



# Maximum Attack

December 2007

Dear Member,

Greetings again and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! I know it's cutting it a bit fine for Christmas, but here is the newsletter! This month we have an article from Andy Creer telling us about life in the hot seat in Nev's mini. Also included are the championship reg's for 2008. PLEASE READ THEM AS THEY ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TO LAST YEARS REG'S, ESPECIALLY REG 7! Wallasey also entered into an online motor quiz last month, see the piece from Mike Harris in the newsletter to see how the team got on.

Now for the usual moan!! SEND ME SOME STUFF TO INCLUDE IN THE NEWSLETTER! Several people have promised articles to me in the past and I am still waiting! I will not chase people for stuff other than in this newsletter, so if you want something included, send it to me at the email address shown below.

As I've said in the past, send me an email with the bare bones of an article and I'll do the rest. I'm not looking for War and Peace! Please make sure that you put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject heading so that I know not to delete it!

Cheers,  
Sparky  
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## Wallasey success in Motor Quiz!

Congratulations to your club. As one of the four highest scoring clubs, you are to be invited to the live final to be held at the Honda Racing F1 HQ in Brackley, Northants on 26th January 2008. Full details will be sent to you soon.

Finalists are:  
Bristol Pegasus Motor Club,      Oxford Motor Club,  
Stockton & District Motor Club      **Wallasey Motor Club.**

John Robson, Quizmaster

Details from the event information/regulations below.

After the Internet section of the Quiz closes on 10th December, the four highest-placed clubs will be invited to the semi-finals and final, which will be a 'live' event hosted by respected motor industry historian and author Graham Robson, who will also set the questions. Four contestants will represent each club in this live event.

The handsome prize list includes £2000.00 and a trophy to the winning club, £1000.00 to the runner-up, and £500.00 to each of the losing semi-finalists and plaques to all the final's day competitors.

If I understand the above correctly, the club should already be £500 better off with hopefully the possibility of progressing further.

My thanks and congratulations to all the club members who contributed to the club's qualification.

Best regards  
Mike Harris.

## Promenade Stages Rally – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Mini Road Runner made their debut appearance on their home event, the Printmatters Promenade Stages run by Wallasey Motor Club, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The pressure was on Nev and Andy to perform well with them having been Deputy Stage Commander and Chief Marshal respectively for a number of years.

Having another (although larger engined) Mini, crewed by Lee Hartley and Mark Shepherd, in front of them inspired the boys throughout the day. As the day went on, the Mini developed a grinding noise from the rear that seemed to get worse and some play was found in the radius arms but it was decided that this wasn't the cause. After stage 7 it was discovered that the front off side bottom arm bushes were destroyed so that was replaced quickly by the service crew. The battle with Lee and Mark went right up to the final stage with them taking four seconds out of the by now badly handling mini therefore beating the team by 3 seconds. Investigations by the service crew after the final stage discovered the rear subframe had failed causing the noise and the loss of handling.

Overall it was a very successful event and 52<sup>nd</sup> overall and 11<sup>th</sup> in class was a great result for this notorious car breaking event.

Big thanks to our service crew of Keith and Drew for all their hard work on the day.

## Glyn Memorial Stages – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007

With a new rear subframe fitted to the Mini, the updated Anglesey Circuit was the destination for Mini Road Runner rallyings' latest adventure - the two day Glyn Memorial Trophy Rally. The team arrived at the circuit to strong winds and heavy rain - new conditions after the good weather at Trawsfynydd and New Brighton. A quick look at the stages revealed some very long runs which we not going to suit the mini but the surface and new track layout was very impressive looking.

Saturday was run almost entirely in the rain and the team did well to limit themselves to a couple of trips to the grass and many cars spent the day off roading. After the final stage run in the dark, which resembled driving in the snow, Nev and Andy had moved up to 65<sup>th</sup> Overall and 10<sup>th</sup> in class.

After a night of heavier rain and stronger winds, Sunday dawned a lot brighter with softer wind and no rain. With the cars having be re-seeded the team now found themselves with cars behind them for the first time - another new experience. On the second stage the crew had a slight off and an altercation with the wrong side of a rumble strip resulting with a front nearside puncture and a stage maximum and a loss of 9 minutes and dropping to the back of the field. With not having any spare 165 tyres the team were forced to use 145's on the back which resulted in a lack of rear end grip so the rest of the day was spent very sideways with huge smiles on the faces on Nev and Andy. Despite this the crew managed to finish the event 59<sup>th</sup> Overall and 9<sup>th</sup> in class. Three events and three finishes - not a bad record.

Andy Creer

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# Wallasey Motor Club Championships Regulations

## Sprint / Rally 2008

Any persons registered for any of the clubs championships must adhere to the following regulations, failure to do so may result in points not being awarded for events completed where the competitor would have qualified for championship points.

1. Results must be passed onto the Comps Sec or his Assistant within 14 days of completing the event. This can be done by Telephone, E-mail, by Post or in person on a club night.
2. Upon the fifteenth day after the event, any results not passed in will not count!
3. From the date the results are passed in by the competitor, they will be classed as pending, at which point the competitor then has a further 14 days to send an Official copy of the event results to the Comps Sec with their result highlighted, either by post or e-mail.
4. At the end of this 14 day period, if a hard copy has not been received by the Comps Committee, then the result will be void!
5. Any queries, discrepancies or appeals may be raised to the Comps committee for review at anytime; thereafter the decision of the Comps Committee is final.
6. The Comps committee will endeavour to keep the results as current as possible and to have them available to be viewed on the clubs web site at [www.wallaseymc.com](http://www.wallaseymc.com)
7. A competitor (Sprint) or Crew (Rally) will supply two articles for the club newsletter within the Championship year; doing so will gain them a 10 point bonus at the end of the Championship, failure to do so will incur a 10 point deduction.

The Comps Sec can be reached on 07980-224-294 or at [compsec@wallaseymc.com](mailto:compsec@wallaseymc.com)

The Assistant Sec can be reached at 07957-888-274 or at [Jonchamb@hotmail.com](mailto:Jonchamb@hotmail.com)  
Or in person on most club nights.

## Closing date for registrations is 31<sup>st</sup> March

Note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to gather their results and get them to the Competitions committee within the allotted time periods.

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Points will be awarded in the following ways: -

### Rally Driver & Co-Driver

1<sup>st</sup> O/A = 75 Points  
2<sup>nd</sup> O/A = 74 Points  
3<sup>rd</sup> O/A = 73 Points

*And So On Decreasing By One Point Per Place*

60<sup>th</sup> O/A = 3 Points  
Any Lower Places = 3 Points

### Sprint Driver

1<sup>st</sup> In Class = 30 Points  
2<sup>nd</sup> In Class = 29 Points  
3<sup>rd</sup> In Class = 28 Points

15<sup>th</sup> In Class = 16 Points  
Any Lower Places = 16 points

## 2008 Membership

Better late than never – attached/enclosed you should find a new Membership form. This is required to be completed and returned with your subscription – by 1<sup>st</sup> March at the latest, please. I hope a copy will also be available from the web site – *hint, hint!!*

Please note that we also wish to circulate the future Newsletter by e-mail – to be sent as a “.pdf” document. This saves a huge amount of postage and time, and also means we can circulate information to you quicker too! We look forward to receiving your renewals at your earliest convenience.

Tony King & Alan Smith

### Got a vacant seat ? – Co-Driver / Navigator available !

Tony King is offering his skill and expertise in the “hot seat” for Special Stage rallies in the coming year. He has “previous” he says – just needs to sharpen the pencils ..... *His project Mini is obviously going to take a little longer to complete .....*

Please contact Tony on : 0151-648-3305 or [tony\\_king@msn.com](mailto:tony_king@msn.com)

### Dinner Dance - 2008

The venue of the Hollins Hey, New Brighton has again been booked for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008, for the Dinner Dance and Annual Trophy presentation. Tickets will be available by mid-January and will cost £22.00 each. No news on a guest speaker yet .....

So, for those who were awarded trophies last year, please extract them from the cabinet/under the bed/stairs – give them a clean *please*, and return to Andy Macdonald or Alan Smith by end of January. Please contact to arrange return of trophies or book/pay for tickets any Monday evening, or contact on details below.

Nev Astbury

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Wallasey Motor Club currently meet most Monday evenings at The Ship Hotel, The Parade, Parkgate, starting around 9:00 p.m. – but please check on the Club website in case of any change!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES, VISIT [www.wallaseymc.com](http://www.wallaseymc.com)