



Liverpool Motor Club

The Bulletin



2010—July

Ed-lines

Wow! What an enthralling run of speed events. After the long trip to Pembrey where Stewart Robb Snr re-enforced his lead in the British Sprint Championship it was a week-end on Anglesey. The Chester Motor Club sprint saw the return of Nick Algar after an enforced lay-off due to a series of unrelated problems. Algar won on both the International and Club circuits and also lowered the course records on both days. This has propelled him back into contention and, after setting a new outright course record at Curborough and another at our June sprint at Aintree, who would bet against Algar retaining his crown? Squeezed in between Anglesey and Aintree was a trip north to Doune for the British Hillclimb Championship. There I met up with Joanna Young, former Bulletin Editor, and her husband Adam as well as Peter Lawton. The weather for once at Doune was perfect yet the hill record was elusively out of reach. Never-the-less the two run-offs provided a lot of interest and some incredible driving. The previous week-end Tom New had crashed heavily at Loton Park and after a frenetic few days both he and co-driver Chris Merrick had their Gould at Doune—in fact they finished bolting it together on Friday evening in the paddock! Both Tom & Chris qualified for both the run-offs but for some reason Chris got a mental block about the tricky East Brae and spun each time. Tom however capped his weekend with a great second place in the final run-off.

As for the up-coming weeks I have trips to Ulster & Loton Park before I go into hospital for an operation on my knee to repair a damaged cartilage. I plan to back trackside shortly afterwards but will miss Cholmondeley.

Steve Wilkinson

Chairman's Chat

It seems such a long time ago now but I was so pleased that the **April Sprint** was such a great success, despite a slow start to the day caused by a few "new season failures". With a full entry list, our start line crew were out to break records again and managed to despatch over 720 cars during the day. Is this a UK record? An outstanding job guys! Amongst our regular competitors, we had 48 of the Caterham Academy competitors with us, all eager to experience their first ever competitive event. Nerves were clearly showing, but that's no bad thing; better to have apprehensive drivers than newcomers who are overconfident.

This was the first for our new Entries Secretary, David Hunt. If you didn't know that this was his debut event, you'd have been forgiven for thinking that he'd been undertaking the role for several years. Unfortunately, whilst David did a great job, he could not be at the Sprint to see the result of all his work as he had to be elsewhere that day. (He did get to see the fruits of his labours at the June sprint when he also took on the duties of course controller. Is there no end to this man's talents?

The **May Track Day** was also a great success, despite the best efforts of the weather which was, to put it politely, slightly damp. All three saloon car groups were full, having sold out soon after bookings opened. Whilst we could have accommodated another half dozen open wheel single seaters, the slightly reduced number of cars in this group meant that speed differentials were much less of an issue and everyone had more space on track. A couple of excursions across the Grand National grass in the early novice group sessions resulted in unwelcome delays as the sessions were stopped to allow recovery of the errant vehicles. No lasting harm was done and whilst the drizzle subsided only briefly late in the day, a dryish line eventually appeared and some quite quick lapping was observed by mid afternoon. Once again, I must thank the marshals (including three sprint drivers) who braved the weather conditions that at times were certainly "challenging". It was particularly pleasing to see how many stayed to help pack up at the end of the day; thanks everyone.

Our **Summer Sprint** in June, for the Jack Neal Memorial Trophy, was a huge success and the 110 competitors enjoyed a great day of sprinting with 2 practice and up to 5 timed runs at their disposal. Congratulations are due to Nick Algar who lowered the outright Aintree Sprint Record to an amazing 35.82 secs. As usual, you can get a full set of [results](#) on the LMC website, thanks to Ron Hunt's tremendously quick results service. We aim to publish a full report of the June Sprint on the Club's website shortly. There were many expressions of thanks from competitors who so appreciated everyone standing out all day just so "the drivers could play". With a track temperature of over 54°C, and with little breeze to lessen the effect of the unrelenting sun, I am so grateful to all our marshals, especially the start line crew. It was particularly pleasing to see so many people stay to help pack up at the end of the day too! From the competitors and all of us on the organising team, thanks marshals for all you do.

Help still needed – Later in the year

Can you help with any of the following events that we are involved with? The mid-week ones will be particularly ideal for our older members or those who want to keep their weekends free. More details from [John Harden](#)

August 29/30th – We will have our usual stand at the **Gold Cup** historic race meeting at [Oulton Park](#) over the August Bank Holiday. Again, members are invited to bring a car along for display; the more motorsport orientated the better. There will be a limited number of free tickets for drivers of vehicles on display. We had a great display of cars on the Sunday last year but, Monday's display was a bit disappointing. Let's see if we can do better this year.

September 7th – the amazing **Tour Britannia** (ex-Tour of Britain) is coming to Aintree on Tuesday 7th September. The event consists of a regularity trial running concurrently with a full race/sprint/rally competition, over 3 days. Both groups will be visiting Aintree; some will be treating it as a regularity section, others as a one and a half lap stage that will look surprisingly like a sprint! We shall need a reasonable number of marshals to keep an eye on the event. Can you help? It looks likely that signing on will probably be from around 10.30, first car about mid-day, last car 90 mins later. As I write this, the organisers tell me that bookings are ahead of schedule, with 55 entries received already. More information will be provided soon. If you can help us at Aintree, please let your [Chairman](#), John Harden know. For more details of the event, look at the [Tour Britannia website](#), or on our [forum](#).

September 16th – Once again we are helping [Greenpower](#) run their Electric Car Races for Schools at Aintree. It's a Thursday this time, and once again we need whatever help we can get with this fun event. Are you available?

September 22nd – Earlier in the year, we agreed to run two tests in Knowsley Safari Park for the Grand Britannic trial, an endurance rally run by the Welsh Endurance Rally Association. I have just been informed that due to an almost total lack of entries, the event has been cancelled. I can't help but feel that it was being run far too close to the date of Tour Britannia and I doubt that the market could ever bear two premium events so close together

What's your Chairman been doing? - On 12th June, I made my first ever visit to Barbon Manor, to help with their Nat B hillclimb. What an outstandingly picturesque location and I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Westmorland venue. Then on the following Saturday (19th), Phil Gough and I were at Oulton Park helping our superstar member John Garnett with his full-race Porsche 996 Cup, which he was racing in the BARC(NW) CNC Heads North West Sports Saloons series. We must have done some good because JG won his class, by a considerable margin. Well done John, & good luck at your next rounds at Croft & Anglesey.

What are you up to? - Why not let us all know what you are doing, your successes, your failures, your trials and tribulations, by jotting down some notes & sending them in to our editor? It's so easy! Well, that's it from me for this month. Stay safe & have fun!

John Harden

ANWCC Events Calendar

Here's a link to the [ANWCC](#) calendar. If you know of an event that others should be aware of, let our editor know via our [contacts page](#) or give him a ring on 01704 225 267.

ANWCC Championship.

Are you entering one of the ANWCC championships this year? If so, please tell their championship co-ordinator that you are also an LMC member, even if you are already entering as a member of another club. Your championship scores will then contribute to LMC's position in the Club Championship, and I'd like to see our club a little higher up the charts this year.

Social Meetings.

Some of you already know that the Club has informal social meetings from 8pm on the second Monday of the month at the Unicorn Inn, Cronton (405 Cronton Rd, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 5QF), not far from the M62/M57 junction. Liverpool Motor Club has nearly 200 members, of whom around 150 live within 35 miles of Aintree. Yet our social meetings attract a dozen members at the most, often only 5 or 6. Where are you? Why don't you come along and have a good old natter? It's a nice cosy un-modernised pub, very convenient for the motorway and we don't bite! At the last meeting 50% of those present had travelled over 25 miles to get there, so if they can make the effort, why can't you? I do hope I'll see you at one of the meetings in the near future. The social meeting dates for 2010 are:- 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November & 13th December.

LMC Forum

Got something to say? Want to know what's going on and can't wait until the next Bulletin? Got something to sell? Want advice? Then don't forget the [Club Forum](#). It's there for you, it's running way under capacity, it's dead easy to use, and it's **free!**

What did you do at the weekend?

Do you compete in other clubs events? We have several members who regularly compete in Rallies in the North West, but we never hear how they went on. Please drop a note to the Editor and let us all know how you are doing. We are not looking for war & peace, but a few lines will help publicise your efforts and may even encourage others to have a go too.

NEWS from the MSA—taken from E-Wheels the monthly MSA Newsletter

Wider regulation consultation

Regular visitors to the [MSA website](#) will have noticed that proposed rule changes for consultation are now posted in the News section. These relate to the regulations in the MSA *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (and MSA *Kart Race Yearbook*), which are published at the beginning of each year. Printed versions of the Yearbook(s) are sent to MSA licence holders and digital versions can be downloaded from the [MSA website](#). Previously, the consultation process was solely conducted via *Motorsports Now!* – the MSA publication sent to licence holders quarterly. In order to improve the consultation process, the Motor Sports Council has agreed that all proposed changes to regulations (made by MSA Specialist Committees) should also be made available on the MSA website. Consultation for the current batch of Specialist Committee proposed regulation changes closes on **20 August 2010**. This is your chance to have your say on the rule changes that affect your sport and you are encouraged to make any comments on proposed changes to regulations *prior* to the next meeting of the respective committee where possible (see below).

Dates of next meetings of MSA Specialist Committees (2010)

Autotest Committee – 7 July

Cross Country Committee – 14 July

Historic Committee – 21 July

Kart Sporting Committee – 10 August

Race Committee – 29 July

Rallies Committee – 22 July and 29 September

Regional Committee – 19 May and 18 August

Speed Events Committee – 20 July

Trials Committee – 4 August

Please note that proposed regulation changes, once *agreed* by the Motor Sports Council, will continue to be published in *Motorsports Now!* and subsequently included in the following (2011) issue of the relevant MSA yearbook.

Closed roads lobby

At the time of writing, more than 3,600 people had signed a petition indicating their support for motor sport events on closed roads. To add your name, go to www.petition.co.uk/msa

Ilkley – more than 100 years on

Ilkley & District Motor Club has joined the list of clubs which have celebrated 100-year anniversaries. To mark the milestone, Alistair Tullie, President of Ilkley & District Motor Club, was presented with one of the Centenary Club Awards specially commissioned by the MSA.

Yes Minister

The MSA has welcomed the appointment of Jeremy Hunt as Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport and Hugh Robertson as Sports Minister of the new government. Both were guests of the MSA at the 2009 British Grand Prix.

Blue Book on the web

The 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the [MSA website](#). Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 *Kart Race Yearbook*, the *Motor Club Manual*, *Motorsports Now!* – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of *e-Wheels* (in Word and pdf formats). Go to www.msauk.org > Clubs > Publications.

Heard in Committee

As part of the Treasurer's Report Jim Bebbly noted that the gate receipts for the May Trackday were down on the April sprint as well as on previous trackdays probably due to the poor weather.

The Air Cadets are to continue to man the gates at our events as both the April & May meetings proved so successful.

The club's membership has risen to 185 which is pleasing in these times of financial austerity.

As well as discussions on equipment and future events the subject of drawing up the Club's 2011 calendar was also raised in view of the substantial change in date for Easter next year.

Aintree Circuit Club's Aintree Time Trial & Sprint, May 16th— Due to lack of entries for this event, ACC eventually had to announce its cancellation. We wish them better luck with whatever they next decide to do.



Left:
the queue in the
Paddock



Right:
ready for action
in the assembly Area

SCENES FROM THE JUNE SPRINT



Left:
BEWARE
Vicar at work!



Right:
Team Algar
preparing for
that record
breaking run

all photos by
Steve
Wilkinson



Left: Doune

The Editor's Favourite *Photo of the Month*.

Will Hall on three wheels over the top of East Brae at Doune whilst in the first Top 12 run-off.

People you should know!

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