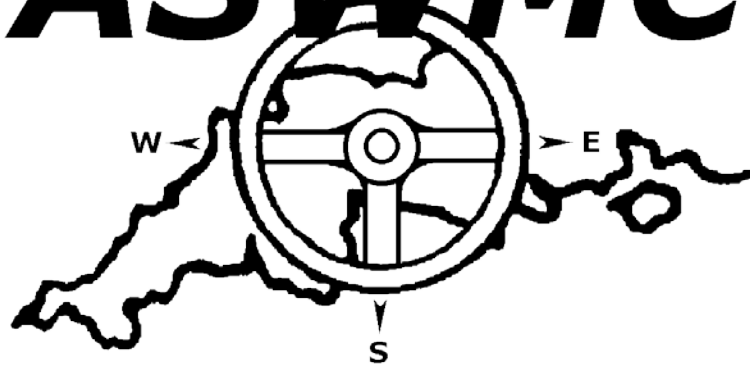


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Welcome to the Spring 2013 ASWMC Championship Newsletter

Congratulations to all our 2012 award winners who collected their trophies at the Awards Ceremony in Colyford in February. The event also involved multiple laps of the Backhall Buffet circuit, under the watchful eye of Clerk of the Course, Howard West, with pit stops on each lap for 'refuelling'. Our thanks are due to Howard, the Colyford Village Hall committee and the capable caterers for the venue and buffet.

Some 2013 championships have made their customary early start whilst others are about to embark on another season of close fought competition – some early events had to be cancelled due to the horrendous weather – yet more rain (surely not!) and snow - so please check the calendars for revised dates. Good luck for your 2013 motor sport season.

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From the Chair ...

A Happy New Year to you all. Motorsport is a year-round sporting scene and so many events in many disciplines have already run in the 2013 season. Let us hope that what passed for “summer” in our nation has more in the way of sun in the sky and somewhat less of the rain to which we were subjected in 2012!

One of the early exercises in which the ASWMC was involved was hosting the first South West Go Motorsport! Road Show in Cornwall and seemed to be well received by those who attended. These events are aimed at clubs and are primarily concerned with development in terms of membership, communication, and marketing. It is not a lecture but a communal exercise in which everyone is encouraged to contribute so that clubs learn from each other, supported by the Go Motorsport! Community, who have themselves learned from similar events elsewhere in the country. The ASWMC Executive will now consider other areas of our region in which similar Road Shows can be held.

On the subject of Go Motorsport!, we now have new Regional Development Officers. Our primary RDO is Kevin Moore (SouthWest@GoMotorsport.net) who will deal with most of our region. However some clubs will also encounter Andrew Bisping, who will deal with clubs in the north and farther to the east of our region; he can be contacted at Central@GoMotorsport.net. Both are familiar with our motor sport disciplines, possibly to a greater extent than was the case with their predecessor.

My next subject is, I have to admit, one with which I have very little first-hand knowledge - route authorisation. This has been conducted in the past in manual form (map tracings) which were then posted to the MSA, RLOs, Forestry Commission, Police, National Parks officials, etc. A new digital mapping software solution called “Quo” is now being progressively introduced around the country. Using this system, with digital OS maps bought from Mapyx (at a very real discount from the paper versions, costing just pence) the route, including all the control locations, can be planned and specified, and then submitted for authorisation. Go to www.mapyx.com to learn more and to download the Quo software).

Lastly, I’m sure that clubs will be pleased to learn that in 2013 the enhanced level of help from the MSA Club Development Fund will continue.

Paul Parker, Chairman



After the success of the Go Motorsport! Roadshows in February and March, in Cornwall and Torbay, further events are being planned for 2013 - details will appear on the ASWMC web-site. If you are keen to be involved to help promote motor sport to the public and recruit new members to your club, please contact Pam Hartill.

Snippets ...

Cleeve Motorsport Club:



Cleeve Motorsport Club is the newest addition to the roster of clubs affiliated to the ASWMC. Based in Gloucestershire and founded in May 2011, the club aims to provide support to its members, encourage more females & young people to become involved in motorsport, marshal at other club's events and promote grass roots motorsport in their local area. They meet at the Royal Oak, Church Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham (GL52 8LR) every Monday from 8:30pm (except the 3rd Monday in the month - The Plough Inn, Ford, Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, GL54 5RU). They have a website - <http://www.cleeve-motorsport-club.co.uk>

2013 Awards Ceremony:

The ceremony to present the awards for the 2013 season will take place on 23rd February 2014 at Colyford. Make a note in your diaries ...

LARA – The Land Access and Recreation Association:

At its March meeting, the committee agreed that the ASWMC should apply to join LARA, as many member clubs have an interest in maintaining motorsport events' access to the countryside; LARA has now agreed that the ASWMC be admitted as an associate member. The LARA website is at <http://www.laragb.org>

Newsletter Distribution:

To avoid any problems with ISP servers, the December edition of the ASWMC newsletter was posted on the ASWMC website and a notification e-mail sent to all registered contenders and the secretaries of all the affiliated clubs that it was ready for download and/or reading on-line. This appears to be a better way to distribute the newsletter than attempting to e-mail it as pdf attachment and then running into problems with server capacity limits. If you have any feedback about this, please e-mail me.

Pam Hartill is left with the task of printing and posting about 100 copies to those not yet on e-mail – if you received your copy by post but you are now on e-mail, please e-mail Pam (registration@aswmc.org.uk) so that she can capture your address and add you to the recipients list. This will help the Association to drive down its costs as postage is now a significant part of annual expenses.

Motorsport Safety:

The Motorsport Safety Fund's Sid Watkins lecture at the Autosport International show in January was given by Andy Mellor, who heads the FIA's safety research division. The lecture was an outstanding success and there are plans afoot to turn the lecture into a DVD for distribution to motor clubs for showing. More news on this as I receive it ...

Training:

There will be an ASWMC First Aid training event on 20th October – venue TBA. Contact Roger Nunn, Training Officer (training@aswmc.co.uk) for details.

By Mid-March, 65 hill climb and 55 sprint competitors had registered for the championship, suggesting that these disciplines, at least, continue to weather the storm of recession better than expected. If the weather itself also finally climbs out of recession by April, all will be well for 2013!

The season started with the Great Western Sprint at Castle Combe on the 23rd of March – the weather was poor to say the least, only drying slightly for the later runs. 16 registered contenders scored points and there is now a 3 way tie at the top of the table. The first two sprints of the year have been over-subscribed, with both the GWS and Clay Pigeon events turning competitors away

Roy Sims

Sprint Championship positions after Round 1, the Great Western Sprint at Castle Combe:

Position:	Name:	Club:	Class:	Points:
1	Roger Brunt	Bristol Pegasus	B3	21.00
2	Andy Trayner	Woolbridge MC	C4	21.00
3	Andy Laurence	Bristol MC	D1	21.00
4	Pete Devall	Bristol Pegasus	A2	20.00
5	Mike McBraida	Bristol Pegasus	A4	20.00
6	Brian Davage	Bristol Pegasus	C1	20.00
7	Ian Beacham	Torbay MC	C3	20.00
8	Tim Clarke	Woolbridge MC	C4	20.00
9	Alison Lock	Windwhistle	D3	20.00
10	Andy Potter	Woolbridge MC	E1	20.00
11	Roger Coote	Torbay MC	B2	6.42
12	David Jameson	Volvo OC	A2	1.00
13	Trevor McMaster	Bristol MC	A4	1.00
14	Bradley Hobday	B&DCC	C3	1.00
15	Brian Hobday	B&DCC	C3	1.00
16	Thomas Arnold	Bristol Pegasus	D1	1.00

Remaining Championship Rounds:

7 th April	Clay Pigeon	Bournemouth DMC
11 th May	Llandow	Bristol MC/WCCC/Bristol Pegasus
1 st June	Pembrey	BARC Wales
2 nd June	Pembrey	BARC Wales
8 th June	Abingdon	Sutton and Cheam MC
22 nd June	Castle Combe (Dick Mayo)	Bristol MC
21 st July	Clay Pigeon	Torbay MC
27 th July	Llandow	BARC Wales/Welsh Counties CC
6 th October	Clay Pigeon	Bournemouth DMC

BRIDGE TYRES & WHEELS 2013 Hill Climb Championship

The Hill Climb Championship will be underway with Woolbridge's Wiscombe event on the 27th April. I'm not sure how many entries are in for this event, but other, later, Wiscombe dates are filling up nicely, - so put your entries in quickly this year to avoid disappointment.

Roy Sims

2013 Championship Rounds:

28 th April	Wiscombe Park	Woolbridge MC
4 th May	Werrington Park	Plymouth MC
5 th May	Werrington Park	Plymouth MC
18 th May	Wiscombe Park	Torbay MC
19 th May	Wiscombe Park (Wildlife)	Taunton/ BOS MCs
8 th June	Tregrehan	Truro DMC
9 th June	Tregrehan	Truro DMC
15 th June	Manor Farm (Three Clubs)	Taunton/BOS/Torbay MCs
16 th June	Manor Farm (Three Clubs)	Taunton/BOS/Torbay MCs
22 nd June	Gurston Down	BARC SW
13 th July	Castle Hill Climb	Camel Vale MC
14 th July	Castle Hill Climb	Camel Vale MC
3 rd August	Castle Hill Climb	Camel Vale MC
4 th August	Castle Hill Climb	Camel Vale MC
7 th September	Wiscombe Park (Five Clubs)	Bristol/BOS/Plymouth/Taunton MCs
8 th September	Wiscombe Park (Five Clubs)	Bristol/BOS/Plymouth/Taunton MCs
21 st September	Manor Farm	Woolbridge MC
22 nd September	Manor Farm	Woolbridge MC

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2013 Loose Surface Rally Championship

Our thanks are due to REIS for their continued support of this, and other, ASWMC Championships.

The opening round, Amman MC's Red Kite Stages on 20th January had to be cancelled because of snow and has been re-scheduled for 8th September. The first round of the championship therefore fell to the Wyedean, which most competitors were happy to survive, let alone win anything! Hopefully the weather will improve by the second round, the Somerset Stages, on 20th April.

Alan Whitney

Remaining Championship Rounds:

20th April	Burnham on Sea MC	Somerset Stages	SRs out
29th June	Port Talbot MC	Swansea Bay	
21st July	Carmarthen & Epynt MC	Coracle	
31st August	60 & Worcester MC	Woodpecker	
8th September	Amman MC	Red Kite Stages	New Date
18th/19th October	Southern CC	Sunseeker	2 Day Event
3rd November	Sutton & Cheam MC	Tempest	



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2013 Sealed Surface Rally Championship

Many thanks also to Plymouth Agencies' Steve and Yvonne Furzeland for their continued support of the Championship. The first round, the Brean Stages, ran with a full entry but, rather surprisingly, Round 2, South Hams MC's Kynaston Stages, had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. The club would have lost a minimum of £2,000 before a wheel had turned if it had gone ahead and Clerk of the Course Andy Ballantyne regrettably had to cancel the rally.

Alan Whitney

Remaining Championship Rounds:

4th May	Cirencester CC	Corinium Stages	SRs out
18th/19th May	South Hams MC	TSH Stages	SRs out
9th June	Sutton & Cheam	Abingdon CAR-nival Rally	SRs out
23rd June	Bournemouth DCC	3 Counties Stage Rally	
8th September	Bournemouth DCC	Prima Motorsport Stages	
29th September	Forresters CC	Patriot Stages	
12th October	Weston-Super-Mare MC	Regency Stages	New Date
26th October	Tavern MC	Fat Albert Stages	
24th November	Oxford MC	Carfax Stages Rally	

2013 Open, Novice and Classic Rally Navigational Championships

The opening round of the championship, the Bath Elkins Ford Festival Rally, was scheduled to run on the night of January 19/20th and had a full entry list plus reserves. Once again the winter snow and ice, despite everybody's best efforts, made conditions so treacherous that Clerk of the Course Dave Whittock had no alternative but to postpone the event, and it was rescheduled on 6th/7th April.

South Hams MC's Nightmare Rally, running as part of the South West Endurance Rally, became the championship opener and was well received.

Alan Whitney

Remaining Championship Rounds:

20th/21st April	Devizes MC	Myotis Rally (SRs out)
20th July	Ross DCC	Ross Traders (Classic only)
21st/22nd September	Burnham MC	Carvers Traders
12th/13th October	Exmouth MC	Barbara Carter
9th/10th November	North Devon MC	Ilfracombe
23rd/24th November	South Hams MC	Guy Fawkes

Exmouth Motor Club

has 15 programmable rally clocks for hire, featuring full stop/start and memory functions.

For full details of the clocks' capabilities and hire charges, please contact Alan Whitney (rally@aswmc.org.uk)

Or contact the club directly via the Contact page of their website:

<http://www.exmouthmotorclub.co.uk>



2013 Autocross Championship

By early March we had 13 registrations; six clubs will be running 15 rounds between them, from 21st April – Weston MC's Sand-o-Cross – to the 6th October – North Devon MC's Sugworthy event. All 2012 and new 2013 contenders have been sent regs and some early entries are in!

I am pleased to note that the MSA have now clarified the ruling concerning junior drivers in the discipline. They now only have to prove their capability to the Clerk of the Course by driving an observed lap once – thereafter proof of competition in previous events is all that is required. The regulation to read is N 3.2.4.

The ruling on Juniors (Class F) having to run within their own class only has to be enforced and they must not run with competitor in Class A1, either in practise or timed runs.

Tim Walton

2013 Championship Rounds:

April 13 th /14 th	North Devon MC
April 21 st	Weston MC (Sandocross)
May 25 th /26 th	South Hams MC
July 14 th	Weston MC
July 27 th /28 th	North Devon MC
August 10 th /11 th	Southsea MC/Farnborough DMC
August 24 th /25 th	Witney CC
September 14 th /15 th	South Hams MC
September 29 th	Weston MC (Sandocross)
October 6 th	North Devon MC



2013 Sporting Trial Championship

Coordinator - Duncan Stephens

Remaining Championship Rounds:

28th April	Jacobean
12th May	Four Turnings
9th June	Sporting Trial – Camel Vale
14th September	Robin Alexander
15th September	David Ayres
13th October	Pete Fear Pinford
26th October	Bisley
11th November	Roy Fedden
17th November	Stroud
1st December	Gloucester



2013 Car Trials Championship

Registration for the Car Trial championship is still free of charge so it makes sense for Classic Trials championship contenders to also register for the Car Trials championship, even if you are likely to participate only occasionally.

Please note that the championship has now added Ross and District M.C.'s "Spring Fling" in Herefordshire, increasing the number of championship rounds to an unprecedented eight rounds, of which the best 6 will count. Please note that Launceston & NC MC have brought their Motor Traders Trial forward from their normal September date to Jun 9th.

The first round of the championship, Woolbridge Motor Club's Hogcliff Hill Car Trial, took place in fine weather and attracted an excellent 24 clubman entries. Disappointingly, the championship class yielded only five, two of which were ASWMC contenders. Rather surprisingly all these were class 1 un-ballasted FWD cars – two Renault Clios, two Vauxhall Novas and a Nissan Micra.

Stroud's Duncan Stephens in his Nova (notably with Classic trials expert Nick Farmer as his passenger!) dropped just 34 points to emerge the convincing winner, 10 points ahead of rarely defeated BTRDA star Barrie Parker in his Clio. Chris Judge's Micra, faced with such high class opposition, was 5th in class, dropping 91. Duncan achieved the lowest overall score of the day against the ballasted cars of all classes in the clubman event, suggesting either unusually dry conditions or some superlative driving, and possibly both.

The second round will be the Bristol Pegasus Dundry trial on April 28th, by which time we should have a few more contenders. With the participation of new competitors such as Camel Vale's Hans Viertel and Roger Bricknell in the 2013 championship the competition promises to be rather more interesting this year.

Brian Alexander

Championship positions after the first round:

		Total	Best 6	Position
Duncan Stephens	Stroud & District	9	9	1
Chris Judge	Sevenoaks	4	4	2
Simon Riddle	Launceston	0		
Brian Alexander	Holsworthy	0		
David Robinson	Windwhistle	0		
Hans Viertel	Camel Vale	0		
Roger Bricknell	Camel Vale	0		
Keith Sanders	Launceston	0		
Nick Fielding	Camel Vale	0		
Dan Glover	Holsworthy	0		

Remaining Championship Rounds:

April 28th	Bristol Pegasus MC Dundry Trial	Bristol
May 19th	Ross & District MC 'Spring Fling'	Longhope
May 26th	Camel Vale MC Lanjew Trial	Bodmin
June 23rd	Ross & District MC Wye Valley Trial	Ledbury
June 30th	Launceston & NC MC Motor Traders Trial	Egloskerry
July 28th	Holsworthy MC Crackington Trial	Camelford
August 18th	Stroud & District MC Coaley Trial	Stroud
November 10th	Farnborough & District MC Autumn Trial	Aldershot



2013 Classic Reliability Trials Championship

Coordinator - Dan Glover

Remaining Championship Rounds:

14th April	Ross & District MC	Kyrle Trial
22nd September	Holsworthy MC	Taw & Torridge Trial
29th September	North Devon MC	Tarka Trial
13th October	Minehead MC	Exmoor Clouds
19th October	Stroud & District MC	Ebworth Trial
27th October	Launceston & NC MC	Tamar Trial
3rd November	Camel Vale MC	Bodmin Trial
17th November	Woolbridge MC	Hardy Trial
24th November	Bristol MC	Allen Classic
1st December	Camel Vale MC	Camel Classic

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2013 Autotest & Autosolo Championships

The loss of the Plymouth event, combined with the less than clement weather has made for an unfortunate start to the year. However we are confident Foxley (Hereford) and Bath will definitely run, so put in your entries to support these events! Hopefully the remainder of the events scheduled for this year will also run, so with new rules introduced for 2013, an interesting and close season should be in prospect.

The first two Autosolo events have also run successfully and the next two are scheduled to go ahead, so this inaugural championship is successfully underway with over 20 registered contenders. The early leaders are Haydon Marks and Kevin Belcher, each with a full 24 points from the first two rounds, but several others including Zenya Heap, Ian Silcox and David Greenslade are snapping at their heels. The next rounds should prove interesting, to say the least, and the culmination will be the crowning of the 1st ASWMC Autosolo Champion - a real honour for the individual concerned. Please support this championship with your entries.

Ernie Burles

Remaining Championship Rounds:

14 th April	Bath MC
19 th May	Woolbridge MC
23 rd June	Camel Vale MC
21 st July	Plymouth MC
15 th Sept	Woolbridge MC
6 th Oct	Bath MC

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2013 All-Rounders Championship

This is my first year of coordinating this championship and pleasingly there were 9 registrations by mid-March. I am concerned that gathering all the qualifying ASWMC championship round results won't be actually as easy as Nic Ayre made it look, so it would be very helpful if registered contenders could send me copies of the results of events in which they've competed as a back-up. Hopefully this will save much checking and re-checking throughout the season! Many thanks.

Tim Walton

**REIS**

2013 Under 21's Championship

As above, this is my first year of taking over the reins from Nic, and I had three early entries which is encouraging. My concerns about gathering all the relevant results are the same as for the All Rounders' Championship (see above), so please send copies of events in which you've competed to me as soon as possible after events – claim your points!

Tim Walton