



BACKFIRE
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Motor Club



Cover Photo :
Club Stand at the Frenchay Vehicle Show

Events for August

Castle Combe Track Day and Tuition Day - Saturday 9th August

As usual once all the places are gone we will start a reserve list. For those of you who miss out – sorry there's always next year! The day isn't a closed event. For those of you who would like a nice day out, mix with club members of the BPMC and the Mini Cooper Register, enjoy a picnic or on site refreshments. Bring along the family you will enjoy it. Maybe you will think about booking next year.

For more information see the article later in this Backfire.

Club Night - Monday 11th August GUEST SPEAKER - Alan Freke

Alan Freke from the Frenchay Historic Society. Alan will be giving a talk on the automotive technical illustrator Frank Simpson. Wheatsheaf from 8.30pm

Treasure Hunt - Monday 18th August Bristol Two Club Sprint Colerne Airfield - Monday 25th August

The Regulations for the Bristol Two Club Sprint have now been issued and can be found on the web site. Those who do not have access to the web should contact Andy Moss (tel: 0117 9041841) who will put a set in the post.

Marshals are also required for this event, if you have not filled in one of the marshals booking forms to confirm your availability, then please contact Bob Hart (tel: 0117 9409772), the Chief Marshal, who will be very pleased to hear from you.

BPMC Autosolo - Saturday 20th September

The club will return to Chepstow for an Autosolo event on Saturday the 20th of September. Chepstow race course is an excellent venue and only 20 minutes journey from the Almondsbury interchange junction of the M4/M5.

The September event is a round of the Cotswold Motor Sport group Autosolo Championship and will make use of an different area that comprises a more open piece of tarmac and will be a more traditional Solo.

Invitation Events

Acting Chairmans's Chat

By Martin Baker

As most of you will know, I have had the sad duty of stepping up to the position of acting chairman. I am fortunate that the committee and vice-presidents have given me their backing, and I hope that the membership do too. However, my tenure in this role is likely only to be temporary and will probably cease at the AGM in December.

The club has been lucky to have had a chairman such as Kieron; his legacy is leaving the club in as strong a position as ever before. We have a large (and still growing) membership list and a full calendar of events. I am encouraged by, and grateful for, the assistance offered by both my fellow committee members and the "rank and file" in coming forward to fill the inevitable gaps left by Kieron's untimely passing. However, I believe that the club deserves to be chaired by somebody who can give the position the time and energy it needs – certainly more than I can give it in the longer term. The challenge now is to find that person!

As an aside I should mention that Kieron's father, Mike, has accepted an honorary membership of the club. Mike was responsible for the construction of the signage we use at Colerne (countdown markers, turn signs and such) which are much more user friendly and durable than the previous ones. And on the topic of honorary members, an apology to Tom King whom I promised to meet in Penzance – sorry, Tom, everything went to rats at Newton Abbot and we only got as far as Truro.

Returning to club events and such, we cancelled the production car trial and postponed the Alan Freke meeting in May as a mark of respect for Kieron. Whilst we do not know yet whether the PCT can be re-scheduled, I am pleased to report that Alan has agreed to speak to us in August. And staying with Alans, our own Spence is not currently firing on all four and so we have postponed his talk to later in the year. We will, however, be participating in the annual Frenchay Show on July 19th and Andy Moss is coordinating our efforts for this.

We resumed our competitions calendar with Chris Goodchild's "To Oz(leworth) and Beyond" treasure hunt. This took in some interesting roads on the western fringes of the Cotswolds, and some long sections without route questions that made you wonder if you were heading down the right lane... Then it was into, sorry across the Bristol Channel for a rather damp and windy Llandow Sprint. From the relative calm of the control office I watched an aircraft trying to land at nearby Rhoose, I'm convinced its ground speed was negative! Despite the weather I only had

to despatch the rescue vehicle once, to tow in a car with a broken gearbox from the back straight. Clerk of Course Mark Chater was right to suspend proceedings for an early lunch after reports that a car was dangerously sliding on the straights. However, further enquiries revealed this to be Mike Rudge, who only ever uses slicks! Despite, or perhaps because of the drop-out rate it looks like this event has made a profit, and it was at least a relief to complete a sprint without incident.

Next up was the ACE Classic Tour which took in great chunks of Gloucestershire either side of the Severn. Our own Andy Moss took the Rover P6 for a jaunt on this one, and having warmed the car up brought it to the club night the following evening. Which is a bit more stylish than yours truly who arrived on his bike! To complete the triple crown of river crossings, the next event was the Autosolo held at Chepstow racecourse. I couldn't be there myself, being caught up in the D-Day landings and having a minibus vandalised in Loughborough (don't ask) but I understand that Mal Allan and Chris Thompson, ably supported by their marshalling team, did a first-rate job to universal acclaim from the competitors, so well done them.

By the time you read this the BMC Dick Mayo sprint at Castle Combe will have come and gone. I looked after the paddock, it never ceases to amaze and amuse me that people who can afford to run race-prepared Porches have trouble working out which is the left hand lane of paddock exit... Both entries and marshals numbers were a bit down from normal (let's hope that's not a trend) but BPMC members were well represented in both categories. Must mention Pete Goodman who set a new class record, despite some reservations about his clutch! We're back at Combe as a club on August 9th for what is likely to be a sell-out track day. In addition to the official tuition there will be a number of experienced club members who will be only too happy to sit in and show the lines to those who haven't driven the circuit before. As always there will be a charity raffle, do support this either by buying tickets, donating prizes or preferably both! The regs for the Bristol Two-Clubs Sprint (Colerne, 25th August) have also hit the streets, don't forget that the only way to get close to the action of this British Championship round is to marshal. Clerk of Course Bob Hart or Chief Marshal Nick Wood will be pleased to hear from you.

The Pegasus Sprint 18th October 2008

Wrapped as we are in the balmy days of summer (!), the club naturally turns its attention to what it will be doing on a crisp autumn Saturday... Before we know it the 2008 Pegasus sprint will be upon us, and the organising team, under clerk Ian Hall, has already met for a preliminary discussion.

Something that was identified at that meeting was the need to appoint an entries secretary for the event. We would like, if possible, to introduce a new face to the circle of organisers and so are looking for a volunteer from the ranks of the club to come forward and find out what makes an event such as this "tick". The position would be fully supported by the secretary of the meeting and the rest of the organising committee, and would occupy perhaps an hour a week or less from regulation publication date (mid-August) until the event itself. Tasks would include – sending out supplementary regulations ("the regs") to previous entrants, invited clubs/championships and on an ad-hoc basis; receiving, checking and processing to spreadsheet all incoming entry forms; passing all cheques and requests for cancellation refunds to the club treasurer; compiling and publishing entry lists; sending out final instructions; attending all (2 or 3) event organisation meetings; on the day, assisting with paddock layout, competitor signing-on, managing the results team and ensuring awards are correctly allocated.

Naturally all expenses would be reimbursed and full training will be given. If you think you have the necessary skills and enthusiasm, and want to make a difference to the running of this important club event, then please contact the secretary of the meeting Martin Baker on 0117 9563664 or 07981 908305. Your motor club needs you!

Castle Combe Day Raffle

A gentle reminder that Tim requires raffle prizes for the track day at Castle Combe.

As usual we would be very appreciative of anything you can get as this again supports Diabetes UK.

Thank you so much for your support. Contact Tim in advance or just bring your donations along on the day

Frenchay Vehicle Show

Saturday 19th July 2008



BPMC Fantasy Formula 1

Results upto and Including Silverstone

Prepared by Tim Murray

Pos	Entrant	Driver 1	Driver 2	Team 1	Team 2	Engine	Total
1	David Garnett	Kubica	Kovalainen	BMW	Honda	BMW	726
2	Simon Sweet	Raikkonen	Trulli	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	673
3	Toby Harris	Kubica	Hamilton	Toyota	Super Aguri	Ferrari	651
4	Andy Baverstock	Kubica	Hamilton	Honda	Super Aguri	Ferrari	648
5	Chris & Dominic Bennett	Kubica	Alonso	BMW	Renault	BMW	647
6	Julie Farrow	Kubica	Bourdais	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	632
7	Simon Moss	Kubica	Fisichella	Super Aguri	McLaren	Ferrari	627
8	Bob Hart	Webber	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Ferrari	625
9	Pete Stowe	Rosberg	Webber	Honda	McLaren	BMW	616
10	Rex Meaden	Alonso	Rosberg	BMW	Red Bull	Mercedes	611
11=	Arthur Tankins	Alonso	Kovalainen	Honda	Red Bull	Ferrari	601
11=	Joe Robson	Alonso	Hamilton	Red Bull	Honda	BMW	601
13	Steve Clark	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Mercedes	595
14	Mike Marsden	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	594
15	Lewis Bird	Bourdais	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	592
16=	Ann Farrow	Coulthard	Hamilton	Red Bull	Toyota	BMW	588
16=	Donny Allen	Button	Sato	Ferrari	Toyota	BMW	588
18=	Lisa Selby	Button	Hamilton	Toyota	Toro Rosso	Ferrari	585
18=	Martin Emsley	Bourdais	Sato	Honda	McLaren	Ferrari	585
20	Gary Tanner	Alonso	Bourdais	BMW	Williams	Mercedes	569
21=	Charlotte Emsley	Raikkonen	Alonso	Toro Rosso	Super Aguri	Ferrari	567
21=	Dick Craddy	Raikkonen	Rosberg	Red Bull	Force India	Mercedes	567
23	Alison & Sam Bennett	Fisichella	Hamilton	Williams	Red Bull	BMW	566
24=	Alex Wooldridge Smith	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	560
24=	Alyson Marsden	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	560
24=	Tom King	Alonso	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Honda	Mercedes	560
27	Jackie Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	Red Bull	Toyota	Mercedes	558
28	John Page	Rosberg	Bourdais	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari	549
29	Terry Russell	Heidfeld	Kovalainen	Williams	Super Aguri	Mercedes	533
30	Martin Mees	Kubica	Hamilton	Renault	Honda	Toyota 2	532
31	Tim Murray	Rosberg	Vettel	Ferrari	Toyota	Toyota 2	528
32	Roy Hancock	Raikkonen	Webber	Renault	Honda	Renault 2	517
33	Jonathan Prestidge	Rosberg	Nakajima	Red Bull	McLaren	Toyota 2	514
34	Rob Crossland	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Toro Rosso	Force India	Honda	512

35	Martin Baker	Heidfeld	Button	Toyota	McLaren	Renault	508
36	Joanna Prestidge	Rosberg	Trulli	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	488
37	Audrey King	Webber	Button	Williams	McLaren	Honda	487
38	Paul Bird	Alonso	Bourdais	Ferrari	Honda	Renault	480
39	Jane Tanner	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Red Bull	Mercedes	474
40	Ken Robson	Raikkonen	Hamilton	Super Aguri	Force India	Toyota 2	468
41	Mary Craddy	Webber	Hamilton	Williams	Honda	Renault	467
42	Greg Parnell	Alonso	Rosberg	Renault	Williams	BMW	454
43	Chris Lewis	Button	Kovalainen	Toyota	McLaren	Ferrari 3	450
44	Caroline Meaden	Heidfeld	Hamilton	Honda	Force India	Renault	447
45=	Elisabeth Lewis	Massa	Fisichella	BMW	Renault	Ferrari 3	446
45=	Mal Allen	Alonso	Coulthard	Honda	McLaren	Renault	446
47	Bill Farrow	Raikkonen	Sutil	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	436
48	George Russell	Alonso	Kovalainen	BMW	Super Aguri	Renault	432
49=	Andrew Moss	Coulthard	Kovalainen	Renault	Super Aguri	Mercedes	420
49=	Judith Bird	Coulthard	Button	Renault	Williams	Mercedes	420
51	Sharon Reynolds	Fisichella	Hamilton	Force India	McLaren	Ferrari 3	418
52	Mark Elvin	Rosberg	Kovalainen	Renault	Williams	Toyota 2	394
53	Richard Reynolds	Alonso	Hamilton	Renault	Super Aguri	Ferrari 2	346