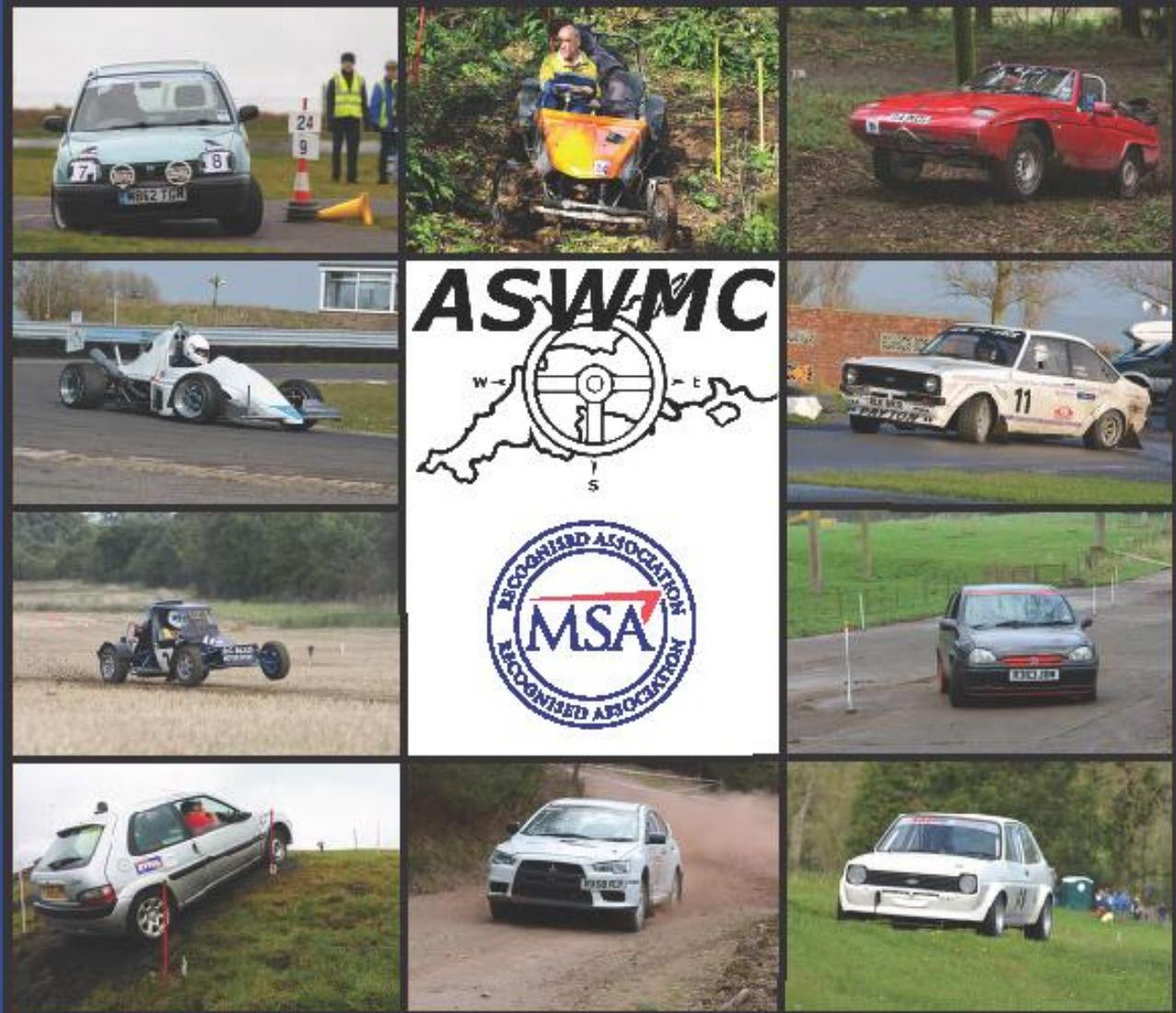


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## Welcome to the 2015 ASWMC Championship Spring Newsletter

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### **ASWMC Championships supported by:**



It can't have escaped anyone's notice that the threat to some sections of motorsport, arising from the tragic events on the 2013 Jim Clark Rally, is now real and imminent. The open letter from Rob Jones, Chief Executive of the MSA, which all official and competition licence holders will have received, pulled no punches and the concerns of the Forestry Commission, and other landowners, whose property we use for our sport, have to be taken very seriously. It's hard to remember a time when the sport has been so clearly mandated to 'put its house in order' with regard to spectator (and media personnel) control, and fast. Spectator problems – ignoring or being abusive to marshals, moving back to dangerous positions just minutes after being asked to move away - are not new. The problems are a mixed bag; partly ignorance, partly the "I'll do what I want and you can't stop me" attitude from the over-entitled, and partly the result of the extraordinary skill of competitors – so many cars pass without incident that the naïve believe that accidents don't happen, or at least "not where I'm standing". For some sections of the sport to survive many more hard-pressed marshals and organisers will have to be found and supported to do their job. This may mean that competitors may have to be very vocal in publicly supporting event officials if stages or, heaven forbid, whole events have to be cancelled because of the unruly and non-compliant few. The tragedy is that signs, notices, persuasion and threats of cancellation seem to have little impact on those who cause the problems. It's probably overly dramatic to quote "*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that the good do nothing*", but it may be that social pressure, from fans who love the sport, will be the extra pressure that has an effect. If you spectate, or know people who do, please impress upon them that they can help to solve the problem by supporting marshals at every opportunity – better still, volunteer to be one. Several clubs have sent news items for this edition of the newsletter - please continue to send in anything - stories, anecdotes and pictures - from your club and the region's events.

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## **News in Brief...**

*Scottish Government review... marshal's training ... List 1B tyres ... new safety radio frequency ... online permit applications grow ... all in 'From The Chair' – this page.*

*Wiscombe Park transformed into rally stage ... page 7 ...*

*John Hill receives Long-Service Award ... page 9*

*LARA launch new Facebook page ... page 6*

*"Five Go Mad in ~~Dorset~~ London" ... page 10 ...*

*British Women Racing Drivers' Club joins the ASWMC ... page 10*

*The next ASWMC Council Meeting will be at the AGM on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, at the Hartnoll Hotel, Bolham, nr Tiverton.*

## **From the Chair ...**

Following the unfortunate consequences of last year's Jim Clark Rally the Scottish Government undertook a Review of Safety in Motorsport Events and the MSA has undertaken to implement its findings across the whole of motorsport. So far it has concentrated upon multi venue stage rallies but in time we can expect significant changes to extend throughout all disciplines of our sport.

I suspect this will extend to, at least, the registration, and possibly licensing, of all motorsport marshals, and be supported by an intensified training regime. To embrace such changes the ASWMC may need to extend its marshal training opportunities, possibly at a more localised level; I should emphasise that this is my guess at this stage, but I would not be surprised if that is the eventual outcome.

Many events, perhaps even a majority, rely upon marshals from their own club and it would only be a small additional burden upon clubs to carry out extended training – in time this may be undertaken "online". Again I emphasise there is no need for mass panic; this is your Chairman guessing what the bottom line may be in the future.

The Motor Sports Association, through the British Motorsport Training Trust, has many opportunities for clubs to be granted aid to help with a wide range of issues; I have extensive information on this subject and I am more than happy to guide clubs to submit development support claims.

For those of you within the stage rally fraternity, the MSA now provide advice on the purchase of seats in stage rally cars. I have a copy, which would be a wise read before you invest. Just pop me an e-mail at [chairman@aswmc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@aswmc.org.uk) and I can forward it to you.

For those within the hillclimb and sprint world, a quick look at "List 1B" (in Section L of the Blue Book) now shows a lot of asterisks. The suggestion is that many on List 1B may disappear at the end of 2015, although it is not beyond possibility that the odd tyre may be added to the list. Much of this lies at the door of the EU, with regulation changes leading to fewer tyres of that type remaining road legal. A new "List 1C" is in preparation, but those tyres will not be road legal.

The MSA has obtained a new Safety and Medical radio frequency; I'm afraid I don't know what it is. However it does require professional modification of radio sets to enable its use, and there is help from the MSA's BMSTT (referred to earlier) to help with the costs involved).

There has been a noticeable growth (about 75% or so) in the number of fixtures that clubs have submitted to the MSA website. The entry of fixtures is the first stage in the process of conducting online permit applications and I understand that 60% of permit applications are now made that way. I am sure that this will grow, given that it is a much simpler and quicker task than the old paper system.

I hope you all have an enjoyable season in 2015.

**Paul Parker, Chairman**

## ***From the 8<sup>th</sup> March ASWMC Executive Committee meeting ...***

**The** MSA's rebate of 2014 permit fees was welcomed, but thought unlikely to be repeated ...

**Events**, initially in particular multi-venue stage rallies, are increasingly likely to have a MSA-appointed Safety Delegate, in addition to the MSA Steward, at their events ... in time this change may be widened to include events in other disciplines ...

**Prompt payment** by member clubs, fewer expenses and additional income from the increase in registrations has combined to improve the association's financial position when compared with the same time last year ...

**The committee** noted with sadness the death of regular competitor Hans Viertel (Camel Vale MC) who sadly suffered a sudden heart attack less than 24 hours after receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in the 2014 Car Trials Championship at the ASWMC awards presentation ...

**The first two months of 2015** have seen an increase in registrations of 6% (from 323 to 345); of these 83 (24%) are new or returnees, i.e. those not registered in 2014). Contenders in Autocross and Trials remain the same; Rally and Under 21s are slightly down but Speed, Autotest and Autosolo, and All Rounder's registrations have all increased ...

**Roger Nunn**, ASWMC Training Officer, has suggested strongly that clubs needed to routinely invite other clubs to supply marshals for their events. In the current climate marshals may, or perhaps will, have to do their own risk assessment on arrival at their post rather than relying on the organisers' assessment. Lower profile events using forestry commission land may have to operate like larger events such as stage rallies, which will stretch organisers' resources. There could also be a significant impact on road rallies using forestry roads, partly as they often have fewer marshals and off-route roads are not blocked off as they would be on a stage rally; it may be that all sections will have to be run as tests so that there will be no possibility of taking incorrect routes ...

**The Christmas (Winter) Newsletter** was the largest ever, at 32 pages; road rallying is less well represented than other disciplines, particularly as photographs are increasingly difficult to source ...

**Feedback** about the 2014 awards presentation suggested that the new venue had been well-received, although the increase in numbers, and the table size, had resulted in the room being rather cramped ... there will be a de-brief with the hotel to see how it can be improved for next year ... the food was generally thought to be excellent ...

## **Reminders ...**

### **Event Marshals**

With the need to fully marshal events now a constant and pressing concern, it has been suggested that clubs' chief marshals might benefit from routinely circulating their neighbouring clubs of their requirements, both well in advance of the date and about 7-10 days beforehand.

### **MSA Marshal's Grading Scheme**

The MSA have published a marshal's grading scheme for Rallies and Cross-country events; you can download the scheme as a pdf file at:

[http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa\\_forms/Rally\\_Scheme.pdf](http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/Rally_Scheme.pdf)

### **LARA (Land Access Recreation Association)**

... are now posting updates on de-regulation issues on Facebook ... go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Motoring-Organisations-Land-Access-Recreation-Association-LARA/1387287081581104>

### **ASWMC Facebook group**

Promote your events, post links to your club's website, keep competitors informed, appeal for marshals, advertise cars, parts and trailers, etc., or recruit a driver/navigator.

New members are vetted before acceptance to ensure that only genuine motorsport enthusiasts join the group (anyone submitting posts unrelated to motorsport, or offensive, will be removed).

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/331829570210716/>

### **Scoring ASWMC Championship Points**

Please note that in order to score points in an ASWMC Championship a competitor must have a minimum of a Clubman's Licence (see D.4.5.4 in the Blue Book).

### **Event Regulations**

Please help the ASWMC's championship coordinators to do their job by remembering that event secretaries need to send draft copies of their event's supplementary regulations to the relevant coordinator before being released to competitors. Thank you.

### **Registered Contenders' Event Entries**

Event organisers are also reminded that Regulation 10b of the ASWMC Rules (page 9 of the 2014 yearbook) requires that they retain 20 entries for registered contenders until either those entries have been taken or the closing date has passed, whichever is the sooner.

## **Lost & Found Department (again) ...**

As last year, an e-mail has been received to say that during the clear-up for the Torbay Trial on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, a round of the ASWMC Classic Reliability Trial Championship, another item of lost property was retrieved from the muddy lanes and tests. This time it was a pair of spectacles, which surely someone must be missing ... "I'm sure I've put them down somewhere" ... they don't, I am reliably informed, necessarily belong to 2014's infamous 'face-down' 'Walter'!

## Marshals' Training Day



With event safety uppermost in everyone's mind at the moment, a very successful ASWMC marshal training day was held at on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Wiscombe Park, starting with a session on marshalling stage rallies. After an introduction by Roger Nunn, ASWMC training officer, the group split, with novice marshals staying in the warmth of the main house with Roger, whilst Nigel Winkworth and Jason Hayes took the rest of the group through the process of marshalling a detailed stage layout.

This included a start control ...

... a complex, 'long-way-round', triangle junction



... warning signage



... a stage 'split' junction



... and a merge junction followed by a stage finish



In the afternoon, this 'one-careful owner, never-raced-or rallied' Nissan Micra met a sorry end as the marshals used it for invaluable fire extinguisher practice under the expert guidance of West Country Rescue crew members.



Details of future training events will be on the ASWMC and VIM websites as they are released. I would be grateful if club newsletter and magazine editors could let me have their contact details so that I can supply details for their publications.

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Or via the VIM web site: <http://www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk>

**Roger Nunn**

## 2014 ASWMC Awards Presentation

The 2014 ASWMC Championship Awards presentation took place at the Exeter Court Hotel, Kennford, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, with over 110 people attending the over-subscribed event at its new location just outside Exeter.

Michael Southcombe, ASWMC President, presented the winners with their rewards for their season's efforts, ably assisted by championship sponsors Steve Furzeland from WRC Spares and Mike Potter from Bridge Tyres and Wheels Point S.

The following is just a short selection of the award winners; all photographs are by Terry Thorne of Tel T Motorsport Photography and you can see the gallery of the whole presentation at <http://www.teltphotography.com/ASWMC2015.aspx>

**Kevin Moyses, 3<sup>rd</sup> placed co-driver in the Subaru WRC Spares Ltd Sealed Surface Stage Rally Championship, received his award from Steve Furzeland, championship sponsor**



**Mark Shillaber (Ford Fiesta), 2014 Champion - Bridge Tyres & Wheels Point S Hill Climb Championship, received his award from Mike Potter, championship sponsor**



**Dave Whittock receiving the Tony Greenwood Shield for the Navigational Rally of the Year - Bath MC's Festival Rally - from Michael Southcombe.**



**John Hill was 'ambushed' with a surprise Long-Service award, given jointly by MSA and the ASWMC, in recognition of 40 years as both a Clerk of the Course and MSA Steward.**



**Roger Harvey collected the Dick Mayo Trophy for Best Speed Event of the Year, Torbay MC's Wiscombe Hillclimb**

**The RAC MSA Silver Salver for the Club Championship was collected by Jeremy Pennell on behalf of Bath MC**



**The Michael Southcombe Award for the Club of the Year was received by Alan Iggulden on behalf of Truro & District MC**

## Around the Clubs ...



**The British Women Racing Drivers' Club's** application to join the ASWMC has been accepted. Despite their racing heritage and name, they organise a number of non-race championships, including Rally, Hillclimb and Sprint.

Their ASWMC contact and Club Secretary is Viv Ayres, who can be contacted by e-mail: [viv.ayres@publishingtechnology.com](mailto:viv.ayres@publishingtechnology.com)

Their web-site is at <http://www.bwrdc.co.uk/>



**Plymouth MC** will be running a Rally Time Trial and Endurance Rally, with a combined maximum of 70 cars, at the Pentillie Festival of Motorsport, Pentillie Castle & Estate in Cornwall on Sunday 26th July 2015 in association with Purple Motion Ltd, who are running a car show at the same time. Regulations will be published soon on the PMC website – go to:

<http://www.plymouthmotorclub.co.uk/page7.html>



**Woolbridge MC's** Clerks of the Course team for their MSA National 'A' Hillclimb Championship event, Jason Hayes, Vic Fancy, Dave Pearce and Jennie Locke, visited the Houses of Parliament for a private visit on February 20th. The visit was arranged by the Conservative M. P. For Tiverton and Honiton, Mr Neil Parish, parliamentary private secretary to the Minister of State for Transport.

The tour was a 'thank you' for the day out the event provided in 2014, including a ride in Mile Potter's Subaru Impreza on the Wiscombe hillclimb course. He was extremely impressed by the club's organisational ability, the event itself and the glorious setting of Wiscombe Park.

The team's private tour included both the Houses of Commons and the Lords, conducted by Neil's personal Assistant, Mr Tim Jenkins, who gave an informative and humorous 'insiders' view' of the workings of Parliament.

Also attending were MSA Steward, Mr Howard West (in the picture) and the MD of Wiscombe Ltd, Pete Isaac.



**Salisbury & Shaftesbury Car Club** have changed their regular monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of each month. They meet at the Coppleridge Inn, Motcombe, near Shaftesbury, at 8pm. The next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Further details are available from the club secretary, Dick Appleton:

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Or via the club's website at [www.sandsccl.co.uk](http://www.sandsccl.co.uk)



After the success of the event winning the 2014 ASWMC Navigational Rally of the Year, **Bath MC** once again had a full entry for their Festival Rally, and the 2015 event was well received by the competitors. In 2015 the club will run ASWMC Championship Autotests and Autosolo events and a Classic Car Tour, a round of the Historic Rally Car Register Jim Stokes Workshops scenic tour series, in July. Membership is the highest for some years, with members competing in hill climbs, sprints, autotests, autosolos, road rallying and the British Historic Stage Rally Championship, and an active social section with an interest in classic car events.



**Torbay MC** continued their policy of attracting new members through exhibiting competition and classic cars at local shows and exhibitions.

In the past they have displayed at the Exeter Kit Car Show, The Exeter Classic and Sports Car Show and the BHP Festival. Their latest outing was at the Torbay Motor Show on Paignton seafront. Despite the cool weather, the display attracted considerable interest and, if past shows are any guide, the club expects to recruit some of those who stopped to talk and look at the cars.



## Brighton & Hove Motor Club

will be running two sprints at Goodwood in 2015, to which ASWMC member clubs are invited; the Bailey Spring Sprint, on Saturday 9th May and the Eagle Sprint on Saturday 1st August. The club also run the famous Brighton National Speed Trials, which take place this year on Saturday 5th September.

More information and entry forms for all of these events can be found on the Brighton & Hove club website (<http://www.brightonandhovemotorclub.co.uk/events.php>)



The Classic Sports Car Club continues to attract large grids to its longest running series, the 'Swinging Sixties' series, the first race of eight rounds taking place on



12th April at Snetterton. The opening round has a 'sold out' grid of 45 cars, with a further 12 on the waiting list.

The club also has a full grid of 40 cars, plus 16 reserves, at the second round in May at Silverstone and due to its popularity, the series will be split into two separate groups for the Brands Hatch meeting in late May.

The club's established series include CSCC Tin Tops, the Advantage Motorsport Future Classics (both heading towards full capacity grids), Modern Classics and the newly-launched 'New Millennium' series for cars from 2000 up to the present day. Two trial races in 2014 established the interest in these new models, with 2015 series registrations already topping thirty, including Honda, Renault, BMW, Ford, Audi, Ginetta, TVR, Lotus, Vauxhall, Seat and Porsche.



The full CSCC calendar is:

Snetterton (300) (April 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>), Silverstone (National) (May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>), Brands Hatch (Indy) (May 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>), Spa Francorchamps (June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>), Rockingham (Int. Spr Sports Long) (July 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>), Mallory Park (August 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>), Donington Park (National) (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>), Oulton Park (International) (Sept 26<sup>th</sup>) and Brands Hatch (Indy), including night races (October 31<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup>).



2014 was one of the most active years in many for **Forresters Car Club**, with several new events introduced, including quiz and PlayStation nights, and remote control car events. Their 2014 karting event night was a great success and more are planned for 2015. Other events included two sealed-surface stage rallies at Caerwent, an Open Night at Newtown Motors, a mid-summer treasure hunt, a golf night at the Celtic Manor Resort and a visit to Blaenavon Brewery (!!! – Ed). Club members also took part in the Monmouth raft race, finishing 19<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class, from 90 finishers. The club publishes a monthly newsletter for members and raised a substantial sum of money for a charity, St David's Hospice.

Club member Andy Murphy has had a great start to his 2015 season, finishing 3rd overall on the Red Kite stages and followed this result with 10th overall on the Wyedean Rally (Picture - Nigel Pratt)



Dan Saunders, Club Media Officer, also asked that this picture be included to commemorate the first anniversary of the founding of the “infamous” (his description) ‘Dave Price Rally Tours’. Those of a nervous disposition or with a phobia of lime-green hair should avert their gaze now!



## 2015 Championship Updates



### 2015 Hillclimb Championship

The hillclimb championship has yet to get underway as I write, but early entry levels have been high for the April and May Wiscombe events, with the latter events only having a few spaces left at the end of March. It seems that if you want to compete you need to put in your entry as soon as you receive the e-mail from me.

I noticed that the paragraph above is almost identical to my report for the Spring 2014 newsletter and I believe the Wiscombe and Werrington events are more or less full, at least for the Sundays; I have no information about entries so far for the Woolbridge Wiscombe.

Championship registrations are up on last year, with more registered contenders at the beginning of the 2015 season than we had at the end of 2014 – a healthy situation for the discipline!



### 2015 Sprint Championship

Two rounds of the sprint championship have taken place, the Great Western Sprint at Castle Combe and the new event at Hullavington. Richard Trevail, Dean Gammon and Bradley Hobday are all tied at the top of the table with a maximum of 43 points, but there is a long way to go yet.

Easter Sunday's event at Treloy will have been and gone by the time you read this, followed soon after by events Clay Pigeon on the 19<sup>th</sup> April (nearly full) and Llandow on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Regulations are available for Clay Pigeon, Llandow and Pembrey, and those for Abingdon will be published soon. Don't forget that Abingdon will be 2 events in one day as far as ASWMC scores are concerned. So, save on travel costs - this is a great event, although it can be very busy!

Entry levels for the championship are also on the rise, again with more contenders registered at the start of the season than at the end of last and entries for events very good.

*Roy Sims*



### 2015 Southern Counties Autocross Championship

The countdown is on for the start of the new season, with the first event on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of April; hard work alongside Torbay MC has secured an excellent 25acre GRASS field at Pitshayes Farm, Whimple, near Exeter and this new venue awaits everyone wishing to come out and play on what may be one of the longest tracks of the season. I hope you will show your support for the club and enter early to reward the club's efforts.

Weston Super Mare MC have had confirmation from North Somerset Council that camping will be permitted on the beach on the Saturday night of the 2-day Sandocross, which should add to the atmosphere of this unique event. The tide height has been observed to see which areas will be the driest!

The South West Autosport Show, over the weekend of May 16/17<sup>th</sup>, will see Go Motorsport! and Torbay MC staging a 'Demonstration Autocross' under an MSA permit. I would welcome as many registered contenders, from as many different classes as possible, to let me know if they wish to attend; numbers may be restricted, so regular contenders will be given priority. This is an excellent opportunity to promote our sport as well as securing extra seat time on a non-competitive event.

Looking toward the latter part of the season, Pembrokeshire MC has secured a venue for their round of the REIS Southern Counties Autocross Championship. Located only a few miles from the Tenby, this could be your opportunity to turn the weekend into a mini holiday. I'm sure 'Tour Guide Tommy' will be on hand to point out what to see and where to go!!

If any clubs see an opportunity to display at a local show, and would like support with this, please make contact as publicity is vital if Autocross is to expand and regain the national coverage it has enjoyed in the past.

Every year there seem to be the same questions asked over the legality of cars in the 'Production' car classes. When first introduced, the class was intended to allow people to compete with minimal outlay. Over the years, 'interpretations' of the rules have led to some awkward conversations and disagreements. I would like to propose some clear regulations for these classes to come into force for 2016. Please could everyone think about this issue and put your ideas in an e-mail to me. I'll compile a list and we can have a discussion during the season. In the meantime, check your nuts for tightness and see you all at the first round ...

**Colin Anderson**



## **2015 Sealed Surface Rally Championship**

After the Bovington Stages, championship sponsor Steve Furzeland and EMCOS member Paul Davis are tied for the lead, with Rick Neale and Paul Sutcliffe close behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places respectively.



*Joint championship leaders Steve and Yvonne Furzeland take to the air at the opening round of the championship, the Brean Stages, in January.*

*(Picture – TelT Motorsport Photography)*

In the co-drivers' championship, Yvonne Furzeland is also tied for the lead with Keith Richings, with Hannah Sutcliffe in 3<sup>rd</sup> place just 11 points adrift.

**Next round:** Cirencester CC's Corinium Stages on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Martyn and Dawn England have resumed their domination of the championship after taking maximum points on the Wydean, with Pete Adams and Richard Barrow the only other drivers to score so far. Weston-Super-Mare MC's Andrew Richards is second in the co-drivers table, with no other scorers to date.

**Next round:** Somerset Stages on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### **2015 Open & Novice Navigational Road Rally Championships**

After three rounds, Paul Prance leads the drivers' Open championship from John Considine and Paul Freeth, with Shaun Layland holding a similar advantage over Derek Drayton and Glynn Hayward in the navigators' points table.

The Novice championship is led by Jon Isaac from Simon Heywood, with Darren Stevens heading the only other scorer, Sam Treleaven in the navigators' points.

The Myotis Rally, a round of both the Open and Novice Championships, has been re-named the 'The Devil's Tour', a name from the past, for 2015 (April 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>). (*Points for this round were not available at the time of the newsletter being published – Ed*).

**Alan Whitney**

We now have 15 registered contenders, including some new ones, for 2015. Five rounds have been completed so far, all of which have gone well with no real problems; championship contenders have scored well with several class wins including Tris White in class 8, Mal Allen and Duncan Stevens in class 7, and Bill Bennett and Dave Haizelden in class 2 and 1 respectively. Andrew Rippon in his class 6 Beetle has taken three class wins and Aaron Haizelden (class 5 Reliant Scimitar) is posing a serious threat to Keith Sanders in class 5.

The Cotswold Clouds, with a full entry of 90, took place in dry, but freezing, conditions at the beginning of February and Aaron in particular did well, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

March's Torbay Trial was blessed with sunshine and a full entry of cars and bikes. Organisers Dave Haizelden and Keith Sanders put on a tough, but very enjoyable, event which was well received. Some had difficulty turning into the hairpin at the top of Wooston and one class 8 competitor had difficulty finding the restart on Upper Kingswell – mainly because he had already driven through it!





Pictured on the Torbay Trial are (previous page) Stewart Green (MR2 Roadster), (left) Dick Bolt (Ford Pop Special) and (right) Justin Llewellyn (Ford Special). (*Photos – Derek Hibbert*)

Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a change in the championship calendar as the President's Trial, due to be held on Easter Monday, has unfortunately had to be cancelled. The last trial before the summer break is therefore the Kyrle, run by Ross and District Motor Club, in the Forest of Dean and there are now eight events in the second half of the season.

Lastly, in February we heard the sad news of the sudden death of Hans Viertel; Hans was known to all as a genuinely nice guy who had been both a trials competitor and organiser for many years. He will be sorely missed by both the trialling community as a whole and Camel Vale Motor Club in particular.

***Carlie Hart***

***REIS***

## ***2015 Car Trials Championship***

The championship has 12 registered contenders so far, seven of whom competed in the first round, resulting in class wins for Mark Hoppe and David Robinson and a joint lead of the championship.

I have been looking for a replacement for myself as co-ordinator for the Car Trials Championship and we have a volunteer in the shape of Mark Hoppe; Mark will help me with the results tables throughout 2015 and, with the approval of the committee, will take over the championship coordinator role for 2016

We will all greatly miss regular competitor Hans Viertel, of Camel Vale MC, who tragically suffered a sudden heart attack and died less than 24 hours after receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in the 2014 Car Trials Championship.

***Brian Alexander***

***REIS***

## ***2015 Sporting Trials Championship***

We have nine registered contenders, of which four are new. There are 12 rounds planned for the year, and with a full programme of events we may hope to recruit more competitors to the championship, perhaps many of those entered in the BTRDA Gold Star series.

***Duncan Stephens***

## ***2015 Championship Points Tables and Calendars***

Updated championship points tables and a list of the remaining rounds will be in the Summer edition of the Newsletter – in the meantime, please go to the ASWMC website for event dates and details if needed.