Spotlamp



100 YEARS
PLYMOUTH
MOTOR CLUB
1908 - 2008

September 2019

RIDGEWAY TYRE CENTRE

THE MEWS, RIDGEWAY, PLYMPTON

(01752) 342505

MOST LEADING BRANDS OF TYRES
EXHAUSTS - BATTERIES - COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL BREAKDOWN SERVICE

OPENING TIMES MON - FRI 8.30 AM - 6 PM
SAT 8.30 AM - 5 PM SUN 10.00 AM - 1PM



PLYMOUTH MOTOR CLUB MEMBER WELCOME—GIVE US A CALL

IVYBRIDGE, PLYMOUTH

(01752) 895057

MOST LEADING BRANDS OF TYRES EXHAUSTS & BATTERIES
BALANCING - TRACKING & PUNCTURE REPAIRS ETC

Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2019

September 2019		
4th		Evening Autotest Cadover Bridge Contact Kev Moyses For More Information
7th/8th		5 Clubs Wiscombe Park Hillclimb
13th		Comus Cup Treasure Hunt
27th		Renault Cup 12 Car Rally More Info To Follow
28th/29th		Manor Farm Hillclimb
October 2019		
11th		Scatter More Info To Follow
12th/13th		Tregrehan Hillclimb

Series Dates 2019

Scatters:

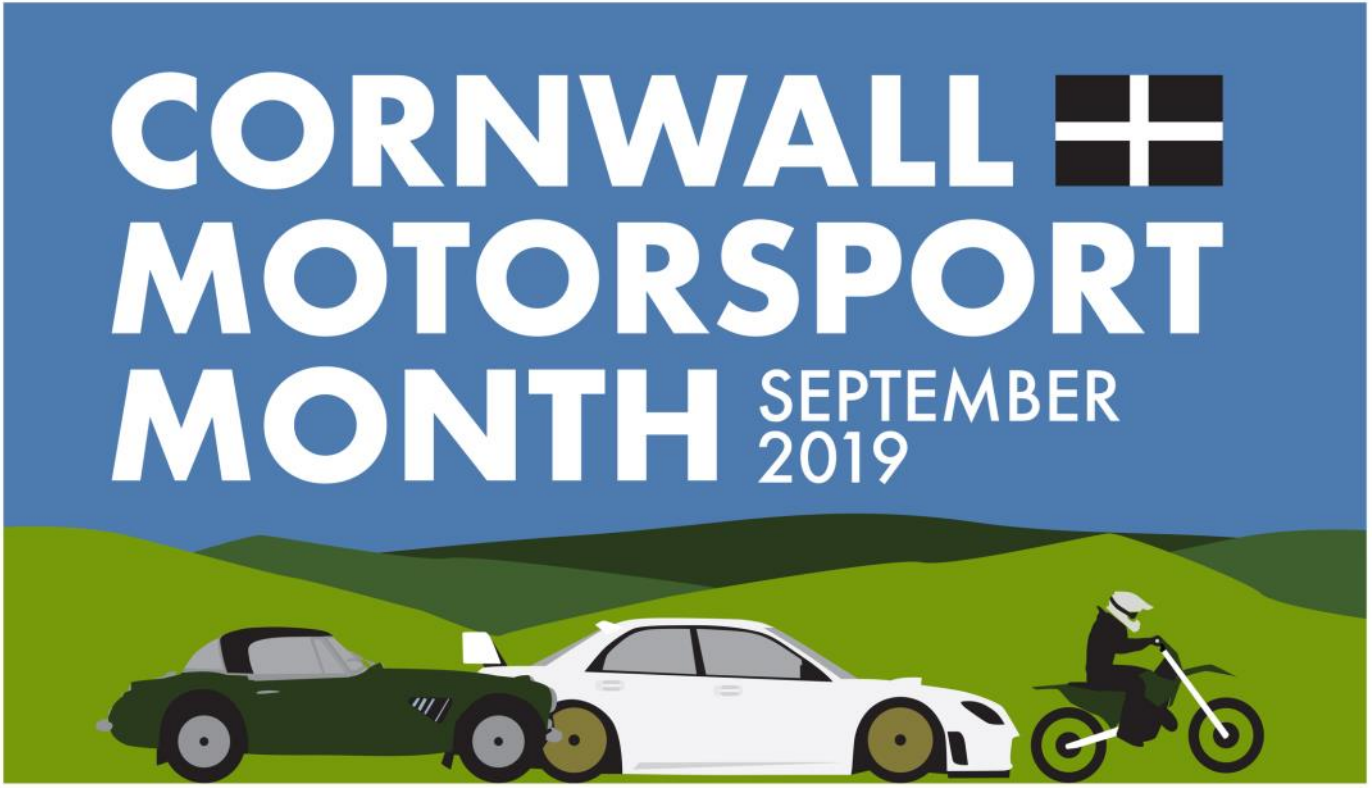
8th February,
8th March,
14th June,
11th October,
8th November.

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.



WWW.CORNWALLMOTORSPORTMONTH.COM

Committee Update

It is with regret that we have to report the resignations from the committee of both Jay Brown and Elizabeth Barneecutt-Brown. Both had served on the club committee for about seven years.

Liz served as Club Secretary and the Club Safeguarding Officer and carried out other duties including organising the Annual Dinner and Dance.

Jay became the club's Chief Marshal and then served for several years as Chairman. He also represented PMC at ASWMC meetings and last year became the ASWMC Training Officer.

The committee would like to thank them both for their support and hard work over the years and wish them well for the future.

For Sale:

Solid Silver Hallmarked PMC Keyrings
£45 Each
Plymouth Les Grimshaw
01752 771484

Ford ohv crossflow engine parts 1600 cc
Blocks, heads, crankshafts,
lots more parts for MK1 Escort
Peter Benson 01752 241723

Martin Sharp Remembered

It is with much sadness that we have to report the passing of one of the Club's long time members and supporters, Martin Sharp. He became involved in PMC activities at a very early age along with his motorsport enthusiastic Dad,Dave and Mum, Eva and his big sister Eli.

Martin left Hele's School with three 'A' levels and started an apprenticeship with British Rail and although he was on low wages he started to prepare a MK1 Escort to use on hillclimbs and stage rallies. It was a well put together car and he quickly established himself as a very capable driver competing on many Southwest events. On completing his apprenticeship, Martin left BR and worked for a number of companies before securing a job in the Dockyard working on the Trident nuclear submarine project as a mechanical fitter. It was at this time that a friend persuaded Martin to apply for a degree course at university, a huge decision for him to make. He was out of full time employment for four years and had to sell his beloved rally car and stop racing for a while.

He came out of university with a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Mechanical Engineering, with a 2:1 degree, an incredible result from someone who earlier thought himself not good enough to go to university.

He worked for Algram for a while and gained a Master of Philosophy degree then moved to BD at Belliver as a Project and Process Engineer where he soon got promoted to Engineering Manager.

He also worked as a 'STEM' (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) Ambassador for many year, encouraging youngsters to get into the world of engineering.


msconsultingltd.co.uk


UAN 406M
27




27


65


UAN 406M


11A
MAR
LIFT


msconsultingltd.co.uk
26


RMW 930S

In recent years he started to compete again and bought himself a single seater, a Honda engined OMS R/A. He quickly got to grips with driving the car and became very competitive. There are some in car footage of Martin driving the OMS at Werrington and Wiscombe on 'youtube', which show his true talent as a driver.

The PMC committee will always be grateful to Martin for running several 'team building' evenings, to help with smoother running of committee meetings, we all learnt a lot.

As well as being a motor sport enthusiast, he was an accomplished guitar player and was in a band with Eli called 'Open to Offers'. The band came second in the Paul Rose Rock Awards. Once again, there is a video on 'youtube' playing with the band.

Martin also loved football, playing and watching on TV, Home Park and even Wembley and made many friends who were also footy fans. Martin was a wonderful, caring and a clever human being, who could put his hand to anything, and would help and encourage anyone to give their best.

He was also a devoted to his two children, Max and Maddie and was an amazing dad and to see him with them was the epitome of his unconditional love.

Everyone who knew Martin were devastated at the sad news in June and St Mary's church was full of the many many friends he had made from all the different aspects of his life. His life may have been short, but he made a big impression on everyone he met and was an inspiration to many.

SRD LIMITED

Competition Engines

SPECIALISTS IN

Duratec // BD Series // MAE // Pinto // Cross Flow

Here at SRD we are able to offer a complete range of services including:

- // Schenck Engine Dynamometer Test Cell
- // Sun Ram12 Rolling Road Dynamometer
- // Serdi Cylinder Head Machining & Valve Seat Replacement
- // Cylinder Head Gas Flowing
- // Pressure Testing of Popular Heads & Blocks
- // Prince Crankshaft Regrinding
- // Avery Crankshaft Dynamic Balancing
- // Rod & Piston Balancing
- // Sunnen Connecting Rod Reconditioning
- // Cylinder Head and Block Surfacing
- // Cylinder Block Re-boring
- // Helicoil Thread Repair

SRD Modified,High Port Pinto Engines, as used by Nigel Craig outright winner of 2004 Semsec Sports & saloon Championship,2006 BARC SE DMN Class B champ, & 2009 Semsec Class champion. Also by Richard Fishleigh (pictured) 3rd overall in 2013 Jersey Rally, and by Nigel Cray: Outright winner of the 2011 Irish Forestry Championship, 4 wins from 4 starts.



Available now:
Historic Rally Spec SRD developed Pinto with 217BHP and 170 ft lbs torque

Contact us now for your 2015 Historic or Open Spec Ford 2.0L OHC Engine requirements!

t: 01566 778779

ewport Industrial Estate
Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8EX

www.srdengines.co.uk

~~Editorial~~
24 Hours With Team Toyshed

Rain,Rain and more Rain is the best way to describe the trip up to Snetterton on the Friday afternoon, evening and very nearly the early hours of Saturday morning. Thankfully, I wasn't the one driving. Although I think Tom needed a boat for the conditions we were travelling in especially when an Audi went flying past and threw a lake of water onto the car. We arrived, sorted out the tickets to get in, laughed at Chris when the seat fell off the Bike he was riding, had some beer with Andy and then went to bed (Not with Andy).

I was up reasonably early on the Saturday morning because the tent was roasting hot, of course after the terrible weather we had on the way up the weather was now beautiful sunshine without a cloud in sight. Typical.

The team had suffered issues with an oil leak during previous sessions but the issue had already been found and fixed so it was just a case of some routine checks by Tom whilst I shadowed learning what I could and giving a hand when possible. My job for the weekend was to refuel the car and lend a hand with anything else that needed doing.

With the race not starting until 17:00, there was a long wait until the start of the race. Thankfully there was some

The Editor reserves the right to amend articles received as necessary. The views expressed in Spotlamp are the views of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the Editor, or of the Club and its Officers. Copyright Plymouth Motor Club 2019©

interesting machinery in the support races to watch including a Mk2 Escort, Subaru Impreza and even an older gent in an Alfa as Andy put it.

The race start time approached and we pushed the car out of the garage to line it up for some photos and of course a team photo as well. Chris was starting, with Danielle due to take over control in roughly two hours. And then all of a sudden we were off 998cc Minis, Racing Citroen 2CVs and even ones with BMW bike engines there was so much to take in that I didn't really know where to look.

This started the two hour cycle off. Eat, drink, talk, joke, refuel and then repeat. With someone on the headset all the time just encase of issues or unscheduled pit stops. Although in the moment time seemed like it was going slow, the whole 24 hours in fact seemed to fly by. I remember the first time I refuelled the car my hands were shaking from nerves but there was nothing to worry about as it all went off without a hitch.

It must have been about eleven o'clock in the evening when I asked Brian to time our stop and compare it against the other Minis. It was nice to find out that our pit stops were consistently over a minute faster than our rivals. That did calm the nerves and made the rest of the pit stops a lot easier.

It was about 5 o'clock in the morning after some serious yawning that both Brian and Andy suggested I should get a few hours sleep. I'd been resisting sleep mainly due to the stories of people waking up tided to the chair they were sat in after falling asleep, so I decided the tent was the safest place to go.

PURE MOTORSPORT

Tel: 01841 531102
www.pure-motorsport.co.uk
enquiries@pure-motorsport.co.uk
www.facebook.com/puremotorsportuk

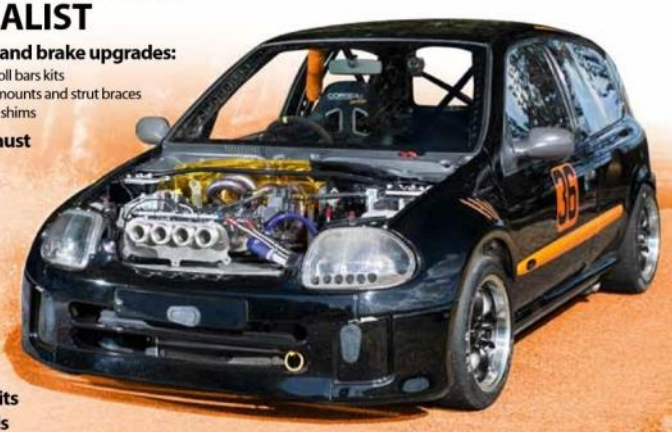
RENAULT MOTORSPORT PARTS SPECIALIST

Motorsport suspension and brake upgrades:
- Adjustable wishbones
- Anti-roll bars kits
- Bearing conversion kits
- Top mounts and strut braces
- Wheel alignment products and shims

High quality racing exhaust manifolds and systems
- All stainless, lightweight competition exhausts

Race engine parts and ancillaries
- Air-conditioning deletion kits
- Uprated engine mounts
- Throttle body kits
- Clutch and flywheel kits
- Performance engine packages and kits coming soon...

Precision gear linkage kits
Lightweight body panels



Big J Services Ltd

Domestic & Commercial Cleaning Services
Independent Inventory Clerks
Event Management & Consultancy

Fully Insured & Vetted Staff

www.bigjservices.co.uk

Email info@bigjservices.co.uk

01752 916002 / 07785 296053

fsb MEMBER

Registered Office: Unit MSU9A, Level 1, 1 Charles Street, Plymouth PL1 1EA

Find us on Facebook

After 3 hours sleep, I woke feeling considerably better and thankfully without being the victim of pranks from the others.

The race went on without a hitch in our garage until the end. However, we did have one Mini roll and two out with issues. Although we did get one out at the end so 5 Minis did cross the line at the finish.

Packing away started before the race finished as Tom needed to be back home for work on Monday morning, we stayed for the prize giving and podium. Overall we finished 6th (although we did give up 5th to make sure that all the Minis crossed the line together) but 2nd in Class.

We both said our goodbyes and started the trip home hoping that it would be take a lot less time compared with the trip up. We couldn't have asked for much better weather during the drive home, with sunshine and the odd shower for most of the way.

I finally got home and into bed at 3 o'clock on Monday morning. That meant in a total of 42 hours I'd had 3 hours sleep, it was safe to say that I was completely knackered.
I would like to say a very big thank you to Andy for letting me join the team for the weekend, Bev for keeping me fed and watered, Brian and Tom for showing me the ropes and finally everyone for all the jokes (especially Andy) and associated laughter. And Tom for driving me up and back.

Apologies for the lack of details, I think the lack of sleep made me lose the plot slightly on what was happening and when it was happening as well.

Until Next Month, Good Bye.
Rob Selley

My Photos



Professional Photos Courtesy of Adam Lines






W W W What's going on?

The title? No, it's not Marvin Gaye with a stammer, it's just that it occurred to me the other day that all of our hillclimbs begin with a W. As that's what this is all about the title seemed apt to me.

First W… Despite the change of May Day Bank Holiday date for 2020, Mr Williams has confirmed to me that the Werrington weekend will be on 2nd & 3rd May (our normal weekend after the Woolbridge Wiscombe weekend). Plans are afoot to create a new paddock entrance "road" as I write this – more news when I have it!

As for the other 2 W's, by the time that you read this, entries for both the 5 Clubs Wiscombe hillclimb and Watergate Bay hillclimb will have been opened & closed with both events full. I'm told that our most distant member (as in the one furthest from Plymouth!) has an entry in his Chevron B19, watch out Dougie, he's coming after you!!!!

We are looking for marshals for both events too, bottom paddock and hill marshals for Wiscombe and hill marshals for Watergate bay.

Contacts are either John Sluman or Peter Locke (Werrington_@_plymouthmotorclub.co.uk should find us if you omit the underscores) for Wiscombe & Neil Gould (via the Watergate hillclimb website) for Watergate bay.

Also, don't forget to keep up to date with all of the events that are happening during Cornwall Motorsport Month at www.cornwallmotorsportmonth.com

One last thing… Werrington 2020 stickers should be available at 5 Clubs Wiscombe – get yours there!

That's it for now, hope to see you all somewhere during the autumn.

Peter Locke ***Speed Event Central***

T. R. ROWE
TREBURLEY GARAGE

Established 1951

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL
TELEPHONE: 01579 370348

ALL MECHANICAL REPAIRS
COMPUTERISED DIAGNOSTICS
MOT TESTING

Vintage & Classic Cars Welcome



Retail Motor Industry Federation

VEHICLE TESTING STATION

01752 665984 01752 767156

Varley Trophies

ENGRAVING
Specialists

TROPHIES AWARDS KEEPSAKES JEWELLERY SILVERWARE WATCHES PLAQUES

We are the oldest established trophy retailer in the UK and have been supplying trophies and awards for over 45 years. Varley Trophies is a family run business, who pride themselves on customer service, quality workmanship and value for money.



Sports & School Trophies, Ribbons & Medals, Achievement Awards,
Other Awards & Gifts and all types of Hand Engraving
We stock a huge range of event trophies at all prices and sizes in
Silver, Moulded Resin, Perspex, Wood and Glass

Varley Trophies & Engravers Seven Stars Lane, Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth, PL5 4NN
www.varleytrophies.co.uk **sales@varleytrophies.co.uk**

Autotests

Well August can be an unpredictable month weather wise and also with peoples availability due to holidays. Unfortunately the hot weather left us with heavy rain and strong winds, adding this to a shortage of entries meant we had no alternative but to cancel the event on Saturday 10th of August.

We did however manage to run a successful event on Sunday 25th August in glorious sunshine with seven entries, four of which were new members. The tests proved a little slippy and entertaining early on, the result of a heavy dew, but the strong sunshine soon took care of that. A table of results is in this magazine.

The next event sees a return to the Wednesday evening slot and is set for the 4th of September, Scrutineering starts at 18.00hrs with the First car starting at 18.30hrs. The event must be finished by 20:00hrs and any competitor not signed on by 18.30hrs may be excluded.

Lets make this last autotest of the year a roaring success with a full entry. Please let Kevin Moyses know if you intend to enter.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Keith

CAR	NAME	CL	ROUND 1				ROUND 2				ROUND 3				ROUND 4				TOTAL	RESULT
			TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3	TEST 4	TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3	TEST 4	TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3	TEST 4	TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3	TEST 4		
1	Martin Swan	1	27.3	28.9	34.7	38.6	27.5	27.2	33.4	43.3	23.0	26.3	33.9	33.4	22.0	23.6	30.2	37.0	**490.3**	
			27.3	56.2	90.9	129.5	157.0	184.2	217.6	260.9	283.9	310.2	344.1	377.5	399.5	423.1	453.3	490.3		
2	Matt Swan	1	27.6	28.8	wt	33.0	25.5	29.0	33.0	27.8	23.2	24.4	33.4	27.4	23.2	25.6	29.3	wt	**501.3**	
			27.6	56.4	113.5	146.5	172.0	201.0	234.0	261.8	285.0	309.4	342.8	370.2	393.4	419.0	448.3	501.3		
3	Nigel Swan	1	26.8	26.7	27.1	64.5	25.1	26.7	33.4	26.6	31.9	24.5	34.8	25.0	23.4	21.2	50.0	23.0	**508.5**	
			26.8	53.5	80.6	141.2	166.3	193.0	226.4	253.0	284.9	309.4	365.9	390.9	414.3	435.5	485.5	508.5		
4	Andrew Capon	1	22.7	25.9	35.4	35.2	22.0	25.5	33.8	29.0	20.1	24.0	34.1	24.9	wt	21.1	30.3	wt	**489.0**	
			22.7	48.6	84.0	119.2	141.2	166.7	200.5	229.5	249.6	273.6	307.7	332.6	384.6	405.7	436.0	489.0		
5	Andy Hamlyn	1	27.6	27.5	37.9	31.2	26.8	26.3	33.3	30.9	21.8	25.2	33.9	23.9	22.0	19.5	30.8	25.9	**444.5**	**FTD**
			27.6	55.1	93.0	124.2	151.0	177.3	210.6	241.5	263.3	288.5	322.4	346.3	368.3	387.8	418.6	444.5		
6	Mark Capon	1	25.8	25.9	35.3	34.4	25.3	35.4	34.8	31.5	22.9	25.3	26.5	40.0	23.0	23.3	31.4	35.6	**476.4**	
			25.8	51.7	87.0	121.4	146.7	182.1	216.9	248.4	271.3	296.6	323.1	363.1	386.1	409.4	440.8	476.4		
7	Kevin Moyses	1	25.8	26.4	38.5	30.6	25.8	25.9	35.1	29.2	22.7	25.9	34.5	31.1	23.4	21.8	30.0	26.8	**453.5**	**1st in class**
			25.8	52.2	90.7	121.3	147.1	173.0	208.1	237.3	260.0	285.9	320.4	351.5	374.9	396.7	426.7	453.5		

PCS
PRINT COPY SCAN

Super fast copiers from PCS and Develop.

Different models...

...same drive



PCS
PRINT COPY SCAN
Yelverton Farm, Plymstock, Plymouth PL9 8AA | 01752 401197
Victoria Beacon Place, Station Approach, Victoria, St Austell PL26 8LG | 01726 290480
www.printcopyscan.co.uk