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"Clash of the Titans" or things that go 'bang' at Oulton Park, part of Dave Williams' 2010 review featured on pages 4&5

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George Copeland



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THE CHAIRBEING'S AUTUMN THOUGHTS

Forget about World Championships! Just imagine the sensation of winning the Monza Grand Prix.... in a Ferrari. All Alonso can do to top that is bag a couple of Drivers' Championships for Ferrari. I've specc'y'd a few times at Monza. It's not just a case of hairs on the back of my neck standing up - I look like Dennis The Menace within minutes of getting into Monza Royal Park. To say that the atmosphere is unique is an understatement. Highly recommended - provided that you don't miss too many Oulton or Anglesey events to be there!!

Talking about being there, our North Region AGM and Hotpot Supper evening is drawing near. Saturday November 20 is the date for your diary. This not-to-be-missed event is beginning to loom large in the North West Glitteratis' social diaries. Not sure how many of them will make it this year, but you never know. I do understand that we may have a couple of fab guests. Keep your fingers crossed and get your tickets from Nadine while stocks last.

Thinking even further ahead, I do hope to see most of you during our Spring 2011 training weekend. There will be something for everyone because none of us - I repeat, none of us - knows it all. Looking after ourselves and each other, handling incidents, carrying out Assessments and, not least of all, Flag Marshalling. That last is near to my heart as I do have the honour of the title "Chief Flag" at many meetings at Oulton and, with AMOC, around the country. Having been out on t'bank a few times this year, I have asked for more time to be allocated for flag handling tuition at next year's training. I've seen yellow flags in out, in out and waved all about (make your mind up), blues being waved at a pack of cars (Lord help us if one of them moved aside) or a pair of competitors who are racing each other (how embarrassing), flags drooping limply over the barrier (do the drivers even notice them?) and even no flags at all

(concentration is essential). We have a long and proud tradition of high-quality flagging at Oulton Park. A spot of refresher training for all us current exponents of the art of flagging will be time well spent.

Football! Doncha luv it? My Red Men are composing themselves under Mr H for a magnificent charge to the 2011/12 Premiership title. Some people in blue (but not Everton, I'm afraid) will buy it this season, but we need our 19th title to keep those other red people at bay. A 6th European Cup would go nicely as well. Oh, and a League Cup!! Ok, winning any matches at all then!! Here come the Yanks.... again. Dare we dream the American Dream for a second time? Sunnyside-up waffles all round?

And finally, I read a Q&A report recently. The Answer was "If [the organisation] did not have its fantastic volunteering workforce it wouldn't be able to open for business." But what was the identity of this gratefully unanimous organisation? FIA, FIFA, FIFI, FUFU, EUFOO? No, it was the National Trust. Interesting, eh?

Please continue to be careful out there, at work rest and play. Concentration at all times is vital, wherever you are, whatever you are doing.

Mike Cadwallader, North Region Chairbeing
SPQL: 2010 The Year of Health and Wellbeing



AND HE SHOULD ALWAYS BE READY WITH A WORD OF APPRECIATION FOR GOOD SIGNALLING.

53rd AGM of the BMMC

Notice is hereby given that the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the British Motor Racing Marshals Club Ltd, will be held on Sunday 12th December 2010, at 14:00 Hrs at Mallory Park, Kirby Mallory, Leicestershire, LE9 7QE.

Any members wishing to have motions considered shall have these proposed, seconded and lodged with the National Secretary, no later than Friday 3rd December 2010.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 52nd AGM of the BMRMC Ltd.
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Secretary's report
7. Election of Auditors
8. Election of Officers : Mr. C Hobson stands down and offers himself for re-election
9. To consider the Special Resolution to amend the Year End and AGM dates
10. To receive the reports from the Executive Officers
11. To receive the reports from the Regional Chairmen
12. Motions to be considered
13. To confirm recipient of the David Leslie Award
14. To consider nominations for the John Nicol Trophy
15. Any other business

Signed

Nigel Price

National Secretary
16th October 2010

John Nicol Trophy



30th AGM of the BRMC

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General Meeting of the British Rally Marshals Club will be held on Sunday 12th December 2010 at Mallory Park, Kirkby Mallory, Leics, immediately following the BMMC's A.G.M.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 29th AGM (13/12/09)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Members Propositions

In accordance to rule K3.3 and 3.4 the Chairman and one committee posts are up for renewal. Jaz Bareham has agreed to seek re-election for the Treasurers post and Derek Machin has agreed to seek re-election to the committee.

Written nominations duly proposed and seconded shall be in the hands of the National Secretary not less than 7 (seven) days before the AGM date, together with the intimation that the nominee is willing to serve.

Paid up members only of BMMC/BRMC

Members propositions should be seconded and lodged with the Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days prior to the AGM.

Signed

John Jones

National Secretary
14th October 2010



2010 - MY MOTORSPORTING YEAR

A Word From The Other Chair.



With just the Winter meeting at Anglesey remaining our regular contributor, Dave Williams, takes a look back at his highlights of the 2010 season.

For me 2010 has been very busy year of writing as I have contributed to 4 magazines and web sites. After the New Year festivities ended I focused on researching Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) for January's edition of *Outpost* which featured Nadine Lewis on the front cover receiving the BMCC's 2009 Unipart Marshal of the Year trophy from Martin Brundle.

At the heart the PTS story was a fascinating interview with Simon Morrell, crew chief on the BRSCC North Western Centre's Rescue Unit, who gave a real insight into the emotions experienced when he and his team are called into action.

He told us ""We all endure different amounts of pressure. Our driver has to choose the right moment to join a live circuit and transport us all safely at speed to the crash scene within 90 seconds of leaving our standby location. The crew chief is responsible for the welfare of all persons at the scene (not just the driver) and has to work with our Doctor or Paramedic to determine the best way to extricate the driver. The medical assistant may be under pressure when helping to provide life saving intervention... and we all know that a difficult scene may be played out in full view of an audience of spectators and marshals. The amount of stress that goes with this is very subjective. It is dependent on the individual's character and

background."

A few months later I re-worked the article to provide a broader audience with an understanding of the commitment and dedication of marshals - this was published on the *Racing Exposure* web site. The BRSCC's National News web page also used a version of the piece therefore Simon's words of wisdom have been spread far and wide.

The racing season began for our region with a BARC(NW) meeting on the rarely used, all action Fosters layout at Oulton Park which was headlined by the opening rounds of the National Legends Championship. What a fantastic start! It was great to be back after the long winter and on arrival I looked in on the pit-lane (just to check that it was still there!). One of the first people I saw was Chris Maries. I was delighted to see him looking so fit and well - if a little battle-scarred - after his terrible accident in September '09. A few months later, despite the concerns of Mrs. Maries, he was once again out on the track competing in Sports/Saloons where he was pedaling his MK Indy just as fast as ever.

Talking of this eclectic tin top championship, the CNC Heads ex-DTM V8 Astra of series sponsor Ric Wood sounded meaner and seemed faster than ever this year. After niggles in practice he often powered spectacularly through the field from the back of the grid in the first race of the day.

Over in the Avon Tyres sponsored Northern Formula Fords we had the pleasure of witnessing a star of the future learning the ropes in the form of Jordan Skinner who was over from Wallaroo on the Southern Coast of Australia



for a season in the UK. In a feature for the June edition of *Outpost* he explained that budgetary constraints meant he was unable to fund a drive in the British Duratec Championship therefore he had to be content to pilot a mount with the older style engine. On the upside competing with Kent-engined Formula Fords meant he was getting far more racing mileage than would otherwise have been the case. Jordan scooped the 2010 Northern, Southern and National titles and finished a very close 3rd in the Kent section of the Brands Hatch Festival. When competing at Oulton Park and Anglesey Skinner enjoy some excellent dices with Stuart Gough who was one of the few who had the pace to keep up with the rapid Ozzie. Early on, their duels at Oulton often ended with one of them coming to grief at Hislops but as their racecraft developed the marshals enjoy watching some epic battles between the pair. There were usually millimetres between them when the chequered flag was waved.

Another to enjoy success in the North West this year is Paul Bishop who has frequently steered his XR2 to victory in the ever popular BRS Recovery XR Challenge thereby breaking the stranglehold that the Robinson brothers, Mark and Simon, have had on these hatchbacks. The most shocking incident I witnessed was the crash between the two racing trucks which were giving a lunchtime demonstration during April's Time Attack meeting. The loud bang which the impact generated was most alarming. It was a great relief to see the drivers and passengers climb out of the cabs unscathed. The organising team did a superb job to remove the wreckage from the middle of Hislops Chicane despite not having any heavy lifting gear at hand.



I've managed to get up to Anglesey on a couple of occasions this year. Firstly, my cousin Adrian took me to the 750 Motor Club meeting on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. This is one of my favourite events of the year as it always provides some great racing. Being a big strong lad Adrian was able to wheel me to the top of the large bank that overlooks The Corkscrew so that I had a view of pretty much the whole of the circuit. I remember the look of surprise on the face of our Rally Representative, Ian Briggs, as I appeared grinning broadly several feet above his head!



My mum took me back to Trac Mon for the BRSCC meeting a month later. The club had asked me to write a report of the weekend for their web site so I missed the England vs Germany World Cup match. This proved to be an excellent decision because when we got into the car after the finish of the last race, we switched on the radio to hear the commentator describing two match-deciding goals for the Germans before we had even got out of the circuit's gates!

Probably the highlight of the year was seeing Stirling Moss behind the Ferguson 4-wheel-drive Formula 1 car about which I wrote a detailed article for *Outpost* in February 2009. It was fantastic to see the car in the metal driven by the great man himself.

All in all 2010 was a busy and enjoyable season.

Dave Williams



Eaton Park

On Wednesday 15th September, Chester Motor Club invited a few marshals from Oulton Park (led by Dave Cleaveley) to their graces the Duke and Duchess of Westminsters' Eaton Park estate at Eccleston. This was for the Lady Mary Grosvenor Centenary celebration of her life in motor sport.

We were very well looked after, they not only provided us with breakfast and lunch but also invited us to dinner at night in the Long Room at the Estate . We would just like to thank the Chester Motor Club for a great day.

Lady Mary Constance Grosvenor the second daughter of Hugh Richard Arthur. the second Duke of Westminster, was born at Grosvenor House, Mayfair on 27th April 1910. She was keen on fishing, riding, sailing and walking. In her twenties she took up motor sport circuit racing, speed trails, hill climbs ,and even rallies.

Her name in motor sport from the early 1930 to middle 1950 was legendary, she raced at places like Silverstone, Goodwood, Donington and even Oulton Park. The cars she drove ranged from Bugatti type 35b, Allard, Riley, Sprite, Triumph TR2 and many more.

Lady Mary succeeded Sir Arthur Grosvenor as both patron and president of Chester Motor Club. Soon after accepting the patronage she presented the club with a silver cup bearing her name. In 1951 she was awarded this cup for achieving best time of the day at the 'Summer Drive'.

Whilst presenting competitors awards the officials and marshals were never forgotten and when not competing herself, she would regularly, no matter what the weather or time of day, encourage and thank the often cold and wet marshals, with the boot of her car full of good cheer.

Lady Mary died on 7th June 2000.



Oulton Park - 2nd October

Travelling to Oulton Park for the 750MC race meeting last weekend was difficult as there were queues on the M6. I shouldn't have been surprised as there is always queues there. What was more worrying was the weather forecast of rain.



As the rain was expected in mid afternoon on Saturday the clerks decided to move things as quickly as possible and have a fairly short lunch break.

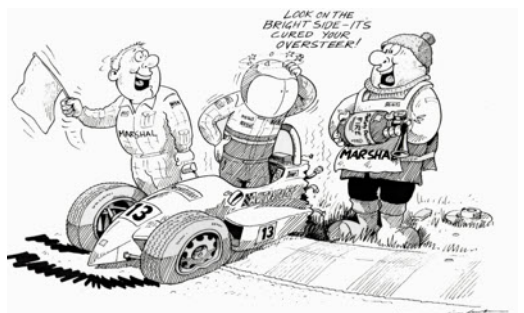
I am hoping that we made up for the inconvenience with some good close racing and an early finish.

We had our share of red flags but, with lots of marshals ready and willing to clear the problems, we kept roughly to schedule.

Thank you all for your help an I hope to see you all at Oulton again next year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Harding



BMMC North Region
Annual General Meeting 2010

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the North Region of the British Motor Racing Marshals Club Ltd (known as the British Motorsport Marshals Club). The meeting is to be held at the British Legion Social Club, 2 Bradburns Lane, Hartford, Northwich, CW8 1LS, on Saturday 20th November 2010 at 1930hrs.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM (copies available on the night)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Members Propositions

In accordance with the Club Rules K.3.3 and K.3.4, the following Committee Members stand down by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Eric Ridler
 Dave Cleaveley
 Andy Holley

The Regional AGM is required to consider any resolutions proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged, in writing, with the Regional Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Regional AGM.

Signed: Gordon Knight
 North Region Secretary
 Issued: 13th September 2010

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Please note the AGM is open to fully paid up members only. Guests for the Hotpot Supper, please wait until 2015hrs ( may be sooner depending on the chairman's report!)

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