



Maximum Attack

February 2009

Dear Member,

Another month has flown by, and a busy one for those members of the Club involved with the North West Stages Rally in Blackpool. A big thanks to everyone who turned out to help over the weekend. We've also had the WMC Annual Awards & Dinner Dance at the Hollins Hey Hotel in New Brighton, which seemed to go down very well with those in attendance. Again, many thanks go to all involved in making this event happen. If anyone has any photos from the night, send them through and they can be included in the next edition of the Newsletter.

This weekend sees the first competitive event for myself this year, navigating for Nev Astbury in the trusty Mini, which has been honed and fine-tuned over the winter ready for the forthcoming season. A number of other WMC crews are also out competing on the event, but the organisers would also welcome your assistance with marshalling so come down and lend a hand if you want to see the action first-hand – details later in the newsletter.

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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MARSHALS REQUIRED

MALCOLM WILSON RALLY, 7TH MARCH, CUMBRIA

Marshals are required by the organisers of the Malcolm Wilson Rally, specifically for the Grizedale North stage. Signing-on will be 10-11am(ish). Every marshal registered on the event will receive the customary mug, as well as various other "goodies". Contact Ian Briggs for further details by emailing ian@pengwyn.fsnet.co.uk.

AGBO STAGES, 8TH MARCH, WESTON PARK, SHROPSHIRE

The AGBO Stages Rally is taking place at Weston Park on Sunday 8th March. This event is for two wheel drive cars only and so brings out a lot of historic Cars and is very entertaining. We marshal this event as an ongoing relationship with Owen Motor Club who help out on our Promenade Stages Rally in September, so all help is appreciated. Confirmed Wallasey crews competing on this year's event include Steve Noble/Stephen Turner, Keith Dowthwaite/Tony King and Nev Astbury/Andy Elliot.

Details for marshalling on the event can be obtained from Andy MacDonald by emailing andy@andy-m.fsnet.co.uk or by calling him on 07980 224294. We will need to be signed on by 07:00 at Weston Park. Please contact Andy Mac if you are going to assist.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY OF NORTH WALES (A.K.A. THE BULLDOG RALLY), 28TH MARCH, NORTH WALES

Marshals are required by the organisers of the International Rally of North Wales (or The Bulldog Rally as it's still known to most of us), taking place on Saturday 28th March in the classic forests of North Wales. Although we have not been assigned to one specific stage, I will have the Chief Marshal's details and will find out where they require assistance the most. The event will again be supplying an 'event momento' to all marshals & radio crews and will as usual be having a post-event marshals draw.

Email ae Elliot@hotmail.com if you are interested in going.

"STRICTLY SIDeways" AT RALLYDAY 2009

"Strictly Sideways" is the latest exciting attraction alongside the regular action-packed lineup at Rallyday, which takes place at Castle Combe Circuit on Saturday 19 September 2009. The all-new "Strictly Sideways" competition will showcase rally teams demonstrating their drifting and car control in front of a panel of celebrity judges on a specially-designed route with excellent spectator viewpoints. The panel of judges will mark the teams for flamboyance, car control and pure entertainment value and there will be class winners for Rear-Wheel Drive, Four-Wheel Drive and Front-Wheel Drive!

For anyone not already familiar with the event, Rallyday is an annual show run by rally enthusiasts, which gives visitors a chance to enjoy the spectacle of a wide range of rally cars and rally stars in an open and spectator-friendly environment. It comprises live action on the track with static displays in the paddock, and has something to offer everyone, from the rally enthusiast to a family looking for an enjoyable day out.

On-track action comes in the form of professional driving demonstrations, track sessions, rally car rides, circuit parades and a feature rally car stage. Off track, there is a host of displays, where visitors can have a close look at some of the world's most iconic rally cars, which have made rallying history through the years. The paddock is packed full of static displays, plus the main event stage where rallying celebrities are interviewed. There are also numerous trade exhibitors, ranging from major car manufacturers to individual specialists offering a diverse array of rally merchandise.

Rallyday Interactive is where visitors can go further than just spectate. Whether it be a WRC rally simulator, radio-controlled rally cars or a full-on white-knuckle ride in a selection of rally cars, there are many activities for people to participate in.

Tickets are exceptional value and - if booked in advance - cost just £10 per adult and accompanied children go FREE! Tickets on the gate cost £15 per adult, so it makes sense to book early. Ticket booking, in addition to information about track sessions, clubmans rally packages, strictly sideways entry forms, paddock parking, trade stands and spectator information, can all be found on the Rallyday website at <http://www.rallyday.com>.

For further information, please contact: Email: info@rallyday.com, Tel: 0845 12 72559,
Website: <http://www.rallyday.com>

SPRINT INVITATIONS:

Wallasey have been named as an invited club to the following events run by Nottingham Sports Car Club:-

Sunday	10 th May 2009	Curborough
Sunday	14 th June 2009	Curborough
Sunday	12 th July 2009	Curborough
Saturday	12 th September 2009	Thoresby Park
Sunday	13 th September 2009	Thoresby Park

If you have never competed at these venues before they are well worth a visit, please check on NSCC's web site for regs - www.gosprinting.co.uk

NW STAGES WEEKEND

STU MACMASTER

There where a good few of us (Alan Smith, Peter Davies (PK), Dave Hill, Andy Davies, Paul Evans, Carl Bennett Johnny Giro and Graham Williams) planning on going up to Blackpool for the North West Stages, but the Friday started with Carl Bennett doing some testing at Oulton Park in his Mini Cooper "S" which he is racing in this seasons Mini Challenge. The day went very well and it gave the car a good shakedown with the opportunity to try some different tyre pressures and suspension settings, though adjustments are limited to the modifications allowed in a single make series. The day came to an end at about 4pm when the car developed a problem with the clutch,

though a lot of info had been gained and the day was a success! So, from Oulton Park we headed north to Blackpool, the home of sun (not that we saw much of this) sea, sand, rock, dirty weekends, and on this occasion the Legend Fires North West Stages Rally!!!

We arrived in Blackpool just in time to catch the first stage along the prom, and the cars and drivers powering up the slippery prom made the cold, wet, dark February night all worthwhile!! We were a little confused to see the Stone 6R4 running pretty much last car, and caught the chase crew to find out that they had only finished building the car at 4:30 that afternoon - talk about cutting it fine! After the prom we headed to Pontins and checked into our luxury chalet (trust me, they were luxury after our usual tent accommodation...) and then jumped on the bus in to Blackpool. Not sure about our return time, though bed was a welcome sight...

7am and alarm bells were ringing - literally! Time to sink an Alka-Seltzer and get a Pontins cooked breakfast in time to see the first morning stage along the prom. We got a cracking spot about half way down, with one of us arriving in a Harry Enfield "Scousers" wig - no doubt a souvenir from the night before - and we managed to sit on some rocks, elevated by about 6 feet and looking almost directly down on the stage with the cars deafening us as they flew past!



Following the prom, we headed off to Pontins and caught the first 20 cars before heading up to Lytham Hall. On arrival at Lytham, we were issued with the job of the start control which we set up and "dug in for the day". Cars started arriving at around 3pm for stages 19 and 20 (they were running through the stage twice - first time on the minute, and second time 30 secs past the minute). The dual arrivals made the start a little more complicated, but myself and Dave Hill soon got to grips with it and filtered the cars through to the actual start without any problems although still managing to get sprayed with stones until the "launch" area had cleared a little after the first 20 cars or so....

We got a 30 min break before the cars returned for stages 25 and 26, and the sky began to darken as the stage turned to pitch black with huge spot lamps turning it back to daylight with the arrival of each car. We were especially appreciative of the crews expressing their thanks to everyone helping on the stage. We had a few minutes to chat to the crews as they arrived and prepared to start - an opportunity marshals in the stage, and on the flying finish won't have had a chance to get - so we are passing on that the crews were very appreciative of all the good work everyone was doing to make the rally and stage happen!

After the final stage had been run, we packed away the start and passed through the stage to see for ourselves what it was like - very fast at the start and finish of the stage, with a very tight and slippery section in the middle. I can't remember the exact time I returned home, but I was happy to go straight to bed.....

FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

When	Event	Organising Club
7 th March	Malcolm Wilson Rally	Kirkby Lonsdale MC
7 th March	Tour of Cheshire Historic Road Rally	Knutsford & DMC
8 th March	Roskirk Stages	Blackpool South Shore MC
14 th /15 th March	Moonbeam Road Rally	Telford AC
15 th March	Riponian Rally	Ripon MSC
15 th March	Slaters Rally	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC
21 st /22 nd March	Rali Llyn Road Rally	Harlech & DMC
28 th March	Bulldog Rally & Historic Rally	Wolverhampton & S Staffs CC
29 th March	SMC Stages	Stockport 061 MC

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When	What	Where
Monday 2 nd March	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 9 th March	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 16 th March	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 23 rd March	Motorsport DVD night	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 30 th March	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton

NUTS AND BOLTS.....

NAV-RUN CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 DATES:

March 16 th	Location - Cheshire	Organisers - Tony King / Nev Astbury
April 6 th	Location - N, Wales	Organisers - Keith Lincoln / Ross Thompson
October 5 th	Location - Cheshire	Organisers - Jon Chaimberin / Nigel Harwood
November 2 nd	Location - N, Wales	Organisers - Andy Macdonald / Stuart MacMaster
December 7 th	Location - Cheshire	Organisers - Andy Davies / Neil Philpotts

REMINDER - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please remember that the closing date for registering for either the Sprint/Rally/Race or Nav Run Championships is **31st March!**

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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.

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