



Liverpool Motor Club The Bulletin

Celebrating 110 years of Motorsport Excellence

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Editor

So far, no-one has shown any interest in taking on the role of Bulletin Editor, so this edition was assembled by your Chairman. Hopefully someone will come forward soon with an offer to edit future editions. Could it be you? If you wish to find out what is involved, please speak to John Harden or Ron Hunt, without obligation.

Chairman's Chat

Have you ever wondered what goes into running a motorsport event? Take Aintree for example. What goes on behind the scenes to prepare it for motorsport? Well, believe it or not, preparations for the 2012 season have been underway since last June. Away from the venue, things to be organised include booking the circuit, inviting visiting championships, booking "hired in" services such as rescue unit, medics, timekeeper, scrutineers, recovery, ambulance, public address, commentary unit, commentator, organising awards, applying for track licence & event permits, arranging for the results team, publishing event regulations, advising dates to regional associations, police, fire & hospital authorities and more! This list just scratches the surface of the preparatory work involved, all of which has to be in place at least 3 months before the first event, and surprisingly doesn't just happen by itself.

What about setting up the venue? Many events enjoy the benefits of permanent venues that are 90% ready all year round. However, despite its long history of motorsport, Aintree is only a temporary venue and apart from the strip of Tarmac, nothing "motorsport" is permanently set up. So, starting at 2pm on the afternoon before an event we have to set out corner boards, paddock signs, public signs, fence off non-public areas, set out cones at strategic places on the circuit and in the paddock, set up the paddock office (which is actually a motorcycle training centre), fence off the Grand National Course at the entrance gate, ensure 3 miles of perimeter gates and fences are secure etc. Then, come the morning of an event, we have to place water barriers and over 300 straw bales in position, 30 odd fire extinguishers, spill kits, marshals brushes, shovels & flags. And all before 8.30am!

All this and more is done entirely by volunteers and has to be cleared away again (including the 300 bales) at the end of the event before we can go home. So, next time you see a rather tired marshal or event official, even before the event has started, please spare a thought for them as they may have been setting up the venue until 7pm the previous day, or from 6am that morning, and may not get away after packing up until 7pm on event day. Thankfully, the days of me setting up the venue by myself with just a Fiesta and trailer on a Friday seem to be consigned to the past, but there may still be only 3 or 4 of us pulling everything together on the Friday. Fancy joining us? We are always on the look-out for extra hands. As the TV advert says, every little helps!

Jim Bebbby

I'm pleased to report that our ever enthusiastic Club Treasurer, Jim Bebbby, is now back home and although rather tired, he is recovering from nearly a month in hospital. Understandably he isn't likely to be running a marathon in the near future (not that he could before he went in) but at least he's back in familiar surroundings and able to issue orders to us all once again. It's good to have you back where you belong Jim, keep taking the tablets!

Manchester Indoor Classic Car Show

It's disappointing to note that we have had only three offers of cars for this golden opportunity to publicise the Club. Whilst I am very grateful to those three members, (from North Wales, Barrow in Furness and Bolton) I was rather hoping to get a better response, particularly from local members. Please see the appeal on the next page for more details. Can you help?

Rally Round

I hope to see many of you out helping on the rallies that we will be supporting February & March. It's a great way to meet other members whilst observing the antics of those who seem less concerned about keeping their cars in pristine condition whilst engrossed in their preferred motorsport discipline. The North West Stages on 4th February is the premier rally in the area, whilst the Tour of Cheshire on 3rd March is an absolute classic! See you there?

Happy motoring!

John Harden

Bits & Bobs:

Manchester Indoor Classic Car Show:

We are still looking for six or seven classic cars to display at the 2nd [Manchester Indoor Classic Car Show](#) at Event City, next to the Trafford Centre on 24th & 25th March. If you have a car that you'd be willing to display on the LMC stand, please let John Harden, or Geoff Ashworth, know. Working classics are just as desirable for our stand as are pristine examples so, as 2012 is the Club's 110th Anniversary, can you help promote your Club? More details on the show [here](#). What is classic? We are interpreting this fairly loosely. Anything built before 1985 is ideal but we may consider slightly more recent competition cars - What have you got? Your car will need to be in the exhibition hall by 8pm on Friday 23rd March, and it will need to stay there until 4pm on Sunday 25th, though you will not necessarily have to stay in person throughout the show. Road cars must have no more than 1/4 of a tank of fuel on board. We are not just looking for road cars, classic single seaters are of just as much interest. Our stand will be continuously manned whilst the show is open, and being an ex-bonded warehouse, overnight security is assured. Exhibitors will get free parking and free admission for 2 people. Please contact John Harden, or Geoff Ashworth for more details.

Membership Matters

All new applications & renewals received by Ron Hunt via post or on-line by 22nd January have been processed and membership cards posted out. If your card doesn't already show your signature on the reverse you, please validate it by signing it as soon as you get it.

If you are registering for our Speed Championship as well as joining or renewing your LMC membership, you can enclose your membership renewal/application in the same envelope as long as two separate cheques are sent made out to the correct payees as per registration forms.

Of course, we cant deal with Chester MC membership applications which must be sent to Chester MC separately.

Chester & Liverpool Motor Clubs' Speed Championship

Don't forget that any Championship contender who takes part in the LMC &/or CMC events could be in line to win part of the £400 prize money that is up for grabs on just those two Clubs' events. The more you enter the more chance you have of winning.

The Championship Awards & Buffet evening will be held on the 9th November 2012 at The Broughton Wings Social Club, Broughton, Nr Chester and is open to all members of LMC & CMC, whether or not they are Championship contenders. More details & ticket prices to follow later in the year.

Contact Ron Hunt for details info@speedchampionship.com or 0151 677 5346 / 07905 677058

LMC History

2012 is the 110th anniversary of the founding of Liverpool Motor Club. We can trace events in Liverpool back to 1896, but 1902 was the date that the Club was officially formed with a full constitution, as the Liverpool Motor Cycle Club. The name was changed in 1904 to Liverpool Motor Club in order to admit those motorists who owned cars. There's lots more historical information about the Club on our website. If you haven't visited it recently you

are missing out, as more details are frequently added as more information comes to light. Our History Page has recently had additional text and photos added, including a much larger version of the fantastically detailed one opposite featuring the start of the Liverpool Self-Propelled Traffic Association's 1901 trial outside Warrington Town Hall.



In 2012 we are putting on displays at the Manchester Classic Car Show in March, and at Oulton Park's Gold Cup meeting in August. If you have any photos of old LMC events, particularly those prior to 1998, and would be prepared to let us have copies for possible inclusion in these or future displays, please contact

your Chairman, John Harden, who would be very interested to hear from you. Tel 0161 969 7137 or see our contacts page. If your are online please click on the picture to view a larger version.

Sponsorship

We are constantly looking for ways of a keeping entry fees as low as possible for our Aintree Sprint events and it is clear to us that one way of covering some of the costs would be to gain a sponsor (or sponsors) for our events. Do you know of a business that might be interested in being title sponsor of our events? Such sponsorship could extend to our Aintree Track Days too of course.

We have relatively little experience of going out looking for sponsorship, so any advice in this area would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact your Chairman if you can help in any way.

Marshals Needed for the North West's Premier Rally

Once again, LMC is manning the flying finish & stop line of the Weeton Army Camp stages of the North West Stages Rally on 4th February. Can you help? Please contact Geoff Maine on 0151 521 5060.

What did you do at the weekend?

Do you compete in other clubs event? Several members regularly compete in Rallies in the North West, but we never hear how they went on. In fact, most of you compete in Sprints, Hillclimbs, Races, Off-Road and AutoSolo events around the country too, but we know nothing about your experiences. 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.

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! At the last meeting 50% of those present had travelled over 20 miles to get there, so if they can make the effort, why cant you? I do hope we'll see you at one of the meetings in the near future.

Help needed at Aintree from April

Ever thought of coming along to help run or marshal our Aintree events? Then please [contact our Chief Marshal](#), Bill Gray, without obligation, and see if marshalling is for you. Previous experience isn't required, and you don't have to go trackside if you don't want as there are ways you can help at the startline, paddock or assembly areas. Everyone who helps out receives a cash contribution towards their travelling costs and we provide a free buffet lunch too.

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 tell any of the Club Officials.

ANWCC Championships

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 we'd like to see our club a little higher up the charts next year.

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.

What's On?

Here are details of the motorsport events taking place at Aintree in 2012:

28th April	Championship Sprint
26th May	Aintree Track Day 1
30th June	Jack Neal Memorial Sprint
1st September	Championship Sprint
2nd or 30th September	Sporting Bears "Dream Rides for Kids" Charity event
13th September	Greenpower Electric Car Races for Schools & Colleges
29th September	Aintree Track Day 2

(For Aintree Motorcycle Racing Club's calendar of events at Aintree: see their [website](#))

Other Events: we also help other clubs in the North West by providing marshals and/or timing crews for their events. We will be involved with the following, but please do check on the Marshalling pages of the [Club Forum](#) before travelling to one of the events as some venues are closed to spectators and you may not get in unless you have registered with us first:-

4th February	North West Stages Rally , Weeton Army Camp, between Preston & Blackpool LMC coordinator : Geoff Maine, Tel 0151 521 5060 or email him : mainspeed@live.co.uk
3rd March	Tour of Cheshire (Classic Rally), Chowley Oak Business Park, Nr Chester
24th/25th March	North West Classic Motor Show , Trafford Centre (LMC static Display)
25th March	SMC Stages Rally, Weeton Army Camp
26th/27th August	Gold Cup Meeting , Oulton Park, Cheshire (LMC static Display)

We are looking for people to help, marshal or observe on all these events. Previous experience is not necessary. If you can assist your Club with any of the above, please let us know, or see LMC [Club Forum](#) for more details.

Situation Vacant – Bulletin Editor

The Club is looking for a volunteer to take over the role of editor of the Club's newsletter, the Bulletin. The job entails enticing contributions from members and assembling into a simple newsletter form. Most contributions will be provided by email, so it is usually just a matter of copying & pasting the articles to form the magazine.

A very basic knowledge of MS Publisher would be an advantage, though not essential, as training and as much ongoing support as you require will be given.

The draft magazine is then emailed to our Webmaster who deals with getting out to members.

The role is not a committee position. However, the incumbent may decide to become involved there if they wish.

It is intended that the Bulletin is published at monthly intervals, though sometimes contributors (particularly the Chairman) need a strong reminder that their jottings are due.

Interested? Please talk without obligation to any Committee member – or your Chairman – for more details.

Contributions wanted

Let us know what you are doing, what you've done, what you'd like to do, or what's causing you problems! The Bulletin is your magazine but it can only ever be as good as the contributions, so why not send something in for us all to read. It doesn't have to be earth shattering stuff (as you can see from our Chairman's missives), but let us know what you are doing, your successes, your failures, your intentions, your history. Please! If you like what we do, tell your friends....if you think we could improve something, please tell us!

Have we got your Email address?

Please help the Club save money & the environment! If you haven't already provided the club with your email address please do so as soon as possible. This will help us to communicate with you electronically and will save the club money in the long run. Come on, do your bit for the environment!

Marshals' Training Days

28th January 2012 - Stockport (mostly rally, but other disciplines too) – Stockport. (email training@brmc.org.uk)
March, June & September 2012. - CSMA(NW) runs MSA approved multi-discipline marshals training sessions in Accrington. They include practical sessions (e.g. fire training) and are open to anyone who marshals at Aintree. For more information about dates & sessions, contact Steve Johnson on 01254 392 663 (evenings) or by email: steve.johnson@csmclub.org. Food generally provided, for a small fee!

ANWCC Junior Driver Awards

ANWCC is pleased to announce new awards for drivers under 25 as at 1 January 2012.

Drivers can start in Production Car Autotests, Car Trials and Junior Rally at 14 years of age. At 16 they can drive in Autotest, AutoSOLO and many other circuit type events.

The ANWCC Junior Driver awards build on the success of the first ever MSA Regional Association Production Car Championship won by Blackburn teenager Simon Robinson. Simon a member of Accrington Motor Sport Club and Under 17 Motor Club North West, at 15 years of age is the youngest ever Regional Championship driver in the UK. **The awards are part of the ANWCC All Rounder's championship.**

Under 17-year-olds may register for FREE. See www.anwcc.org for full details


Junior Drivers can take part in events all over the North West that normally cost from £25 to enter. This will allow drivers to increase their skills and driving attitude to keep racing on the track not on the roads.

Event invitations

LMC members are invited to enter the following events:-

Midland Auto Club: 5th- 6th May (National A) Hillclimb, Shelsley Walsh,
Westmorland MC: 12th May (National A) Barbon Manor Hillclimb
Midland Auto Club: 2nd- 3rd June (National A) Hillclimb, Shelsley Walsh,
Midland Auto Club: 17th June (National B) Sprint, Blyton Park near Gainsborough ,
Westmorland MC: 16th June (National B) Barbon Manor Hillclimb
Midland Auto Club: 4th August, (National B) Sprint, MIRA near Nuneaton,
Midland Auto Club: 22nd September (National B) Hillclimb, Shelsley Walsh
Midland Auto Club: 14th October (National B) Curborough, near Lichfield

Of course, LMC members are entitled to apply to enter any event organised by a club that is a member of any of the 3 Regional Associations of which we are members:- [ANWCC](#), [ANCC](#) and the [WAMC](#). See each regional association's own websites for details of their member clubs' events.



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ANWCC

2011 Awards Presentation Evening

The presentation of the 2011 ANWCC Championship awards will take place at the Holiday Inn, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, SK9 6LR (map ref 108/817829 - near the Airport) on the evening of Saturday 11th February 2012.

The ANWCC will be subsidising the evening - the cost of the meal for all attendees will be at a discounted price of £23.00.

Early application is necessary- **the closing date for ticket applications will be 31st January 2012** - so, no late applications please!

You may apply for tickets via the [ANWCC website](http://www.anwcc.org) or by contacting Dave V. Thomas directly on 01492 584872.

Monthly Social Meetings

We are considering changing the date of the Monthly Social Meetings. We currently meet on the Second Monday of the month at the Unicorn Inn, Cronton, Just off the M62.

Of late we have been attracting just half a dozen people at the most and we are wondering if holding the meetings on a different day would attract more members. Or should we be looking for another venue? Would you be more likely to attend if the meetings were on a different day or at a different location? Please let us know - see below for Contact details, or post a message on the [LMC Forum](#).

Outings/visits etc

Is anyone interested in organising a members visit to somewhere of motorsport or motoring interest? Somewhere like Jaguar Land Rover at Halewood, or perhaps Chevron Cars near Warrington for example. Please contact any Committee member if you think this is something that you would be interested in putting together for members.

Championship Sponsors

Information about the services offered by the sponsors of the 2012 Chester & Liverpool Motor Club's Speed Championship are now included in the Wanted & for Sale section of the LMC forum. Please consider them when looking for motorsport parts or services, and don't forget to mention that you heard about them through LMC.

People you should know!

Club Contacts

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Chief Marshal	Bill Gray
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Sprint enquiries	Ron Hunt
Membership Secretary	Ron Hunt
Web Site Matters	Ron Hunt
CMC/LMC Championship	Ron Hunt
Rally Marshal coordinator	Geoff Maine

If you wish to contact any of the officials 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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