping bonnet and a trailing exhaust on his Peugeot 205, and Paul Pascoe completed the finishers in his Escort having lost out to Attiwell half a lap from home, Chrisp also retiring from the A Final while Dan Swayland (Mk1 Escort) and the Corsa of Tom Edmunds were eliminated in the B, Andy Reed's Corsa dropping out during the heats.



Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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There was another rollover during the heats for the SG Haulage Ltd Production division when James Ashe upended his Citroen C2. He made it back out, but further issues prevented a final appearance, with Mark Finch (Clio) and Daryl Ambrose (106) also taking an early bath. At the sharp end, there was a welcome maiden heat win for Cai Mainwaring (106) in the opener with Blyton winner Charley Moroney taking the other two. The latter made the most of his pole position in the A Final to take the lead and hold off the repeated attacks of fellow Saxo pilot Charlie Titcombe who was alongside on several occasions exiting the "Talladega banking" at Chesson's. Sadly, the Pembrey winner's hopes were dashed as his Citroen gave up the ghost as the pack ascended Hairy Hill for the final time leaving the young gun thumping his steering wheel in frustration and leaving Moroney to fend off a late stab from the impressive Mainwaring to make up for both a fraught Pembrey and Father Richard's misfortune with the victory.

Behind the leaders, a delighted Tom Brooks completed the podium as he swapped microphone and notepad for steering wheel once more to steer his smart C2 to his best ever finish, while Mark Henry's Alfa Romeo beat Dan Cofield (206) and a slow-starting Karl Jarvis (Saxo) for fourth. Ryan Green celebrated his maiden A Final start with seventh in his Fiesta and John Rook swapped his regular 106 for a C2 and completed the finishers, Dan Pollard (Saxo) another late retirement.

The new FIA Cross Car class made its long-awaited debut with a pair of the intriguing buggies on show, Paul Batson outscoring Luke Holly two wins to one in the heats. Sadly, the A Final turned into something of a no-contest when Batson suffered problems and came to a halt at North Bend on the opening lap, leaving Holly to run solo for victory.

The AS Performance Super Modified division enjoyed a more competitive outing than previously seen in 2022, as Fred Ling finally got his Fiesta ST fully wound up on his local venue. After topping the overall practice times, he won two heats to championship leader Darren Bleasdale's one to beat the Vauxhall man to pole for the first time this year but come A Final time it was a familiar story as the VX220 blasted off into the lead and stayed there to continue Darren's unbeaten 2022 run of victories. Welcome returnee Stuart Emery led the pursuit and was only 2.3 seconds off Bleasdale at flag fall, Ling taking third ahead of Darren Scott's C2.

Reigning category champion Phil Chicken's Citroen was sixth behind Lee Keeler, who was making his first appearance in the BTRDA series since his Production days at the wheel of his smart new Astra VXR. Gary Cook was next home in his Fiesta, while Todd Crooks and Michelle Swallow had repaired their cars following their collision at Pembrey. BMW Mini pilot Crooks spent most of his A Final mired in dust clouds en route to eighth, while the pink Porsche of Swallow was stymied by an opening lap spin and a loose turbo pipe as she finished tenth behind Maciek Florczak's smart Saxo.



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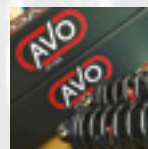
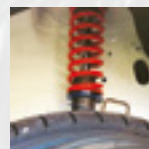
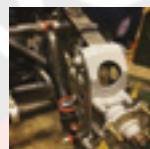
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Another driver hoping to continue an unbeaten run was James Avison in the All Tool UK Modified category, and he started off with a brace of heat wins but was beaten in heat three by Alex Fletcher in the Loughborough College-run Civic. The duo enjoyed a fine scrap in the A Final but in the closing stages Avison ran hugely wide on the exit of Devil's Elbow and came within inches of the tyre wall. Amazingly he kept his foot in and managed to hold his lead, but into the next lap Fletcher pulled ahead and hung on for an overjoyed maiden A Final victory – just reward for his return after receiving the all clear from cancer. Further back, the opening lap saw Allan Laidler's Saxo collide with newcomer David Hughes at North Bend ripping off the latter's Fiesta's front bumper (subsequently run over and smashed by the leaders next time around!) with Laidler recovering to complete the podium.

Championship leader Andrew Hawkes scored a pair of Bone Street Autos BMW Mini heat wins with Nick Abbott taking the other, the latter showing his liking for Lydden as he led off in the A Final. Hawkes reeled him in and eventually squeezed ahead into North Bend, Abbott attempting to fight back until gremlins slowed him on the final lap. This allowed Abbie McGuinness, who had missed the opening two heats while changing her head gasket after a failure in practice, to take second with the disappointed Abbott limping home in third, while Andy Bennett held off the closing Jharek Upchurch for fourth after Wesley Wickens dropped out.

The Ovenden family had been involved in the reshaping of the Lydden circuit through their businesses, but any thoughts that this would give a clear advantage to Will Ovenden in the Cooper Tires Junior class were dispelled as title holder Owen Robbins put up a fierce fight. Ovenden won the battle of the heats two wins to one, but Robbins soon passed the local hero on the opening lap of the A Final and held on until lap three when Ovenden found a gap on the run into North Bend and hung on for his second A Final victory of the season, Corey Padgett completing the podium ahead of Tyler McAlpine. Only four of the Suzukis were present for the main event as sadly problems in the heats meant Holly Woolley was a non-starter.

Chris Baker scored two heat wins in the Cooper Tires Production 4x4s in his Subaru with Tomas Ramanauskas winning the other, and it was the Lancer Evo 4 pilot who edged ahead at the start of the A Final as Paul Davis kiboshed his chances by spinning his Impreza entering Devil's Elbow for the first time. Baker kept up the pursuit and tried an attack out of the final bend from well back only to get loose and take the flag almost backwards in second place, the Lithuanian flags flying for Ramanauskas just as they were at Pembrey. Davis meanwhile recovered for a distant third.

Ramanauskas could not make it two Super Final victories in a row however, as Emery celebrated his return by leading home Scott's C2 for a Super Modified one-two in the final event, Ramanauskas again tailed home by Baker in fourth and fifth behind Wood's Escort. Crooks, Attiwell and Mainwaring completed the finishers, while Bristow and Ling dropped out early on.

The action now moves back north-east to Blyton Park for round five – will Darren Bleasdale extend his overall championship lead with five out of five?

Dave Goddard

Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



James Williams closes in on Protyre Asphalt Rally Championship lead after Jim Clark charge



James Williams has closed to just one point behind Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship leader Ruairi Bell after scoring maximum points on Round 2 of the series, the Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally (27/28 May).

Co-driven by Walian Dai Roberts, James set a stunning pace in his Hyundai Power Products-backed Hyundai i20 R5 to score his best result to date in his Michelin-shod car.

Ruairi lost time on the event's opening two stages on Friday night after technical issues in his Pirelli-shod and Inspira-backed Škoda Fabia R5 left him and co-driver Max Freeman languishing down in 12th position. They fought back brilliantly as the event continued in daylight on Saturday, roaring back up the leader board to take second place Protyre Asphalt points and maintain their championship lead – albeit by the smallest of margins.

Steve Wood put in another excellent performance to come home once again as the top non-R5 finisher in his City East Ford Fiesta RS WRC. Co-driven by Dale Bowen, Steve excelled at night and despite a few mistakes in daylight, including a few time-consuming engine stalls, he was delighted to pick up third-place points.

Mark Kelly has also given his Protyre Asphalt title aspirations a major boost with a fourth-placed points finish in his Michelin-shod and Roccia/Tile Master-backed Ford Fiesta R5+. Co-driven by Neil Colman, he struggled to find a good rhythm on the first three stages and damaged the front wing at a chicane, but after that some extremely good stage times were rewarded with his second big points haul of the season.

Jason Pritchard registered for the Protyre Asphalt Rally Championship before the start of the Jim Clark and was therefore eligible to score points. And that's exactly what the three-time champion did, with he and co-driver Phil Clarke enjoying their best run and first finish en route to a fifth-place points finish, despite a slow puncture and windscreen wiper issues in their North Road Garage/Get Jerky backed Volkswagen Polo GTI R5.

Stephen Simpson/Neil Shanks had a great run to a sixth-place points finish in their CA1 Sport-run Tudor Glass Ford Fiesta Rally2.



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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Neil Roskell's event started with him not putting the bonnet pins in and the bonnet on his ND Civils/Collins Construction Ford Fiesta R5+ flying open on the shakedown stage! Co-driven by Andrew Roughead, he caught a car halfway through the opening stage and was stuck behind it all the way to the flying finish. Whilst trying to regain time on SS2, he skidded into a solid salt box, narrowly missing a rear wheel, and then later in the same stage he hit some gravel and whacked into a chicane, damaging the front of the car. Daylight was much less dramatic and saw a great run to seventh Protyre Asphalt points.

John Stone's Legend Fires Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 won the Dynamic Fluids best-presented car award, which was presented to Paul Megretton who looks after the car. After that great start John and co-driver Laura Connell settled into a fast rhythm and were rewarded with eighth in the Protyre Asphalt series.

Darren Atkinson/Philip Sandham scored their first class B13 and Ford Escort Challenge points after a strong run in their Atkinsons Sandblasting/S&W Fabrication-backed Escort Mk2 – despite, like many, their windscreen getting covered in bugs and insects and creating quite a distraction at times.

Friday's second pass on the Longformacus test was the first time that Lewis Gatt had rallied in the dark – the bumps and associated issues with lights not distracting him too much as he set a good pace. He and co-driver Callum Young then enjoyed an excellent day in the daylight, with the Hoosier-shod Gatt Speed Ford Escort Mk2 driver leading both class B10 and the Ford Escort Challenge after two rounds.

Maximum class points on his 111th Asphalt Championship start sees Geoff Glover take the lead of B11 – he and co-driver Keith Barker enjoying another fast and trouble-free run in their self-prepared rear-wheel drive Vauxhall Astra Mk3.

Gravel pulled out by the cars ahead created problems for Olly Hunter/Jonathon Kennedy in their Vauxhall-engine Ford Escort Mk2, as did some of the tight chicanes. Having retired on the opening round, their first points of the season see them shoot up to second in class B11.

Former B11 class champions Paul and Julian Doroszczuk's return to the Protyre Asphalt Rally Championship began with them understeering their normally aspirated Cosworth-engine Drockspeed Motorsport Escort Mk2 off the road on SS2 and getting stuck in a hedge for almost three minutes. Their chances of a full fightback were curtailed somewhat when the last three stages were cancelled before they had the chance to tackle them at speed.

Handling problems prevented Jonathan Stepney from pushing his 1.9-litre engine Griffiths/Gavin Griffiths Group-backed Peugeot 205 GTi as hard as he'd have liked. Partnered by Aled Davies, the Perth-based Welshman enjoyed a good run and now shares the class B12 lead with Mike Pugsley.

2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

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

Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Brad Cole/Jamie Vaughan have taken the lead in class B13 and are a close second in the Ford Escort Challenge after a good run in their 2.5-litre Smith & Jones powered Hydroline Solutions Escort Mk2.

Mark Holmes/Mark Perryman went off on Friday night and damaged a front wing on their Ford Fiesta S2000, which made for a bit of a nervous restart on Saturday morning. They put medium compound Michelin tyres on for the afternoon and flew over the later daylight stages to also score maximum class B14 points.

Defending class B14 champion Adrian Spencer, who was partnered this time by Ashley Trimble, has taken the class B14 lead after another great run in his RED Industries Subaru Impreza WRX. Paul Kirtley/David Jones survived an early off, which damaged the front of their Subaru Impreza WRC and dented their confidence. They fought back to score their first class B14 points of the season.

A class winning performance by Gareth Bevan/Dafydd Evans in their Blue Sky-backed Ford Escort RS has given the Gareth James Motorsport crew the lead in the Historic category.

Craig Jones/Ian Taylor lost a minute and a half on SS1 when an intercooler pipe burst on their RHL/CMJ Motors Ford Fiesta 4x4 and then retired on SS5 when the rear differential failed.

Chris Ford/Matthew Daniels crashed their Ford Fiesta Rally2 on SS5, while Anth Eaton/Ian Jackson also retired their Autotest Ford Fiesta R5+.

William Mains/Emily Easton-Page got caught out on a very fast bump which flicked their WCS/Roy Thomas & Son-sponsored Vauxhall Nova sideways and into a hedge, before rolling and coming to rest upside-down in the middle of the road.

Having won class N3 on Epynt, Johnnie Mackay was looking forward to another good run, this time on home soil. Co-driven by Michael Cruickshank, the reigning Scottish junior champion unfortunately retired his ISS/Kewtech Ford Fiesta ST on the opening stage.

Round 3 of the 2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship is the Dunoon presents Argyll Rally.

Paul Evans



Darren Atkinson & Philip Sandham



Geoff Glover & Keith Barker

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

As ever the first half of the season seems to have flown by. Eleven events have taken place up and down the country and indeed one across the sea, with six different drivers sharing the spoils so far this year. Thomas Bricknell has very much been the man to beat so far taking the victory at six events and will be putting his feet up over the summer in a commanding position in this year's championships.

Josh Veale is best of the rest in terms of wins after picking up back-to-back wins at the later end of the spring season, with Simon Kingsley, Richard Sharp and Mike Salton picking up a win a piece and Trevor Aston taking the victory at our BTRDA round in Ireland. Richard Sharp is Thomas' current closest challenger and will be hoping to make some inroads into Thomas' points lead in the autumn.

In the Live Classes Arthur Carrol has been the man to beat picking up four class wins over the first half of the year to sit atop the live red class. Alan Baker and Sam Beare are chasing hard and will be looking to have a good second half of the season to reel in young Arthur.

One of the highlights of the first half of the season and perhaps for many years was the festival of Trials that was run by the Midlands Trials Car Club alongside the Jacobean Trial. Three trials in one day, on one site with over 115 entries was a spectacular achievement. Different generations of cars and drivers all came out to enjoy the days sport and the day was heralded as a remarkable success.



All cars and drivers at the Festival of Trials

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

We are very pleased to see that event entries and championship entries have been creeping up over the last couple of years and we have some excellent competition across all the classes now. There is also a good amount of interest from new drivers looking to get involved, with Julian's trials training day once again well attended.

There does seem to be a slight supply issue of 2nd hand cars at the minute so if you have one sat gathering dust in the garage and not likely to be used, I'm sure there is a willing pair of hands out that would happily take it off your hands.

Sporting trials will return in the Autumn, and we look forward to seeing the entry numbers continue to creep up and some more excellent events.

See you all on the hills!

Sandy Veale



The view at the Raymond Baxter



Five Kincrafts at the Festival of Trials

2022 BTRDA® Targa Road Rally Championship



5 rounds run, 7 rounds to go. Anybody could still win!

And what some events we've had.

The Stu Wood had a strong entry and gave those in the Southwest a chance to become involved on their doorstep.

Kemble demonstrated what could be done in a standard car, with an "Autosolo" MX5 taking 2nd overall. Double driving was allowed, with many taking the opportunity to drive AND navigate (two separate entries).

Twyford was an excellent, but arduous event. The dry weather and the infamous Twyford Woods led to some attrition. Championship Contender Ethan Davies took the overall win in his Puma, despite badly bending a track rod. His pursuit of the leaders to take the win was impressive.

Debden, another double driving event. A well-run day with Road Rally features included eg code boards. Ethan Davies would have taken another win, but a missed code board dropped him to second. He wasn't the only one to suffer with code boards, myself included.

There are many young competitors doing well in the Championship, with the top three Navigators being under 25. The leading Navigator, Sam Weller, is only 15!

The lead in the Drivers' Championship has changed many times, with another under 25 competitor, Lewis Ayris, leading at one point, with an excellent second overall on the Stu Wood.

Elliott Sharp currently leads the Drivers, but it's early days. Marshal points are having an effect, so don't forget to Marshal if you can't enter a Championship event.



Ethan Davies & Matt Smalley



Lewis Ayris & Simon Lassam

2022 BTRDA® Targa Road Rally Championship

Tyres have to be mentioned. This is the area where I receive most communications! The Championship has tried to include events which adhere to the Motorsport UK Yearbook, with no further tyre restrictions. This should give Competitors consistency throughout the season, not having to obtain tyres for specific events, hopefully reducing costs and making things easier for everyone.

However, some events have to apply tyre restrictions to protect the surface at venues. Venues are under pressure, and we don't want to lose venues. So, there are further tyre restrictions on some events in order to provide a wider geographic spread for the Championship.

Solutions are always being sought for this tyre compromise, it's being worked on, I hope for a more elegant solution for next year's Championship, which should be taking another leap in development in all areas.

We now have a brief lull until the Ystra Targa at Grafton on 31st July, a venue used for Stage Rallies in the past. Regulations will be available soon. This will be the first Targa run by the highly experienced Dukeries team. They've been visiting other Targas to ensure that they meet the standards expected.

There's then a good spread of events up until November. For the latest information, check out <https://btrda.com/championship/targa-road-rallies/>

We also have a new award this year - Best Event. Take note of which events you like and why. We'll be asking for your nomination at the end of the season.

Don't forget that we have a Historic Class. This should be very attractive for those who wish to compete on Test oriented events without the need to find an experienced Navigator for Regularity sections.

Motorsport UK have now launched StreetCar – what you can compete in a more standard car without PPE. Inevitably Targas are included. Don't forget to mention StreetCar to anybody interested in Targas. They can register and obtain more information at <https://streetcarmotorsportuk.com/rallying/>

I can't mention everyone, but come grab me at events and update me on how you're doing, you'll make the event report.

See you out there!

Alan Wakeman



BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

We're very much open for business and already halfway through our qualifying events. These opened this year's season in April with the first of two Welsh Weekends, the second one scheduled for August. Sadly, the first trial was brought to an unplanned early finish when a hailstorm made conditions unsafe and most unpleasant for the hardy marshals. This being North Wales, when the weather can turn in an instant, all was calm on the Sunday and normal service was resumed. But whatever the weather, Garry Preston was extracting the most from his humble-looking Fiat 127 and at the close of day two had two Silver Spoons put aside for his treasure chest in due course.

We then moved some way south and east to the edge of the Chiltern Hills, near Dunstable. This being one of Ollie the Imp's (Dave Oliver) more local events it came as no surprise to see Dave and Jenny on the entry list. The warm, dry conditions fell just right for this combo and with a remarkable 8 points dropped all day it also came as no surprise to find Dave taking the winner's spoils.

Over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, we moved down to the Devon/Somerset border for another two back-to-back trials, coming up against stiff local competition. Nevertheless, Garry pulled off another brace of Spoons and was starting to feature at the top of our leader board once again, reminiscent of his 2009 (PCT) Championship-winning year.

At the Ernest Owen Memorial Trial in mid-May it was humbling to see so many former car trials drivers turn out to marshal, showing their respect for the late Mike Sones at his local car club's national event. A further noteworthy point is that the trial was won by Kevin Roberts, driving his Dutton Phaeton and taking another long overdue win at national level after a few years of being so close! A super win Kevin against strong competition.

Internal discussions are ongoing on the topic of class definitions, somewhat held up by demands from other quarters which have had to take precedence. Hopefully there will be something more constructive to report next time.

Neil Mackay



Simon Harris



Trevor Moffatt

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



Sam Oddy



Nigel Jones & Sion Rhisiart

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

The top of the Allrounders is starting to formulate with the interesting position that the top 4 all have 5 scores and are separated by just 5.80 points. The one at the very top, John Fox, has the advantage of having scored in the minimum requirement of 3 different sports. For John this has been AutoSOLO, Speed and Targa.

In second spot is Alan Wakeman with scores from 3 AutoSOLOs and 2 Targa's. I wonder what the 3rd branch will be? In third spot is a past overall Allrounders champion, Alastair Moffatt with 3 Autotest and 2 Trials scores. Now, from the Moffatt garage there must be a car which will be capable of doing well at an AutoSOLO or a Car Trial!

The final top 4 man is Simon Harris who is a true Allrounder with 3 Car Trial and 2 Targa scores. The Targa scores do show the versatility of Simon as one score was driving his Lupo and the other was sitting in the left hand seat navigating Alex Reynolds in his Toyota Corolla.

The group below are not without potential Gold Star winners with Jamie Yapp and Bob Milligan gathering scores of over 18 – maximum score per event is 20, and that is for winning a class of enormous size!

So far this year 21 championship entrants have scored points. Amongst them is under 25 driver Charlie Titcombe who has been doing well in Rallycross events and Duncan Wild who is just one score off qualifying. I expect that top 4 to change over the next few weeks, keep up to date on the positions on www.btrda.com.

Peter Cox



Alastair Moffatt



Bob Milligan



Simon Harris navigating for Alex Reynolds

Honorary Members for Life

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.

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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