



Maximum Attack

August 2008

Dear Member,

Well here we are at the end of August, looking forward to our 2008 Printmatters Promenade Stages Rally on Saturday 6th September that's only about 10 days away now. For the competitors amongst us, I'm sure everything is running like clockwork with only a few little tinkering bits and bobs to do to your cars – installing the engine, perhaps.....! Fingers crossed Mother Nature is kind to us on the day of the event, although would be nice if she could spare us from any harsh conditions for setting up and scrutineering on the Friday too! Roll on Saturday week, and good luck to all!

To those of you out there competing, marshalling, officiating or just plain spectating please keep your articles (with or without accompanying photos) coming in as we'd love to hear about your experiences – good, bad or downright bizarre!

Cheers,

Andy

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2008 PRINTMATTERS PROMENADE STAGES RALLY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Undoubtedly, huge thanks have to go to the organising committee for the Rally without which it simply wouldn't run itself. But if you're not competing, or just fancy getting closer to the action, why not come and help out as a marshal? This is my personal plea now, as both the Club's Chief Marshal and for the Rally, but we do need more marshals for the event. If you've spectated before, and want to get involved, please contact us – we never turn down any offers of help. Never marshalled before, or worried you won't know what to do? Fear not! There are many experienced marshals attending, both from Wallasey and other motor clubs, who will be more than happy to share their knowledge and experiences with you.

All marshals signing on will receive a packed lunch, full safety instructions and a ticket for the marshal's draw with top prizes up for grabs including a rally course at the Silverstone Rally School and various motorsport merchandise. We need marshals to assist with setting up, manning, and dismantling of scrutineering on Friday 5th September as well as on the day of the event itself. Signing on for the Saturday will be from 6:15am.

And to those Wallasey crews competing, if Lady Luck doesn't happen to be on your side that day (and I'm not, for a moment, trying to jinx anyone!) please resist the temptation to dash off home or to the nearest pub and drown your sorrows. We'd be extremely grateful if you could stay on until the end of the last stage to help us with clearing the roads of stage equipment. Even if it's only for half an hour, it makes our job that bit easier.

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY

TONY KING

The Centenary Stages is organised by the Sheffield & Hallamshire Motor Club as a single venue event at Twyford Woods just off the A1 between Grantham and Stamford in Lincolnshire.



Having heard some favourable comments from other competitors about the venue (thank you to Sarah in particular), 2½ crews from Wallasey made the trip to the event on 10th August.

Steve Noble & Stephen Turner were running at car 20 in the Subaru, Wayne McArdle (aka Twangy) & Mark Skillicorn at car 36 in the Sierra and myself co-driving Car 37, a 1300 Nova, with Paul Atkinson from Ripon MSC (hence the ½ Wallasey crew).

The event provided eight stages with a total of 60 stage miles and the whole day ran pretty smoothly. The stages were quite slippery in the morning, particularly under the trees, following the torrential rain throughout the day & night before but they dried out quite well and the rain stayed away for most of the day.

The venue is a disused airfield with trees planted around the runways and access roads; the majority of the surface is concrete with some broken, gravel stretches and the roads between the trees are narrow. It's a little rough in places (although Twangy would probably disagree with that statement – he'd say it was bl**dy rough) but, in my opinion, no more than Weeton; certainly, not a venue for a pure tarmac rally car but not too bad overall!

Unfortunately, the Sierra of Twangy & Skilly had to retire at the start of Stage three after various bits had fallen off the car and the alternator cried enough. They lost part of the exhaust at the end of stage 1 ... I know, because Paul & I hit it as we crossed the flying finish!



Steve & Stephen had a good run in the Subaru to finish 16th overall and 9th in class. Steve is getting used to the improved performance from his "new" engine and really enjoyed himself on the day. A few minor indiscretions on the stages – a misheard call on stage 1 (the arrow pointed left but Stephen, correctly called a right) meant a close encounter with a log pile, an overshoot when Steve spotted Twangy spectating and a close encounter with a very big bale – resulted in only cosmetic damage to the car and they're looking forward to their next event on the Promenade Stages in September.



I thoroughly enjoyed the event sitting alongside Paul in the Nova finishing 22nd overall and 3rd in class and winning a class award! The Nova was quick all day and pretty nimble between the trees and we only had a couple of incidents during the day – a two wheeled moment when we clipped a tyre cutting a corner a little too tight and we side swiped a bale while being harried by a Subaru - the same bale that Steve met a little earlier.

This was my 8th event of 2008 in the 6th different car and with the 6th different driver so I'm getting plenty of experience of different cars and drivers. Always available for more opportunities though....

FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

When	What	Where	More info
6 th -7 th Sept	Oaks Trophy (Road) Rally	OS maps 118/119	www.eromc.co.uk
6 th Sept	Aintree Sprint	Aintree	Liverpool Motor Club
13 th -14 th Sept	E Nixon & Son Ltd Firefly Goldleaf (Road) Rally	Wrexham area	www.bbmc.org.uk
13 th -14 th Sept	Loton Park Hillclimb (non-qualifying)	Loton Park	www.hdlcc.com
13 th Sept	Rali Meirion Stages	Trawsfynydd Ranges	www.harlechmc.co.uk
13 th Sept	Ystwyth Daytime Road Rally (non-qualifying)	Sweet Lamb	Aberystwyth & DMC
14 th Sept	Scammonden Summer Hillclimb	Scammonden Dam	Pendle DMC
20 th Sept	Plains Rally & Historic Rally	Welshpool	www.knutsfordmotorclub.co.uk
21 st Sept	Hall Trophy Stages Rally	Weeton Army Camp	www.cdmconline.com
27 th -28 th Sept	Trackrod Clubmans & Historic Rally	Yorkshire forests	www.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk
27 th -28 th Sept	Clitheronian Road Rally	Lancashire	CSMA North West with Clitheroe & DMC
28 th Sept	Adrian Barker Memorial Trophy Rally	Desborough Airfield	www.eromc.co.uk

What a day!

With the wet conditions at Oulton at the previous meet, Croft was a whole new thing - new circuit and testing conditions - mainly a damp (but drying track) with the threat of rain always imminent! I opted for a medium setup being not too hard, but not too soft to try and be ready for whatever the weather had to throw at us!



Format was 1 practise / qualifying session to determine the grid for the first race and the results from that race being the grid for the 2nd race. I qualified 4th overall - next to Carl in the superfast Civic who was nearly 4 seconds a lap quicker!!

First race got off to a great start, leaving Carl behind on the grid and going in to the first corner in 3rd behind the M3 of Andy Davis who started from pole and a Gen 1, RX7. Went into the corner a bit fast, and had a huge sideways moment, scrubbing all speed from the start, which allowed Carl to get right on

me up the back straight - then it all went wrong!

Watching my mirrors too much, I braked on my hot braking point, and on cold tyres, went straight on, in to, and through the very deep kitty litter, out the other side, and in to a corn field!! I eventually found my way back on to the circuit (The corn was higher than the car!) in last place.

Put in a few fast laps, and I was soon up with the back of the field, passing 2 cars before catching the 7 litre Camaro. I was much faster through the corners, but was getting left for dead on the straights. Going in to "Sunny In" - a 3rd gear right hander, I thought I spotted a gap - went for it, only to have the door closed and made contact with the Camaro. Fortunately it was a mere nudge which didn't really do much harm - the Camaro scratched a few vinyls on his rear bumper, and I got a smashed indicator and dented front wing! Couldn't really find a way past and finished 7th - 3rd in class!



2nd race - again, I got a demon start, pulling along side Dave Hill in the CRX on the row in front of me, but on a damp track and the event from the first race in the back of my mind, I gave room, and tucked in behind him. Nose to tail for about 4 laps, I found out where I was a little quicker, and set him up along the back straight for a nice clean pass on the corner where I went off in the first race. Dave followed me round, inches away at points for the rest of the race, finishing 5th overall, 2nd in class.

REMINDER - WALLASEY MOTOR CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2008

(Note the change of date for the AGM)

Yes it's that time of year again, with all the usual gags about not attending and you won't get roped into anything etc.

Wake up people! It's been the same old faces trying to run the Club (and events) for **YOU** over the last few years, but without much support from the members.

Now is your chance to show your support for YOUR Club, and come along to the AGM. If you think you can contribute in any way, "every little helps". Most committee positions available do not take up much personal time, but their contribution can make a big difference to the Club. Let's try and get it moving, bring in some new interest and move forward.

Completed forms – downloadable from the Club website, or enclosed with postal copies of the Newsletter - should be returned either by email to: Tony.King@msn.com or by post to: *Company Secretary, Wallasey Motor Club, 26 Cheddon Way, Pensby, Wirral, CH61 8TR*

Nominations must be received by Monday 15th September 2008

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When	What	Where
Monday 1 st September	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 8 th September	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 15 th September	Motorsport DVD night	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 22 nd September	WMC Annual General Meeting	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 29 th September	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton

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Wallasey Motor Club currently meet most Monday evenings at The Queens Royal, Marine Parade, New Brighton starting around 9pm. However, please check on the Club website in case of any change.

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