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Plymouth Motor Club Diary 2020

December 2019		
25th		Christmas Day
January 2020		
3rd/4th		Exeter Trial
7th		Bookings Close For Awards Presentation Evening
18th		Awards Presentation Evening Info & Booking Form In The Mag Bookings Close 7th January
18th		Smeatharpe Test Day
February 2020		
14th		Valentine Rally Contact Alf Chanter For Entry Start

Provisional Series Dates 2020

Scatters:	**12 Cars:**	**Autotests:**	**Comus Cup:**
21st February,	27th March,	To	10th April,
13th March,	24th April,	Be	8th May,
12th June,	29th May,	Announced	10th July,
9th October,	26th June,		11th September.
13th November.	31st July,		
	25th September,		
	30th October,		
	27th November.		

Editorial

Wow, I can't believe I'm sat here writing my 2019 Year Review. I must have been busy otherwise the year wouldn't have whisked by so quickly.

I attended all of the speed events hosted or supported by PMC in the form of either marshalling or spectating. Although hopefully next year some will be as a competitor.

Autotests were ran 3 times at Cadover Bridge this year and it was great to see some new faces competing in these events as well. Watch this space as hopefully there will be some exciting news about Autotests next year.

12 Cars had a tight championship this year, although numbers were down overall for entries. We will be hosting another feedback meeting for 12 Cars in the early part of the year, to improve the 2020 season for all. More Details To Follow.

Scatters & Treasure Hunts were extremely low on numbers this year with a large number of events being cancelled. Sadly James Ellison won't be competing or organising these events anymore. So were looking for a new face to take over the running of these events for 2020 and beyond.

Social Events obviously have been completely lacking apart from our annual Awards Presentation evening. However, ideas are in place for more of these type of events in 2020. If you have any ideas yourself please do let one of our committee members know.

Three new committee members joined the team last month which is a positive step for 2020. We still have lots of space on the committee however and as they say many hands make light work.

Until next Year, Goodbye.

Rob Selley

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Bookings Close 7th January

Saturday 18th January 2020

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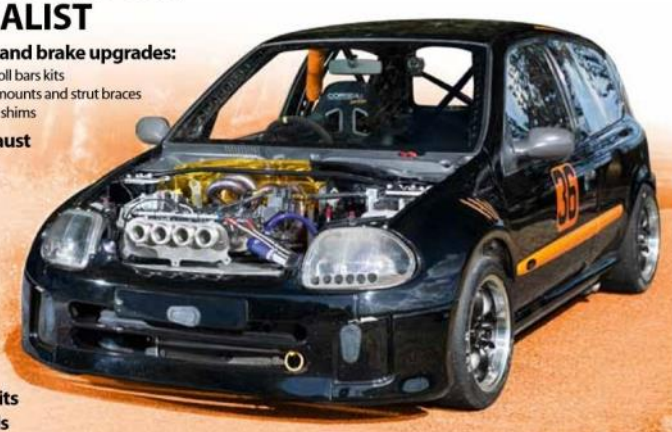

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Looking Back By Brian Benson



Uren's Marina Trophy

A RECORD entry of 56 competitors signed on for Plymouth MC's annual Marina Trophy production car trail held at the popular Hemerdon Mine site on the outskirts of Plymouth, on Sunday March 17. So popular was the event that the local BBC decided to televise some of the goings-on and a film crew were among the first people to arrive, suitably dressed for the threatening weather.

Heavy rain greeted competitors as they arrived and the marshals got more than their fair share of a soaking as they laid out the 10 sections.

An interesting battle soon developed between the Mini brigade in the front engine fwd class with the rallying 'S' types of Brian Benson, Denise Nicholson and Jon Lloyd finding the slippery conditions an embarrassment, so much so that as Benson powered his Cooper 'S' up the steep and slippery section 4, his car slid off the track and almost rolled over down a 10 foot bank, all in full view of the BBC's film unit.

It took 40 minutes to get the car back onto the track, delaying proceedings for an even longer period, forcing the organisers to cancel the section in case other competition between them created many amusing moments, although from the very start Stewart Martin (Holsworthy MC) confidently led the class with a final lead of eight points.

As always the Hillman Imps, in the rear-engine class, provided the most spectacular action of the day, as their front wheels spent most of the day airborne.

It was from this class the eventual Marina Trophy winner emerged. Richard Uren from Truro put up a fantastic performance to gain only seven penalties against the class average of 26. His wife, Barbara, in the same 998cc Hillman Rallye Imp, managed second in class with 20 penalties while the Wadebridge 'fireman', Roger Hoskin, won the class with a score of 18 driving his 998 Imp.

Coming very close to winning the Marina Trophy was Roger Bricknell from Bodmin, skilfully driving his now famous yellow 1500cc Ford Anglia van in the rwd Grip Tyre class. His only challenge to the first in class award came from yet another Anglia van, driven expertly by Roger Chuak from Holsworthy, who came a close second 5 points behind, a typical case of 'if you can't beat 'em, join 'em'.

The only clean sheets of the event came from Camel Vale MC's Ian Bolton and Tom Irons, competing in the Specials class.

Bolton's Bridges Special was the overall winner of PMC's last event, but the excellent results of his other class competitors denied him a high 'index of performance' needed to win the main award on this occasion.

Mid-afternoon saw the close of the Marina Trophy PCT and competitors formed themselves into '4-car teams' representing their individual Motor Clubs to compete in the 'Inter-Club Team Trial'.

Nine teams were formed and six new sections were laid out, and by this time the sun was shining and well over 200 spectators had gathered to watch the proceedings.

At the end of a very long and interesting afternoon Camel Vale MC's A team emerged winners with a total of 16 penalties with CV's B team a fairly close runner-up with 26 penalties, winning for their club four gallons of oil donated by BP Motor Sports.

The BBC film of the event was screened on the following Monday evening in the SW region, and it was generally agreed to have been an excellent production, despite the conditions, creating a good impression of 'car trials' and Plymouth Motor Club.

R.B.

Class winners: J. Corbett (1.1 Fiat), 42 penalties; S. Martin (1.1 Ford Popular) 24; P. Crewes (1.0 BL Mini Cooper); R. Hoskin (1.0 Hillman Imp) 18; R. Bricknell (1.3 Anglia van) 10; I. Bolton (1.1 Bridges Spl) and T. Irons (1.1 Cannon) 8.

Team prize: Camel Vale MC (Bricknell, Uren, Taylor, Bolton).

RICHARD UREN puts in an enthusiastic burst as he urges his Hillman Imp to overall victory in the Marina Trophy competition.

The article is from Motoring News April 1974. Incidentally, this was the first write up I had published with a photo in MN. Got sent a cheque for £25 when I was earning about £17 a week in my full time job.



The repairs to the Mini was taken at Litory Down, early 80's lots of faces including Mr Selley Snr., Malcom and Paul Price



The scalextrix one was taken early 1974 during the fuel crisis when motor sport was put on hold. We ran a series of social events to keep things going.

W-W-What 2019?

Just where did 2019 go? Blink and you almost missed it, it seemed to me! Looking back on it though we seemed to pack quite a bit in, even if it wasn't as much as usual in some places.

Looking at the recently compiled points tables that I hope James has put on the website it looks a bit like a year dominated by speed hillclimbs. Indeed, those who were competing in hillclimbs have dominated some of the tables. It's good to see that you are supporting our major events in big numbers and with top quality results too. Congratulations to those with awards to collect (there should be a list elsewhere in this magazine), I hope that you can all make it to the Awards Evening on 18th January at Yelverton Golf Club. We had a great evening there last year, great food, great company and a good laugh too!

It seems that the treasure hunts & scatter rallies suffered an almost complete lack of interest this year, perhaps we were all too busy doing other things. James Ellison is stepping down from organising (and competing in) the scatter rallies next year due to family issues so we are looking for a successor to get these events back on track (roads that is!) and restore their popularity. These events used to be seen as a stepping stone to, and practice ground for, competitors in the 12 car rally series. Thanks James for all of your sterling work over the past (lots of) years.

It also seems that we need to revisit the way we run our 12 car rallies. They haven't had a bad season but the support hasn't been as good as normal and we can't keep on as we are. Suggestions anyone???

Last Saturday Werrington hosted a test for the LeJog reliability rally. For once the weather was kind to us, i.e. it didn't

rain too much and it wasn't too cold! I'd like to personally thank the other 35 people who signed on to help on the day, I hope that you enjoyed it and I'll be in touch with your badges when they arrive.

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



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