



Maximum Attack

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Dear Member,

March sees the start of WMC's new Scatter Rally (formerly Nav Run) Championship for the year, so we are expecting a good turnout of competitors for the first round.

Also, remember that 31st March is the deadline for renewing your Club membership – if you're not paid-up by then, your membership will be terminated. Don't say you haven't been warned! An application form is, again, attached/enclosed with this Newsletter.

Cheers,

Andy

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WMC SCATTER RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND ONE – MONDAY 1ST MARCH

The first round of this year's Wallasey Motor Club Scatter Rally Championship is being organised by Keith & Ross and will run on Monday March 1st on Map 117 - Chester & Wrexham. Start venue is Hawarden Castle Car Park - 117 / 316 656. Plots will be given out from 7:30pm with first car starting at 8:00pm. Results will be announced at the Tudor Rose Pub on the A540 - 348½ 741½

Entry costs £8/car - an increase from last year but this is to cover the MSA permit fees and administration costs. To enter or for more details contact Keith on (m) 07576 801999 or (e) keith.k.lincoln@shell.com. If you'd like to compete this year but haven't got a driver or navigator, contact Tony King (m) 0798 961 6546 or (e) Tony.King@msn.com to see who else is available see WMC Dating now!

Finally, I'd like to (gently) remind all club members that these events are intended to be a fun, navigational exercise and not a full blown road race so please bear this in mind when entering.

MARSHAL REQUESTS

This years Malcolm Wilson Rally will be held on Saturday 6th March. Wallasey Motor Club will be assisting in running Grizedale North – Stage 5. If you are interested in marshalling on this event, please contact Bill Turner by email bill.turner35@btinternet.com or 07980 386298 for further details.

Once again we are intending to take a marshalling team down to Weston Park for Owen Motor Club's AGBO Stages on Sunday 21st March. This event is for two wheel drive cars only, and so attracts a lot of historic rally cars and provides some good entertainment. We will need to sign for around 07:00 so will be meeting at the Trooper pub at the top of the A41 outside Chester at around 06:00. Later in the year Owen motor club will return the favour by sending a team of marshals to help out on the Prom rally, so let's make it a good showing on our part. Contact Andy Mac on compsec@wallaseymc.com or 07980 224294.

Saturday 27th March sees the latest running of the Bulldog Rally, based at Welshpool in mid-Wales, and using some of the classic Welsh forest stages. I am organising for a group of us to go marshalling on the event, so if you're interesting in coming along please let me know – ae Elliot@hotmail.com or 07753 327420.

Wallasey were, as usual, out in force at the biggest event on the regional rally calendar – both competing and volunteering. We'd been allocated our now-customary spot looking after the Lytham Hall stage, run twice on the Saturday afternoon, and the stage was expertly marshalled by Graham Williams as Stage Commander and ably assisted by Alan Smith as Safety Officer.

In spite of gloriously sunny conditions on departing the Wirral on Saturday morning, the further north we travelled the foggier and murkier the weather became. After a scenic tour of Lytham (Stu, I owe you that pint...), John Merriweather, Stu Macmaster and I arrived at the stage start where Stu was to be based for the day while John and I were despatched to man the flying finish with former WMC member Andy Creer. A good catch-up ensued, before it was time to test WMC's high-tech results-relaying system – i.e. the old field telephones. Strangely enough, when Nige (Hardwood) tried ordering 10 portions of curry and chips via Jon (Chamberlain) at the other end of the line, the response came back as unprintable in this family publication.....

Down to business, and the official vehicles started coming through the stage before the meaty sound of a rally car engine signalled that we were ready to rock and roll with the competitors. Fortunately, from our vantage point, we could see straight across the field to the start line so had a rough idea of when to expect the cars through the flying finish. After a little bit of initial rustiness in noting down the car numbers, times and relaying these to the finish line, we were soon back into the groove and the team was working very efficiently. An Escort Cosworth with a nearside rear puncture gave us a rather alarming moment in approaching the flying finish as he seemed to be weaving across the stage from side to side – at one point, heading directly for us. Fortunately, this was the closest call we had.

With the first running of the stage completed, there was a short respite before competitors returned for the second running and what was the final stage of the event. With darkness closing in, many crews had opted to fit additional lamp pods which made for quite a sight when they approached us. As always, we were keen to give our support to fellow Club members competing on the event, but were alarmed to hear over the phone of an incident involving Steve Noble's Renault Clio and a rather old set of iron gates on our stage only a few hundred yards before our post. The resulting "cosmetic alterations", as can be seen from the series of images below, do not make for easy viewing but thankfully neither driver nor co-driver were injured.



The rest of the crews, passing through now in almost complete darkness, successfully negotiated the stage although there were still some stragglers left at the end of the field who we weren't sure if we'd see again. Despite the impending fog and mist that had started to creep in, and was treacherous driving through, we finished the stage and were soon packed up and heading for home.

My thanks to all who made the event possible this year. The venue was excellent, ideally suited to us with many Club members staying overnight waking the next morning to snow-covered countryside.

The evening went well, no hitches and the guest speaker was really well received; interesting and amusing with many members chatting to Barry and asking him questions throughout the evening, some even said he was their all time hero - Alan Smith had bought his book and had it autographed on the night and a number of other members were getting their menus autographed! Barry also brought a number of presents for the raffle including his own book (the same book Alan Smith had already bought).

The dance floor was well situated in comparison to last years' venue; this encouraged many of the members to get up and 'throw some shapes'! The only downfall was the evening ended too soon.

Hopefully, all members will agree to the same venue next year, and guest speaker will be a hard act to follow.

WALLASEY MOTOR CLUB DINNER DANCE, 20/02/10 – AN APOLOGY

We would like to make an apology for a mistake made at the Awards Dinner on Saturday night.

Due to an error whilst compiling the list of awards winners for last year, a few Club members did not receive awards that were due to them on the night.

For this oversight, we would like to pass on our sincere apologies and assure the winners that any awards that were due will be issued in due course.

Andrew Macdonald
Competitions Secretary

FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

| When | Event | Organising Club |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 6 th March | Tour of Cheshire Historic Road Rally | Knutsford & DMC |
| 6 th March | Malcolm Wilson Rally | Kirkby Lonsdale/Morecambe/West Cumbria |
| 7 th March | Roskirk Stages | Blackpool South Shore MC |
| 13 th /14 th March | Moonbeam Road Rally | Telford AC |
| 14 th March | Fix Auto Swansea Tour of Epynt | Port Talbot MC |
| 21 st March | Look-Out Stages | Trackrod MC |
| 21 st /22 nd March | Express Motors Commercial Rali Llyn | Harlech & DMC |
| 27 th /28 th March | VK Derbyshire Road Rally | Matlock MC |
| 27 th March | Bulldog Rally | Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC |
| 28 th March | Stockport Stages | Stockport 061 MC |

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

| When | What | Where |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday 1 st March | Scatter Rally Round 1 | Results at Tudor Rose, A540 |
| Monday 8 th March | Noggin & Natter | Port Sunlight Village Social Club |
| Monday 15 th March | Noggin & Natter | Port Sunlight Village Social Club |
| Monday 22 nd March | Motorsport DVD night | Port Sunlight Village Social Club |
| Monday 29 th March | Noggin & Natter | Port Sunlight Village Social Club |

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Wallasey Motor Club currently meet most Monday evenings at Port Sunlight Village Social Club, Bridge Street, Port Sunlight, CH62 4UP, starting around 9pm. However, please check on the Club website in case of any change.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES, VISIT www.wallaseymc.com