



Oxford Motor Club



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...If not, you will be missing out on club news.



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1. Visit <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/oxfordmotorclub> and click on **Join This Group!**
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If you need assistance contact Nick Townsend, the new webmaster, via webmaster@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk.

Editors Ramble

After finishing the Fat Albert Stages with a good result we entered the Carfax Stages hoping for a top 20 finish. All was going well. A good start would put us in a strong position, so instead of our usual careful start, we went almost flat out on SS1 and didn't stop there.



A good strategy for the event saw stages 3 and 4 as reverse stages, so instead of the usual half day of one direction, there was plenty of variety early on. We pushed hard and by SS4 we were 21st and only a smidge behind the car in front.



But on SS5 it all went wrong. The link that holds the near side rear wheel on gave up. The wheel drifted backwards and damaged the fuel tank and rear bumper. With no recovery until after SS6 and no welder or spare it was game over.



A disappointing end to a fairly good year, because the next job was to have the MSA over to inspect the car. We have run the Alfaru in the Category 3 regulations for the last four years but with the change to the K37 rules, we were forced to move to Category 2. This meant another inspection, which has gone well. But with no log book and a wedding next year the car's going to hibernate for a bit, or at least until the Hogmanay Autotest.

Dave Barbara

Chelmsford MC Hutton Kitchens Woodbridge Stages



Photos courtesy of M&H Photography

My first foray into the right hand seat seemed to take forever coming, but in the end it was worth the wait. Having allowed plenty of time to convert the Micra from Endurance Rallying spec to Stage spec, at the end of 2010 I decided to aim for the Woodbridge Stages to be my first stage rally driving. Although it seemed a long way off, especially as the car had a full cage fitted by Mike Thomas at Cyclone Motorsport in December 2010, with a house move / relocation and job change in the middle it all worked out for the best.

The recent house move, to Aylesbury, has seen us join Oxford Motor Club. Although we have done a few of the club's events before [the Bullnose three times for myself, an Autosolo at Silverstone and recently I marshalled at a 12 Car] our membership had lapsed, when OMC membership was no longer required to compete on the Bullnose, if you were doing the ERCC. I'm not always very good at submitting articles on events I have done, but I'll try to occasionally put pen to paper, and hope to not send too many people to sleep in the meantime.....

It had been two years since I had competed in a stage rally at Woodbridge previously and that time it was co-driving for my husband Matt in his Rover. I've done enough events there now to be familiar with the venue and I was particularly looking forward to the prospect of the long stages [10+ miles each]. I made Friday night scrutineering and avoided the traffic many seemed to be caught up in – luckily. Before this event, the Micra had a fair bit of work done it by Humphris of Oxford due to some wear and tear and damage sustained during the Bullnose a few weeks before. Having been welded back together and having all the rear bushes replaced it was ready. Unfortunately the ally blocks didn't want to come out when we tried to remove them, as the springs didn't want to compress enough, so the ride height wasn't where we wanted it but it was still good to be out competing!



The first stage had a few moments [not concentrating enough so not allowing for cold tyres + cold brakes + excess speed = tankslapper....] but it was still enjoyable and by SS2 I was getting more into it. Matt navigated for me and it was his first stage event in over 6 years, and luckily for me he didn't forget his left and right! As the stages and day went on I grew in both confidence and speed and definitely enjoyed it and want to do more. I finished the day 5th in class and 36th overall – and got the four wheels off the ground photo that I wanted courtesy of Andy Manston....



Part of the aim of doing Woodbridge was to a) drive on a stage rally and b) decide what I want to compete on in 2012 and whether to keep the Micra in Endurance spec or convert it so it is more competitive on stage events. I plan to do more tarmac stage events in 2012 but as of yet

am unsure whether I will tackle a few selected events or look at an area championship. By the time you read this, we will have done the Carfax Stages, although Matt will be driving on this event in his Rover 214 and I will be navigating. We have also managed to secure

an entry on the Longmoor Loco between Christmas and New Year where I will drive and Matt will co-drive. Beyond that plans are still to be made!

Suze Endean



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The First and Last Cornbury Rally Show



Back in May the Cornbury Rally Show was a good day out. As I was to marshal for the day I arrived early and therefore beat the queues, assuming there were any. More of that later.

Once I had signed on I was allocated to the crossing for the morning and therefore spent my time opening and closing the barriers to let spectators through every time there was a lull in the proceedings. I did however get a good view of the cars. There was

quite a range, from motor cycle engined buggies through to WRC cars. In between there were the usual spread of cars you would expect to see like Escorts, 205s, Subarus, Evos and Quattros as well some less common cars such as the Citroen Visa, Hillman Avenger Tiger, Talbot Sunbeam, Ferrari 308 GTB and a Vauxhall Firenza with a 5.0 litre CanAm Chevy V8 – ideal for rallying no doubt! There were also one or two old Porsche 911s.



Marshal relief conveniently arrived at midday so then it was off to the food area with a marshal's luncheon voucher. There was also time to look around the various stalls and listen to Mike Brewer auctioning a number of items including two rides around the stage, one next to Henning Solberg in the Fiesta WRC and the other next to Danny Sordo in the Mini.



For the early afternoon I helped out at the start and then went off to marshal at the last corner. This provided excellent viewing and this is where most of the photos were taken. At this point I realized that one of the 911s was being

driven by a very spirited Vic Elford who is now aged 76. In 1968 he won the Monte Carlo Rally in a Porsche 911 and a week later won the Daytona 24 hours in a Porsche 907. He was also driving for Cooper Maserati in Grand Prix as well. That couldn't or wouldn't happen now!

Highlight of the day, however, was Danny Sordo who was consistently sideways in the air over the artificial jump! Too far away to get a photo unfortunately.



It was a good day out but it seems not enough paying spectators arrived over the two days for the organiser to make a profit. Hence there won't be another Cornbury Rally Show.

Tony Mytton



CARFAX STAGE RALLY



MARK DONALDSON

On Sunday November 20th Oxford Motor Club saw the return of the Carfax Stage Rally to Oxfordshire. The event was held at a brand new venue at RAF Benson where we offered the 75 car entry 64 miles of good quality tarmac rallying.

The planning for the event was all a bit last minute and a rush. With potential venues falling away I wrote to Benson in early July as a long shot because the base is active and I know flying takes place most days. I was invited for a visit to the station on July 27th for a look around and show them what we were after. After the meeting I sent some suggested stage layouts and on September 2nd I was given permission to use the airfield. The next job was to finalise the regulations and at the same time we approached potential sponsors for the event. This all came good when Ian Gwynne (BGMsport) and Mark Donaldson agreed to be joint sponsors and the regs were released on September 22nd.

The first entries started to arrive but there was still a massive amount of work to get through and making sure we had the right people in place to make the event happen. By the end of October we had about 40 entries and most people were in place for the event. The final week before the event was the most frantic, with last minute entries still coming in and final preparations with Benson still on-going, while the delivery of new cones, toilets and barriers was still being planned.

On the Friday before the event equipment started to arrive at Benson and a few helpers gathered at various locations around Oxfordshire to load lorries, vans and trailers with all the kit needed to run a rally. About 20 helpers arrived at Benson on Saturday morning to set up the stages. It was a long day because it was the first time we had set out a rally here and at times I was worried we would not have enough kit to form the stages, however after some tinkering all

came good and the stage was ready for Sunday.

The day of reckoning finally arrived and we prepared for 75 paying customers to arrive on mass for the event. We had a few teething problems with entry to the event which delayed the start by 15 minutes but at 09.30 the event started and car 1 was on his way.

Much to my relief everything ran like clockwork. The stage change arounds were slick, the timing faultless and the driving was of a very high standard. The attrition rate was high and by the end of stage 8 we only had 43 finishers. The last car came to the finish line at 16.30 and the results were final at 17.10.

By the time all the awards had been handed out and the last of the competitors had left most of the stage furniture had been collected and amazingly we left the venue at 19.20, everything cleared down and packed away.

It was very hard work at times and but in the end we achieved a brilliant result and the feedback we have received from competitors, sponsors and our host at RAF Benson have all been

glowing. Well done to all that helped but special thanks go to David Smith, David Smythe, Shirley & John Blackwell, Simon Marks and guys on the Carfax Committee, you all excelled in what I feel was one of the best Carfax Rallies we have organised.



The event has also raised a large sum of money for the two charities that we supported on the event. The main charity was the Royal Airforce Association and we will be presenting them with a cheque for £4000.00. Our second charity was the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and they will receive a cheque for £1000.00. A great achievement all round. Well done. All we have to do now is repeat this success on next year's Carfax Stage Rally on 18th November 2012.

Kev Belcher

Award Winners 2011

1st Overall – Simon Mauger - Melanie Holmes

1st Class A – Dominic Hodge - Roger Adderley

2nd Class A – Nigel Jenkins - Jack Walby

3rd Class A – Geoff Orchard - Ian Purcell

1st Class B - Kevin Tappin - Charles Tappin

2nd Class B - Kevin Harbour - Dave Tortoiseshell

1st Class C -Paul King - Alicia Miles

2nd Class C - Alan Thompson - Neil Harrison

3rd Class C - Royston Carey - Tony Davis

1st Class D - Rob Dennis - Lee Harding

2nd Class D - Ian Hucklebridge - Steve Cox

3rd Class D - Howard Redhouse - Ben Cussons

1st Class E - Lyndon Barton - Johnny Vance

2nd Class E - Neal Cuss - Zoe Edwards

3rd Class E - Roger Tillotson - Steve Robertson

1st Class F - Simon Phillips - Rob Brooke

Best Turned Out Car – Mike Wood – Fiat Arbarth 124 Rallye Spider

Driver of the Day – Kevin Tappin

Under 25 Award – Melanie Holmes

Spirit of the Event – Duncan Waite - Mark Withers

Best Oxford Crew - Simon Phillips - Rob Brooke

New Clubnight Venue

Our clubnights are moving to a new venue at the Green Road Social Club in Kidlington. The map reference is 164/494136 and the post code is OX5 2EU.

We will still meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

Club Championship

If anyone still wants to claim points in the club championship then you need to get them to Kev Belcher by January 6th 2012 at the latest, by e-mail if possible. After this date you will not be able to claim. Remember I need the following info – starters, overall result and if other Oxford members took part. I haven't done any of the tables yet as I've been far too busy with other events, however I plan to get them done over Christmas. I believe Zenya is arranging an awards dinner late in February for the presentations so watch this space for more details.

Kev Belcher

2012 AGM and Committee Make Up

Thanks to Zenya Heap we have sourced a new venue for the AGM, future Committee meetings and club social evenings.

It is the **GREEN ROAD SOCIAL CLUB in Kidlington**, turn off the A4260 and then the entrance is on your left. Map references are O/S Map Ref: 164 – 494 136, Sat Nav Ref: N 51.49.215 : W 1.17.086.

The meeting will start at 20.00 sharp so please be there for 19.30 and there will be an opportunity to renew your membership before the meeting. Only members who are paid up before the meeting will be able to vote at the meeting

– please bring your completed form with you.

Now's the time to be thinking of the make up for next year's club committee and whether you want to stand for any of the positions or nominate someone who is prepared to stand.

It is also your opportunity to see how the club has performed over the last year and to raise any questions you may have.

All positions become vacant at the AGM on February 1st and all positions will need to be filled.

The Club is structured as follows:

President and Vice Presidents

These posts are filled by invitation by the current committee.

Officers of the Club

Consisting of the **Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer.**

These posts should, wherever possible, be filled from members of the existing committee who have been a committee member for at least the previous twelve months at the date of the AGM.

If no eligible members wish to stand then these posts are open to any members who should have been a member for at least the previous twelve months at the date of the AGM.

Executive Committee

Consisting of: **Competition Secretary, Social Secretary, Magazine Editor, Media Secretary, Membership Secretary, Merchandising & Clothing Secretary, Child Protection Officer, Web Master, Chief Marshal.**

Non-Executive Committee

Consisting of: Five members without portfolio [which means no specific role but able to assist in the running of the club and assist any of the named posts].

Executive and non-executive posts should, wherever possible, be filled by members of the club who have been a member for at least the previous twelve months at the date of the AGM. If no eligible members wish to stand then these posts are opened to any members.

If any of the posts are not filled by election the Committee has the option of co-opting members on board to fill the relevant positions. This can also be done at any time throughout the year should a vacancy arise.

A few of the posts require some knowledge of club or event workings but the majority do not. These posts are eminently suitable to anyone new wishing to come onto the committee and to learn how the club works. For example the membership secretary post requires knowledge of simple record keeping and the ability to post a letter.

We have committee meeting every six weeks on a Wednesday evening close to Oxford and for the larger events there are sub-committee meetings but generally the posts are not too time consuming or arduous.

I won't list all the posts and the duties involved but if you want any information prior to committing yourself please call me or any committee member who will be only too happy to discuss things with you.

New committee members are essential to the ongoing success of the club to bring new ideas, perhaps a new perspective on current matters and to prevent the

current Committee becoming complacent and I can assure you that you will not be stepping on anyone's toes if you apply.

No one wants to be in the position of having to staying in post because no new members want to stand against them.

With the notice of the AGM enclosed with this magazine there is a nomination form for your use.

Any nominations must be signed by a proposer and seconder and the applicant must also sign to accept the nomination.

Also enclosed is a form that is to be used for any proposals to the club, i.e. a rule change or a procedure change. This should also be signed by a proposer and seconder.

Please make sure the forms are back with me by the **18th January 2012.**

John Blackwell
Club Secretary

2012 Membership Renewal

It's that time again for this section as well.

Enclosed within this magazine is your membership renewal form and you will be pleased to see that we have held the membership fee for the next year at **£17.50**. Family membership is also kept as free for any family members living at the same address as a full member.

Will you please check and correct any mistakes or alterations in your details especially your EMAIL address, many of which bounce when I try to contact you.

There are now two ways to pay your fee.

1. The conventional method of sending a cheque with your form to myself. (you will be able to pay on the evening of the AGM and I would appreciate you bringing your completed form with you).
2. You can pay electronically at **Lloyds TSB Sort Code 30-99-78**
Account no. 56536668

Please use the reference **MEMBERSHIP-** - - - - - where the blanks are the applicants surname **then** email the form to membership@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk with an indication that you have paid electronically.

[Membership will be accepted when proof of payment is received]

Can you also please let me know of your interests within the club and motorsport interests on the reverse of the form. This will help the club know who to possibly contact for things such as marshalling or running of events.

Finally, your membership will expire on the 31st of January. After that date you will cease to be a member until your renewal is received.

John Blackwell
Membership Secretary



Hogmanay Autotest 2012

Supplementary Regulations

1. Oxford Motor Club will organise a Clubmans Autotest and a Production Car Autotest on Monday, 2nd January 2012 at Westminster Sports Centre, Harcourt Hill Campus, Oxford, OX2 9AT. See attached location maps.
2. The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. MSA Permit Numbers TBA and TBA have been applied for.
4. The event is open to all bona-fide members of the organising club and their guests. Guests will be enrolled as club members for this day only by the act of signing-on.
5. The event is a round of Oxford Motor Club's Wootten's Challenge Trophy championship.
6. The Secretary of the Meeting is Neil Lewis, 3 Maple Close, Botley, Oxford, OX2 9DZ, 01865-247550, 07814-838657, neilslewis@yahoo.co.uk Other officials will be announced on the day.
7. The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes at 09.30 AM on the day of the event. Entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the entry fee of £10. Please make cheques payable to "Oxford Motor Club". Entries will be selected in order of receipt.

8. The maximum entry for the event is 25; the minimum is 10. The minimum for each class is 3. Should any of the minimum figures not be reached, the organiser reserves the right to either cancel the event or amalgamate classes as necessary.
9. Minimum age 16 for the Autotest and 14 for the Production Car Autotest (accompanied by an adult).
10. The programme of the event will be:
 - The venue opens at 09:00 AM. Please turn up early to help set out and walk the courses.
 - The first car starts at 10:00 AM.
 - Lunch break at approx. 1:00 PM
 - The last test must be completed by 4:00 PM.
11. The event will consist of the following classes:

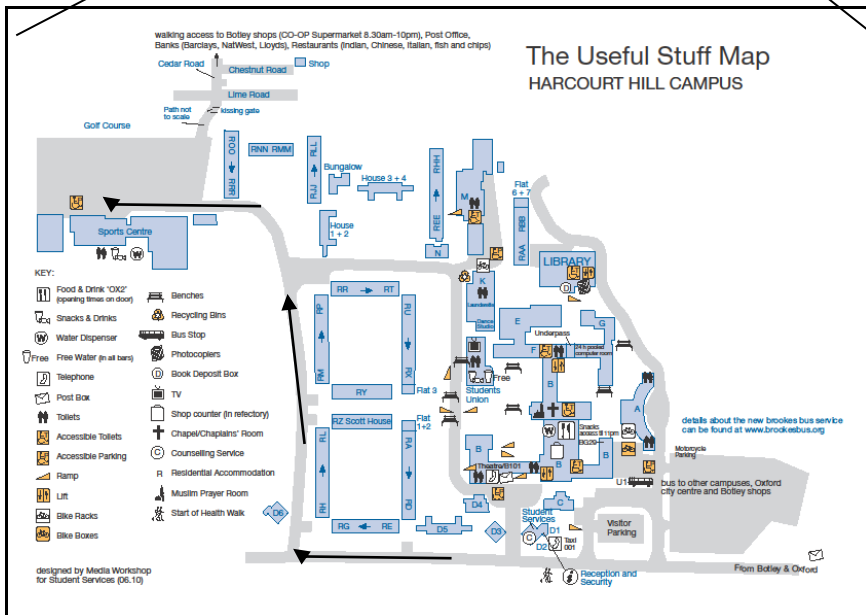
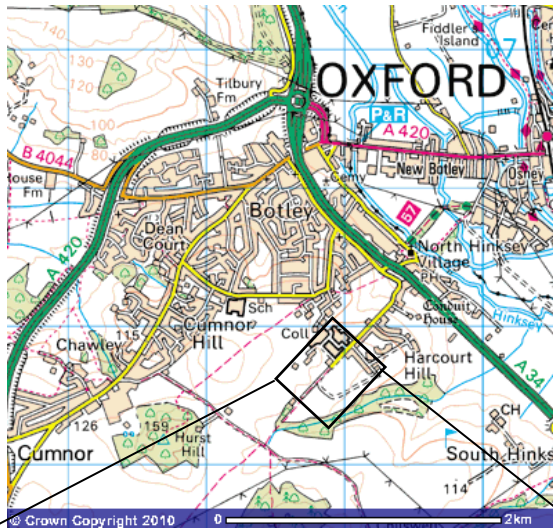
Equalisation factors

- A) Long wheelbase front wheel drive and all rear wheel drive road cars 0.97
- B) Short wheelbase front wheel drive road cars (98 inches or less) 1.00
- C) Rally cars, kit derived cars and four-wheel-drive road cars 1.03
- D) Autotest specials and anything which doesn't fit in the classes above 1.10

All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations (M16 & M17 or M18 for PCA).

12. Competitors will be identified by numbers provided by the organisers. These must be fixed to the driver's side of the windscreen of competing vehicles. Tape will be available from the organiser.
13. Provisional results will be published as soon as practicable following the finish of the event and made final 30 minutes thereafter subject to any protests. Protests must be made in accordance with C5.

**Westminster Sports Centre, Harcourt Hill Campus, Oxford,
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Oxford Motor Club, 2012 Calendar

January

Monday 2 nd	Hogmanay Autotest	Neil Lewis
Wednesday 4 th	Clubnight – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington - TBA	
Friday 27 th	12 Car Rally – Dolphin	Ian Harrison

February

Wednesday 1 st	AGM – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Friday 17 th	12-Car Rally: Oxford	Dave Smith

March

Wednesday 7 th	Clubnight – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Friday 16 th	12-Car Rally: Dolphin, 174.	Paul Hardy

April

Wednesday 4 th	Clubnight – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Wednesday 25 th	Navex: Sturdys Castle	Graham Dunn

May

Wednesday 2 nd	Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Sunday 13 th	Bocardo Autosolo –Silverstone	Kevin Belcher
Friday 18 th	12-Car Rally: Oxford	Chris Hambly

June

Wednesday 6 th	Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Wednesday 13 th	Scatter: 164	Zenya Heap

July

Wednesday 6 th	Club Night: Green Road Social Club, Navex	Kevin Belcher
Sunday 29 th	Autotest and BBQ Pusey lodge Farm	Neil Lewis

August

Wednesday 1 st	Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington – Table Top	
Wednesday 29 th	Bullnose Brief – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	

September

Saturday 1 st	Bullnose Endurance Rally	David Smythe
Wednesday 5 th	Club Night - Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Friday 14 th	12-Car Rally: Dolphin	

October

Wednesday 3 rd	Club Night Green Road Social Club – Scatter	Haydn Marks
Friday 19 th	12-Car Rally: Oxford	Zenya Heap
Sunday 21 st	Autumn Autosolo - Silverstone	Kevin Belcher

November

Wednesday 7 th	Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Friday 9 th	12-Car Rally: Dolphin	Bob Muttram
Wednesday 14 th	Carfax Brief – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Sunday 18 th	Carfax Stage Rally – RAF Benson	Kevin Belcher

December

Wednesday 5 th	Club Night – Green Road Social Club, Kidlington	
Friday 7 th	12-Car Rally: Oxford	Tony Mytton

CMMSG Autosolo dates for 2012

18 th February	Bristol MC	Castle Combe
11 th March	Ross & District MC	Strensham
12 th April	Bath	Castle Combe
13 th May	Oxford MC	Silverstone
9 th June	Dolphin MC	Abingdon
11 th August	Bristol MC	Castle Combe
23 rd September	Ross & District MC	Strensham
21 st October.	Oxford MC	Silverstone

CMMSG Roadsport Dates 2012

Date	Area	Maps	Organiser
24 th February	Oxford	164 + 174	Kev Belcher (Oxford MC) Paul Hardy (Dolphin MC)
30 th March	TBA	163 + 162	TBA
13 th April	Newbury	174 + 185	Bob Muttram (Dolphin MC) Ian Harrison (Dolphin MC)
28 th September	Malvern	150 + 149	Richard Austen (Oxford MC) Zenya Heap (Oxford MC)
12 th October	Ross	162 + 161	Simon Harris (Ross DMS)
23 rd November	Oxford	164 + 165	Haydn Marks (Oxford MC) Brian Cammack (Oxford MC)
14 th December	Cheltenham	163 + 150	Dave Cooper (Cheltenham MC)

Extract from MSA news - Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen tackle 12-car for television



Five's *Fifth Gear* will shine a spotlight on one of the most affordable forms of motor sport today (Friday 9 December) with a film in which presenter Vicki Butler-Henderson navigates for Intercontinental Rally Challenge champion Andreas Mikkelsen on a 12-car navigational rally.

More than 300 such events are organised throughout the dark winter months by MSA-registered motor clubs across the country, and no special equipment or licences are required beyond a road-legal car and an ability to read a map. Competitors are given a set of clues, which they must crack while averaging 30mph between a series of checkpoints. As in stage rallying, crews set off individually at one-minute intervals and incur penalties for not sticking to the route or prescribed schedule.

Butler-Henderson and Mikkelsen contested Loughborough Car Club's Zebulon Pike Memorial 12-Car Rally in rural Leicestershire aboard a standard Škoda Fabia vRS. "I didn't really know what to expect and map reading isn't my specialist subject as I can get lost in a car park!" said Butler-Henderson, a Go Motorsport ambassador. "It was a terrific way to spend an evening. You exercise your brain, enjoy plenty of good banter and participate in a great sport with some healthy competition... all for a £15 entry fee and the cost of a few litres of fuel."

Mikkelsen added: "It was very different to anything I have done before. It was great fun, though, and clearly a fantastic way to start in motor sport. It's important for a young driver to gain experience any way he or she can and, more importantly, it's the perfect place for a budding co-driver to start off. I can now see why Britain has produced so many top world championship co-drivers over the years."



SUTTON & CHEAM MOTOR CLUB



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FRIDAY 30th DECEMBER 2011 



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MSA announces 2012 stage rally seat regulations

Following approval by the Motor Sports Council, the MSA has confirmed a new regulation that means stage rally competitors will not be required to replace FIA homologated seats for the 2012 season.

The new regulation (to be read in conjunction with R48.10.6) is as follows:

R48.10.6.1

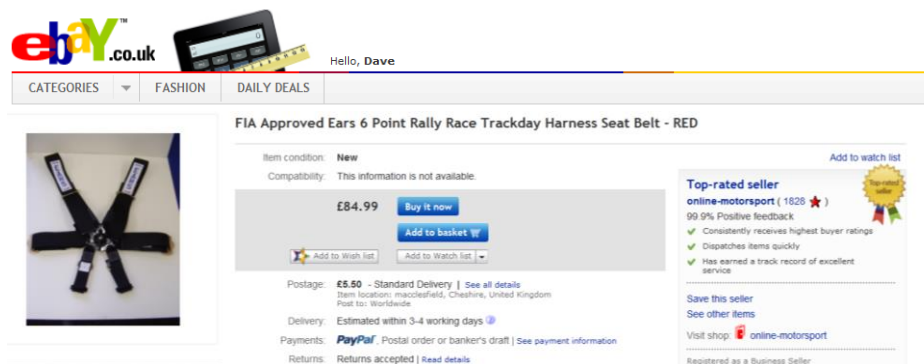
For any vehicle issued with an MSA Competition Car Log Book prior to 1st January 2009, the requirements of R48.10.6. are satisfied until 31st December 2012. This is provided that the seat(s) have previously been FIA Homologated and in addition the seats have the appropriate seat mountings in accordance with R48.10.6.

Date of Implementation: 1/1/12

"This issue has generated substantial correspondence from competitors and a considerable amount of debate at Regional Association meetings in recent months," said MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. "The MSA makes no apology for its commitment to improving safety within motor sport and there is complete agreement that standard production car seats have no place within stage rally cars. This new regulation will achieve that and will allow a further 12 months to consider how best we move forward in the future which, being mindful of the current economic climate and the interests of existing competitors, seems entirely sensible.

"I would like to reiterate that the responsibility for the safety of a competitor lies exclusively with that competitor. The MSA reminds everyone that just because items are within their 'life', does not automatically make them safe. The MSA continues to advise competitors to take all possible precautions to keep themselves and others safe in the course of their motor sport activity."

And Lastly, Things I Found on Ebay...



The screenshot shows an eBay.co.uk listing for a "FIA Approved Ears 6 Point Rally Race Trackday Harness Seat Belt - RED". The item is listed by "online-motorsport", a top-rated seller with a 99.9% positive feedback rating. The price is £84.99. The listing includes a "Buy it now" button, an "Add to basket" button, and an "Add to watch list" button. The item condition is "New", and compatibility information is not available. The seller's location is Maclefield, Cheshire, United Kingdom, and they offer standard delivery for £5.50. The estimated delivery time is within 3-4 working days. The seller is registered as a Business Seller.

Good quality seat belts are a must – and of course compulsory. These look good and are dated until 2016. I need two of these...