

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



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

Present : Neil Fuller- Southern Centre Chairperson, Jimmy Jones/Heather Rees-Jones – Forest Clubman/Club, 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, Geoff Field – WAMC Secretary, Gethin Rees, Jerry Herbert, Mike Taylor – Treasurer.

And representatives of the following clubs: Ecurie Cymraeg, Brecon MC, Swansea MC, Lampeter MC, HOVAC, HERO, Forresters C.C, Lampeter & District MC, PTMC, BARC Wales, IRDC, Ross & District MC, Camarthern MC, PTMC, Aberystwyth, Epynt

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Thomson, Ryland James, Neil Henderson, Rob Baldwin, Ystrad Mynach MC, Farnborough & District, Middlesex County AC, Bath MC, RST MC.
2. **Minutes of last meeting.**
Proposed Dave Howells Seconded Dorian Evans
3. **Matters Arising**
None
4. **Road Rally Championship (John Surridge) Chairman gave report**

The results of the 2013 Road Rally Championship are now final and Meirion Evans and Iwan Jones have won the Championship for the third consecutive year.

The Powys Lanes was the final round of the Championship and was well supported with several class positions still to be decided.

The 2014 Championship is again supported by the Basic Roamer Company and we are very grateful to them for their continued support. The first round of next year's Championship is the Mike Darowen Rally organised by Dovey Valley Motor Club and will run on 1st/2nd Feb 2014

The Championship will consist of 13 rounds with the best 8 scores to count. Regulations will be available during December.

5. **Tarmacadam Championship (Ceri Morgan) chairman gave report**

The Overall Champions for 2013 are
Driver Bob Fowden

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Co Driver Cath Kurzon

Class 1

- Winning Crew David Morgan Co Driver Ryan Jones
2nd Driver Owain Roberts Co Driver Johnthan Roberts
3rd Driver Huw Beynon Co Driver Thomas Beynon

Class 2

- Winning Crew are Richard Bliss Co Driver Jamie Vaughan
2nd Driver Dale Clatworthy Co Drivers Marc Clatworthy
3rd Driver Hywel Greves and Co Driver Emma Todd

Class 3

- 1st Driver Richard Merriman and Co Driver Stuart Powell
2nd Driver Steve Davis Co Driver Emma Todd
3rd Driver Carl OGrady Co Driver Claire Williams

Class 4

- 1st Driver Mark Ellis Co Driver Paul Wakely
2nd Driver Phil Turner Co Driver Simon Anthony
3rd Drivers Dafydd Davies Co Driver Thomas Blair

Class 5

- Winning Crew Ceri Jones Co Driver Jenny Evans
2nd Driver Neil Griffiths Co Driver Thomas Blair

Class 6

- Winning Crew Len Giles Co Driver Derrick Walters
2nd Driver Mike Pugsley Co Driver Adrian Williams
3rd Driver Graham Watkins Co Driver David Percival

Class 7

- Winning Crew Ian Kenvin Co Driver Ian Meakin
2nd Driver Nathan Jones Co Driver Tim Murphy

1st Best Under 25 Driver is Dale Clatworthy

1st Ladies Award Kath Curzon

Well what a great year it's been for the championship up again on registrations but after ten years of being the WAMC Tarmacadam Secretary I have been asked to resign for missing two meetings so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organizers and competitors and that supported me and the championship over the last ten years hope all have a great 2014 in motorsport hope to see you soon Ceri

6. Forest Championship Clubman (Jimmy Jones)

The In Car Services Welsh Clubman's 2 Wheel Drive Forest Rally Championship concluded on the Cambrian Rally hosted by North Wales Car Club which took place on Saturday 19th October 2013.

The Overall Driver Title had already been decided and also Class 4 Award winners which meant all other Awards were up for a number of championship contenders to challenge for. A total of 25 Championship contenders entered the event with it being 13 Driver and 12 Co-drivers.

Award winners are:-

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Overall Championship Driver	Dylan Davies
Overall Championship Co-Driver	Llion 'TRACTOR' Williams
Overall Front Wheel Category Driver	Thomas Lloyd
Overall Front Wheel Drive Category Co-Driver	Rob Leeman
Overall Rear Wheel Drive Category Driver	Terry Brown
Overall Rear Wheel Drive Category Co-Driver	Tomos Whittle
Class 1 1 st in Class Driver	James Watkins
Class 1 2 nd in Class Driver	Jon Madoc-Jones
Class 1 3 rd in Class Driver	Sion Ellis
Class 1 1 st in Class Co-Driver	Peter Williams
Class 1 2 nd in Class Co-Driver	Peredur Davies
Class 1 3 rd in Class Co-Driver	Richard Christensen
Class 2 1 st in Class Co-Driver	Ian Jones
Class 3 1 st in Class Driver	Len Jones
Class 3 2 nd in Class Driver	Rob Dennis
Class 3 3 rd in Class Driver	Gwyn Jones
Class 3 1 st in Class Co-Driver	Don James
Class 3 2 nd in Class Co-Driver	Chris Davies
Class 3 3 rd in Class Co-Driver	Peter James
Class 4 1 st in Class Driver	Colin Webb
Class 4 2 nd in Class Driver	David Jones
Class 4 1 st in Class Co-Driver	Matt Rogers
Class 4 2 nd in Class Co-Driver	Glyn Price
Class 6 1 st in Class Driver	David Lloyd Roberts
Class 6 2 nd in Class Driver	John Baker
Class 6 3 rd in Class Driver	Meirion Evans
Class 6 1 st in Class Co-Driver	Dei Jones
Class 6 2 nd in Class Co-Driver	Seyyan John
Class 6 3 rd in Class Co-Driver	Iwan Jones
Under 25 Driver	Dylan Davies.
Under 25 Co-Driver	Chris Davies
Senior Driver	Terry Brown
Senior Co-Driver	Don James

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We wish to thank you all for supporting the In Car Services Welsh Clubman's 2 Wheel Drive Forest Rally Championship 2013.

We also wish to thank Mr Rob Jones proprietor of In Car Services for his sponsorship in 2013 and continuing to Sponsor the Championship in 2014

We now look forward to the 2014 season and are pleased to announce a second sponsor for the Welsh Clubman's Championship. The Championship Title will be

In Car Services & Evans Motorsport Tyres Ltd, Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship. The championship will consist of seven rounds with the best five scores to count.

The 2014 calendar is:-

2 nd February	Red Kite Stages	Amman & Dist. M. C.
2 nd March	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & Dist. A. C.
17 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M.C.
15 th June	Coracle Stages	Carmarthen M C / Epynt M. C.
9 th August	Neath Valley Stages	Three Counties C. C.
20 th September	Red Dragon Stages	Port Talbot M. C.
18 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C. C.
	Reserve Event	
30 th August	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M. C.

7. Forest Championship National (Dave Evison) Chairman gave report

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09-Aug	Neath Valley Stages

On behalf of the Assoc. Dave Evison and Gwyn Reynolds-Jones attended the funeral of the 2012 Champion Co Driver Horace Saville who passed away suddenly on the 10th November.

8. Historic Rally Championship (Rob Baldwin) chairman gave report

The 2013 championship went down to the last round the Cambrian with Roger Matthews and David Lloyd Roberts both in a position to take the drivers title with Paul Morris Roger's co-driver having clinched the co-driver's overall championship position on the Peter Lloyd Stages the week before the Cambrian

At the end of stage 9 the testing tarmac twists of the Great Orme and with dropped scores coming into play it was Roger Matthews and his new co driver for 2013 Paul Morris who were the Welsh Historic Rally Champions for 2013 this being Roger's consecutive win championship win

Top 3 Overall Drivers 1st Roger Matthews
2nd David Lloyd Roberts
3rd Terry Brown

Top 3 Overall Co-Drivers 1st Paul Morris
2nd Alan Jones
3rd Dei Jones

Class B2 Callum Barney / Ron Channon

Class B3 Rikki Proffitt / Phill Harrison

Class C2 Graham Thatcher / Rob James

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Class C3 Jason Gardner / Debbie Myers

Class C4 Roger Matthews / Paul Morris

Class D2 David Lloyd Roberts / Dei Jones

Class D3 Terry Brown / Tomos Whittle

Next event will be the Awards Dinner in January at the Metropole

9. King of Epynt (Andy Lewis) Jimmy gave short report

10. Club Championship (Jimmy Jones)

Welsh Border C. C.	331
Teify Valley M. C.	327
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	295
Ammanford M. C.	254
Swansea M. C.	240
H. R. C. R.	192
Ecurie Cymraeg M. C.	154
Ross & District M. C.	141
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	136
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	127
Ludlow Castle M. C.	119
North Wales C. C.	118
Forest Of Dean M. C.	114
Port Talbot M. C.	114
Carmarthen M. C.	108
Forresters C. C.	106
Bala & District M. C.	94
W. & S. S. C. C.	86
Dovey Valley M. C.	84
Tavern M. C.	77
Brecon M. C.	62
Kidwelly M C	59
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	56

Pembrokeshire M. C.	55
Three Counties Car Club	48
Bridgend A. C.	45
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	43
Llandysul M. C.	41
Rallystageteam M C	40
Amman & Dist. M. C.	33
Maesteg M. C.	28
Heads of Valley A. C.	27
Rhyl & District M. C.	26
Llanelli & District M. C.	24
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	24
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	21
Herefordshire M. C.	20
Southern C. C.	13
Barcud M. C.	10
Bristol M. C.	8
Epynt M. C.	8
Telford A. C.	8
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	3
Clwyd Vale M. C.	2
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	1
Quinton M. C.	1



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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 31st August and 1st September, where unfortunately there were no contenders entered, although there were a few people showing a little interest for some members of their own club's.

Unfortunately the Ross and District Autotest due to be held on 21st September had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries.

The final Round of the Junior Challenge 2013 will be the Mel Harries Memorial rally on 7th & 8th December. The total number of contenders stands at 19 for the year.

The Regs and Calender for 2014 are finalised, and the Permit for 2014 has been applied for.

For 2014 points will be awarded for both days of the double header events at the Epynt Hillclimbs and Ty Croes Sprints.

A team award has been introduced for 2014, for teams car-sharing on events. At least one team member must be entered for the challenge

The entry fee for the challenge, which was not charged in 2013 has again been dropped for 2014, and also the minimum number of events contenders need to enter to be eligible for awards in the dinner has been dropped for 2014.

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

The results to date 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

Class JC3 up to 2000cc

Ben Llewellyn 20

Cadog Davies 20

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Tim Evans	20
Andrew James	20
Iwan Williams	19
Andrew Jones	1

Class 4 over 2001cc

Lee Taylor	20
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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)

There will be a Carmarthen event (Christmas stages) over the Christmas break. Plans are also in place to run a circuit marshals training day in February 2014.

14. Epynt & Caerwent Liaison officer (Phil Jones)

Chairman gave report

The annual meeting with the Army has taken place (22 October 2013). 2014 and 2015 dates have been submitted.

The meeting notes are attached.

Due to the administrative problems during this year Nigel Buck, as a temporary measure, will be looking after the admin. side as well as being present on the day of each event. He wants to ensure that everything runs smoothly and all event files are up to date, licences issued and invoices mailed swiftly.

Hopefully 2014 will be as successful as 2013.

Next event Epynt: Red Kite Stages, 2 February 2014

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Next Event Caerwent: Tour of Caerwent, 23 March 2014

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

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16. MSARLO (Andrew Thomson)

Chairman gave report

Since my last report we have had the annual police meeting with representatives from Dyfed Powys, Gwent, South Wales, North Wales, and West Mercia. This was a very good meeting and it looks as though we are all singing from the same hymn sheet.

Over the past year things are visibly improving out there on the Organising side of things, the majority of events have upped their game and I am now sure that we have the best Road Rallies in the Country.

One of the best known Road Rallies, the Cilwendeg, was far from its previous high standards this year! The Start Car Park, and some of the Spectator points simply did not work and vehicles were parked everywhere, even though the Clerk gave his assurance that everything was in place to prevent this. The paperwork was a big let-down and was very late in getting to me. There were other issues picked up before the event, but again the Clerk gave his assurance that everything was in order and everything had been done as it should be. Sadly this was not the case!!

I have had a route submitted to me last year, from Dyfryn Towi Motor Club. Since then the Clerk of Course and the date of the event has changed several times! This is the first event that the club will run, so given what I have witnessed from this Club so far I have suggested that they run a 12 Car or a 20/20 Rally first, or better still co-promote the event with another club in the area to gain the experience first. I am still awaiting their response.

This weekend, 7/8 December sees the last two Road Rallies of the year to be run in my area, the Mel Harries and the Chris Hellier Rallies.

Finally I would like to thank Alun and the rest of his Sound Test Officials for making the 2 meter Sound Test work. They have had a great deal of flack at the start of the year but took it and stood their ground. Next year the 2 meter sound test will be the one to be done on all Road Rallies, Navigational Rallies, Historic Road Rallies, and Endurance Road Rallies. Only e marked tyres will be permitted on Road Rallies and Navigational Rallies as from the 1st January 2014.

Chairman added to the report – ‘E’ marked tyres from the police (Simon Fowler, Dave Powell) meeting held 30th October 2013. The police have asked that in the case of road rallying could organisers please phone in on the day of the rally so that the call handler is aware that the event is taking place. A brief time schedule (preferably electronic) is to be forwarded on indicating where the rally will be passing at certain points and times. This will help when dealing with any complaints from the public. All constabularies are currently happy with the events taking place in their jurisdiction so far.



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17. Correspondence

None

18. Date changes

Powys Lanes are changed from 1-2 November to 8-9 due to the Showground Stages being run at the same time.

19. Cross Country (Jerry Herbert)

Dan Lofthouse won this years Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship after five rounds of the planned six round series. The best four of the five rounds counted, but as Dan won every round – he was the clear winner!

Next year, we're hoping some of this year's missing competitors return to make a better field, and hopefully make it more financially viable.

20. Club Official Changes (Geoff Field)

Regional Committee: - held on 21st August:

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.

Rallies Committee:

The report on the "lifing" of seats has now been published and is available on the MSA website.

A document which outlines the correct procedures to be followed by Course Car Crews is being compiled now and will be published in due course.

A "starter" series specification of rally car has been looked at, in an effort to encourage more participants into the sport.

The minimum vehicle weight limits are being looked at to see if they need updating.

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21. MSA Reports (Paul Loveridge)

Recent MSA Council meeting – not much discussion on rule changes. The advice to clubs is to use LATEST signing on forms.

Ebbw Vale (motorsport circuit) contact meeting of intent (meet the buyer/networking event). Await more information.

Rally GB well received with a bigger audience. 5 welsh crews finished, 8 crews came through the BRC.

Peter Hughes asked for more information for Rally GB for coverage with the Western Mail.

22. Go Motorsport (Ryland James)

Chairman gave report

Ryland will be on the Go Motorsport stand each day at the Autosport show in January. If anyone has any championship info or an event which they would like publicised, then please give them to Ryland and he'll distribute at the show to interested parties.

23. AOB

Southern Centre AGM for next meeting. Proposals for continuation of current officers – proposed Dave Howels, seconded Dorian Evans.

Proposals were also put forward for WAMC Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. It was unanimous that the current officers to stay in position. Proposed Alun Morgan, seconded Mike kennett.

Unanimous proposal that Phill Mills remain President.

Peter Hughes will contact all championship secretaries for 'good news' stories. Newsletter will be circulated ASAP. Could people please contact peter with any news/stories that they wish to be publicised.

Geoff Field – Marshalls / officials training will be rolled out by WAMC in 2014. There will be a new secretary for Tarmac and king of Epynt (Fran davies)

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th March 2014