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***Seven Years of Sumps!***

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**Your Editor Speaking...**

**A**s the front cover implies - this is the seventh anniversary of my taking over the Sump editorship. Wow. Doesn't time fly...

Bernard progress continues - I've now purchased the next set of castings. These make the front wheels when machines, filed and generally fettled.

There's even some Westfield progress - the engine mounts are now welded to my satisfaction - so just need to paint them up and the engine can sit on its mounts for the first time. Then I need to work out how to weld up side down to fit the gearbox mount. Sounds like a good game!

Have fun!

**Jez Boakes (Editor)**

**A Note from your Chairman**

**Y**ou obviously didn't fancy the idea of 'paper racing cars' did you? Crowd control was not a problem that AG and I had to contend with at clubnight, but hey-ho, AG is now the (proud?) owner of a couple of Valentino Rossi replica 'helmets' - although they are made out of paper and are rather small!

The AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> April will, hopefully, be a sell-out affair - I'm told that there is food AND entertainment of some sort (not too sure about the entertainment though - but not the 'Magic' that appears in the calendar)! Nominations are invited for committee members, so come along and get involved in the Group.

May clubnight is a visit to the ever popular vehicle collection (and enormous amount

of memorabilia) of Tony Oliver at Eton Wick. This venue is always worth a good look and being in May it will, hopefully, be somewhat warmer than previous trips! I'm sure AG can fill you in on the details.

If anyone has articles, or stories/notes of interest/ "a funny thing happened to me on the way to the car club..." .....etc. type of thing - please let us have them. Communication is of vital importance in any club or group and the **sump** is an excellent way of circulating information around WMx Group, we'd also like to know what you get up to when not with the club (no, not that Mrs.....) so tell us your news, about your hobbies and share your interests with us.

As ever, keep your foot in it.....

**Derrick Holden (Chairman)**

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**Secretary's Scribblings**

**A** month has gone already? It doesn't seem long but there's been a lot going on.

Sweden was great, but I couldn't live there all the time. The constant cold is very wearing and the cost of living is silly. The driving on a frozen lake is great though!

After a day of getting used to the conditions (and finding which fuses to remove to turn off the ABS, traction control, stability control and brake/throttle disablement) we started on the tuition. Pat Flynn, who I've known since the Lada Challenge Days spent some time with me, and his son Conor (British Junior Rallycross Champion) spent a lot of time with Oli. There's only six months difference in age so they got on well.

The timed stages were great, cars starting at 30 second intervals using routes using as much of the lake as possible. I was seeded at one for the first run and I was happy to win by a decent margin. Oli drove the same stage and took three seconds out of me, grr. Owen got stuck in a snow bank and we had to dig him out, maybe next year.

Four days on the lake, a day skiing at the best resort I've ever experienced (at reasonable cost compared to France/Italy/Switzerland) and £6 for a pint of cider ? Time spent with the 205 Cup/BMW Challenge people so always a good laugh. Highly recommended.

From the frozen wastes of a Swedish Lake to the frozen wastes of an old airfield at Weston Super Mare for the first round of the BTRDA Autosolo Challenge, and Oli's second ever event in a car. Fifth in class beating many more experienced drivers in

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some very flash cars was an encouraging result and netted valuable points for the BTRDA and Cotswold series.

The following weekend we were on the frozen wastes of Ross Motorway Services lorry car park ! Oli flew, holding second in class for most of the day until the front tyres wore out ! Third was great however and a great deal of kudos was earned.

The NEL 12 car was a cracking event, but a few small missed slots and writing a code board down incorrectly dropped us out of contention.

I'd highly recommend Autosolos as a way to get started competing in a car. Cheap entry and use up the old tyres you've been keeping "just in case", or is that only me ?

What else? Sun Microsystems was acquired by Oracle Corporation, so the Stanford University Network logo will be gradually disappearing. Think of Sun as you update Java on your PCs/laptops and phones. But Oracle already seems like a far better place to be.

Reports of the Annual Dinner will have to come from elsewhere, we were at Ross. Derek's paper car modelling proved intriguing, but where was everyone ? Allan has been finishing off the Montreuil route. A busy month!

The AGM is the next event on the WMX calendar and we really need a good turnout and volunteers to take on small but important tasks. Mark the date in your calendars in red/fluorescent/whatever to make sure you're there. 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Liberal Club in Windsor, kick off 8pm. Be there or don't have your say in the running of your club!

***Alan Wakeman (Secretary)***

## CSMA West Middlesex Group Motorcycling News

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### **Spring Ride - Outs, & other Motorcycling plans !**

**Hey! I saw the sun for almost two & a half minutes this morning! That means it MUST be time our Ride-Outs began!!! Below are just some of the updated plans we have for the Spring ....**

### **March ~ November**

#### **Our Monthly 'Mid-Week Ride Outs'**

Firstly : from March until October, the last Tuesday of every month will be a West Middlesex Group Mid-week Ride Out, using the same successful format I've followed over the past 12 years. In addition to those 8 events, and due to the popularity of our 2009 Ride Outs, we may run some of them twice to cater for the demand. This 'second' Ride will probably be on the third Thursday but will be subject to confirmation in our monthly newsletter, the Sump, EACH month.

Secondly : there will be the usual trip to the NEC for the Motorcycle Show in November; and following last year's popularity, we'll have both a Spring & late Summer Cream Tea Ride-Outs!

### **Saturday ~ Monday : 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April ..[ Easter ]..**

#### **British Super Bikes at Brands Hatch!!**

**CSMA** is having a exclusive Member's Stand alongside the Start / Finish straight at this prestigious event, with full Member hospitality & an un-rivalled view from our substantial Club Marquee. I shall be on our Stand for much of the weekend I suspect, staying on overnight somewhere locally, and then enjoying all of the Race day calendar on the Sunday before riding back on Sunday evening. There is a **CSMA** Ticket Deal on offer but if you fancy a trip to watch the British Super Bikes then give our Membership Sevices a call – 01273 744777.

### **Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **The April Mid-Week Ride Out !!!**

We'll be meeting at Pauline & Andy's 'new' Café / Restaurant venture at Pinewood in Bracknell, and we're going to Coventry – but don't worry, we'll all be talking to each other .... It's a Motoring / Motorcycling Museum visit which promises to be very interesting!

**Friday ~ Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> May****Welsh National Motorcycle Rally!!**

As I mentioned in my 2009 Annual Report, and in last month's Sump, I'd really like to persuade more of our West Middlesex motorcyclists to get involved, if only the once, with the Welsh National Motorcycle Rally. I know you'd love it, the challenge, the camaraderie and the roads are all superb. And the social company ain't bad either! So I'm planning a Group involvement with the Event for 2010 over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The idea is we'll gather on the Friday & all ride together via a country route through Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, & Shropshire up to Shrewsbury to overnight in an our usual (and perfectly acceptable) Travelodge at Shrewsbury Battlefield. An early start on Saturday, we'll ride (via a 'bikers' breakfast stop!) to the Start, Sign-On and then enjoy a full day on the 'bikes in the Welsh mountains & valleys to earn a prestigious Award on this, the first 'National' rally of the year.

My initial thoughts are to form three West Middlesex groups with up to five riders in each – an Experienced group, a Steady group, and a Novice / first-timer group. Each will be led by an 'Old Hand' so, whatever your riding preference and standard, all you should have to do is follow & enjoy! (NB: I have now hinted at this plan to the 'Old Hands' but, if the interest is forthcoming ( we have five at time of writing ..), I'm confident that the promise of a few extra Shandies in the evenings will do the trick ! ).

**BUT you need to book accommodation for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May now !** Really good deals at the Shrewsbury Battlefield Travelodge are presently available, but accommodation does become in very short supply (therefore expensive!) once riders start their planning for this event – please let me know **ASAP** if you're up for this – and it's first come first served! Apart from me, Jeff, Nick, Angie & DR have already 'signed-up, and booked their rooms, why not come and join us???

**Other stuff we'll be doin' ....****Saturday ~ Sunday 3 /4<sup>th</sup> July ~ The National Rally !!**

Another great event that you should promise yourself to do at least once, let me know if you're interested in riding on the Event for 2010.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August ~ Old Warden**

We'll have a CSMA & West Middlesex motorcyclists' presence at this fabulous Air Display weekend..... a Ride Out to, & a display at, is being planned.

**Saturday- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> August – CSMA 'Big Weekend'**

It's all happening at Thruxton in Hampshire – trust me, one not to be missed !

**For more detail on any or all of the above please contact me on :**  
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**CSMA West Middlesex Group's Motorcycling News*****An 'Annual Report' on (some of) our Motorcycling activities in 2009...***

As usual, throughout the 'best' (?) parts of 2009, our regular Mid-Week Ride-Outs were planned for the last Tuesday of each month from March until October. The first was on **March 31st** when we met at the **Bushe Cafe at Blackbushe Airport**, alongside the A30 to the west of Camberley, and an excellent sunny day of Riding, as well as a memorable visit to the Calshot Lifeboat, followed. This particular RNLI Station had recently been the recipient of a £65,000 donation from CSMA and with that money the RNLI had bought a new blue Tractor and a bright orange inshore quick-response rib, both of which were 'sampled' by our 'bikers! This was followed by tea, coffee & some excellent Lifeboat-man's cake which ensured the 'Station collecting box received yet more Members' money by way of a Thank You from our West Middlesex Group motorcyclists.

On **Saturday 25th April** I gathered together a hardy band and led them via the A303 down to the Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford for a **'First Bike on Scene' training day**. Planned as a sample-day, this was a 'Free' taster session which included an extra Group Ride Out there & back of course. It is hoped this will be followed up in 2010 with an Advanced Rider Training weekend in Bristol with the Somerset & Avon Constabulary. I hope to have more details of this event in the near future but, although completely different in concept, these two events will be of real benefit to all our Motorcycling Members

And then, in early May, it was time for the **Welsh National Motorcycle Rally**. Some of you will know I've done this excellent event many times ( this was my 15th actually ! ), and always with an assortment of three or four West Middlesex Group riders to keep me company. Most of those fifteen Rallies have been done in the company of Dave Rillie who, with his 'GPS head' leading us around Wales on some really fabulous roads, makes it a far more pleasurable affair than it might be without him. The downside is it costs me more in the bar the night before AND after the Event than it might do without him !!!! A small price to pay to be honest, but, at about this point every year, I ask myself why more of you aren't with us and enjoying what is probably some of the best riding in Europe, let alone in the UK.! We start locally on the Friday, ride to a nice hotel in Wales, do the Rally on the Saturday, & ride back together on Sunday with our Medals ! All the 'cunning plans' are made by Dave and myself - all you have to do is turn up and enjoy it ! It's over the second weekend in May – give it some thought, maybe come and join us in 2010, you'll be glad you did !

The 2009 **'Foreign Sortie'** was a four day affair from **Saturday 27th June 'til Tuesday 30th June** and a short Tour of the Cote d'Opal formed the itinerary. This event was well documented in the Sump on our return but, with superb camaraderie and hospitality wherever we went, memorable evenings in Montreuil, and lots of excellent motorcycling mileage, I think it's fair to say that a jolly good time was had by all. The hardest half-dozen even made it to our Noggin' on our return on the Tuesday evening just two & a half hours off the ferry – now that's dedication !

Our other Mid-Week Ride Outs included trips to the Buckinghamshire Steam Railway Centre, the Cotswolds, Dungeness Power Station, Kimmeridge Bay in Dorset, Gaydon & Prodrive, Poole 'Bike Night, and Ditchling Beacon. We also managed to fit in the Mid-Summer 'Run & BBQ, the a British Superbikes round at Oulton Park, saw Valentino fall off at Donnington during Moto GP, had a rather wet Cream Tea Ride Out to Langrish, and visited the National Motorcycle Show at the NEC. Furthermore, several of us

successfully completed the National Motorcycle Rally raising £880 for Mencap in the process – phew!

There was a lot more besides, I assure you, but as I've already begun planning our 2010 two-wheeled mini-adventures, my focus has shifted, and my memory isn't what it was! Forgive me ....

My sincere thanks again for all the support you gave me & the West Middlesex Group's motorcycling events in 2009, and my particular thanks once again to Alan Mayger, who not only led us on a couple of day-rides this year, but was pretty much my permanent Tail-End-Charlie when I was leading our Mid-Week Ride Outs – that's always a great help. We're very fortunate to have such a great bunch of people to share our Motorcycling passions with. I look forward to even more banter & camaraderie in the coming year,.... and it all starts again on March 30th which is next week - hurrah !!!! Here's to a memorable 2010 !

**Allan Goddard**

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## **Le Mans 2010**

Have you ever wondered what the most famous 24 Hour endurance race in the World is like, thought about going but didn't want to go on your own, or would prefer to go with a group of like minded friends? Well satisfy your curiosity this year by joining CSMA Club's own 4 day trip to Le Mans, 11th - 14th June. See the Works Aston Martins, Audis, Peugeots, not to mention Nigel Mansell and his sons in the Ginetta Zytek and a few Ferraris and Jags, indeed there are 55 entries with 10 reserves awaiting any drop out places!!! Each coach will be accompanied by seasoned CSMA Club members with years of experience of the trip and only too ready to help answer any questions you might have.

The CSMA Club trip coaches start from London, near to Euston and St Pancras Stations, on the Friday morning, (you can also join the coach at the Port of Dover), cross the channel by ferry and stop at Hotels in Rouen that evening, giving you plenty of time to explore the City and find a restaurant for dinner. After breakfast you continue to Le Mans, via a supermarket break at Alencon, arriving at the Circuit at lunchtime. The entrance to the track is 5 mins walk from the coach park and there will be ample time to soak up the atmosphere before the 3pm start. There will be a "Members inclusive BBQ with all food and drinks included" back at the coach between 8 -10pm, and for those who want it, the coach will be open all night for sleeping, though many regulars take a small tent and put them up in the coach park. At the end of the race, 3pm, the coaches will return to the Hotels in Rouen and depart for London after breakfast on the Monday morning arriving in London about 6pm.

For the all-inclusive cost of £239 per person you will receive the return coach trip, 2 nights B&B in Rouen, General Admission Tickets to the Circuit and the CSMA Club BBQ, plus you will be travelling exclusively with other members and friends. If you would like to add a Grandstand Ticket with a reserved seat for the 24hours, they are available for an additional £95.

For further details or to book a place, contact Galloway Coach Travel on 01449 618077.

**Jeff Kenyon**

# Exclusive CSMA Track Day at CASTLE COMBE Circuit

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Just £100 per Car or Motorcycle and L O A D S of Track time ....

Bimble or Blat – it's up to you.

Race / Road tuition available throughout the day, but NOT pre-bookable !

Maximum entry : 36 Cars & 24 Motorcycles.

Contact AG asap for more details ....

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Apr	Sun 11	* Concorde AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA NEL	Centre
	Sun 25	* Honington Gymkhana ()	Longer version of an AutoSolo	Chelmsford MC	
May	8/9	* Miglia Quadrato ()	City of London treasure hunt	UH&ULMC	
	Sun 9	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Oxford MC	
	Sun 16	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Farnborough DMC	
Jun	Sun 6	* Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	Tarmac autotest	CSMA NEL	BTRDA

**Licence required:** (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, \* = Regs available

### Previous Events

**NEL 12 Car Rally** The event finally got to run after several attempts and had a good entry of six cars. Moving to a different area is always nice as you get to use roads you don't know and although the area has less twisty roads than Hertfordshire, it had enough good ones to make it interesting. Navigation was spot on and was just enough of a challenge for the navigators and would have caused several of them a bit of time if some sections had been a little shorter. James Newbould put on a very good event and even had a good response on the marshalling front.

1st	Car 4	Alan Thurbon / Lee Craker	NWL	Exp	0 Fails	0 Mins
1st	Car 5	Mike Biss / Cath Woodman	NEL/NWL	Exp	0 Fails	0 Mins
3rd	Car 3	Steven Harrison / Mike Harrison	NWL	Nov	1 Fail	0 Mins
4th	Car 2	Philip Brent / Graham Robinson	NEL	Nov	1 Fail	15 Mins
5th	Car 6	John Bryant / Peter Pratt	NWL/HRCR	Nov	3 Fails	4 Mins
6th	Car 1	Alan Wakeman / Owen Wakeman	WMX	Reg	2 Fails	3 Mins

### Future Events

**Concorde AutoSolo** NEL are again running the Concorde AutoSolo event, this year on the 11th April. For this year we will be moving it to Bovingdon Airfield (larger area than the autotest on the 3rd Jan). An AutoSolo consists of all forwards tests on a hard surface. They are not a memory test as numbers and markers help you find your way around. One score is dropped per test layout to allow for those 'little mistakes'. You can also enter if you are only 16, so long as you enter in a saloon car. Entry fee is £22 per driver. The change of venue will make it safer, with no kerbs at all to hit, and should run a bit smoother without the limited route at Hatfield. Contact me for further details.

**Honington Gymkhana** We have another invite to a Chelmsford MC gymkhana, this one being held at RAF Honington. These are similar to an autosolo but are longer and also include some skill tests. Entry fee is £40 but have a word with someone who has done one of these events before to get the idea about about them.

**Miglia Quadrato** Regs are now out for the 51st running of this event and will run on the night of 8/9 May. This is a night time motoring event that takes place entirely within the City of London. The challenge is to navigate on a 1:10000 map and to locate points to within a ten metre square. There are no cryptic or catch questions - but that is not to say the task is easy. Crews of up to six but if you prefer the two-crew format there is a separate classification for this. As long as it isn't raining, this is a fantastic event to do and all for the princely sum of £14. Contact me if you want some regs.

**Silverstone AutoSolo** Back again for another run round the car park at Silverstone race circuit. Organised by Oxford MC, it will have the standard format but the tests are slightly longer at around 90 seconds each. Entry fee is £35 and give me a call if you would like some regs.

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**Farnborough AutoSolo** Regs for this event are out soon, so if interested best get your skates on to get an entry. It is running again at Borden in Hampshire and the entry fee will be £35. Give me a call if you would like some regs.

**Quadruplex** This will be organised by NWL, in May some time. Details are still being arranged at the moment.

**Juniper Autotest** This is one of the best venues on the championship calendar, so come along and watch the best drivers in the country doing their handbrake turns and using superb car control to get round the courses. Offers to marshal either to Graham McLean or myself, as we will need a lot to make this event happen. To help you, each marshal will get a voucher for a free burger and a hot drink (very nice they are too) and guidance on what is required. There is nothing tricky or difficult, but you do get time to see the action at close quarters. No spectators allowed, so watch from the marshalling point of view.

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**The deadline for articles for the**

***May***

**Sump is April 21<sup>st</sup>!**

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## WMx Forthcoming Events

### April

- 8<sup>th</sup> AGM, Liberal Club, Windsor
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Montreuil Meander – **this Event is now FULL !**
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Ride Out – Meet from 09.00am at the Pinewood Café just south of Bracknell (Andy & Pauline's new venture!!!) The post code is : RG40 3AQ. We leave at 10am and we're going to Coventry!**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Noggin, Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common

### May

- 13<sup>th</sup> Eton Wick / History on Wheels private Museum visit  
**Names to AG ASAP please. And you'll need to get to the Museum for a 7.30pm start ....**
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Ride Out – Meet 10am at the Barn Café, Newlands Corner, near Guildford GU4 8SE Alan Mayger is in charge for this one and we're going South !**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Noggin, Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common

### June

- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk
- 17<sup>th</sup> Golf Day – Blue Mountain (TBC)
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Windrush – details from Derrick Holden.**
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Ride Out – Meet 10am – Start venue TBC**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Noggin, Jolly Woodman, Littleworth Common

