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Newsletter of the West Middlesex Group of the **csma**

A Serious Threat for the West Middlesex Group

You may have read, or heard on the CSMA grapevine, that our West Middlesex Group is under the serious threat of closure. Our Chairman Derrick has referred to the situation in the last two editions of the SUMP in his Chairman's reports.

The FACTS are :

- At our AGM on Thursday 9th April 2009, Jez, our Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Nikki, our Treasurer; and Malcolm, our Webmaster & Motorsport co-ordinator, following long & loyal support of WMX Group, are ALL standing down from their Committee positions...
- Despite Derrick's pleas to our Members, not one response has been received by any member of the Committee with the offer of help &/or support...
- West Middlesex Group was the first Group begat by the (North) London Centre more than 60 years ago when CSMA moved out of its heartland in Whitehall....
- West Middlesex is one of the most successful Groups in THE most active Centre in the Country...
- No other CSMA Group can boast the successes, at all levels, & in all motoring disciplines, that West Middlesex can ...our Heritage is legendary.
- Without three or four willing volunteers coming forward As Soon As Possible, our Group WILL CEASE TO EXIST after our April AGM ...

I have invested more than four decades in our Group and it's many activities, as I hope most Group Members will know, and I, along with Chairman Derrick, are more than willing to carry on. But we can't work miracles on our own. We really do need your help please?

A position on the Committee doesn't need to be an onerous task but we do need to have the help of half a dozen Members to keep our affairs in order, and keep the famous West Middlesex Group name to the fore of everything 'CSMA' . This is not over-stating the situation - our Group needs YOUR help more than ever before. If you can help us, or have any questions, please get in touch with me & I'll do my best to guide you, or answer the questions.

At the very least, please try to attend the AGM in Windsor to help us decide the way forward.

My very Best Regards to you all,

Allan Goddard

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Your Editor Speaking...

Well, it seems to be back to normal regarding Westfield / Bernard progress. I seem to have found another time consuming distraction. That's all I need...

Distraction #17 (photography) caused the "loss" of last weekend when Nikki and I

went to see the first running of Tornado south of London. I scoped out a good location the week before, but was rather surprised to find probably in excess of 100 people waiting to take a piccy! It seems to be a popular engine! I can see why!

Have fun!

Jez Boakes (Editor)



A Note from your Chairman

The year is pressing ever onwards.....I hope that you have kept your new year resolutions! Does that include becoming more involved with WMx Group – yes, I hope so.

We are still needing expressions of interest for committee positions, so in the words of the game show “come on down..”.

It was nice to see Roy and Barbara get into print in the Club Magazine *[even if their*

CSMA West Middlesex Group *name was spelled incorrectly... Ed]* (I still want to keep calling it M & L) and I think it's worth repeating that they completed the New Year Run with the hood DOWN on their MX5 – well done.

That's all from me for now.

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

Derrick Holden (Chairman)

Temp Sec Bit

February Clubnight was the annual slot car stages run this year by AG and Simon Mummery. A very reasonable turnout, with 13 in attendance saw some intense competition. Unfortunately Nikki and I had to leave early, so I can't tell you who won!

A few days later saw the President's Slot Car Stages at Chorleywood. AG and Simon were again amongst the organisers, this time aided by Dave Wiles. Two WMx crews made it - both were comprised entirely of the Wakeman family! Oli and Owen came third overall, but unfortunately this excellent performance wasn't enough to take the trophy from NWL - the result for the event being based on the combined time of the top two group teams.

Coming up is the March clubnight, which is a new departure for West Middlesex. We are going to visit a vineyard for a wine tasting evening. Some cheese & nibbles will be provided, as will a short tour and of course some wines to taste! Please try to come along and support this event - trust me when I say it's taken AG a lot of work to organise!

The next important event in the calendar is the Annual Dinner and Awards Evening.

This is sure to be a cracking evening and I strongly recommend that you attend if possible! Contact AG for more details.

The Annual General Meeting is the April clubnight. Food will be provided, as will entertainment following the “serious business”. This year, of course, the serious business is rather more serious than usual. As you have hopefully read in the Sump last month as well as this, the committee is in dire need of new blood. In fact, it must have new blood, otherwise the group will cease to be. If you can help, please do so. Slightly further ahead is a walking treasure hunt around Windsor. Malcolm Grubb is organising this - in May we can even expect some decent weather - it should be good!

In and amongst all this of course is the regular Noggin & Natter at the Jolly Woodman. This is a very nice pub indeed, which serves good food and excellent beer (trust me, I know about these things...!)

There are also of course the motorcycle ride-outs organised by AG should you be that way inclined.

Lots to do with WMx - we are a very active and successful group. Please help to keep it going.

Jeze Boakes ([Temporary] Secretary)

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You stupid * ! ** *!& **

Is there anyone out there who hasn't experienced road rage at some time? You may have been the recipient; you may even have been the perpetrator, when some idiot who should never have been on the road crossed your path and raised your blood pressure. We've all done it, said it, swore at it etc.,

You may be interested to learn that no less an august body as the Vatican issued a list of 10 commandments (No not those commandments) in 2007 in an attempt to minimise incidents. Perhaps mindful that anger is of course one of the deadly sins, the Holy See was concerned that cars were somehow responsible for "impoliteness, rude gestures, cursing and blasphemy". It is not recorded quite who cut up the Pontiff for him to admonish God fearing folk everywhere that "The road shall be for you a means of communication between people and not of mortal harm" and more directly "Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination!"

Oh yeah?

However if you should be accused of sinning in this way, rather than admit to simply losing your rag, your get out of jail free card might be to plead that you suffer from "Intermittent Explosive Disorder" syndrome, resulting from insufficient serotonin production in the brain. Not really your fault then at all.

Ann Holden

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The deadline for articles for the

April

Sump is March 25th!

Our March Clubnight will be a
**Wine tasting
evening!**

Thursday 12th March is the date and this will be an exclusive WMx visit to the **Stanlake Park Wine Estate** in Hurst near Twyford (post code RG10 0BN). A guided tour of the Estate will precede an invitation to taste several different English wines plus a few traditional Classics, each accompanied by some cheese & nibbles. The Estate owner, Peter Dart, will be our host & guide, and will talking to us about English wine and wines in general.

This will be a rather special Clubnight and numbers are strictly limited so **PLEASE register your interest with AG directly**, and as soon as possible, as we have to book exact numbers by Monday 9th March. This is a very personal invitation to all WMx Group Members but please be mindful, if you plan to sample everything on offer you **WILL** need someone to drive you home!

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CSMA West Middlesex Group

motorcycling enthusiasts

The first mid-week Ride-Out of the year will be on Tuesday 31st March.

The Start venue is the Bushe Café at Blackbushe Airport on the A30 just to the west of Camberley in Surrey (NOT, as I recorded at the beginning of the year, Jacks Café in Bagshot!).

We'll meet at Blackbushe from 9.15am &, following the optional breakfast, will depart in a westerly direction at 10am sharp!

All Group Members & their friends are most welcome but a quick call or e-mail to me a few days before would be appreciated, as I'd like to book 'numbers' for our Lunch stop – an excellent place but they're a bit tight for space !

The 'Ride finishes near Popham Airfield on the A303 at about 5pm with an option to go on with me to the Group's Noggin n Natter at the Jolly Woodman in Burnham Beeches afterwards (ETA there about 6.30pm).

Following the March Ride Out, we will resume our Monthly events, each starting in either the Reading, Windsor, Henley, Bagshot or Chobham, areas, as a series of mid-week Ride-Outs on the last Tuesday of every month from March until October.

These events are complimentary to the activities of the CSMA Motorcycle Group, are designed as gentle, enjoyable days out, and are usually led by AG or Alan Mayger.

The Start / meeting venues may vary from month to month, but we DO seem to find the best Coffee Shops & Cream Teas in which ever direction we go ! So if you find yourself 'free' on a Tuesday and would like to join us, please contact me on : Allan.Goddard@csmclub.org for more details.

Following the March Ride Out, the remaining dates for 2009 Mid-Week Rides are

April 28th - May 26th – June 27th to 30th – July 28th – August 25th – Sept. 29th & Oct. 27th.

Come and join us – you'll be very welcome !

AG ~ February 2009

csma West Middlesex Group

Annual Dinner & Awards Evening 2008



Pines Hotel, Burnham

March 7th 2009

Tickets £25
contact Allan Goddard
on 07785 903000

Accommodation still available!

Black tie & posh frocks please



March 2009**Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin**

Date	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Mar 6-8	* SouthWest Enduro (Nat B)	Enduro road event	South Hams MC	ERR
Fri 13	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Centre
Sun 22	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Famborough &DMC	
Sun 22	* AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Harrow CC	
28/29	* EACS Enduro (Nat B)	Enduro road event	Chelmsford MC	ERR
Apr Sun 5	* Concorde AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	CSMA NEL	Centre
Sat 18?	Quadruplex	Intergroup Quiz	CSMA WMx	Centre
18/19	Great Bustard Enduro (Nat B)	Enduro road event	Sal & Shaftesbury CC	ERR
May 9/10	* Miglia Quadrato ()	City of London treasure hunt	UH&ULMC	
Sun 17	AutoSolo (C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Famborough &DMC	
Sun 31	Juniper (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

Carpetbagger Rally Well, Owen Turner had a good run to get his first win on the event. Lots of rain and tricky conditions saw them take the lead near the end. It was also the first run for Owen's "new" Metro, fitted with a 1600VVC engine and a LSD. We however had a bad night when a valve in the engine compartment (part of the emissions system) failed open and allowed the full vacuum of the engine to get into the fuel tank.



The tank immediately imploded and broke the end off the internal fuel pump. Game over!

February 12 Car The event was cancelled on the Friday afternoon after a check of the route found several places flooded and the re-routes would cut out large chunks of route and make it a waste of effort just to have it run, when cancelling it would allow it to be run properly at another time. At present we are looking to find another date for this season but is proving difficult at the moment. If not, we will run it next season.

President's Slot Car Stages This annual event was organised by Allan Goddard, with help from Dave Wiles and Simon Mummery and was the normal format of three circuits laid out. Teams consisted of two people, one driving and the other putting back on (if the driver is too enthusiastic) each taking it in turns for half the laps and then you change over to complete the rest. In the end it was NWL who came through to win yet again. In the semi final run offs, Ian beat Cath and Mike beat Dave. In the final, Mike beat Ian, to pick up the individual winner award.



1st	Mike Biss / Ian Buxton	NWL	693
2nd	Dave Smith / Cath Woodman	NWL	701
3rd	Oli Wakeman / Owen Wakeman	WMx	722
4th	Dave Robins / Alan Robins	NWL	738
5th	Mike Harrison / Claire Harrison	NWL	750
6th=	Lee Craker / Dee Keane	NWL	773
6th=	Alan Wakeman / Miranda Wakeman	WMx	773
8th	Peter Jones / Ted Manktelow	NWL	830

Future Events

SouthWest Enduro The best Enduro event of the year will again be running its usual full two day format. Entries and regs are available from the club website at www.shmc.co.uk/rally.html

March 12 Car The start venue will be at The Bridge House, North Road, Hertford SG14 1NA (Opposite Hertford North Station) - MR 166/317¾128¼ and map 166 will be required (current edition is C3). Food is available at the start. Please contact Bernard Ward on 01992 582323 for entries and offers to marshal.

Farnborough AutoSolo We have an invite to an AutoSolo organised by Farnborough & DMC which will be held at Montgomery Lines Parade Ground, Aldershot. Signing on will start from around 8.00, tests start at 10.00, latest recommended arrival is 9.00. Cars entered in AutoSolo's must be registered, taxed, insured, MOT tested if applicable, and driven to the event. Entry fee is £30 per car and regs are available from myself.

Harrow CC AutoSolo As an alternative to the Farnborough event, which filled up very quickly, we have an invite to an AutoSolo organised by Harrow CC which will be held at Bovingdon airfield, near Hemel Hempstead. I'm sure there will be a good number of CSMA entries for this event. Regs are due out after this is written so I don't know the entry fee or times yet, so contact me if you are interested in entering.

EACS Enduro This is a day/night Enduro and is based at the Holiday Inn in Ipswich. Starting on Sat morning, the 180 mile day route will be based around MoD Woodbridge, with afternoon route of 40 miles at various Suffolk venues. After supper halt in Ipswich, a night leg of 100 miles will commence with around 20 miles in local forests and simple navigational sections on tarmac lanes and finishing with an awards presentation at 11pm. As a marshal incentive, there is a £100 prize draw and free food. See the website at www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk for more details.

Concorde AutoSolo NEL are again planning to run the Concorde AutoSolo event on the 5th April. 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 limited to 30 cars and entry fee is £30. After last year's event, plans are in place to make it a bit slower in places and run a bit smoother. Contact me for further details.



Quadruplex A tentative date for this inter group event is scheduled for Saturday 18th April but it may change. It will be hosted by West Middlesex group and be held in the Windsor area, so keep watching for any further news.

Great Bustard The event was cancelled at the last moment due to the snow. They are currently looking at 18/19th April as a new date. Updates and regs can be found on their website at www.sandsc.co.uk/bustard/Bustard.htm

Miglia Quadrato Regs are now out for the 50th running of this event and will run on the night of 9/10 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 £13. Contact me if you want some regs.

Other Items

WRC After two events, Citroen seem to have the upper hand, but hopefully Ford will be able to fight back on future events. If not, it's going to be a boring season.

F1 The new season is nearly upon us and which team will come up with the best car under the new rules is anybody's guess. In reality it will most likely be the same teams at the front due to having the money available to do all the development work.

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Marshalling and Motorsport Matters

What a Rally Organiser wants from their marshals

- Please be early.
- Make sure you have signed on. Failure to do so means you may not be properly insured.
- When you arrive at your position make sure that all non-rally roads are closed off with brushwood, tape, etc. Ensure that spectators do not move into dangerous positions. Once in place, they will be difficult to move.
- When driving to your position, do so SLOWLY to avoid damage to the surface, and the danger of your car going off. Remember you may not be insured for driving on the stage.
- All stages will be subject to one-way traffic once they are set up. During the course of the rally ensure that no other vehicles enter the stage. Make sure your car is parked safely well clear of the stage route.
- Keep an eye on any arrows or hazard signs to prevent spectators from removing, obscuring, or changing the angle of them to deceive drivers. Ensure that any box junctions and barriers erected to block roads are kept in position throughout the event.
- Establish effective communication throughout the stage. Try to work in pairs so that a runner is available if required.
- If problems arise, act decisively and get information back to the stage start as soon as possible so that quick decisions can be made and help called. If you are involved in an incident, then write a report and hand it to the Stage Commander or Safety Officer.
- Check for damage to crops, hedges, and fences, before and after the stage is run. List any damage that has occurred.
- Always wear your marshalling suit, or tabard, at all times. This will identify you, and aid your authority over spectators. Do not stand in a prohibited area. Never put tabards on children or leave them unsupervised or in any danger.
- Never smoke on a forest stage, carry or use cameras, drop litter, or behave in a manner that could give adverse publicity.

Into 2009 with the CSMA North London Rally Marshal Team

Friday 13 March	CSMA North East London 12 Car Navigational Rally.
Sunday 15 March	Borough 19 MC Sprint, North Weald, Essex.
Sunday 5 April	SCMC Mini Tempest Stages, Longcross, Chertsey, Surrey.
Monday 25 May	WECC Millbrook National Stages, Millbrook, Beds.
Sunday 31 May	CSMA NEL BTRDA Juniper Autotest, Hatfield, Herts.
Sunday 5 July	WAC Essex Charity Stages, Bradwell on Sea, Essex.

For further information on our wide range of events please contact Graham McLean on 020 8553 4700 (evenings and weekends) or e-mail him on graham.mclean@bt.com

