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In Memoriam

While this issue was being written, North West News was saddened to hear that Jackie Epstein, a former director and Vice Chairman of the BRSCC had passed away following illness. Jackie's exploits were numerous and included strong ties with Brands Hatch where he worked with John Webb. Following his own competition career, where he ran in such classics as the Targa Florio, he turned to team management scoring wins in F5000 with Mike Hailwood.

Closer to home we regret that Richard Ward has also passed away following illness. Richard will be best remembered at Oulton Park for his successful campaigning of a Lotus Elan. NW News extends sympathies to his family & friends.

Editorial

Let me start by wishing all readers a happy and (lets be optimistic) prosperous 2009. In this issue of North West News we complete our coverage of the 2008 XR Championship and hopefully whet the appetite for the coming season by publishing dates for our events at Oulton Park and Anglesey.

It is always interesting and enjoyable to report the activities of North West members away from the region. At the end of last season Rob Barrable took an excellent second overall in the Kent Formula Ford Festival, despite his car having to fend off the close attentions of other competitors. Elsewhere, at the BRSCC awards dinner, in Stratford-on-Avon, it was good to see Nigel Thompson receiving his award for the National pre-90 Formula Ford Championship.

At the recent Autosports show at the NEC in Birmingham I was pleased to see that the BRSCC had a major presence, with a large stand and cars from many of the clubs championships on display. As a casual observer it strikes me that anyone walking around this show is a potential recruit. Apart from the 750MC, where were the other clubs?

Annual BRSCCNW Awards Dinner Dance 21st February 2009

Invites have now been sent out, and those of you who intend to attend please get your confirmation back to Jan Gower as soon as possible; please include your name, your guests name, return address for the tickets, any payment by cheque, made payable to BRSCCNW, and finally who you would like to sit by.

We will again have an MC this year and also a guest speaker. I would like you to take your seats at the latest 18:50 for the award ceremony to start at 19:00 prompt. I look forward to seeing you all there, and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very prosperous new year!

Jan Gower

XR Season Roundup

Mark Robinson won the XR championship. Again. Looking at his performances over the past few years you really have to admire his reliability. His season's tally of 10 wins could safely be described as a 'commanding' performance. It is not as if he was up against poor competition. Second placed Michael Blackburn won rounds, frequently picked up the bonus points for pole & fastest lap, and was no stranger to the podium. The other half of the Blackburn brothers, Simon, also enjoyed a consistent season picking up a victory on his way to third place in the championship.

In the XR3 division, Chris Jones was the driver with the most wins. However, his points total was overhauled by both John-Ifan Jones and Phil Wright who enjoyed greater consistency on their way to first and second overall in the championship.

Statistically the Championship enjoyed average grids of over 20 cars throughout the season, although there was a bit of a dip (14 starters) for the mid season away match at Cadwell.

XR Challenge – Final Points

Class A	Class B
Mark Robinson 189	John-Ifan Jones 166
Michael Blackburn 169	Phil Wright 159
Simon Robinson 138	Chris Jones 139

Interesting to Read....

Most of us work in fields away from motorsport. However, for a few there can sometimes be an overlap. Jim Morris, a BRSCC Club Formula Ford competitor, is the Managing Director of Lifeline Fire & Safety Systems. His company has won an innovation award, from the World Motorsport Symposium, for producing the 'Zero' fire suppression system. This is a very light and compact system which is effective on unleaded, diesel & bioethanol fires. Congratulations to Jim, I just hope that none of us need to try his product in anger!!

Dates for the 2009 Season

Please be aware that these dates are for guidance only. In addition, the indication of a date does not necessarily mean that all of 'our' championships will be on the programme.

7 th & 8 th February; Marshals training, Oulton Park	11 th July; Oulton Park
4 th & 5 th April; Anglesey	8 th & 9 th August; Anglesey
18 th & 19 th April; Anglesey	15 th August; Oulton Park
25 th April; Oulton Park	29 th August; Anglesey
25 th May; Oulton Park	12 th September; Oulton Park
13 th June; Oulton Park	26 th & 27 th September; Anglesey
27 th & 28 th June; Anglesey	17 th October; Oulton Park

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