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Ben Haigh
Demon Tweeks BTRDA Autotest Bronze Star Leader

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President's Notes

We have a Board meeting in the next few days and, believe it or not, we shall be starting the discussion about the 2024 Championships and their sponsors.

It is not that we cannot function without sponsors because I believe we can, however, if we were unable to secure sponsorship the appeal of the championships would diminish.

We would not be able to provide the excellent PR packages that we have on our Rally Championships, which include the streaming of events and attendance of the coordinators. To a certain degree, that would affect some of our competitors' ability to get much-needed sponsorship.

So, the message from me is, please support the sponsors of all our Championships. Get your tyres from Protyre, MRF or Cooper /Avon. Get your motorsport equipment from Demon Tweaks, ask your own Motor Club to get their trophies from Crystal Images, and when you require your Motorsport Insurance, please go to Shepherd Compello for your quote.

All these companies support the BTRDA to be able for us to put on the top line Championships that you take part in and without them, you would notice a difference!

On a separate note, if you want to keep fit, and who doesn't, can I recommend that you volunteer to marshal on a Sporting Trial or Car Trial?

I have marshalled both types of events in the past six months and have felt the difference!

I was at the Owen Trial at the beautiful Apley Estate in May and spent the day running up and down, what looked like a mild hill, all day in what was, thankfully, a super dry sunny day. At the end of the afternoon, the hill felt a lot steeper, the legs got a great workout, and I was able to watch some great drivers at work close up.

All our Championships are in full swing as we approach the middle of the year, and I am delighted to say that the numbers are good, and competition is high. Hopefully, I shall see some of you at an event in the next few months.

Mike Broad

Shepherd Compello Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

I'm sure that everyone is rehydrating after the recent Debden Targa, round 2 of the Shepherd Compello BTRDA Silver Star Championship.

Another enjoyable Debden Targa. The weather was warm, the surfaces mixed and the competition close. Moreover, everyone was smiling! 15 BTRDA crews were out on the event chasing Championship points.

Shepherd Compello BTRDA Silver Star Championship:

Past BTRDA Allrounders Champion, John Fox and Simon Phillips now share the lead of the Drivers' Championship, now having scored on the Stu Wood and Debden Targa's, plus Marshalled on the Festival Targa. Simon Bailey isn't far behind with his points from the Stu Wood and Marshalling on the Festival.

Thomas Horst has extended his lead in the Silver Star Navigators' Championship with points from the Stu Wood and Debden Targas plus Marshal points from the Festival. But with four rounds to count from seven, there's still a long way to go, somebody new could enter the Championship and take the spoils.

Shepherd Compello BTRDA Gold Star Championship:

The Woolleys have leapt into the lead in both the Drivers' and Navigators' Championships, having scored points on every Gold and Silver Star round to date (Gold Star Contenders can score points on up to three Silver Star rounds). Jamie also leads the coveted under-25 Navigators, with no less than nine under-25 Navigators registered for the Championship.

However, dropped scores will kick in. The Championships are definitely not over yet. David Lobb holds second in the Drivers' Championship in his Vauxhall Adam, developing the car as the season progresses. It's great to see a different car out at events.

The Welsh contingent is led by Huw Morris, but it's expected that both John and Ethan Davies will emerge as the season progresses.

Zak Linham has also been out on every Gold and Silver Star event, with three different drivers! Unfortunately, his run at Debden ended when Bob Milligan's Mini lost drive. But there are still plenty of events to go.

Aidan Thompson holds third in the Navigators, limited by sickness on the Stu Wood, with many navigators (and drivers) suffering from motion sickness. But no issues at Debden.

By the time you read this the Kemble Targa will have happened. Will there be a change in the Championship tables? There are still many events to go and don't forget your Marshal points. The latest points tables will be available at btrda.com.

Shepherd Compello Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

Looking ahead, unfortunately, we're seeing events being cancelled and rescheduled due to venue availability. Most are MoD venues which are under pressure due to the World situation. There's not a lot we can do about this, but Championship Contenders will be kept up to date as more information becomes available.

The Championship Regulations have been written to cover these eventualities, however, in the meantime, enter events immediately after entries become available.

Gold Star has been most affected by the loss of the Twyford, Ystra, KLMC and DeLacy Targa's, however, Gold Star Contenders should remember that points can be scored on up to three Silver Star, rounds so there are still choices.

Silver Star events aren't being affected too much by venue issues and a new event has been added – The Bob Budd Memorial Targa at Mallory Park on 15th October.

Events are mainly being affected in the "North". This is a real shame as it means that those in the North are restricted in the BTRDA Targa Championship unless they travel. We need more events above Birmingham, we'd be interested to talk to Clubs about their Targas.

There will also be a BTRDA presence at Rallyday at Castle Combe on Saturday 1st July, do drop by and have a chat.

See you out there.

Alan Wakeman



Simon Phillips & Thomas Horst



David Lobb

Shepherd Compello Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship



Chris & Jamie Woolley



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Bob Milligan & Zak Linham

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BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

Just one qualifier so far listed at the time of writing but after next weekend this will no doubt be swelled by the points scorers at the Kemble Targa Rally. So, let's give John Fox all the credit for heading the list through scoring points on AutoSOLOs, a Sprint and Targa Rallies.

That combination of events could be a popular one this year with the current Gold Star champion, Jamie Yapp following the same route. However, for 2023 Jamie may not be going for the one-car Davijon Trophy won in 2022 as already he has scored points in the vintage Nova and the more modern Renault Clio Cup 172, and he will be driving his father's MX5 at the Kemble Targa. At Kemble, he will also be sitting alongside (correction – navigating!) Liam Rollings in his MX5.

Liam in the orange machine has done well so far on AutoSOLOs recording the second highest AutoSOLO score of 18.89 after beating 16 others in a class-winning drive at the Oxford MC Bocardo event at Sherington Kart Track.

In the truest sense of the word, Richard Crozier has scored good points navigating (or as it appears on entry lists as “co-driving”) in both the Forest and Asphalt stage rally championships. Following a similar route is under-25 entrant Bonnie Papper with scores in both series. Her scores are not quite as good as Richard's but then she has plenty of time to catch up with the high standing and experience of Richard.



Jamie Yapp
At the Curborough sprint



Holly Woolley
At the Bath MC Kemble AutoSOLO

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Holly Woolley is an under-25 driver who I watched at the Bath MC AutoSOLO at Kemble where she handled the fast course exceedingly well in the family Suzuki Swift. It's always good to see the youngsters taking part – and seeing when they start to beat their parents!

On the theme of ages, it was interesting to note on seeing the last set of Autotest championship scores that there were only 4 scoring contenders in the Jubilee class for competitors over 65 compared to the 20 plus a few years ago.

I remember the starting age used to be 45 but we kept increasing it to keep the numbers down. I wonder if the missing contenders have migrated to the Allrounders? I can recognise one or two who have but I will refrain from giving names to avoid any embarrassment!

Overall, there should be plenty to write about in the next issue where I predict there will be at least 6 more qualifiers. That does depend on the weather not having a major influence. After the hot dry season we are having at the time of writing, we may be having floods in a couple of months' time.

Let's hope not in the interests of good, fair, competition.

Peter Cox

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Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Testing Times

The season is now well underway with, as you read this, five rounds having been completed. Registrations are slightly down this year, which means that with the inevitable shortfall due to breakage, or other commitments, entries have been a bit tight, but all the scheduled events have been able to run. Having said that, the quality of the entries has been maintained and it is good to have a turnout of “younger” competitors even though it is very difficult to hone your skills due to a lack of Club events being run.

The second round of the Championship saw the Herefordshire Motor Club return to their well-used Foxley venue. This is always a “Marmite” site but still attracted a good entry of 22 adrenaline seekers who hurtled around the concrete roads which run between the trees (or currently tree stumps) of the Estate.

Malcolm Livingston’s first event of the year in the Lindsay Special nearly came to an end before the event started due to the discovery of a water leak from a rusted core plug, but, having put the car back on the trailer, he was persuaded to try a temporary repair using plastic metal which held together long enough for him to take FTD from Richard Pinkney (Caterham) and Alastair Moffatt (Mini Special), who ironically had been one of the people who urged him to do the repair.

In the Classes, Warren Gillespie beat Dave Mosey in the Novas, Willie Keaning (Striker) was runner-up to Richard and, despite having to cope with a horrendous misfire, which even defeated Lee Valentine’s skills, Dave Evans managed second in the Specials. In that class, it was good to see the first outing of the Retrotester in the hands of Ben Haigh which he allowed his father Steven to share.



Richard Pinkney



Chris Chapman

Photos with thanks to Fern Motorsport

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

The next event in the calendar was Wolverhampton and South Staffs who again used the Kart track at Seighford for the Staffordshire Knot Autotests. The entry of 18 was disappointingly low, but that didn't stop the competitors from having a good time. Eventually, FTD went to Alastair Moffatt by just under 5sec after a battle with Willie Keaning. Dave Mosey took the Saloon class from Toby Cook (Micra), Chris Chapman was runner-up to Willie in Sportscars and Sean Kell (Mini Sp,) was next to Alastair.

The Alwoodley Nic Ayre Memorial Autotests at Acaster had a good entry of 24 including a couple of local, non-Championship, competitors who appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed the day. This time FTD went to Richard Pinkney by 6.5sec from Alastair, who took the Specials class. Warren Gillespie and Stephen Morten (Striker) won the Saloon and Sportscars, whilst Luke Powell (Westfield) won the "roadgoing" class.

Currently, the Gold Star Championship is being led by Alastair Moffatt from Willie Keaning and Stephen Morten, whilst Sean Kell heads the Silver Star from Chris Atkinson (Riot) and Chris Morrison (Nova). Ben Haigh heads the Bronze Star from Steven Haigh and George Harris.

Next up, sees our competitors displaying their skills as part of the Coventry Motofest where Loughborough Car Club will be running their round of the Championship under the arches of the Ring Road.

Finally, we have vacancies on the Autotest Committee for anyone who would like to help shape the Championship. All meetings are by Zoom and of a friendly, relaxed nature, so why not give it a try? If you're interested, please contact the Secretary, Ann Cook, at cook.ann@blueyonder.co.uk

Steve Layton



Stephen Morten



Willie Keaning

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Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

The 2023 Gold Star Demon Tweeks AutoSOLO started on the 12th of March and by the end of May we are by no means halfway through the season with another 13 rounds of possible scoring opportunities. As such it is difficult to offer a considered opinion on the likely hands which will be holding the Gold Star at the luncheon on the 4th of February next year. But here goes for a good suggestion of two driver/car combinations it could be...

The first is a past champion in the form of Alec Tunbridge in his Caterham 7 who has to date scored 4 maximum scores from the 5 rounds so far.

The one event he missed out on was the opening round where current champion Neil Jones in his MX5 pipped him for the top score. Neil couldn't quite keep up the pace at the next 3 meetings. He got caught out by the slippery dust at the Ruthin Cattle Market where Michael Dolby in his MX5 also edged ahead of him.

Mind you, Alec hasn't always been having it easy and at the Boundless by CSMA event at Lymm services in May had to miss a run because of a misfire. Keeping the revs down he managed to finish the event and is now on the hunt for the misfire source. An initial worry of it being a repeat of the ingested rivet problem last year has proved not to be the case so now it is a process of elimination to track down an electric gremlin.

When I saw the regs for the Boundless by CSMA events at Lymm I thought that they had come up with something new for AutoSOLOs. They run up to 12 runs on one test layout with all times counting. 'Not so unique,' says my colleague, Richard Yapp, he did an event at Blackburn with the same set-up many years ago! 'Not so,' said Duncan Wild, the other AutoSOLO subcommittee member, they started doing that last year!

So, a good idea? Maybe not from my personal viewpoint because a) the layout may favour a type of car (fwd or rwd or power) and b) it is always good to be able to drop a poor run score (which then puts more pressure on the remaining runs).

Overall, it is no bad thing to have a variety of event styles in the championship from the 4 tests, 3 runs at each, the worst score dropped on each run which is the predominant format in the events south of Birmingham to the 12 runs at one test and all times counting for the Boundless by CSMA events up north.

Whatever the style of the event, I'm sure it will be the best drivers who will win awards in the championship.

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

When formatting the championship for this year, we were keen to add a class for electric vehicles but there was not 100% acceptance by clubs running the events to accept them and so we decided to hold back until more supporting evidence was available.

One important document which has come out since then has been from MSUK titled “Electrified Vehicles (EV) – Guidance for Organizers”. Note that Version 6 was published on the 14th of March 2023 and replaces all previous ones – including the very first one when there was a requirement to have 30,000 gallons of water available!

It’s very much a simplified list of requirements. It starts off by defining “Electrified Vehicles” as one of 3 types – hybrid (HEV), plug-in hybrid (PHEV) or battery electric (BEV). It then states, “All major manufactures now produce HEVs, PHEVs or BEVs which are eligible to compete in production car classes”.

At which point, I will leave you waiting in anticipation as to what follows!

Peter Cox



Chris Kent



Gary Ridgway



Ian Rowles

MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series



PAYNE EASES...BACK TO THE TOP!

New to the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series last year, the 2022 Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally was won by Elliot Payne who arrived back at the finish in Jedburgh 14s ahead of runner-up David Henderson. Twelve months on, the same order was maintained but the victory margin had been shaved to 8s!

In MRF Tyres BTRDA Gold Star® Championship terms, having set fastest/joint-fastest times on five of the seven stages in the Borders, Payne and Tom Woodburn (Fiesta Rally2) have now claimed the top spot for themselves once again. Joint leaders prior to the start of the event, Arron Newby/Jamie Edwards (Fiesta R5) struggled with tyre choice over the early stages but a solid 4th overall sees them now handily placed as runners-up, just four points adrift. With five events still to go and 30 points up for grabs on each occasion, literally anything can happen between now and the end of October – and probably will!

For their part, having held 3rd for much of the day, David Henderson/Chris Lees (Fiesta Rally2) snatched the runners-up spot from Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Fiesta R5) with a spirited run through the final stage, Wyndburgh - the eventual margin between 2nd & 3rd places being just 4s!

Russ Thompson/Steve Link (Lancer EVO9) continued their fantastic start to the year with 5th overall and another maximum Class B13 points score. However, on this occasion, Rob Wilson/Richard Crozier's EVO7 was only one place and 20s behind them. A third consecutive finish puts the Escort Cosworth of Ian Joel/Graeme Wood in between the two Mitsubishi's in the points at this stage but, doubtless, this saga will 'run and run' as the season progresses!



Class B13 Leaders: Russ Thompson & Steve Link



MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series

Although they were absent from the opening round of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star® Championship, Robert Gough/Paul Morris (Escort MkII) have certainly made their presence felt on the next two! They followed up their maximum scores in both Silver Star and the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup on the Rallynuts Stages with a Top Ten finish and a similar tally on the Border Counties. So, albeit with only two scores, Robert – son of five-times Woodpecker Stages winner Richard – and Paul, the Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship Co-ordinator, are 5th in Silver Star and leaders of the Historic Cup. While the spectre of dropped scores is still some way off, when push comes to shove, a few maximums in your account won't do their chances of success any harm at all! However, we mustn't get ahead of ourselves!

Boyd Kershaw/Keegan Rees (Escort) were only a handful of seconds behind Gough/Morris on their arrival back in Jedburgh and, now with three events successfully completed, lead the Silver Star table. Defending champions Rob Wright/Mark Fisher (Escort) took a class win ahead of Andy Davison/Tom Murphy (Sunbeam VXR) who, along with Neil Andrew/Dom Adams (Escort), have maintained a 100% finishing record and are just two and eight points respectively adrift of the leaders.

Liam Clark/Ben Wild are sandwiched between the Escorts of Andrew/Adams and Gough/Morris but, with one eye on Silver Star, they also lead the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup in their Fiesta. Tony Simpson/Stefan Arndt (Fiesta) claimed the R2 spoils in the Borders from Clark/Wild and Alfie Hammond, while the Opel Adam of erstwhile leaders Robert Proudlock/Steven Brown succumbed to electrical problems.

As mentioned above, Robert Gough/Paul Morris lead the BTRDA Historic Cup by a single point from Ben Friend/Cliff Simmons whose own Escort held that exalted position prior to the start of the Border Counties. However, according to the official results, the car finished 'on side' – which is probably easier to explain to the uninitiated than 'off side'! – on the penultimate stage of the day. Whatever, it was to go no further.... Ernie & Karen Graham's Escort RS1600 came away with maximum H1/H2 points, leaving them within touching distance of the overall leaders and ideally placed to benefit from any untoward occurrence that may beset them in the future!

Liam Clark earned top billing in the BTRDA Rallye R2 Junior Cup which he now leads from Alfie Hammond, with Robert Proudlock's Opel Adam demoted to 3rd. However, the Dumfries driver has scored maximums on each of the events he has finished, so, it's safe to say that this isn't over yet either!

Husband-and-wife crew Nigel & Kaz Jenkins kept up the pressure in the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star Championship by guiding their Nova to maximum points on the Border Counties. So, that's three events – two firsts & one second place – not quite a full-house, but the next best thing!



MRF Tyres BTRDA[®] Rally Series

Runners-up on the day were Chris & James Greenall in another Nova and, making it a Vauxhall 1-2-3, Will Banks' 1400C car was 3rd. Paddy Homan's Puma was next, pipping the MG ZR of Luke Watts/Matt Rogers by just two seconds – a result that sees Luke move up to 2nd in the overall 1400 Championship, right behind his mum!

After the third round of the MRF Tyres Motorsport Trophy, Ian Joel (Escort Cosworth) retains his position at the top of the table but has Colin Minton (Fiesta R5) and Alfie Hammond (Fiesta R2) snapping at his heels.

Having found himself as joint leader – along with four others – of the MSUK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, after the opening encounter, Elliot Payne (Fiesta Rally2) has wasted no time in claiming the spot for himself on the second event, the Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally. OK – so he won it outright but even so, in a class-based series such as this, vehicles of all capacities have the wherewithal to establish supremacy. The fact that Nigel Jenkins' 1400cc Nova is Elliot's nearest rival would, in no small way, go to illustrate this!

The next outing for English Championship contenders will be the Hexham-based Kielder Forest Rally in mid-June. Elliot Payne won here in 2022 as well but will he be able to maintain his advantage?

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

Motorsport UK English Rally Championship : www.englishrally.co.uk

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Entries open for the Nicky Grist Stages

Entries are flooding in for Round 5 of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series – the Nicky Grist Stages on Saturday 8 July.

This year's event will be the 38th consecutive time that the rally has secured a place on the BTRDA Rally Series calendar – winning the coveted Bill Turner Trophy for the best event of the year six times (in 1995, 2005, 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2019).

It's also the 14th consecutive year of title sponsorship from Nicky Grist Motorsports.

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The start of the event will be held in Strand Street, outside the wonderful Strand Hall which will play host to rally headquarters. The mid-day service halt will be located on the nearby Builth Wells RFC pitch and the finish ceremonies will be in Groe Park, on the banks of the River Wye. With Builth Wells' 18th Century bridge and surrounding rolling hills providing a stunning backdrop, it is one of the most scenic podium finish settings in British rallying.

Scrutineering will take place the day before the event (Friday 7 July) at North Road Garage; the local Toyota dealership (owned by Eian Pritchard and his family) is located within sight of the service area on the other side of the River Wye.

Competition takes place over 44 super smooth gravel and forestry stages in and around the nearby Epynt range, with two loops of four stages through the classic Llyn Logyn, Monument, Halfway and Crychan tests.

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Paul Evans



MRF Tyres BTRDA[®] Rally Series

Further information on the 2023 Nicky Grist Stages is available on the Sportity app (password: QMCNGS23) and nickygriststages.co.uk.

2023 Nicky Grist Stages – Important Dates and Times

Monday 29 May, 18:00 – Entries open for all competitors

Friday 30 June, 20:00 – Seeded entries close

Monday 3 July, 18:00 – Final Instructions and route details announced

Wednesday 5 July, 18:00 – Final entries close

Friday 7 July, 15:00-20:30 – Scrutineering at North Road Garage

Saturday 8 July, 08.31 – First car starts

Saturday 9 July, 15:30 – First car finishes

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2022 Nicky Grist Stages Interclub Winner:
Matthew Hirst



2022 Nicky Grist Stages BTRDA Podium

BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

Our 'Serious Fun' Car Trials Championship is now well underway, with six of the fourteen qualifying rounds completed by the end of May and a healthy four different winners in the overall placings.

As is often the case in our sport, with varying terrain and weather conditions, the most capable cars on the day can range from one extreme to another. We have no better evidence of this when we compare Rupert North's nimble but low-powered Suzuki Alto taking the honours in the 2 opening trials in his favoured North Wales location and then we have the remarkable Renault Clio Sport finding grip like no other in the very capable hands of Tim and Charlie Dovey – welcome newcomers to our Championship – with super results at the Ivinghoe, Golden Springs and Ernest Owen.

In this first year of the slightly revamped class structure, we need to engage in a greater marketing push to encourage interest in Classes A and C for "younger" FWD and RWD cars respectively. Please refer to our summarised classes document on our web pages at [Classes-2023-summarised.pdf](#) or indeed our full rules at [Rules-2023-v1.3.pdf](#)

Looking ahead, we stay in the Midlands for the two trials in June, over to Anglesey and then to Yorkshire in July, and back to North Wales in August before wrapping up the qualifying rounds near Bridgnorth.

Sometime along the way I really need to acquire a more competitive car – now that is a challenge!

With best wishes for continued Serious Fun

Neil Mackay



Neil Mackay



Tim & Charlie Dovey



Rupert North

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

We only have one trial left before our summer break, and it truly does feel like summer is upon us now with consecutive days of sunshine being strung together for the first time in a while.

It would be fair to say it has been a competitive 2023 so far, with our man to beat over the last couple of years, Thomas Bricknell, not quite having it his own way so far this year. He has, however, recently clicked into top form and taken a string of wins to leave himself once again on top of the standings.

Richard Sharp is again chasing hard, and it will be all to play for after the summer. Hopefully, we will see this year's championships go down to the last few events as it has done many times in the past.

The Live Axle classes look to be as keenly contested as ever with Matt Sharp and Sam Beare in their Sherpa's vying for the top spot along with Bob Packham in his Kincraft.

We look forward to seeing this one play out as well through the autumn months.

Tyres have been dominating committee meetings and social media pages over the last few months as we look for a positive resolution to the issue that was mentioned in the last edition.

For those that have been living under a rock, we are searching for a new tyre for our trials tyre list. We have a complex list of criteria which sees the sport looking for tyres are a fair price, not going out of stock in the foreseeable future, not too grippy but grippy enough not to be dangerous.



George & Victoria Watson

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

An extensive test was carried out a couple of months ago and after much deliberation and discussion, a preferred course of action has been suggested, which we are waiting to be ratified by Motorsport UK.

A big thanks to all those on the committee and those who have worked with the committee to suggest options, prepare wheels, take part in the tests, and assist with the sourcing and relationship with suppliers.

We hope to be able to announce something very soon, so we are all ready to go with fresh rubber come the autumn season and beyond.

The Gold and Silver Star final will once again be heading North to Cumbria where we hope the weather will be kind to us as we look to return to the trialing splendour that is Gale Hall. More details will be released in due course.

Newcomers to the sport or perhaps those that don't venture to visit our trials friends in the North very often, I would certainly encourage you to make the effort. The welcome is always great, and the trial sites are even better.

So, get the date in your diary for a trip up North in January next year... As an aside, we may be working on an even more exciting location for next year.

See you all on the hills soon.

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Round 2 - Pembrey

The traditional early season doubleheader in South Wales for the Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship saw just shy of 50 cars present at Pembrey across eight classes for Round Two of the series on Saturday, windy and damp conditions greeting the slightly smaller than usual field.

Defending **Melius Ltd Pre-'95 Classic** champion Lee Wood is certainly staking a claim for the overall title this year with a very rapid performance in both opening rounds, but the Motaquip Escort had to share the heat wins at Pembrey with John Cross's Stratos replica and Jamie McBain who had happily rebuilt his Peugeot following his Blyton inversion. Wood however dominated the A Final to make it a double for the season with McBain and Cross his placemen, while it was good to see veteran Allan Tapscott back out in a Mk2 Escort and he took fourth. Ryan Stuchbury's 205 was fifth after a scrap with Daryl Ambrose's 106 ended when the latter spun, rejoining to finish seventh behind Dan Swayland's smart Mk1 Escort, while Helen Crooks' Mini completed the finishers. David Ewin meanwhile was sadly forced out in the heats after the Fiesta Evo broke its steering rack.

Fred Ling is also a potent challenger for the overall crown in the **SG Haulage/Rotec Super Modified** class, the Fiesta pilot taking two heat wins with Todd Crooks scoring his first success of the year in the other. Crooks however was stymied by a broken CV joint on his BMW Mini in the A Final as Ling dominated for his second A Final win of the season, Gary Cook enjoying a change of fortune to make it a Fiesta one-two and Phil Chicken (Citroen C2) topping a rather bruising battle with a very sideways Chris Smith (Civic) for third. James Avison in another Civic was the final finisher, while Michelle Swallow's Boxster broke its gearbox in heat one, leaving her team to purchase a similar Porsche locally which was subsequently cannibalised for a replacement box for day two!

Another driver to score an A Final double was Martin Peters in the **MOT Group Production** category, the Saxo pilot winning one heat to Honda man Alex Fletcher's two before leading in the main event despite late pressure from Stuart Woollen who took his best-ever result in the R1 Motorsport Peugeot 106. Despite feeling under the weather Mark Henry passed Fletcher for third in his Alfa Romeo, the Modified champion then dropped to fifth by a track limits penalty behind James Ashe's C2, newcomer Kestutis Butkus (Swift) the final finisher.

Abbie McGuinness topped the qualifiers in the **Bone Street Autos BMW Minis** with two heat wins to Dave Ellis's one, but from the outside of the front row young gun Ben Sayer made the best start in the A Final and led all the way for his maiden success in the category, Ellis second and with round one winner Charley Moroney absent taking the provisional championship lead. McGuinness made up for a slow start by holding off Harvey Harman for third with Leigh-Ann Sedgwick fifth after missing two heats with power steering problems, while James Hawkes was an early retirement.

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Tyler McAlpin scored two **AVM Motors Junior Rallycross** heat wins to Blyton winner Will Ovenden's one and the former led in the A Final to make it 1-1 on round wins for the season. Corey Padgett chased hard early on but dropped back in the closing stages, while lone non-Suzuki man Jimmy Jeakins took fourth in the Micra rebuilt after its Blyton rollover ahead of Ben Bartlett and newcomer Teddie MacPherson.

The heat wins were split three ways in the **SGS Gases FIA Cross Cars** with Blyton victor Will Butler, David Attiwell and Luke Holly taking one apiece, and after a jumped start saw the latter moved to the back of the grid for attempt two it was Attiwell who outdragged Butler off the line and led all the way to follow up his 2022 Knockhill success. Paul Batson held off Holly for third, the former causing some amusement when he failed to see the chequered flag and continued for an extra lap, while newcomer Ethan Rouse completed the finishers.

The two 4x4 classes ran combined, welcome returnee Andy Grant winning two **Cooper Tires Clubman 4x4** heats in his famous Focus and taking the A Final despite a close challenge from heat three winner Roger Thomas in his lurid Fiesta. Michael Boak was another welcome entry in his Skoda Fabia but he dropped back as the A Final went on and was almost caught by the **MacG Racing Modified 4x4** duo of Tomas Ramanauskas and Chris Baker, the former taking the class victory in his Mitsubishi over Baker's Subaru having outqualified his rival two heat wins to one.



TV Broadcast Information

Every round of the BTRDA Championship can be seen in 2023 on the following broadcast channel's;

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Viaplay—Freeview/TalkTalkTV/BT TV Ch:64, Sky Ch:422,

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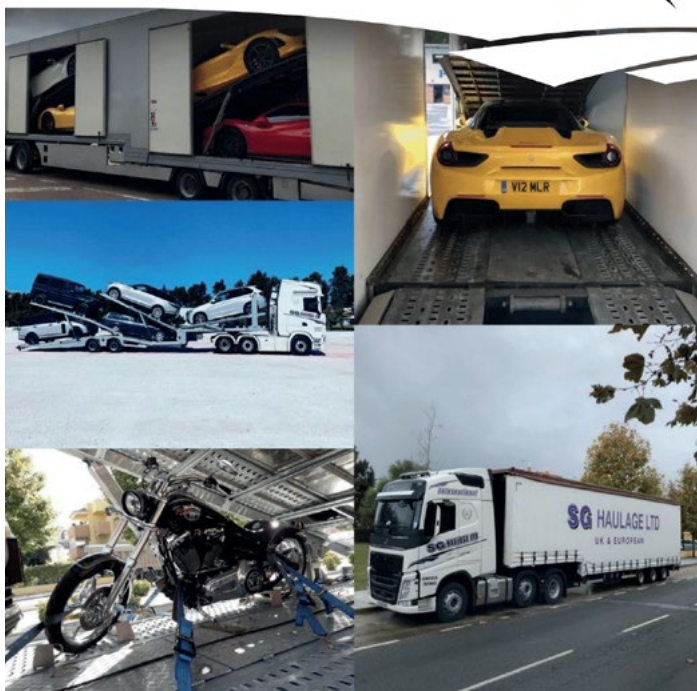
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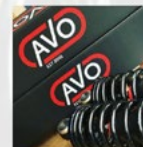
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Round 3 - Pembrey

Round Three of the Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship dawned in similar conditions to the first day of the Pembrey weekender, a slightly reduced entry ready to do battle after some problems in Round Two for a few teams.

There was no let-up in the **Melius Ltd Pre-'95 Classic** division for the dominant Escort of Lee Wood, this time scoring a faultless maximum of three heat wins and the A Final to complete a hat trick of Round wins for the year so far. Jamie McBain's Peugeot followed him home in all four races with the Stratos clone of John Cross again completing the A Final podium, while Ryan Stuchbury (205) and Dan Swayland (Mk1 Escort) completed the finishers after an impact with a tyre stack broke the steering in Daryl Ambrose's 106. A similar collision with a tyre stack in heat three sadly saw Mini pilot Helen Crooks suffer a broken wrist, while Allan Tapscott's Escort broke down in heat one and was out for the day and David Ewin was unable to run after the Fiesta Evo broke its steering rack in Round Two.

Things did not get better for the Crooks family in the **SG Haulage Super Modified** category, as heat one winner Todd Crooks (BMW Mini) tangled with Phil Chicken in heat three and both were launched into a rollover. Chicken resurrected his Citroen for the A Final but expired in a cloud of smoke on the last lap as double heat winner Fred Ling (Fiesta) made it a hat trick for the season to stay level with Lee Wood at the top of the overall points. Chris Smith took second in his Civic with fellow Honda man James Avison fourth behind Michelle Swallow, the Porsche pilot rewarding her team's efforts to buy a roadgoing Boxster and transfer its gearbox into her race car after a failure in Round Two by scoring her best ever result. Gary Cook (Fiesta) meanwhile also dropped out in the heats.

Martin Peters' unbeaten run in the **MOT Group Production** class came to an end as defending Modified champion Alex Fletcher scored a heat and Final double in the Loughborough College Honda, heading home Stuart Woollen who had won heat one in the R1 Motorsport Peugeot. Mark Henry's Alfa was next home with Peters having to settle for fourth after issues with his Saxo throughout the day, while heat three winner Dan Griffiths (C2) was next ahead of the similar mount of James Ashe and Kestutis Butkus's Swift. Defending champion Charlie Titcombe (Saxo) was meanwhile excluded for a camera infringement.

MacG Racing Modified 4x4 had just one entry in the shape of Tomas Ramanauskas with Chris Baker's Subaru not appearing for the second day of the weekend, the Mitsubishi pilot electing to run in with the Production class for the day. **Cooper Tires Clubman 4x4** saw all but one car present in Round Two suffer problems and not return on Sunday, with Andy Grant electing not to run alone as a result leaving the class in absentia.

There was a heat and an A Final double for Abbie McGuinness in the **Bone Street Autos BMW Minis** to boost her title hopes, fellow heat winner Ben Sayer following her home after a scrap with Round Two victor David Ellis while Harvey Harman was further back in fourth. Leigh-Anne Sedgwick's car let her down while well-placed, while Gus Glass and James Hawkes failed to start the main race.

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Pre-event favourites Will Ovenden and Tyler McAlpin shared the **AVM Motors Junior Rallycross** heats two to one, the former overturning Round Two's result as he held off McAlpin to win the A Final. Corey Padgett chased initially but dropped back into the clutches of newcomer Ben Bartlett who just failed to catch him for third, Teddie MacPherson and Jimmy Jeakins completing the finishers.

There was a welcome first win for Ethan Rouse in heat two of the **SGS Gases FIA Cross Cars**, the other heats going to Will Butler and David Attiwell. The former made it a double in the A Final with Luke Holly just defeating Rouse for second, Attiwell dropping back into fourth as the race progressed while Paul Batson failed to start.

Despite the somewhat thinner than usual field the drivers still did their best to entertain, and a few have some repair work to do ahead of Round Four at Blyton Park on July 2nd. Get well soon to Helen Crooks after her injury, and we hope to see her and her son Todd back out in Lincolnshire.



Big news for UK motorsport and the BTRDA Rallycross

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This process has now concluded and sadly it does mean that the Melksham production site will close and with it all supplies of AVON/Cooper tires will cease. This is a huge loss for Rallycross and Motorsport as a whole, the total supply of tyres for just rallycross is around 180,000 annually and will leave a huge void in the supply of tyres for Rallycross.

This does mean that, like many other Championships currently serviced by Cooper/AVON Tires, we will be speaking with alternative tyre suppliers for the 2024 season and beyond.


2024 and beyond:

The BTRDA Rallycross Committee are currently finalising plans for tyre supply from 2024 and beyond. At this stage, the aim is to fill commercial gap created by the loss of Cooper whilst ensuring all our competitors have a supply of tyres for their vehicles from 2024. With the total loss of both Cooper and AVON tires after 31/12/2023 it's vital we arrange a replacement.

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**No clear favourite emerged
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the 2023 title**



There have been four different winners from the first four rounds of this year's BTRDA-organised Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship, setting the UK's premier sealed-surface series up for an exciting second half of the season.

David Henderson won the opening Reed Group East Riding Stages in his Keco/PAR Petroleum-backed Ford Fiesta Rally2, although he and co-driver Chris Lees dropped to 17th after electing to miss the double header Manx National – but are now right back in contention, having finished second last time out on Round 4.

David Wright/Paula Swinscoe took home maximum points at the end of day one on the Isle of Man (Round 2) in their Fix Auto/Grove Hill Garage Ford Fiesta R5, while Callum Black/Jack Morton honoured their promise to take overall victory on the Manx (on Black's first asphalt rally for 10 years) to score maximum points on day two (Round 3) in their Pallas Connections Ford Fiesta Rally2.

James Ford/Neil Shanks then scored maximum points in Round 4 of the Protyre Asphalt Championship, the most recent Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally. Even though it was also a round of the British Rally Championship, they set a string of fastest overall stage times to finish fourth overall in their Citroën C3 Rally2.

But standing on top of the Protyre Asphalt leaderboard after four rounds are Neil Roskell/Andrew Roughead. The Blackpool driver has been the measure of high-speed consistency this year in his ND Civils/Burdens/Witham Motorsport Ford Fiesta Rally2 – give or take a few moments, like ploughing through a field on the East Riding – and with two podium finishes to his name leads the overall drivers' standings, 17 points ahead of Black and Wright, who are tied for second.

Like Henderson, there are lots of drivers further down the points table who have already dropped two rounds and from now on can count every point they score – putting them in a potentially very strong position for the title and the coveted BTRDA Gold Star award. These include the defending champion Steve Wood (Trailhead Get Jerk Ford Fiesta WRC), Wayne Sisson (AMS Arnside Motorsport Mitsubishi Evo 10), Kevin Davies (Cobra Hydraulics Volkswagen Polo GTI R5), Hugh Hunter (RSH Tarmac Ford Fiesta Rally2) and James Ford.



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Others only have a single point to drop, having started but not finished either one or two rounds. These include John Stone (Legend Fires Volkswagen Polo GTI R5), Stephen Simpson (Tudor Glass Ford Fiesta Rally2) and David Wright.

Hugh Brunton (Škoda Fabia Rally2) and Robert Swann (Ford Fiesta WRC) have missed three rounds, making their title hopes a bit more of an outside bet, but their speed on the respective Jim Clark and East Riding rallies suggests that they are more than capable of winning events and influencing where the title will go – just as other drivers have done in recent years.

One of the stars of this year's Protyre Asphalt Championship has been Will Hill/Richard Crozier in their Hills Ford Fiesta Rally3. They lead class B14, but their incredible overall results puts Hill fourth in the overall drivers' table, showing what a well-driven M-Sport-built four-wheel drive 1.5 litre EcoBoost engined 215bhp Fiesta Rally3 can achieve.

Other class leaders include Darren Atkinson/Mark Twiname, who continue to score outstanding overall results in their rapid Haldane Fisher Ford Escort Mk2.

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The reigning Northern Ireland Junior rally champion Sam Adams leads the Fuchs Lubricants/OnThePaceNote supported Protyre Asphalt Junior class in his Road & Rally Services Ford Escort Mk2 – but is only nine points ahead of Archie Swinscoe, who leads class R2 in his Rallytech Composites/Asset Alliance Group Opel Adam.

All the action from this year's Protyre MSUK Asphalt Rally Championship is available to view on the Special Stage TV Facebook page and the next round is the Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally on 23/24 June, which will also be live-streamed.

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Paul Evans

2023 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship – top 6 drivers overall after Round 4:

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2. Callum Black....84pts
3. David Wright....84pts
4. Will Hill....80pts
5. John Stone....69pts
6. Will Rowlands....69pts

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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.



Gold Star Champions 2022

Allrounders	- Jamie Yapp
Asphalt Rally	- Steve Wood
AutoSOLO	- Neil Jones
Autotest	- Alastair Moffatt
Car Trials	- Kevin Roberts
Forest Rally	- Elliot Payne
Rallycross	- Darren Bleasdale
Sporting Trials	- Thomas Bricknell

Targa Road Rally Champion - John Davies

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2022 Special Award Winners

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The Jack Twyford Trophy	- not awarded in 2022
The John Gott Memorial Trophy	- Alan Brown
The Patricia Baldwin Trophy	- Kath Skermer
The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy	- Grant Inglis

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