



Rallycross Superprix Party

At the Jersey Farm Hotel (Barnard Castle)

Saturday October 31st 2009

7.00pm - Coaches leave Croft to Jersey Farm Hotel, 7.00pm - Meals served, 8.45pm - Open Championship trophy presentation, 9pm Announcement regarding 2010 season, 9.30pm - 12.00am - Disco, 11.00pm - First coach departs back to the circuit.

Carvery, Dessert, Disco and official prize giving for the final round of the 2009 Fuchs Lubricants Rallycross Open Championship.

PSM Motorsport would like to invite you to the 2009 Get Connected! SG Petch Rallycross Superprix Party, which takes place at the Jersey Form Hotel (near Barnard Castle) on Saturday October 31st.

The party will get underway at 7.30pm, with the ticket price including some fine English cuisine in the shape of a carvery and dessert. Before the disco gets underway at 9.30pm, the official presentation for the final round of the 2009 Fuchs Lubricants Rallycross Open Championship will take place. Return transport by coach to the Jersey Farm Hotel, from Croft Circuit is provided. Tickets are priced at £14 per person.

All tickets **must** be purchased in advance and can be obtained by returning this form to the address below. You can pay by credit card by calling the number below. Tickets can be purchased up until Thursday October 29th.

'Mad Mark' Watson

Proprietor

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Please return form to: Jersey Farm Hotel, Darlington Road, Barnard Castle, Teesdale, DL12 8TA

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Number of Tickets required: **Amount Enclosed:**



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Chairman's Chat

Well we survived the race meeting, a lot of hard work by the faithful few once again gave DDMC the plaudits from visiting championships as the friendliest, the best organised, the most approachable and generally the best bunch of people that do what they do because they enjoy it, from individual drivers to whole championships the messages conveyed to me in Race Admin we were clearly held us in a good light.

I hope all the people that indulged in the lunchtime hospitality enjoyed what the team put before them and remembered to say thank you, I know the 200 or so people fed on Saturday night all seemed to enjoy the food, to the person who asked for more salad and did not get anymore, there are ways of asking and receiving and ways of asking and being ignored, so if it was you and you did not get any more then maybe you ought to rethink your manners.



Marshalling Matters

With the year drawing rapidly to a close we only have one more event for 2009 but planning is well under way for 2010.

The last event for this year is the Rallycross Super Prix on the 31st October & 1st November, entries are looking good and if PSM can just attract a few more European drivers then the event will be a great one.

In the meantime we are already well on with planning for the Cartersport Jack Frost Stages which is on the 16th January, make a note in your diary for this one more details in the Christmas Edition, also for your Diary the Marshals Training Day will be on February 21st.

In the meantime I hope everyone has had an entertaining season so far.

We are also pleased to say that Dave Lea is making rapid progress in his recovery and even managed to visit Croft on the Sunday of our race meeting for a couple of hours, keep it up Dave we want to see you back in full operation soon.



Rallying Round

For those with nothing better to do here are a few Rally's that need help

1st November Malton forest stages, North Yorks. Moors
13th - 16th Roger Albert Clark Rally;
Saturday (14th) stages through N. York's to Carlisle
Sunday stages .(15th). Dumfries area
Monday (16th) Keilder

RACMSA Rally of Scotland a round of the Intercontinental Rally Challenge Thursday 19th-Saturday 21st November

We have also received a lot of marshal's completed registration forms since the 1st Marshal's Newsletter was released but we still need lots more to help us make this event a success. We now have all our stage commanders in place and all they need is plenty of help

SS1 & SS2 - Scone Palace - Bob Wright

Chief Marshals

Andy Straube - andy.straube@tesco.net

Colin Christie colin.christie63cc@tiscali.co.uk

You can also contact Bob direct.



That brings me to the final diary date Xmas stages at Croft on Monday 28th December

Anyone interested .
contact BOB WRIGHT ...



Club Nights

The DDMC club nights are held on the second Friday of every month at the Copper Beech Pub on Nesham Road in Darlington why not come along and join us



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Marshals Regalia

Anyone requiring overalls etc see Paul Griffin at any race meeting where supplies will be available, or if you have any queries e.g. sizes, or availability then I can be contacted on 07882340567 or via e-mail at secretary@darlington-motor-club.org.uk
Why not have your items personalised for a small charge you can have your name embroidered onto your overalls.



Wright On

Well that's another race season over. Congratulations to Paul Moss on becoming the NSSCC Champion for the 2nd time despite a lousy start to the season. Mike Cutt, Mark Armstrong, John Hewitson and Dave Brewis all gave him a good run for his money but a dominant performance in the latter stages clinched it. Sad to say but both Phil Morris and Gavin Lee have threatened retirement. They will both be sadly missed.

I've got to say how racy some of our newer competitors have become particularly Mike Cutt with his flamboyant style of driving and Mark Armstrong with some very opportune overtaking and who would have expected Peter Dixon to be so competitive. You must look on Youtube under 'DixonPeter'. The in car footage is excellent. It is still a pleasure driving in the NSSCC where it is possible to race side by side without risking being punted off and where, should there be a problem, fellow competitors are quick to dive in and help.

I particularly enjoyed our Sedric Bell Trophy meeting. I managed to get the Metro out again and enjoyed some excellent racing with Malcolm Dearnley and Neil Armstrong. Frequently side by side and certainly a lot of ducking and diving! The other races appeared equally enthralling and it was good to hear visiting competitors and Circuit Management say how good the atmosphere was. As usual the catering was brilliant, both during the day and the Barbeque. Shame some, who won't be reading this unfortunately, took advantage.

The 'yellow peril' is now up for sale ahead of a concerted effort to build an MG ZR. So if anyone is interested in a quick little saloon ready to race (less my seat) then get in touch.

Regs will be available shortly for both the Cartersport Jack Frost Stages (January 17th) and the Easter Sprint (April 5th) and will be on the website soon.

Last time I suggested a 'Production Saloon' category. I've had some positive feedback but it would be good to hear from any potential competitors. If the interest is there then we will put together the regulations.

Have a good winter, but don't forget to come to Club Night.

Terry



NSSCC

Congratulations to Paul Moss on winning the NSSCC title this year. Well done! quite some achievement after a poor start to the season.

It is very pleasing that we have had few incidents this year and the championship as a whole has been very clean and friendly. I have enclosed the final standings for the season, please check your results and let me know if you spot any mistakes. Thanks to Phil Lee for keeping the results up to date.

This year, the championship has again gone down to the very last race, with Mike Cutt and John Hewitson so close for much of the season. Paul Moss never gave up hope of winning the championship again, and just kept pushing ahead until he took the title.

The championship has had mixed fortunes this year, with poor grids in the kit car classes, but exceptional grids in the BC&D race. The car sports committee is looking at the classifications for next year, so watch this space for further information as it becomes available. One thing that has been clarified, is that vehicles in B,C & D must have car derived engines and not bike engines. This is not a change to the regulations, but merely a clarification of the regulations.

I hope that you all enjoyed the September meeting, and I'm sure that you will join with me in thanking all of the ladies and gents who put together the buffet for the weekend. Without the help of so many people this would not happen. A big thank you goes to the team who cooked the barbecue. Once again, on behalf of the championship, I would like to thank the marshal's for the support they have given us again this year. We would also like to wish a speedy recovery to Dave Lea, the club's chief marshal: for anyone who did not know, Dave had a massive motorbike accident in August and he is still in hospital, but making good progress.

The Championship presentations will be made at the Club's Annual Awards Dinner will take place on Saturday the 20th February 2010 at the Scotch Corner Hotel



Pentti Airikkala

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Finnish rally legend Pentti Airikkala who died on 30 September 2009 following a long illness, aged 64.

Pentti won the 1989 RAC Rally (his only WRC win) driving a Mitsubishi Galant VR-4, to record one of the event's most popular victories after it eluded him back in 1976 following a great drive in a Ford Escort MkII.

He is probably best remembered though, when he drove a Vauxhall Chevette HS for the DTV team in the late '70s. In winning the 1979 Circuit of Ireland Rally (the year he won the British championship), Airikkala became the first and only 'foreign' driver to do so and later regarded this win as the finest of his long distinguished career.

"The Circuit of Ireland is a very special rally - very long, very hard, very competitive. I am proud to be the first European to win," Pentti said at the time.

Airikkala would later run a hugely successful rally driving school where he instilled his left-foot braking technique into the pupils. His tutoring would churn out a host of future stars such as Colin McRae and Richard Burns.

Current WRC Ford drivers Mikko Hirvonen and Jari-Matti Latvala are also former Airikkala graduates and have the left-foot master to thank for helping to launch their respective world championship careers.

R.I.P. Pentti





MSA Club Officials Seminars 2010

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. Letters asking MSA Registered Clubs to nominate a number of representatives to attend will be issued in September 2009. The seminars will be targeted at unlicensed officials including, but not limited to, club stewards, those involved in club administration and event organisers.

Workshop groups will cover speed, rally, club sport and permanent fixed venue events (race, kart, drag racing etc).

If you are interested in attending one or more of these seminars, approach your club committee or secretary so that you can be included on the list of nominees.



Thank You

Dear all massive big thank you from Gateshead Collage Motor Sport to all involved in placing the six motor sport students with drivers for the Sept race weekend.

To say they enjoyed it is a bit of an understatement and from an educational point an invaluable experience gained, I hope they were joking when the told me they are filling adoption papers.

In the world of Motor Sport students (a scary place believe me) two NSSCC drivers are fast gaining cult status Mike Cutt (THE TERMINATOR) for his attacking driving style and for taking out the tyres at Jim Clarke and Neil Armstrong (DILLON RABBIT) for being one of the nicest laid back drivers in the paddock .Your names will be etched on the portals of time forever.

Once again big thanks to all the drivers for giving there time so willingly D&DMC committee & NSSCC officials for allowing all this to happen & after spending the next weekend at the brit-car six hour race at Silverstone D&DMC has absolutely nothing to learn about running a race meeting.

Regards

Dave Bone Lecturer

Gateshead College (Motor Sport)



NSSCC

I hope that we will have an increased turn out this year to help Paul celebrate his success. The hotel has set aside 25 rooms for our guests, price to be confirmed. The hotel can be contacted on 01748 850900, please tell them that you want to book one of the Darlington & District Motor Club rooms.

The tickets for the awards dinner will be £30 per head, the menu and order form will be sent out with the December club newsletter, please return this to me as soon as possible. I need to give final figures into the hotel by the first week in February, which I know sound a distance away, but will happen quicker than we think.

Once again, thank you for your support and good sportsmanship over this season, and I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner Dance.

Regards

Lesley



Spirit Of NSSCC

At the last away round the true "spirit of the championship" really showed through. There were a number of events that in most championships would see the competitors rubbing their hands because a rival was out or couldn't race, yet with NSSCC this was the opposite.

Cadwell Park 12th and 13th September, a call came through to say the Hamill's would be late getting to the circuit due to mechanical problems with their lorry. So some other competitors were on standby to help them get ready to go straight from lorry to qualifying. However during the journey to the circuit the car had "moved in transport" and fallen from it's travelling position and one side of the front of the car have come off it's runner. With some rallying round and a show of strength normally reserved for the film Ice Cold in Alex, Andy Wilson single handed, used his back to lift the car up and back onto the rails, so a word of warning to all Don't mess with Andy.

After qualifying Frank Marshall had a problem with his engine and needed a new head gasket, once again the rallying call came out and many started on with the job of getting a new head gasket fitted in time for the race and to no real surprise the job was done in time, sadly the car gave up again during race but it wasn't for the want of trying.

After the race Gav had a problem and needed a part and unusually he didn't have one with him (a hub) and so the trip to get one was undertaken, a phone call to mum to go into garage with a torch to find the part needed, a picture was sent via mobile phone so the right part was found and a trip of over 350 miles was undertaken and then the fitting of the part ready for the 2nd part of the weekends double header.

Sunday morning came and unusually the race was going to start early Mike Cutt was helped to get his car off the trailer and race wheels put on, however an unusual wobble appeared on the n/s/f wheel. The car needed some serious work done and hastily, no real surprise Mossy and Gav and others were there, Brian Morris got his welder out and the work began, once again no real surprise the job was done in time and Mike managed to get out and race.

These events just go to show what a great championship we have, these examples aren't the exception they are the norm and to all competitors you are the best advert for our championship and I thank you for this as I enjoy watching the racing but also am proud of the camaraderie of DDMC's competitors and supporters.

Paul Griffin
Club Secretary





NSSCC Champions Of '09






**Overall Championship Winner 2009
Paul Moss Class D Citroen Saxo**

Class Awards

	First	Second	Third
A1	David Botterill	Simon Blankley Colin Simpson	
A2	David Headen	Andrew Scott Wilson	Dave Bone
B	Mike Cutt	Chris Huntley	Andrew Morrison
C	David Brewis	Mark Armstrong	Neil Armstrong
D	Gavin Lea	Mick Starkey	Peter Dixon
E	Phil Morris	Richard Reed	
F	Bryan Healey		
G	John Hewitson	Brian Murphy	James Hammill
H	Brian Morris	Malcolm Dearley	

A full round by round points table can be found on the club website.