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DON'T FORGET -  
THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL MAGAZINE FOR THE YEAR  
IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YET (you are getting this as a  
bonus!! Aren't you the lucky ones!)  
BRIAN SAYS IF YOU SEND YOURS IN NOW, YOU'LL  
RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOUR  
NEXT MAGAZINE.

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

November skittles night was a success with 16 turning out and one late arrival making 17 for the last games.

Not all played; nine ladies and six men. The battle of the sexes was in favour of the weaker sex! With four games played it was two all, 8 v 6 was too one-sided, so 2 males played twice in each leg.

The food was good value and a good time was had by all. Highs and lows? Well the girls took the honours with high score and low score, Steve took it in style!

Thanks to all who came, look forward to the next one.

December 18<sup>th</sup> was Natter and Noggin'. Mince pies, cheese and biscuits followed by mini éclairs, yes I know, but the supermarket and time failed me so sausage rolls they are not.

Thanks to Sue, Helen and Brian for providing the right stuff.

NEXT UP

**February 12<sup>th</sup> Cupids Trophy. Sharpen your darts for this one.**

***Derrick***

## Classic Harvest Tour 2008

This event (in its fifth year) starts near Reading, this year the 2 dark blue Volvos from hooky join about 55 other "classics" on a 100ish mile trip around the Chilterns and surrounding areas, we are seeded together with Steve @ 18 and yours truly and Robert a minute behind.

A steady start we manage to do the classic cock-up, turning 2 pages at a time so an about turn a bit of a scurry 'til we come to a control then back to normal. No real timing but with a few challenges to sort the idea of a rally comes into play as we make our steady way thru some fairly quiet side roads, the navigation is tulips and distances between relevant junctions, straightforward enough 'til there's a slightly devious mile put in and the fact my speedo manages to gain a bit, after about 18 mile Robert is having to add almost a mile to all distances before we know, it's time to stop for a welcome cuppa at a halt in a very pleasant herb farm (a place maybe to visit another day ??).

Soon time to go again and this section takes in some very interesting terrain hills, views, narrow lanes, a few personal challenges, one of which comprising of 3 small triangles all in one junction, with correct and dummy code boards just for good measure, another with a marshal standing on the "wrong" side of the road to catch out the unwary.

I get a call from Steve to ask if we got thru a deepish ford OK, we not there yet, will see you at lunch halt. When we get to said ford a GT6 has drowned out and a bit of a queue formed waiting our turn, it turns out to be a bit deeper than it looks and quite wide, egged on by Robert we go in steady then boot it, and come out with a slight misfire but to cries of "that's the way to do it" amidst a lot of clapping and cheering from a fair number of spectators. It wasn't till later when looking at the photos on the website did we realise we managed the biggest splash of all the competitors.

Into lunch - Robert and I sit and have a picnic whilst some joined the masses in the VERY crowded pub. It's soon time to go again, and the last section also with personal challenges and difficult junctions, after a while Robert not feeling great so we just concentrate on the correct route and just sort time and personal challenges some of the time. Before we know it we are near the end and the organisers had even managed to find a junction exactly a mile early with the same sign post reading, we didn't take the bait and were only one crew of a handful who didn't get a point at the final checkpoint.

Back at the venue we have a "high tea" as the list of achievements is listed as there are no winners or losers.

A special announcement at the beginning, 3 crews here today have done all five events, and are to be awarded a photo as a special memento. The 2 Volvos from Hooky and a couple in a rover P6 (I think) DIDNT WE DO WELL. I had to admit I actually was first on the first one with Dave Pizzy, not that there are any winners or losers its just for FUN !!!!,

## **Martin**

### **ACSMC Car Trial Championship 2009 (Formerly “Production Car Trials”)**

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## **An Invitation**

This last year has seen many fewer ACSMC competitors taking part in Car Trials above Club level. This is an attempt to interest ACSMC Club members in the Regional Championship and to give information about the classes and events, as we would be delighted to welcome you into the Championship.

There should be a class available for any two-wheel drive car with at least two seats and without ‘fiddle’ brakes. Class R was added to try and provide an opportunity for road rally cars (especially endurance rally cars) where their usual preparation and safety equipment won’t be a disadvantage. Class S is mainly intended for classic trials cars which wouldn’t normally be allowed in (production) car trials except at club level although other ‘specials’ would be welcome.

As well as the awards for the Champion and Class Winners, there are also awards for the best Clubman, Lady, and ‘Under 25’ Driver.

The 2009 ACSMC Car Trials Championship classes for competitors' points scoring are as follows:

Classes 1 – 4 will be as per the MSA Competitors Yearbook suggestions –

- 1 – Two wheel drive production cars first registered on or after 12 years prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year, taxed, carrying no ballast, driven to venue, max 10kg sumpguard, no modifications.
- 2 – Front wheel drive production cars not eligible for class 1.
- 3 – Rear wheel drive production cars not eligible for class 1.
- 4 – Modified production cars and kit cars.

Class R – Two wheel drive road rally cars as described in MSA Competitors Yearbook Sections H102 to H129 – Road Rallying. This class might not be included in the Index of Performance for overall positions on an event.

Class S – Two wheel drive cars not eligible for classes 1-4 or R. This class might not be included in the Index of Performance for overall positions on an event, and is only eligible for a class award in the Championship.

In all classes tyres must comply with MSA general regulations for Car Trials.

Only cars in Classes 1 and R should be required to produce an MOT certificate – cars in the other classes will not need to have MOTs.

The ACSMC Car Trials Championship will comprise of six National B events in 2009 (although this number may increase slightly). Falcon's 'Southern Autos', 'Brickhill', and 'Guy Fawkes' trials are all Championship rounds in the north of the Region. Woolbridge's 'Golden Springs', Eastbourne & Ram's 'Mercury', and Farnborough's 'Autumn Trial' are the southern rounds. This means that if you can get to compete on Falcon's events or the southern rounds (this can include officiating on one trial which gives points equivalent to a class win) then you will have done half the Championship without travelling to the other end of the Region. As you can see, a Championship campaign could be put together quite easily.

Full regs. for the 2009 ACSMC Car Trials Championship and an application form are available from the Championship Co-ordinators using the contact details above, or on the ACSMC website from early 2009.

**Colin Reid**

## *Magazine Editor's 'Bit'*

I'm not sure what happened last month, but the magazine definitely didn't put in an appearance! Oh well, we're back with it this month, just about! Please don't forget that if you have anything to say, well, say it to me and, hopefully, I'll put it in the next magazine. We want lots of different opinions now don't we?

I'm sure I nagged you about lights, didn't I? Well, we have seen an enormous number with one headlight gone - it's just an accident waiting to happen. Can you all please check and make sure yours are OK, PLEASE!!

We do hope you all had an excellent Christmas, Brian and I did, I'm glad to say. Naturally, we wish you the happiest New Year - let's hope 'they' sort things out and we get back to 'normal'. Thanks to those who have contributed.

Hopefully the President's will be running so you could win the following (I suggest you contact the Comp Sec for information):



*Pam*

# WITNEY MOTOR CLUB

## Membership Application Form

When complete, please return this form with the correct remittance to:

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To apply for a FULL membership, a FULL driving licence must be held.

Family membership covers Husband & Wife (one of whom need not hold a full driving licence) plus children who do not hold a driving licence.

Membership type	Cost	Qty	Total
ADVANCED FAMILY MEMBERSHIP*	£23.00		
ADVANCED SINGLE MEMBERSHIP*	£20.00		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£15.00		
FULL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	£12.00		
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£ 5.00		
WMC Windscreen sticker	£ 4.00		
WMC car sticker	£ 2.00		
WMC sweat shirt	£15.00		
WMC tee shirt	£10.00		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

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<b>Are you a new member?</b>	

Your details will be held on a database to enable distribution of club information only. Please tick whichever aspects of the club you are interested in.

**\*THIS OPTION IS FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY - INCLUDES FREE ENTRY TO A TREASURE HUNT, AUTOTEST & 12-CAR RALLY.**

<b>Stage rallying</b>	Yes / No
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