



2010 April

Ed-lines

Welcome to the latest Liverpool Motor Club Bulletin. I missed the Tour of Cheshire and Race Retro due to my knee injury not clearing up and I am currently wishing that it clears up a bit more quickly as I am off to Castle Combe & Croft in the near future for the first two rounds of the British Sprint Championship.

The past few weeks have been something of a pantomime what with the MSA first agreeing to our proposed regs then saying that they would have to be changed and finally backtracking. It really has been a question of the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing! I am glad that it has all been resolved, I am just sorry that so many of you, our members, have been subjected to all this confusion.

With plans already in place for our club to support both the Cholmondeley event and the Oulton Park Gold Cup it looks like 2010 will be a year for wallowing in nostalgia. Last year the Pageant of Power was great although the on-track organisation left a bit to be desired. The quality of the vehicles both 2 & 4 wheeled was excellent and I am looking forward to the Le Mans theme at this year's event.

On a personal front I already have over 40 events pencilled into my 2010 calendar. This year will see me visiting some new venues—Tockwith near York, Kames in the Lowlands of Scotland & Ingliston near Edinburgh being just three. With a far-ranging commitment to various championships and venues it looks like I am going to be busy.

Steve Wilkinson

In-Car Video

Have you got some in-car video that you'd like to share? We are looking for some suitable footage of Aintree for the LMC website, so this is your chance to be famous! Please contact Ron Hunt if you think that you can help. Judging by the number of cars that we scrutineer with cameras these days, we should be able to find something!

Chairman's Chat

At your Committee's meeting last week, (a very busy one as usual) an interesting question was raised "Do our members actually want a Bulletin?" This was prompted by comments received from various members over the last few months, several of whom said that they neither download the newsletter from our website nor even open the email. When asked why, the standard response was that they find it boring and there's nothing of interest in it for them. How they know if they don't read it, I don't know, but the fact remains that the Bulletin is clearly not what some of our members want it to be.

Each month, we carry a request for contributions, and apart from Edward Lea's recent notes about the restoration of his Elan, the silence has been deafening. Now, our Edward doesn't have a computer, so he had taken the time to hand write the notes that he sent in, our Editor transcribed it and behold, it appeared in the newsletter. And although intended as a bit of fun, the article was pretty interesting too, so many thanks Edward.

Now, if Edward has taken the trouble to do all that, what's stopping you sending in something to tell him, and the rest of us, what you are up to?

Please let us know if you think the Bulletin should continue or whether it's no longer needed; you can post your comments on the forum or email any of the committee members.

Many thanks to all those who came along to help with the Tour of Cheshire; it was just as much fun as ever and we have received particular praise from the organisers for our contribution towards the smooth running of the event. Later in this edition of the Bulletin you will find a report from LMC's viewpoint. If you have never seen or helped with the TOC, do try to come along in March next year. It's a great experience.

Aintree Spring Sprint

It's not long now until the first Aintree event of the year, our Sprint on April 24th. As I write these notes, there were only 15 places left, so I expect the event to be full very soon. We did warn you!

Marshals are still required of course. Now, there's an idea. If you don't get an entry, why not come along anyway & help marshal the event? Whilst previous experience is useful, it is not essential and there are duties away from the trackside for those who'd rather not get too close to the action! Please contact our [Chief Marshal](#) Bill Gray, without obligation, to discuss how you might be able to help.

Help needed – SMC stages

You may just get this in time to volunteer to help on Stockport 061 Motor Club's [SMC Stages Rally](#) at Weeton on Sunday 28th March. Can you help? Stockport MC has asked us to look after the Flying Finish and Stop lines, and any other points that we can cover too. It's a rather early start, with signing-on closing at 8am (the day after the clocks go forward too!). They aim to run 12 stages covering approximately 50 miles on a mixture of quick and twisty roads all on Tarmac which, coupled with quick stage turnarounds, should give everybody a good day's motor sport on this single venue rally. Interested? Please contact [John Harden](#) or see the LMC [Club Forum](#). LMC members competing on this event include Howie Macpherson and John McGuinness in Howie's bright yellow Ford Puma Cosworth on just its second event since he acquired the car. It's very different from his Mk2 Escort which will be crewed by a slightly apprehensive Phil Gough sitting alongside Wallasey MC's Mike Riley. I'm not sure if anyone has told Phil that as navigator he doesn't get a steering wheel. If you hear a car horn sounding at every corner, that'll be Phil pressing the floor mounted button for the horn whilst looking for the brake pedal he hasn't got! Good luck lads.

Three Castles Tour

You may recall that last month I said that we had been asked to run the stages/tests at Denbigh and Cerrigydrudion on the 500 mile classic [Three Castles Tour](#). Whilst we are still invited to help marshal the event, I have had to advise the organisers that LMC hasn't the manpower to run either venue this time. However, if you still wish to go along to help on Thursday 3rd June at Denbigh, or Friday 4th June at Glan y Gors kart circuit just off the A5 near Cerrigydrudion, do please contact their Chief Marshal.

The entry list is already full and includes some pretty special cars, including the 1936 French GP class-winning Lagonda of Macko Laqueur & Rob Brouwer and four Bentleys led by Adam Singer and Simon Hope (Bentley Speed Six) and Malcolm Hewitson. In view of the description on their website, I think I'll have trouble staying away. To volunteer as a marshal, please contact their chief marshal John Hunt on 01782 516275.

CPOP, or the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power

We have accepted an invitation to display 10 cars each day, 17th & 18th July at the Pageant of Power. Have you got a car with motorsport history, or maybe a modern supercar, that you'd be willing to display on the LMC stand for either or both days? The owner of each car on the LMC display will be entitled to a free admission ticket to the event. For more information, please contact [John Harden](#). LMC members will also be able to purchase further tickets to the show at reduced prices. All you have to do is go to the [CPOP](#) website and enter a discount code when ordering your tickets on line. See the advert later in this Bulletin.

Help needed – Later in the year

As your [Chairman](#) I also need to know if you can help with the following events that your Club is involved with later in the year. Previous experience isn't required for any of these events and, because they are mid week, most will be ideal for our older members or those who want to keep their weekends free:-

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. We had a great display of cars on the Sunday last year but, to be honest, Monday's display was a bit disappointing. Let's see if we can do better this year.

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. Are you available?

September 22nd – We have been asked to run two tests in Knowsley Safari Park for the [Grand Britannic Trial](#), a 12 day endurance rally which has sections in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. "Our" stages will be early on Wednesday 22nd September.

If you think you may be able to help with any of the above, click [here](#) to let me know, or give me a ring on 0161 969 7137.

2010 Speed regs.

After much deliberation a set of common classes for speed events for Northern Clubs was thrashed out over the winter and, with the approval of the MSA, were published as the [2010 Northern Speed Classes](#) which organisers were recommended to use as the basis for their SR's. Though not perfect, we thought that they were pretty good as they clarified many of the grey areas that have abounded in Sprints & Hillclimbs in recent years. With a couple of exceptions virtually all Northern Clubs agreed to base their own regs on "our" classes this year, which is some achievement. Unfortunately, a badly worded MSA press release concerning eligible tyres a couple of weeks ago threw a spanner in the works but after protests from organisers the MSA has agreed that we can all use the regs as originally published. So, check out the new classes before arriving at your first event. Please make sure that your car complies, as the class rules will be enforced almost everywhere and you don't want to turn up at an event only to find that your car isn't acceptable.

2010 Aintree Sprint Regulations

The [Supplementary Regulations](#) for our Aintree [sprints](#) are now available for download or by contacting the LMC Competition Secretary on 07790 388698. The April sprint **will** fill up quickly this year as the Caterham Academy is back with us after a one year absence, and they have immediately booked 49 places. We have received 130 entries already so that leaves only 15 places as I write. So don't delay if you want to enter the April Sprint!

John Harden

LMC Forum

Got something to say? Can't wait until the next Bulletin & want to know what's going on? 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! <http://liverpoolmc.proboards.com/index.cgi?>

ANWCC Championship.

Are you entering one of the ANWCC championships this year? If so, please tell them that you are an LMC member, even if you are also 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.

2010 Blue Book.

Did you check the changes that were highlighted in the 2010 Blue Book? Does your race suit comply and have you got your fire resistant gloves yet? How about your helmet, does it match the new standards? Better get looking now whilst there are some brilliant bargains out there. Check out the amendments now, not a week before your first event of the season!

Demon Tweaks

Hope to have a small mobile sales unit at our April Sprint. Further details next month.

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 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 April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and finally 13th December.

Could you save a life?

This year, the excellent speed marshals' training sessions were held at Loton Park on 7th March. Disappointingly, only 5 LMC members attended the day, the only training days tailored specifically to Sprints & Hillclimbs. Several competitors were there too, joining in the days activities to the benefit of all parties present.

It was interesting to hear the number of people who commented that the training was relevant not only to motorsport, but to motoring in general. If you were first on the scene after an accident, would you know what to do? The first 5 minutes could save a life, or at least prevent further injury to the casualty.

Competitors: do have a look at the videos on the DVD version of your Blue Book. Whilst not as dramatic as watching a hospital "soap" on TV, you will learn something that could help you in the real world.

Does the Liverpool Motor Club Bulletin have a future?

Do you read the Bulletin each month?

Do you just read the occasional issue?

Do you never read it and just delete the email?

Do we send it out too often, or not often enough?

Does it contain items that are of use to you?

If you don't read it, or don't like its content please tell us why.

If you do like it, then still tell us!

It is the main vehicle for us to communicate with you, so if you'd rather receive news by another method, please tell us so we can decide how to get in touch with you each month.

You can direct your comments to any of the LMC Committee Members or go to the Club's Forum where a new thread has been opened to receive your comments. Remember it is your club and we want to hear from you.

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.

Ross Brawn was recently presented with the Sir Malcolm Campbell Memorial Trophy in honour of the Brawn GP team's achievements during the 2009 F1 World Championship. The Brawn Team netted the driver's crown through Jenson Button & also took the Constructor's Crown. Consequently the Brawn GP Team have been taken over by Mercedes so will go down as **One Season Wonders!**

A gentle day out in the country?

The historic **Tour of Cheshire Rally** on March 6th was another superb Knutsford MC event, 74 starters, 71 finishers over 100 miles of competitive regularities and tests, and virtually on time too; not at all bad for a classic event. The weather helped of course. A beautiful, slightly frosty, spring morning heralded our arrival at the mothballed Marley tiles plant at Delamere where we were confronted by the biggest empty "car park" I have ever seen – it would have done the Trafford Centre proud! Two very open tests were laid out around the now empty stock-yard and factory, so open in fact that several of the crews had difficulty working out the route between marker cones.

Unfortunately, after just 8 cars, the Delamere tests had to be abandoned following a rather heavy "off" by a competitor in a once pristine Mk1 Escort. Whilst the crew both required assistance from the emergency services, I am pleased to report that both are now recovering at home but with deeply dented pride.



After an early lunch at the Cheshire Cat at Christleton (very nice too, I've made a note to go there again sometime) our morning crew continued 8 miles South along the A41 to our now regular test site of Chowley Oak Business Park near Tattenhall. Here we were joined by further LMC members, guests, helpers and several spectators, where we laid out two further tests around the car parks and sat back to await the arrival of the competitors for the penultimate tests of the day. By now it was becoming rather cold and were hoping that there would be no delays as we wanted to get the tests finished before dark. We were not disappointed because the rally was on time. As usual, plenty of exuberant driving ensued though, as has been



pointed out before, wild isn't necessarily quick and some of the less spectacular drivers were actually setting some of the fastest times.

Porsche 911, Alfa Romeo, Triumph TR4, 2000 and Dolly Sprint, MG's of various types, Rileys, Escorts, Rovers..... yes, all manner of 1950's 60's and early 70's cars were out there putting on a great show as they were let loose after several severe regularity road sections.

The rally format is similar to the RAC rallies of the 1950's where the navigational ability of the crew is just as important as the driving skills of the person behind the wheel. In addition to the timed "AutoSolo style" tests that have become our speciality, there were various regularity tests on the route too which meant that the performance of the car was secondary to the ability of the crew.

The eventual result? The tour was won overall by Howard Warren and Cath Woodman in their 1965 Porsche 911, second were Mike & Matthew Vokes in their relatively standard 875cc Hillman Imp. That's how rallying used to be – and the camaraderie had to be experienced to be believed. A truly great event. Roll on next year!

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



Left: Liverpool Motor Club members Howie Macpherson and John McGuinness in Howie's bright yellow Ford Puma Cosworth. This is their debut in the car on the Roskirk Stages at Three Sisters and it looks like Howie is certainly enjoying the ride! Watch out for their next outing on the SMC Stages on 28th March.

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Right: David Druker giving his TVR Cerbera an airing at Aintree back in September 2007. Having sold the car, David is now an indispensable part of the Sprint Event Organising Team and is also LMC's Club Secretary. I somehow don't think that he's given up competing just yet though!



The Cholmondeley Pageant Of Power — Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July 2010

Taking place in the glorious grounds of Cholmondeley Castle the Pageant combines speed, nerve & flair with exceptional design and engineering. Since 2007 it has been the ambition of the Pageant of Power to showcase the best of historic and contemporary automotive power, whether on Land, Sea or Air. Central to the action is the 3 mile circuit within the Park grounds of Cholmondeley Castle where over 150 cars and bikes compete, spanning seven decades of motorsports. On the adjoining Deer Park Mere, the Pageant hosts the largest gathering of inshore racing power boats in the UK, World Champion Jet Ski Demonstrations and Rib rides are also on offer!



In the air the largest helicopter event in Europe combines with dramatic and gravity defying aerobatic displays.



We are delighted LMC are bringing your club stand to this year's event.

Your members are now able to book tickets on-line at discount prices for the main event and also for the exciting annual Fireworks Concert and Military Tattoo being held on the Saturday night. This is a "Last night of the Proms" style evening with a military theme performed by military bands and the Manchester Camerata Orchestra. For more details of the fireworks, please go to the website – www.cholmondeleyfireworks.com.

Camping is available within the estate grounds (£20.00 per caravan and £15.00 for a tent per night). Friday night camping on 16th July, will be free of charge for those displaying on the Club stands only, & they will need to show their ticket receipt to the Campsite Marshal (Pink Gate 8) when they arrive on Friday to obtain their free night. Saturday and Sunday Camping should be booked on the website as normal. Lavatory & shower facilities are close by.

Please book your discount tickets over the website (www.cpop.co.uk)

Tickets will be checked on entering the event. Enter one of the following codes to obtain your discount:-

Codes for those displaying on the LMC Stand:-

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CPOPWK28 - Adult Single Day Paddock Saturday or Sunday (£15 instead of £25)

CPOPCC28 - Adult Weekend Paddock Tickets with Fireworks Concert (£45 instead of £60)

CPOPPP28 - Adult Single Day Paddock Tickets with Fireworks Concert (£30 instead of £40)

CBCFIRE - Fireworks Concert Only Tickets for the night of Saturday 17th July. (£15)

Codes for those NOT displaying on the LMC Stand:-

POPCB28 - Adult Weekend Paddock Tickets (£30 instead £50)

POPWK28 - Adult Paddock Saturday or Sunday (£15 instead of £25)

POPCT28 - Adult Weekend Paddock Tickets with Fireworks Concert (£45 instead of £60)

POPPP28 - Adult Single Day Paddock Tickets with Fireworks Concert (£30 instead of £40)

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Forthcoming Events Calendar

Date	Event	Organising Club	Championship
Apr 02	Kames Sprint	(Wigton MC)	ANWCC Sprint Championship
Apr 10 /11	Danum Road Rally	(Lindholme MSC)	ANWCC Road Rally Ch'ship
Apr 11	Jubilee Historic Rally	(Ilkley & DMC)	ANWCC Historic Road Ch'ship
Apr 17	Matthews Auto Salvage Trial	(Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC)	ANWCC Trials Ch'ship
Apr 17	Horiba D'Isis Rally	(Quinton MC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
Apr 18	Twyford Stages	(Mid-Derbyshire MC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
Apr 18	Red Kite Stages Rally	(Amman & DMC)	ANWCC Forest Rally Ch'ship
Apr 18	Derbyshire Trial	(Lancashire & Cheshire CC)	ANWCC Allrounders Ch'ship
Apr 18	CCVT (non-timed)	(Wormhough 4x4 Club)	-
Apr 18	3 Sisters Sprint	(Longton & DMC)	ANWCC Sprint Championship
Apr 18	Autosolo	(West Cumbria MC)	-
Apr 18	Dennis Wells Memorial Trial	(Clwyd Vale MC)	ANWCC Trials Championship
Apr 21	Autotest	(Ilkley & DMC)	-
Apr 24	Aintree Spring Sprint	(Liverpool MC)	ANWCC Sprint Championship
Apr 24 /25	Night Owl Rally	(Aberystwyth & DMC)	ANWCC Road Rally Ch'ship
Apr 25	St George's Day Rally	(Lancashire AC)	-
Apr 25	Oak Leaf Stages	(Ecurie Royal Oak MC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
Apr 25	Autotest	(Ilkley & DMC)	-
Apr 25	Curborough Sprint	(Sheffield & Hallamshire MC)	ANWCC Allrounders Ch'ship
Apr 25	Bolton April Autotest	(Bolton-le-Moors CC)	ANWCC Autotest Championship
Apr 25 /26	Autotest	(West Cumbria MC)	-
Apr 25	Lee Holland Memorial Stages	(Pendle DMC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
Apr 26	Grass Autotest 101	(Knutsford & DMC)	-
May 01 /02	Border 100 Rally	(Welsh Border CC)	ANWCC Road Rally Ch'ship
May 01	Anglesey Sprint	(Lancashire & Cheshire CC with MGCC NW)	ANWCC Sprint Championship
May 02	Adgespeed Three Sisters Stages	(Wigan & DMC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
May 02 /03	Jack Neal Memorial Stages	(Clitheroe & DMC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Ch'ship
May 02	Anglesey Sprint	(MG CC North-West with Lancashire & Cheshire CC)	ANWCC Sprint Championship
May 08	Barbon Hillclimb	(Westmoreland MC)	ANWCC Hillclimb Championship
May 15	Plains Rally	(Knutsford & DMC)	ANWCC Forest Rally Ch'ship
May 15	Autotest	(Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC)	-
May 15 /16	Altratech 061 Road Rally	(Stockport 061 MC)	ANWCC Road Rally Ch'ship
May 16	Sprint	(Aintree CC)	-
May 16	Scammonden Hillclimb	(MG CC North-West)	ANWCC Hillclimb Championship
May 16	CCVT (non-timed)	(Wormhough 4x4 Club)	-
May 19	Car Trial	(Ilkley & DMC)	-
May 22	Fellsman Rally	(Lancashire AC)	-
May 22	Clwydian Cars Stages	(Clwyd Vale MC)	ANWCC Stage Rally Championship
May 23	Hallamshire Stages	(Sheffield & Hallamshire MC)	ANWCC Allrounders Ch'ship
May 23	Autosolo	(CSMA Club NW with Accrington MSC)	ANWCC Autosolo Championship
May 23	Autotest	(CSMA Club NW with Accrington MSC)	ANWCC Autotest Championship
May 23	Production Car Autotest	(CSMA Club NW with Accrington MSC)	ANWCC Allrounders Ch'ship
May 23 /24	Autotest	(West Cumbria MC)	-
May 29	Aintree Track Day	(Liverpool MC)	-