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#### Chairmans Chat

Lots to chat about this month, as it has been a busy month, first off was the inaugural Summer tour and who would have expected that, 22 signed on entrants with 19 finishers and the club making a small profit and it only required 6 members to marshal???. That said it was not without last minute problems, Charlie, myself & Les thought a run round the route on the Monday prior would help Les to site the 33 code boards. Just as well because at Malham the route we wanted was blocked by a road closure for the council to repair a Cattle Grid, a quick re-route, turning right over the bridge and up the Gordale Scar road and approach the Cross roads by another direction. The re-route did not seem to bother anyone as the council diversion signs were still in place, another smaller road closure was at the 3 Fishes over Clitheroe way. I told everyone at the start to ring me if they got stuck etc, our idea was not to trick people but for everyone to enjoy there selves etc. Car 22 Anthony Heys caused me a bit of hassle if you will. It was his 60th birthday and wife Judith had planned a surprise party at Nelson Cricket Club. I was worried someone

would "spill the beans" as it happened I left him in the Stone Trough still supping ale with Roger Mitchell and they were the last out.



Malc Graham/ Maurice Ellison Several names and cars from the past. Mal Graham was navigated by Maurice Ellison, at 1 with Andy Stanworth / Alan Ridealgh at 2 in the Mini Cooper, still bearing an original Springhill Car Club Sticker,



#### Mo Davies and his MGB

Car 3 was Mo Davies / ?? Owen on the MGB, then followed a selection of classic Cars, Neil & Arlene Calvert in a Ferrari 250FF, a replica obviously, as the real ones bring millions !!! Basically as Neil said it is built on a BMW Z4 chassis and running gear, slightly tweaked but with the advantage of air con & power steering.



Neil & Arlene Calvert Ferrari 250F ?? Clive Escreet /Tommy Leeming were due to come in a Hillman Minx, but as they drove it out of the garage, no brakes, so they arrived in the ex-works Wartburg. A host of minis and other cars with several husband and wife teams. A couple of people to mention at signing on, I looked and saw a face I vaguely recognised, Andy Haworth who was a member of Lightning Motor Sport Club. He only won our Summer Rally about 25 years ago. Another name from the past Christopher Rae, navigated by Terry May, ex of Garstang but now with Preston. Chris was the official photographer of most road rallies in the 70's.

So after a bacon butty or a sausage butty, some had both, and a brew the cars made their way down to Dales Automotive where Nathan sorted them in numerical order and the first one leaving at 09:00. The early part of the route took the crews up and around the roads of Lothersdale etc and the infamous Cowling Hairpin, through Carelton, the route went up the main A59 to take the first junction and on the Gargrave road through Thorlburn, heading over towards Malham and Stainforth. It was around here that Andy Stanworth's Mini was suffering mechanical gremlins, problem solved he limped back to Gisburn where his wife had arrived in his Porsche, all in all he missed 6 boards.

Through Wham Wearingfold and other classic roads took the crews to Paythorne then to join the main road to Gisburn but taking the Nappa road. Finally arriving at Thornton and a drop down through Earby to lunch at the Stone Trough where a superb homemade meat and potato pie awaited, or Cheese and Onion. After an hour it was off again on leg two, taking the first junction right at Foulridge and going up by Whitemoor reservoir to Blacko and the roads around Twiston. The next bit was through Chatburn over to Grindleton and a nice leisurely run up Gisburn Forest. Around the yellow roads and back down Lythe Fell and the yellow roads around Slainburn. On the run home we went through Whalley and used the roads around that run parallel to the Padiham by-pass. The last section was up Red Lane to the Langroyd and back to the finish at the Stone Trough.

No complaints just comments about putting a 10min rest halt, no problem. Everyone that finished the first half save for car 2 got all 16 code boards, another retirement was the Escort of G Williams which developed fuel pickup problems. Also Car 3 had retired in the second half and with a long trek to Ross- on -Wye he decided to limp home. The immaculate Sunbeam Alpine with Joanne Ingham at the wheel retired the car with no brakes. A bit of a c\*\*k up with me and Charlie. We followed the 1st car down Lythe Fell and let him drive away in the distance whilst we collected the code boards, unbeknown to us several crews were behind us.

My comments, I cannot begin to thank Nathan & Ross at Dales Automotive for the loan of a course car, a very nice vehicle. The Stone Trough owner Steve, was also made up and asked us back next year, and Dales Automotive will be doing the same.

Now to thank Alan and Les for sighting the code boards, Ray for being card collector and results, and anyone else who helped. We have got a couple of new members from this event so all in all a good day out.

I was impressed by the ladies on the event either driving or co-driving who get there better halves on the right road. The coolest lady of all had to be Barbara Rushton. Neil's wife arrived at my signing out control just doing the Sudoka. I said sorry to disturb you but may I have your process card to sign please!!!

Following week was the annual trip to Cairncatle with two new faces, Barry Wilkinson and Jonathan Dixon. Usual format, 1:30pm ferry to Larne after a fry up on the A75 Diner. Once in Larne we checked in to our B &B, the Seaview, and rooms all of which had been totally redecorated.

A quick ride up the hill at Ballygally, then in the Matties Meeting House for tea. Back to the digs and a change of clothes and into the Olderfleet for drinks and plenty of them. Up for breakfast and up to the paddock to position the vans and trailers etc etc. scrutineering came and went and practice started, 2 practice and 3 timed runs. Results landed in Pendle's favour with Simon collecting 3rd overall in his class. Mick in the buggy 4th in his class, a couple of cans of 1664 lager at a pound each along with the food saw me tired so I went back to the hotel to bed, and fell asleep watching Glastonbury. Sunday was nice and bright and another 20 competitors had joined this event. For the first time in all the trips we have made, there would be a new FTD as Graham Thompson broke his car on the Saturday after setting FTD though !!!. As the runs progressed the weather changed big style with forked lightning and thunder rain and hailstone!!! it did eventually pick up and ended up with glorious Sunshine. Again 2 practice an 3 timed were the order of the day with all cars being manoeuvred on the road and not in the grass field, as people had loaded up and parked on the road, the presentation was just a case of go and collect your trophy. Another 3rd in class for Simon, but also 3rd in Class for Michael. A guick change back at the hotel and a walk to the Curran Court hotel for tea and a few beers this time

lan and myself went back, lan having problems with his leg. Up at 05:30 on the Sunday to collect Simons trailer and on the ferry at 07:30 and so ended another superb weekend with the ever friendly Irish. Roll on 2020

Just a reminder Regs for the Hillclimb Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August and on line entries will be available later this week See you Rodders

This is the last newsletter I will be producing, so I would like to thank all those people who have sent me reports, photographs etc over the past 10 years.

Thank you all Ray Duckworth

#### More news from 9geria



The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend back after all the walking in airports to and from planes, plus being on my feet in the factory decided a lazy weekend was in order, so apart from some small pottering jobs in the house it was with a lot of feet up and relax, watch superbikes from a soggy Italy and F1 from Spain, though to be honest quite a lot of F1 was missed, as without action at the front I fell asleep, though from what I did see the Mercedes steam roller looks unstoppable!

After a week now of hobbling around in Kano I have to say my foot is getting better, I'm still walking with a sort of "Seamans limp" as if to compensate for the deck moving about underneath me, but think that is partly because I'm still wearing the surgical shoe with a slightly different sole thickness to a normal shoe, the rolling limp also seems to aggravate aching knee and hip joints that did not bother me too much before, maybe I should consider a body swap into a younger model, but retaining what little sense and accumulated knowledge I may have acquired over the years?

I removed the dressing on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May exposing what remains of my mutilated pinkies for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since mid-April and experimented wearing a normal shoe, with just a little padding to protect the shortened 3/4 length pinkie and after a week of walking wearing 2 shoes things are almost back to normal, still a little swelling to go down and then I think it will be more comfortable,

Sanitation Saturday and Monaco F1 this weekend, I think I shall have to start making pallet bases to transport stripped down bikes back to the UK to sell on, got to get them ready and off to Lagos by road to be in the UK when I'm there to re-assemble them, just outside my little workshop is a contractor making and repairing pallets for the company so no shortage of wood laying around!!

The other thing I've been thinking about, but putting off is the lack of oil being pumped when I crank my GTM big bore mini engine over. Last resort is pull it out (again) to remove the clutch cover and maybe gearbox off, to find out if the pump drive or the pump suction pipe is broken.

Next weekend I'm planning one last try to pump oil around it, before taking the "engine out plunge".

Next weekend came early, because we had been good and voted our president into office for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term he decreed we should have a national holiday on 29<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate his inauguration, also good news that it was overcast and cloudy which kept the temps down to the mid 20's until lunch time giving me more time to play outside with my toy.

Following Ken and Stuart's advice from the GTM forum, I filled every orifice where oil normally hides and turned the engine in reverse rotation with a large socket, long extension and a ratchet on the crank pulley bolt. Oh happy day it worked, before long with all my hoses, all of 2m length, oil cooler and remote filter primed we had 40psi on the gauge when cranked without plugs fitted, to celebrate I fitted 4 of Mr NGK's finest, instead of the tissue paper down the plug holes to stop dust and lizards getting in.

Next was to re-route a water hose hanging just below floor level before it

entered the centre tunnel to go up front to the cooling department. That was still work in progress to be continued over the next weekend, when I retired for lunch.

Also to look forward to this weekend are the I.O.M TT races, our SA TV give an hour highlights each day to look out for, but at unsociable times (2.30am) Amazing 135mph lap record on the last day during the "senior race" and almost 120mph on a 600cc sidecar outfit.

The end of Ramadan Eid el Fitr holiday was due on 4th June for 2 days and rather than run our factory on the Monday for one day decided to make it 3 days holiday and make up for the lost Monday by working a normal production day the following Saturday, so plenty of time to get outside GTMing, Sunday was a washout as it was still raining till after 8.00 in the morning so pottered around in the house doing jobs, the next 3 mornings out at 6.00 -1st light to crack on, re-routed the water pipes to be just above the floor and had to put the Laminova oil cooler in the water return to engine pipe, removed the body front section to cut holes for the side and indicator lights bought at Stoneleigh, gave my neglected Honda 440 Xr a little TLC tried to start it, correction did start it, but could not keep it running, so removed the carb to bring to work for a good clean and blow out with compressed air, lots of gummy residue inside, so cleaned out with solvent. All ready to be fitted back with fingers crossed for a better result next time. after that I tried to fire up the 1400 Mini engine in the GTM, Hmm had to reprime the oil pump before cranking and no visible spark, but have 12+v at the coil, have to check power at the contact breaker and its gap next time through that small hole from inside the car full of pipes and cables. I do have petrol at the carb after tightening a couple of loose and dripping connections. This weekend it's the SBK from Spain and the Canadian F1.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> we had "Democracy Day" apart from a day off work it's hard to think of any other reason for it! At least it gave me a chance to check contact breaker gaps, I had forgotten what an almost impossible job this was in a GTM (a lot to be said for electronic ignition conversion) best tackled hanging upside down like a bat from the roll cage, but no longer possible at my age! Having checked gaps and seen we have a spark at the breaker points, tried cranking and no oil pressure again, primed the pipe from the block to cooler and pressure is restored.

Oil pipes need a rethink, or an "Accusump" to keep the system primed, but I don't have one, or want to import one, so a rethink of cooler installation above the clutch housing with short oil pipe runs and the inlet water to the block from the cooler across the back of the engine just below the inlet manifold.

One of those only in Nigeria stories, one of our better off lady workers (most cannot afford a bicycle) was complaining bitterly after being stopped by our road safety police whilst driving slowly on her way to work after she had a puncture, she continued until the remains of tyre left the wheel and she was still driving on the rim, by this time the police decided her car was not road worthy and had it towed away to their compound, it would have been much cheaper to park it until later when it could have been repaired, now not only does she need a new tyre but also has the fine (or bribe) to be paid.

This weekend we have Moto GP from Spain and more than 24hour coverage of Le Mans to watch in between doing weekend chores.

That's all you are getting must mail it off before 18<sup>th</sup> June

John



# SD34 News

<u>What's on?</u> 6 July: Liverpool MC. Hill Climb, Barbon Manor, Barbon.

**7 July: Knutsford & DMC.** Tim Sargeant Autotest.

14 July: Hexham & DMC Northern Dales PCA

**20/21 July: Beverley & DMC.** Beaver Rally, North Humberside.

**21 July: Mid Cheshire MRC:** Hill Climb, Scammonden Dam, Huddersfield. **3 August: U17MC:** Autosolo, Blackburn Services M65 Jt4

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4 August: Longton & DMC: Sprint. 3 Sisters. Wigan.

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**17 August: Pendle DMC** Hill Climb, Scammonden Dam.



### PRESENT

THE NORTHERN DALES CLASSIC TROPHY 14<sup>th</sup>. JULY AT EASTGATE IN WEARDALE

MINIMUM OF 20 ALL ASPHALT TESTS

NO ROAD MILEAGE

CLASSES FOR HISTORIC AND TARGA

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES LUNCH & AFTER RALLY MEAL

FOR REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORM DOWNLOAD FROM :-

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#### Mid Derbyshire Motor Club

Twyford Wood Stages Rally 21 July 2019

We're delighted to welcome back our sponsor Core Driver Training for the 2019 Twyford Wood Stages Rally.

We would also like to thank LB Electrical Contractors Ltd, We-mix Concrete and CLR Landscapes for their continued support.

This year we are again raising funds for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance, we trust and hope you will give a little extra for this worthy cause when completing your entry form. As usual plenty of marshals will be required and any help is appreciated. Please find the regulations and everything you need in relation to the event below. The forum is also regularly updated with all the event info you need; regulations, news and results - so please keep checking back.

We hope you enjoy the event and look forward to seeing you there!

The Organising Team <u>https://www.mid-derbyshire-mc.co.uk/</u>



I am still looking for Marshals and Radio crews for the forthcoming Phoenix Stages at Fulbeck Airfield on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Signing on will be from 06:15 to 07:30 on the outer perimeter track as you enter the venue (Usual Place!).

Meal vouchers for use at Breakfast or Lunchtime, will be issued to all Marshals and Radio Crews.

Please disregard this email if you have already kindly volunteered, I very much look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Kind regards

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Martin Freeman Chief Marshal

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Seems a long way off !!!!



I was just wondering if it would be possible to include the attached "Save the Date" notification for this year's Barbara Carter Memorial Road Rally in your next club newsletter or publication. Any shares on your website or social media would also be greatly appreciated.

The event is based around the Devon / Somerset area but is already attracting interest from entries as far away as Elgin in Scotland! The event will be run on a Navigational Clubman permit, so a competition licence is not required and the range of eligible vehicles to enter is opened up more than the usual Road Rally regulations (for example more than 4 cylinders and turbos are allowed).

It would be great to see some of your members either on the entry list or helping us out by marshalling.

We have set up a Facebook page for the event which can be found here: <u>https://fb.me/BarbaraCarterMemor</u> <u>ialRally</u>

Best Wishes, Daniel Pidgeon 2019 Clerk of the Course



#### 2019 SD34MSG Inter-Club League

Bolton-le-Moors CC Clitheroe & DMC Warrington & DMC	457 380 324
Garstang & Preston MC	238
Liverpool MC	230
U17MC	210
Knutsford & DMC	213
Airdale & Pennine MCC	173
	113
Stockport061 MC	
Longton & DMC	114
Matlock MC	106
Wigan & DMC	102
Blackpool South Shore MC	90
Accrington MSC	86
Pendle DMC	71
Wallasey MC	67
Hexham & DMC	49
Preston MC	40
Lancashire AC	34
Manx AS	21
Knowldale CC	12
	14

#### SD34 Stage Rally Championship After Cetus Stages

#### <u>Drivers</u>

#### Co-Driver

Lauren Hewitt	WigDMC	142
Jonathan Kennedy	WarDMC	138
Lewis Griffiths	CDMC	133
Terry Martin	CDMC	107
Rachael Atherton	WarDMC	86
Jack Mather	BLMCC	80
Steven Butler	CDMC	80
Eric Wilcockson	BLMCC	79
James Squires	CDMC	56
Robert Bryn Jones	CDMC	54

Stephen Landen	WarDMC
Victoria Swallow	BLMCC
Andy Robinson	BLMCC
Steven Holmes	CDMC
Dylan Thomas	CDMC
Tony Garrett	CDMC
Jonathan Cragg	GPMC
Richard Robinson	BSSMC
Andy Baker	GPMC
Marcus Kennedy	WarDMC
Dan Woods	CDMC
Mari Haf Evans	AMSC

Road Rally Championship

**Drivers** 

Kris Coombes	PMC
Danny Cowell	GPMC
David Pedley	CDMC
Stan Featherstone	CDMC
Dan Sedgwick	CDMC
Mark Johnson	CDMC
Paul Pendleton	CDMC
Stephen Holmes	CDMC
Chris Hewlett	CDMC
Dominic McTear	CDMC
Ben Mitton	CDMC
Charles Andrews	PMC
Paul Turton	CDMC
John Gribbens	CDMC
Ian Swallow	BLMCC
Jem Dale	GPMC

**Navigator** 

Louis Baines	PMC	45
Gary Evans	MMC	43
Sasah Heriot	CDMC	39
Grace Pedley	CDMC	39
Mark Shepherd	PMC	38
Rob Jones	CDMC	34
Sam Ambler	CDMC	30
lan Graham	CDMC	28
Steve Butler	CDMC	22
Matt Hewlett	CDMC	19
James Squires	CDMC	18
Levi Nicholson	CDMC	15
Danny Cookson	PMC	15
John Turton	CDMC	13
Terry Martin	CDMC	13
Harris Holgate	CDMC	13
James Chaplin	GPMC	11
Jonathan Webb	HDMC	9
Steve Kenyon	GPMC	9
James Swallow	BLMCC	3

# SD34 NoneRace/None Rally Championship

Andy Crawley	WaDMC	75.91
Jessica Crawley	WaDMC	75.09
Scott McMahon	U17MC	60.11
Chris MaMahon	U17MC	58.94
Andy Williams	U17MC	50.98
Lauren Crook	U17MC	49.29
James Williams	U17MC	40.15

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