



Chairman's Thoughts - April 2006

They're off! (Don't worry, I'll put 'em back on before heading down to the circuit!) Great to see some real live racing cars again. TV and DVDs aren't the same, are they? Mind you, thinking of our Sunday on Anglesey, it is a lot more warm, dry, comfortable etc to watch the action from an armchair! But we wouldn't be there, would we, if we all sat at home?

Red news: Four-wheeled ones not yet fully with it; two-legged ones suddenly found the net (too late for European Cup, unfortunately).

City news: The landing stage has sunk. Ferries now stopping at Isle of Man stage leading to confusion all round (care if you're going to the TT – it doesn't happen in Seacombe. Care if you're going to Seacombe – the catamaran doesn't stop there!).

BMMC news: I've seen a number of high-profile names on the list of outstanding renewals. Even more importantly, there are some very valuable track-siders who hadn't yet signed-up. Our National Membership Secretary is firing out a reminder, but please do check your pending piles anyway in case you have not yet sent off your 2006 subs. Thank you.

Weather news: It's damned cold over here. Spring has surely got to start before summer arrives.

News news: I hope you've noticed that we've skipped a month with our Outpost (bit of a worry if you haven't!). Our esteemed Editor has changed jobs, and so Outpost has necessarily played second fiddle to the serious business of getting to grips with a whole new company. We think we're back on level ground, so please send your 'new season' snippets to Jan for inclusion in future issues.

Mike Cadwallader

Honda F1 Factory Visits

Ah well, no sooner printed than all gone. Those of us who don't do 10 10ths will be sad to read that all the dates for 2006 are now booked-up. Stephen Green is trying to get intros to other F1 sites. We'll try to get the news out before it is announced next time.

Regional Awards

Ok, here's part 2 of our extended awards season... Ken Finnie Trophy [Outstanding newcomer(s)]: This was awarded jointly to Heather Jones and Ged Clarkson at the first Oulton Park meeting. Our recipients have been a breath of fresh air (no pun) both trackside and in the forests. Their enthusiasm for their hobby has brightened-up many a day for their friends and colleagues. And, they've done a damned good job too. Here's to many more years.

Bellini Trophy [Significant contribution]: Well, we found him, and Steve Brooks was duly awarded his very well-deserved trophy. Some may say "Who he?". Steve has been a flag marshal and trainer for many years and was also your Competition Secretary for several seasons. Work kept him away from the circuits, but his dedication to getting things done for all of us was undiminished.

Mike Cadwallader

National Treasurer Report

Chris has done a fairly comprehensive report on our presentation to Motor Sports Council on 9th February. I echo his com-

ments on the positive response received and would add only that there is still work to be done.

Legislatively, the MSA is not able to "impose" many of the actions needed to try to eliminate too many race meetings over any given weekend, too many poorly supported championship rounds (although the MSA can control, to some extent, the number of championships) and even the ability to include marshals' facilities in track licence qualification is not as simple as it may seem. We live in an increasingly litigious age, I regret to say, and it sometimes seems as if common sense no longer exists! This is now the case in all walks of life, not just motorsport. Nevertheless, we have new commitment to achieve marshalling aims, by "concentrated persuasion" if not by imposition.

To this end, Chris and I will be repeating relative parts of our MSC presentation to the next meeting of Management Committee of the ABMRC on 23rd May 2006. MSA senior management will be at that meeting to assist our cause.

The ABMRC itself has changed and I append a note I did for BMMC Council members and the Chief Marshals of all other marshalling groups following the last meeting on 31st January 2006. You may find it of interest.

ABMRC

We have a new Secretary, David Dalton, who will represent the smaller organising clubs in the place of Robin Birchall who recently stood down from both positions. We also have a new Chairman. Robin Knight heads up various committees within the MSA and while these do not necessarily conflict head-to-head, Robin does find himself in somewhat contradictory situations from time to time. So, he and Dale Wells will swap positions. Dale becomes Chairman, Robin becomes Deputy Chairman.

While we were at it we had a complete re-think of what the ABMRC is about. It was set up originally to take a look at the future for club/national racing within the UK over the next ten or so years. I won't bore you with all we think we have achieved but we did highlight several areas where we have not achieved much! It is these areas we need to address and we thrashed out a much sharper campaign to improve our level of achievement in these and other important areas of what we were set up to do.

We feel we should invite a few other clubs to become more directly involved. (The new race organising bodies at MSV and Castle Combe have since accepted our invitation to participate.) We will pursue more vigorously action/request notes to the governing body. Where we or the governing body cannot "legislate" for the improvements required, we will vigorously campaign with all parties involved to achieve the same by persuasion. We are convinced club/national motorsport in the UK has a very promising future, despite all the hurdles of increasingly pedantic legislation, rising costs and all the moans we hear from time to time. The ABMRC is determined to help in the way it was originally envisaged we could but we think it is time for a change of pace and that is what we now aim to achieve.

Safe marshalling.

George Copeland

National Treasurer BMMC

Anglesey Circuit

Attention all Marshals you are cordially invited to Anglesey Circuit on May 20th and 21st. the programme consists of:

FF1600 North West, the National Legends Championship, and four Irish Classes with two races each..

This event is being run by the BMMC in association with Leinster Motor Club Ireland. Anyone interested please contact Steve Hill, Competition Secretary BMMC on 01434 609723 or 07710131130 or via e-mail armstrong.julie.virgin.net.

In anticipation of your attendance a big Thank You!

Steve Hill

Loton Park HillClimb

Loton Park is located in the village of Alberbury on the B4393 about 8 miles west of Shrewsbury. Volunteer to the Chief Marshal Peter Hempson at 46 Walker Crescent St Georges Telford TF2 9QA or by telephone 07971 269547.

The timetable for Loton Park:

1-2nd April	Members Practice days
16th April	British Championship – Practice
17th April	British Championship – Competition
20th May	1 day meeting
21st May	1 day meeting
10th June	British Championship –Practice
11th June	British Championship – Competition
8th July	1 day meeting
9th July	1 day meeting
29th July	Leinster Motor Club co/pro 1 day
30th July	Aston Martin oc 1 day
12th August	Midland Championship – Practice
13th August	Midland Championship – Competition
30th September	1 day meeting
31st September	1 day meeting.

New Members

Grevill Keyes Dawson	Paul Chambers
Darren Brazier	Andrew Dodd
Fiona Hayes	Andrew Robert Wycherley
Simon Brocklehurst	Michael Glover
Liam Sutcliffe	Steven Andrew Allen
Richard Lawrence Allen	Mike Budd
Jessica Watwood	Richard Salisbury
Phil Ackerley	Graham Saul
Michael Trumper	Thomas Trumper
Richard Jones	Pamela Marley

Welcome to the BMMC. I sincerely hope you enjoy yourselves as much as I have over my many years of marshalling. PLEASE DO REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE NUMBER 1, SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OUT THERE!

Upgrading

Congratulations to the latest upgrades this year in no particular order.

Julie Jefferies	Blue Badge
George Lewis	Red Badge
Steve Martin	Red Badge
Peter Charles Morrison	Green Badge
Elizabeth Wheldon Scott	Grey/Black Specialist Badge
Jim Webster	Red Badge
Katie Louise White	Grey Specialist Badge
Colin Oakley	Red/Black Badge.
Ann Charnley	Red Badge
Tony Banks	Course Marshal (Green)

Mandy Mugurian
John Lowe
Ian Clarke

Specialist Marshal (Grey)
Incident Marshal (Red)
Incident Marshal (Red)

Mid Cheshire Motor Racing Club Marshals required for the following events:

9th April 2006 - Curborough Sprint

16th July 2006 - Scammonden Hillclimb

13th August 2006 - Curborough Sprint

If you are interested in volunteering contact John MacArthur 07854 031052 or 01606 45286

John MacArthur

Richard Bates received a cheque on behalf of Phoenix rescue for £1,220 from Kenn Almond after a fun fund raising evening. Which was supported by Broughton Wings Sports & Social club & Chester Motor Club.

Phoenix Rescue have expressed sincere gratitude for the generous donation which will allow them to keep their Rescue vehicle in top specification and possibly open opportunities for the replacement of the vehicle in the future.

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