

**Southern Centre General Meeting
Held at the White Hall Hotel, Llandovery – December 4th 2012**

1.0 Present:

Neil Fuller – Southern Centre Chairperson, Mike Taylor – WAMC Treasurer, Jimmy Jones / Heather Rees-Jones – Forest Clubman / Club, Rob Baldwin – Historic Championship Secretary, Chris Summerfield WAMC DSO, Rebecca Richards Southern Centre Secretary, Dorian Evans Comp Committee, Jerry Herbert 4x4 Motorsport, J. Lewis, Melvin Davies, Gethin Rees Pembrey Liason Officer, Ian Taylor, Gary Taylor, Tony Davies, Ceri Morgan Tarmacadam Secretary, Alun Morgan, Paul Loveridge WAMC Chairman, Dale Jones, George Eadon,

and representatives of the following clubs: Ammanford MC, HOVAC, Ecurie Cymraeg MC, Lampeter & Dist MC, Kidwelly MC, Ross&District MC, GUMC, Brecon MC, Quinton MC, Swansea/Barc Wales,

Apologies: John Surrige, Andrew Thompson, Andy Lewis, Phil Jones, Geoff Field, John Dando, Chris Thomly, Rob John.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting.

Amendment on previous minutes, Dorian Evans was not to attend the police meeting.
Proposed Dorian Evans Seconded Chris Summerfield

3.0 Matters Arising.

No matters arising

4.0 Road Rally Championship (John Surrige):

The provisional winner of the Road Rally Championship had his engine sealed by an eligibility scrutineer at the final round of the Championship. When the engine has been inspected, we will be able to publish the final Championship standings. I would hope that this will be by the end of next week. In the meantime, I have attached a copy of the provisional points table. The 2013 Championship rules are virtually complete and again I would anticipate them being published within the next week. There are no significant changes to the Regs for 2013 and we hope to have a calendar of 11 rounds with the best 8 scores to count.

5.0 Tarmacadam Championship (Ceri Morgan):

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Report for Centre Meetings

National Tarmacadam Championship 2012
December Centre Meetings Report
Final Results after Round Nine Are As Follows

Overall Champions

Richard Merriman and Co Driver Kath Curzon

Class 1

Winning Driver Dyfed Pritchard and Co Driver Aled Pennant

2nd Driver William John and Co Driver Iwan Griffiths

3rd Driver James Nicholas and Co Driver Richard James

Class 2

Winning Driver Hywel Greaves And Co Driver Tomos Whittle on 45 Points

2nd Driver Rhidian Daniels and Co Driver Peter James

Class 3

Winning Driver Ian Godney and Co Driver Ceri Simpson

2nd Driver Ian Kenvin and Co Driver Ian Meakin

3rd Driver Lyn Morgan and Co Driver Karen Morgan

Class 4

Winning Driver Bob Fowden and Co Driver Jason Sugden

2nd Driver Wynne Watkins and Co Driver Sherryn Roberts

3rd Driver Phil Turner and Co Driver Simon Anthony

Class 5

Winning Driver Arwel Davies and Co Driver Claire Williams

Class 6

Winning Driver Graham Watkins and Co Driver Mark Powell

2nd Driver Leighton Smith and Co Driver on Steven Hicks

3rd Driver Graham Hicks and Co Driver Jason Davies

Class 7

Winning Driver Gareth Reed and Co Driver David Bradley

The Kevin Evans Best Under 25 Driver is Lyn Morgan

Ladies Award Kath Curzon

6.0 Forest Clubman (Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones):

In Car Services Welsh Clubmans 2 Wheel Drive Forest Rally Championship.

2013 sees a change to the WAMC Clubmans Forest Rally Championship with the championship being restricted to 2 Wheel Drive cars only. This is to attract new competitors to forest stage events and hopefully towards competing in the National Championship in future years.

The Championship will consist of 6 rounds with the best 4 scores to count to keep costs down. The Championship dates are fairly evenly spread with a minimum of 4 weeks between rounds except should the Reserve Event be used then currently the Coracle Stages is only a week later.

The calendar is

3 rd March	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & District A C
18 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M C
15 th June	Severn Valley Stages	Midland Manor M C
21 st July	Coracle Stages	Carmarthen M C & Epynt M C
31 st August	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M C
19 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C C

Reserve Event

13 th July	Nicky Grist Stages	Quinton M C
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Categories in which Championship Contenders will be able to score points are:-

Overall Championship,

Front Wheel Drive Championship,

Rear Wheel Drive Championship

Classes

Up to 1400 cc

1401 cc – 1600 cc

1601cc – 2000 cc

Over 2000 cc

up to 1600 cc 8 V

Over 1600 cc 8 V

Under 25 (01/01/2013) Driver & Co-Driver Award

Over 50 (01/01/2013) Driver & Co-Driver Award

Welsh Border C. C.	300
H. R. C. R.	236
Teify Valley M. C.	221
Ross & District M. C.	204
Swansea M. C.	201
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	162
Port Talbot M. C.	160
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	139
Ludlow Castle M. C.	136
Dovey Valley M. C.	129
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	126
Forest Of Dean M. C.	123
Forresters C. C.	104
W. & S. S. C. C.	98
Heads of Valley A. C.	83
North Wales C. C.	75
Pembrokeshire M. C.	67
Brecon M. C.	65
Carmarthen M. C.	59
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	57
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	48
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	48
Bala & District M. C.	47
Tregaron M. C.	36
Ecurie Cymraeg M. C.	35

Southern C. C.	33
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	30
Duffryn Tywi	29
Herefordshire M. C.	29
Three Counties Car Club	26
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	25
Amman & Dist. M. C.	24
Cheltenham M. C.	23
Bridgend A. C.	16
Llanelli & District M. C.	16
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	13
Harlech & District M. C.	13
Sutton & Cheam M. C.	13
Whitchurch M. C.	13
Quinton M. C.	11
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	10
Burnham on Sea M. C.	9
Clwyd Vale M. C.	9
South Hams M. C.	8
Knutsford & District M. C.	7
Knighton M. C.	6
Blackwood & Dist. M. C.	3
Warrington M C	3
Kidwelly M C	2
Telford A. C.	1

7.0 Forest National (Dave Evison):

Championship Tables declared final 1st November 2012.

2012 overall champion	Matt Edwards	Championship Co Driver	Horace Saville
Group N Driver	Tom Naughton	Co Driver	Mark Glennerster
Two Wheel Drive	Peter Smith	Co Driver	Paul Wakley
U23	Dylan Davies	Co Driver	Dale Furniss

A full list of final positions is on the WAMC websites

Two events have taken place since the last meeting The Woodpecker and AVS Cambrian Rally. Both events were well received by competitors. Peter Wood, Clerk, Woodpecker commented on the changing requirements of competitors and the space required to fit everyone within the service areas, even Ludlow racecourse was stretched on occasion. Most organisers agree that it is an issue, ultimately affecting route planning. The Cambrian noted the concerns of 2011, and although unable to bring new Forestry online, a single usage of Pen 1 & 2 and excellent pre-event publicity generated good interest, rewarded with a good entry. The promenade start and finish was well received by competitors and public alike.

Summary 2012

Championship contenders on events as a whole are up 10% on the year, and up 75% since 2010 championship

Thanks to Gwyn Reynolds Jones, for his support and assistance throughout the year. Eifion and Christine's on event newsletter has now become a regular on all events and are sought out by spectators and competitors alike, my thanks go to them.

2013- Pirelli have confirmed they will sponsor the championship with added incentives for championship contenders, a set of tyres to the overall winner and on event draws for tyre vouchers to value of £250. Please note again the championship is not controlled tyre.

2013 Provisional calendar is

9 th Feb.	Wyedean Forest Rally.	Forest of Dean M.C.
3 rd Mar.	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & Dist A.C
6-7 Apr.	Rally North Wales	W. S. S. C. C.
18 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M.C.
15 th June.	Severn Valley Rally.	Midland Manor M.C.
13 th Jul.	Nicky Grist Stages.	Quinton M.C.
31 st Aug	Woodpecker Stages Rally	Sixty & Worcs M.C.
19 th Oct.	Cambrian Rally.	North Wales C.C.

8.0 Historic Championship (Rob Baldwin):

With the championship going down to the Cambrian the final round we now have the 2012 Champions Roger Mathews and Mike Jode in the Escort Mk1 BDA. It has been a good year for the championship with 50 registered contenders with an average of 14 cars out on each round

Results

1st O/A Roger Mathews 166 /Mike Jode 171

2nd Nick Elliott 156 / Dave Price 156

3rd Peter Smith 120 / Guy Weaver 125 (not a crew)

Class Winners

B2 Simon Wallis/ Don James (not a crew)

B3 Dessie Nutt/Geraldine McBride

C2 Nick Danks/Martin Corbett

C3 Richard Morgan/Melanie Holmes (no a crew)

C4 David Stokes/Guy Weaver

D2 Rex Ireland/Adrian Scadding

D3 Nick Elliott/ Dave Price

Brian Dennis has agreed to support the championship again for 2013

9.0 King of Epynt and Junior Championship (Andy Lewis):

Following the 3rd and final round on the Mewla Rally

Championship Winning Driver

1 st	Damian Cole		148 points
2 nd	Ian Caddy	131	
3 rd	Toby Adam	126	
4 th	Wynne Watkins	125	
5 th	Graham Watkins	115	

Championship Winning Co-Driver

1 st	Alan Thomas		140 points
2 nd	Sherryn Roberts	135	
3 rd	Jason Sugden		98
4 th	Simon Anthony	94	
5 th	Tomos Whittle	86	

Class Positions are

Class 1

Driver Dyfed Pritchard 50points Co Driver Aled Pennant 50 points

Class 2

Driver Joint points Craig Jose/Rhidian Daniels 47 points. Co Driver Joint points Nigel Hewitt/Tomos Whittle 47 points

Class 3

Driver Dave Allmark 50 points Co Driver Leigh Woodington 50 points

Class 3a

Driver Graham Watkins 75 points

Class 4

Driver Ian Caddy 70 points Co Driver Alan Thomas 75

Class 4a

Driver Bob Fowden 50 points Co Driver Jason Sugden 50 points

Class 6

Driver Wynne Watkins 66 points Co Driver Sherryn Roberts 72 points

Class 7

Driver Peter Lloyd 42 points Co Driver Aled Davies 25

Congratulations to Damian Cole and Alan Thomas on becoming this year's King's of Epynt

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11.0 Sprint and Hillclimb Championship (John Davies):

No Report

12.0 Pembrey Liaison Officer (Gethin Rees):

Pembrey

Coming to the end of what has been a difficult season for the circuit, although things are looking positive for 2013 with a variety of additional events scheduled to take place.

The 2 events remaining for 2013 is the Kidwelly MC motorkana scheduled for the 16th December and the Carmarthen event on the 30th December which will now be known as the West Wales Rally Spares Jaffa Stages.

The Rali Cwm Gwendraeth, which will be celebrating it's 30th anniversary will take place on the

10th February and as in previous years will be the first round of the WAMC tarmacadam championship.

Training days are also scheduled for February with the Rescue/Recovery crew training on the 9th February and circuit marshal training due to run on the 24th. Anyone welcome to attend, but please contact Phil Davies at the circuit before hand to register your interest.

13.0 Epynt and Caerwent Liaison Officer (Phil Jones):

The annual meeting with DTE Wales&West / Landmarc was held on 25th October at Sennybridge. The annual safety briefing was given, 2013 dates were confirmed and provisional 2014 dates submitted. Costs for 2013 were provided which shows a small increase on this year. It was emphasised that any incidents should be notified to Peter or Ed as soon as possible to minimise the impact and stop it from being escalated. One incident in the summer was not reported and DTE W&W did not hear about it until six weeks ago via a letter from the local MP. Events must attend the Range Conference two months before their event date – confliction, the conferences are held on the first Thursday of every month at Sennybridge. Routes need to be submitted three months prior to event.

One matter discussed was standard signs for road diversions which was agreed and will be provided by Landmarc, the first event to use them will be the tour of Epynt.

14.0 Forestry Liaison Officers (Neil Henderson and Keith Ashley):

Route survey for the 2013 TEAM GMF Wydean Forest Rally indicates that the clear fell operation resulting from the discovery of the Ramorum disease, is not taking place near to the proposed route. This will be continually monitored. The Chalara ash dieback disease has now also appeared in the area.

15.0 R.L.O. Report (Andrew Thompson):

MSARLO Dyfed Powys, Gwent and South Wales – Report

Firstly, please accept my apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

As the 2012 year draws to a close and we look towards the 2013 Season the first thing you will notice are some new Regulations which have been introduced by both the WAMC and the MSA. The majority of you have accepted and back the rule changes and say that it is for the good of our Sport and that they are essential to preserve the future of our Motor Sport.

We have noticed that there are some people who are putting photographs, and their own “reports” on to certain websites. That is up to you but please think about what you say and put on these sites as they are viewed by EVERYONE. Remember not everyone shares our love of our Motorsport and will take joy in using whatever materials they can find to try and stop our Sport!!!

I have noted the comments from some of the Clubs who stated that they were not getting any correspondence from me regarding their events, so an e-mail will be sent out to the ones included on the submitted proposed routes stating that the route has been received. Further e-mails will be sent as and when. I will not however chase any paperwork, I request copies of all event paperwork. I’ve sent the usual items like Regs, Time Cards, Finals, and copies of the route. I have had to chase things like Route Card Instructions, Not on map triangle diagrams, Copies of the communications between Clubs with regards Areas used, etc.

May I also take this opportunity to remind Clubs to read and adhere to the Rules and Regulations as laid out in the 'Blue Book/WAMC Yearbook/MSARLO document' (How it must work) and lastly the 'Road Traffic Act – Competitions and Trials Regulations'.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has helped me this year and for the support and backing I have had. Remember at the end of the day I am here to help you, all I request in return that you help me too!

16.0 Correspondence:

The chairman gave a brief overview of the police report from the meeting attended 29th October.

17.0 Dates/Date changes 2012:

Gremlin Road Rally is no longer running-Jimmy to remove from the 2013 calendar.

18.0 Cross Country: Jerry Herbert

The Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship 2012 was won by Ian Rochelle, repeating his first time win last year.

In a series of six rounds, five of which count towards points, Ian had to finish the last round at Walters Arena in the top three to take the championship. Driving cautiously over tough terrain was sufficient, as the other contenders succumbed to mechanical issues/breakages.

2013 offers some of the same challenging venues, together with a couple of new ones to keep the competitors on their toes - should be an exciting start to the new series at the first event on the 13th-14th April at Myherin.

19.0 Club Official Changes:

No Report.

20.0 MSA Reports: Paul Loveridge

21.0 Road Closure:

No Report

22.0 Go Motorsport:

No Report.

23.0 A.O.B:

Ian Taylor asked if the Association should look at Road closures. Neil Fuller responded by stating that this will be raised at the next WAMC meeting 20th January 2013. Andrew Bob Long asked will this issue jeopardise future night Road Rallies. Neil Fuller responded by stating that this will be raised at the next WAMC meeting 20th January 2013 and Clubs will need to make a representation to discuss.

Dorian Evans proposed WAMC junior Challenge (information was circulated at meeting). This will be raised at the next main WAMC meeting. Jimmy Jones has asked for clarity on what dates/days are applicable for the challenge where a 2day event is concerned.

It was proposed that the Southern Secretary would attend main meetings. Ceri Morgan proposed, Dorian Evans 2nd.

Nominations for the Mal Gibbs award are to be submitted to the Chairman or Secretary by 16th December.

Jimmy Jones said that there has not been much response to the event for 19th January. Can clubs please respond asap regarding their attendance to this.

Gethin Rees has asked that any changes regarding information for the yearbook be submitted to him asap as the new year book will be available for the show on the 19th January and the WAMC meeting on the 20th.

Dorian asked if Neil could arrange another 'organisers' meeting for next year.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th March 2013 White Hall Hotel, Llandovery 20.00