



OXFORD MOTOR CLUB



*2015 Exmoor Rally - Oxford Motor Club Members Pete Collins & Steve Newman
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EDITORIAL

With the AGM now behind us it's time to move on with the many and varied activities that the Oxford Motor Club have planned for the year, but first I want to quickly introduce myself (Steve Newman) as your new magazine editor.

Hopefully the club magazines will continue to provide you with useful, current information relating to our calendar events, alongside those of other close by and indeed far flung clubs who are organising the types of events "You" OMC members wish to participate in.

With full acknowledgement of the difficulties motorsports face, in particular Rallying, we must remain mindful that we as competitors and officials, need to be on the ball in everything we do to protect our fantastic sport. That does include evaluating what we can give back to the sport whilst also wanting to take advantage of the efforts of others to allow us to compete.

Don't be backwards in coming forward when the shout goes out for marshals, venue setup crews, etc. If we all contribute just a little to the effort, then the workload becomes way more manageable, and whilst you are involved, you will maybe come to the conclusion that being involved is far less onerous than you thought at first.

So when it comes round to major events such as the CARFAX RALLY, do please offer to be part of the dedicated team that make that type of event possible.

The Autosolos, Autotests, and 12 cars (where many of us cut our motorsports teeth) are no less important in both our club's survival and Motorsports on the whole for that matter.

We are also very interested in all of your competitive endeavours, whether they be on our own events, other local, national, or for that matter International events. Pretty much everything to do with cars and Motorsports is of interest, so take time to quickly knock together an email, (with pictures, wherever), and send it to me at magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

Whilst you are at it, please promote the club with others of like minds. We need new members to make the club stronger and to build for the future.

Talk with you again in the next edition.

Steve

EVENTS AND ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FROM OTHER MOTOR CLUBS

Wednesday 2nd March "Lotusbits" Carfax Rally Initial Meeting

August seems a long way off but these months will fly by. We were all very impressed with the number of you that volunteered to help last year and we will be hoping for the same response this year. The next club night on March 2nd will be an initial meeting to discuss the premier club event and recruit volunteers.



There are some MSA changes for existing and potential new marshals which we can explain for those of you that haven't been made aware of them for other events.

Please come along to our new social venue at The Jolly Boatman Public House, Thrupp, Oxon OX5 1JU on the A4260 Banbury Road. We aim to start at about 7.30pm

Saturday, March 12th Car Trials Training and Practice Day Bewdley, Worcs

This day, organised by the BTRDA, is aimed at introducing Car Trialling to anyone who may be interested, together with training and practice opportunities for newcomers, novices or others away from the pressures of a trials competition. It is perhaps worth highlighting the fact that drivers from the age of 14 are eligible.

Club Secretary has more details alternatively BTRDA contact is: -

Neil Mackay Mobile: 07855164184 e-mail: neil.mackay.home@btinternet.com

Sunday, 20th March**Hullavington Sprint****Hullavington Airfield**

Craven MC are organising their second sprint at Hullavington Airfield (just north of Junction 17 on the M4, about 45 miles from Oxford) on Sunday 20th March.

Oxford Motor Club's Simon Marks is Clerk of the Course and is joining Craven Motor Club in asking for marshal support, returning help that Craven Motor Club members have provided to Oxford Motor Club's Carfax Stage Rally over the years. Unfortunately, it looks as if the second Hullavington Sprint will be the last one due to the venue being sold (reportedly for housing) and all events planned after 1st April have had to be cancelled. This is a shame because the course is based heavily on the perimeter track, rather than the runways and is a challenging 2 miles of fast sweeping corners.

We are looking for people who would wish to act as course marshals for us - manning a post on the track, ready to wave red flags and deal with incidents at the location. If you have never done this sort of thing, before, please do not worry as full instructions will be provided. We also require radio marshals to work alongside the posts to pass information and further monitor the passage of the cars. Steve and Lyn Noble will be running Register Control so you will be able to work in the normal way. A contribution to lunch (at the on-site burger van) will be provided.

More details, including regs and entry form (the latter should you wish to drive on the event) can be found on Craven Motor Club's website - <http://www.craven-motor-club.co.uk/sprint.html>

Please could you volunteer to me at the moment - Simon Marks (A304SCA@aol.com)

Also on the same day

Sunday, 20th March**AGBO Stages SV Rally****Weston Park, Telford**

Organised by Owen Motor Club this event is run within the grounds of Weston Hall near Telford. Marshals and radio marshals required for this event and the contact is: Chief Marshal Ruth Langford whose email is:- owenmarshals@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 27th March**Tour of Caerwent**

FORRESTER'S CAR CLUB

are promoting the Tour of Caerwent on Sunday 27th March - Easter Sunday. Caerwent is a disused munitions works just the other side of the Severn Bridge and is now a military training area. Rallies there are usually very entertaining as a large varied field of rally cars tackle long stages in the training area - characterised by some tricky narrow roads with high kerbs to trip up inaccurate drivers. Caerwent is only 75 miles or so from Oxford and a warm welcome is assured.

Forrester's Car Club are great supporters of the Carfax Stage Rally, particularly in recent years at Throckmorton so it would be good if Oxford Motor Club members could return the favour and help out on 27th March.

Contact the Chief Marshal, Richard Lomax on caerwentmarshal@gmail.com - advising the number of people in your party and if you are planning, like Simon and myself, to go and radio marshal, he would appreciate to know the call sign.

More information can be found on www.caerwentrallies.co.uk

Saturday 2nd April

Get It Sideways Rally



On Saturday 2nd April, Cheltenham Motor Club will be hosting their annual stage rally '**Get It Sideways**' at the Down Ampney venue. As many of you have helped in the past, we hope that you could help assist us again this year as without your continued support by marshalling, we could not run our events.

As I am sure many of you are already aware, the MSA have made changes to help aid safety. Due to this we are now offering a Safety Briefing which can be done online, www.cheltmc.com/rally.htm with links to MSA Safety videos and MSA accredited training at the end of the briefing. After reading the Safety Briefing, you will be asked to 'Complete Registration'. This is simply a declaration stating that you have completed the briefing which is now a requirement. Please read and complete these items and any instructions on the day as safety is vital in Motorsport. It is also important that you are aware of any changes which will be covered in the Marshal Instructions. Please also make use of the MSA accreditation if you have not already. Any new marshals **MUST** now register with the MSA and from 2017 it will be compulsory for existing marshals to complete the accreditation modules, so this is a great opportunity to get signed up.

This year the reins of Chief Marshal to Glynis Langford to avoid a conflict of interest as I compete. If you have any questions or emails, please contact her via cmc_marshal@cheltmc.com and I am sure she will be happy to help.



Also scheduled for the same date

Saturday 2nd April,

Rally North Wales

Dolgellau

Marshals and radio marshals are needed for this rally which is running in the Dyfi and Gartheniog forests.

Contact for the event is the Chief Marshal:-

John Jones Mobile 07766 723066 or email: johnjones10@btconnect.com

Saturday, 16th April	Somerset Stages Rally	Minehead, Somerset
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Based in the hills around Minehead this rally is one of the last multi-venue rallies in the South of the Country.

Running 15 stages, which include two Croydons runs plus Timberscombe, Whits Wood, Knowle, Chargot, Kennishan and, of course, Porlock.

With such a large spread of stages there is a need for plenty of marshals and radio operators. If you want a day out by the seaside please contact

marshals@somersetstagesrally.com
radios@somersetstagesrally.com

Tel: 01643 333743
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April 24th	Bocardo AutoSolo
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We are holding the first of our two Autosolo's on Sunday, April 24th. We are running at Finmere for this one but this is another venue that may well shortly be developed, and this will affect our second event in October.

As well as competitors there is a need from the membership for timekeepers and helpers for the event so if you are free on the day, even just for a few hours, please contact John Blackwell compsec@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk.

Also scheduled for the same date

April 24th	Marshals Training Day
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On April 24th the BRMMC is holding a Rally Marshals Training Day at Brookes University, Unfortunately this clashes with our Autosolo but if you are or intend becoming involved with rally marshalling then this is a must to attend especially as it on our doorstep.

Covering the following Rally Marshal training :

New Marshals, In-Stage Marshals, Radio Marshals, Timing Marshals and new & aspiring Stage Commanders sessions.

Contact for the day is John Jones. Email: secretary@brmc.org.uk Telephone: 07766 723066

Alternatively you can volunteer for this day on the 'Volunteers at Motorsport' web site using <http://www.jotformeui.com/janb/oxford>

There was a very good turnout at this venue last year and with the new MSA marshalling requirements coming in and the requirement to attend one training day a year to maintain your licence this will be an ideal opportunity. Due to demand there will be the opportunity to complete the MSA On Line Training Accreditation during the day.

John Blackwell – Competition Secretary compsec@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

April 29th**12 Car – organiser required.**

Following Steve Newman and Peter Collins very successful 12 car rally first as organisers I am looking for an organiser for the April 29th 12 car rally.

If you can help, please contact John Blackwell compsec@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk as soon as possible.

MEMBERS PLANS AND ACTIVITIES



Chris Gamble has let us know that having spent the last year sorting out the rally car that the crew's 1st event in 18 months will now be in March at the Tour of Caerwent.

Resplendent in its new colour scheme the crew are just hoping for a finish as the car's gearbox blew on the last event and the engine on the one before that.

Here's hoping for a trouble-free run on the Tour of Caerwent, and Chris has promise to report on rally progress next month.

Good luck guys, stay safe and have fun.

Oxford Motor Club 2016 'Event Calendar'

Information is correct at time of printing.

Dates may be subject to change so please check with organisers.

February

Friday 26 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #1	Map 150/162/163	Dave Cooper, Cheltenham
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March

Wednesday 2nd	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp	164/480154
Saturday 5 th	CMSG R2 Autosolo	Chepstow Racecourse	Bristol MC
Sunday 13 th	CMSG R3 Autosolo		Ross MC
Friday 18th	Dolphin Spring 12 Car		Dolphin MC

Sunday 20 th	AGBO Stage Rally	Weston Park, Telford	Owen MC
Friday 25 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #2	Map 151/163	Matt Langford
Sunday 27 th	Tour of Caerwent Stage Rally		Cheltenham Forresters MC

April

Saturday 2 nd	Get it Sideways Stage Rally	Down Ampney	Cheltenham MC
Wednesday 6th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Friday 8 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #3	Map 174	Ian Harrison
Sunday 10 th	CMSG R4 Autosolo	Kemble	Dolphin
Sunday 10 th	Corinium Economy Run	Cotswolds	Bath MC
Saturday 16 th	Somerset Stages Rally	Minehead	Cirencester CC
Saturday 23 th	<i>D'Isis Stage Rally</i>	<i>MIRA</i>	<i>Quinton MC</i>
Sunday 24th	Oxford MC Bocardo Autosolo (CMSG R5)	[Finmere]	David Smith
Friday 29th	Oxford MC 12 Car		OMC
Saturday 30 th	Corinium Stages Rally	Down Ampney	Cirencester MC

May

Wednesday 4th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Saturday 7 th	Bluebell Touring Assembly	Forest of Dean	Ross MC
Sunday 22 nd	CMSG R6 Autosolo	Throckmorton	60 & Worcs MC
Saturday 28 th	Red Dragon IT Stages	Down Ampney	EMCOS

June

Wednesday 1st	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Saturday 4 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Autosolo	(CMSG R7)	Dolphin MC
Saturday 4 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Sprint		Sutton & Cheam MC
Sunday 5 th	Abingdon CAR-nival Stage Rally		Team Tempest
Sunday 12 th	Midsummer Caerwent Stage Rally		Forresters MC
Sunday 19 th	CMSG R8 Autosolo	Chepstow Racecourse	Bristol MC

July

Wednesday 6th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/48015480154	
Friday 15 th	HERO 1000m Trial		
Sunday 24th	Oxford MC Grass Autotest & BBQ	Pusey (TBC)	OMC
Sunday 31st	Oxford MC Carfax Rally	Set Up Day 1	Simon Marks

August

Wednesday 3rd	Oxford MC Club Evening	(Carfax Briefing/Lick and Stick)	
Friday 5th	Oxford MC Carfax Rally	Set Up Day 2	Simon Marks
Saturday 6th	Oxford MC Carfax Stages	Throckmorton	
Sunday 21 st	CMSG R9 Autosolo	Kemble	Bath MC

September

Wednesday 7th	Oxford MC Club Evening	[Carfax Debrief]	Simon Marks
Friday 9th	Dolphin Golden Leaves 12 Car		Dolphin MC
Friday 18 th	CMSG R10 Autosolo	TBA	Ross MC
Sunday 25 th	Patriot Stages Rally, Caerwent		Forresters MC
Friday 30th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #4	Map 163/164	Kevin Belcher
			Paul Hardy
			Oxford Dolphin

October

Sunday 2nd	Oxford MC Boanerges Autosolo (CMSG R11)	[Finmere]	David Smith
Wednesday 5th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Friday 7th	Oxford MC 12 Car		Tony Mytton
Saturday 8th	HERO Throckmorton Challenge		Colin Minchin
Friday 28 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 car # 5	Map175/185	Glynn Hayward
			Basingstoke

November

Wednesday 2nd	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Friday 11th	Dolphin Gun Powder Plot 12 car		Dolphin MC
Saturday 12 th	Wyedean Rally		Forest of Dean MC
Friday 18 th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #6	Map 175	Haydn Marks
			Brian Cammack
			Oxford
Sunday 23 rd	CMSG R12 Autosolo	Throckmorton	60 & Worcs MC
Saturday 26 th	Regency Stages Rally	Bath Showground	Weston-S-Mare MC

December

Wednesday 7th	Oxford MC Club Evening	Jolly Boatman, Thrupp 164/480154	
Sat/Sun 5 th /6 th	Rockingham Stages Rally		Middlesex /
			Thame MC
Friday 9th	CMSG Roadsport 12 Car #7	Map 162	Zenya Heap
			Richard Austen
			Oxford
Friday 16th	Oxford MC 12 Car		Chris Hambly

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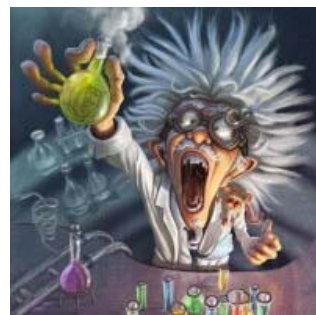
Wednesday 1st	Annual General Meeting / Awards Presentation	OMC
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ITEMS WANTED

1. URGENT

One hour slot in time machine, so I can go back into the past and change the decisions I made about several Ford Escort Mexico Mk 1's I owned, so that I could now make an absolute mint selling them for about 35 times what I paid for them back then.

Contact me, Steve Newman, ASAP if you have a DeLorean, flux capacitor, and white hair that looks like you have rammed your fingers in a 13 amp socket. HELP ME PLEASE!



2. SLIGHTLY LESS URGENT

Looking for 15 inch gravel type tyres for our Road Rally adventures (Wales & Up North like). Ideally something like DMack 185 – 205/65/15 DMG 2's.

Need 3 LHS and 3 RHS, i.e. 4 on car going the right (correct) way round and 2 spares one of each side. Have Pension book at ready for the right offer.

Contact: Senior Citizen Steve Newman on 07769 292631 or magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk

3. HAVE A SEARCH IN YOUR GARAGE FOR SOME OF THESE PLEASE

Looking for a pair of these Rover 25 15 inch 9 Spoke Alloy Wheels or more if you have them, preferably in better condition than this one.

Contact: Senior Citizen Steve Newman on 07769 292631 or magazine@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk



4. SEARCHING FOR A NEW RALLYCAR



Member Steve Goode has been in touch to say that his search for a new rallycar has been thwarted with an initial deal for a Subaru not coming to fruition.

Steve has now commenced the next level of his search with a Ford Escort Cosworth emerging as his next object of desire.

Therefore, if you know of any such vehicles please contact him on Mob: **07811 622990**

CHANGES TO YOUR COMMITTEE

Following the AGM there are some changes to the Club Committee.

- For the Officers the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer remain unchanged but with Tony Mytton standing down as Secretary John Blackwell took on the position.
- On the Executive we have removed the position of Merchandising & Clothing Officer. It was felt that with the minimal turnover of clothing sales this job did not warrant a Committee position but Tony Mytton will still be the person to contact for any Club clothing.
- Keith Norman stood down as Web Master and this post has been taken on by Simon Phillips.
- Steve Newman has taken on the vacant post of Magazine Editor.
- We still have vacancies for a Social Secretary and a Media Secretary and we have several vacancies on the non-executive Committee members so if anyone is interested in these posts please contact me.

A full list of your Committee is published in this magazine and on the club web site.

John Blackwell – Club Secretary

APOLOGY FROM THE MAGAZINE EDITOR

With time I will make things look less like an ordinary word document and more like a magazine, however, I can only do that if you good people send me loads of great photos and riveting write-ups. So sharpen your electronic pencils and “Let’s be having ya stuff”.

Many thanks to John Blackwell for supplying much of this edition’s content.

Steve

AGM PRESENTATIONS

Alongside the club AGM, were the 2015 season's awards presentations.



Gemma Muttram Newcomer of 2015



Alan Wakeman the Speed Cup Winner of 2015



Tony Mytton 12 Car Novice driver of 2015



Haydn Marks Road Rally Driver of 2015



John Blackwell Clubman of 2015



Richard Crozier Best Rallying performance of 2015

Very happy, smiley, and deserved recipients of this year's club awards, each of them pictured with an equally delighted Chairman Chris Hambly.

Make sure you all claim you club points for your participation in/on qualifying events. It could be your name on those awards next year come presentation time.

THE MINIONS MEANDER 12 CAR (FROM THE ORGANISERS PERSPECTIVE)



Somehow didn't dodge the sucker punch when asked if I (and Pete Collins, although he didn't know it at the time), would organise a 12 car event for the 12th February.

We joined the OMC to take part in events, but you have to give a bit to get a bit back in any situation. So having competed on Barry Young's cracking Frostbite 12 car in late January, we started putting our event together.

We normally compete on another club's well organised events further north, so we didn't want to venture too far south of Oxford, and when we reviewed the roads north of Oxford but predominantly south of the M40 we thought we could put on a good event for OMC, Newbury (Dolphin), Basingstoke etc. club members without causing problems of too much travel.

We selected the Oxfordshire Inn at Heathfield having been there for the last Endurance Rally Championship presentations, besides which its about 5 miles from my front door (ticked one of my boxes immediately).

We wanted the event to have an interesting route, with some navigational twists and turns. The roads should be interestingly narrow and twisty, swift in places, a bit like night rallies of old with a couple of (not too rough) whites, and safe marshal locations to complete the mix.

We secured signed land access letters for the two white used, and post event we have had no complaints from the landowners. Well done crews.

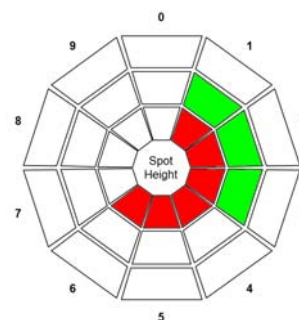


The navigation needed to be different, without being MENSA standard, clues to navigational content were dotted throughout the competitor paperwork to make folks think before they reached the Start control. Yes, we called it the Start control because it's where you started. The first control you reached was TC 1. Not to everybody's liking but simple all the same.

The timing was determined by a spreadsheet I had been given by other event organisers whereby mileages fed into it generated times between controls at 30mph. So for the benefit in hindsight of some crews, if the time from the Start control to TC 1 was 7 minutes you were looking at approximately 3.5 miles where a control could be located safely. For those of the crews that whistled past TC 1, respectfully, you need to learn from the experience and add it to your knowledgebase for navigational events.

We used:-

- Trapezoidal spot heights
- Information in brackets to be ignored
- Numbers coded words relating to cars (Scooby and Evo) which we used in some simple maths
- Selected map information from a grid (NASA, ALDI, McDonalds, etc. were red herrings.
- When loops closed around the whites, your only escape was through Oddington Grange white.
- The Scooby/Evo spot heights took you over the A41 then Routecard 7 took you along the A41.
- Junction drawings
- Water and road features to TC 8.
- Then the killer, shortest route to the finish control, sneaky but obvious to not cross your own route.



The comments at the finish were kind in general, along with some words of frustration.

“Frustration” I find from my own experience, often comes from wanting something to mean something other than what it does. Nothing was planned to be hard to understand, and I believe nothing was inherently hard to understand, but in the pressure of the moment, red can equal blue, left can equal right, do can equal don’t, when really red equals red, left equals left, do equals do.

I’ve seen immensely clever routecards that scramble your brains, I love encountering them because my knowledge is extended, but when I try to be a clever clogs making a routecard do everything it’s not supposed to, I decide to learn and move on better prepared.

Congratulations to the lucky 12 crews who got a run. We had the likelihood of prospective 15 entries at one stage, but in the end we had a course closer, an extra marshal and a crew that knew they had tried to enter too late. Pete and I were delighted in the support we received from marshal travelling quite lengthy distances to make the event happen. We hope all competitors took the time to thank them, because without their generosity of giving of their time and fuel, none of us have any events.

Congratulations to Barry and 12 year old Cameron Young who cleaned the event, the smile on Cameron’s face was reward enough for our efforts as organisers, but thanks do go to you all.

Hope to see you on other events coming up in the near future.

Steve & Pete

MSA RALLY FUTURE FORUM

On February 4th several members attended the MSA/AWMMC Rally Future forum at Warwick. This is one of several forums being held around the country, hosted by the Regional Associations.

Led by Rob Jones, the Chief Executive of the MSA with other senior colleagues they explained the reasons for and the thinking behind all the proposed changes following the Scottish rally review.

The main topics discussed were Event Safety including the new Safety Car procedure, the Media Accreditation scheme and the Marshals Training and Accreditation Scheme.

As a single venue, non-spectator rally there is not too much to affect the running of the Carfax and several of the points mentioned we trialled last year. Most of the changes will affect Multi-venue stage rallies where they will have considerable work to do to comply.

The full details of the review can be seen on the MSA website at www.msauk.org

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

As we start the New Year don't forget to let me know of every motorsport or club activity you or any registered family member gets involved with.

There is an explanation of what you can claim for and a claim form on the club web site but a simple email to points@oxfordmotorclub.co.uk will be more than enough.

We saw a few new faces picking up awards last year and it would be good to continue this for 2016. You can claim for all sorts of competitive events both in and out of club, marshalling on in and out of club events, helping on events, attending training etc. Give me a call or email if you have any questions.

John Blackwell – Points Collator

CHANGES TO THE CLUB RULES

Again, following the AGM where several proposed changes to the Club rules were put forward and accepted, the following amendments will come into force during the year.

The **first two** were minor, the removal from the list of Executive Committee of the Merchandising and Clothing Officer as previously mentioned and a change of wording for the Child Safeguarding Officer [previously Child Protection officer] to comply with MSA guidelines.

The **third** proposal concerned the amount of Committee members needed to form a quorum for a meeting. Previously it was set at six but with only nine different committee persons this sometimes

made it difficult to hold a meeting. Following the positive vote the new criteria is "half of the named persons plus one". At the moment there are only eight different named committee persons covering all the posts which on previous rules would have been even harder to form a quorum so now we need just five. Obviously, if the number of persons on the Committee increases then this quorum figure will rise.

The **fourth** proposal gave the Committee responsibility for setting the annual subscription without an approval vote at an AGM.

The **fifth** proposal concerned the membership structure. For as long as I remember, although some "older" members may know differently the fee has been the same regardless of whether it is for a single Full member or a member with one or more Family members.

With the change to an electronic magazine and the reduced printing and postage costs the committee looked at the finances of the club and tried to give something back to the membership.

It was thought a review of the membership fee would be a suitable method with a change in the structure of the membership levels to separate the full and family member.

We decided that the creation of a lower single membership fee would be acceptable and then to make an additional charge for family membership.

It was agreed that we limit the level of family membership to persons aged 12 and over and make an appropriate charge for each family member.

Age 12 has been chosen as it is the minimum age that anyone can get officially involved with motorsport, Cadet Marshalling or navigating on an Autotest being two examples.

The membership changes will come into force on March 1st 2016 with the new subscriptions being £15.00 for single membership and £2.50 for each family member 12 and over.

John Blackwell – Club Secretary



Oxford Motor Club - Carfax Stages Rally
Saturday 6th August 2016 – Throckmorton Airfield



MSA ONLINE MARSHAL TRAINING & ACCREDITATION



The scheme launched at Autosport International 2016 is part of the RallyFuture campaign to further enhance safety on UK stage rallies.

Its purpose is to ensure that all Rally marshals have a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities, the management of spectators and how to handle an incident.

The online training takes less than an hour to complete, and has been designed as a supplement to – not a replacement for – the high quality face-to-face training sessions currently being delivered across the UK.

Nicky Grist said: “Safety has become a highly contentious issue. This new scheme will dramatically speed up and improve the quality of new marshals, and it’s exciting that they can now do it online and so quickly.”



Jon Binns, Marshals’ Representative on the Motor Sports Council, said: "I wholeheartedly support what the MSA is striving to deliver with the new online marshals’ training and accreditation scheme. It will help to ensure that everyone who marshals on a rally stage will have received a common level of training relating to their personal safety, managing spectators and what to do if an incident occurs. This not only better equips them to do their roles but also demonstrates to external third parties that we take safety very seriously."

Existing and prospective Marshals can undertake online training and accreditation by logging in or registering at members.msauk.org

FAQ

Why do experienced marshals have to do this?

All marshals should have a common set of basic skills to protect themselves and others on the stages. This includes first-on-scene training. The MSA aims to ensure that the training is useful and relevant to everyone.

What are the contents and how long does it take to do?

There are three modules: Roles & Responsibilities of the Marshal; Spectator Management; and Incident Management. It should take a maximum of one hour to complete, including the online assessment.

What is the process?

Simply register online via the MSA’s members’ site at members.msauk.org then follow the links to the learning management system and proceed.

What will happen if you do not pass?

You can simply retake once you have re-read the sections you didn’t quite manage first time.

When do all Marshals have to be registered by?

From now on, online training and accreditation will be compulsory for new/first-time rally and cross country marshals. Existing registered marshals are encouraged to complete the accreditation as soon as possible and will need to do so before renewing their 2017 registration.

Do all Marshals have to complete the online scheme, regardless of status?

From 2017, yes, but you can apply to register at the grade for which you are most experienced. If you wish to apply for a grade higher than trainee you will need to supply the MSA with an application form endorsed by your club and a CV covering your motorsport history.

Do you have to complete the online scheme every year?

No – it is a one-off for everyone.

If a Marshal chooses not to register will he/she still be able to marshal?

There will continue to be a buddying system, which will allow non-accredited marshals to join accredited volunteers on events. This will also help to ensure we don't lose opportunities to recruit new volunteers. For 2017, all marshals will need to have completed the online scheme before marshalling unsupervised – a non-accredited marshal will not be able to man a junction on his or her own, for example. In 2016, during the transition, only existing MSA-registered marshals may marshal unsupervised.

Will marshals still require a club endorsement on the application form?

For 2016, new marshals will not require club endorsement. However, they will need endorsement if they choose to upgrade to become a registered marshal.

How will the grade be decided for existing marshals?

It will be decided by a small committee upon submission of a CV and an application form endorsed by the club.

Any further questions from volunteers should be directed to training@msauk.org

From a personal point of view, answering 15 common sense questions is a small price to pay.

The benefits certification at this initial level gives should be more than apparent to those of us who are still looking forward to the spectacle of Rally cars competing in the UK.

Hope you do just as I did, go straight to the linked section of the MSA website, and take the online test.

To prove I passed, certificate image is shown on right.



Steve

THE FUTURE OF GRASS ROOTS MOTORSPORT AND A PLEA FOR HELP

As a result of the tragic accident which happened in Scotland (the same day as the last Bullnose Endurance Rally as it happened), a number of things have had to be implemented on the Stage Rally organisation and Marshalling front. The MSA, our sport's national governing body, asked the Scottish government to do an assessment of the safety and organisation issues of Stage Rallying.

The report came out in 2015 with 30 odd recommendations, the MSA have been striving to implement them as soon as possible.

Many of the issues have been discussed at ACSMC one of the Regional Associations which I attend regularly, and have done for many years on behalf of OMC. A Group of us attended a seminar at the Warwick Hilton Hotel hosted by AWMMC for the MSA. Various speakers addressed the audience of about 100 people all from interested clubs. There were a few video clips to enforce the messages.

The meeting was kicked off after the introductions from Dave Cooper of AWMMC by Rob Jones the CEO of the MSA, incidentally Rob addressed 2 meetings of the ACSMC in a similar vein late 2014 and late 2015 which I was at. Rob had put more flesh on the bones about how the MSA was implementing the findings of the Scottish government and why.

Much of what he said I have no problem with and the extra things, we as a club have to do are well within our capabilities. Having said that, we run a single venue Stage Rally behind a secure perimeter fence. We also don't and never have encouraged spectators, the reason being right from the outset of the Carfax, we did not have the man power to run the event and do crowd control with any meaning. I am sorry to say that events held on public spaces that encourage spectators, are a whole different ball game to the event we run.

Even if these events were not widely advertised they would still have a crowd control problem because of the insecurity of the venues. Crowd control and the problems of controlling people are the problem that has forced a lot of these changes. The Scottish incident seemed to be more about the insecurity of the venue rather than crowd control, but the circumstance of the accident I am a bit unsure of!

The Questions and Answers section at the end of the seminar were rather taken over by an old stager that was arguing an old fashioned cause which rather set the scene. There were a number of delegates who felt indignant that they would have to get real about how they ran their events, even though they had events similar to ours which is they are fairly secure. They seemed to have missed the point that some sort of Marshal training and organisational processes needs to be in place. At this point I was looking forward to the trip home. I hope that most of the audience understood the issues and will take on board the reality

OMC will be running the Carfax Stage rally and will be embracing the changes advocated by the MSA; this does mean that we will need a clearer idea of the number of Club members who are prepared to commit to helping us, the organising committee.

Ideally we would like a marshal from the club in every sector. If they were of 'Sector Marshal Quality' that would be great but in reality a foot or radio marshal would be of help. An ambitious goal but a necessary one in my view. It would be nice if we could do a bit of stage rally marshalling on the job training perhaps at our Grass Autotest this summer. The Pusey venue has a bit of a stage venue about it; we could perhaps set up a mock crash and practise the marshalling contingencies.

We did this some years ago as a marshals training day. It's time to do something similar.

The club is running 2 Autosolos and we are helping to run a third where I will need the help of people to do time keeping and Marshalling on all of these events.

Our 2 Autosolos are likely to have good entries, and the club could do with a complementary membership presence.

On a final note, the MSA have a training module which is not too onerous, the link to the information page on the MSA website can be found below, so just cut and paste it into your web browser.

You do have to register first as a marshal and wait for a return e-mail from the MSA

<https://www.msauk.org/MSA-launches-online-marshals-training-and-accreditation>

David Smith

RECENT EVENT RESULTS



FROSTBITE CAR RALLY 2016

Results - 29th January

Car No.	Driver	Navigator	Class	MTC1		Fail	RC/PC	TC2	Fail	RC/PC	TC3	Fail	RC/PC	TC4	Fail	RC/PC	TC5	Fail	RC/PC	TC6	Fail	RC/PC	TC7	Fail	RC/PC	TC8	Fail	RC/PC	TC9	Fail	RC/PC	MTC2	Fail	Fails	Marks	Car No.	
Overall Order																																					
8	Phil Garratt	Kieron Brown	B																														0	0	8		
1	Derek Looker	Paul Hardy	E														4												3				0	7	1		
5	Darren Davies	Rhys Williams	N								1						2	5					1									1		0	10	5	
7	Peter Collins	Steve Newman	N					1			3												1			2						13		0	20	7	
2	Martin Davis	Brian Cammack	E								9			5			6												2				5		0	27	2
10	Richard Austen	Roger Hoyle	B												5	1						5	1		5			10	3				0	30	10		
4	Alex McCreath	Simon Fudge	N					1			2		1									2			1			2	1			2		1	11	4	
3	Ian Harrison	Bob Muttram	E								8		9			3							6			1	5				15			1	46	3	
6	Ding Boston	Andy Parsons	N				20	12			1		1		10	2							3			3			12		5	3		1	72	6	
9	James Martin	Andy Lyne	B				20	9			1		1		5	7	15							1	5		1	5		1	15			4	83	9	



The Oxford Motor Club

Friday February 12th 2016

Minions Meander

RESULTS

Car	Class	Driver	Navigator	TC1	PC's	TC2	PC's	TC3	PC's	TC4	PC's	TC5	PC's	TC6	PC's	TC7	PC's	TC8	PC's	TC9	Fails	Total	Overall Position	Class Position
1	E	Derek Looker	Paul Hardy		5														5		0	10	4	
2	E	Ian Harrison	Bob Muttram	2	5						10	9		1		1					0	28	5	
3	E	Ian Hazelton	Tony Brooks									2		1		4					0	7	2 ⁽¹⁾	1st Expert
4	N	Alan Smith	Dick Hall		5							9		3		6		10		F ⁽⁴⁾	1	33	8	
5	N	Simon Bradley	James Hall				F ⁽⁵⁾							4		3					1	7	7	1st Novice
6	N	Benjamin Lack	Nigel Lack	F ⁽³⁾				7		5	10	4	3	8		8		1	5		1	44	9	
7	N	Ding Boston	Andy Parsons	F ⁽³⁾								F ⁽³⁾		5		8			5	4	2	24	10	
8	N	James Martin	Andy Doyle	F ⁽³⁾	10	F ⁽³⁾		8		30		11		1		2				3	2	65	12	
9	B	Will Marshall	Jacob Akinson-Simms	F ⁽³⁾	10	F ⁽³⁾		3								11			5	5	2	34	11	
10	B	Phil Garratt	Kieron Brown	F ⁽³⁾																	1	0	6	
11	B	Bruce Blyth	Dominic Blyth		5									2							0	7	3	
12	B	Barry Young	Cameron Young																		0	0	1st	1st Beginner

Key

- (1) Early Arrival
- (2) Wrong Approach
- (3) Did not visit Control
- (4) OTL at Control
- (5) Envelope opened
- * Furthest cleanest