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## BOXING DAY AUTOTEST RESULTS

Supported & Hosted by Morley Waste Traders Hunslet Leeds

SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

### **BOXING DAY AUTOTEST REPORT AND FINAL RESULTS**

After the ice covered extra long fast flowing tests on the part snow & ice covered surfaces the results (including actual test times) were as listed below this short report.

The challenging tests had to be cleared and gritted from early morning, this long task was carried out by the organizers under the careful direction of the landowner Mr Tom Whittaker.

There was grave concern regarding the cars hitting Tom's barn/historic car port.

Mr Dave Hemingway (**Repo Masarella**) came up with a great plan, he removed one of Tom's historic vehicles from the car port area and **used it** on the event!

Trackrod Motorclub Chairman/Club Steward/Chief Negotiator Mr Rod Parkin was fortunately on hand to talk and calm down the landowner.

Somehow instead of shortening the mileage due to the poor conditions and landowners precious obstacles it was suddenly agreed to double the mileage and the size of the tests!

Some tests were over 2 minuets long which was around the time taken to complete some stages on recent local Single Venue Rallies.

Nothing but massive grins greeted us as we clicked the stopwatches and quickly issued the test times on the respective stop lines.

Our traditional post event gathering and awards presentation commenced just after 12 noon in the Punch Clock Tavern.

Trackrod Motorclub managed yet again to keep the entry fee down to just a straight £5 (Probably the best value event on the world motorsport calendar)

This is all made possible thanks to vital support from Morley Waste Traders, Bootham Engineers, Trackrod and Wakefield Motor Clubs.

The Final Results for the top 8 were as follows.

### **Club Nights**

February 2010

2nd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
16th Rose & Crown – Otley  
23rd Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

March 2010

2nd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
16th Rose & Crown – Otley  
23rd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

April 2010

6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
20th Rose & Crown – Otley  
27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

**Also any suggestions for new places to meet please contact any member of the committee.**

### **Events Calendar 2010**

February 2010

13-14 Bruce Robinson Road Rally  
14 Riponian Stages  
20 Bill Cammack Memorial Rally

March 2010

6 Malcolm Wilson Rally  
7 Roskirk Stages  
13-14 Ryemoor Trophy Road Rally  
**21 Lookout Stages**

April 2010

10-11 Danum Road Rally  
11 Spring National Hillclimb  
11 Jubilee Historic  
23-24 Pirelli International Rally  
25 Oak Leaf Stages

## TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

Competitors tick  appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest

Economy Run

Hillclimb

Organising Club:  Trackrod  PCT

Other  Road Rally

Type of Claim:  Stage Rally M/V

Driver  Stage Rally S/V

Navigator  Treasure Hunt

Marshal  12-Car

Service Crew  Other -

Organiser :  state type

state position

Event Status

Clubman CM  National "B"  ANCC Round

National "A"  International  Yorkshire League Round

Other

### For Official Use Only

Date received

Processed by

Awards eligible for

**RESULTS**

Your Entry No

Position Overall

Position in Class

No. in Class

**ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.**

Position Competitor Car Total Penalties Test times

FTD 1st O/A Rob Barrett Metro4R2 328 91 83 78 76

2nd Ian Barrett Metro4R2 332 87+10 87 70 78

3rd Richard Davis VW Golf Gti 440 118 103 104 115

4th Andy Wood Sierra XR4X4i 449 125 118 106 100

5th Dave Hemingway **MGB GT** 479 170 130 87 92

6th Steve Wood VW Golf GTi 509 142 133 135 99

7th Andy Varley Avenger Tiger 534 176 146 104 108

8th Simon Porter VW Golf GTi 548 183 141 110 114

Well done to Rob Barrett on the FTD with a determined focused drive and no penalties which cost big brother Ian Barrett the win in their shared the lightweight metro !

Thanks again to all who came and supported the event.

So until next year, Happy New Year & Best Regards for 2010!

*Andrew Apperley*

Clerk of the Course  
The Boxing Day Autotest

### Trophy Points

Ruaaell has decided to step down as Trophy Points co-ordinator. In his place Richard Goldie will be looking after them, so all claims should go to Richard (contact details on back of mag), claims that have already been sent to Russell have been passed across.

The Committee would like to thank Russell for all his efforts over the last few years in the role.

### **Dates for 2010**

**Lookout Stages Rally 21st March**  
**International Rally Yorkshire 25th September**  
**Boxing Day Autotest 26th December**

Ed's appologies

Sorry Simon for chopping your article in the last issue was a complete mistake.

So here it is in its entirety

### What a day !!!

It all started a 4.30am on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> November, the day was the second day of the Roger Albert Clark Rally and Trackrod Motor Club had been asked to run the Oliver's Mount stage in Scarborough.

After setting up the stage on Friday, it was anticipated that on my arrival at 6.00am on Saturday it would be a quick check round the stage, put the control boards in place, position the bales and job done. Upon driving the stage bales had been pushed into the middle of the road, road pins and tape put in place around the monument had been removed and were later found bent through 90 degrees and thrown down the hillside behind the monument.

A quick rally around and the stage was finally ready to receive the first of the course cars.

Signing on took place without a hitch and we were given the all clear to start on our due start time for what was going to be a busy day with 4 stages for the RAC event and 4 stages for the Kall kwik event, each pair of stages being interposed.

On the second stage of the RAC a car went off down the bank between the monument and the Café, when the stage had finished recovery was despatched to get the car back onto the road and into the car park opposite as it was reported to be damaged and would not continue. When the car was recovered it transpired that it was not as badly damaged as first thought, so with this spectators and crew decided against the instructions of the marshals to push the car to the finish causing a further delay to the event of 20 minutes.

The Kall Kwik competitors came and went and after a very short break we were onto the RAC again.

Not long after we had started there was an accident on the down hill approach to the Mire hairpin, a car went off into a tree and three spectators had been injured getting out of the way of the on coming car. The stage was stopped and the stage paramedic and rescue were despatched to the scene who were joined by the police, county ambulance and the fire service (and plenty of them). After a stoppage of nearly 2 hours and with the 3 casualties taken by county ambulance to hospital, the car was recovered and the stage inspected by the councils health and safety man who gave his OK to continue. By this time the two stages of the RAC event had been cancelled and the crews sent on to the next stage at Harwood Dale.

## ewheels

New Hampshire RLO

Mike Hall is the new Route Liaison Officer for Hampshire. His contact details are below.

Mike takes over from Tony Reynolds who held the post for 14 years and in 2002 received the HRH Prince Michael of Kent Award of Merit for his work with disabled motor sport enthusiasts.

Hampshire RLO: Mike Hall, 10 Orchard Close, Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 5SD. (h) 01189 712747 (m) 07774 951937.

New Year Honours

David Butler receives an MBE for services to disabled motor sport. As Chairman of British Motor Sport for the Disabled, which he established in 1987, David Butler has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers. He is still the only disabled driver worldwide to have held both an International Race and International Rally Licence, and his persistence and dedication has now enabled many others to follow his lead.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA, said: "David has worked tirelessly to benefit others and has greatly enhanced the status of disabled people, especially those wishing to be involved in motor sport. He has been an inspiration, a role model and a symbol of hope to many disabled people and he fully deserves this great recognition."

Readers will probably be aware that Jenson Button was awarded an MBE in recognition of his performances for Brawn GP in 2009 and that Ross Brawn received an OBE for more than 30 years of service to motor sport

Safety Car regulations corrected

In the 2010 MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook, the text concerning the operation of the Safety Car in circuit racing (Section Q, Appendix 2) is incorrect in two places.

More information can be found on the Latest News section of the MSA website at: <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=1&nid=1291>

Fitness for duty

The following words are taken from the MSA Scrutineers E-bulletin # 48:

It has long been accepted that it is not appropriate for officials to partake in the consumption of alcohol during a meeting. That said there is nothing wrong with having a relaxing drink after the day's toils if that is your choice. Please remember to be responsible with your alcohol consumption "the night before". If you work on the basis of only drinking an amount of alcohol the evening before such as to mean you would not fall foul of a police breath test at the start of the meeting you will not be too far wrong. Remember it is not only competitors who are required not to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol or drugs, but also officials.

In the bulletin, Scrutineers were also reminded that smoking whilst officiating is to be avoided.

ENDS.

## ewheels

Club Officials seminars 2010 – places available

As detailed in the November issue of e-Wheels, from January to March 2010, the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust) will be running a series of Club Officials seminars at locations across the UK.

At the time of writing, places are still available at all locations. If you are a club member interested in attending these seminars, approach your club committee or secretary so that you can be considered for inclusion on the list of nominees.

TEAM UK launched

For 2010, the current Race and Rally Elite schemes will be consolidated into one driver development programme – TEAM UK. This will be the pinnacle of the MSA Academy structure revealed earlier this year under the direction of MSA Performance Director, Robert Reid.

Brabham Performance Clinic will operate TEAM UK with race and rally coaches providing specific expertise to supplement the learning shared across all disciplines. Racing legend and 2009 Le Mans champion, David Brabham, will fulfil the role of National Race Coach alongside the highly experienced and three-time British Rally Champion Mark Higgins as National Rally Coach.

In place of the previous application and interview process, a selection panel will determine suitable candidates to make up TEAM UK in 2010. A total of ten places will be available for the most promising athletes across all disciplines and the final team will be announced at Autosport International in January.

First Sport England motor sport funding

The MSA has secured a grant from Sport England to help promote the British Schools Karting Championship and develop karting as a sport within British schools.

The grant represents the first funding secured for motor sport from Sport England and acknowledges the recent progress made by the MSA, which included the development of a Whole Sport Plan for motor sport earlier this year. Significantly, the grant (secured in partnership with the CCPR – the national alliance of governing and representative bodies of sport and recreation) recognises motor sport as a bona fide physical activity with social benefits and opportunities.

The British Schools Karting Championship (BSKC) is a nationwide team-based karting championship for school and college students aged 13 to 18. For more information go to [www.bskc.co.uk](http://www.bskc.co.uk)

Silverstone GP deal

Silverstone has agreed a 17-year deal to host the British Grand Prix from 2010. The race was in doubt after Donington Park failed to raise the necessary funding. Next year the race will be on 11 July.

Blue Book on website

The 2010 MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the MSA website. Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 Kart Race Yearbook, the Motor Club Manual, Motorsports Now! – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of e-Wheels (in Word and pdf formats). Go to [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) > Clubs > Publications.

ENDS.

The Kall Kwik event came again and just when I was thinking not long to go, we have had our incidents for the day a radio message came in saying a car was on fire, the stage was stopped again but it transpired that it was in fact part of a straw bale that was on fire after being hit by a car. The fire was extinguished by the crew and marshals. The rest of the stage passed without any more incidents and after the stage was cleared we were on our way home at 7.15pm. What a day !!

I would like to thank everyone who gave their time to help on the stage both with the set up and the running of the stage.

On behalf of the club I would like to wish the injured spectators a speedy recovery and to Darren and Chris we hope to see you out competing again soon.

Simon Marston  
Stage Commander.

HAREWOOD SPEED HILLCLIMB – WHERE BEAUTY MEETS THE BEASTS!

Harewood Speed Hillclimb occupies a stunning setting overlooking the beautiful Wharfe valley, between Leeds & Harrogate.

For 2010 there's a full calendar of events planned, with competitors driving everything from tuned hatchbacks to screaming, F1-engined single seaters – real beasts that demand exceptional driving skills as they blast up the UK's longest permanent hillclimb course at speeds approaching 120mph.

11 events make up the 2010 season, running from April to September, including 2 MSA British Championship rounds when the cream of British hillclimbers visit this scenic Yorkshire venue.

Classes include vintage, classic, MG, Ferrari, Porsche, TVR, Scimitar, Austin Healey, Lotus, Ginetta etc, plus a wide selection of open wheeled specialist race cars.

Harewood's viewing areas are fantastic, enabling spectators to get close to the trackside, look round the cars and talk to the drivers. It's a great place to spread a blanket, relax and enjoy a picnic whilst watching the action, but catering is provided at every meeting and some events include attractions for the kids too.

The full 2010 schedule of events is:

Spring National Hillclimb:	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Yorkshire Speed Hillclimb:	7 <sup>th</sup> August
May Open Hillclimb:	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Montague Burton Hillclimb:	8 <sup>th</sup> August
May British Championship Hillclimb:	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Championship Hillclimb:	29 <sup>th</sup> August
Classic & Vintage Hillclimb:	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Greenwood Cup Hillclimb:	18 <sup>th</sup> September
Jim Thomson Hillclimb:	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mike Wilson Memorial Hillclimb:	19 <sup>th</sup> September
British Championship Hillclimb:	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> July		

Car Club members can take advantage of a **special pre-booking discount of 20%**, making individual entrance costs for spectating just £8.00 per person, or a Season Ticket for all 11 events is available for only £35.00!!

There's full information, including details for potential competitors, plus some great hillclimbing action videos at [www.harewoodhill.com](http://www.harewoodhill.com)

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1980 - Alex Jackson reported on his outing on the 1979 RAC Rally in his GP2 Opel Kadet with Dave Orrick alongside him. (AGJ Motors (Alex's Opel dealership) entered a team of three cars, the others being driven by John Gill and John Handley). Sadly their results weren't reported but after delays in Wales because of sheet ice/spectator cars causing road blockages it seemed as though the crew were looking forward to getting a finish! This they duly did and rounded of a year that had seen them tackle a busy season in the Autosport National Championship.

The trophy points scoring system was given its annual explanation for all would-be competitors and the Shell League calendar was published - our event would be an autotest on 29th June (also an ANCC Championship event).

Nick Leuchars has sold his Sprite (already) and now has a Triumph 1500 Front wheel drive - now there was an oddity! Ian Gurnett and Pauline Phillips got engaged. John Renny bought 1 raffle ticket at a builder's ball for £1 and won a trip to the US for one!! Ronnie Moore lost his wallet marshalling in Boltby - but went back the next day and found it!

20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1990 - It was reported that John Westmoreland had passed away, after a lengthy struggle against cancer. We would all miss John's presence on events together with his undying enthusiasm for the sport in all its forms.

John Renny was recruiting for the forthcoming Cartel International on which we were to run the DALBIC stage - an 18-miler comprising Dalby and Bickley!! So, many hands needed!!

Becky Kemp gave a very alternative report on the Boxing Day Autotest. Ronnie Mackinnon won with Malcom Jagger; R.Ineson and John Renny winning the classes.

10 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 2000 - The concluding part of Ian Gurnett's epistle formed the biggest part of the issue. Again it was related that he got stopped by the police whilst on an event!!! Clocked at 70 mph by plod!! He also achieved notoriety by going off one time on a well known corner in "our" Boltby stage, his navigator Nigel Drayton, also knew of the corner, and their resultant lapse in concentration meant that a huge tractor was required to retrieve the car from quite a big hole !!!

TRACKROD \_\_\_\_\_ ENDS

Richard Ineson

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1980 - On the cover was The Escort of Ken Goodall/Hugh Edwards, event unknown, but obviously an old picture - all the panels appeared to be fairly straight!!! Ron MacKinnon sold his RS2000 to Mike Elliot of High Moor MC and bought Mike's MG Midget - the deal reportedly suiting the future requirements of both!! Steve Lloyd moved to Kuwait for 12 months. New members this month: Mark Tierney; Phil Short; Richard Moran; John Hudson and Colin Linley.

Graeme Bradford (recently visited these shores from his now, Australian homeland) got FTD on the Boxing Day autotest while 2nd in class (rwd) was taken by Paul Glover, making his annual competitive appearance. Brian Wainwright/Neil Masterman put on the New Year Autotest at Crofton, Wakefield but an entry of only 8 took the shine off what should have been a cracking event. R.Ineson took FTD and Graeme Bradford and Gez Waters took the class wins. We finished 2nd club on the Three Swans Rally in the Shell League - Ian Gurnett won the event!!!

20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1990 - Plenty of info on forthcoming championships/events: ANCC Autotest and Road Rally Championships. Marshalls wanted for various upcoming events, including our own April Fools autotest. JR and RI were to give an autotest training evening at the Stone Trough at Rawdon on 11th March with some practical tuition at a later date. Anne Moffat gave an account of her first autotest (Boxing Day) on which she thoroughly enjoyed herself and recommended that all should at least have a try!

Richard Simpson reported on the Xmas stages rally which he did with Andrew Womack and they achieved a very creditable 11th o/a.

10 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 2000 - Lookout for the LookOut on 16th April - marshals wanted! A two day fist aid training course was to be sorted - dates to be confirmed. Arthur Heaton gave a resume of his year as part of Toyota Team Bedale and the 4 events tackled. Whilst their results were moderate they vowed to pursue better results in the coming year doing much of the same.

TRACKROD \_\_\_\_\_ ENDS

Richard Ineson