



Maximum Attack

November 2008

Dear Member,

Now that we're heading into the festive season, you've all no doubt been out and done all your Christmas shopping already so can look forward to a stress-free season of good cheer.....as opposed to frantically dashing round on Christmas Eve buying random presents for family and friends a la the latest Argos TV advert! Hopefully, you'll all be starting to reflect on the years ups and downs of your various disciplines and looking ahead to what the 2009 season may have in store for you. Don't forget to send in your competition results for them to be eligible for the various Club championships then, who knows, you could be taking home some silverware from the Dinner Dance in the New Year.

A plea to our actively competing "roundy-roundy" (circuit-racing) members for you to send in your results from this year to our Competitions Secretary, Andy MacDonald, and we will aim to put together a separate championship for yourselves.

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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GLYN MEMORIAL RALLY, TY CROES CIRCUIT, ANGLESEY

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th November 2008

JOHN WAINWRIGHT



18 special stages, 58 stage miles. 42nd overall from 90 entrants. 11th in class from 16 entries.

The last event of the 2008 season saw us tackle the newly refurbished Anglesey Circuit on a 2 day rally ran in the same format as last years event. After last years weather we were hoping and praying that the weather couldn't not be as bad as it was last year and we were pleasantly surprised. Scrutineering was on a very cold and windy Friday evening and after a few teething problems with the car it

eventually passed and we were all set for Saturday morning. A bright but windy start greeted us in the morning but with the track wet after a deluge overnight the wets were on. After a few final checks we were ready for the off. I had managed to get a time in on stage 1 before a car rolled after about 500 stage yards so the rest of the pack were given nominal times. The circuit was drying out all morning and we decided to go onto intermediates for stage 5 but as soon as we had finished the rain had started again and on went the wets again. With the darkness looming on stage 6 the last 2 or the day, 7 & 8, were going to be ran in the dark. Spotlights were on and ready at the start line but the stage didn't finish that way. After overtaking a few cars that were struggling to see through the rain and steamed up screens we came up behind the



Subaru of Steve Noble, with him letting us past it became obvious he was struggling to see and he now had someone to follow. A 90 right then ended in disaster. The main fuse went for the heater and spotlights so we were now in darkness and the screen misted up straightaway. Steve came back past us and we tried to keep him in our view until the finish of the stage which we managed. Stage 8 had been cancelled due to having to be finished for 6.00pm. We had picked up 9 positions on the last stage alone and were now sitting in 49th overall after day 1.



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An earlier start on day 2 came and we had 10 stages to get through on the Sunday. The weather was cloudy but stayed dry to start but again with the track still wet the wets stayed on. Times were improving on every stage and we had climbed up to 39th after the 4th stage of the day. With the odd shower the weather held off quite well and the times were getting quicker. The 5th stage was the one that became our downfall, I went into a 90 right airborne and couldn't brake so ended up on the sodden grass and took about 30 seconds to get off it due to having no grip. We were now in 42nd and had lost 3 class positions

too. Stage 6 of the day saw me lock up entering a chicane and hitting the wagon tyres on the entry, I managed to get out of it and keep going to get over the finish line but a did drag another tyre round for the rest of the stage. With the last 3 stages cancelled again due to lack of time, stage 7 was a good and quick one with no further problems and yet again, it's another finish. 2 seasons, 12 rallies, 12 finishes, a fair few trophies so we cant complain about that. Here's to 2009, keep checking back for updates on the car and the fixtures for next season.

FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

When	What	Where	More info
11 th December	December Nav Run	Newtown area	Newtown & DAC

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When	What	Where
Monday 1 st December	Autoglym Online Quiz	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 8 th December	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 15 th December	Motorsport DVD night	Queens Royal, New Brighton
Monday 22 nd December	Noggin & Natter	Queens Royal, New Brighton

NUTS AND BOLTS.....

Monday 1st December – we need your motoring brains!

Once again, we are going head-to-head with all other motorclubs around the country by taking part in the Autoglym Online Quiz. Following our progression all the way to the final last year, we are seeking to go one better and win it! The quiz is done via a series of time-restricted online questions about all aspects of cars, motorsport and the odd bit of historical trivia so if you want to see Wallasey represented alongside the brainiest motorclubs in the country then head down to the Queens Royal and get your thinking cap on!

8th-11th January 2009 – Autosport Show

Always a good day out, and a chance to pick up some bargains. The Club may be organising transport to the NEC in Birmingham if there is sufficient interest. Contact Neil Philpotts as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Weekend of 21st February 2009 – North West Stages Rally

The biggest rally in the North West returns, possibly in an even more exciting two-day format. We have been asked to run the Lytham Hall stage again, as in the past few years, and are in need of marshals both on the day(s) itself and also with setup on the Friday.

28th February 2009 – Wallasey Motor Club Annual Awards Dinner & Dance

The date has been set for this year's Dinner Dance, which will take place at the Hollins Hey Hotel in New Brighton. If you have any suggestions for a guest speaker, contact Neil Philpotts or Stu MacMaster.

Saturday 5th September 2009 – provisional date for the Promenade Stages Rally.

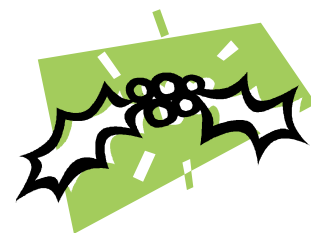
CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Thanks go to Bill Turner for organising the recent presentation of a cheque from Wallasey Motor Club to the Wirral Junior Colts Rugby Team, to whom we were grateful for their assistance at the Prom Rally in selling programmes and marshalling of the car parks.

Pictured below is Bill presenting the cheque to the team captain.



THE FINAL WORD



Given that this is the November edition of the Newsletter, all that really remains for me to say is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Hope that you all get the presents you've asked Santa for – in whatever gift-wrapped, gearbox-shaped form they may take.....

I will try and produce a December edition, if there is sufficient content forthcoming from you the members, but if not then I'll also wish you all a Happy New Year too and see you next year in the January edition!

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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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