



The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

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SOUTHERN CENTRE General Meeting – Tuesday 4th March 2014
Held at the White Hall Hotel, Llandoverly

Present : Neil Fuller- Southern Centre Chairperson, Jimmy Jones/Heather Rees-Jones – Forest Clubman/Club, Rebecca Richards – Southern Centre Secretary, Dorian Evans – Junior Championship, Rob Baldwin – HRCR, Chris Summerfield – DSO, Geoff Field – WAMC Secretary, Jerry Herbert, Fran Davies Tarmac/KoE Championship Secretary, Wyn Edwards – Hillclimb & Sprint

And representatives of the following clubs: Ecurie Cymraeg, Brecon MC, Swansea MC, HOVAC, HERO, Forresters C.C, Lampeter & District MC, PTMC, BARC Wales, IRDC, Ross & District MC, Abergavenny MC, Llandysul MC, GVMC, Ammanford MC, Blackwood & District MC.

1. **Apologies:** Gethin Rees, Phil Jones, Paul Loveridge, John Surrige, Rob John, Andrew Thomson, Mike Taylor, RST MC, Neil Henderson.
2. **Minutes of last meeting.**
Proposed Dorian Evans Seconded Geoff Field
3. **Matters Arising**
None
4. **Road Rally Championship (John Surrige) Chairman gave report**

The 2014 Championship has attracted 101 Registrations so far which is the highest for a number of years. The first three rounds of the Championship have run with near full entries which is another encouraging sign.

It is disappointing that the organisers of Rali Llyn have made no contact and have published their event Regs with no mention of our Championship sponsor. An email to the organisers has not been acknowledged. Gwyn is currently trying to contact them.

Round 3, the Gremlin ran last Saturday night and was well received by competitors. A competitive nights sport saw a change at the head of the Championship table which is now headed by Dude Roberts and Gwawr Hughes from Reian Jones and Michael Gilbey, the lead being just 1 point.

Two Championship contenders on the Bro Caron Rally were handed Non-Compliance forms by the scrutineers for an infringement of the Championship Regulations. In both cases, this was the fitment of a Handbrake attachment. One competitor passed scrutineering without the attachment, but when the car was seen at Petrol, it had been fitted. As this matter has only just come to my attention, both competitors had already been allocated points. These points will be removed before the next set of results are published.

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5. Tarmacadam Championship (Fran Davies)

To date the championship has 33 Drivers & 26 Navigators registered. The first round of this championship was Rali Cwm Gwendraeth which was held on the 9th February. 31 Drivers & 25 Navigators competed on this event. The weather that weekend was not very favourable to say the least. Last years' winners of the championship are leading namely Bob Fowden (Driver) & Kath Curzon (Navigator). The next round will be The Tour of Epynt which will be held on Sunday on the Epynt Ranges.

6. Forest Championship Clubman (Jimmy Jones)

The second round of the In Car Services & Evans Motorsport Tyres Welsh Clubman's Rally Championship was the Viking Motorsport & Links Electrical Mid Wales Stages which took place on Sunday 2nd March 2014. The event had its normal town centre start & finish in Newtown with the competitive sections in the Hafren, Sweet Lamb and Myherin Forest complex.

Current Championship Positions

Overall Leaders	David Jones	Glyn Price
Front Wheel Drive Category	Paul Davies	Tudur Rees
Rear Wheel Drive Category	David Jones	Glyn Price
Class 1	Gareth Evans	Eryl Evans
Class 2	Damian Thomas	Tudur Rees
Class 3	Simon Pickering	Colin Jenkins
Class 4	David Jones	Glyn Price
Class 5	Graham Thatcher	
Class 6	John Baker	Emyr Jones
Under 25 Driver	Gareth Evans	
Under 25 Co Driver	Tudur Rees	
Senior Driver	David Jones	
Senior Co Driver	Glyn Price	

Remaining Championship Rounds

17 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & Dist. M C
15 th June	Coracle Stages	Carmarthen M C & Epynt M C
9 th August	Neath Valley Stages	Three Counties C C
21 st September	Red Dragon Stages	Port Talbot M C
19 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C C

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7. Forest Championship National (Dave Evison) No Report

8. Historic Rally Championship (Rob Baldwin)

Following the Mid Wales Historic Stages, this was the second round of the championship. We now have 36 registered contenders of which 10 are new first time to the championship. Leading crew is Peter Jones and Graham Joseph in a Triumph TR8 while second is one of the first time crews of Simon Pickering and Colin Jenkins in Escort MK1 RS2000 and third is yet another new crew to the championship Steve Ward and Mike Crawford in ex works Escort twin cam.

Overall top 5

Peter Jones/Graham Joseph	56points
Simon Pickering/ Colin Jenkins	55
Steve Ward/Mike Crawford	48
David Stokes/Guy Weaver	31
Graham Waite/ Gill Cotton	31
Martyn Walby/Kirsty Walby	31
David Lloyd-Robert/Dei Jones	31

Next round will be the Rally of North Wales on 5 April

9. King of Epynt (Fran Davies)

The King of Epynt Challenge has now got a new sponsor namely Dan Holley. It will be known as The King of Epynt Challenge – Quantum Tuning. To date there are 6 drivers & 3 navigators registered for the championship. The Tour of Epynt is the first round, and this will be held on Sunday on the Epynt Ranges.

10. Club Championship (Jimmy Jones)

Forest Of Dean M. C.	83
H. R. C. R.	50
Brecon M. C.	36
Port Talbot M. C.	36
Chester M. C.	32
Forresters C. C.	31
Ludlow Castle M. C.	24
Amman & Dist. M. C.	23
Three Counties Car Club	21
W. & S. S. C. C.	20
Clwyd Vale M. C.	18
Teify Valley M. C.	18

Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	16
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	15
I R D C	11
North Wales C. C.	10
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	7
Herefordshire M. C.	7
Southern C. C.	7
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	6
Carmarthen M. C.	5
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	5
Swansea M. C.	5
Ross & District M. C.	2

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Welsh Border C. C.	18	Stockport 061 M. C.	2
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	17	Warrington M C	2
Llandysul M. C.	16	Tavern M. C.	1

11. Sprint & Hillclimb Championship (Wyn Edwards)

The regulations for the 2014 Trident Engineering Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb have been published on the WAMC website. The championship has a new supporting sponsor for this season - A&P Garage Services, Tumble, Llanelli. Andrew and Peter have both been competitors in the championship. Trident Engineering's sponsorship continues for what is believed to be the 17th year.

New classes have been introduced -

The rally car classes now match the tarmac and road rally classes.

Alternative fuels class for vehicles not running wholly on petrol or diesel.

We have received 20 entries to date with 8 being new entrants.

The championship consists of 21 rounds with 11 sprints and 10 hillclimbs

The Championship entry fee is only £25

The first round of the Championship is on 3rd May at Ty Croes (Anglesey)

12. Junior Challenge (Dorian Evans)

The Regulations for the 2014 WAMC Junior Challenge are available to download from the WAMC website.

<http://www.wjc.wamc.org.uk/>

The details of the challenge have been emailed to all the previous entrants, with a few additional potential contenders also. There have been some tentative enquiries regarding the challenge, although no entries have been received to date. There are some detail changes to the regulations this year, most notably opportunities to score points on both days of double header rounds (Epynt Hillclimb and Ty Croes Sprints).

A team award has been introduced for 2014, for teams car-sharing on championship 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 waived 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.

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The calendar for 2014 is as follows:

1	May 11th	Llys-y-Fran Hillclimb	Swansea Motor Club
2	May 31st June 1st	Eagle Rally	Newtown & District MC
3	June 14th & 15th	Epynt Hillclimb	Brecon MC.
4	July 19th	Llandow Sprint	British Automobile Racing Club
5	August 9th	Castle Coombe Autosolo	Bristol Motor Club
6	September 6th & 7th	Ty-Croes Sprint	Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club
7	Sept 21st	Credenhill Autotest	Ross & District Motor Sports Club
8	Dec 6th & 7th	Mel Harries Rally	Ammanford MC

13. Pembrey Liaison Officer (Gethin Rees) **Chairman gave report**

February was a busy month for the venue with the start of the Welsh tarmacadam championship in the running of the Rali Cwm Gwendraeth which had over 60 competitors. The following weekend had another successful Motokana for Kidwelly MC who are also running a track day at the venue. With the racing season about to start, Phil is looking forward to a busy year with racing and Rallycross events. Pembrey will also be holding their annual open weekend during the summer.

For AOB,

Can I remind clubs that are organising road rallies, to ensure their timekeeper is either an MSA registered timekeeper or has registered as a Regional Association timekeeper. Anyone wishing more information to contact either Geoff Field or Myself.

14. Epynt & Caerwent Liaison officer (Phil Jones) **Chairman gave report**

Nothing to report at the present time. Next event Epynt - Tour of Caerwent. 23rd March

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

Awaiting date convenient to FC for Weir Engineering Wyedean Forest Rally de-brief meeting, but otherwise no issues in Forest of Dean.

Chairman gave brief report regarding lack of forestry.

- Wind farms being installed.
- Esgair Dafydd closed in order to build a new road to enable harvesting.
- Shooting of wild boar in the Forest of Dean
- Paperwork not in order pre event. One event cancelled due to this. MSA issue, not WAMC



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16. MSARLO (Andrew Thomson)

Chairman gave report

The South Wales area had a set back at the start of the year when the MSA instructed the two Welsh MSARLO's to remove the Regulation stipulating "E" Marked tyres only to be used on Road Rallies. Anyone that was present in the Organisers meeting at Llandovery Rugby Club in January this year will have been notified of the facts, and from the feedback from the meeting everyone was in support of the "E" Marked tyres regulation to safeguard the future of our Competitors and Motorsport in our area.

So far there have been two Road rallies run in my area so far this year and both Clubs, Lampeter Motor Club and Brecon Motor Club have taken the decision to run their events as "E" marked tyres only. This was their decision and this regulation did not affect the number of entries on their events.

From what I hear the majority of Road Rallies to be run in my area are going down the same line and will be only "E" marked tyre events.

Both the Rali Bro Caron and the Gremlin ran without any issues, and were well received by the Competitors. Well done to both Clubs for keeping me updated both before and after the events and for the excellent paperwork. It is nice to see that again this year there is a very high standard set as to the running of the Road Rallies.

Teify Valley Motor Club has announced to me that they will not be running the Rali Bro Teify anymore and will be sticking with the Rali Bro Preseli, aimed at the Novice Competitors, and the Cilwendeg with a new organising team. The reason being that they could not justify three Road Rallies in their locality on map145 and to help with the overuse of roads in their area they have made this decision. Well done to them for thinking of the future of our sport.

17. Cross Country ((Jerry Herbert)

The first of the six two day rounds of the Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship is at Myherin on 12th – 13th April.

Round 2: Penllyn, 10th – 11th May

Round 3: Forrest Lodge, 7th – 8th June

Round 4: Radnor, 26th – 27th July

Round 5: Epynt, 13th – 14th Sept

Round 6: Walters Arena, 25th – 26th October

The fee for entry is £1700.00, split into three if necessary.



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18. Correspondence

GF 'E' marked tyres still causing problems due to incorrect information. GF attended a meeting with Nigel Nelson in response to this. It was proposed that the best way forward for the sport would be to enforce 'E' marked tyres. Rob Jones will be attending the next rallies committee to discuss further.

PL attended a council meeting (today) regarding 'E' marked tyres. Police are happy for 'competition use only' tyres for forestry, want 'E' marked for road rallying.

19. Club official changes.

Please keep Geoff Field informed of any changes please

20. MSA Reports (Geoff Field/Paul Loveridge)

Regional Committee Report - 12th February 2014:

Fixture List: The new system is up and running and can now handle multiple applications.

Clubsport Events: A definition for this discipline has been approved and is in the 2014 Yearbook.

Risk Retention: This has been formalised into a "Captive Cell", to meet the legal requirements. 2013 saw a 30% rebate to clubs.

Martin Chinnery (Chinn): Thanked everyone for their support in getting the Brighton Speed Trials reinstated, having been threatened with closure.

The MSA has registered a wholly owned subsidiary company called MSA Scotland, based in Edinburgh.

Closed Roads: This is under way again and the consultation process is expected to take 6-8 weeks (clubs should have received the relevant documentation by now) and clubs are asked to write to their MPs expressing their support for this.

Motorsport Trust: the AGM was held on the morning of the Regional meeting and the current officials were retained.

Go Motorsport: 308 Club Surveys were completed and the results will be published soon. "Live" Regional events will be encouraged for 2014.

Training Seminars: These are being rolled out now (for Club Officials, this year).

LARA: The Deregulation Bill – Clubs will need to canvass their MPs to stop this happening, as it will have a serious impact on events.

There are a number of Inter-Association Competitions that take place each year and a Rota has been compiled, which Geoff will pass on to all Championship Secretaries, so that they can see if a Team can be put together to represent the WAMC in the various disciplines.

Rallies Committee Report – 28th January 2014:

Out for consultation – average speeds on gravel rallies to be changed to 70m.p.h. for an event of any status.

Stage rallies may use Target or Scheduled Timing.

Removal of the requirement for just one route note supplier per event.

Lifing of Seats and Seatbelts: Ian Davis confirmed that a "Buying Advice" document was currently being prepared by John Symes and The Chairman requested that a list of manufacturers that are prepared to revalidate seats be completed and made available.

Rally Car weights are being looked at, as many modern cars are much heavier than "older" models, so hold little attraction for competitors.

Tracking of Cars on Stage Rallies: Over 30 companies have expressed an interest in tendering for this.

Guidelines are being prepared for Zero Cars/Safety Cars/Spectator and Competitor Safety Cars.

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A new Grading Scheme for Rally and Cross Country Marshalls is being looked at, with a view to making it easier for them to progress to a higher grade, if they have a desire to.

There was a discussion on Junior Drivers being allowed to compete on longer events, but it was agreed that the current arrangement is working well.

A meeting of the Stage Rally Tyre Working Group was scheduled for the 11th February 2014.

The chairman (NF) thanked everyone for their attendance to the MSA seminar held in Wales. Competitor declaration has now changed for entry forms. Must now use 2014 version which can be found in the Blue Book Disc.

Club development fund (£2,500) available for purchase of equipment. This money is match funded. For any queries relating to this, please contact Allan Dean Lewis at the MSA.

21. Go Motorsport (Ryland James)

No report.

22. AOB

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance to the Police meeting held in January as we are one of the few regions that hold these meetings.

Toby Down asked whether it is beneficial for motor clubs to become limited companies. NF to email information on this re: Community and amateur sports club (CAASC).

DE requested that noise checks be done on 'non competitive' sections on road rallies. Alun Morgan responded that the blue book states that noise checks can be carried out anywhere on route.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd June 2014