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Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2019

February 2019		
5th		Committee Meeting
8th		Scatter Rally Starting At The Hunting Lodge Ivybridge 7:30pm Contact James Ellison For Entries & More Info
15th		Valentine 12 Car Rally (More Info On Facebook & Club Website)
March 2019		
1st		AGM (More Info In Email)
8th		Scatter Rally (More Info Coming Soon)
29th		12 Car Rally (More Info Coming Soon)

Werrington Park Hillclimb
4th & 5th May 2019

Series Dates 2019

Scatters:

8th February,
8th March,
14th June,
11th October,
8th November.

12 Car Dates:

29th March,
26th April,
24th May,
28th June,
26th July,
27th September,
25th October,
29th November.

Comus Cup:

12th April,
10th May,
12th July,
9th August,
13th September.

New Website

A big thank you to James Ellison for all his efforts on creating a new place for the PMC website to call home as well as giving it a much needed visual revamp. The new website has a large variety of information updated regularly and will in the future bring some very interesting features with it as well.

Check it out now at:
www.plymouthmotorclub.co.uk



Plymouth Motor Club.

Hello and Welcome to The website of Plymouth Motor Club.

Plymouth Motor Club is based in Plymouth, Devon and was formed in 1908. We are the the Oldest motor club within the South West of England, and one of the oldest in the Country.
As a club we put on many different events throughout the year, all under the regulations set out by Motorsport UK, the governing body of Motor sport in the UK.

Many of our events are at a 'grass-roots' level and are aimed at getting any motor enthusiast competing or marshalling.

The Club Members are interested in all forms of Motor Sport and Compete and Officiate at all levels of Motor Sport from Club level up to International Events. Membership is open to everyone and further details can be found on our Membership Page.

We hope that you find Our site of interest and if you would like more information on the Club or Motor Sport then Please feel free to Contact us using the Form on the Contacts Page.

Events

Rallies.

Our members can be found helping and competing at many Motor Sport Rallies across the South West of England and beyond.

We help Organise and run the Motoesport Carnival at Boconnoc in Cornwall with South Hams and Camel Vale Motor Clubs in August.

Our Members are also involved with Organising on the Wales Rally GB by filling various rolls suchs as Start and Radio Crews.

12 Car Rallies.

The Club run a series of 12 Car Navigational Exercises over the year. Usually on the Last Friday of the Month between March and November. More details can be found on the 12 Car Rallies Page.

Social.

The 2018 Awards Presentation Evening took place on the 19th January 2019 at the Yelverton Golf Club.

A good time was had by all after an enjoyable meal.

Hillclimbs.

The Club is involved in many Hillclimbs in South West of England

The Clubs premier Event is Werrington Hillclimb which takes place over the first weekend in May at Werrington Park near Launceston, Cornwall.

The Club is also a partner Club at the Five Clubs Hillclimb at Wiscombe Park, near Honiton, Devon which takes place at the beginning of September.

The Club has been proud to been involved with the running of The Watergate Bay Hillclimb this year.

This was the First Closed Road Hillclimb to take place after the recent change in the law to make it easier to allow Roads to be Closed for Motor Sport and other Events.

Club Events.

The Club run various Events during the year aimed at helping people get involved in Motor Sport and helping to build your confidence.

Comus Cup Treasure Hunts.

We organise a regular Treasure Hunt series during the Summer Months. These are set at a gentle level and are aimed at

See the Comus Cup page for more details.

Scatter Rally's.

We hold Scatter Rally's during the Spring and Autumn seasons.

More Details on the Scatter Rallies Page.

Editorial

Well that's January over and done with for another year, its flown by as usual even though it's a dormant month for motorsport.

The most important part of the month for me was obviously ~~The Dinner & Dance & Awards Presentation~~ my birthday at the beginning of the month, although the most important part of the month for the club has to be the Dinner-Dance & Awards Presentation Evening.

Firstly, a big well done to Malcolm & Linda Tuppen for organising the event as well as everyone else that helped out when needed. It was great to see so many different people collecting awards, if you did win however and were unable to collect your award on the night please contact Malcom (Details In Front Cover) to arrange collection.

Looking forward to the year ahead I really cannot wait for the weather to start picking up so that my evenings after work can be spent outside rather than sat by the log burner, although the sitting about does mean my mind starts wandering into things that could be designed, built and raced. Just need to find one that's sensible enough to actually build and perhaps in budget would help as well.

For me this year motorsport will fill my calendar in its usual format of Marshalling duties at Werrington, 5 Clubs & hopefully some 12 Cars this year as well. Competition wise, I wouldn't mind filling my time with a sprint or hillclimb but there is nothing planned as of yet so that'll definitely be a spur of the moment thing to occur, fingers crossed I can come up with something. Comus & Scatters will hopefully also grace my calendar a bit more this year so that should tick my competion box for a few months along with our grass autotests if Dad lets me borrow the car again.

The rest of my calendar is still full of car related events with a number of car shows, track days, action days and maybe a touring car round filling the other empty dates. I can say that my year is quiet compared with some but its definitely shaping up to be the busiest year that I've had.

Until Next Month, Good Bye. ***Rob Selley***

Chairman's Chat

A huge welcome to 2019! January is generally a quiet month for the club with one exception, our annual awards Dinner & Dance evening. The event to celebrate the winners of the 2018 PMC events. What a night it was! This year held at Yeleverton Golf Club. There are a number of thank yous to be made (if I have overlooked someone I'll apologise in advance) and I'll start with Malcolm Tuppen for all his work in organising the Dinner & Dance and co-ordinating and organising the results tables and getting the all the trophies "sorted". Thanks also go to Peter Locke who hosted the evening on the microphone. Thanks to our Patron Mr David Sharp for giving the prizes out. Thanks to Christine and Adele for getting everyone to purchase a raffle ticket. Talking of the raffle thank you to all that donated prizes. The money raised goes to the Chairman's Charity which for this Devon Freewheelers – volunteers who operate 24/7 blood bikes , organ transfers between hospitals etc etc. Thank you to all who attended. Congratulations to all the winners. Lastly but by no means least thank you to all who supported Plymouth Motor Club in our 110th year whether by entering our events, organising, marshalling etc.

Right then, looking ahead and some updates. With Werrington creeping up on us the planning for this year's event is under way. While I'm on this subject we will need volunteers to help set up and pack away. The numbers have dwindled our the years, but with the introduction of flat bed vans and a telehandler the work is a lot easier BUT as the saying goes many hands make light work.
The 5 Clubs hillclimb takes place again on the first weekend of September at Wiscombe and updates will be as and when available. The other hillclimb that PMC are

110th Anniversary Dinner—Dance & Awards Presentation In Photos















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involved with (co-organising with Truro& District MC and Newquay) is the 2ND running of the closed road hillclimb at Watergate Bay, Newquay. The paperwork for track licence and closed road permit have been submitted and are now awaiting to hear back.

Our Valentines/Beginners 12 car is on Friday 15th February and is organised by Dan Wills . More details to follow.
The 12 car series starts on 29th March and runs every last Friday of the month upto and including November (with a break for August only).

The Comus Cup treasure hunts start on 12th April and the Scatters on the 8th of March. Full date are on our website www.plymouthmotorclub.co.uk and our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/497888887012130/.
Talking of website stuff, event details can be found on our Facebook page (Plymouth motor club) and our twitter account is now back up running and you can follow us at: https://twitter.com/PlymouthMC

Don't forget my "door" is always open so if you need or would like to talk to me, please don't hesitate to contact me email is: chairman@plymouthmotorclub.co.uk or 07867 86094 is my mobile number.

Jay Brown
Chairman

Membership

If you are competing early in 2019 please get your membership renewals in early to avoid disappointment and any last minute rush/panic.

Competitions update – January 2018

Production schedules being what they are, I'm writing this before the Awards Presentation Evening but I hope that the Editor will have something about the "AD&D" – can't we get away from calling it that, it sounds so old fashioned, in this edition. Indeed, by the time that you get this we will be lining up for our first competitive event of the year, the February Scatter. It's just the thing for getting the grey matter stirring before the Valentine rally the following Friday. As we still seem to be in winter slumber mode as a club I don't have any start locations for these two events so you'll have to look on James' revamped website or social media.

Family commitments prevented me from attending the 12 car meeting last week but I hope that a productive meeting was held. It can't have been too bad as Simon Heywood has asked for copies of last year's regs (yes, they did exist!) to re-write for this year. Thanks Simon. There was also a Boconnoc meeting last week, I hope that someone was able to attend and hold Jay's hand – only joking Jay! Planning for Werrington has been a bit slow this year due to the uncertainty of what was happening at Motorsport UK as our governing body is now called. However, we have applied for a track licence and I'm part-way through writing the regs so that's some progress I suppose. We have a new Chief Marshal at Werrington this year – Rich Brooks so please support him if he asks you to come & help. He must be brave, getting married to Jen at Easter & then Chief Marshal at Werrington two weeks later ☺!

I was at the South Hams Autosolo last weekend. Having not been to one for a couple of years, I'd forgotten how

much fun they could be. I just wish that we had a venue! I did notice in the regs that we were an invited club but don't recall an invite coming my way. If there's an invite for the 2020 event I might be tempted!
Have a great 2019, whatever you do!

More news next month!
Peter Locke

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Geoff's Racing Season 2018

First of all I will let you all know the sort of car I have got. It's an AMS Murtaya, built in 2008 to my specifications. It has got a sports racing car body - Monocoque Design, this means if Rasmir got a chassis. It is AMS own design. Built in Cornwall, near Newquay by an ex-F1 Designer. It weighs 900 kilograms. The running gear is a Subaru engine - gearbox and with 3 LSD Diffs. Since being built I have heavily modified it ie 500BHP Racing engine; Max revs 10000RPM Rev limited; 500LBS Fee to 9000RPM for safety. 8 Pot Calliper racing brakes and 365mm drilled cross milled and ventilated discs. 5 speed modified gearbox and stage 3 racing clutch. Nap off steering wheel (quick release); two roll bars front and rear. 4" exhaust right through 2 engine maps lower one 350 bhp; flick a switch to 500bhp and it becomes an animal. A real blast to drive, fully adjustable suspension. That's enough about the car. It has many more mods but I won't list them all.

I have been racing since 2010 doing sprints, hill climbs, track days in Britain and Europe being towed on a trailer with my 21 year old Audi A4. Also a lot of road navigation rallies with various navigators. My first event this year, 2018 was a sprint in Newquay Airport in March, followed by 4 more at the same venue. 4 more sprints at Portreath airfield. These are very complex events with a very complex course. I had a big spin at the second one in August but all good fun! I have done a lot of hill climbs at Castle Hill Climb at Lostwitheal in Cornwall x 4 Tregrehan at St Austell. Two at Charmouth, Dorset. Two day hill climb at Watergate Bay near Newquay in September. This was historic as it is the first time since 1919 that a motor racing closed public road has been allowed in the UK. This was a very

good event with about 15,000 spectators. The police, Cornwall County Council were very pleased with the organised events and want us to run it for the foreseeable future. The first corner on the hill climb was complex. I had the wrong gearing for this so might change the gear ratios for the 2019 hill climb.

I have done track days at the Castle Combe Circuit and Llandow in South Wales, very good value for money. I use tyres that we call cut slicks of various different compounds of rubber. They don't last very long but have fantastic grip if hot. Because I am in a road car class I am not allowed to use slicks (non-treaded tyres). You have to use FIA grade racing fire-proof overalls, boots gloves and FIA crash-helmet. My helmet is out of date at the end of this year (2018) so will have to get a new one for the 2019 season. In the paddock of all these events the other drivers are all very helpful as are the team mechanics. They will help you with any trouble or crash damage sustained during the meeting. Your car and clothing have to be scrutineered at every meeting which means being checked for safety. It is quite an involved procedure.

I also take the car by road to various shows in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset. I am not as keen on this as I find it rather boring sitting around showing off the car. I would much rather be on the track giving it a lot of wellie (driving it very hard!!). I love it, I had a very good season last year (2018) considering my age of 78, with people saying I was doing really well. Roll on this season when I hope to do more events further afield.

I hope you all enjoy reading this. Geoff Thomas

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