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WDMC / ROAD RESPECT AUTOSOLO AND PRODUCTION CAR AUTOTEST - YOUNG DRIVER OF THE YEAR FINAL - HEWORTH CAR PARK, GATESHEAD 24/11/2013

On the twelfth day of Christmas my motor said to me....
12 entries in the queue,
11 cars old and new,
It's 10am in the morning, while its 9 degreeeees...
8 little helpers,
7 other members
Yes it's 6 runs at the rooooooutes....
5 bacon sarnies,
4 trophy winners,
You've gotta be finished byyyy-hy 3
2 Citroen DS3's and One winner in a red MARQUEEEEE!

So that said, the AutoSOLO and Road Respect Young Driver of the Year was a fantastic day with some excellent display of driving in a big variation of machines!! Thanks to the organising team for making it happen, Kev C doing superb work as the COC, but thanks also to all who turned out to support the event whether spectating, competing and last but by no means least those marshalling (in a fair few instances - both!). Big thanks go to those who travelled the distance, including an entry from Berwick in the form of the maestro Archie Simmonds and some bloke called Dan May from Milton Keynes? No? So you've never heard of him either. There were definitely a lot of positives to take from this event, which is a good thing with some more PCA/Autosolo's potentially making the WDMC calendar in 2014. *Continued.....*



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EDITORS REVIEW

Tis the season, to be jolly. Tis nearly the end of the season and what a busy one it's been. Over the course of 2013 we have seen the club continue in its positive ways (albeit with a crest) and supporting events all over the UK. We have had members marshalling as far as Wales, Ireland and Speyside which we all know is a long way... Well done Guy in particular! We've had members competing in these same areas and one got as far as Canada! The club has hosted numerous events and is looking to improve on this next year, obviously keeping the big ones, such as the Border Counties and Cheviot Keith Knox. I'm excited for the 2104 season already, a continued celebration of the club's 50th year. I'm also looking forward to the awards night which is always a busy night with a fantastic buffet thanks to Kibby Club and the staff here. Speaking of awards, Gary notched up back to back achievement of the month awards after his involvement setting up on the Cheviot/ KK for October and the sterling effort on his first competitive event, the WDMC AutoSolo before winning the navigation event Karl and I put on in November, obviously with Declan on the maps!!

I'm sorry to see Guy step down as competition secretary but glad to hear that he'll shadow his protégé and assist on the events he has worked so hard to forge in the club calendar. Huge thanks for everything in that role Mr Wickham. The club therefore does need someone to take on the competition secretary role and this can be anyone from the club. Speak to anyone on a club night if you're interested.

AUTOSOLO AND PRODUCTION CAR AUTOTEST - HEWORTH - 24th NOV

Hopefully with GoMotorsport and Road Respect these events will become a more regular fixture on our calendar. Congratulations to all and in particular Adam on taking the YDOY award and with a huge goodie bag of prizes as supplied by the Road Respect Team and Metro Radio. A massive thank you to Town Centre Citroen for supporting the day and who loaned the two DS3's which looked fantastic with all the livery they had put on, even better with Phil's semi-convertible modifications. They were a huge help for the YDOY award (the cars that is and not Dec's mods!!).

In the AutoSOLO well done to Archie, Tom and Peter on the top 3 awards and a big shout to our very own GoMotorsport RDO Peter Metcalfe for scooping the fastest time of the day award. Quite a few of the members hadn't competed on this type of event before - in fact, Gary, Andrew, Alex, Alastair and Martin were all novices but all showed some good pace in cars less suitable than the winning Midget's and Elf's (tis Christmas time after all!!). Gary was top WDMC finisher in 4th o/a and unfortunately Dan had to retire due to tyre choice. Martin never started as his car broke the night before and the Yellow Taxi - well it just flew sideways everywhere! All in all, a cracking day was had by everyone there and everybody was in fits of laughter trying to beat the previous time by 0.1s. Rumour also has it that it was Archie's last event - hopefully this is not the case as it's always good to see him out but if true, well he finished in style on the best event!!!!



Final Results (based on quickest time from each of the two Tests):

- 1) Archie Simmonds (MG Midget) 01.39.00
 - 2) Tom Hall (Riley Elf) 01.41.4
 - 3) Peter Masters (Proton Savvy) 01.52.1
 - 4) Gary Laverick (Renault Clio) 01.54.5
 - 5) Sean Young (BMW Z3) 01.56.0
 - 6) Andrew Roughead (Ford Puma) 01.57.0
 - 7) Peter Metcalfe (Mini 1275) 01.57.3
 - Adam Bradford (Mazda MX5) 01.59.1
 - 9) Alistair Renwick (Mazda MX5) 01.59.2
 - 10) Jimmy Knox (Peugeot 106) 01.59.3
 - 11) Gary Young (Mazda MX5) 02.01.8
 - 12) Alex Elliott (Ford Puma) 02.09.9
 - 13) Dan May (Ford Fiesta) RET
 - 14) Martin Cockman (Citroen Saxo) DNS
- Fastest Time of the Day: Peter Metcalfe (Mini 1275) 49.4s

In the Production Car Autotest Shootout (Combing Two Best Times) the Final Results are:

- 1) Adam Ivison (Citroen DS3) 02.30.2
- 2) Dean Almond (Citroen DS3) 02.36.5
- 3) Gaynor Marshall (Citroen DS3) DNF
- 4) Alastair Knox (Citroen DS3) DNF



WANTED: NAVIGATOR FOR ONE CAREFUL DRIVER

Pretty sure everyone has caught THAT BUG after you've been out on an event, Well after successfully completing Ollie and Karl's Navigation event, coming second in fact, someone to remain anonymous, was en-route home via tanklapper street and parked the car like so - Kerb your enthusiasm, Alex!



MARSHAL DRAW - #thanksmarshal OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2013

If anyone has been out marshalling, organising or assisting on any event whether small or big, since Mid October please contact the chief marshal Dec (aka Phil) who will enter you into the Marshal draw. It has been raised on club nights that so many of us marshal and help organise and if no-one knows about your roles then they can't enter you for the marshal draw. It's a £25 JACKPOT which could go along way towards booze, xmas presents, fuel for going to more events, a copius amount of McDonald BigMac's or maybe an entry fee for a Production car Autotest or something similar. (just to clarify it probably won't get you all the above just one option!). We want you to tell us more stories about events too, it's not always about the competitors you know!

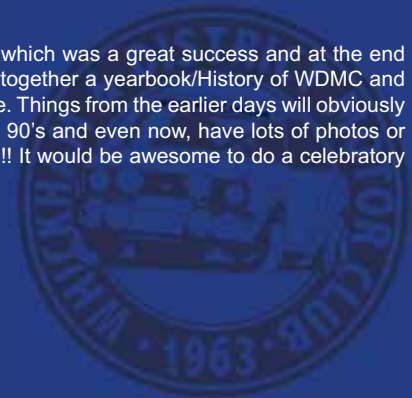
To enter the marshal draw please contact Phil on phil_185@hotmail.co.uk

As part of the 50th anniversary the club will be looking to bookend the birthday year with the 50th party at the start, which was a great success and at the end a Touring Assembly which is yet to be organised but could benefit from a few helpers. I am also going to try and pull together a yearbook/History of WDMC and therefore would ask anyone with ANYTHING to either bring it in so I could copy it, photocopy it or scan and email it to me. Things from the earlier days will obviously be harder to come by but hopefully some of the members who have been part of the club in the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's and even now, have lots of photos or magazine cuttings etc. I would really appreciate any stories or comments from people as I can't do this for pre-2008!!!! It would be awesome to do a celebratory book but will need some massive input, so please send me anything you can!!!!

Well I guess that's it from me for 2013 and until 2014, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ollie

ps If I have missed anything out of here this month I'm really sorry - or let me know so I don't miss it



RALLY GB International - WALES and LOTS OF WELSH FORESTS - 14/17th NOVEMBER

After strong finishes on the Trackrod, Cheviot and numerous other events there's good evidence that Jack Morton has had a very successful year, in a diverse range of machinery with a number of different drivers. Rally GB was an unfamiliar machine in the form of a DS3 but a less familiar driver in James Ford (driving a Citroen). Quick pace, reliable and consistent through Wales = 31st and 7th in Class 5. Brilliant result for the team and caps off a good year for Morton Jnr. Some bloke called Ogier won the event from Jarri-Matti with Hyundai Neuville third. This also meant Darkie Lewis, Kev C and Jimmy Know split the WRC Podium Predictor. Don't spen it all at once ladies!



Photo by James Ford Rallying

GRIZEDALE STAGES - GRIZEDALE FOREST, LAKE DISTRICT - 30th NOVEMBER

Alex Allingham and Chris Williams led the field away for the Coppermines Grizedale Stages, followed in hot pursuit by Matthew Wilson in the R5 and also WDMC representative Tony Thompson with the ever reliable Paul Hudson navigating snapping at their tracks. Fresh of the boat...from a holiday in Thailand, Tony was straight back on the pace and setting good times. Wrong tyres were possibly evident to all our surprise, but the Subaru pair finished a very respectable 23rd O/A and 11th in Class 5 and again notched up valuable championship points for club positions and a possible WDMC title. Well done TT



Photo by Alastair Knox



DOON AT KIBBY CLUB THIS MONTH...

18 December - 2013 WDMC Awards Night

25 December - Santa - **Club Closed**

1 January - Hogmanay - **Club Closed**

8 January - Playstation

9 January - Committee

15 January - Telephone Rally

22 January - Quiz

29 January - January SALE

5 February - Blind Fold Rally

12 February - Playstation

19 February - Open Forum - PastPresentFuture

OTHER EVENTS...

4 January - Grant Contsuction, Knockhill

5 January - H'pool AutoTest, Seaton Carew

9-12 January - AutoSport International, NEC

19 February - Jack Frost, Croft



PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....

WDMC T SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS

Peugeot 106 Road/Targa Rally car. 1400 with rallye head, rally seats and harness, LOADS of spares £1300ono. Contact Ollie (details overleaf)



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WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



2014 looking good - as is WRC... Preston - a must for 2014... 2014 - still a seat palaver - joke!

FLAT OUT

TICKING OVER

NOT GOING ANYWHERE



CASTROL EDGE GP PREDICTOR UPDATE - WDMC CHAMPS OR CHUMPS LEAGUE

The GP predictor finally came to an end after a season of domination by the elusive DanSport. BritneyWidders and GemmaC rounded out the podium. The battle will commence in 2014 and some new faces may be recruited to the league as well as some of the F1 teams. Another suggested in-club set up is the WRC predictor which is a 'predict the top 3 on each event' type arrangement. The WRC predictor is £2 per round with a rollover until the correct 3 are chosen.

With some switching between teams in both F1 and the WRC they will be some tough decisions to make for people to cash in!!



THE LAST RAMBLINGS OF 2013 - WE SHALL CALL THIS ONE 'LE PETIT TAILBACK DANS LES ALPS' by TeeCee

An amusing account from the Monte a couple of years back.

The organisers had decided to change road access times to "the day before" to avoid parking issues.

On being turned away from a stage entry point, we had to negotiate a long winding, "skinny yellow", to get back to the N202.

A bridge crossing, typical Indiana Jones stuff, had to be done at the final junction. Stopping the traffic was the only solution.

Text from wife a few hours later, "There has been a huge hold-up on the N202, 300 skiing people have missed their flights home, the Department of Transport are at a loss to explain why there is a 25km tail-back north of Nice.

Do you know anything about it?"

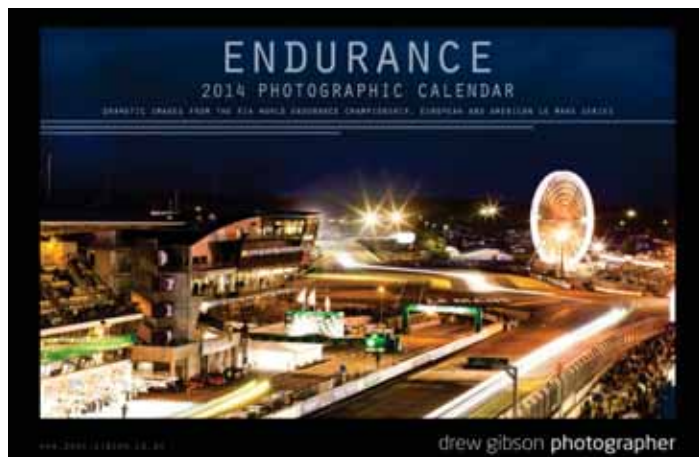
The reply was short and sweet, "We caused it".

Needless to say, anything involving TC and Darkie always has a twist to the tale.



Photo by A la France

HOW TO GO RALLYING by Ronnie - "Whatever you do you **have** to do a rally in a 2 stroke Saab - it's AMAZING!" #RACfun



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Available from www.drew-gibson.co.uk - Drew will be coming to the club at Christmas so book one now at WDMC member discount



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