

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Secretary: Rebecca Richards, 136, Coed Celynen Drive, Abercarn NP11 5AT
Email: rebecca.richards@southwales.ac.uk Tel: 07748452650

SOUTHERN CENTRE General Meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2013 Held at the White Hall Hotel, Llandovery

Present : Neil Fuller- Southern Centre Chairperson, Jimmy Jones/Heather Rees-Jones – Forest Clubman/Club, Andrew Thomson – RLO, John SurrIDGE- Vice Chairperson/Road Rally championship, Rebecca Richards – Southern Centre Secretary, Dorian Evans – Junior Championship, Rob Baldwin – HRCR, Chris Summerfield – DSO, Paul Loveridge – Chairman, Ryland James-Go Motorsport, Robert John-MSA,

And representatives of the following clubs: Ecurie Cymraeg, Brecon MC, Swansea MC, Lampeter MC, HOVAC, HERO, Forrester's C.C, Lampeter & District MC, PTMC, BARC Wales, IRDC, Ross & District MC, Camarthern MC, Quinton MC, Gwendraeth MC

- 1. Apologies:** Griffin MC, Dave Evison, Andy Lewis, Jerry Herbert, Phil Jones, Ceri Morgan, Bath MC, Gethin Rees, Mike Taylor, Dave Evison.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting.**
Proposed Paul Loveridge Seconded Dorian Evans
- 3. Matters Arising**
None
- 4. Road Rally Championship (John SurrIDGE)**

Following the PK Memorial organised by Bala Motor Club, six rounds of the Championship have now run. Leading positions are as follows:

DRIVERS

IAN 'DUDE' ROBERTS	575
MARK 'GT' ROBERTS	475
ANDY DAVIES	455

NAVIGATORS

GWAWR HUGHES	573
DYLAN JENKINS	472
LEE TAYLOR	457

The next round of the Championship is the Breidden which is due to run on August 14/15th

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



With the best seven scores to count from ten rounds, positions are likely to change with dropped scores coming into play.

A meeting of Championship Organisers was held on 23rd June and was attended by representatives of 9 Clubs. There was a lot of lively discussion, and the delegates all felt that it was worthwhile. It must be a condition of next year's meeting that inclusion in the following year's Championship is dependent on the Club having attended the meeting.

5. Tarmacadam Championship (Ceri Morgan)

Results after Round Eight Are As Follows

Class 1

Winners are David Morgan Co Driver Ryan Jones

2nd Driver Owain Roberts 34 Points Co Driver Johnathan Roberts 25 Points

3rd Driver Huw Beynon 15 Points Co Driver Thomas Beynon 15 Points

Class 2

1st Driver Richard Bliss 84Points and

Equal 1st Co Drivers Marc Clatworthy Jamie Vaughan on 84 Points

2nd Driver Dale Clatworthy 81 Points

3rd Driver Hywel Greves 47 Points and Co Driver Emma Todd 12 Points

Class 3

1st Driver Richard Merriman 90 Points and Co Driver Kath Curzon 75 Points

2nd Driver Steve Davis 70 Points Co Driver Stuart Powell and 63 Points

3rd Driver Carl OGrady 37 Points Co Emma Todd Driver 30 Points

Class 4

1st Driver Bob Fowden 72 Points Co Driver Paul Wakely 45 Points

2nd Driver Mark Ellis 39 Points Co Driver Simon Anthony 15 Points

3rd Equal Drivers Dafydd Davies Phil Turner 15 Points

Class 5

Winning Crew Ceri Jones Jenny Evans

Equal 2nd Driver Neil Griffiths Marc Thomas 54 Points

1st Co Driver Thomas Blair 27 Points

Class 6

1st Driver Len Giles 94 Points Co Driver Derrick Walters on 96 Points

2nd Driver Mike Pugsley 73 Points Co Driver Adrian Williams 76 Points

3rd Driver Graham Watkins 57 Points Co Driver David Percival 42 Points

Class 7

Winning Crew Ian Kenvin and Co Driver Ian Meakin

2nd Driver Nathan Jones 39 Points Co Driver Tim Murphy 27

1st Best Under 25 Driver is Dale Clatworthy

1st Ladies Award Kath Curzon

Round Nine Of The Championship is on the 13th October The Peter Lloyd Stages Pembrey

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



6. Forest Championship Clubman (Jimmy Jones)

The Woodpecker Stages organised by Sixty & Worcestershire Motor Club hosted the penultimate round of the In car Services Welsh Clubman's 2 WD Forest Rally Championship on Saturday 31st August 2013 when a total of 29 Championship Contenders participated in the event.

Current Championship Positions taking into account that some Championship Contenders are now dropping their lowest score. The best 4 scores from 6 count.

Overall Championship

1 st Driver	Dylan Davies	117 Points
2 nd Driver	Terry Brown	109 Points
3 rd Driver	Len Jones	103 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Tomos Whittle	109 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Don James	103 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Rob Leeman	94 Points

Front Wheel Drive Category

1 st Driver	Thomas Lloyd	111 Points
2 nd Driver	Gwyn Jones	105 Points
3 rd Driver	Jon Madoc-Jones	74 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Rob Leeman	106 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Peter Williams	77 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Richard Christensen	59 Points

Rear Wheel Drive Category

1 st Driver	Dylan Davies	117 Points
2 nd Driver	Terry Brown	109 Points
3 rd Driver	Len Jones	104 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Tomos Whittle	109 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Don James	104 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Seyyan John	88 Points

Class 1

1 st Driver	Jon Madoc-Jones	47 Points
1 st Driver	James Watkins	47 Points
3 rd Driver	Martin Jones	37 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Peter Williams	49 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Richard Christensen	37 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Peredur Davies	33 Points

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Class 2

1 st Driver	Thomas Lloyd	68 Points
2 nd Driver	Robert Wheeler	5 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Ian Jones	68 Points

Class 3

1 st Driver	Dylan Davies	66 Points
2 nd Driver	Terry Brown	60 Points
3 rd Driver	Len Jones	55 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Tomos Whittle	60 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Don James	55 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Llion 'TRACTOR' Williams	49 Points

Class 4

1 st Driver	Colin Webb	68 Points
2 nd Driver	David Jones	62 Points
3 rd Driver	Daniel 'LWNI' Jones	5 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Matt Rogers	68 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Glyn Price	62 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Gerwyn Barry	5 Points

Class 6

1 st Driver	David Lloyd Roberts	66 Points
2 nd Driver	John Baker	60 Points
3 rd Driver	Meirion Jones	27 Points
1 st Co-Driver	Seyyan John	62 Points
2 nd Co-Driver	Dei Jones	49 Points
3 rd Co-Driver	Iwan Jones	27 Points

Under 25 Driver

1 st	Dylan Davies	48 Points
2 nd	James Watkins	25 Points
3 rd	Ben Llewelin	20 Points

Under 25 Co-Driver

1 st Driver	Chris Davies	41 Points
2 nd Driver	Michael Gilbey	22 Points
3 rd Driver	Tistian Rogers	18 Points

Senior Driver

1 st	Terry Brown	48 Points
2 nd	David Lloyd Roberts	40 Points
3 rd	Gwyn Jones	32 Points

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Senior Co-Driver

1 st	Don James	46 Points
2 nd	Glyn Price	33 Points
3 rd	Dei Jones	28 Points

The following Championship Awards have provisionally been won

Overall Championship Driver	Dylan Davies
Front Wheel Drive Category Driver	Thomas Lloyd
Front Wheel Drive Category Co-Driver	Rob Leeman
Class 2 Co-Driver	Ian Jones
Class 4 Driver	Colin Webb
Class 4 Co-Driver	Matt Rogers
Class 4 2 nd Driver	David Jones
Class 4 2 nd Co-Driver	Glyn Price
Class 6 Driver	David Lloyd Roberts
Under 25 Driver	Dylan Davies
Under 25 Co-Driver	Chris Davies
Senior Driver	Terry Brown
Senior Co-Driver	Don James

7. Forest Championship National (Dave Evison)

2013 Registrations now closed stand at:- 96 (83), Drivers 52 (43), Co Drivers 44 (40)
Categories, Group N, 12, Juniors 12, 2WD 24 (Drivers only)

Round 5- Nicky Grist Stages, based in Builth Wells with seven stages in the Crychan, Halfway complexes, this year returning to the showground for service. A strong entry was faced with very hot and dusty conditions as predicted, temperatures though passed 30C around midday. Tyre wear became a big factor however Alex Allingham/Chris Williams took advantage of a Connor McCloskey/Francis Regan non finish to claim maximum championship points and reduce Luke Francis's lead in the championship. David Roberts hold a slender 1 point lead over Rob Dennis in the 2WD category whilst Alex Allingham has now taken 3 maximums in Group N to put pressure on leader Luke Francis before drop scores take effect on the next round. Luke Francis does have an unassailable lead in the Junior Category over James Watkins.

The next championship round at the time of writing is the Woodpecker 31ST August.

Junior Programme

On 27th August a party of 12 Juniors met up at Sweet Lamb for practical driving and co driving tips. The training included sessions from Geoff Jones, Gwyndaff Evans, Howard Davies, Dale Furniss and Peter Hughes Media. Our thanks go to the trainers and Jon Bennett Evans Sweet Lamb for the use of the facilities Gwyn Reynolds Jones, and our supporter Bob Francis Crane Hire

Next up is the second visit to Prodrive on the 18th Sept. The first date was fully booked and those

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



who missed out on the visit will have another opportunity. The arrangements for the tour have been made possible by David Richards

8. Historic Rally Championship (Rob Baldwin)

Brian Dennis Motorsport Welsh Historic Rally Championship

Following round 7 the Woodpecker Stages Roger Matthews is now championship leader he takes the top spot from Rikki Proffitt who was leading following the Harry Flatters

Top Co-Driver however in not Roger's it is Alan Jones who sits with Ken Davies in the Volvo Amazon who by sitting in with Peter Lewis on the Harry Flatters in the Ford Anglia (as Ken does not do tarmac) is now out in front on points. Crews are now checking possible points that can be gained on the last two round but have to take into account dropped score as it is best six to count

Top 5 places

Drivers

Roger Matthews 152

David Lloyd Roberts 151

Ken Davies 127

Rikki Proffitt 124

Terry Brown 119

Co-Drivers

Alan Jones 156

Paul Morris 152

Phill Harrison 124

Dei Jones 121

Tomos Whittall 119

Round 8 will be the Peter Lloyd Stages on 13th October this is the reserve event brought in to replace the Rally North Wales

9. King of Epynt (Andy Lewis)

No report

10. Club Championship (Jimmy Jones)

Teify Valley M. C.	271
Ammanford M. C.	204
Welsh Border C. C.	202
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	194
H. R. C. R.	176
North Wales C. C.	110
Ross & District M. C.	107
Forresters C. C.	106
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	104
Forest Of Dean M. C.	104
Port Talbot M. C.	100
Ludlow Castle M. C.	100
Carmarthen M. C.	79
Dovey Valley M. C.	70

Ystrad Mynach M. C.	36
Swansea M. C.	34
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	29
Brecon M. C.	28
Heads of Valley A. C.	27
Maesteg M. C.	26
Rhyl & District M. C.	26
Amman & Dist. M. C.	26
Llandysul M. C.	25
Llanelli & District M. C.	24
Herefordshire M. C.	20
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	18
Kidwelly M C	14
Southern C. C.	13

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



W. & S. S. C. C.	67	Newtown & Dist. A. C.	10
Bala & District M. C.	63	Barcud M. C.	8
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	56	Telford A. C.	8
Pembrokeshire M. C.	55	Bridgend A. C.	4
Tavern M. C.	53	Epynt M. C.	1
Rallystageteam M C	40	Quinton M. C.	1
Three Counties Car Club	38		

11. Sprint & Hillclimb Championship (Wyn Edwards)

No report

12. Junior Challenge (Dorian Evans)

To date 6 rounds of the challenge have taken place, the last being the Sprint at Ty Croes on Saturday and Sunday, 31st August and 1st September, where unfortunately there were no contenders entered.

I handed out about 50 flyers regarding next year's challenge, and there were a few people showing a little interest for some members of their own club's.

The last event prior to last weekend was Lampeter & District Motor Club's Autotest at Pontrhydfendigaid on Sunday 14th July.

2 additional competitors signed on to the challenge that day, bringing the total number to 19 for the year.

A few of the current contenders have expressed an interest in the Challenge for 2014.

The results are as follows:

Class JC1 up to 1000cc

Cadog Davies 20

Class JC2 up to 1600cc

Charlotte Phelps 40

Sam Bacon 20

Stefan Davies 20

Jason Thomas 20

Rhodri Evans 19

Lewis Davies 19

Owen Rose 19

Claire Tooth 19

Steffan K Daniels 1

Rhys Lewis 1

Sion Busson 1

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Class JC3 up to 2000cc

Ben Llewellyn	20
Cadog Davies	20
Tim Evans	20
Andrew James	20
Iwan Williams	19
Andrew Jones	1

Class 4 over 2001cc

Lee Taylor	20
------------	----

Overall

Charlotte Phelps	19
Cadog Davies	15
Ben Llewellyn	10
Stefan Davies	10
Tim Evans	10
Andrew James	10
Sam Bacon	9
Lee Taylor	9
Jason Thomas	9
Rhodri Evans	8
Owen Rose	8
Claire Tooth	8
Lewis Davies	7
Iwan Williams	6
Andrew Jones	1
Steffan K Daniels	1
Rhys Lewis	1
Meirion Jones	1
Sion Busson	1

13. Pembrey Liaison Officer (Gethin Rees)

Chairman gave short report.

Congratulations to Kidwelly MC who held the first Targa Rally in Wales. It was well received by competitors. The Next event at Pembrey will be the Peter Lloyd Stages October.

14. Epynt & Caerwent Liaison officer (Phil Jones)

Chairman gave report

A short report, I have been unable to attend the Harry Flatters or the Mewla due to holiday commitments. I understand that there may have been some member of the public trying to disrupt the Mewla on a road section, I will speak to Sennybridge to see if they have any reports. DTE Wales & West wish to hold the annual organisers meeting in October, I will circulate details when available. Events

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



should start thinking about 2015 dates ready for the October meeting and if there are any changes to 2014 please let me know as soon as possible.

Next event at Caerwent is the Patriot Stages 29 September

The Red Kite Stages will be running close to the ranges on Sunday 8 September

15. Forestry Liaison Officer (Neil Henderson/Keith Ashley)

The Ross Traders Historic Tour 20th July included two sections run on forestry roads. The tests ran without incident and the FC Officials had no concerns.

There are no other issues in The Forest of Dean

16. MSARLO (Andrew Thomson)

We have been quite busy over the past few months with various Events and again on the whole things have been very good. Again in this meeting I feel the need to praise a Club who have supplied excellent paperwork throughout and arriving with me two full weeks before the date of their Event. A very well done to the Organisers of the Bridden Rally. Their pre and post event PR reports are second to none! I am sorry to say that not all events could match this standard from the Bridden, but nevertheless they were still very good. Unfortunately though the Pacemaker did not show well at all. I had to chase for everything, paperwork, final route, and I am still awaiting the results!! On the Stage Rallying side again most events have been good, however the Woodpecker has let itself down again this year. I had to chase the Event paperwork, which to date I still have not received!! This will not happen next year.

After discussions with the MSA about how the Tests are run on Road Rallies, we feel that some are now starting to take the Michael and are run like mini stages. This will not be accepted next year as the Tests must be designed with manoverability in them to show and test the driving skills and ability of the Competitor.

The 2 meter Sound Test has been successful and I wish to thank the Sound Test Officials and Alun Morgan for sticking with it and helping to make it succeed. Next year all Road Rallies, Navigational Rallies, Endurance Rallies, Historic Road Rallies, and 12 Car Rallies will have to use the 2 meter Sound Test. So take this as an advanced warning if you are running in the Dyfed Powys, Gwent, or South Wales Police areas then you will have to comply.

A couple of Events have been very close to the three month minimum deadline; please get your routes in Early!!

Alun Morgan asked why are the North not using the 2meter test? Paul L. responded – waiting for the MSA to confirm 2M test throughout. There has been no feedback from the Northern RLO on this. Rob J – there appears to be a 2tierd system between the north and the south. CoC's should enforce the 2m test in the south. Alun M – there recently was dispensation on an event in the south for x3 cars to have the 0.5m test. If an event starts in the north but traverses into the south, then the 2m test should be applied.

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



17. correspondence

None

18. Date changes

IDES Rally applied to be moved to December due to a problem with caravans.

19. Cross Country (Jerry Herbert)

Chairman gave report.

Dan Lofthouse stormed to his third win of the year in the Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship at Radnor forest.

Tim Dilworth was quickest on the first run, 22 seconds ahead of Lofthouse who was suffering from brake problems. Lofthouse clawed back 9 seconds over the next two runs but the chance of an event-long battle ended when Dilworth was forced out of the event with engine problems on run 4.

At the overnight halt Lofthouse led by over three minutes from Toby Jefferson with Martin Cox in third.

The dry and dusty day one course became very slippery and wet for day two after heavy overnight rain but Lofthouse continued to extend his lead and by the finish he was 7 minutes up on the second place Cox.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the event," said Lofthouse. "Other than losing the brakes on the first run we had no problems at all and the course was brilliant. That's three out of three now, one more good result will give us the championship."

1.Dan Lofthouse/Jonny Koonja (Lofthouse Freelander)	1h 24m 09s
2.Martin Cox/Paul Carson (GSR 206 Evo 9)	1h 31m 14s
3.Toby Jefferson/Serena Hollamby (GSR 206)	1h 32m 30s
4.Tom Hipkiss/Rich Hipkiss (Milner R5)	1h 33m 19s
5.Paul Myers/Alistair Myers (Land Rover Tornado)	1h 35m 42s
6.Mike Moran/Tony Coid (AT 4x4 Indy Challenger)	1h 36m 13s
7.Andy Powell/Adrian Griffiths (Simmbughini)	1h 36m 28s
8.Ian Bartlett/Aaron Burch (Bartletts 3M 206)	1h 37m 39s
9.Phil Ibbotson/Will Jefferson (MG Metro 6R4)	1h 40m 45s
10.Keith Wylde/Sally Ceen (Milner R4)	1h 46m 38s

The next round is in Myherin on 14th-15th September.

20. Club Official Changes (Geoff Field)

None

21. MSA Reports (Paul Loveridge)

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



MSA website software update is being tested and should be “live” in October 2013, after many setbacks. Existing Fixture list entries would be transferred to the new system. Clubs will be notified when the new system is “live”.

Nick Bunting was pleased with the feedback that he has received, whilst on his Regional visits and commented that there were a number of “common” issues being flagged up to him. Closed roads are still being pursued, with support from some MPs.

National Motorsport Week and the Go Motorsport Live event were a great success.

The MSA will be sending out a questionnaire for clubs to fill-in to find out how the MSA is viewed and what needs to be done to address any issues, along with finding out what variations there are with club structures and which are successful.

Club and Rescue Development Fund application are still being received and a large sum of money has been made available for these, since the inception of the initiative.

Club of the Year and Volunteer Official of the Year submissions are being sought – see the MSA website for details.

2014 Officials Training Seminars – the programme is being looked at now and will be rolled-out as soon as is completed.

The report on the lifing of seats is nearly completed and will be issued and available on the MSA’s website as soon as possible

22. Go Motorsport (Ryland James)

Go Motorsport events have been very successful especially the Cardiff one. Maybe this is something the WAMC should adopt for the future when promoting championships etc. Go Motorsport are always looking for leads/contacts. If anyone has any could they please pass on to Ryland.

Rob John asked if any technical officials were in attendance. Ryland responded that they are trying to encourage youngsters into the sport without emphasis on technicalities at this stage.

Forrester's CC use a car dealership and their database to encourage people into the sport and to raise awareness.

Mark Weller added that Brecon MC have a stand at Brecon Agricultural show to raise awareness and promote motorsport and to showcase its validity by charity work of local motor clubs.

23. AOB

Peter Hughes is now the WAMC press officer.

Peter is the editor of the newsletter and aims to improve communication within the Association and clubs. He needs case studies for future newsletters, information from competition secretaries and also from clubs. E.g. entries for events, marshals etc. any info for the newsletter please send to Peter.

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Keith Morgan (Scrutineer) will be retiring at the end of the year after 30yrs. It was suggested that the WAMC acknowledge this.

Justin Lewis – WAG in the ‘Trials and Competitors Act’ have nominated the MSA as the representative for motorsport. Does the WAMC have any input ?

Paul L stated that Geoff Field has correspondence with WAG regarding this, but the WAMC are not invited to the consultations.

Paul L – MSA are looking at a Rally tracking system for forest stage events. Rob Parkin and Andrew Kellit have been tasked with this. As yet Rallytrak have not been consulted but are developing a system to deal with this.

WRGB have also offered x2 free drives on the national event to the BTRDA.

Jimmy J – the championship launch show will be held on November 30th with a forum afterwards (Metropole Llandod). The theme this year will be road rallying, they are hoping to attract different guest speakers.

Clubs to nominate/suggest speakers that will be free of charge to either Paul. L or John. S. , any donations to go to Wales Air Ambulance.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd December 20.00