



BASINGSTOKE MOTOR CLUB

2017-2018 REPORT FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

The final event of 2017 was the “Nick Ardern Memorial” 12 car, run as a round of the Cotswold Motor Sport group championship. Organised by Glynn Hayward the event was supported by 12 top crews from the region.

Our first event of 2018 was the “Norseman” 12 car organised by Jace Shawley in February, which had a full entry , 7 of them novice or beginners which was really great to see , the 90 mile event was very well received with all 12 competitors being classed as finishers.

In March we had the second running of the “Splatter Scatter”, this time organized by Glynn Hayward. 32 locations spread out over OS185 gave the 7 crews plenty to do.

The “Un-named” rally ably run by 1st time organisers Paul and Vicci Vaughan had 11 crews competing over 60 miles on the Hampshire / Berkshire border west of Newbury. Some challenging navigation separated the top crews by the finish.

May saw Mark Hissey and Rob Willshire organise the first Autotest of the year at Popham Airfield with a 30 plus entry for the “Monster Mulch”. A damp day with traction lacking, a steady approach produced the best results.

June’s “Crossborder” 12 car was Postponed due to holidaying marshals and competitors.

In July Jace ran the “North County Tour” which enjoyed great weather and a photographic challenge accompanied by Flat Stig. Starting from Popham Airfield, the route took participants through a very easy 35 miles of classic Hampshire Roads, returning to Popham for the traditional picnic.

Chris Pratt’s debut as an organiser went well, with an open style Autotest in July again at Popham Airfield. The “Pasture Blaster” had just over 20 entries and the sun shone again on BMC, after May’s wet one.

September's Autotest at Popham Airfield, The "Grasshopper" had just 18 entries, but the competition was fierce with warm weather and some reversing to test the drivers abilities. Another good event put on by a 1st time organizer, Karl Boulton with very little help from Glynn Hayward.

The last event was the "Papyrus" 12 car which used the 100+ mile format which has proved very popular. The event had a full entry with 10 crews making the actual start. The route made good use of the roads west of the A34, going as far south as Romsey, with Jeff's navigation ensuring there was a clear winner. Thanks to Jeff Brown for all the effort in organising such a long event.

In addition to the above we have attended the Basingstoke Festival of Transport and Rally Day at Castle Coombe. Club members have represented BMC in Road and Stage Rallies, Sprints, Hill Climbs, Targas, Auto Solo's and a multitude of local clubs 12 cars. Please let Jace know what you are up to with a couple of photos for the club web site.

With three months of 2018 still to run we have another 12 car left, which needs more competitors and marshals, being the "Nick Ardern Memorial" on the 16th November, please speak to Jace Shawley or Rob Willshire for more details.

2018 has been another good year for BMC running great events, which could not happen without all the support from the membership who have put in a tremendous amount of effort to compete or marshal at one or more events during the year.

And don't forget the Club Championship, where points are allocated for competing and supporting BMC events, all the details are available on the website.

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