



Liverpool Motor Club The Bulletin



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Ed-lines

Happy New Year to one and all; I have been somewhat out of the loop what with the snow over Christmas and New Year. Southport was badly hit and Sefton Council failed to react and left the road in a dire state. I was planning to visit the Autosport Show this month (the first time in nearly ten years) but my knee problems meant that I had to cancel.

Nearer to home the LMC/CMC Speed Championship regs are already on the website and entries have already started to trickle in. No major changes for 2011 but things are starting to happen nationally with the MSA trying to drive through more standardisation. If you have a look at page 4 there are a series of news stories from the MSA a lot of which is pertinent to Speed Events. There are a lot of new projects that are due out on track in 2011 along with several drivers taking sabbaticals so there could be some interesting battles at National level in both the Hillclimb & Sprint championships.

On the Historic front there are 'new events' planned for Doune hillclimb near Stirling in April whilst the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power becomes a three day event starting as it does on the Friday. Also on page 4 there are the initial details of the Ormskirk Motorfest which sounds like it could become quiet an event as cars will be circulating round Ormskirk's one way system in a parade which may turn into a form of speed trial!

In December our club lost one of it's stalwart members & starting on Page 3 is the club's tribute to Peter Ledger-Lomas.

In the meantime take care & I hope to see you all during what looks like another hectic season in the life of Liverpool Motor Club.

Steve Wilkinson

Chairman's Chat

What did you do at New Year?

Well, now may be a quiet time for motorsport, but the duties of your Club's officials certainly didn't stop.

LMC treasurer, Jim Beby, has been slaving away between Christmas and New Year, checking and double checking our finances so that he could finalise the Club's books before passing them on to our accountant for preparation of our annual return to Companies House.

Club Secretary, David Drucker, has been checking over the Club's paperwork to ensure that all appropriate jobs that need to be done for our 2011 season are being tackled in good time.

Membership Secretary, Ron Hunt, has been sending out membership renewal invitations and then dealing with the applications as they come flooding back in. He's also published our Speed Championship regs for 2011 and had had an excellent response already. Next job... our Aintree Sprint regs.

Competition Secretary, Phil Gough, has been liaising with various clubs and associations with a view to bringing their championships to our sprints at Aintree – without our invited championships, the events would not be viable and we are pleased to say that things are looking good here too.

Chief Marshal, Bill Gray, has less of an involvement just at the moment, but in view of the gradual slow decline in the number of people turning up to help, he's still wondering how to get enough marshals to staff our Aintree events in 2011.

Bulletin Editor, Steve Wilkinson, has been.... well.... doing what an editor does! He's still trying to get a few more of you to contribute to the Club magazine, but the response is very poor. Come on, there must be someone out there who can tell us what they are up to.

As your Chairman, I've been involved in all manner of things too, from updating external websites that carry details of the Club and our events, reviewing Health & Safety matters, supporting my fellow officers (though not literally propping them up, honest), dealing with enquiries from various organisations who would like to run events at Aintree (until they find out how much it will cost them!), and sorting out the mass of paperwork that seems to accumulate on my desk. The next job on my agenda is to prepare the MSA's Track Licence application for Aintree – not a five minute job, by any means. Cont;>>>>>>>>

So, as you can see, it may be a quiet time of year for our sport, but it certainly isn't quiet for your officers!

Contingency Provisions, We are increasingly aware that running the Club falls fully on the shoulders of the seven key members of your Committee and we really should have people in the background who could help out if one of the key personnel was incapacitated at any time. Are you interested in finding out more about how the Club runs, or what the individual jobs entail? Do you think that you might be able to help us if one of the officers needed an assistant or, heaven forbid, was unable to continue with their role? If you think that you may be interested, please do have a quiet word with the appropriate officer, or me, entirely without obligation of course. It would be far better to have someone in the wings now, rather than us suddenly having to find someone at short notice. Can you help?

On that note, I shall sign off now. As usual, stay safe, have fun & I hope to see you at one of our meetings in the coming months.

John Harden

LMC Calendar 2011

10 th January	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
5 th February	North West Stages Rally – Weeton. Help needed – see Geoff Maine 0151 521 5060
14 th February	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
5 th March	Tour of Cheshire Classic Rally – help needed – see John Harden
14 th March	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
2 nd April	The Flying Scotsman Vintage Run, Arley Hall, Nr Warrington – help needed
10 th April	SMC Stages Rally, Weeton – help needed
30 th April	LMC Spring Sprint, Aintree – help needed – See Bill Gray
9 th May	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
28 th May	LMC Track Day, Aintree – help needed – See Bill Gray
13 th June	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
25 th June	LMC Jack Neal Memorial Sprint, Aintree – help needed – See Bill Gray
11 th July	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
8 th August	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
28 th /29 th August	Oulton Park Gold Cup – cars needed for LMC display
3 rd September	LMC Autumn Sprint – help needed – See Bill Gray
12 th September	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
15 th September	Greenpower Electric Car Races, Aintree – help needed – See Bill Gray
1 st October	LMC Track Day, Aintree – help needed – See Bill Gray
10 th October	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
21 st October	Chester & Liverpool MC's Championship awards
14 th November	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton
10 th December	LeJog Classic Rally – more info later in the year
12 th December	LMC Social Meeting, The Unicorn, Cronton

We shall publish contact details for the various event coordinators shortly but, if you just can't wait and urgently need to find out what is required, please use the LMC [secure message](#) facility on our website, or see the Club Contacts shown later in this edition of the Bulletin.

Social Meetings.

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.

We have 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? The venue is a nice cosy un-modernised pub, very convenient for the motorway and we don't bite!

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! It is also an ideal place to keep an eye on what we are doing on track and what events are coming up.

OBITUARY—Peter Ledger-Lomas

It is with considerable sadness that I have to report the passing away of our most senior member Peter Ledger-Lomas. Peter died on the 10th December, at the grand age of 83. He remained bright and alert to the end even though his health had been steadily deteriorating for some time.

For those of you who may not have met Peter he was an amazing person who played a pivotal role in the development of Liverpool Motor Club during the late 1950's and early sixties as Club Secretary, for which we are indebted. Peter was elected as President of the Club in the 1960's, a role that he carried out for many years. He usually attended the Club's Annual General Meeting each year and did so even up to our last meeting in 2010. He played an active part in that meeting questioning various matters; Liverpool Motor Club was clearly in his blood. When I was further researching the Club History for our 75th Anniversary I had considerable contact with Peter who told me about his own research and how he had established that we did indeed have direct links with the quaintly named Liverpool Self Propelled Traffic Association which dated back to 1896. This link does appear to confirm that we are probably the oldest motor club in existence even though there are some other clubs who are not far from own age. In my discussions with Peter it was clear that he had spent a considerable amount of time doing his research, and of course it was meticulous as one would expect of him.



In more recent years he attended the Awards Presentation Evening for our jointly promoted Speed Championship and presented an award in his name. His son Nigel, a club member, also brought him along in a Morgan to the North West Motor Show at Southport where we had our Roadshow in recent years. As ever, he displayed a clear interest and knowledge of cars and bikes.

Over the years as both an LMC Club Member and latterly as Club President I was privileged to have a fairly regular contact with him and I developed an enormous respect for his values and approach to life. It was clear that his Military Background had played a special role in his life. I shall personally miss him as will his friends and family whose lives he touched. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Barbara, son Nigel and daughter, together with their families. Peter's funeral was held at Saint Luke's Church in Formby where

along with fellow LMC Members, particularly of Peter's era, I represented the Club as President. The service was moving and an excellent tribute was paid by his friend Jim Dixon. Jim has kindly given his permission for us to reproduce a part of that tribute below.

Geoffrey L. Ashworth – Club President

Peter Ledger-Lomas – the eulogy delivered by Jim Dixon

I am honoured to be asked by Peter's family to say a few words today. Many of you will have known Peter longer than me some went to school with him. I first met Peter about 1960 through the Liverpool Motor Club. We became good friends and remained so for the next 50 years.

Peter was proud of the fact that he was born in the family home Charlton, in Blundellsands, and lived there all of his life, where his grandparents and parents had lived. His grandmother also lived there until after Peter was married to Barbara.

Peter was educated at Holmewood School and Merchant Taylor's School in Crosby always maintaining an interest in the school and later in life serving on the old boys committee.

During the war Peter was just too young to join up and was in the Home Guard. Later Peter was commissioned into the Royal Artillery rising to the rank of Captain and serving in India and Ceylon as it was then. He clearly enjoyed his military career and later in life maintained a military bearing and self discipline that obviously reflected his army training, if for example you spent a night away with him you could not help but notice that his shoes were always well polished and his shaving kit would be laid out military style. He was right to the end a proud member of the local Club and represented it at every Armistice Day right up until this year when the weather was just too much for him.

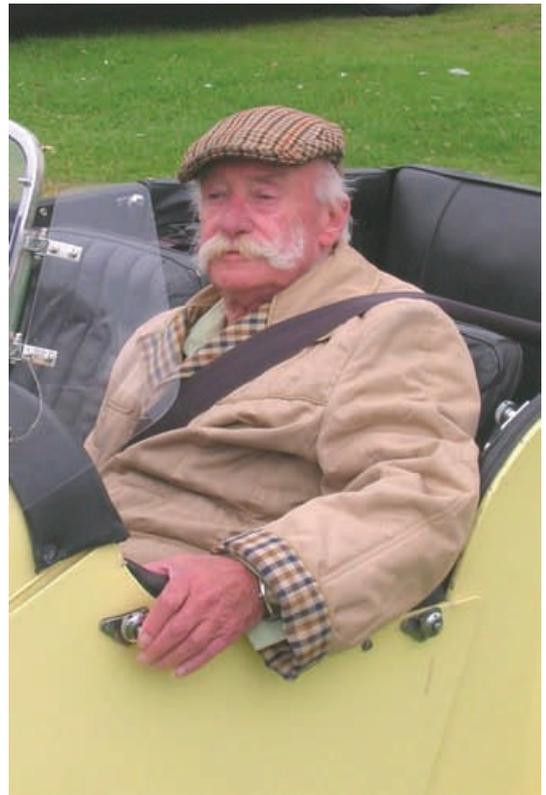
After the war Peter joined Anning, Chadwick and Kiver, who were one of the UK's leading hide and skin merchants or Fur Brokers as they were described in the company literature. John Cobb who at one time held the world land speed record was a director and Peter's boss. I recall being told of the occasion when Peter travelled to London for a meeting. He was met by John Cobb who said "where is your hat young man?" "I do not have one sir" said Peter and he was marched off to in Piccadilly to buy a Bowler which to my knowledge is the same one he wore at Remembrance Day ceremonies until recently.

Peter changed career in mid life leaving the hide and skin business and purchasing a share in a sign manufacturing business that at the time was in need of as a shake up. Baron Signs had been run as what Peter described as a sticky letter business because the owner sat in a studio sticking plastic letters onto Perspex sheet. In no time at all Peter had the place humming. He had a presence wherever he went and was able to gain the ear of executives in Building Societies Banks and others bringing in attractive contracts for the fitting of electric box signs. At the same time he was developing an electrical wholesale side to the business for the fitting of electric box signs.

Alongside his business activities Peter was active in many other things sporting social and charitable.

For over 55 years he was a member of the Liverpool Motor Club and as its secretary in the late fifties bringing it from small post status to one of the leading motor clubs in the land. He established that it was one of if not the oldest in the UK as the successor to the Liverpool Self Propelled Traffic Society. Attending the British Grand Prix at Aintree he persuaded World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio to be an Honorary Member. There were some 500 members taking part in Rallies, Sprint Racing, Autocross & Sand Racing along with social events; the conclusion of his term of office coincided with the club's 50th Anniversary party at the old Birkdale Palace Hotel in Southport. Raymond Baxter at that time the BBC's most famous motoring broadcaster came up from London and presented Peter with a radiogram which he treasured to the end.

Peter held a gun licence and was a good shot, he took part in competitions amongst the best in the land at Bisley on many occasions. He regularly until some years ago shot at Alt-



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 are entering one of the ANWCC championships next year? If so, please tell their championship co-ordinator that you are an LMC member, or if you are a member of another club, put down LMC on your entry form too. Your championship scores will then contribute to LMC's position in the ANWCC Club Championship, and I'd like to see our club a little higher up the charts this year.

We have received an invitation from Midland Automobile Club inviting all members of Liverpool Motor Club to the following Hillclimb events in 2011;

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb 7th/8th May (National A)

MIRA Sprint 6th August (National B)

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb 18th September (National B)

Full details can be found on their website www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk/events,

Emailing compsecretary@shelsley-walsh.co.uk or by contacting;

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire, WR6 6RP Tel: 01886 812 211

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.

Sprinting at Crystal Palace

Sevenoaks & District Motor Club, in association with title sponsor the Ancaster Group, are pleased to announce that Motorsport at the Palace 2011 will return to the park on the Bank Holiday weekend of 29/30 May. In addition to bringing motorsport back to this historic venue, the 2010 event raised over £3,000 for local charities St. Christopher's Hospice and the Royal London Society for the Blind (RLSB), both of which will be beneficiaries of the 2011 event. Contact: Kevin Turner (Media Relations, Motorsport at the Palace) Tel: 07944 500883 Email: bergwerk@hotmail.co.uk

FROM THE MSA

MSA Licensed Officials Seminars 2011

Invitation letters were sent out last month for the 2011 MSA Licensed Officials Seminars, which will be aimed at Clerks of Course and Stewards, including probationers and trainees. The seminars will provide an opportunity for current and prospective Clerks to gain and share information, and workshops will be run for Rally, Speed & Fixed Venue (Race/Kart) interests.

Invitees who have yet to return their reply slips are now reminded to do so, and anyone planning to attend who has not received an invitation letter should request one via adean-lewis@msauk.org. The dates and locations of the venues are as follows:

Northern Ireland (Aldegrove) – 23 January; **North West** (Preston) – 29 January; **Midlands** (Walsall) – 30 January; **Scotland** (Stirling) – 5 February; **Wales** (Llandrindod Wells) – 19 February; **Central Southern** (Swindon) – 20 February; **North** (York) – 26 February; **East** (Peterborough) – 27 February; **South East** (Sevenoaks) – 5 March;

South West (Exeter) – 12 March.

Additional evening seminars, open to all, will be run in **Jersey** (15 February), **Guernsey** (16 February) and the **Isle of Man** (28 February).

To attend a seminar in 2011, please return your completed reply slip to Motor Sports House via post or email (adean-lewis@msauk.org) at least one calendar month prior to the seminar that you wish to attend.

Lothian Car Club establishes new 2011 Doune event

Lothian Car Club is to stage a hill climb event featuring classes for historics, sports and saloon cars at Doune on 16-17 April next year.

The Club is expecting to attract around 40 historic entries, ranging from pre- and post-war sports cars to 1950s F3 and 1960s Formula Junior machinery. The Club also plans to run a separate meeting solely for historics, sports and saloon cars later in the year.

Club Chairman Tim Thomson said: "We have been keen to run a historic event at Doune for some time but the economic climate has made this difficult. This event will be a precursor to something more established that will bring renewed enthusiasm to our sport in Scotland."

Market town announces new motor sport festival

The West Lancashire market town of Ormskirk is to host the inaugural Ormskirk MotorFest on 28 August 2011.

Organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancashire Borough Council, the event will feature displays of competition cars from various motor sport disciplines in and around the town centre.

West Lancashire Borough Council's Martin Forshaw said: "We want this to be a celebration of all aspects of motoring and motor sport, in the unique location of a historic market town. The concept is developing and I'd like to invite all clubs, organisations, owners and enthusiasts who would like to take part in the event to get in touch with us."

Online Regulation consultation

Regulation changes proposed by the Speed Events, Race and Executive Committees are now available for online consultation.

To view the action sheets detailing the proposed changes, please visit www.msauk.org/regulations.

Group B cars to feature at Donington Festival

Group B rally cars will be in action at this year's Donington Historic Festival, which takes place on 29 April to 1 May 2011. Donington was used as a stage on the RAC Rally from 1972 until the 1990s, encompassing the Group B era of unlimited boost, low weight and high-tech materials. A line-up of original works Group B machines will be in action, including the Audi Quattro, MG Metro 6R4, Ford RS200, Lancia 037, Porsche 911 RSR, Peugeot 205 T16 and even a Group B Ferrari 308 GTB. The cars will perform on a specially designed, all-Tarmac stage on the GP loop, with free spectator access.

Also featuring will be pre-1960 and '77-'85 touring cars, pre-War and Group C sports cars, pre-'63 GTs and World Endurance Championship sports prototypes from 1968-71. For more information, visit www.doningtonhistoric.com.

Jaguar E-Type to celebrate 50th anniversary at Silverstone Classic

The 50th anniversary of the legendary Jaguar E-Type is to be celebrated at this year's Silverstone Classic on 22-24 July. Launched in 1961, the E-Type remains one of the most iconic sports cars of all time. Its half-century will be honoured with a host of special races and displays, including two races dedicated solely to competition versions, and a record grid of more than 50 race-prepared E-Types is predicted. In total, more than a thousand racing and road-going E-Types are expected to join the celebrations at Silverstone.

Event Director Nick Wigely said: "With so many E-Types on and off the track, it's going to be a fantastic occasion - the world's biggest and best celebration for one of the truly great sports cars. What's more, the Silverstone Classic offers the perfect place and timing for the world to celebrate such an important milestone in automotive history. After all, Jaguar designed and produced the E-Types just up the road at Browns Lane in Coventry. It's going to be an amazing occasion - a party no classic car fan will want to miss."

Towing eyes

The MSA is currently reviewing the provision of towing eyes for those disciplines in which they are not already compulsory. Speed events are one of the few areas of non-highway motorsport where they are not already mandatory. Competitors need to be aware that clubs using the Northern and Midlands Speed Classes will be incorporating the following in their regulations this year:

(All classes) Towing eyes of adequate strength and size must be fitted to the front and rear of the vehicle. They must be painted a distinctive and contrasting colour. Cars of periods A to F and single seater racing cars are exempt from this requirement subject to a suitable towing point being clearly identified.

This is a slightly relaxed version of the MSA current regulation for Circuit Racing, and we think is the wording likely to be adopted in 2012. If you have a modern road car, the standard screw-in towing eye should be fitted to the front throughout the event, so you may need to obtain a second screw-in eye for the rear towing point. The regulation will come into force immediately, though we are asking scrutineers to be lenient at the start of the season! Adoption of the regulation will greatly speed up the recovery of disabled vehicles on events, and reduce the likelihood of damage occurring to your car if it needs to be towed in. Those of you who take part in our **Track Days** are requested to ensure that as a minimum, your car has a clearly identified front towing point or eye easily accessible and, if it is detachable, you know how and where to fit it!

Legend Fires North West Stages Rally

Weeton Army Camp, Saturday 5th February

We are helping Stockport 061 Motor Club with the Weeton Camp stages of this premier event by running the flying finish, stop line and adjacent areas of the rally for them.

As SMC's Chief Marshal Ken Wilkinson says: *"There will be 4 stages in 2 pairs at Weeton Army Camp on Saturday. Signing on is between 11am-12pm (lunchtime), so no excuse there, with the last car due at approx 18.00, so you will be home in time for all the drivel on Saturday night TV. Expect John Stone's Skoda WRC to spearhead a great entry but I can't guarantee the weather (surprisingly), so you had better come prepared for anything from blizzard to biblical flooding and don't forget HOT FOOD."*

Can you help? Please contact Geoff Maine who is co-ordinating LMC's involvement with this event. Although a 6pm finish is anticipated, because this is a multi-venue rally, it is possible that there could be a slight over-run if a delay occurs elsewhere on the event.

Membership

We would like to issue an apology to anyone who hasn't yet received their Membership renewal forms. We understand that there is still a massive backlog of post within Royal Mail's system which is causing serious delays. A lot of post is still waiting to be delivered so if you still haven't received your renewal please contact Ron Hunt through the website. Note from Ron: All memberships and Championship registrations have been actioned and posted up to 13th January so you should have received them by the time you read this Bulletin, all those received since then should be in the post this by Wednesday 19th January

People you should know!

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Web Site Matters	Ron Hunt
CMC/LMC Championship	Ron Hunt

If you wish to contact any of the persons listed please use the contact facility on our website.

www.liverpoolmotorclub.com/about/contact-us

or contact LMC secretary
Dr. David Drucker on 01625 582770 for advice.

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