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New members are always welcome

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Not The Chairman's Address

This month due to someone missing the print deadline we have no Chairman's Address, so instead I am sorry to say you are treated my ramblings.

This is my happy face

I did have the idea of writing the Chairman's Address for Chris, letting rip my most evil and creative juices in a long epistle promising free beer and the loan of the Escort for Autotests, and those were the printable ideas. Sanity however kicked in along with the thought that maybe I would be hunted down and castrated with a blunt spoon.

I have had enough bad luck recently, I have just got back from a romantic break to Bruges with Sharon my partner, she booked it as a surprise, but before we go out I come down with a tooth abscess, so rush round the Docs to get some drugs.

Sitting in the square lunchtime drinking a small beer watching the world go by in the rain of course and all is well with the world.

Two hours later sitting in the hotel room running a temperature and covered in a blotchy itchy rash I read the leaflet which tells me Metronidazole must not be taken with alcohol as it will cause an acute allergic reaction!!! No beer, no anything else either coz I look like an alien.

But to motoring matters, both Chris Brown, Liz Jordan and I competed in the Bulldog Rally, not all in the same car of course, Chris and Liz in his Escort and me in an Imp. We really must write a report for the next KD but with me on an enforced detox no way was the brain working to write one for this edition.

While sitting in the bar at the Bulldog Mike Jordan and I have come up with a new challenge for the club – go-karting, we reckon we would beat everyone hands down. The only proviso is we start on the front row of the grid, as soon as the flag falls we link arms and trundle off at 10mph, try getting past us two!!

Well that's the last page of the Kent Driver done – I can send it off to the printers sit back and crack open a bottle of sparkling water, being sober is very overrated you know.

Gary Wood

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE & AWARDS CEREMONY 2010

This years event again held at the Ramada Great Danes Hotel was also the first event in the year to celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary.

The 115 members and guests that attended were treated to a brief history of the Club ranging from a display of cars from each decade from the 1930s to 1970s, a pictorial display of the Club's events from 1937 to the present day and a potted Club history on the menu which also included a list of all of the officers of the Club since its formation. There was much interest and amusement from many of the guests and members, old and more recent, in recognising and putting names to familiar faces from the past on the continual running archive film on the big screen in the dining room - how some people have changed !



The guest list was headed by our principle guest and speaker Stuart Turner who has had a lifetime in motorsport as a top international navigator/co-driver [he navigated Pat Moss to win our Hopper Rally in 1960] and then went on to become the Competitions Manager for BMC [in the Mini era] and to Ford MC [when the Escort evolved] . Joining him were past and present officers of the Club with Past President John Jensen [also a top international co-driver from the 60s and 70s], and past Chairmen from 1967 on including John Ashwell, John La Trobe, [top international rally driver in 60s and 70s] Peter Bennion, Don Brewer, Lyle Cathcart, Michael Jordan [now President], Ann Cook, and our current Chairman Chris Browne. Unfortunately Trevor Gilks was unable to join us due to the French air traffic controllers industrial action. Also present were John Liddell - Kent Driver editor from as far back as 1958, successful event organiser from the 70s John Brockwell , top autotester in the 60s Jack Henley and many of our current event stars. It was good to see that over half of those attending are or have been members of the Club.

To keep the motorsport theme going the dining tables were superbly decorated with chequered table slips and a centre decoration of laurel leaves with the union and chequered flags.

Stuart Turner kindly said a "special grace" and during the meal we were enter-

tained by event organiser, Graham Wood and Chairman Chris Browne who encouraged the guests to support the raffle and auction and also try their luck at the "Quiz" cleverly organised this year by Bruce Jenkins to defeat those who cheated last year by using the marvels of the Internet..

Following the meal Stuart Turner gave a most amusing talk, which covered all aspects of life, and not just motorsport and it must have been one of the first occasions when our speaker has had the full attention of the audience throughout his interesting talk.



Stuart then presented the Annual Awards to the successful members and it was pleasing to note that the majority of award winners were present to accept their trophies. It is also encouraging to see some new names among this years award winners including; Peter Ashwell [grandson of John Ashwell], Ken Kimber, Andy Jenner, Robert

& Brian Sharpe, Paul Bernyl Ryan, Stuart & Trevor Gilks, Andy Gibson, Ben Dawson and Liz Jordan as well as the regulars namely Thomas Grant, Dave & Ann Cook, Bruce Jenkins, Ray & Gavin Lane, Dennis Usmar, Lloyd Bass and Kevin Haselden.

The evening then continued to the music of Chicory Tip which was only interrupted when the raffle prizes were drawn and auction was carried out.

The Club is very indebted to Graham Wood and his team for organising this memorable and successful event.

Watch this space for details of the 2011 Dinner Dance & Awards Ceremony.

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MOTORSPORT SAFETY FUND

The MMKMC were very pleased and honoured that Stuart Turner, a Trustee of the **Motorsport Safety Fund**, made a return visit to the Club and attended the 75th Anniversary and Annual Dinner Dance & Awards Ceremony where he presented the Annual Awards and also entertained all those present with a very amusing and informative talk. As it is the policy of the Club to make a charitable donation from the raffle and auction proceeds raised at the Dinner and Dance, this year a donation of £500.00 has been made to the **Motorsport Safety Fund**.

The **Motorsport Safety Fund** is a registered charity formed in 1974 to help improve safety in the sport. It does this mainly by communication through the Watkins Lecture, publications and DVDs.

After the death of Roger Williamson at Zandvoort in 1973, a fund was set up in his name with the primary aim of educating marshals on fire fighting and rescue techniques.

In 1987, it was reconstituted as the Motor Racing Safety Fund and became a registered UK charity [number 296802] with the wider scope to generally aid improvements in safety standards at motorsport events. In 1999, the name was simplified to the **Motorsport Safety Fund** to reflect the fact that it tries to help all branches of the sport.

The Fund has no formal link with the Royal Automobile Club's Motor Sport Association - the governing body for sport in the UK - although it does work very closely with the Association.

The fund is run entirely by volunteers, who neither receive fees nor claim expenses, and the work it is able to do is governed by the amount of money it is able to raise. Donations from motor clubs and individuals form a significant part of the Fund's income.

ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 - AWARD WINNERS.

YOUNG DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1st	Under 21 Trophy	THOMAS GRANT
2nd	Sports Car Challenge Cup	PETER ASHWELL

SENIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1st	David Haynes Rally Trophy	KEN KIMBER
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LADY DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1st	Eric Northover Memorial Trophy	ANN COOK
2nd	Uniflo Trophy	EMMA OLSEN

MARSHALL OF THE YEAR

1st	Don Baker Trophy	BRUCE JENKINS
2nd	Kleeber Trophy	ANDY JENNER

NAVIGATIONAL SCATTER DRIVER & NAVIGATOR

1st	Peter Singleton Memorial Trophy	GAVIN & RAY LANE
2nd	Graham Castle & Alan Turner Memorial Trophy	ROBERT & BRIAN SHARPE

CAR TRIALS DRIVER CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	Waugh Two in Crew Trophy	DENNIS USMAR
2nd	M R Cannon Trophy	KEN KIMBER

GRASS AUTOTESTING CLUB DRIVER

1st	The Castrol Shield	BRIAN SHARPE
2nd	The Roy Carey Trophy	ANN COOK

TARMAC AUTOTESTING CLUB DRIVER

1st	Ken Jordan Bent Con Rod Trophy	LLOYD BASS
2nd	Ken Jordan Memorial Trophy	DAVE COOK

RACE/SPRINT/HILLCLIMB CLUB DRIVER

1st Jubilee Trophy PAUL BERYNAL RYAN

SPECIAL STAGE RALLY DRIVER / NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Driver Charing Rose Bowl STUART GILKS

Navigator Wilfred Pocock Rally Trophy TREVOR GOLKS

ROAD RALLY NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR

1st Lee Davey Navigators Trophy ANDY GIBSON

2nd John Liddell & Co Ltd Trophy LIZ JORDAN

ROAD RALLY DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1st Kathleen Jupp Trophy BEN DAWSON

2nd Doug Harris Mid Kent Trophy KEVIN HASELDEN

CLUB DRIVER OF THE YEAR

1st Hayward Trophy DAVE COOK

2nd Coronation Trophy LLOYD BASS

3rd P A Barden Trophy BRIAN SHARPE

ORGANISER OF THE YEAR

John La Trobe Trophy DAVE COOK

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

Ford Rose Bowl LYLE CATHCART

The Championship for 2009 saw the introduction of new categories for the Senior Driver of the Year, Car Trials Driver, and Special Stage Rally Driver and Navigator and this has enabled the Club to bring out of storage these trophies that have not been presented for many years.

As members have already been notified the Championship Rules have been simplified for 2010 and it is hoped this will encourage more members to participate in the Championship with new names appearing in the winners list. Each issue of Kent Driver will include the latest Championship standings but this will only be achieved if all members abide by the rules and also promptly submit their results to Andy Jenner.

Championship Regulations 2010

A Reminder

The Regulations for MMKMC 2010 Championships are **available on the Club Website at www.mmkmc.co.uk**

Please study them carefully as they have been comprehensively revised from 2009 to try and make the format easier to understand and also to eliminate a number of inconsistencies and anomalies. The main points are: -

Scoring: A number of different versions were tried and tested using the results from 2009. The version agreed upon with the Executive Committee is believed to be the simplest, fairest and most importantly the easiest to understand.

Updates will be issued regularly in the Kent Driver and on the Website but it is only worth doing if the results are up to date. Therefore one important change is that **non MMKMC results must be sent in within one** month of the results being declared final, to qualify.

Championship wording: All the disciplines now follow the same format i.e.; MSA authorised events.

Awards: The rule stating competitors may only win one award has been removed.

Marshalling/Organising: For 2009 the Executive committee decided to waive the rule regarding marshalling or organising as a requirement to winning awards (although the majority of award winners did qualify) as other than the initial publication of the rules there were no further reminders given throughout the year.

However for 2010 there will be regular reminders so this rule **will** be implemented. There are a dozen or so MMKMC events planned that you can help with.

I look forward to receiving your results (within one month as per the rules!!) throughout the year.

Good luck in your Motorsport in 2010.

Footnote: With regard to Young Driver of the Year Championship. All Junior

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2010 Awards Winners









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Autotester's will automatically be included, however if there is anyone who is eligible for this category who is not a Junior Autotester, would you please let me know as I will not necessarily be aware and you therefore may not get included.

Thankyou. **Andy Jenner**

For points to be accumulated for any event **you must be a paid up member** of Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club (MMKMC). Results will only count from the time of receipt of your subscription.

To qualify for any Championship you must have signed on as a marshal or official on at least one MMKMC event of any type during the year. To encourage members to take an active part in organising or marshalling on events without sacrificing their Championship position, Championship points will be awarded to officials or marshals as if a class wins had occurred in the largest class. Only one set of Organiser points may be claimed per season per Championship contested.

It is the responsibility of the individual member to ensure that copies of the results are sent to the championship secretary by mail or e mail at the address below **within one month of the results being declared final.**

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Championship tables will be issued regularly in the Kent Driver and on the MMKMC website (www.mmkmc.co.uk)

The Executive Committee will act as an adjudication panel in the event of disputes or queries .

MMKMC Event Organisers – Please send copies of the Officials signing on sheets and results to the Championship secretary after every event.

Annual Championship March 2010 Update

First update of the year, mainly Trialers.

Under the new rules results must be sent within one month of results being declared but as the regulations weren't issued until early March it would be unfair if anyone has results in January or early February which couldn't be included as outside the time scale. So if anyone has results for January or February I will accept them up to the end of April. Results for March onwards must be sent in accordance with the rules.

Also don't forget for your points to count at the year end, you must have marshalled on or helped organise a MMKMC event at some time during the year. Thank you to those who have sent in results and good luck to everyone throughout the year.

Andy Jenner

SCATTER RALLY

Name	MMK 25/2	Sevenoaks 12/2	MMK 18/3	Organ- iser	Total
Brian Sharpe	4	4	6		14
Robert Sharpe	4	4	6		14
Gavin Lane				10	10
Ray Lane				10	10
Tom Solomon	5				5
Emma Olsen	3				3
Richard Olsen	3				3

TARMAC AUTOTEST

Name	Hagley 14/3
Lloyd Bass	8
Brian Sharpe	4

TRIALS

Name	B19 14/2	Woodbridge	7oaks 21/3	Total
Barry Callen	6	6	8	20
Ray Lane	10		8	18
Richard Olsen	12			12
Dennis Usmar	6		6	12
Ken Kimber			10	10
Emma Olsen	8			8
Jim Corby	6			6
Brian Grant	6			6
Tom Grant	5			5
Vicky Lane			5	5
Brian Sharpe			4	4
Robert Sharpe			3	3
Gemma Fulford	1			1

ROAD RALLY

Name	Rally Monclare	Winter Classic	Total
Trevor Gilks	1	1	2

STAGE RALLY DRIVERS

Name	Wydean 13/2
Dick Slaughter	15
Chris Browne	8

NAVIGATORS

Name	Wydean 13/2
Liz Jordan	8

Forthcoming Events

Tyrwhitt Rake Car Trial 11th April

The next club event is the Tyrwhitt Drake Trial on the 11th April. Clerk of the Course Tom Thompson would be glad of help from anybody who is able to marshal on the day Please contact Tom Thompson on 01795 477755 or 07958 643042 or email rockingrebel@tiscali.co.uk

Evening Autotest 5th May

The first grass autotest will be held at our regular venue Headcorn Aerodrome.

Annual General Meeting 18th May

Please keep this date free, as it is your main opportunity to put your views across to the Officers of the Club and help shape the Club's future. Without input from Members the Committee can only guess at what Members want from the Club.

Gymkhana 8th August

Our Chairman has plans to make this year's 75th Anniversary Gymkhana an event to remember, so keep this date free in your diaries.

Film Evening (Date in Autumn to be confirmed)

Following the success of the showing of films collected from members past and present it is hoped to put together an evening of films of Club events over the years. If anybody has or knows anybody that has films of Club events please let Bruce Jenkins know so these can be added to the club archives.

Autosolo – Venue Wanted

The club would like to run an Autosolo but so far has been unable to find a suitable venue. The venue has to have a sealed surface and be of a reasonable size, a car park or similar. If anybody knows of a suitable venue please let a member of the Committee know.



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Dear Maidstone & Mid Kent c/o Brian Jenkins

We are pleased to announce the return of Motorsport at the Palace, our event in Crystal Palace Park after much hard work.

This will be a 2 day event using some of the original race track from the 50s and 60s and will feature cars from that period along with some interesting later cars.

The meeting is on Sunday and Monday 30th 31st May with a work party on Saturday 29th May,

As you can imagine we will need a lot of help running this event so we would be grateful if you could advertise this request for Marshals in your club magazines, notice boards and on any forums that your club runs.

Anyone that is able to help can contact me using the details above preferably by e-mail or mobile.

Chris Scudder
Phil Fawcett
Marshalling co-ordinators

New committee Chairman

Ian Watson has been appointed as Chairman of the MSA Race Committee and will sit on the Motor Sports Council. Ian has been involved in motor sport since 1977, when he was introduced to marshalling. He is currently an active International Race Clerk of Course both at home and abroad and has been based with the British Automobile Racing Club at its Thruxton headquarters as Business Development Manager for the last decade.

Ian is also a member of the Race Championship Control Panel and the Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel. Last year he led a successful British delegation to the first Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, where he was responsible for 351 marshals.

After the first Race Committee meeting of 2010, Ian said: "I am delighted to take on this role for the MSA and look forward to building upon the good work done by the Race Committee."

More school visits

The MSA has increased its Go Motorsport school visits programme for 2010 with the recruitment of two more Regional Development Officers. When the scheme was launched in 2009 months ago, eight part-time RDOs were appointed to make presentations in schools throughout the UK. This number has now been increased to ten with the appointment of Richard Egger to cover eastern England and Alistair Dodd the north of Wales. Each boasts a wealth of motor sport experience – Egger is renowned both as a competitor and insurance broker while Dodd is one of the people responsible for setting up the flourishing Junior 1000 Rally series.

Frozen extinguishers?

John Symes, MSA Technical Director, writes: We had a report recently of a fire extinguisher which, in the very cold weather, failed to operate – seemingly as a result of the contents being frozen. AFFF extinguishers contain water with a foaming agent and it is normal practice for them to be dosed with anti-freeze to prevent the contents solidifying. Nevertheless, make sure that extinguishers are stowed away in some sort of reasonable facility rather than being left exposed to the elements.

Carbon offsetting

Steve Boyle, Chairman of Witney Motor Club, says the club has planted 30 more trees in phase two of its project to offset the club's carbon footprint. Six ash, seven silver birch, five crab apple, five alder and seven cherry trees have been planted on rally driver Jimmy Miligan's land – where the club holds its annual autocross event. Members of the motor club donated some while others were purchased from Nicholsons in North Aston from cash donations received.

Club Officials seminars 2010

Places may still be available on the two remaining seminars (both in Scotland) being run by the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust). They are: Saturday 13 March (Motherwell area) and Sunday 14 March (Inverness area).

If you wish to attend, please check availability of places with Richard Nunn at the MSA (rnnun@msauk.org or 01753 765071). More information about the seminars was in the December and November issues.

STOP PRESS – MSA ANNOUNCES A REFRESHED LOGO

The MSA has recently undertaken a refreshment of its corporate identity to reflect a more contemporary and dynamic image, in keeping with the activities of the modern MSA as a national governing body, whether in the regulation, administration or development of UK motor sport. As a result, the MSA will be shortly rolling out a revised logo, which will progressively start to appear throughout the sport – nothing will change overnight, and change will be introduced only as and when required, as existing stocks of branded materials expire.

The MSA is equally not expecting officials, marshals and clubs to rush out and replace clothing, stationery and other branded items until these need replacement. Indeed, the design of the new logo ensures that it can appear comfortably alongside the previous version.

If you have any questions about any of the MSA's logos or their application, please contact Miles Booker, Head of Customer Services at Motor Sports House.

Volunteers needed

Up to 70,000 volunteers will be needed for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. If you are interested go to www.london2012.com and click on *Get involved now* and then *Volunteering*.

Blue Book on website

The 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the MSA website. Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 *Kart Race Yearbook*, the *Motor Club Manual*, *Motorsports Now!* – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of *e-Wheels* (in Word and pdf formats).

Go to www.msauk.org > Clubs > Publications.

THE NEW SEASON HAS STARTED

2010 started with two Club AGM's in January. These are very different from the UK, very well attended and plenty of interest, mostly nothing to do with the Club. There is a brief review of the previous year, ideas and provisional calendar for the current year, the treasurers report of about 10 seconds, usually to say the Club funds were X last year and are now X plus a bit. Then follows information on changes in legislation for classic cars, which this year is extensive with the FFVE having wrung some important changes out of the government to coincide with the new registration system introduced as a rolling programme in 2009. Basically, cars are now issued with a registration number for life as in the UK but there are some exemptions for classic cars. Also classics with the limited "carte de collection" which previously were restricted to use in their Department and the adjacent ones, can now be driven anywhere without restriction. This may start to mean that these cars become nearer the value of cars with the "carte grise normale" the usual registration document. As you can imagine – much discussion and interest.

Following this the important part of the day starts. Aperos followed by a substantial lunch, so whilst an AGM here lasts five hours, four of it is food and drink!

The rally season also started early this year with a navigation seminar of two hours duration attended by about 60 people and then a night navigation rally for both experts and non experts. There were about 40 of the former and 27 of the latter including Maggie navigating me. As the weather was not good about half of the entries were in modern cars, including us. It sounded so simple – two marked map sections and a route defined by tulips with code boards. The maps are poor photostats of lousy French maps and the code boards are in the most unlikely places like beside a weighbridge in a private yard and in tiny lanes in the middle of small villages. Last year we found 11 out of 25 and this year we thought we had done really well as we found 22 only to discover there were 47 this year! We, like all the other competitors got prizes though.

The first weekend of March was hectic. I navigated a first time driver on a Saturday night event in his MX5. The event was organised on behalf of a village committee as part of their spring fete by an experienced team of organisers called "Team Fossil", a younger version of the

MMKMC committee! Gordon was disconcerted to see that the first 15 or so were rally cars complete with full roll cages and covered in advertising. Renault Alpines, Maxi turbo's, Peugeot 205's etc. However the rest of the field of 85 entries were more usual cars. This rally had 2 sections, a route defined by tulips to be completed at 40kph and a marked map, the route again littered with code boards. Gordon was so busy hurtling down the route he never thought about finding the boards, despite regular pleas for him to slow down and look.

Anyway in the end it mattered not, for there was an error on the tulips which meant everyone got lost. 85 cars all milling round the same area trying to make sense of the information – it was mayhem. Part 2 was easier and we even found a few code boards, but then at the finish there was a labyrinth. A 2.5km route around a residential area defined by road names only, and no trouble from the locals, despite it being after 10pm! After dinner and the prize giving we managed to slip away at 2am and I was home by 3.15

7.45 on Sunday morning and we were off in the TR4 to another event starting 70km away with Maggie navigating. A superb event with the 60km route defined by tulips and the code boards not too difficult to spot. With deserted lanes and good visibility we could have fun and we had a good dice with a couple of Renault Maxi Turbo's, but I'll have to do something with the TR brakes. The event was of course rounded off by an excellent lunch and prizes for everyone.

No more competitive events for a few weeks, but plenty of social rallies to ensure the cars get used regularly.

I was sorry to have missed the Dinner Dance. I was looking forward to meeting lots of old friends, but it was the French strike season and the air traffic controllers decided to have 4 days off.

Trevor Gilks.
03.10