



Clwyd Vale Motor Club

Putting the fun
back into Motorsport

January 2010 Newsletter



Annual Awards Buffet & Disco

Saturday 30th January 2010

Being held this time at the Brookhouse Mill, Denbigh and were being priced at a very competitive £10 that has ensured a 'full entry' for the evening. Entertainment and a cash Raffle are being planned and arrival time is 7:30 for 8:00pm. *The penalty for early / late arrival is buying the organisers a drink!*

Eddie Blackwell is organiser this time so for more details give him a call on 07977 011302. (if you can't get hold of Eddie, then contact Phill Harrison, 07814 262273, who is 'Assistant C of C' for the function).

January 2010 Club Dates

• Wednesday 20th January

Club Night: 'Quiz Night organised by Pat Jones', 8pm at the Pwll Gwyn.

• Friday 29th January

Night Nav: Organised by Graham & Jan Thomas.
01978 790662 / 07968 243671

Start: Map Ref 116/185 507, lay-by on yellow off A5104.

Maps: All on 116.

Finish: tba

Time: First novice @ 7:00pm, experts @ 7:30pm.

Entry Fee: £3 per crew

Status: Closed to Club, CVMC members only (you can join on the night).

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2010 Club Calendar

There has been one more amendment to the 2010 Club Calendar, the November Night Nav is moving to the 26th. Please check this Newsletter or Website for the latest club info. The download calendar on our website will be kept updated, hopefully!

Club Dates to highlight in your 2010 Diary:

<u>April 25th:</u>	Dennis Wells Memorial Trial.
<u>May 22nd:</u>	Clwydian Cars Stage Rally.
<u>July 25th:</u>	HCC Wales Car Trial.
<u>November 13/14th:</u>	HCC Wales Farrington Trophy.

Due to the continued success of The Clwydian Cars Stage Rally, we have been invited to become a round of the "The Steve Harkness Competition Tyres Welsh National Tarmacadam Championship"

February Club Dates

• Wednesday 3rd February

Closed Committee: Clwyd Vale Committee members only. 8pm Pwll Gwyn.

• Wednesday 17th February

Club Night: 'Slot Cars organised by Stuart Thomas'. 8pm, Pwll Gwyn.

• Friday 26th February

Night Nav: Organised by Eddie Blackwell.

Start: The usual place, lay-by top of Lixwm!

Finish: tba.

Time: First novice @ 7:00pm, experts @ 7:30pm. Entry Fee: £3 per crew

Status: Closed to Club, CVMC members only (you can join on the night).

Date	Name Of Event
21st February	Rali Cwm Gwendraeth
14th March	Tour of Epynt
28th March	Fast Impressions Tour of Caerwent
11th April	Talbenny Stages
2nd May	The RDP Welsh Rally
22nd May	Clwydian Cars Stage Rally
20th June	Mid Summer Caerwent
31st July /1st August	Harry Flatters Rally
29th August	Mewla National Rally
3rd October	Peter Lloyd Stages
6/7th November	Glyn Memorial

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	Club Championship administration Talarly, Llandrynog, Denbigh. LL16 4HH. compsec@cvmc.org.uk		

Established 1966
MSA Registered

Member Club of 2 Regional Associations:-
Association of North Western Car Clubs
and the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Meeting Place
The Pwll Gwyn Hotel
Denbigh Road
Afonwen, Mold. CH7 5UB
Telephone: 01352 720227
Map reference 116/127 716½
Or without a map, about 6½ miles
North East of Denbigh on the A541.
The Pwll Gwyn is on the North side
of that road, so is easy to find.
Our club night is the third
Wednesday of each month.
All welcome.

What's On

Courtesy of DVT and the ANWCC website:
www.anwcc.org. Please contact
organisers directly to check latest details.

Jan 24 - Red Kite Stages Rally (Forest Stage Rally) National B - Amman & DMC (ANWCC/WAMC)

Jan 24 - Red Kite Historic Rally (Historic Stage Rally) National B - Amman & DMC (ANWCC/WAMC)

Jan 25 - Scatter 101 (Scatter Rally) Clubmans - Knutsford & DMC

Jan 30 - AWARDS 2009 PRESENTATION (Awards Night) Open - Association of North-Western Car Clubs

Feb 05 /06 - Legend Fores North West Stages (Multi-Venue Stage Rally) National B - Motor Sport NW (ANWCC/ANCC/NETRC/SD34)

Feb 13 /14 - Tour of Anglesey (Historic Road Rally) National B - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (ANWCC/GE)

Feb 14 - Riponian Stages (Forest Stage Rally) National B - Ripon MSC (ANWCC/ANCC/ANECCC/ANEMMC/EMAMC)

Feb 17 - 12-Car Scatter Rally (12-Car Scatter Rally) Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC

Feb 22 - Scatter 102 (Scatter Rally) Clubmans - Knutsford & DMC

Feb 28 - Autotest (Autotest) Clubmans - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (GE)

Feb 28 - Production Car Autotest (Production Car Autotest) Clubmans - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (GE)

Mar 06 - Malcolm Wilson Rally (Forest Stage Rally) National B - Kirkby Lonsdale MC/Morecambe CC/West Cumbria MSC (ANWCC/BTRDA)

Mar 06 - Tour of Cheshire (Historic Road Rally) National B - Knutsford & DMC (ANWCC/HRCR)

Mar 07 - Roskirk Stages (Multi-Use Stage Rally) National B - Blackpool South Shore MSC (ANWCC/3 Sisters)

Mar 07 - Bolton March Autosolo (Autosolo) National B - Bolton-le-Moors CC (ANWCC/SD34)

Mar 07 - Bolton March Autosolo (Autosolo) Clubsport - Bolton-le-Moors CC

Mar 14 - Jon MacKenzie Autotest (Autotest) National B - Hagley & DLCC (ANWCC/BTRDA/AWMMC)

Mar 14 - Autosolo (Autosolo) National B - CSMA Club NW (ANWCC/SD34)

Mar 14 - Autosolo (Autosolo) Clubsport - CSMA Club NW (BTRDA)

Mar 17 - 12-Car Scatter Rally (12-Car Scatter Rally) Clubsport - Ilkley & DMC

Mar 20 /21 - Moonbeam Rally (Road Rally) National B - Telford AC (ANWCC/AWMMC)

Mar 27 /28 - VK Derbyshire Rally (Road Rally) National B - Matlock MC (WMAMC/ANCC/ANEMMC/AWMMC)

Mar 28 - Slaters Stages (Multi-Use Stage Rally) National B - Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC (ANWCC/GE)

Mar 28 - Stockport Stages (Multi-Use Stage Rally) National B - Stockport 061 MC (ANWCC/ANCC/SD34)

Mar 29 - Scatter 103 (Scatter Rally) Clubmans - Knutsford & DMC

The 'Bring It On' Scatter

"I am very pleased and honoured to announce the second running of the **highly successful 'Bring It On Scatter' in memory of our dear friend Chris Webber**. Running on the 23rd January 2010. Competitors are likely to cover in the region of 100 miles, the event will start & finish at the Bridge Inn, Pontblyddyn (Map 117 - 277 605) where there will be supper supplied with results, after which we will be partying WEBBER style, with karaoke and disco.

There will be no tricky navigation as this scatter rally is a chance for experts and novices alike to get out and about on some of the classic roads that map 117 has to offer with the emphasis being FUN. This was a very popular event last year with over 30 crews so please get your entries in quick to avoid disappointment. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Welsh Air Ambulance appeal."

Regs are available on the following websites: BBMC, CVMC, ANWCC, RDMC & NWCC. Or call Baz.

Baz Green

This is your Newsletter.....

..... and if I don't know what you're up to, then nobody else will....

Please send me anything of interest. Event reports are great to read whether you are a competitor, service crew, marshal, official or just spectating. Pictures can be put in and anything else that your colleagues in the club might find informative or amusing!

.....and how do you get it?

For those of you who are receiving this Newsletter by email, please let me know if you change your email address. If you receive it by snail mail, please check the address on the envelope and let me or Pat Jones know if there are any amendments needed.

I am sure most of you have an email address or at least access to one and it would really help me (and the club funds) if you could change over to receiving the Newsletter electronically.

Pete White

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New Members

At the time of the last committee meeting (13th January) there now 113 members with Pat issuing 158 club cards which include junior and family memberships.

A cordial welcome is extended to those who have recently applied to become members of the club. If you have any queries or require any assistance, then do not hesitate to contact any of the club officials.

We hope that your association with Clwyd Vale Motor Club will be a long and momentous one. Remember, our aim is to be as friendly as possible towards one another with many of you joining in the various events and functions during the year. If we are not already catering for your requirements, then please do not hesitate to let us know so that we can do something about it.

This club newsletter and the website: www.cvmc.org.uk, are a vital means of communicating information out to the members but they require input from everybody to succeed.

Rallycross Superprix - Croft Race Circuit - October 31st / November 1st

I had entered this rallycross because of two incentives: One: there was a category for Rally Cars and Two: the Rally Car Section was sponsored by Cartersport, who were putting £90 to each entry, therefore bringing the price down for the entry fee. A very generous gesture.

I arrived at Croft at about quarter to five on Friday and was allocated a service spot with Bainsey and Co. and after the usual greetings, Bainsey was telling the tale of how he cycled down to the toilets and fell off his cycle and damaged his ribs. We were all in stitches, laughing.

On the Saturday, the action started. Got through scrutineering and documentation ok and ready for the off. It was our turn to go up and be ready. Just before we queued up on the start line the Scrutineer asked if the tyres I was on were legal for stage rally, which they were. He also asked the Mk2 in front of me, which was driven by Peter Urquart, who was on M&S tyres as he does forest stages and the Scrutineers reply was that there **would be a protest going in. For what reason, I don't know.**

Anyway, we made our way onto the grid and instead of watching the lights, the marshal was flagging us off at about 5 seconds **and once under way it was a case of looking out for the Evo's. There were three Evo's out and they flew past me as if I was standing still, not that I was hanging around!**

As the day (Saturday) was going on, the circuit was drying out and on the infield it was a little bumpy but not too serious and **my Mk2 wasn't too bad and I was quite happy the way the day was going. The last three races, the RX150 and the two races for the Rally Cars, were postponed until Sunday as the daylight had gone and were first up on Sunday which was totally a different kettle of fish as it was lashing down with rain and the infield turned into 'pothole city'.**

I hit a rut which was full of water and for a split second totally covered the windscreen until the wipers caught up! On the tarmac the car was ok but on the infield it was all over the place, just could not keep it in a straight line when applying the power. I tried to keep out of the ruts by keeping slightly left but by doing this the loose gravel sucked me off more and on one lap got really crossed up. The hairpin on the **gravel was slippery and as I spun once, and got crossed up, I don't know how many times. Pete, who was in the other Mk2 from our 'camp', was doing more donuts than anyone, as he was having trouble keeping it in a straight line, even though his car is set up for the forest.**

To summarise, a very eventful weekend, enjoyable even though some of the heats were cancelled on the Sunday to bring the event to a finish sooner.

Rob John



Parts For Sale

4 x 165/13 Michelin SB11 Tyres
1 x X/flow Distributor Base
1 x O/S Headlight Unit for Sierra 1989 onwards
2 x Exhaust Manifold Gaskets for Ford V6 (Sierra)
1 x Rocker Cover Gasket for Ford V6 (Sierra)
1 x OMP Fire Extinguisher
1pair Electric Door Mirrors & Joysticks for Sierra
2 x 6x14 Seven Spoke Alloy Wheels
4 x Ford Centre Caps to suit above
1 x 175/13 Tyre, as new, FREE (yes, Free)
1 x Electric Radiator Fan off Mk1 Fiesta
1 x Set Plug Leads off Ford 2Ltr DOHC 8V
1pair AP Racing Vented Discs off FWD Escort
1set AP Racing Pads to suit above.

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For all your first aid products

Health Care Centre
Alexander Buildings
St Asaph
LL17 0NA

Email: info@hccwales.com

0800 3580545

Peugeot 205 (J Reg) Parts for Sale

Pair Head Lamps - as new - £30
Front Bumper Black - as new - £35
Set wipers front & rear - new - £10
Tel: Keith Cross:- 0151 336 5562

Change of Career:

A gynaecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and hospital paperwork and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skilful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic.

He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all that he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynaecologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark." "You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark."

After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the exhaust, which I've never seen done in my entire career!"

LeJog 2009

What is it? LeJog is a motorsport event which has run from the mid 1990's and was the brainchild of John Brown one of UK's top navigators, it involves travelling from Land End to John 'O' Groats by way of some 350 timing points on some of the most tricky and difficult roads on the way.

This is not a speed event but a reliability trial where the crew, in order to achieve the highest accolade, a gold medal, must be within 60 seconds of their due time at each timing point, the location of these timing points is not known to the crews so not only do you need to navigate the route off 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey maps by varying methods such as map reference, spot heights, symbols etc but keep to various average speeds from as low as 18mph through villages up to a maximum of 30mph on more open roads.

This was my second year on LeJog navigating in a 1965 Porsche 911 for Howard Warren, the owner of Chester based car parts company CES (UK) Ltd. The event started at 8am on Saturday 4th December from Lands End Hotel in Cornwall and wound its way through Cornwall, Devon and Somerset with 3 regularity sections and a few special tests (these are held on private land and are speed tests similar to autotests) plus some unusual ones such as the infamous Bury Ford test where you have to drive through a very deep ford (this year the lights of our car were fully submerged!!!) out the other side, turn off engine and then restart it and move forward to get a time. We eventually arrived in Magor Services on the M4 just over the border in Wales at 4pm for a two hour half when we were given route instructions through Wales these included a section around Caerwent Army Camp, then over the Black Mountains where we unfortunately had a wrong slot and lost 2 minutes and our Gold Medal. As conditions worsened with heavy rain we continued up the county via Buith Wells, Devils Bridge and all the mountain passes connecting them to a halt at Trefeglwys at 10pm where we were given the last part of the route to bring us to the overnight halt (4 hours!) in Ellesmere Port. This last section ran up through mid Wales around the Lake Vrynwy Area before finishing by Chirk Castle and then up to Ellesmere Port by 4.30am for 4 hours sleep.

Sunday morning started dry and sunny from Ellesmere Port at 9.30am where we were given route instructions which took us up through the centre of the country to Sunday nights halt in Newcastle for a full 10 hours and full nights sleep!!! Following the first day we were lying 2nd overall but had also been late at 2 turning points so had dropped to a bronze medal, such was the toughness of the section through Wales that only 2 crews remained on Gold Medals with 5 on Bronze medals.

Sunday was a pretty uneventful day although tough following the limited sleep the night before. We managed to retain our second place but 2 other crews lost the bronze medal following some tricky navigation sections by Derwent Water in Northumberland. We eventually arrived in Newcastle at 9.30pm for a much welcome soak in the bath and sleep but it was an early start on Monday at 8.30am for the last section to John 'O'Groats arriving at 11am Tuesday morning.

Monday turned out to be a challenging day with tricky navigation sections and positions of clocks but the weather had improved we had a late lunch at Queensferry in the shadow of the impressive Forth Bridge before some more tricky sections followed by a 2 hour halt at Kingussie in the Highlands, which saw a total change from the sunny weather of Monday to a thick frost leaving all the roads sheet ice for the next 12 hours of the event!! We travelled over some of the most exposed roads in the Highlands with temperatures dropping to -10 below apparently according to the marshals but we retained our 2nd overall position with no dramas having the lowest scores on sections from Newcastle onwards.

The final two sections of the event followed a breakfast halt at Lybster before a well deserved coffee and dram at John O Groats.

After 1480 miles in 75 hours with only 12 hours sleep it is certainly one of the toughest challenges I have had in 25 years plus of motor sport but a great feeling of achievement and I will be back in 2010. Eventually only 4 medals were issued out of the 40 starters, 2 Gold medals one to eventual winners Andy Lane and Ian Tullie the second one to German crew in a BMW 3.0 CSI, we finished second with a bronze medal and one other bronze medal went to the 4th placed crew in a Triumph 2000.

RESULTS	1st	Andy Lane/Ian Tullie	Mercedes SE300	433 Points
	2nd	Howard Warren/Guy Woodcock	Porsche 911	777 Points
	3rd	Christian Ruter/Stephen Huber	BMW 3.0 si	818 Points
	4th	Charles Harrison/John Hancox	Triumph 2000	1520 Points
	5th	Steve Pickering/Simon Noyle	Hillman Hunter	2798 Points



The 2010 Legend Fires North West Stages will run earlier than in previous years, with the rally now scheduled for Friday/Saturday 5th/6th February, which allows the organisers to introduce a series of new innovations.

Following the recent closure of the Pontins Blackpool Holiday Centre, which had served as Rally HQ for the past five years, organisers have struck a deal with the Norbreck Castle Hotel. As part of that deal the rally has acquired full access to the Hotel's Norcalympia exhibition facility that will host the scrutineering on the Friday afternoon and provide indoor Parc-Ferme on Friday evening. Scrutineering will be open to spectators with running commentary and driver interviews and there are also plans to create a rally village with trade and

memorabilia stands. Joint Clerk of the Course Dave Read said "We're looking to offer the spectator something extra and maybe a bit different to what's usually available. It will be like a starter before the main course, something to whet the appetite before venturing onto the stages"

Spectators won't have to go far to watch the opening stages either, just across the road in fact, as for 2010 the Friday pair of short Promenade stages have a new location. Designed to keep spectators at the heart of the action close to rally HQ the stages will utilise the most northerly part of Blackpool's famous Promenade and provide a mixture of fast straights and hairpin bends. If that is not enough the event's central service area will also be located close to rally HQ giving spectators a one-stop scrutineering/stage/service opportunity.

There's more good news for competitors as the organisers have negotiated some amazing accommodation deals, details of which can be found on the event website at www.nwstages.co.uk

Read added "The rally HQ provides us with some fantastic facilities which will add to the experience of competing on the rally. We're always looking to improve on what we have to offer and this is another big step forward."

Please visit the web site for more information.

MSA Radio Operators please contact:- Andrew Caton: andrewcaton@o2.co.uk



Are you towing a trailer illegally?

OBJECTS IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR COULD BE MORE HAZARDOUS THAN THEY FIRST APPEAR!

As they appear in the rear view mirror, you check your lights and ensure the children have their seatbelts on. Nope!

Nothing appears to be wrong. At which point the police lights indicate for you to pull over. Does this sound familiar? We've all experienced the police stopping us at one time or another; fingers crossed its nothing serious.

A few minutes later you are given the bad news. You are driving illegally. A very easy mistake to make, but not one that can be forgiven. In the eyes of the law, ignorance is not an excuse. The law is a very unfamiliar entity for most of us in the UK, sure we know the basics; have a driving licence, drive under the speed limit, make sure your vehicle is taxed and insured. Being a good citizen, all of this is in order; however, due to legislation you are towing your racing car illegally. How can this happen? Very easily if you read the law regarding towing a trailer.

Anybody who passed a test after 1/1/1997 needs to take a B+E test if they want to tow a larger trailer. The actual law states- new drivers will only be allowed to drive and tow the following combinations: -

1. Vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes (category B) with a 750kg trailer (4.25 tonnes total MAM, Maximum Authorised Mass).
2. Category B vehicles with larger trailers i.e. > 750kg, provided that the combined MAM does not exceed 3.5 tonnes and the gross MAM of the trailer does not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle. To be able to tow combinations outside this ruling requires the passing of an additional test.

How this translates to the general public is quite important. The first thing you need to know, is how much do your vehicles weigh? Both the vehicle you are driving and the vehicle you are towing. If these vehicles have a combined weight of over 3.5 tonnes, you could be driving illegally. The easiest way to check your eligibility is to get out your licence and have a look at it, something most of us probably haven't really done since it arrived in the post all those years ago. If your licence states that you have B+E you can legally tow as long as the weight of your vehicle and your trailer does not exceed 4.25 tonnes. If you decide that you still want to take the risk of driving then that is of course your choice. The penalty for driving illegally is very severe; your vehicle can be impounded until a suitable and legal driver can be provided. (They will also have to be insured on the vehicle) you can also be fined to a maximum penalty of £1000.

Of course, it is always a possibility that you may not be stopped by the police, you may carry on your journey, but should something else happen, for example an accident involving your vehicle. You could find that your insurance does not cover you for anything.

If you find you are not legally able to drive your vehicle and its trailer, you could be stopped and fined, up to £1000, however currently the cost of B+E Test is £115 (due to rise to £125 in March 2010), a much cheaper option.

If you are unsure of the law, or you feel you may need advice regarding your trailer and vehicle, or you have found that you are now unable to legally tow your racing vehicle, there are people who can help, either with advice or with suitable training. B.o.B Trailer Training Services can help with advice and courses. As a member of Clwyd Vale Motor Club they will give a 10% discount on training. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff have many years experience and can provide training on your doorstep as well as residential courses. Should you find that you are legally able to drive a vehicle with your licence but are due to tow for the first time, they also offer friendly refresher courses and advice on how to tow your trailer. For more information visit their website www.trailer-training-services.co.uk or call 01745 851067 to speak to their friendly instructor.

A phone call is a lot less expensive than the consequences.



ANWCC Rally Marshals Training

The ANWCC Rally Marshals Training Day 2010, including both the practical Incident Handling and bi-annual practical fire training, is scheduled for Saturday 30th January, in Stockport. And based on the 2009 attendee feedback analysis that showed that overall only 29% of those attending actually heard about the training via their Club, with figures for ANWCC clubs being as low as 20% at one stage. Lets hope that this can be improved for 2010 and hence the reason behind contacting ANWCC affiliated clubs. As always this training is FREE, the only costs being people's transport costs there and back together with locally purchased lunch (usually a couple or three £'s) if they don't want to bring their own. Besides the training being free there is usually a plentiful supply of FREE tea and coffee during that day as well. There are 5 different Training Courses on offer, which correspond to the current MSA Registered Marshal Scheme grades (refer www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/grading.php):-

- *Trainee, Cadet and Student Rally training*, formerly known as Introduction to Rally Marshalling,
- *Marshal (Rally In-stage) and Experienced/Senior (Rally In-stage)*, formerly known as In-stage Marshal,
- *Experienced/Senior (Rally Radio)*, formerly known as Radio Marshal,
- *Experienced/Senior (Rally Timing)*, formerly known as Timing Marshal,
- *Event Official (Rally) SC & DSC*, formerly known as Senior Stage Officials (includes new & aspiring, plus existing Stage Mgmt Personnel, i.e. Stage Commanders, Deputy Stage Commanders, Stage Safety Officers & Stage Spectator Safety Officers) So that people can undertake training or a simple refresher commensurate with the duties they usually undertake or gain an understanding of another duty before actually marshalling in that capacity. Therefore the Association and myself would be greatly appreciative if you could let your members know about this opportunity and encourage them to attend, either via any direct member mail shots you have in place, via any member Newsletter, and/or via your club website. The on-line application form for this Training day being, <http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=stockport> If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact myself. Regards,

Derek Machin

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Club Championships '09 / '10

Please remember that this Club Championship year runs from:
1st November 2009 to midnight on 31st October 2010

Recent Results

1. Entries must be made stating Clwyd Vale Motor Club on your entry form for each event.
2. Contact Gareth Williams with your results, Tel: 01824 790263, text 07786 237754
3. e-mail to compsec@cvmc.org.uk or write to Talarly, Llandyrnog, Denbigh, Denbighshire LL16 4HH

ALL RESULTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH OF THE EVENT.

Rule Clarification: "Class points will be awarded in the position you finish on the road regardless of how the overall trophies are awarded, i.e. If you finish 3rd Expert overall and the 1st two crews received 1st & 2nd overall awards you will be awarded points for 3rd in class."

Drivers - Road Rally	Overall Result	Class Result	Overall Points	Class Points	Event Total
Telford Novice Road Rally - 13/12/2009					
Andrew Darlington	22	5	29	33	63

Drivers - Stage Rally	Class Result	Class Points	Social Points	Event Total
No Results				

Drivers - Sporting	Class Result	Class Points	Social Points	Event Total
No Results				

Night Navigational Exercise	Position	Social Points
Night Nav - 18/12/2009		
Keith A.J. Cross	Organiser	20
Tina Cross	Organiser	20

Night Navigational Drivers (Expert)	Position	Social Points
Derek Jones	1	35
Janet Thomas	2	30
Neil Lloyd	3	25

Night Navigational Drivers (Novice)	Position	Social Points
Kevin Roberts	1	35
Stephen Jones	2	30
Gwenan Jones	3	25

Night Navigational Navigator (Expert)	Position	Social Points
Stuart Jones	1	35
Graham Thomas	2	30
Rob Lloyd	3	25

Night Navigational Navigator (Novice)	Position	Social Points
David Roberts	1	35
Ian Jones	2	30
John G Jones	3	25

Navigators - Road Rally	Overall Result	Class Result	Overall Points	Class Points	Event Total
Telford Novice Road Rally - 13/12/2009					
Gary Williams	22	5	29	33	63

Co-Drivers - Stage Rally	Class Result	Class Points	Social Points	Event Total
No Results				

Marshalling / Social etc	Position	Social Points
HCC Wales Farrington Trophy - 29/11/2009		
Eddie Blackwell	Organiser	20



Photo courtesy of Reinhart Klein

Club member Calvin Cooledge sitting with Steve Troman in a Porsche 911 on the East African Classic Safari Rally last November/December where they finished 7th overall.

They were also a member of the winning team which included the 911's of Gerard Marcy / Stephane Prevot and Thomas Flohr / Didier Breton.

Night Navigation Exercise – Christmas Special – 18th Dec

After a couple of months planning, the event came together on Friday 18th December. We decided to use lanes to the North, West and South of Mold using both Maps 116 and 117, with a few map changes to make the navigation more interesting!

At first light on the Friday - 8am - Tina and I headed off to set up the route which consisted of symbols at most junctions in the first half and at Spot heights in the second half together with 4 Not as Map triangles. With it being a Christmas Special we decided to incorporate an optional Treasure Hunt so items such as holly and mistletoe had to be placed at strategic points along the route. In all it took about 4 hours to set up. After a quick dash home and to the printers to get the instructions photo-copied, it was nearly time to proceed to the start to see how many crews would turn up. The start was from Costa Coffee at the Services near Ewloe. As it was a freezing cold evening it was warm and civilized start venue with decent coffee and cakes to keep the organisers happy. A small but select group of 6 crews turned out – 3 novices and 3 experts.

The first half consisted on straight forward map references with approaches and departs given. The Experts route was a little more complicated as the refs were all jumbled up. In the second part Spot Heights were given with approaches and departs - again jumbled up for experts. It took some crews nearly an hour to plot the route before they set off on the 30 mile trip. Ice was a major issue with one or two nasty patches. We observed one section where crews gingerly cruised down a steep hill. Thankfully all got to the finish without any damage! The finish was at The Druid Inn, Llanferres, where everyone enjoyed sandwiches and chips.

All crews deserved a medal for getting to the finish but first overall and first expert was awarded to Derek and Stuart Jones with K and D Roberts achieving first Novice and winning the Treasure Hunt section.

Keith and Tina Cross

Driver	Navigator	Class: Expert / Novice	Penalties	Position
Derek Jones	Stuart Jones	Expert	-23	1
Jan Thomas	Graham Thomas	Expert	-52	2
Neil Lloyd	Rob Lloyd	Expert	-55	3
K Roberts	D Roberts	Novice	-70	4
Stephen Jones	Ian Jones	Novice	-121	5
Gwenan Jones	John G Jones	Novice	-142	6

Quotes....

"We now have exactly the same situation as we had at the start of the race, only exactly the opposite."
(Murray Walker — F1 Motor racing Commentator)

Did You Know....

"There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage."


2010 Club Championships Points

Drivers Championships	Navigators Championships	Gareth W Jones Ch'ship	Social Club Championship
<u>Road Rally</u>	<u>Road Rally</u>	Guy Woodcock 52	Stuart Jones 40
Howard Price 124	David Barnes 91	Stuart Jones 50	Pat Jones 30
Roger Powley 91	Stuart Thomas 86	Graham Thomas 40	Tina Cross 30
Alun Hayward 86	Gareth Price 79	Tina Cross 40	Ian Marshall 20
David Mittell 65	Stephen Birkett 65	Stuart Thomas 36	John Broadhurst 20
Martin Allwood 63	Gary Williams 63	Howard Price 32	Guy Woodcock 20
Andrew Darlington 63	Tim Powley 57	Keith A.J. Cross 30	Graham Thomas 20
Leigh Powley 57	Rob Lloyd 56	John G Jones 30	Gareth Williams 20
Conrad Law 44	Richard Bestwick 52	Pat Jones 30	Martin Jones 20
Stephen Jones 33	Guy Woodcock 48	Gary Williams 26	Matthew Jones 20
Paul Jones 1	Jamie Wilson 44	Rob Lloyd 26	Nia Wyn Jones 20
Dan Kyle 1	Shaun Holt 34	Rob John Jones 26	Pete White 20
Sheila Reynolds-Jones 1	Robert David Evans 1	Stephen Jones 25	Keith A.J. Cross 20
	Brynmor Pierce 1	Martin Jones 20	Stuart Thomas 20
<u>Stage Rally</u>	Paul Cawley 1	Matthew Jones 20	Eddie Blackwell 20
Guy Woodcock 46	<u>Stage Rally Co-driver</u>	Nia Wyn Jones 20	Gareth Morgan 10
Kevin Jones 41		John Broadhurst 20	Andrew Darlington 10
		Ian Marshall 20	Andrew Ellis 10
<u>Sporting</u>		Pete White 20	Arfon Roberts 10
Rob John Jones 23		Gareth Williams 20	Geraint Jones 10
		Janet Thomas 20	Gary Williams 10
<u>Junior Championship</u>		Eddie Blackwell 20	Elwyn Vaughan 10
Kyle Jones 10		Derek Jones 20	Gareth Reynolds-Jones 10
Gareth Reynolds-Jones 10		Geraint Jones 20	Esmor Jones 10
		Gareth Price 16	Chris Jones 10
		Leigh Powley 16	Dave Jones 10
		Tim Powley 16	David P Richards 10
		Jamie Wilson 16	Gwyn Reynolds-Jones 10
		David Mittell 16	Derek Jones 10
		David Barnes 16	Dewi Jones 10
		Conrad Law 16	Brian Howatson 10
		Kevin Jones 16	Paul Davies 10
		Andrew Darlington 16	Tom Parker 10
		Alun Hayward 16	Tim Morris 10
		Roger Powley 16	Stephen Ellis 10
		Stephen Birkett 16	Rod Pierce 10
		Martin Allwood 16	Rob John Jones 10
		Shaun Holt 16	Richard Marshall 10
		Richard Bestwick 16	Richard Jones (Ab'gele) 10
		Gareth Roberts 10	Philip Barley 10
		Ian Roberts 10	John G Jones 10
		Richard Jones (Ab'gele) 10	Peter Williams 10
		Gareth Morgan 10	Haydn Parry 10
		Esmor Jones 10	Lynn Barnes 10
		Elwyn Vaughan 10	Leroy McDonald 10
		Richard Marshall 10	Lee Webb 10
		Dewi Jones 10	Kyle Jones 10
		David Roberts 10	Kevin Parry 10
		Lynn Barnes 10	William Rowlands 10
		Rod Pierce 10	Kate Shone 10
		Dave Jones 10	Adam Clews 10
		Dafydd Gwynedd 10	Phil Jones 10
		Chris Jones 10	
		Brian Howatson 10	
		Arfon Roberts 10	
		Andrew Ellis 10	
		Andrew Darlington 10	
		David P Richards 10	
		Stephen Ellis 10	
		Leroy McDonald 10	
		Lee Webb 10	
		Kyle Jones 10	
		Kevin Roberts 10	
		Kevin Parry 10	
		Neil Lloyd 10	
		William Rowlands 10	
		Tim Morris 10	
		Gareth Reynolds-Jones 10	
		Adam Clews 10	
		Philip Barley 10	
		Haydn Parry 10	
		Phil Jones 10	
		Tomos Owen-Jones 10	
		Tom Parker 10	
		Gwenan Jones 10	
		Gwyn Reynolds-Jones 10	
		Paul Davies 10	
		Peter Williams 10	
		etc.	
		See full list on www.cvmc.org.uk	

Night Nav: Drivers	Night Nav: Navigators
<u>Night Nav Driver (Novice)</u>	<u>Night Nav Navigator (Novice)</u>
Kevin Roberts 35	Keith A.J. Cross 35
Tina Cross 35	David Roberts 35
Stephen Jones 30	Ian Jones 30
Gwenan Jones 25	John G Jones 25
<u>Night Nav Driver (Expert)</u>	<u>Night Nav Navigator (Expert)</u>
Janet Thomas 65	Graham Thomas 65
Derek Jones 35	Stuart Jones 35
John G Jones 30	Dafydd Gwynedd 30
Neil Lloyd 25	Rob Lloyd 25
Gareth Roberts 25	Ian Roberts 25
Geraint Jones 1	Tomos Owen-Jones 1

Clwyd Vale finished fourth in the 2009 ANWCC Club Championship:			
Pos	(2008)	Club	Pts
1	(1)	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC	336
2	(6)	Bala & District Motor Club	299
3	(7)	Welsh Border Car Club	271
4	(5)	Clwyd Vale Motor Club	268
5	(19)	Historic Rally Car Register	223
6	(2)	Knutsford & District Motor Club	222
7	(9)	Harlech & District Motor Club	215
8	(11)	Broughton & Bretton Motor Club	215
9	(8)	Rhyl & District Motor Club	203
10	(4)	Bolton-le-Moors Car Club	194

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with any errors or disputes etc. on
these results or points tables.

Have you renewed your Clwyd Vale Membership?

Don't forget our club year began on 1st November 2009 and you must be a member if you want to claim points for any of the club championships.

Contact Pat Jones for a form.



The MSA wishes all club members safe and enjoyable motor sport in 2010.

New Hampshire RLO

Mike Hall is the new Route Liaison Officer for Hampshire. His contact details are below.

Mike takes over from Tony Reynolds who held the post for 14 years and in 2002 received the HRH Prince Michael of Kent Award of Merit for his work with disabled motor sport enthusiasts.

Hampshire RLO: Mike Hall, 10 Orchard Close, Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 5SD.

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New Year Honours

David Butler receives an MBE for services to disabled motor sport. As Chairman of British Motor Sport for the Disabled, which he established in 1987, David Butler has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers. He is still the only disabled driver worldwide to have held both an International Race and International Rally Licence, and his persistence and dedication has now enabled many others to follow his lead.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA, said: "David has worked tirelessly to benefit others and has greatly enhanced the status of disabled people, especially those wishing to be involved in motor sport. He has been an inspiration, a role model and a symbol of hope to many disabled people and he fully deserves this great recognition."

Readers will probably be aware that Jenson Button was awarded an MBE in recognition of his performances for Brawn GP in 2009 and that Ross Brawn received an OBE for more than 30 years of service to motor sport

Safety Car regulations corrected

In the 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook*, the text concerning the operation of the Safety Car in circuit racing (Section Q, Appendix 2) is incorrect in two places.

More information can be found on the Latest News section of the MSA website at:

<http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=1&nid=1291>

Club Officials seminars 2010

Places are still available on some of these seminars being run by the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust). If you wish to attend, please check availability of places with Richard Nunn at the MSA (rnuun@msauk.org or 01753 765071).

More information about the seminars was in the December and November issues.

Day, date and broad locations are:

Sunday 24 January – Northern Ireland (Aldegrove area)

Saturday 30 January – South East (Sevenoaks area)

Sunday 31 January – Central Southern (Basingstoke area)

Saturday 20 February – North (York area)

Sunday 21 February – Eastern England (Peterborough area)

Saturday 27 February – Midlands (Solihull area)

Sunday 28 February – North West (Runcorn area)

Saturday 6 March – Wales (Llandrindod Wells area)

Sunday 7 March – South West (Exeter area)

Saturday 13 March – Scotland Central (Motherwell area)

Sunday 14 March – Scotland Highland (Inverness area)

Fitness for duty

The following words are taken from the *MSA Scrutineers E-bulletin # 48*:

It has long been accepted that it is not appropriate for officials to partake in the consumption of alcohol during a meeting. That said there is **nothing wrong with having a relaxing drink after the day's toils if that is your choice. Please remember to be responsible with your alcohol consumption "the night before". If you work on the basis of only drinking an amount of alcohol the evening before such as to mean you would not fall foul of a police breath test at the start of the meeting you will not be too far wrong.** Remember it is not only competitors who are required not to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol or drugs, but also officials.

In the bulletin, Scrutineers were also reminded that smoking whilst officiating is to be avoided.

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.