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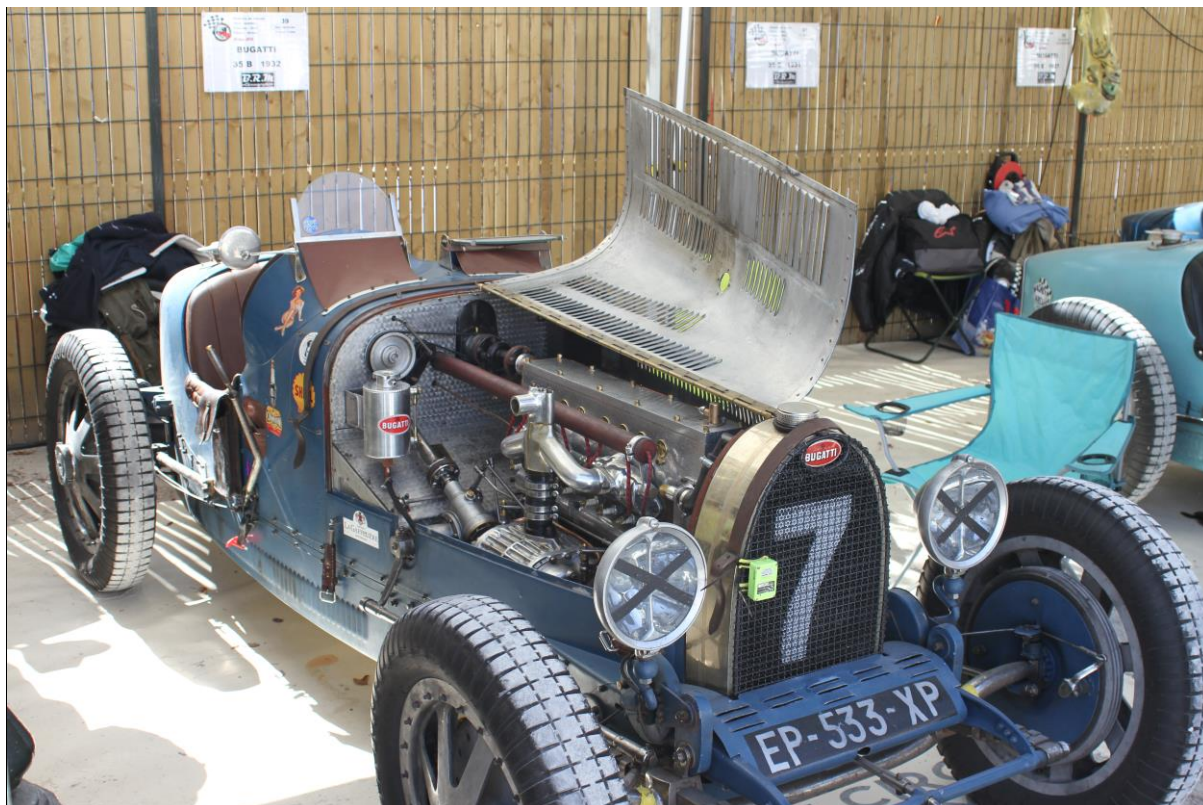


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The beautiful Bugatti at the Tour de Ramparts at Angeloume and the most aggressive looking Le Mans winner I could find at the Le Mans museum

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Editorial

I hope that you have seen the two page article about in the Motor Sports Association magazine. It's great that the club has been recognised in this way and I would like to think that this is another endorsement of the progress that has been made over the past three years or so. Additionally, the membership numbers continue to climb and this is something that DAC can be very proud of, especially as quite a few clubs have reducing numbers. However we need to keep this momentum going and ensure that DAC continues to go from strength to strength.

I understand that the Wearside Classic was a resounding success though once again the lack of Marshalls was a cause for concern. A report on the event is to be found later in the mag. Unfortunately I couldn't make the event as I was travelling to France to see another event – more about this later though you may have got a flavour of it from the front cover. Let's hope that the event continues to attract entries as this continues to be a problem for all club events whether rallying, racing or autotests.

The Rally Turkey proved to be more than just a bit of a car breaker! For the first time in a long time, a World Endurance Event became "survival of the fittest" or luckiest! Sure there were calls for the event to be made smoother next year and there was plenty of teams who thought this event was way too rough. However, in my opinion, this is what rallying is all about. It's the same for everyone, with different surfaces that can range from billiard table smoothness to surfaces like we had last weekend in Turkey.

There was an announcement by the Motorsports association with regard to the lifeing of components such as seats and helmets. I need to look into the detail a bit more carefully than the quick glance I have given, but it seems to be a move in the right direction. It could be that the appointments that Dave Richards has already made is starting to filter through with some sense being brought to regulations. I really hope so!

Still no news on the Insurance for all vehicles that I talked about ages ago in my Editorial. Because of someone getting knocked off a ladder by a tractor, the EU put forward a plan for all motorised vehicles to be insured, even though the Insurance Industry (who you would have thought would profit) cannot provide the cover required. I really hope that someone pulls the plug on this before it's too late but I'm not holding my breath.

Sooner or later, an accident was going to happen in F1 which would highlight the benefit of the HALO. Ok I'll admit I was wrong and without it, Charles Leclerc would have been seriously injured. The FIA and various commentators should be justifiably proud of introducing it. Absolute rubbish! Having analysed the video footage, it was clear that the wheel wasn't going to hit Leclerc and the lauding of the HALO device was a little bit premature! What is becoming clear – and pardon me for being more than a little bit cynical – is that the HALO is a rather good aerodynamic device which has been useful for mounting wing mirrors, as well as smoothing air flow into the air intake, thus avoiding the drivers helmet. Now its adoption makes sense!

Talking of F1, the Championship is now Mercedes and Lewis Hamilton's to lose following some grave strategy errors over the past few races by Ferrari. His qualifying lap at Singapore was absolutely awesome followed up by a flawless if boring race win the day after. I know that Lewis doesn't fit into the generally accepted look and lifestyle of previous champions, but you cannot deny that he delivers the goods – as someone paid that sort of money should!

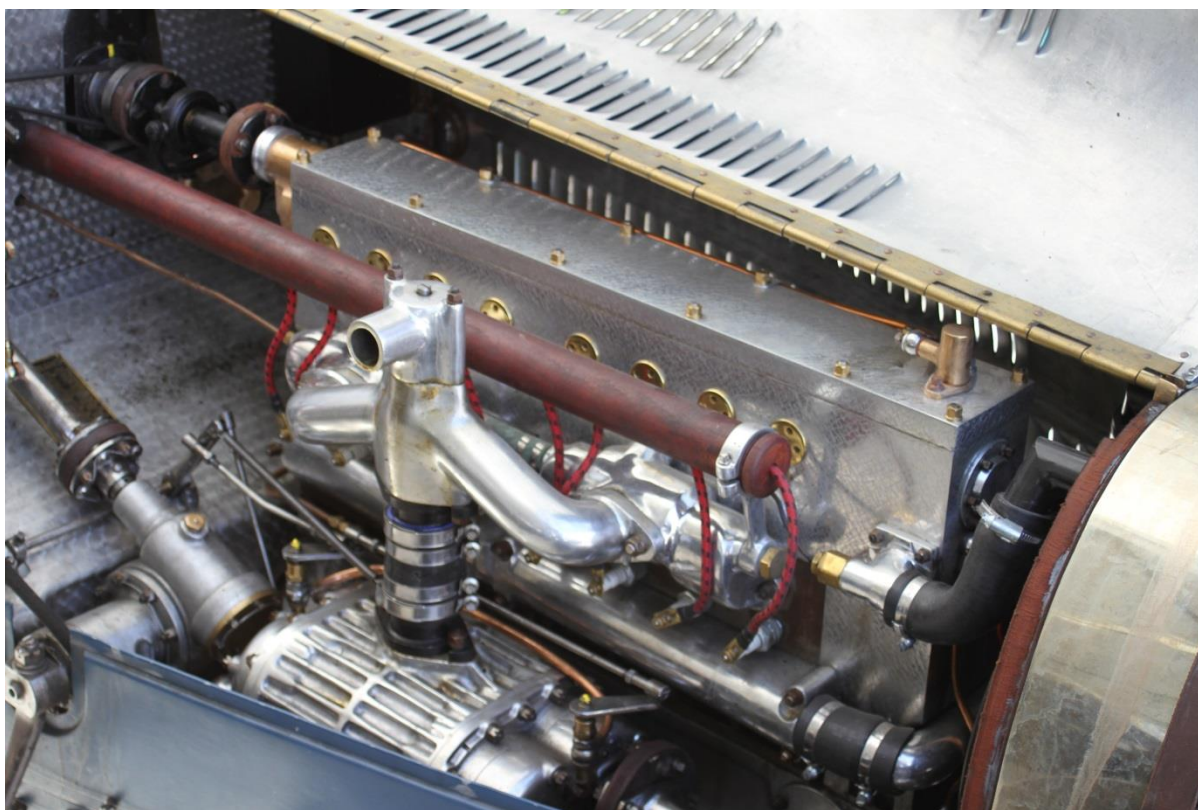
Also shaking out now is the driver merry go round with Sainz to McLaren, Leclerc to Ferrari and Raikkonen to Sauber. Ocon seem likely to be out of a drive, as will I suspect Brendon Hartley who has proven that he is a fast driver by winning Le Mans, however, somewhat like Anthony Davidson, doesn't possess the outright speed to be in F1. Like a few other series such as BTCC, we are seeing a change in the front runners as established drivers come to the end of their career. Next season is going to be interesting with the driver changes.

Also announced is the change in wheel and tyre size for 2019. 18" instead of 13" wheels will become mandatory, and with it there will be the return of the chassis engineer. F1 cars have very little in the way of suspension travel, with most of the "springing" being done by the tyre sidewall. If this could also result in some closer racing with genuine overtaking, then F1 may regain some of its racing credentials.

It's been a mad rush to get this mag out on time as I have just returned from a two thousand mile round trip of France with a little motorsport centred tour arranged by Nicky and Wendy Porter. I have finally visited Le Mans and had a good look around the museum, as well as getting onto the stands of the circuit where some motorcycles provided the entertainment. What an atmosphere, even though the place was empty! I drove as much of the circuit as was available, including the Mulsanne Straight and Porsche curves. We stayed at the Hotel de France where teams in the past such as Aston Martin stayed before "warming the cars up" on the forty mile trip to Le Mans, and visited the Circuit de Ramparts at Angeloume for the classic car show and racing of such exotic vehicles as Bugatti, Bentley and Fraser Nash. I hope to put together a little report for next month's mag, but what a super time we have had!

That's it for this month, good luck if competing!

Marty



Beautiful engineering never goes out of style! Bugatti at Angeloume

Chairman's report

Firstly I would like to thank a few people this month. As the dust settles on another Wearside Classic held at Nissan, I would like to thank Gordon Dundee, his organising team and the Marshals for another successful event at the Nissan plant. I work alongside Gordon at Nissan, so I see some of the work he does to get this event to run. On the day he is helped by a band of merry Marshals and Officials. But his dedication to organising this event and ensuring as many competitors get a run is commendable. I'd also like to thank Nissan, Nissan Sport & Social and C&A Construction and Maintenance for their continued support. This year we had a much reduced entry, which continued to reduce when vehicle legality was questioned. But I think on the day we had over 30 crews start. I'd like to point out that it is very important that competitors read and comply with the regulations when they enter an event.

Thanks to Pam Broom who organised a treasure hunt at the end of August. Nine crews set off from the Asda car park in Bishop Auckland and arrived at the finish in The Cross Keys in Hamsterley village. I will not say much more as Pam will probably post a report about the Treasure hunt in her Social Secretary's report later on in this edition. We have a Navigational Photo Scatter planned for the first Wednesday in October. Let's fill the entry for the next round of the Club's Navigational Championship.

This month's [MSA newsletter](#) contained some great information and I hope you have all read it since it contained two articles about Durham Automobile Club (DAC). Two years ago DAC was recognised for commendation in the club of the year awards, and this year we have featured in the Go Motorsport section of the MSA newsletter. Mike Kinghorn the Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer decided to write his MSA news articles about DAC and Pam Broom provided him with the information for his report. I am extremely proud of the progress the Club has made over the last 3 years. So I'd like to express special thanks to the Committee and all the club members who have helped to make this happen.

Also in the MSA Newsletter there was an article on competitor safety equipment. The MSA are going to hold an in-depth review of competitor safety equipment over the next two years. One of the key initiatives is to reduce the burden of competitors to change their Seats and Seatbelts every five years. So with immediate effect, seats homologated to FIA 8855-1995 standard are granted a two year extension at the end of their initial 5 year life. There will also be a 10 year life period applied for harnesses homologated to the latest FIA 8853-2016 standard. This homologation standard applies to 6 point harnesses as a minimum.

I would like to express a big welcome to two new members of the Committee, who have taken positions that have been vacant for some time. I am sure they will be a great asset to the Committee.

1. Secretary – Catherine Hutchinson.
2. General Committee – Andrew Hutchinson.

HOWEVER WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE MAGAZINE EDITORS ROLE WHEN MARTIN HALL STANDS DOWN

I currently have a bit of a quiet time where rallying is concerned. After my last rally, the Tyneside stages on Otterburn, I now sit second overall in the SG Petch Stage Championship with 3 rounds

still to go. For the next round, the Cheviot stages on Otterburn ranges, I am back out with Ed Todd in the Wee Beastie GTM. Ed is also lying second overall in the SG Petch Stage Championship. So nail biting time to see if we can take a good result in the championship. We have to finish well as the last two remaining rounds are forest based and we don't have a forest car. Any offers of a gravel car would be greatly received.

Please don't forget to inform Gordon Dundee about any events you have competed or marshalled on.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the club nights every Wednesday.

Andy Brown

Chairman of Durham Automobile Club

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT September 2018

Hi All

There has been a few goings on since the last report, in Torque Talk..

On August 22nd Mick Kinghorn visited the Club Night at the Honest Lawyer. Thanks to all those members that joined us for what turned out to be quite a busy night. Sam, Tom, Ian and Nikki swelled the ranks having first gone to the Asda Car park for the treasure hunt! Nothing like being KEEN and turning out a WHOLE WEEK EARLY!

Mick had chance to talk to members individually and then addressed us as a group to give us some insight as to what a GO MOTORSPORT representative does between Clubs and the MSA and will hopefully be able to help us nail a new Auto Test Venue which we badly need. I have also been liaising with MICK about how we, as a Club spent the £335 grant we got from the MSA Club Development Fund and also letting him know how we have been promoting DAC and encouraging new members.. Currently we are on around 158 members, pretty good going!

The information I have been passing to Mick has now found its way into MSA Extra the official Motor Sport Association Newsletter see pages 35 & 36

Following Micks visit on the 29th August we had a Treasure Hunt which started at ASDA CAR PARK and finished at Cross Keys Hamsterley. 9 crews took part and all completed the route in reasonable time.

The route went via South Church, Shildon, Redworth, Heighingston and Walworth. Down to Piercebridge, Gainford, Staindrop, Cockfield, Evenwood and Ramshaw, finishing near Toft Hill for a quiet run down to the pub at Hamsterley.

1st Joan Wood & Lindsay
2nd Dave Sharp & Family (Alfie & Jake but don't know wifes name)
3rd Roger & Andy
4th Ian & Tom Burrows
5th Kim & Pete
6th Chris & Stuart
7th Mick & Ben 6& 7 Tied on points, decided on mileage
8th Gordon & Janelle
9th Sam & Nikki Halliwell

Congratulations to 2nd place FAMILY. David, Mrs Sharp (Sorry did not get first name) and sons Alfie & Jake are very new members and this was their first outing and the first time meeting other Club Members. WELL DONE all.

Wednesday 5th September – Classics at the Castle debrief

We had a brief DE BRIEF meeting B. The consensus being all went well with a few lessons learned and a little later in the year we will begin planning NEXT year's event. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY for Sunday July 14th**. I will keep you informed as we make progress but if anyone would like to join the sub-committee or has anything they would like to contribute we are all ears!

The same night also saw a bit of a get together to go over details for the Wearside Classic & Targa which was on Sunday 9th September... I know there will be lots more in the magazine about this...Including a bit from me about sitting in the Co Pilot seat alongside Kim Gardner in a Nicky Porter prepared MX5!

12th September was a Committee meeting again there will be more elsewhere in the magazine about this I would just like to thank Andrew and Cath Hutchinson for joining the committee. Cath comes on board as SECRETARY (bribed by a few stiff GINS!!) and Andrew as a general committee member who's experience in both the driving and Navigating seat as well as having a few 'classics' will no doubt have great contributions to make. THANKS you TWO.

GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE CHEQUE PRESENTATION



On Wednesday 12th September and following on from our Classics at the Castle de brief we were delighted to go along and present a **cheque from Durham Automobile Club for £1,117.74p**

On 15th July GNAAS collected in their buckets and tins and from selling some merchandise and Tombola the grand total of £1,117.74p so having finalised our accounts we were very pleased to be able to 'match fund' this amount and still leave the Club with a decent profit to further finance and improve next years event AND to contribute to other future club expenses.

Stuart Anderson has acted as liaison between ourselves and GNAAS (Stuart having provided the garden and landscaping at the Air Base at Durham Tees Valley Airport for the GNAAS office, staff and crew).

Andy and I went along with Stuart and were accompanied by Cath Hutchinson (in her second capacity as CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER!!).

We were met outside the base by Ruth Davy (Events Co-ordinator, Public Liaison Team) and armed with passports/photo ID went 'Airside' For a guided tour of the Air Ambulance and to meet with some of the on duty crew.

I have to say it was very interesting to hear about response times, flying hours, daylight/dark flying rules and much more besides. Not only did we get a look around the aircraft we also got into the control room as well, though they did have to switch off some of the screens and microphones so we did not see or hear any confidential information.

We were made very welcome by everyone on duty that day but special thanks go to Chief Pilot Jay Steward and Dr Jonathon Howard who gave us the tour and the 'gen'. We were very lucky the crew did not get a call out while we were there..

Most of the crews who staff the Air Ambulance have 'proper' jobs as well. Several are ex or still serving military (Chief Pilot Jay Steward is ex-military but permanent staff at the GNAAS) But I am sure I am right in saying Dr Howard still works for the NHS too)

Steve Miles who exhibited his Ex-Army Landrover at Classics at the Castle and covers a LOT of RALLY Events as a paramedic is also part of the crew of GNAAS but was away when we visited providing training for a local Fire Crew!.

It goes without saying that with roads as busy as they are today and many of us enjoying our 'risk' sports the service provided by any AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE is essential. It should not have to be funded by public donations and money from local businesses. BUT until the GOVERNMENT fund the ESSENTIAL SERVICE I for one am very happy to support them in any way that I can and it seems that many other people out there are of the SAME FRAME OF MIND.

THANK YOU to all DAC members, exhibitors and visitors to Classics at the Castle that enabled Durham Automobile Club to make this donation to help GNAAS

I am also pleased to tell everyone that DAC will be supporting and collecting for GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE for the remainder of 2018 and the whole of 2019 – Including CLASSICS AT THE CASTLE 2019.



LEFT to Right: Dr Jonathon Howard, Stuart Anderson, Pam Broom, Chief Pilot Jay Steward, Andy Brown Presenting cheque for £1,117.74p from Durham Automobile Club to Great North Air Ambulance on 12th September 2018. Money raised at Classics at the Castle on Sunday 15th July.

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Just for the record

Answering the questions this month is Peter Masters, the Ranaulph Fiennes of Durham Automobile Club. Peter has been a tireless servant of the club and has partaken in more Autotests than anyone else I can think of! Peter is also a regular contributor to the mag and has been Membership Secretary for the past few years.

<i>What is your current job title?</i>	Retired at 54
<i>What was your first paid job</i>	Milk Delivery Lad
<i>How long have you been a DAC club member</i>	Joined mid 80's
<i>What was your first motorsport vehicle</i>	Citroen Visa 650. Autotests, road rallies, Classic trials for 10 years. Also Drove all over Europe, up to Nordcapp and crossed the Sahara desert in it.
<i>What is or has been your favourite motorsport vehicle?</i>	Present Alto. Good for Autotests, 12 cars and £0 road tax.
<i>What was the best time to be in motorsport?</i>	Early 80's when I started
<i>What was the first record/cd/download you ever bought</i>	Never bought a record, CD or Cassette. Listen to the radio or record music
<i>What is your favourite film?</i>	Blues Brothers
<i>What is your favourite book?</i>	Sir Ranulph Fiennes Biography
<i>Who is your favourite entertainer/musician?</i>	Mark Knopfler
<i>Where is your favourite place, anywhere?</i>	Too many spectacular places in the world to list, but Scottish west coast and highlands takes some beating
<i>What do you feel is your greatest achievement in Motorsport?</i>	Doing on average 20 competitions a year for the last 35 years and still going, must be more than 700 Competitions by now.
<i>Who is/was your favourite driver in motorsport?</i>	Stig Blomquist (for finishing third on an RAC Rally in snow with a fwd Skoda Felicia, beating lots of 4 wheel drives)
Clubman driver, Ryan Champion. Not frightened to compete in all disciplines of motorsport not like most other rally drivers. Won Kenyan Classic rally last year in classic Porsche. I have also never managed to beat him in any form of motorsport.	
<i>Anything you regret?</i>	Always saying the wrong thing and hitting a cow broadside on motorbike in Australian outback
<i>Do you have any hobbies outside of Motorsport?</i>	Have one or two dozen but adventures on motorcycles/cars
<i>Who do you think has been (or is) our best Prime Minister?</i>	Difficult one as it is such a hard and thankless job as you can't please all the people all the time, so playing safe and saying, Winston Churchill

What frustrates you about motorsport?

Allowing money to rule motorsport.
Would simplify rules and make all disciplines run standard narrow road tyres, including F1 and rally cars.

What was your worst vehicle?

You could say my Reliant Robin, but I did love it. Did 60,000 miles in it, even driving down to Lisbon, Portugal in the middle of a very harsh winter in -20c.

What is your favourite food?

Not fussy, will eat any food, traditional or foreign, do like Mexican though.

What's the most important lesson you have learnt in life?

Try to be nice to everyone!



Rally Roundup

WEAR SIDE CLASSIC 9th September 2018

Firstly Thank You to GORDON DUNDEE for pulling off another great day of motorsport....I know the event preparation was not without it's difficulties and I am just very grateful that the event went ahead! (Well I can say that now its over!... I was not well the whole week beforehand and on the Wednesday before had almost no voice at all, to say I was under the weather would not be an understatement and If I had been told n the Friday the event was off I would have been very relieved!)

Second THANK YOU goes to Kim who asked me to 'sit in' with her in her (well Nicky Porter's) beautiful shiny black MX5. It was Kims second Targa and mine as well though we have never been in a car together before!

Gordon overcame the 'obstacles' and Sunday dawned dry if not bright to start with..I was still not feeling too clever but hey ho....Kim and I spent some time with test diagrams and marking them up.. after much discussion we decided on My side/Your side instructions pre ceded by the cone letter...that was the plan.

Being ceded 21 we had time to watch a dozen cars do the first carpark test before it was time to get in the queue. We will just take it easy says Kim.. Fine by me I sqkweek.

B***ER ME I said as we finished the first run if that was taking it easy I am getting out now! She flew and I had a dead left arm from whacking my shoulder off the door as we hurtled round.

She did say it was only cos it was a short test and she had learned it by watching the others, we would not know the other tests as we can't see them once we are on the test track area..

BUT I will say, THE GIRL HAS CAR CONTROL...

Waiting at Test 2 we could see the first few cones but that was all.....we decided I would not start 'calling' until we were heading for the 'unseen'. It worked quite well I have to say but it was tighter than we had expected... I WAS FEELING QUEEZY...

Straight on to Test 3 same again... QUEEZY Test 4 was VERY spinny roundy roundy QWUEEZY....

Glad of a steady run back to the car park area, some deep breathes and a few sips of water..DEEP BREATHS...I have never been 'car sick' and I did not actually 'loose' anything.. but felt decidedly 'yucky' Meanwhile my driver was laughing and happy happy having a ball...

Time to do it all again.....did not feel so bad that time around.....

At lunch I ate a sandwich but passed on the soup. Could not decide if I needed food or not... ANY WAY I don't know if it was the fact that the tests were longer in the afternoon or my stomach was settling but when we crossed the finish of the last test we were both quite pleased with ourselves.

Yes we had a couple of wrong tests, at times Kim was driving faster than I could read GOOD ON HER! And once I got well disoriented and totally lost where we were but in the main we were pretty consistent and not a bad team.

We actually finished 15th which I am very pleased with especially as we beat Roger & Andy who finished 18th! He he he!..

Kim is a great driver and I would be happy to sit i with her again should I be asked. She was absolutely BUZZIN all day! The car never missed a beat all day, thanks Nicky. (I think if there had been a prize for the SHINIEST car we would have ACED that!)

My one regret for the day is that I wasn't on top form, if I had been and I had managed to have that same BUZZ as Kim it would have been a great feeling...

Thanks to Lindsay for doing Results and to everyone that marshalled. It made a change NOT to be marshalling on the event. Glad to hear that the marshal that was taken ill at the start is now fine.

Pam Broom (car 21) with Kim Gardner

Hi ALL

The following are the details of the next navigational event. This will be the last Navigational Event now until the light nights return!

We are limited to 12 cars only. The cost as always £5 per car regardless of how many people you pack in!

October Photo Scatter

Wednesday 3rd October – Starting at 7.00pm

Start from High Grange – Map 92/174317

Finish at the Cross Keys - Hamsterley

What do you require:-

Map 92 or Road Map or a knowledge of the villages in the area. But most important **you need a camera or a phone** to record your answers on.

Any questions or entries please contact Gordon Dundee on 07799 140427 or email gandjdundee@gmail.com

DONT FORGET , results from these Navigational Events count towards the Club championship. if you done one or more rounds already be sure to do this you might be in with a chance at a prize! Club Championship results in the next newsletter.

Best Regards

Pam

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We look forward to seeing you!



Whitby Autotest Tour 2018

Another excellent event from Whitby MC. It uses several venues around Whitby. Started off at the auction mart car park Ruswarp. The rough gravel surface kicked up lots of dust and took a layer of paint off the car. Great fun. The only Mini on the event had a hard ride. Hope he had good fillings in his teeth. Apparently they were going to get even rougher.

Next was the grass field. This was fairly smooth and the test was quite tight, which suited the smaller fwd cars. We had several runs at this.

Then was the small car park at Harrisons the Ford garage. This was in and out of the loading bays and the front car park. Some of the reverses were a little tricky and lots of penalties were claimed here.

The next was "the road" as it was called. A very tight rough disused part of the main road once. Every one ended up in the hedges as there was hardly enough room to turn the car. Every car collected a few scratches.

The last venue was the stubble field. It was a little large. You needed binoculars to see the cones. This was going to be fast. The RX8 was throwing up huge plumes of dust. The cars just disappeared in their own dust. After a couple of runs. We then had a head to head to finish off. I was pitted against the stripped out and roofless Tigra. I won on one side and John won on the other.

It was no surprise that the lightened Mini won overall, despite being shaken to bits on the stubble field. It was then a battle between the Tigra and Corsa for second. Think I was fourth in the Alto.

Tour of the fields.

This took place somewhere on the North Yorkshire Moors, using several fields that were linked by gates. It was a little rough and the gates seemed very narrow, especially at speed. There were yumps and bumps. You were either bottoming out airborne. Cars with low spoilers or spots in their grills, soon wished they didn't. One car smashed its bumper and both very expensive spots. One or two cars, soon had blowing exhausts.

It was won by a Micra with a Tigra, second, RX8 third and me 4th again. I probably slowed too much for the gates as I wanted to keep the car in one piece.

Peter Masters





Photos from the Tour of the Fields and Whitby Autotest, courtesy of Peter Masters

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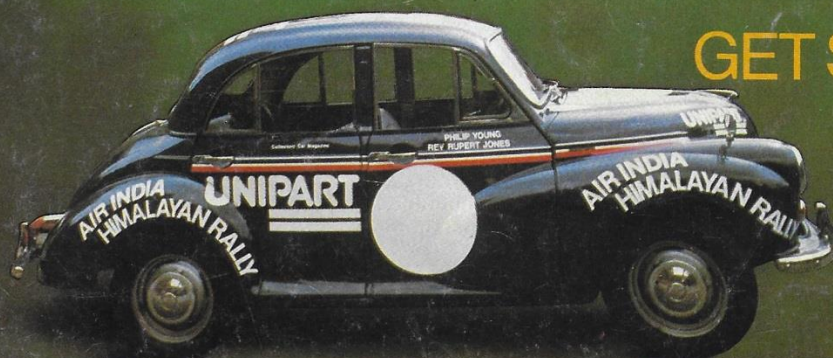
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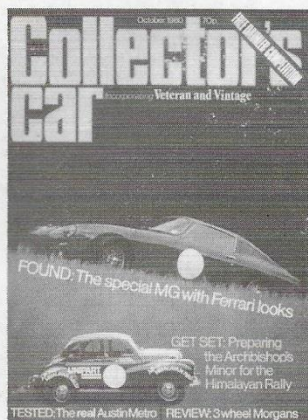
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This month's Blast from the Past courtesy of my good pal Allan Brown is a long forgotten magazine called Collectors Car. However there are some famous names in the Editorial team you may recognise! Anyone else got any rarities like this?



In Colour

MG B racing lightweight WSM Special, on sale at Lenham Motor Company, photo by Graham Murrell, and the marathon Morris Minor. Inside, Morgans and rare racing Rover, now owned by A. W. Carter, Graham Murrell photos.

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2018 Championships

Stage Rally Results from 11th June to 9th September 2018

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee gandjdundee@gmail.com

Scottish Rally

Andrew Hutchinson – 3rd class 5 – 8 pts

Cetus Stages

Andrew Hutchinson – 11th class D – 1 pt

Twyford Woods Rally

Andrew Hutchinson – 6th class C – 5 pts

Argyll Stages

Andy Brown – 1st class 4 – 10 pts

Greystoke Stages

Andy Brown – 10th class 2 – 1 pt

Pendragon Stages

John Nicholson – 6th class 3 – 5 pts

Colin Tombs – 11th class 3 – 1 pt

Nicky Grist Stages

Stephen Petch – 4th class B14 – 7 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 4th class B14 – 7 pts

Tyneside Stages

John Nicholson – 1st class H – 10 pts Helen Lymburn – 1st class H – 10 pts

Andy Brown – 10th class 3 – 1 pt

Colin Tombs – 7th class 3 – 4 pts

Dukeries Rally

Andrew Grimstone – 17th class 3 – 1 pt

Andrew Hutchinson – 17th class 3 – 1 pt

Woodpecker Stages

Stephen Petch – 3rd class B14 – 8 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 3rd class B14 – 8 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Stephen Petch – 37 pts

John Nicholson – 22 pts

Ed Todd – 17 pts

Andrew Grimstone – 11 pts

Steve Petch – 6 pts

Andy Drake - 1 pt

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 37 pts

Andy Brown - 29 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 19pts

Helen Lymburn – 10 pts

Colin Tombs – 5 pts

Jeff Bedford - 1 pt

Clubman and Classic Rally Results up to 31st August 2018

Counting events are those listed in the NESCO calendar, and the points calculation is those used in the NESCO Challenge

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee gandjdundee@gmail.com (note new e-mail address)

Events run to date

- 1 – Berwick Classic
- 2 – South of Scotland Targa Rally
- 3 – Ilkley Classic rally
- 4 – Shaw Trophy Targa Rally
- 5 – Lake District Classic
- 6 – Northern Dales Classic
- 7 – Blue Streak Targa Rally

Points Standings (numbers in bracket's are events competitor has scored points in)

Clubman Rally

Drivers

Simon Jennings (2, 4, 6) – 277.8 pts
Gordon Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts
Stuart Layton (6) – 51.9 pts
Harry Raylor (6) – 32.6 pts
Ian Peake (4) – 27.6 pts
Kim Gardiner (6) – 16.7 pts

Navigators

Alistair Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts

Classic Rally

Drivers

Tom Hall (6) – 100.0 pts

Mick Stead (6) – 20.0 pts

Robert Cook (4) – 10.0 pts

Navigators

Peter Masters (6) – 20.0 pts

Geoff Morson (6) – 10.0 pts

Future Events

9th September – Wearside Classic

30th September – Doonhamer Classic Rally

6th October – Devils Own Clubman rally

14th October – Solway Classic

18th November – Saltire Classic

Navigational Rally results

August Treasure Hunt (organized by Pam Broom)

1st - Joan Wood - Lindsay Burnip

2nd - Dave Sharp – Sharp Family

3rd – Roger Broom – Andy Brown

4th – Ian Burrows - Tom Burrows

5th - Kim Gardiner - Peter Gardiner

6th – Stuart Anderson – Chris Thirling

7th – Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

8th – Gordon Dundee – Janelle Dundee

9th – Nikki Halliwell - Sam Halliwell

Next Round of the Navigational Championship is the:-

October Photo Scatter

Wednesday 3rd October – Starting at 7.00pm

Start from High Grange – Map 92/174317

Finish at the Cross Keys - Hamsterley

What do you require:-

Map 92 or Road Map or a knowledge of the villages in the area. But most important **you need a camera on a phone** to record your answers on.

Any questions or entries please contact Gordon Dundee on 07799 140427 or gandjdundee@gmail.com

Position	Driver	Organisers Points	May Scatter	May Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	August Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	Total
1st	Simon Jennings		10	9	10			29
2nd	Ian Burrows	10	9			7		26
3rd	Mick Stead		6	5	8	4		23
=4th	Peter Masters	10		2	9			21
=4th	Gordon Dundee	10		8		3		21
6th	Janelle Dundee	10	8					18
7th	Roger Broom		5	4		8		17
8th	Kim Gardener		7			6		13
9th	Nikki Halliwell	10				2		12
=10th	Joan Wood					10		10
=10th	Andrew Hutchinson			10				10
12th	Dave Sharp					9		9
=13th	Richard Young		4	3				7
=13th	Broden Forster				7			7
=13th	Addison Forster			7				7
16th	Paul Forster			6				6
17th	Stuart Anderson					5		5

Navigator

=1st	Andy Brown		10	5	10	8		33
=1st	Pam Broom	10	5	9	9			33
3rd	Janelle Dundee	10		8		3		21
=4th	Gordon Dundee	10	8					18
=4th	Ben Wilkinson		6		8	4		18
6th	Tom Burrows		9			7		16
7th	Peter Gardiner		7			6		13

=8th	Catherine Hutchinson			10				10
=8th	Nikki Halliwell	10						10
=8th	Lindsay Burnip					10		10
=11th	Dave Johnson		9					9
=11th	Sharp Family					9		9
13th	Peter Dark		4	4				8
=14th	Kara Thompson			7				7
=14th	Paul Forster				7			7
16th	Broden Forster			6				6
17th	Chris Thirling					5		5
18th	Sam Halliwell					2		2

2018 Marshals Championship

The Marshals Championship is run to reward those people who give up their time to assist in running events for the rest of use to enjoy, but with the exception of one person no-one has informed me of any marshaling duties they have carried out.

Therefore if you have been marshalling let me know and get the credit that you deserve.

Gordon Dundee at gandjdundee@gmail.com

5 Points for each marshalling on the Wearside Classic, Classic Show, DAC Autotest etc

3 Points for organizing or marshaling on a club night Treasure Hunt, Scatter etc.

1 Point for each day marshalling on any other event

2018 Autotest Championship

As previously published in the club magazine Durham planned to run a 5 round Autotest Championship in 2018, this would have consisted of 3 events run by Durham and 2 run by Hartlepool. Unfortunately due to the first Durham autotest being cancelled due to lack of entries, and the subsequent loss of our venue we have had to cancel the planned 2018 Autotest Championship.

If anyone knows of any suitable autotest venues please contact the committee as we would like to run our traditional Christmas Autotest, and a championship in 2019.

Durham Automobile Club Forthcoming Event Calendar

January 24 th	AGM Honest Lawyer 7.30 for 8pm Start	ALL WELCOME followed by Buffet.
February 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer (date TBC)	
February 21 st	Karting night organised by Whickam	See article in magazine, on website and Facebook for more information
March 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
March 21 st	‘OLD’ COMERS NIGHT!! Social get together and buffet night. **Come along! Its FREE**	(ALL welcome, members, non-members & EX members!!)
March 28 th	Club Navigational Series Briefing and Help night	<u>Postponed</u> See Social Sec report in magazine for more details ALL WELCOME
April 11 th	Nog and Natter	
	18 th Navigational SCATTER (Peter Masters)	More details to follow
May 2 nd	TREASURE HUNT (Nikki Halliwell or Pam Broom)	More details to follow
	9 th Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
	30 th Navigational SCATTER (Gordon Dundee)	More Details to follow
June 13 th	Nog and Natter	
July 11 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
July 15 th	CLASSICS at the CASTLE	
August 8 th	Nog and Natter	
September 9 th	WEAR SIDE TARGA at Nissan (more details to follow)	
September 12 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	

Between June and September we will be having a few more Navigational Events including Regularities/Jogularities and probably another Scatter and Treasure Hunt. We are also hoping to soon secure dates for a Social Night at Fury Events and a Gymkhana. There will also be dates appearing for Auto Tests so please look out for additional Emails and information appearing in magazines, on the website and our facebook pages.

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