



# Maximum Attack

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Dear Member,

Still no signs of any reports from Club members out competing on last month's Promenade Stages Rally, or is the spell check still running on them for November's Newsletter?? Let's be having them!

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,

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## WMC NAV RUN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 4 – MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER

The next round of the championship is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, on map 116, starting from McDonalds by the Holywell turning on the A55 at 7.30pm.

Results will be available at the Tudor Rose pub, next to the Honda Two Mills garage, later on in the evening for those not competing who wish to find out how everyone fared.

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## TRACK DAY AT OULTON PARK – 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Tarporley Rotary Club are holding a Charity Track Day at Oulton Park on 11<sup>th</sup> November, at a cost of £139 for the full day. Further information, and bookings, can be found on [www.tarporleyrotary.org.uk](http://www.tarporleyrotary.org.uk) then follow the link through to the MotorSport Vision page where you can book online.

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## MARSHALS REQUIRED

### Roger Albert Clark Rally, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Marshals are required at Pickering Showground, just off the A169 between Malton and Pickering, for the running of one of the stages on this year's Roger Albert Clark Rally. Signing on is between 4-5pm.

Further details are available from Matthew Atkinson – [matthew@bdmc.org.uk](mailto:matthew@bdmc.org.uk).

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## NEW MEETING VENUE

Wallasey Motor Club have now relocated to new premises, and are now meeting on Monday nights (unless advised otherwise) at the **Port Sunlight Village Social Club, Bridge Street, Port Sunlight, CH62 4UP.**

See <http://www.multimap.com/s/QSnf3VFI> for a local map of the area.

Thanks to the efforts of the Committee for securing this new venue.

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## SUGGESTIONS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S DINNER DANCE VENUE

We are still seeking possible alternative suggested venues for the 2010 dinner dance. Date is likely to be late January/early February. Should we return to the Hollins Hey in New Brighton again, as some members have expressed dissatisfaction with the venue this year? Are there any other options that the Committee should be considering? If so, send your suggestions through to Neil Philpotts – [NeilPhilpotts@talktalk.net](mailto:NeilPhilpotts@talktalk.net).

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### CAMBRIAN RALLY, SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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A somewhat unbearably early start (isn't it always?) on a chilly Saturday morning saw us heading to this year's Cambrian Rally, and a welcome return to Clocaenog Forest. Arriving at signing-on, we were surrounded by frost-encrusted trees and frozen ground in spite of the initial rays of early morning sunshine. As the stage was to be run twice, firstly as SS2 then in the afternoon as SS5, we had been asked to remain on the same junction for both. The relatively short first run through the stage in the morning, of just over 8 miles in length, was more or less doubled for the second run to give a hefty 16+ miles. Fortunately, we had a radio car on our junction too which was to prove useful later on in the day when a series of delays meant that the latter half of the cars on SS5 were delayed. We were also joined by a gaggle of our roundy-roundy/circuit-racing regulars from the Club, who'd decided to venture onto the rough stuff into the forests to watch some proper motorsport.....

Our initial enthusiasm for our junction, a deceptively tight square right, was soon tempered by the trickle of spectators who opted to base themselves amongst various items of undergrowth at our junction. The closer to the FCD time we got, the more spectators were piling in from all angles. This may have had something to do with the fact that the 0 car – a latest spec Ford Focus WRC – was being driven by the 2009 WRC runner-up Mikko Hirvonen. Added to this were rumours of a possible outing for Sebastian Loeb, as preparation for Rally GB, and other notable entries from crowd pleaser Andy Burton, WRC drivers Mads Ostberg and Nasser Al-Attiyah as well as an appearance of a Skoda Fabia S2000 it was perhaps little wonder the numbers were taking on WRC proportions themselves.



Initial entertainment was provided by the 1400 class runners, looking no less committed than their latter more powerful counterparts, and a smattering of historic entries. Likewise, the clubman competitors were out giving it their all and by this time in glorious sunshine with blue sky everywhere despite the chill in the air.

Mikko duly arrived and departed in impeccable style, and we were soon into the thick of the action. The short blast down from the previous junction, within our sights and only a couple of hundred yards away, caught out a handful of competitors – not least a Citroen C2, who made sure their presence was noted by our resident radio car crew by paying a somewhat unscheduled and rather close visit! A number of other crews made good use of the vegetation-covered earth bank on the outside of the corner to correct their slightly over-ambitious entry/exit.

It didn't seem long before the end of SS2 was upon, and a slight re-jig of our junction saw us ready for SS5 which was to use a different approach to our junction and have it as a square left instead. A number of notable absentees were apparent in this second running of the stage, including Andy Burton with engine troubles and the non-appearance of the Skoda Fabia S2000. Towards the latter part of the afternoon, as the sun set magnificently behind the distance hills, the temperature dropped noticeably and a chilly breeze picked up. Hence the usefulness of the radio crew at our junction, who kept us updated on the remaining competitors still to complete the stage.

Many of the last few stragglers running on the stage had headlights, and even full lamp pods, on as it was now almost pitch dark. Thankfully, as the last car went through, we were able to pack up and pick our way through the darkness to negotiate our way out of the stage.

The last drama of the day was saved for when we exited the stage back onto the public roads, only to find a Transit van being dragged from the axle-deep soft mud at the side of the road.

## FORTHCOMING ANWCC-QUALIFYING EVENTS

When	Event	Organising Club
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> November	AB Motorsport Road Rally	Matlock MC
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> November	Glyn Memorial Rally	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Neil Howard Memorial Rally	Bolton-le-Moors CC
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Leaf Stages	Ecurie Royal Oak MC

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## SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

When	What	Where
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nav Run	Finish at Tudor Rose, Two Mills
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight Village Social Club
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Noggin & Natter	Port Sunlight Village Social Club
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Motorsport DVD night	Port Sunlight Village Social Club
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	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](http://www.wallaseymc.com)