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OUTPOST

The North Region Newsletter

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THE CHAIR SPEAKS!

Now that we are up and running with our race meetings (not the Grand National!), I'm going to do a bit of admin...

Safety Fences, Observing and Flagging:

Thank you all for mucking-in and making the best of what are ill-conceived and poorly implemented changes to our places of work (well, that is what marshals' posts are!). Please continue to submit objective assessments of the practical problems that you encounter. These are going to the circuit management, the MSA Stewards and, indeed, to the MSA itself. Clearly, there do need to be adjustments made to many of the newly altered work stations as there appears to be more danger now of personal injury than there was from flying cars!

Please also be assured that this issue is being discussed by both your Regional Committee and our National Council. Similar changes have been made to other circuits and the same sort of practical problems are being encountered.

The whole affair serves to lend weight to the ongoing debate over the desperate need for marshals to be properly represented at the highest levels in motor-sport. Suits and shirts have no idea of what it is like to marshal in the 21st century and should not impose changes such as these without proper consultation and operational impact assessment.

Global Warming:

Yes, to judge by Sat 14th, it is happening. Please do prepare yourselves for days like that throughout the summer (not forgetting the monsoon ones as well!). You really do need more liquid than you think. Bring loads of water. Fizzy pop, beer, wine or spirits are no good at all. Water is what the body needs to combat dehydration. Don't forget that you can be standing in full sun, wearing heavy overalls, for hours at a stretch. Get a big hat – preferably a silly one. Baseball caps are okay for posing – and for providing free advertising for someone – but they do not give fully effective protection from the sun. Think ears and neck. (if you wear your baseball cap back-to-front, think red face and fashion disaster!) And, don't forget the sunscreen stuff. You know it makes sense.

Look after yourselves and your colleagues. It saddens me to say that we are on our own out there, so we have to. There is no time for breaks and no room for shelters, so the sun burns us and the rain soaks us as we enable the motor racing to continue.

Attendance Planning:

Wot that? That is "which meetings are we doing for the rest of the year?" I mention this because, after the 1 month break in car meetings at Oulton that we are now in, we come upon the first of several weekends when we have meetings at both Oulton and Anglesey. Please check your volunteering forms to ensure that you have volunteered for one or the other, but not both. That said, please do all volunteer for one or the other, as we will be spread pretty thinly across both circuits, particularly on June 30 and September 8.

Dumping Flags:

And finally, I must apologise for having to arrange delivery, unannounced, of several sets of flags around the circuit on Saturday 14th. I also thank sincerely all of you who picked them up and got on with it. Filling the International circuit with dedicated flaggers is a bit tricky these days. There was also little time between the end of the signing-on period (when a couple more might have turned-up) and the circuit going live in which to implement changes to allocations. So, an emergency drop of flags was the only option. This may have been a precursor to what may well be the default process in the future. I thank you all again for demonstrating that it can work.

Have fun, stay safe.

Mike Cadwallader

C.S.C.C MEETING 21/22 JULY 2007

The CSCC meeting at the Anglesey circuit scheduled for the 21/22 July has now been combined with the BRSCC NW meeting on 14/15th July. Please amend your lists and diaries accordingly.

REGIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS - SURVEY.

Thank you to all those that responded to last month's survey. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting and the decisions will be published in the May newsletter.

REGALIA PRICE LIST

Description	Price
BMMC CLOTH BADGES (ALL)	£2.00
BMMC LAPEL BADGES	£1.50
BMMC STICKERS	£1.50
BMMC STICKERS LARGE (8" x 8")	£2.00
BODYWARMERS XXL & XL	£28.00
BODYWARMERS L - M - S - XS	£25.00
HI-VIS WATERPROOF JACKETS	£32.00
HI-VIS WATERPROOF TROUSERS	£17.00
LEATHER WELDERS GLOVES	£5.00
WOOLLEN HATS - RED/GREEN/NAVY	£3.00
'HEROES ALL' T-SHIRTS	£6.00
'HEROES' CLOTH BADGES	£2.00
'HEROES' LAPEL BADGES	£1.50
'HEROES' STICKERS	£1.50
'HEROES' KEY-RINGS	£2.00
Clearance Items	
HI-VIS VESTS - XXL & XL	£10.00
ORANGE QUILTED JACKETS XXL - XL - L	£10.00
THERMAL GLOVES	£3.00
WATERPROOF GLOVES	£6.00

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EUROPA STYLE - LARGE	2	£25.00
EUROPA STYLE - LADIES 16	7	£25.00
EUROPA STYLE - LADIES 14	3	£25.00
EUROPA STYLE - LADIES 12	3	£25.00
EUROPA STYLE - LADIES 10	3	£25.00
OULTON STYLE PROBANS - XL	1	£15.00
OULTON STYLE PROBANS - SMALL	1	£15.00
OULTON STYLE PROBANS - EXTRA SMALL	1	£15.00
OULTON STYLE NON-PROBAN - XL	2	£5.00

New Overalls are only available from **AWS RACEWEAR** - www.advanced-wear.co.uk or Tel: **01233 638 498**

50th Anniversary Poloshirts and Mugs also 'Heroes All' T-Shirts and mugs are available by mail order. Order forms can be downloaded from the club website.

For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia Officer or: **The National Regalia Officer Eric Ridler, 41 Norwood Drive, Timperley, Ches. WA15 7LD Tel: 0161 904 9724 (8pm- 9pm) Mobile: 07801 736931 Email: bmmc.nro@ntlworld.com www.marshals.co.uk**

**MORE SUN, MORE RAIN
AND EVEN...MORE SNOW!**



50 Years of Motor Car Racing
at Oulton Park

IN PICTURES

by

DEREK LAWSON



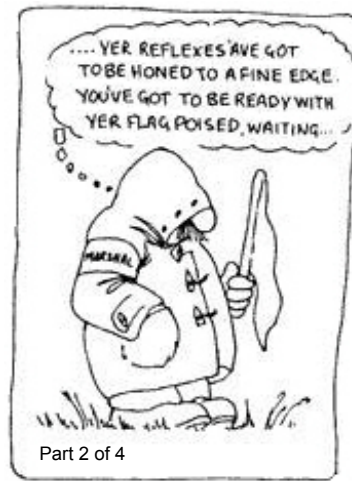
The last few copies of 'More Sun, More Rain and Even More Snow' are now available to marshal colleagues for £30 (plus £5 P & P, if necessary). Purchasers need to quote their BMMC membership number to qualify, contact Derek Lawson at: 65 Moughland Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 4SF. Tel: 07801 493345



Part 1 of 4
Taken from
a classic
cartoon by
Barry Foley

Run For Life - at Oulton Park 13th May 2007

Run For Life is raising money for cancer research and will start the 5km walk/jog/run at 11.00. There are still plenty of spaces available for you to put your name down for this event at Oulton, but if you are not that energetic, you can Sponsor Diane Ankers (Chief Pit Marshal) who will be taking part in this event and would welcome your sponsorship! Good luck Di from all of us. (Any chance KayBee entering)



Part 2 of 4



Andy Pickering receives the BRSCC North Western Marshal of the Year 2006 award from Bernard Cottrell - BRSCC National Chairman.



Part 3 of 4

New Sponsor!

We have been contacted by Graham Cox of CG-Lock Ltd. with an offer of sponsorship for the Marshals Club. They are a small but rapidly growing company (see more at www.cg-lock.co.uk). As you'll see, this is a great safety enhancer for anyone on track without a full racing harness. They are based in Manchester and the CG-Lock will soon be available at the shop at Oulton Park.

All purchases of the CG-Lock will result in a contribution to the BMMC.



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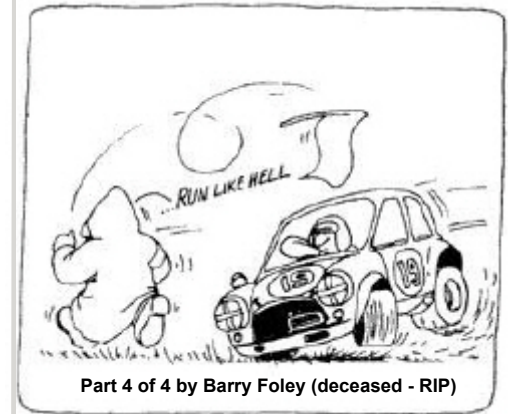
The price for each CG-Lock is about £45 inclusive of postage and packaging. Discounts are available for multiple purchases, and wholesaler (including catalogue) orders.

Checkout the website : www.cg-lock.co.uk



50th Anniversary Dinner

One of our North Region Marshals, David Brooke who attended the 50th Anniversary dinner in March '07 & was lucky enough to win a prize in the raffle which is a 1/2 day rally experience at the London rally school.



Part 4 of 4 by Barry Foley (deceased - RIP)

Thanks!

I would like to thank (through the Outpost), the BRSCC for honouring me with the award of Best Achiever for 2006 at the North West Centre Annual Dinner Dance last month. It came as a huge surprise. I was stunned and extremely pleased to receive it.

To be recognised by one's peers and colleagues is a great honour and one which I hope I will live up to in the future.

I would also like to thank all the marshals and senior officials from the BRSCC and the other clubs who come along to Oulton Park and Anglesey for their very kind comments and words of support, some of which were published on 10-tenths and others in Outpost. Plus all the other marshals who personally congratulated me at our first meeting at Oulton Park on Saturday 31st March.

You are a fantastic bunch of people and it is a great privilege to know and work with you all.

Thanks again to everyone.

Geoff Cooper.



Geoff receiving his award from Bernard Cottrell the BRSCC National Chairman.

Congratulations also to Vanessa Bott on receiving the Madge Simpson Trophy. (Photo next month)