



**North
West
News**



Grant Stewart

The Club was greatly saddened to hear the news earlier this month of the death of former Chief Executive, Grant Stewart, who passed away suddenly on Saturday 31st October. Grant joined the BRSCC as Chief Executive in February 1999 from the Scottish Motor Racing Club. During his five year tenure he was instrumental in the introduction of both the PowerTour and the SuperClub packages. BRSCC Chairman, Bernard Cottrell said “Everyone at the Club was shocked to hear of Grant’s untimely death at such a young age of just 44. Our deepest condolences go to Grant’s family and friends and particularly his mother Jem.”

Editorial

First of all I would like to wish all readers a happy & prosperous 2010. Hopefully the new season will bring us enjoyable racing. Initial indications are good, with positive news from both of our North West based championships; Formula Ford & XR Challenge. More details appear in this issue.

Also on a positive note is the news that Nadine Lewis has been named MSA Marshal of the Year. Many Oulton Park & Anglesey regulars will know Nadine who has been active in recruiting & encouraging new marshals. Last season it was encouraging to see the healthy numbers of new recruits being given an introductory tour of the circuit before going on post. Congratulations Nadine.

At the end of this issue is a provisional schedule for the 2010 season. Please bear in mind that it is still subject to change. Keep an eye on the website for updates as they become available.

Centre Dinner Dance

Arrangements are well under way for this years centre dinner, to be held on 6th March at the Park Royal hotel, Stretton. Jan Gower is sending out the invitations which should now be falling through your letterbox.

If you are planning on staying at the hotel for the night then please remember to book your rooms early as they are going fast. Mention the BRSCC when booking to get a special rate of £75 for a double/twin or £70 for a single (breakfast included). The hotel can be contacted on 01925 730 706

Championship News

There are various bits of news regarding both of our North West Championships.

The XR Challenge is pleased to announce that BRS Recovery continue as sponsors. On the technical side there is a small change with the front ride height for the XR2’s being lowered 25mm.

North Western Formula Ford has a name change to Northern Formula Ford. This will incorporate Oulton Park & Star of Anglesey Series, together with qualifying rounds for the national championship. With respect to staffing and administration, Matt Hawkins & Ian Smith continue in their current roles and have been

joined by James Beckett. James is well known in Formula Ford circles for activities such as founding the Walter Hayes trophy and will help strengthen links at national level.

Finally in Formula Ford, the BRSCC has announced that Avon Tyres will be the title sponsor for both the Northern and Southern championships.

Marshals Training

This years Marshals training events will take place over the weekend of 20th and 21st February at Oulton Park. The Saturday session will be held in the Foggarty-Moss centre and will be aimed at Post Chiefs, Flag Marshals & Senior Specialists, while the Sunday caters for new & Cadet, Track & Experienced, Incident Officers & Specialist Marshals. On Saturday all of the sessions will be held inside, while the Sunday will be a combination of inside and outside activities.

Full details and volunteering forms can be obtained from the website; www.brscenw.com

Autosports Show

This years Autosports show, held at the NEC, appeared to be well attended. I visited on the Saturday and for most of the time there were a healthy number of people viewing the stands. The BRSCC had one of the larger stands with a good selection of cars on display, representing the clubs various championships. In contrast to previous years there seemed to be less direct involvement from the motor manufacturers (no factory stands from Subaru or Mitsubishi for example). However, there did seem to be plenty of representation from the clubs giving people the opportunity to get involved; apart from BRSCC I noticed, the 750MC, CSCC, HSCC & Marshals club, all keen to attract potential members.

It is in this area of accessibility that the 'short oval' people seem to score well. Walking around their area of the show the atmosphere seemed to be less formal. In many areas they dispensed with regimented rows of stands, automatically removing the 'barrier' people have to cross before talking to anyone. People seemed to be very approachable and it was easy to pick up fixture lists & 'what's on' guides.

North Western Centre Dates

Note; these are dates in which BRSCC NW has an involvement. It does not necessarily indicate a Formula Ford and / or XR Challenge round.

24 April – Oulton Park (Time Attack)	14 August – Oulton Park
15 May – Oulton Park	4 September – Oulton Park
22/23 May – Anglesey (CSCC)	11 September - Anglesey
12 June – Oulton Park (CSCC)	25/26 September – Anglesey
26/27 June - Anglesey	16 October – Oulton Park
3/4 July – Anglesey (Leinster MC)	28 November - Anglesey
31 July – Oulton Park	

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