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I made an appeal for car related articles in an e-mail last month and BRILLIANT, I had a response!

I'm also hoping for another response as I have a job for our Witham-St-Hughes correspondent for next month, see advert on page 3.



Unfortunately I can't be there that night, although I'm tempted to make the trip back from a short stay in Derbyshire as my request for a private showing was declined, so I expect a full report from the Rambling Mr Elliott.

As a newly-wed and living the nearest, you can use it as an excuse to buy something nice for the misses!

On the subject of newly-weds, Graham and Mel Swaby have just celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a week in New York – congratulations to you both from all of us. They tell me the first forty years are the worst!

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On a 'down to earth with a bang' note, whilst doing my bit at the Greetwell trial I

received a phone call from son Adam informing me of the death of Marco Simoncelli. Twenty-four year old Marco lost his life in a horrific crash on lap two off the Malaysian MotoGP and the GP scene will be a much sadder place without him. During his ten years in GPs he's become a favourite with many fans, certainly with the Chapman and Woodcock families.



RIP Marco.

MARCO SIMONCELLI

at Silverstone by Adam Chapman





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RAMBLINGS

I have been doing a bit of research on Auto Solo's, a relatively new form of "grass roots" motorsport, why you may ask, well an increasing amount of clubs are organising them and I know Brian Moore is keen to be Clark of the Course for a LMC&CC event.

In the course of my "web surfing" I found some Italian Auto Slalom's which appear to have much in common, one event was held in what appeared to be a warehouse, another in a car park, both very much akin to "our" style of event but with a much tighter course. The last was very close to a closed road hillclimb with chicanes and other tight manoeuvres laid out along the course but very quick.

What really differed is that many of the cars in their events did not appear to be road legal, the most amazing being basically silhouettes of the original FIAT 500 with big bike engines in the back, stunningly quick, very nimble and oh the noise.

The "senior management" was having a clearout recently (as they do) whereas we "gather", well you never know when it will come in handy.

She was clutching a race programme and asked if I wanted to look at it before it was binned, well that sent a shiver down my spine, "bin a race programme" what a cardinal sin.

On closer inspection it was from 2002 and the Battle of the Streets M/C meeting at Paeroa, NZ. A street circuit known as the "Hacksaw" due to its uncanny resemblance to a Junior hacksaw.

The main race of the day was the Robert Holden Memorial Trophy, those with an interest in two wheeled sport will remember him appearing on the race scene and doing great things with the Britton, a bike that set new engineering standards in many ways.

Amongst the list of past race winners was one Bruce Anstey, now better known for his TT success's.

One class that has been big in both Australia and New Zealand for some years is B.E.A.R.S (British, European, American Racing Society), one interesting entry was a 750 Veeema, don't know any more than that, a new one on me. Surprisingly the class never really took off over here.

Needless to say another publication for the reference library.

Well hasn't the governments proposals to raise the motorway speed limit to 80mph got the safety zealots in a tiz, predictions of death and mayhem was to be expected. Just because the limit is raised it is not compulsory to drive at that speed, another industry survey came up with the result that a significant number of drivers are moving to more fuel efficient cars with lower CO2 ratings and would drive slower to conserve fuel, where does that leave us?

Safety groups are lobbying the government to introduce a graduated driver scheme (as in the US of A and New Zealand), it would, it is suggested reduce the annual road fatalities by two hundred, casualties by 14,000 and save the economy some £890 million per annum, as the cost of a fatal accident is now set at £1.8 million, an injury only accident at £220,000. It may even help to reign in the astronomical increase in premiums quoted for new/young drivers.

Whilst on matters vehicle, one limit that I would like to see reviewed is HGV's on single carriageway roads, by all means keep the current 40mph for lower status A + B & C roads but surely trunk roads and other A roads that could safely accommodate higher speeds would benefit from a 50mph limit. This would in my mind relieve one of the greatest causes of driver frustration, certainly in this county. Where being in a 40mph convoy inevitably creates frustration overtakes that can often result in accidents. A national truck magazine attempted to get it reviewed not too many years ago and were publically condemned for their efforts.

The old saying "you're never too old to learn" still rings true, I went in my local Co Op recently and a notice on the till cracked me up (no pun intended), it stated that egg's cannot be sold to under 16's, apparently they are deemed anti social. The lad behind the till didn't know what to say when I suggested that they would be better off prohibiting the sale to over 16's as they are the more likely to throw them, at politicians!! So all you mum's n dads don't send your offspring on a shopping errand that includes eggs. I suppose if they were sent for eggs, flour and milk they could knock up a quick Yorkshire pud mix on the way home, wouldn't be much good for throwing but could inflict a nasty stain if poured! On the other hand a well done y/pud would make a good offensive weapon to throw. I am lost for words, what's next to ban? Breathing ??

It never ceases to amaze me how many forms of motor sport there are and more seem to be emerging, 2,3,4 and multi wheeled, here's a few for starters;

*Two & three wheeled. Mini moto, scooter and m/cycle, covering road racing, drag racing, sprinting, trials, moto x, enduro, sand racing, grass track, speedway, short track super moto, hillclimbing (speed and off road), desert racing, stunt riding, ice racing and all will have a wide range of classes to suit all ages and in addition local variations to suit climate and geography.

*Four wheeled, Car trials (including sporting & classic trials), road rallies, stage rallies, endurance rallies, hill rallies, classic tours, circuit racing, drag racing, drifting, sprints, tarmac and off road hillclimbing, ice racing, desert racing, slaloms, auto tests, auto solos, auto cross, rally cross, stock cars (and all other forms of oval racing), stunt driving, kart racing (tarmac, grass and ice), swamp racing. Again covering classes for all ages of vehicle and local variations.

*Multi wheeled (just about everything else), Lawn mower racing, Reliant three wheeler racing, car and caravan racing, truck racing (on and off road), truck trials, desert racing, tractor pulling .

I dare say there will be countless others that I have either forgotten or haven't encountered yet, it just goes to show what a wonderfully diverse sport we all enjoy and that the definition "Motor Sport" really does not do all the above activities justice. A fitting follow on is to congratulate the following on their 2011 success;

World Champions.

Bikes

Casey Stoner, Moto GP

Carlos Checa, World Superbike Chas Davies, World Supersport

Greg Hancock, Speedway

Toni Bou, Trials (Indoor and Outdoor)

Antonio Cairoli, Moto X 1 Ken Roczen, Moto X 2 Julien Bill, Moto X 3

Martin Simolinski, European Grass Track Champion

Cars

Sebastian Vettel, F1
Sverre Isachsen, European Rally X Supercar
Andreas Bakkerud, “ “ S1600
Lars Olvind Enerberg “ “ Touring Cars
Paul Harrison, F1 Stock Car Mark Simpson, F2 “ “

Trucks

Jochen Hahne, European Champion

British Champions

Bikes

Tommy Hill, Super Bike
Alastair Seeley, Supersport Richard Cooper, Superstock 1000
Keith Farmer Superstock 600
Kyle Ryde, 125
James Dabill, Trials
Brad Anderson, MotoX 1 Arnoud Tonus, MotoX 2
Andrew Appleton, 500 Grass track Jason Handley, 350 Grass track
Craig Drury, 250 “ “
Rod Winterburn, Grass track sidecar open Josh Goodwin sidecar 500
Dave Penfold, “ “ “ L/Hand

Cars

Matt Neal, British Touring Cars
Felipe Nasr, F3
David Bogie, British Rally Championship, Open Matty McCormac, Rally F2
Julian Godfrey, British Rallycross, Open
Scott Moran, Hillclimb
Stewart Robb, Sprint
Barrie Parker, Car Trials
Steve Ferguson, Auto test
The numerous British Auto Grass Champions and likewise Karting where there are so many categories it has taken on almost music hall status.

Trucks

Dave Jenkins, Class A Steve Powell, Class B

And equal congratulations to the passengers and navigators of the respective champions and all those regional champions too numerous to list. Also apologies to all those world and national champions I have missed.

None of the above would have achieved their current status without the help and support of family and friends, all the willing organisers and marshals and other officials who give of their time freely,. Every one of us who have competed owes the same debt of gratitude so here's a big THANK YOU to all those people who have helped us all at different times in our chosen sport and have never asked anything in return.

Some of the above are worthy of individual mention, Toni Bou in particular, to be World Champion in both disciplines' of trials riding for FIVE consecutive years is something very, very special, he is on course to overtake the achievements of our own Dougie Lampkin. Greg Hancock has become World Champion at the ripe old age of 41 and is only the third rider from the USA to take the speedway title. Another one I must mention is Dave Penfold, his brother was runner up and they are maintaining the families long tradition of being the one's to beat in left hand sidecars on the grass, a category that has its roots firmly established in Kent. I seem to remember reading in MCN about the Penfolds in the sixties, back then it was Ernie who was the man to beat.

The county flag has been flown well, Gary Johnson winning a TT, Guy Martin whilst not getting on the top step has had some wins elsewhere, Ben Wilson just failed to win the British Supersport title and Sam Lowes had some excellent results in his first year of World Supersport and finishing well up the points table.

At the time of writing this the World Rally, World Touring Car and British Sporting Trials Championships are yet to be concluded.

Whilst we have fatalities in all forms of motorsport thankfully as a result of vehicle engineering / safety improvements, circuit design and clothing/helmet standards they have thankfully become less common, the death of Dan Wheldon at the end of season Indy Car event reminds us all too vividly what can happen when it goes wrong. I am sure all club members join me in sending our condolences to his family, friends and team on their sad loss and to all the other families and friends of competitors, officials & spectators who have suffered the ultimate loss in motorsport.

Mitch

Ed, I feel the wrath of "Mrs Women in Motorsport" looming as there was no mention of females in the Champions list! AND probably from our own female champion Caz Alford!

Rib Ticklers

Paddy got a letter in the post last week and it said on the envelope "Do Not Bend", Paddy is still trying to work out how to pick it up.

I went to the doctors yesterday and he said I was paranoid...well he didn't say it, but thats what he was thinking.

The Police shut down a large part of the Nunsthorpe estate in Liverpool this morning after a suspicious device was found in a car. Experts later discovered it was a tax disc!

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall, the Police are looking in to it!

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The Greetwell Trial

Tom Ablewhite pushed Phil Marris hard all day but failed by just a single point to claim his first Lincoln victory. Charles Courtney (*pictured*) made the long trip from



East Sussex worthwhile, not only by visiting his grandmother but also putting pressure on the locals with a fine third place.

Phil dropped a total of seven points around the five laps of eight, Manton quarry sections, two on the tight turns and steep climbs of the opener, three on the rock steps of the fourth and two on the steep banks of number six. Tom and Charles couldn't quite match Phil on the first, dropping four and seven respectively but both remained clean on the sixth. Tom losing out by incurring a slack dab on section two and Charles by dropping odd marks on numbers three, four, five and seven.

Chris Traves took a comfortable win in the over forty class, also topping the green route with a loss

of just six, new class champion Russell Casey finishing second with a loss of seventeen and beating Lea Kirwin (*pictured right*) on the most-cleans tie-breaker. Chris and Russ were separated by top novice Mark Butler, his maximum five point penalty on the steep banks and gully of number seven robbing him of overall victory.

Kev Witting once more recorded the best score of the day on the white-route, this time keeping both feet firmly on the 'pegs of the TY250 throughout. Stuart Alford took second with a loss of two, one apiece on the rocky second and the long climb of the third. Peter Russell made an all too rare appearance, aboard the twin-shock TY175 restored by father Ken, and claimed an impressive third place losing three marks – all of which came on the steep banks of section six. For once Louise Alford had to give best to dad Stuart as she finished in fourth with a loss of four – three better than top over-fifty Stuart Witting.

With several local riders missing due to competing in the previous day's Scott Trial it was satisfying that numbers were boosted to our year's average by riders from throughout the country: - East Sussex, Cumbria, East and West Yorkshire

Catherine Alford

British Intermediate Ladies Champion 2011

Part 1- How it Started

By Catherine's proud Dad

Well, Catherine has done it! After 13 years riding Trials bikes my eldest daughter is British Champion!



It all started in 1998 when a work mate of mine lent me a Yamaha PW50 - a 50cc mini twist and go motorbike on 10 inch wheels. A bolt could be screwed into the throttle to prevent the rider from giving it too much wellie and frightening Granny ! Catherine then aged 4 together with little brother Chris aged 3 spent hours and hours on that little bike. They soon got the hang of undoing that little bolt and did it go!

As Catherine grew a TY80 was purchased leaving Chris to share the PW50 with our youngest, Louise. Even now 30 odd years after they first appeared the TY80 is still the best bike to learn on.

Catherine rode the Ty for several years and this is the bike she rode her first Trial on at the Peterborough Trials Club. I remember it well, it poured with rain all day and Catherine

loved it!!
The following year, 2002 saw the restart of conducted trials at the Lincoln Club after about a decade.

Catherine was one of many youngsters who loved this, opportunity to ride a separate trial all to themselves. It was a standing joke at the time the



fact that Catherine wouldn't stand up when riding the TY it's seat far too comfy, she preferred to sit down and paddle with her feet. 2004 gave Catherine her 1st major trophy, The East Midland Centre TY80 Champion, quite a year that as brother Chris became D Class British Champion.

2005 came and with it a change of machine, this time a Beta 50 which is classed as a medium wheeled bike, a stepping stone towards the full size machine and with no comfy seat Catherine was up on the pegs hurrah!

A couple of years were spent on this bike competing at local level and steadily getting better and better.

2007 arrived and with it a Beta 80 a fantastic bike, full size wheels and a 3/4 frame, a superb bike with proper tyres at last! Catherine started competing at national level in the Ladies and Girls British Championship in the B Class, travelling all over the country and making many new friends on the way, and gaining lots and lots of priceless

experience. That summer all our children Catherine, Chris and Louise had a superb



days training with Dougie Lampkin, 12 time world Champion, still a fine ambassador of our sport, and a really nice guy, even inviting us back to their home to wash bikes as there was a National Ladies Trial the following day. Catherine stuck with the Beta 80 for 2008 and by this time well boss of it. Podium places were been celebrated from



time to time and she was loving the experience and with it the all important confidence was growing and growing,

Part 2 next month

HAROLD PALIN MEMORIAL STAGES

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2011

VENUE: MANBY, LINCOLNSHIRE
DRIVER: STEPHEN HALL
CO-DRIVER: AGGIE FOSTER
CAR: TR8
SERVICE: IAN ESPINOZA
FRANK ROBINSON

A wonderful hot dry day, good for testing, cooling etc. Nothing we did made any difference. The car just ran hot, even taking the sump guard off, removing the grill putting in ducting, absolutely no joy. Sorted now though, put a spring in the bottom hose to stop it collapsing under vacuum. Anyway other than being a bit warm everything else ran well.

We finished 9 overall and won our Class.

A great day out.



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RESULTS - 12 CAR NAVIGATIONAL TABLETOP EVENT FOR THE HAIGH BOWL 13TH OCTOBER 2011

NO	CREW	Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4		Section 5		TOTAL PENALTIES	POSITION
		PC	Time	PC	Time	PC	Time	PC	Time	PC	Time		
1	Alan J	1F	9	-	6	-	8	-	8	-	6	1F 37	2
2	Brian	1F	19	6F	27	2F	11	-	17	RET		RET	RET
3	Aggie & Steve	1F	25	-	25	-	6	-	11	-	8	1F 75	4
4	Trev & Alison	1F	18	-	7	-	8	-	10	-	18	1F 61	3
5	Rhiannon & Dave	-	7	-	6	-	8	-	8	-	5	- 34	1ST
6	Ian	1F	29	-	18	-	7	-	11	-	18	1F 83	5
7	Nicky	1F	35	6F	13	-	9	2F	14	-	19	9F 90	10
8	John & Frank	1F	14	6F	19	-	6	1F	9	-	19	8F 67	8
9	Simon & Caroline	1F	27	6F	25	-	9	-	12	-	11	7F 84	7
10	Allen F	1F	25	6F	12	-	6	-	16	-	14	8F 73	9
11	George	1F	18	0F	27	-	8	-	16	-	16	1F 85	6

AWARDS - FIRST OVERALL CREW

THE HAIGH BOWL - RHIANNON & DAVE WILKINSON

RESULTS DECLARED FINAL 22.30 13/10/2011

CLERK OF THE COURSE - *David Dimpleby*

NEXT EVENT 9 NOV

2011

THE COUNTY CUP

C OF C IAN & ALLEN FAULKNER

EIFFEL CLASSIC

NURBURGRING - 9th, 10th & 11th SEPTEMBER, 2011

I was delighted to accept sharing Keith and Josh Files (Father and Son) Triumph TR6 for the three hour Eiffel Classic Race.

T.R. Enterprises had prepared and supported the car last year and Josh had won The Thoroughbred Sports Car Championship. He has now moved onto race Clio's with ambitions to become a professional driver. Keith has used the car for occasional events this year. Me, well I drove it for a test at Cadwell a long time ago.

At least none of us had raced at this circuit; I was worried about my pace. Fortunately I got a chance on Friday to do four sighting laps (2 each with Keith and Josh as my passengers – they hadn't got insurance). This all became eventful due to excessive German efficiency (a special feature of the whole weekend) causing huge delays, allowing the stunning sunshine to pass, and heavy rain to start, but without opportunity to change tyres. I managed not to crash. It wasn't confidence inspiring.



Saturday arrived very wet and foggy. Practice was at 8.00a.m., sorry 8.30a.m., well 9.00a.m. actually. We each managed one lap behind the course car, and given 43rd on our grid. I say our grid, as there were roughly three race of sixty cars, starting at three minute intervals. We were in the third group, mainly Classic Sports cars.

The race was from 3.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. and blue skies returned. Josh was to start, do five laps, then myself, then Keith to the flag. Fuel was a concern, when it became apparent the warm up lap would be the full 17 miles, not 3 miles round the new Grand Prix Circuit as suggested.

Josh did a brilliant job, not missing an opportunity to pass, and leading our race when he arrived in the pits to refuel and swop drivers. (I learnt later we had 2 litres of full left). I headed off, so many blind crests, tightening corners, no pace notes.

By now the quick BMW and Porches of grid one were pushing past. Also there were A number of crashed cars and others being collected using breakdown trucks. What with oil flags out on all 137 corners, yellow flags, white flags, blue flags, it was busy. The car ran beautifully.

Keith took over having refuelled yet again, and raced to the finish and second overall. Despite us all lapping quickly enough to win, losing seven minutes in the pits cost us the race. We finished 3 minutes and 7 seconds behind the leading car who stopped only once.

Josh put in an outright fastest lap. I think I need another go.

Stephen Hall

Your Chairman Presents

The John Sanders

Memorial Quiz

Wednesday 30th November - 8.00 pm

**The Green Room
Tentercroft St
Lincoln**

Would all 2010 trophy winners please arrange to return the trophies as soon as possible.



You can bring them to the Club on the first or second Wednesday of each month or give to any board member.



Better still, bring them to the John Sanders Quiz

WHATSON IN 2011

- 9 NOVEMBER** **THE COUNTY CUP 12 CAR RALLY**
C of C - Ian & Allen Faulkner
Maps 121 & 122
- 30 NOVEMBER** **THE JOHN SANDERS MEMORIAL QUIZ**
Venue - The Green Room 8.00 p.m.
- 4 DECEMBER** **THE LINCOLN TROPHY TRIAL**
Venue - Claxby Hillside, 10.30am
- 14 DECEMBER** **THE SILLS TROPHY 12 CAR RALLY**
C of C Alan Jackson
- 21 DECEMBER** **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**
AND PERNOD QUIZ
Venue - The Green Room 8.00 p.m.

WHATSON IN 2012

- 11 JANUARY** **THE CHRIS SMITH MEMORIAL 12 CAR RALLY**
C of C - CLIFF DOE
Charity event in aid of ST BARNABAS HOSPICE
- 15 JANUARY** **THE BOILERMAKERS TRIAL**
Venue - Manton Quarry, 10.30am
- 27 JANUARY** **ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION**
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS
BAILGATE, LINCOLN