



Liverpool Motor Club The Bulletin

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Ed-lines

What a really challenging month July was. After the horrendous lightening storm on the 3rd my Internet service provider TALK-TALK either couldn't or wouldn't restore my link. Apparently single users are lower priority. After 10 days of struggling to get back on-line I started the process of switching to BT. This should have been completed on the 24th July but it wasn't until the 13th August that I was able to get at Broadband again! During that time I spent what seemed weeks on the phone to Mumbai Central trying to explain to a collection of highly educated but in the end useless individuals what the problem was! So from this rather sorry tale you may well be able to understand why there was no July Bulletin!

On the Motor Sport front I have had a torrid time as well! I did go to Cholmondeley (more of that later) and have just returned from a trip to Lydden in Kent. However I did miss Kames and the Silverstone Classic both due to having to be 'at home' trying to get the Internet restored.

So what of the future? Well with meetings at Loton Park, Colerne, Aintree, Mallory Park in the next few weeks it looks very much like I will be fully occupied!

In the meantime keep it on the Island and I look forward to bumping into many of you at Aintree.

Steve Wilkinson

Chairman's Chat by John Harden

The June Sprint was another event that was well up to our normal high standard. Entries were a little lower than we would have liked, but the benefit was plenty of runs for everyone and a finish well before 4.30pm. Despite the forecast of rain, the weather was ideal with a pleasantly warm day from start to finish. The sun came out after lunch just to make things perfect. The only downside was that the sunny afternoon warmed up the infield, releasing insects that immediately attracted the local population of swifts (birds, that is, not cars!). Their low passes in pursuit of food resulted in several erroneous times being recorded as they flew through the timing beams at the finish. For about an hour, re-runs and even re-runs of re-runs became the norm. Terribly frustrating for all concerned so thanks to all our competitors for bearing with us whilst we tried to keep the meeting flowing. We must also apologise for the absence of time and speed displays out on the course too. MMTS's head timekeeper had gone into hospital at short notice for a hip replacement, and his crew discovered on arrival at Aintree that some of their kit was missing. They have promised that it will not happen again!

As the event was dedicated to the memory of our highly respected Scrutineer, the late Jack Neal, we arranged a collection for the benefit of the cancer charity that this family now support. I am most pleased to say that as a result of generous donations by our competitors, we have been able to send a cheque to Jack's widow for £100. She has asked us to pass her thanks to all of you who contributed. Well done everyone!

Cholmondeley Pageant of Power—Did you go? We didn't, well not officially anyway, so if you went and think it may be worthwhile LMC putting on a display there next year, please let us know.

What's next?

The next event should be the Club's display at the Gold Cup meeting at Oulton Park on the August Bank Holiday weekend. As I write this with around 10 days to go, we still haven't had confirmation that space is being made available for us. Unfortunately, MSV are getting later & later with their arrangements each year. I hope we hear soon, as there is a possibility that we may have to withdraw if they leave things much later.

Then, 5th September is the Autumn Sprint at Aintree. Entries have been very slow for this one, and unless there's a sudden last minute rush, we will end up making a loss on the event. This is something that we have tried so hard to avoid over the last 11 years, but it looks as though the recession has finally caught up with us. The event will go ahead, that's for sure as we are now committed to running it, and there will be plenty of runs, so do if you have not entered, or you know someone who is considering entering but hasn't yet done so, get an entry in as soon as possible.

We are going to be rather thin on the ground for marshals too, thanks to clashes with the Anglesey Sprint weekend, and the Promenade Stages at Wallasey. Can you help marshal our event? Don't forget that without marshals, motorsport can't run. Please contact our Chief Marshal Bill Gray if you think you can help, even for part of the day.

Then, on 22nd September, Aintree Circuit is hosting the North West heats of the IMechE *Greenpower* Electric Car Races for schools and we shall be helping. With over 34 teams entered for this event, it looks likely to be a superb day, though it is already a logistical nightmare particularly in the pits! Now, this is a weekday, so our normal band of marshals will be seriously depleted. Can you help? There's nothing strenuous, dangerous or any other "ous" about the duty of marshals at this one in fact the day is particularly ideal for our less active (or more senior) helpers as you can sit down in the comfort of your arm chair (if you bring one!) or car and watch the electric cars glide by. Can you help? Please let your Chairman know – see the contacts page in this Bulletin. We will need you on site by 08.40, and anticipate the event finishing by 17.00. I am assured that there will be a proper lunch break this time too, though I don't have any other timings yet.

That's it from me for now. If you'd like to see less of this drivel, please *please* write something & send it to our editor, Steve Wilkinson. Do not worry if your journalistic skills are not up to much, just let Steve know and he'll wave his magic wand and turn your jottings into a masterpiece – or so he says!

That's all for now, see you at Aintree.

John Harden

What's on at Aintree in 2009 and 2010?

A reminder of events that we are involved with – If you can help marshal any of the LMC events, please contact our Chief Marshal via <http://www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us/>, or phone him on :- 01704 220 839 before 9pm.

Sept 5 - Autumn Sprint - Aintree – www.liverpoolmotorclub.com
Sept 22 - IMechEGreenpower Electric Car Races for Schools – www.Greenpower.co.uk
Oct 3 - Track Day – Aintree - www.liverpoolmotorclub.com

We've been requested to list the Aintree motorcycle race dates too, so here they are:-

Sept - 19 Motorcycle Races www.aintreemotorcyclercyclingclub.co.uk

And our **2010** dates are now finalised too:-

April 24 - Spring Sprint
May 29 - Track Day
June 26- Jack Neal Memorial Sprint
September 4 - Autumn Sprint
September 16 - IMechEGreenpower Electric Car Races for Schools
October 2 - Track Day

Cholmondeley Pageant of Power—Steve Wilkinson spends time in Cheshire.

The two days of 'sprinting' at Cholmondeley were organised by BARC Headquarters and at trackside there were many familiar faces. The format was of a weekend event with just two practice and one timed run on Saturday followed by three timed runs on Sunday—not very good value for money for the competitors!

The track is a fascinating combination of fast sweeping corners, tight chicanes, straw bales and bridges! As a spectacle it is entertaining bit from a competitor's viewpoint somewhat restrictive as the massive straw bales and planked right at the edge of the tarmac and limit vision along with the racing lines especially for the motorcycles.

The entry was to say the least disappointing. There were at least a dozen cars parked in the Paddock that never turned a wheel in anger but were just for display purposes. A couple of competitors declined to run after a circuit inspection—this was due to the hump-backed bridge just before the finish which would have caused these ground effects cars massive problems with grounding.

The course starts on a downhill section, then it rises onto a Bailey Bridge. This has been fully surfaced with tarmac but it is narrow and very bumpy. The course then sweeps right along a tree-lined boulevard before it arrives at a rather contrived chicane. The chicane at Lodge Corner is there to hide the cattle grid. Exiting the 90 degree left handed Lodge Corner there is immediately a second such corner—The Vicarage. This leads onto Polo Straight which is punctuated by The Chicane—a wall to wall mass of straw bales. This left-right-left is rather Mickey Mouse and with the space available in the parkland shows a lack of imagination. Polo Straight then leads into a tricky climbing left hander called Chapel after which the course sweeps through a long lazy right hander called Lozenger before arriving at a downhill 90 degree lefthander called Castle. This is particularly difficult as the straw bales block both the line and the apex of the corner. After Chapel there is a straight blast to the finishing line over the notorious humpback bridge where hard driven cars and bikes tend to take off.

In the two days I never ventured into area set aside for the Car Clubs but what seemed to be of greater interest for the general public were the Trade Stands, Fun Fair, JCB demonstrations and Military Displays. On track half the cars seemed to be out for a week-end potter however those that were trying were spectacular. All in all I would give it 7 out of 10 for effort.

Events Calendar 2009

Once again here is the calendar of ANWCC events. If you know of an event that others may want to know about, let us know via www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us/ or give our Editor a ring.

The calendar below has been extracted from the ANWCC's excellent website www.anwcc.org/

- Sep 01 - Skiddaw Car Trial - National B - Wigton MC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Sep 05/06 - Anglesey Sprint Weekend - National B - Lancashire & Cheshire CC (ANWCC Sprint Ch)
- Sep 05 - Aintree Autumn Sprint - National B - Liverpool MC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Sep 06/07 - Morecambe Trophy Rally - National B - Morecambe CC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Sep 06 – Autosolo - National B - Accrington MSC (ANWCC Autosolo Ch)
- Sep 06 - Gabby Mohr Memorial Car Trial - National B - Wolverhampton & S Staffs CC (ANWCC Car Trials Ch)
- Sep 06 - Prod Car Autotest - Clubmans - Accrington MSC
- Sep 09 – Autotest - Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC
- Sep 11/14 - Highland 3-Day Classic Tour (Classic Rally) Closed - Lancashire AC
- Sep 12/13 - Loton Park Hillclimb - National B - Hagley & DLCC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Sep 12/13 - Yorkshire Revival Rally - National B - Ilkley & DMC (ANWCC Endurance & Historic Rally Chs)
- Sep 12/13 - Firefly Rally - National B - Broughton & Bretton MC (ANWCC Road Rally Ch)
- Sep 12 - Meirion Stages Rally - National B - Harlech & DMC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Sep 13 - Three Sisters Sprint - National B - Longton & DMC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Sep 13 - Hall Trophy Rally - National B - Clitheroe & DMC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Sep 19/20 - AFG Rali Môn - National B - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (ANWCC Road Rally Ch)
- Sep 19 - Dukes Stages Rally - National B - Druidale MC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Sep 20 - Staffordshire Knot Autotest - National B - Wolverhampton & S Staffs CC (ANWCC Autotest Ch)
- Sep 26/27 - Trackrod Rally Yorkshire - National A/B - Trackrod MC (ANWCC Forest Rally Ch)
- Sep 26/27 - Clitheronian Rally – Nat B - CSMA North-West (ANWCC Road & Historic Rally Chs)
- Sep 27 - Chairman's Challenge Autotest - National B - Lancashire & Cheshire CC (ANWCC Autotest Ch)
- Sep 27 - Adrian Barker Memorial Rally - National B - Ecurie Royal Oak MC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Oct 03 /04 - Bolton Midnight Rally - National B - Bolton-le-Moors CC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Oct 03 /04 - Jackson Trophy Rally - National B - Sheffield & Hallamshire MC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Oct 03 /04 - Breidden Rally - National B - Welsh Border CC (ANWCC Road & Historic Road Rally Chs)
- Oct 04 - Autosolo - National B - Bolton-le-Moors CC (ANWCC Autosolo Ch)
- Oct 04 - King Brothers Autotest - National B - Ilkley & DMC (ANWCC Autotest Ch)
- Oct 04 – Kames Sprint - National B - Wigton MC (ANWCC Sprint Ch)
- Oct 04 - Keith A Wood Memorial Rally - National B - High Moor MC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Oct 10/11 - Anglesey Sprint Weekend - National B - Longton & DMC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Oct 10 - Gareth Hall Memorial Rally - National B - Bala & DMC (ANWCC Stage Rally Ch)
- Oct 17 - Ken Wharton Memorial Autotest - National B - Hagley & DLCC (ANWCC Allrounders Ch)
- Oct 17 - Cambrian Rally - National B - North Wales CC (ANWCC Forest & Historic Stage Rally Chs)
- Oct 18 – Autotest - National B - Kirkby Lonsdale MC (ANWCC Autotest Ch)
- Oct 24/25 - Classic Illuminations Rally - National B - Morecambe CC (ANWCC Road & Historic Rally Ch)

Watch your speed!

Do you drive a van, or tow a trailer? Then, of course, you know the speed limits that apply to your vehicle on the public highway don't you? Or do you? Do you know that you are subject to different speed limits from a private car? Following statistics produced by North Wales Police that show that well over 70% of light commercial vehicles exceed the speed limit on their rural roads, the Government has instructed all forces to enforce limits more vigorously. So be sure that you know the limit for your vehicle please take the time to check the following website for details: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/speedmanagement/speedknowyourlimits.pdf>



Cholmondeley Photos
Left: Alex Classic in a Fraser Nash
Above: a Lister-Jaguar flies over the Bridge
Below: Willie Green in the Lancia-Ferrari



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