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Tribute To The Late Malcolm Tuppen

It is with a very heavy heart that we have to inform everyone that one of PMC's longest serving members, Malcolm Tuppen, has passed away.

Malcolm had always been a very active member of the club from the mid 60's to the present day and served on the committee for many years as the Awards Secretary. His was also a Vice President, had been a Vice Chairman, became Chairman in 1987 and was made a Honorary Life Member.

Malcolm started his passion for motor sport in his early teens when he became friends with Chris and Doris Inch. Their garage in St Budeaux was very close to where Malcolm lived. Chris Inch (Paul's father) was a very accomplished Mini tuner and driver and it wasn't long before Malcolm found himself behind the wheel competing in Autocross's, Hillclimbs and Stage Rallies.

Autocross was extremely popular in the 60's and 70's and Chris and Malcolm became contenders in the 'Players Number Six' National Autocross Championship. Chris also used to compete in circuit races around the country and Malcolm would go along as Pit Crew.

PMC's Hemerdon Hillclimb was one of Malcolm's favourite events, gaining FTD on several occasions and he will forever hold the hill record driving Chris's extremely rapid 998 cc Mini, aubergine with a wide yellow strip.

Malcolm was also a very good navigator and enjoyed sitting in the hot seat, mainly with Bob Bennetts, in another Mini and with Paul Perkins in a 1300 cc Chrysler Avenger.

He was never phased navigating, nothing worried him, his good humour often easing tense moments in the car.

He enjoyed all forms of motor sport including grass roots events and would often be seen as a passenger/ navigator or driving himself. When he wasn't competing he would help organise or marshal, he was always there. When he got together with Linda, in the late 80's, she too was there, supporting Malcolm and PMC.

As well as his passion for motor sport he also loved classic Mini's especially early Cooper 'S's and Moke's, he had quite a few!

Malcolm always encouraged new members to come along and participate in events, whether they were social or competitive. At committee meetings he was never afraid to voice his opinion and was a guiding influence regarding rules and etiquette for which he was greatly respected.

We held the October Committee Meeting at Malcolm's house, as despite being poorly he was still keen to be involved. He was quite upbeat and attentive at the meeting and for those of us who attended, it was an honour to share that last meeting with him.
If anyone would like to attend Malcolm's funeral it will take place at 11.00 am on Thursday 31st October at Cornwood Church. We would like to invite anyone who knew Malcolm, to post any stories, memories or photographs they may have on the PMC FB page.

RIP Malcolm, a great friend and stalwart to Plymouth Motor Club. Our thoughts are with Linda, Angela and family. ***Brian Benson President.***



Above: Malcolm Tuppen & Bob Bennetts
Below: Malcolm Tuppen & Paul Perkin



Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2019

November 2019		
7th		Rally Of The Tests More Info In This Mag
17th		Challenger Stages Bovington
29th		Rover Cup 12 Car Rally
December 2019		
7th		Le Jog Comes To Werrington
25th		Christmas Day
January 2020		
18th		Awards Presentation Evening Info & Booking Form In The Centre Of Mag

Series Dates 2019

Scatters:

8th February,
8th March,
14th June,
11th October,
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Editorial

October seems to be a month that has flown by extremely quickly. I haven't been to anything motorsport related this month but that hasn't stopped me watching motorsport.

At the beginning of the year I set myself the target of watching every race of this years BTCC championship and whilst that did go to plan for just over half the season the latter half went completely out the window. It was nice to see that Turkington eventually won the championship and hopefully I'll actually meet my target next year instead.

Next year I'm hoping that I can also sink my teeth into the WEC and follow the season closer than I have done in previous years. I especially want to go to the Daytona 24 but I think that'll have to be in a few years time.

WRC hasn't really interested me all that much partly due to the awful coverage of it on TV and elsewhere. Although a rally that has really caught my eye is the Rallye Legends event featuring both modern and classic cars. The videos of the event online show spectator lined streets reminiscent of times gone by.

F1 due to the accessibility has been my go to motorsport on television and although certain races can be boring it still has some good racing and excellent strategy. I hope the regulation changes that are due in 2021 can give the sport some closer racing and make the championship fight a lot closer like in previous years.

My thanks to Brian Benson for writing the fitting tribute to our dear friend Malcolm Tuppen who we lost earlier this month, he was always very approachable to talk to and knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics both within and outside motorsport or cars in general. Malcolm also contributed greatly to my opinionated discussions at committee meetings whether he agreed with my point of view or not which was hugely helpful in having a balanced discussion at the meetings

Committee meetings won't be the same without you and neither will Plymouth Motor Club

Rob Selley

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Return of Award Trophies



I'm afraid its time to think about taking your trophy off the mantlepiece, giving it a good polish with Silvo and getting it back to me.

As the Dinner and Dance and Presentation is planned for January next year the engravers need to start in December.
I therefore would like them back by the beginning of December.

You can make arrangements with me or via any committee member.
My contact number is **01752 311128** (answerphone)

Thanks in anticipation
Keith Selley

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W-W-What's (not) going on

It seems that we ran out of luck towards the end of the season with venue and weather problems causing the cancellation of four events (Portreath sprint, Chivenor sprint, Manor Farm hillclimb & Tregrehan hillclimb) in the past couple of months. There have been high points too with both 5 Clubs Wiscombe & Watergate Bay taking place in glorious weather. As I was at Wiscombe and not Watergate Bay I can't comment on what happened there but it seems that, whilst there were some problems, I'm told that most people enjoyed themselves. It also seems that I got things wrong last month with both Ian Ingleheart and Ben Bonfield at Watergate and not Wiscombe! In my defence of having said that, Ian was in the entry list for the MGCC meeting but competed at Watergate and Ben was just showing off his car in the Watergate paddock. Looking through the results I can see that PMC must have been well represented at the awards presentation ceremonies on both days – well done everyone! Some superb pictures of the event can be found at Howie Fowler's Flickr pages. So, after all that good stuff, the season then fell apart with the weather forcing cancellations at Manor Farm and Tregrehan as, in both cases, the paddock was waterlogged. Thus ended the ASWMC 2019 hillclimb & sprint seasons with Ian Ingleheart and Ben Bonfield first & second in the hillclimb championship and Ben fourth (provisionally) in the sprint championship. One final mention for a club member goes to Steve Snell. Some of you may remember Steve winning the ASWMC hillclimb championship in a Midget in 1991 and competing after that in a Ralt RT3. Well, Steve has been refurbishing the Ralt for many years and as 2019 was his 40th anniversary of competing in hillclimbs he decided to make a comeback. The season has been one of trial rather than triumph but he,

nevertheless, has persevered in the face of adversity and deserves credit for that. It doesn't help if you have an injection system that no-one has a computer old enough to run the software on! That's progress (of sorts!) I suppose. I hope that you can sort out your starting woes Steve (and helper!) and that we'll see you next year for some better times and starting.

Last month I mentioned that Ian Ingleheart was leading the Tillicoultry Quarries Wiscombe Championship. Well, he has now been confirmed as the championship winner even though he missed the last round. Congratulations to Ben Bonfield on a hard-fought ninth place too. Before you go look for Tillicoultry Quarries to order your next load of building materials, they are based in Scotland! The owner is a guy called Wallace Menzies who won the British Hill-climb Championship this year – congratulations Wallace! Why does he sponsor a championship so far away from home? Because he's a really nice guy – and someone got off their backside and actually asked him to! Fortune favours the brave as they say.

Finally, don't forget Le Jog at Werrington on Saturday 7th December and the PMC Awards Presentation Evening on Saturday 18th January at Yelverton Golf Club.

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More news next month ***Peter Locke***

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WEATHERLY HILLCLIMB



DINO OBERTO / CORRESPONDENT

Eli Sharp, of Stroudsburg and originally from Plymouth, England, begins her run in her 1965 Mini Cooper at Sunday's Weatherly Hillclimb competition. Sharp finished first in her GT-L class ahead of her driving partner, Vincent Wieczorek.

Taking the high road

Carbon County town challenges racers twice per year

BY DINO OBERTO
CORRESPONDENT

WEATHERLY — This past weekend's Fairway Subaru Weatherly Hillclimb marked the end of the season for the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association.

Hillclimb racers challenge a variety of hills across the state run under the PHA and sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America.

At Weatherly the event is coordinated by Weatherly Hillclimb Association.

The PHA season starts and ends at the always challenging 1-mile ascent up Hill Street, located in the northeast section of the borough.

Weatherly customarily draws the best car counts on the PHA. A wide array of competitors from as far away as Canada compete. It was no different this time as 98 entries registered in a variety of classes.

Walk through the pits and chat with any driver and the same reaction always comes up. Weatherly is the most technical of PHA circuits.

"The way the town supports the event is unlike any other event on our calendar. It's fantastic. We absolutely make it to Weatherly for both events," said racer Eli Sharp of Stroudsburg.

"It is very technical, but it's kind of cool too because it challenges you in different ways up the hill.

"The first challenge is how brave are you into Turn 1. Then you have a couple of tight switch-backs. The Chute is just impossible trying to get up that and then you end it with the Jump, which is pretty famous with this course."

Sharp shared driving duties with her partner, Vincent Wieczorek, and they finished 1-2 in the GT-L class with a 1965 Mini Cooper.

Sharp said, "We both went faster this weekend then we ever did with this car and we had a great weekend."

On her final run, she had a scare

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DINO OBERTO / CORRESPONDENT

Bob Gardner of Newark, Del., negotiates the second turn of the Weatherly Hillclimb with his Prototype Stohr WF1 car during Sunday's competition.

CLIMB: Sharp wins despite failing brakes

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when her brakes failed after reaching the finish line.

She said, "It was full on damage control at that point because this car doesn't even have a parking brake. I just rammed it into third (gear) and managed to slow down a little bit. Got it into second and slowed down some more and then down into first. After that, I was still going forward so I just killed the engine and I thought I was either going to run out of road or drive into a ditch."

The car stopped just before any possible chaos occurred.

Sharp is originally from Plymouth, England. Coming to America and racing, as compared to her homeland, did take some adjustment, as she had to adapt to left-side steering.

"For the first 20 years of my racing career I sat on the other side of the car, so the first thing I had to do when I came here was to learn how to shift with the wrong hand and that was interesting," she said.

"But in terms of hillclimbing it's kind of funny because one of the awesome things about the PHA is they're a family and everyone cares about the other and everybody helps each other, and that's exactly the same as hillclimbing in England, so there's something about hillclimbing that makes it a much closer sport than, say, road racing."

Bryan Fritzler of Delaware, driving a Formula style car, posted the overall quickest time, traveling the course with a best run of 48.843 seconds.

Fritzler has swept Weatherly, winning the June event, and has been among the top winners at all PHA events this season.

Aside from Weatherly, the PHA includes Rose Valley near Williamsport; The Pagoda and Duryea Hillclimbs outside Reading; Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, West Virginia; Polish Mountain Hillclimb in Flintstone, Maryland; and the granddaddy of them all — Giants Despair on the outskirts of Wilkes-Barre. Giants Despair is one of the oldest motorsports race events in Pennsylvania.

Another driver who runs the sleek Formula classes is Dan Malave of Montdale. He was the winner in Formula Mazda with a time of 64.491 seconds and like everyone else noted how Weatherly is a test of skill.

"For me it's the challenge and what I really like the best about this particular hillclimb. The town is great too and they always put on a great event. Weatherly is always on my calendar," said Malave who runs strictly on the hillclimb circuit.

"Although I can take this car on any road course circuit I'm only concentrating on the hill events. Weatherly is the most technical compared to the others we go to. The turns are more technical and you have to hit your marks and then get on it as soon as possible because you lose speed because of the elevation."

While there are many who travel a lengthy distance to this event, there is a strong local flair as well.

"This is my home hill and it's nice to be able to not only represent our team, but the town of Weatherly. It's a cool event and by far one of my favorites," Jody Miller, who raced a 2010 Honda Civic SI, said.

Miller is part of a three- car team with Ray Kochin and Dustin Halechko, who all hail from Weatherly.

Miller said, "It's been pretty exciting for us this weekend. We all hit personal bests and that means a lot here, but the real thing is its fun for us because of us being the hometown gang here.

"We try to hit as many of the PHA events as possible but you'll never see us not be here at Weatherly."

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