



Liverpool Motor Club

The Bulletin

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From the Editor

Welcome to the latest Bulletin. Hopefully this will be the last of the Bulletins in the old format as we have been working towards a new version similar to the one used in Spin-off. The plan is to continue issuing a monthly Bulletin with the occasional Spin-off used to get out urgent notices and appeals. The one thing that I would hope we can do is to cut down on paperwork and to this end I would urge every member to ensure that if they do have an email address that the club is provided with this so that the Bulletins and Spin-offs can get to you in a more timely manner.

I have already attended the first round of the British Sprint Championship held at Castle Combe on the 28th March and by the time this hits your in-trays and doormats I should have got round two at Croft on Easter Monday under my belt. As for any plans to compete again they were put on hold the day my trailer was stolen. I have been thinking about getting an Historic Sports Car (MGB, TR4 or similar) but have also toyed with the idea of a more modern saloon or sports car (Ford Puma or MGF).

If anyone has any items they would like including in the Bulletin such as reminiscences, reports or just what they are up to please submit these to me and I will endeavour to get them into the next issue.

Steve Wilkinson

Chairman's Notes

2009

The start of our 2009 season of events at Aintree is just days away and thanks to a winter of planning by your Committee, all the necessary arrangements are in place. Or at least, all the arrangements that we have some degree of control over are in place. We have not yet been able to gain access to the Circuit to check that there's no damage after the Grand National but, judging by the aerial shots that were broadcast as part of the BBC coverage, they didn't park any TV platforms on the Tarmac this year thank goodness. A hundred or so coaches were parked on the Circuit from startline to Village Corner but, hopefully, any oil dropped by them will have washed away by the 25th April. Fingers crossed!

Marshals

Of more concern is the issue of marshals. Last year, a high profile initiative to get more people involved in motorsport was launched by the MSA. Under the Go Motorsport banner it was (and still is) designed to encourage more competitors to get involved and at the same time to attract more marshals. Great success has been reported with significant numbers of new marshals being recruited into motorsport but, so far, this seems to have mainly benefitted circuit racing and has largely passed by speed events (sprints & hillclimbs) in the North. As a result it looks as though this year, once again, we are going to struggle to find sufficient marshals to adequately staff our events and to put it bluntly, without marshals, we cannot run.

Do you know anyone who may be interested in joining us to marshal at Aintree? Previous experience is not required as they will be placed with one of our "regulars". We will normally only allow marshals out on Circuit if they are over 18, but there is still a vital role for younger trainees in the assembly area for example.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, do please get in touch with our long suffering Chief Marshal, Bill Gray, who will soon be having sleepless nights wondering how he's going to staff the first Sprint! Bill can be contacted on 01704 220 839 or via the contacts page of the LMC website

<http://www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us/>

Marshals are not required to join the Club by the way, and we always provide a buffet lunch and a contribution toward travel expenses.

If there are any drivers reading this who feel that they should be putting something back into the sport by marshalling the odd event, then please do get in touch too. Orange overalls are not compulsory!

Calling all ANWCC Championship Contenders.

If you register as a contender in one of the ANWCC championships, Speed, Rally or whatever, PLEASE don't forget to tell them that you are an LMC member. By advising that you are an LMC member, your results will count towards LMC's position in the ANWCC Club's Championship. We did quite well in 2006, but had every LMC member told Dave Thomas that they were an LMC member, we would have been in the top 3 clubs. Every point counts!

Overalls/Race Suits

Talking of overalls, have you had your overalls or race suit cleaned recently? Whilst acknowledging that some fire resistant clothing has a finite life and cannot be washed more than a certain number of times, it is important that your overalls are reasonably clean if they are to remain effective. The fire resistance of any clothing that is stained with oil or grease will be seriously impaired, so do make sure that yours is safe. Similarly, drivers, check your race suit is not wearing thin, particularly around the seat. Even the best suit will not work properly if it's worn out! Now is the time to check, not on the night before your first event! Oh, yes, and as Stuart Turner says each year, check that your race suit still fits, as they always seem to shrink over the winter months if you do not use them!

LMC Website

Have you visited the Club's revamped website yet? Have a look at www.liverpoolmotorclub.com and let our webmaster know what you think! Don't forget the LMC Forum too. It's there for you to use!

See you on 25th April?
Chairman

John Harden,

What's on at Aintree in 2009?

A reminder of events that we are involved with – If you can help marshal any of the following, please contact our Chief Marshal via <http://www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us/>, or phone him on :- 01704 220 839 before 9.00pm

April 25 - Spring Sprint - Aintree - LMC
May 30 - Track Day - Aintree - LMC
June 27 - Jack Neal Memorial Sprint - Aintree - LMC
Sept 5 - Autumn Sprint - Aintree – LMC
Sept 22 - Greenpower Electric Car Races - Aintree
Oct 3 - Track Day – Aintree - LMC

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi, my name is Ian Grant and I am the Chairman of the Lancashire Area Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. I am also a active supporter of the Greenpower scheme that members of the Liverpool Motor Club also support and I met several of them at the last event that was held at the Aintree Circuit. I would like to make you aware of an event we are holding that may be of interest to you and your club members. The 2009 North Western Young Members Panel and Lancashire Area Committee Annual Guest Dinner is focussing on how Engineers are at the forefront of many of the world records we hear about in the news today with 2 speakers who have both been responsible for breaking world record: Richard Noble OBE and Brian Cookson OBE. Richard held the World Land Speed record whilst Brian is the current President of the British Cycling Association. The event is in aid if the Greenpower scheme and will include a presentation from the 2008 Champions - Sandbach High Schools for Girls. All monies raised at the event will be donated to the Greenpower Educational Scheme for use in the North West - www.greenpower.co.uk

Venue: De Vere Herons Reach Hotel, Blackpool: **Ticket Price:** £30: **Dress:** Lounge Suits
Contact: Ian Grant: iangrant.home@googlemail.com

Stuart Turner recognised

At the annual Motor Sports Council dinner at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, HRH Prince Michael presented Stuart Turner with the Prince Michael Award of Merit.

The Prince Michael Award of Merit is the MSA's most prestigious individual award and is only given out when 'a meritorious service to British motor sport' is judged to have been given.

Stuart has nearly 60 years of distinguished service to motor sport as a competitor, competitions manager, award winning public speaker, author and volunteer.

Following considerable success as a competitor and competition manager, Stuart has spent a great deal of time helping with initiatives to improve safety in motor sport, first as a trustee and now as voluntary Chief Executive of the Motorsport Safety Fund charity. In this role he has helped the organisation secure an international reputation for producing training booklets and resources to improve the safety of competitors, officials and spectators in motor sport, and which have been used as training aids in many countries across the world.

Go Motorsport ambassadors

Darren Turner is the latest prominent British racing driver to join the ranks of *Go Motorsport* ambassadors. The former McLaren F1 test driver, and current Aston Martin sports car star, joins Louise Goodman who recently backed the MSA's initiative. Louise Goodman is the so-called First Woman of Formula One as a founder member of the ITV Grand Prix presentation team.

Go Motorsport was set up to help people of all ages to get involved in all areas of motor sport whether as a competitor, volunteer or spectator. More information at www.GoMotorsport.net

Events Calendar 2009

We will be featuring a calendar each month giving details of ANWCC events. If you know of an event that others may want to know about, let us know via <http://www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us/> or give our Editor a ring.

Here's an extract from the fantastically comprehensive calendar on the ANWCC's excellent website www.anwcc.org/

Apr 25 - Aintree Spring Sprint (Sprint) National B - Liverpool MC (ANWCC Sprint C'ship)
Apr 26 - Bolton Autotest (Autotest) National B - Bolton-le-Moors CC (ANWCC Autotest C'ship)
Apr 26 - Dennis Wells Memorial (Car Trial) National B - Clwyd Vale MC (ANWCC Car Trials C'ship)
Apr 26 - Lee Holland Memorial (Stage Rally) National B - Pendle DMC (ANWCC Stage Rally C'ship)
Apr 26 - (Autotest) Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC (None)
Apr 26 - St George's Day Rally (Classic Rally) Closed - Lancashire AC (None)
Apr 26 - (Autosolo) Closed - West Cumbria MSC (None)
Apr 27 - (Grass Autotest) Closed - Knutsford & DMC (None)
Apr 29 - (Car Trial) Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC (None)
May 02 /03 - Border 100 Rally (Road Rally) National B - Welsh Border CC (ANWCC Road Rally C'ship)
May 02 /03 - Border 100 Rally (Road Rally) National B - Welsh Border CC (ANWCC Historic Road Rally C'ship)
May 02 - Anglesey Weekend (Sprint) National B - Lancashire & Cheshire CC (ANWCC Sprint C'ship)
May 03 - Anglesey Weekend (Sprint) National B - MGCC North-West (ANWCC Allrounders C'ship)
May 03 - Anglesey Weekend (Sprint) National B - Lancashire & Cheshire CC (ANWCC Sprint C'ship)
May 03 - Procure Stages (Stage Rally) National B - Wigan & DMC (ANWCC Stage Rally C'ship)
May 09 /10 - 061 Road Rally (Road Rally) National B - Stockport 061 MC (ANWCC Road Rally C'ship)
May 16 - Loton Park (Hillclimb) National B - Hagley & DLCC (ANWCC Allrounders C'ship)
May 16 - Plains Rally (Forest Rally) National B - Knutsford & DMC (ANWCC Forest Rally C'ship)
May 16 - Plains Historic Rally (Forest Rally) National B - Knutsford & DMC (ANWCC Historic Stage Rally C'ship)
May 16 - (Autotest) Clubmans - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (None)
May 16 - 15th Fellsman Classic Rally (Classic Rally) Closed - Lancashire AC (None)
May 17 - Loton Park (Hillclimb) National B - Hagley & DLCC (ANWCC Allrounders C'ship)
May 17 - Ilkley Classic Trial (Classic Trial) National B - Ilkley & DMC (ANWCC Allrounders C'ship)
May 17 - (Autosolo) National B - CSMA North-West (ANWCC Autosolo C'ship)
May 17 - (Autotest) National B - CSMA North-West (ANWCC Autotest C'ship)
May 17 - Scammonden Hillclimb (Hillclimb) National B - MGCC North-West (ANWCC Hillclimb C'ship)
May 17 - (Autosolo) Clubmans - CSMA North-West (None)
May 17 - (Autotest) Clubmans - CSMA North-West (None)
May 20 - (Car Trial) Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC (None)
May 23 - Clwydian Cars (Stage Rally) National B - Clwyd Vale MC (ANWCC Stage Rally C'ship)
May 25 - Teeside Sprint (Sprint) National B - Wigton MC (ANWCC Sprint C'ship)
May 27 /30 - Three Castles Classic Trial (Classic Rally) Closed - Three Castles MC (None)
May 30 - (Track Day) Open - Liverpool MC ()
Jun 01 - (Grass Autotest) Closed - Knutsford & DMC (None)
Jun 06 /07 - Rali Bro Ddyfi (Road Rally) National B - Dovey Valley MC (ANWCC Road Rally C'ship)
Jun 06 /07 - Chatsworth Rally Show (Rally Show) Open - Sheffield & Hallamshire MC ()

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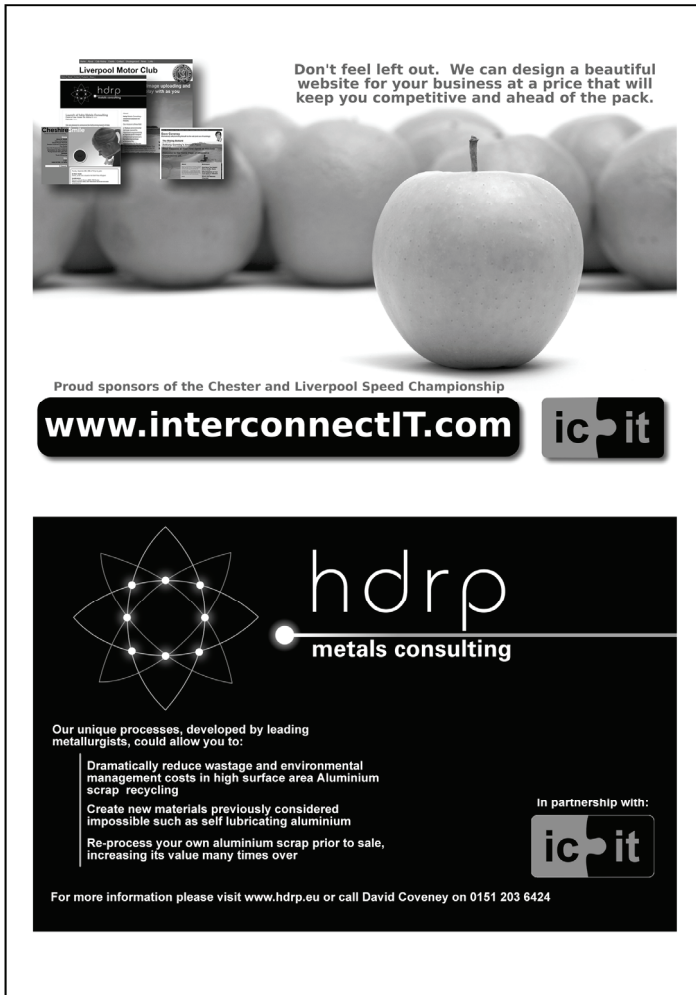
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