

THE CHEQUERED FLAG



Meeting Rugby Club 1st Thursday of every month
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Welcome to your Motor Club magazine!!!

We will need lots of feedback from you - any comments please email the address above.

Anyone interested in advertising their business in our monthly newsletter - The Chequered Flag - please contact Jenn

Williams at the email address above.

The Motor Club monthly meetings take place on the 1st Thursday of every month at Minehead Rugby Club (start 7. 30pm).

If you would like to get involved in the running of the Club please come along and join us - you're input would be much appreciated!

JUNE 2014

Events for your Diary:

- 1st June - Armour Lane
- 6th July - Rose Ash Revel
- 13th July - Rollies Trial
- 3rd Aug - Keith Hole Memorial Tour
- 9th-10th Aug - Castle Hill Car Festival
- 15th Aug - Dunster Show
- 23rd Aug - Dunster Lawns
- 14th Sept - Treborough Car Trails
- 12th Oct - Exmoor Clouds Classic Trial
- 14th Oct - Bath Motor Club Stuart Turner evening
- 19th October - Beech Trees Trial
- 16th Nov - Slowley Farm
- 7th Dec - Rollies Car Trial

Trial dates are provisional, please check with Gary Price 01398 371367

Change of Date

The Keith Hole Memorial Summer Tour has changed dates!!!!

Due to it clashing with the Blue Anchor Raft Race - the Summer Tour will no longer take place on the 17th August!!!

Instead it has been moved to the **3rd August!!!!**

We apologise for any inconvenience this change of date has caused.

The tour starts and finishes at Doniford Farm. We hope to see you there!

FFI and application forms please contact Jenn Williams at mineheadmotorclub@gmail.com

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Steve Perez & Paul Spooner win the 2014 Betta Somerset Stages Rally

Chesterfield's Steve Perez and co-driver Paul Spooner, from Raglan won the Betta Somerset Stages Rally in their Ford Focus WRC after the similar car of Paul Bird/Aled Davies, which had led the event for nine of the twelve special stages, slid off the road and into retirement on the tenth stage, Slowley. Even then, Perez only claimed victory on a tie-break after Stephen Petch/Ian Windress, in another Focus WRC, finished on identical penalties - the difference being the time set on the first stage of the day, a run up the Porlock Toll Road, on which Perez was second fastest.

Third overall, and furthest travelled all the way down from Aberdeen, were Dave Weston/Kirsty Riddick in a Subaru Impreza WRC, while North Walians Luke Francis/John Roberts brought their Mitsubishi Lancer EVO9 back to the Bridgwater finish in 4th place.

Group N 'production' category cars have a history of strong performances in Somerset and so it was this time that, after 45 miles of competition, the Lancer EVO9 of Tom Naughton/Andi Mort finished 5th, just one second in front of the identical car of Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence.

Local interest centred around Martyn & Dawn England, from Ilminster, whose Lancer EVOX finished 7th, ahead of another brace of Group N EVO9s, capably crewed by Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy and Roland Llewellyn/Jamie Edwards.

The battle for two-wheel drive honours was also a close-fought affair, with Callum Black/Paul Wakely coming out on top, finishing tenth in their Citroen DS3. Next up, one place and six seconds behind, were Matthew Robinson/Sam Collis in their Ford Escort MkII, and then another DS3, in the hands of James Ford/Michael Gilbey, was 3rd.

From almost 50 crews in the 1400 category who started the rally, Darren Pinchin/Karen Jenkins (Proton Satria) came out on top, repeating the victory they took in 2010 prior to Julian Wilkes' domination of the category over the past three years. They arrived back at J24 nearly a minute ahead of the MG ZR of Joe Evett/Calvin Houldsworth while, in turn, Justin Lawson/Paul Hargreaves (Vauxhall Nova) were 3rd, a further five seconds adrift.

The Betta Somerset Stages Rally was the second round of the all-new 'Defender Challenge byBowler'. All seven specially-prepared Land Rover Defender T90s that started completed the route and, from them, Robert & Jonathan Harford were the highest-placed finishers.

Having journeyed down to the south-west from Dumfries, David Bogie/Kevin Rae were on their way home almost before they had started when their Focus WRC's ignition coil failed after the opening stage. The first car to leave the start in Minehead, the Vauxhall Corsa of Dave Bennett/Alistair McNeil, lost six minutes when an electrical fault connected to the fuel pump caused a fuse to blow.

The crew replaced it at the earliest opportunity but the problem persisted, eventually causing retirement.

For more results and photos of competitors please visit: <http://www.somersetstagesrally.com/>

SOMERSET STAGES

This year Minehead Motor Club had control over Whitwood and Timberscombe. We set up early but had slight problems because Dunster was closed to all traffic due to burst water mains. Consequently, some marshalls found it difficult to get to our section, but all made it in time!

Everything ran smoothly at our stages, mainly as a result of the dedication and hard work of our marshalls. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to all the volunteers that made this an enjoyable day!

A very special thanks goes out to John and Clive Rayson who were in control of the sections.

Feedback from competitors demonstrated their appreciation of our efforts. George Mohan and Daniel Passmore (Class B13 Subaru Impreza) who came 54th overall on their first forest rally, sent a lovely email thanking the marshalls for their help.



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Member's Articles – History of the Beetle by John Webber

1934 - Ferdinand Porsche produced prototype Beetle with a 3 cylinder two stroke aero engine at a price of £85.

1935 - Austrian engineer named Reimspeiss designed a 4 cylinder boxer engine. The engine was known as the E- Motor it had a capacity of 985cc.

1936 - 3 Prototype cars were built known as WW3.

1938 - 44 cars built with split rear screens known as type 62, also as the bucket car.

1939 - 630 cars built.

1940 - Bucket car with 2 or 4 wheel drive and a propeller to make it amphibious with an 1131 cc engine. Early in the War 600 cars produced.

1945 - After the War the British Government appointed the REME to run the VW factory under the leadership of a Major Ivan Hurst. The British army ordered 5,000 cars and VW was back in business again.

1950's - Ferry Porsche (founders son) developed his own variant of the VW theme. VW handed back to the German state.

1955 - One million Beetles built.



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLING CLUB LIMITED will be held on SATURDAY, JULY 19TH 2014 at Monks Yard, Horton Cross, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 9PT at 3.00pm to receive the REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE and STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, for the year ending 30th. November 2013, and to elect Officers, Members of the Executive, and to generally transact such business of the Club as may be necessary. (Articles paragraph 24) Any member wishing to bring forward any matter at the General Meeting shall give Notice to the Secretary within 3 days of receipt of this Notice of the General Meeting, together with a copy of the motion or resolution, in accordance with paragraphs 26-29 of the Articles of Association. By Order of the Executive. May 1st. 2014 The Secretary, The MCC, 11, Kingsley Drive, Donnington, Telford TF2 8DH (01952 606160) email: secretary@themotorcyclingclub.org.uk

So we start this month with a timely reminder and it is to be hoped there will be a good turn out of members because this often the one occasion we have to meet many of you in the flesh, discussing different topics and express our opinions.

The same month, Sunday July 13 comes the annual TESTING TRIAL which you can now enter on line but if you are one of the few members not connected you can obtain a paper set of regs and entry form by sending an SAE to the entry taker, SHEILA POUPARD, CLIFF EDGE, EAST CLIFF, LYME REGIS, DORSET, DT17 3DH in the time honoured way. Please note that however you enter, please do so soon as they close this year on 30 June. Rather earlier than usual so don't get caught out.

Although there are some new members in the organising many of the familiar faces will still be around and the whole event will take on the usual format which has proved so popular in the past 20 odd years.

Last month at Easter saw the LANDS END TRIAL which welcomed a new bunch of organisers with splendid weather. Warm sunshine but very cold at night with the sections dry and not too difficult with a film of dust overhanging everywhere. Awards seem to have been on the generous side and very provisional results have just been sent to all competitors for checking, Sadly one competitor overturned and the crew had to be removed to hospital but it was notable that the incident was handled in an exemplary way by all concerned which reflected great credit on the club. A special feature of Easter was the re-dedication of the new seats at Blue Hills to replace those which were destroyed by a disastrous fire a year ago, These seats are quite an important feature for all using the footpath and ensure that the late H W Tucker Peake and Leslie Freeman, who were such stalwarts of the MCC in former times remain in our thoughts. It was very pleasing to have so many members and friends there and have the service conducted by the club's own man of the Cloth, Peter Lawlley.

Slowley Trial Results - 11th May

Winehead Motor Club Limited

Event: SLOWLEY

Marshall:

Test No: FINAL RESULTS

Date: 11.5.14

Name	Car No	Run No.												Total	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
TONY MORSE	3	59	26	1	11	70									167
GARY PRICE	3	54	14	0	0	20				B.O.P			30.58	88	
ARTHUR ELL	3	57	26	0	0	40								123	
STEVEN PRICE	1	37	86	1	13	70								207	
PETER LARAMY	1	57	96	6	21	81				1st CLASS			13.63	261	
DICK KINGDON	1	51	96	2	20	82								251	
AWARDS															
	B.O.P	GARY PRICE				1st CLASS				STEVEN PRICE					
ORGANISER	KIETH VILE														
MARSHALLS	DICK HUTCHINGS, IAN HUTCHINGS, JOHN WEBBER, KIETH VILE														

Bath Motor Club Stuart Turner Evening

A tale of a misspent lifetime in Motorsport with Stuart Turner.

The Bath Motor Club have organised a night to remember with this iconic motorsport personality, who over the years has become renowned for his most amusing, modest and laconic style of public speaking. The evening is a

must for motorsport enthusiasts with all proceeds going to the Motorsport Safety Fund and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Food and drinks will be available throughout. Tickets cost £7.50 or £10 on the door. Please contact David Whittock on 07785 352852 or email: whittock@talktalk.net

Something to make you smile

An GT6 pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce at a traffic light.

"Do you have a car phone?" its driver asked the man in the Rolls.

"Of course I do," was the haughty reply.

"Do you have a fax machine?"

The Rolls driver sighed. "I have that too."

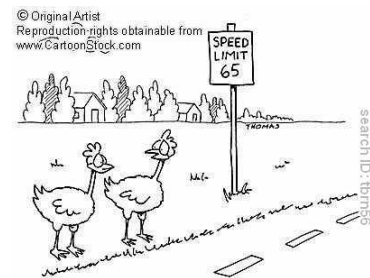
"Do you have a double bed in the back?" the GT6 driver wanted to know. Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off. That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his car.

A week later, the Rolls driver passed the same GT6, parked on the side of the road with its back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The arrogant driver pulled over, got out of the Rolls and banged on the GT6's rear window. "I want you to know that I've had a double bed installed," bragged the Rolls driver. The GT6 driver rolled his window down and frowned at the Rolls driver. "You got me out of the shower to tell me that?"

If Microsoft Built Cars...

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving twenty-five dollar cars that got 1000 miles to the gallon."

Recently General Motors addressed this comment by releasing the statement: "Yes, but would you want car that crashed twice a day?"



Chairman's Top Tips - Go easy when you are stuck!!!!

When stuck in mud or snow, don't make the problem worse by damaging an expensive component. Gently rocking in an attempt to free the car is fine. But if it looks as though you're really stuck, don't keep at it.

Throwing your car from forward to reverse repeatedly, as well as spinning tires at high speeds, can generate lots of heat and spell trouble for transmissions, clutches, and differentials. It may be cheaper in the long run to call the tow truck rather than risk big repair bills down the road. It's a good idea to carry a traction aid in the trunk, such as sand, gravel, or cat litter.



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