



REPORTS, REVIEWS & REFLECTIONS

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Thank you to all our competitors,
contributors, collaborators,
colleagues and club members –
best wishes to you for 2023!

Happy New Year!



THE BARCLAYS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



The Challenger Stages at Bovington almost didn't happen this year due to a shortage of marshals. It was necessary for organisers BDCC to put out an urgent plea: *"We've just 3 days to go until #thechallengerstages 2022 and are still looking for start and finish, flying finish and stop crews. If we don't have these we can't run the event, so please, please email us on marshal.bdcc@gmail.com."*

People did step forward in time and the event took place as planned, including a respectfully observed two-minute silence for Remembrance Day.

Four Middlesex crews tackled 86.4km of tank-proof concrete, facing eight stages to test mind and mettle and there were mixed outcomes for the Barclay family who took two cars to the start.

Ian Barclay and Sue Plater, seeded 34 in their Darrian T90 GTR steadily improved during the day, despite a small hiccup on stage two, to finish 16th overall in a creditable 51:39.0 time, just 4:17 off the overall winners Damian and Charly Cole in a Škoda Fabia R5.

Ian quotes: *"Fun day rallying at Bovington, first 2 stages were so slippy and we even visited the trees but got better times as it dried out. Sue was on the ball all day with the notes. Happy with 16th o/a and 4th in class out of 23."*

Meanwhile, and less favourably, car 77, a Mini Cooper One



with Cameron and Will Barclay on board, retired on stage two, as Cameron noted: *"Tough day today at Bovington, lost the rear on a very slippy first stage and met a concrete chicane side on. Had to retire the car against Matt and Simon's best efforts to get it back running for the later stages (huge thanks to you both again). Well done to Will for being a great navigator (sorry it was so short)"*.

A similar fate befell MCAC's Andrew McCourt and co-driver Harry Nichols, retiring their BMW 325i E30 on stage three, whilst No. 22 seeds Alex Waterman and Glyn Thomas moved their Ford Escort Mk 2 up two places to finish 20th overall in a time of 52:16.

KILLARNEY HISTORIC RALLY



Guy Anderson's Historic Mitsubishi Galant VR-4, flying through the Irish countryside to a 25th place overall and 8th in Class K.

Photo: Cian Donnellan

THE COLIN ELLMORE MEMORIAL RALLY



The Colin Ellmore Memorial Rally is a new event to the calendar and it took place at Deenethorpe Airfield, Northants on Sunday 27th November 2022.

Run over 8 stages with a total of 50 stage miles and no mileage on the public



highway, the stages comprise a variety of surfaces with which to contend: sealed concrete perimeter track and a section of broken concrete track within a small, wooded plantation. This venue

had not seen rally action since the 1994 Rutland Stages Rally.

Named in honour of Lincoln motorsport enthusiast and competitor, the inaugural Colin Ellmore Rally proved tough going for the 35 entrants, with 10 competitors eventually retiring.

Doubtless the weather didn't help as the picture of Ross Daniels's and Paul Mankin's Subaru Impreza shows. However, it didn't stop a really good performance from the pair who finished in 5th place overall.

Middlesex was also represented in the support team with Chris Comley on the finish radio, Peter Nathan and Brett and Andy Murray on stage. Also there in the capacity of Chief Marshal was Pheebe Fletcher, along with dad Andy.

The stakes get higher for Pheebe Fletcher, who progresses to Chief Marshal



NHMC CADWELL STAGES RALLY AND INTRODUCING...

At what seemed to be a very slippery Cadwell Park, the NHMC Stages provided some real spills and thrills for the spectators – a day full of incident and excitement. Middlesex duo of Mark and Jamie Kuehn managed to tread their way through the trouble to post a 31st overall from a 48 seeding.

Their BMW E36 Compact posted a 7th in class 43:42. However, Mark and Jamie weren't immune to the many mishaps. On the dark stage, a



misjudgment at the hairpin by the cafe meant being passed by a Mini; that itself overshot the next corner, bumping a bale with the BMW a bit too close for comfort behind.

Well done chaps! A good result from what looked like a very tricky day!

Hi. I am Mark Kuehn and, as a member now, and with a gap from rallying since 1997 in a Mk2 Escort with co-driver Andy Inskip, I have decided to return to the sport.

My first rally back was Cadwell Park and co-driven by my 14-year-old son, Jamie, who has had no experience in car racing although he's no stranger to speed, having successfully Go-Karted and is currently the 2022 National Champion in the 125cc Seniors Class in the British Schoolboy Motocross Association Apico Nationals.

He did a great job learning on the fly and was at ease doing it. We are going again at the Snetterton Stages.

Back in 1997 I quit due to having kids and joining the fire service. Now I have retired, I joined the London Rally School as an instructor and after eight months sitting in the passenger seat, I decided to get myself a rally car to enjoy the sport with Jamie.

Well, the Mk2 Escorts were out of the question due to the incredible price tags which was a huge shame because of my love for the car. I had to stick to rear wheel drive so the BMW was my only option with a price I could afford. It's a fun car to drive but not as competitive as an Escort. At Cadwell we achieved 31st overall and 7th in class. Our best stage was the first and only night stage getting 20th overall. Loving getting back to the sport and hope to get a good few in this year.

THE PHIL COLLINGS STAGES



Andrew McCourt, driving a BMW 3 Series posts at 47:03 for a 40th overall, 6th in Class D at a dry but cold Goodwood. Also in attendance was Alex Waterman in a MkII Escort, further up the order at 19th overall with 42:43 for a 9th in Class C, on the start line while Chris Comley surveys the road ahead .

2022 TARGA RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to MCAC's David Ginn for winning the Top Driver award in this year's Targa Rally Championship. David achieved his win over five scoring rounds from six, with two rounds cancelled.

Two maximums (25) were scored at Castle Combe and Caerwent, with a 22 pointer from Ross-on-Wye and two 20 pointers from Bramley and Rushmoor. Total points haul of 112.

<https://www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk/targa-rally-championship/>

SILVER FERN RALLY NEW ZEALAND

<https://silverfernally.co.nz>



The magnificent Silver Fern Rally of New Zealand crossed 3000km of beautiful South Island with 700km of special stages over mountain passes, hills, forest tracks and fast gravel countryside roads, to finally finish back in Christchurch after seven hard days and 43 highly competitive stages.

There are two competition structures, each subdivide into four categories. The Historic Trophy is for 2WD pre 1985 Cars, and the Challenge Trophy is for all other 2WD cars. Two of our Vice-Presidents, the intrepid Graham Samuel and Tom Ryan were entered in the Historic Trophy category and did rather well, despite at one point having to haul their Ford Escort RS out of a ditch following a slide on the mud. Thankfully the consequences didn't prevent Graham and Tom finishing the event – a fantastic achievement in such a tough event.

Out front, the battle for the win was between NZ/Belgian crew Jeff Judd/Stéphane Prévot and British pair James Ford/Neil Shanks. Judd had the edge until a puncture put him off the road for over 8 minutes. Ford and Shanks then held their nerve, managing their lead as Judd went on the attack, to win on their first visit to the Silver Fern.

BTRDA Rally Championship

2023 marks the 70th [Platinum edition] of both the BTRDA Gold & Silver Star® Rally Championships and, following ratification by the Rally Championship Control Panel, the BTRDA Rallies Committee is delighted to announce next year's calendar. Eight of the UK's finest one-day forest events are



included and, as ever, in order to give competitors an element of choice and to fit in with busy work / life schedules, everyone's best six scores will count towards their final tally. So, diaries at the ready! The 2023 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series calendar is as follows :-

March 11th	Malcolm Wilson Rally	Cockermouth
April 15th	Rallynuts Stages	Royal Welsh Show Gr
May 6th	Border Counties Rally	Jedburgh
June 17th	Kielder Forest Rally	Hexham
July 8th	Nicky Grist Stages	Builth Wells
September 9th	Woodpecker Stages	Ludlow
September 23rd	Trackrod Forest Stages	Filey
October 28th	Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally	Llandudno

MCAC Instagram

You can share your event pictures and videos with our new Instagram page. Instagram is easy to set up on your smartphone and then you can start sharing and commenting! Why not get sharing today? People are genuinely interested in what you're up to - and it will help the club build its online presence. Instagram is a sure way of connecting with the local motor sport community and networking with friends. The MCAC Instagram page can be found at: [middlesexcountyac](https://www.instagram.com/middlesexcountyac)



Since signing up to Motorsport UK's StreetCar Initiative earlier this year, we have received several referrals from StreetCar with enquiries made through their website. The procedure is that Motorsport UK allocate an enquiry to the club that's most geographically sensible for the enquirer, based on their motor sport interests. We respond to each and every enquiry with an introduction to the MCAC and a copy of our StreetCar leaflet, latest review and any other future event publicity where the enquirer can meet MCAC members in person in an informal and relaxed setting. At the Croyley Car Show this year, we also actively promoted StreetCar with printed material and display flags around our club stand. As yet we have had no direct 'conversions' into actual new MCAC members, although our efforts may assist the AMSCs own recruitment push, with its wider geographical area that may be more enticing to those wishing to get involved in motor sport. We will persevere with our role in this important introduction to grass roots motorsport, which seems to be on the whole successful.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS & MEMBERSHIP

Current category leaders are:

Off Road Driver: **Peter Cox (8pts)**
 Road Rally Driver: **David Johnson (1)**
 Road Rally Co-Driver: **Peter Cox (4)**
 Stage Rally Driver: **Adam Ripper (37)**
 Stage Rally Co-Driver: **Ray Ripper (37)**
 Night Trial Driver: **vacant**
 Night Trial Navigator: **vacant**
 Marshal: **Max Maxwell (30)**
 Service: **Nigel Banks (6)**
 Organiser: **Pete Farmer/Max Maxwell (2)**
 Junior: **vacant**

Most Active: **vacant**
 Most Competing: **vacant**
 Most Active: **vacant**

Remember to log your points within 30 days of the completion of an event. There's a sumptuous array of historic cups and trophies just waiting to adorn your sideboard or trophy cabinet!

Good luck for 2022 and all the Championship rules can be found at mcac.co.uk/championships



Recent new members are:

Andrew McCourt *Epsom*
 Andrew McCourt Jnr *Epsom*
 Phillip Russ *Rickmansworth*

A very warm welcome to our new members and a big thank you to those who have renewed.

CLUB CALENDAR... FOR COMPETITORS AND MARSHALS



2023	Day	Date	Event	Location
January	Thu-Sun	12-15	Autosport International	NEC, Birmingham
	Friday	13	January Jaunt	Silver End, Essex
	Saturday	21	MGJ Engineering Winter Stages Rally	Brands Hatch, Kent
February	Saturday	11	AMSC Snetterton Stages	Snetterton Circuit, Norfolk
	Friday	24	February Fling 12 Car	TBC on entry (Essex/Suffolk)
	Fri-Sun	24-26	Race Retro Historic Motorsport Show	Stoneleigh, Warks
March	Thursday	2	MCAC Club Night	The Boot, Sarratt, Rickmansworth WD3 6BL (TBC)
	Sat/Sun	4/5	Bovington Stages	Bovington, Dorset
	Sunday	12	The Roger Holmes Memorial Trial	Harlton, Cambs
	Friday	24	March Hare 12 Car	Hare & Hounds, Colchester CO6 4PW
	Sunday	26	Debden AutoSolo	Debden Airfield, Saffron Walden, Essex
April	Sunday	2	Abingdon Long Course Sprint	Abingdon Airfield, Abingdon, Oxon
	Sunday	16	Cambridge Classic Touring Assembly	Cambridge/Newmarket
	Thursday	27	MCAC AGM & Awards Evening	Uxbridge Golf Club, The Drive, Ickenham UB10 8AQ
	Sat/Sun	22/23	Corbeau Seats Rally	Clacton-upon-Sea, Essex
	Sun	23	Ivinghoe Spring Trial	Ivinghoe, Bucks
May	Sun	14	Debden Spring Sprint	Debden Airfield, Saffron Walden, Essex
	Sunday	21	South Suffolk Classic Touring Assembly	TBC
	Sunday	28	QRaken Navigational Scatter	Chelmsford, Essex
	Sunday	28	Debden Targa Rally	Debden Airfield, Saffron Walden, Essex
June	Saturday	3	MCAC & AMSC @ The Ace	Ace Café, North Circular Road, London NW10 7NN
	Saturday	10	S&CMC Abingdon CAR-nival Sprint	Abingdon Airfield, Abingdon, Oxon
	Sunday	11	S&CMC Abingdon CAR-nival Stages	Abingdon Airfield, Abingdon, Oxon
	Saturday	17	East Anglian Classic Historic Road Rally	TBC
	Sunday	18	Flying Fortress Stages	Grafton Underwood, Northants
July	Sun	9	Woodbridge Autosolo & Autotest (TBC)	Woodbridge, Suffolk
	Sun	16	TAMS Packaging N. Weald Summer Sprint	North Weald, Essex
	Sun	23	Coulson's Autosolo	TBC

These are selected events; a comprehensive list can be found on the AEMC website, www.aemc.org.uk/events/upcoming

How do we offset your emissions from fuel usage to make a positive difference?

We use Woodland Carbon Code approved projects which will offset carbon from your fuel usage in a cost effective and easy way, so you can concentrate on enjoying your motorsport activities.

Find out more carbonpositivemotorsport.com/competitors

SAVE THE DATE...

April 27th 2023, 7:00pm – MCAC Annual General Meeting & Awards Evening.
Join us at Uxbridge Golf Club, UB10 8AQ, to discuss and influence the direction of travel for your club and to find out if your own endeavours have been honoured.

AGM & AWARDS

Check out the latest news on our Facebook page or visit us at mcac.co.uk

REGIONAL AFFILIATED EVENTS

MCAC Members are entitled to enter events run by member clubs of the Regional Associations listed below.

Also, MCAC members are able to enter championships run by these Regional Associations.

Visit the websites below to see events lists and for particular events that may interest you.



ACSMC – Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs
acsmcsite.wordpress.com/



AMSC – Anglia Motor Sports Club
aemc.org.uk/events/upcoming



AEMC – Association of Eastern Motor Clubs
aemc.org.uk/events/upcoming



WAMC – Welsh Association of Motor Clubs
wamc.org.uk



EMAMC – East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs
emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2022.html



NATIONAL EVENTS

National events throughout the United Kingdom and Eire events and other major international events can be found at itsmymotorsport.co.uk

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LICENCES

Competitive (Not Social) Club level MCAC events now require an RS Clubman Licence for Drivers and Passengers from Motorsport UK: motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/

Under MCAC Family membership rules, a separate MCAC membership is not required.

If you wish to compete in any other event, please view the Competition Licences section for more details about how to apply for a Motorsport UK Competition Licence: motorsportuk.org/competitors/competition-licences/

Competitors need individual MCAC Membership Cards, therefore individual MCAC memberships.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE



T-Shirt
100% pre-shrunk ringspun cotton.



Polo Shirt
50% polyester
50% cotton or Piqué 100% ringspun cotton.



Contrast Hoodie
Double fabric hood with contrast inner and flat lace drawcords. Pouch pocket. Ribbed cuff and hem.



Beanie
100% soft-touch acrylic with Thinsulate™ lining.



Lightweight Windcheater
Midseason windbreaker with tricot thermo lining. Windproof, showerproof. Full zip. Concealed hood. 3 pockets. Elasticated cuffs. Ergonomic side panels. Adjustable bottom hem.



Lightweight Softshell Jacket
Full zip. Zip closing front pockets. Chin guard. Micro fleece inner provides extra warmth. Elasticised bound cuff. Slim fashion fit.



Winter Parka
Fully taped waterproof seams. Long fit. Super warm. Quick drying. Fleece lining. Concealed 3-panel hood in collar with adjuster. Full zip. 3 pockets - fronts are fleece lined. Elasticated cuffs with reflective detail. Storm flaps. Lower back reflective tape. Adjustable bottom hem.

CLUB NIGHT

Join us at our Club Night on the first Thursday of each month, but do check the website calendar for any late alterations as the venue is subject to change and sometimes it's a Zoom meeting.

Come along or join the virtual meeting for a natter and a general catch up!

OFFICIALS

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