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### Your Editor Speaking...

**H**ello again! It must be my age, but Februarys aren't as long as they used to be...

I rashly promised a picture of Bernard this month, but I nodded off on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and apparently woke up just in time to do this edition of the Sump... Not *quite* as much progress as I'd hoped. But here it is anyway...



This is the front axle and perch bracket assembly - the wheels go on either end, the smokebox on the "saddle" at the top. For scale, the axle is just over 19" long. Smokebox, chimney and front wheels next. Don't hold yer breath!

I'm looking forward to a rash of events in March - the Annual Dinner, plus clubnight for AG's "significant" birthday party. Apparently with jelly and ice cream! Luverly!

As event secretary I should mention Barton Stacey - please enter if possible - if that's not possible, please come and marshal! It should be a fun day out - hopefully not quite as exciting as the last time when the British Army arrived early (complete with big guns) and tried to kick us out!

I must thank everyone who has responded so far to my plea for people to take the eSump instead of the paper one - we are now saving a considerable amount of money - thank you all! However, we still produce far more paper copies than elec-

tronic ones, so there is still room for improvement. Please get in touch (by phone, email or letter) if you can make this change. Contact details are on page 10 in this issue. Thank you in advance!

Have fun!

**Jez Boakes (Editor)**

### Chairman's Scribblings...

**P**hew! There I was, just meandering into the New Year, when suddenly it all

started happening and both the Group & I have had a really busy month.

February began for me when Tony Brooks & I popped down to Wimborne Minster to

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join **Salisbury Group** on their **12-Car Rally**. A very cold night over an interesting route presented via some rather extreme Navigational Route Cards gave us (well Tony really) more than a few headaches. While we only dropped a few minutes in total, the local Group 'Experts', well used to this sort of presentation, cleaned up and left us fifth overall. Clerk of the Course John Broughall explained the bits we'd struggled with at the Finish but it did serve to remind us of how differently other Groups & Centres present their rallies and left us wondering how on earth the Novice and Beginner crews we attract in NLC would manage without the benefits our groups provide with easier route cards, marked maps etc... but we did enjoy the evening and 'Thanks Salisbury Group' for the entertainment!

Our **Slot Car Stages** February Clubnight proved popular enough to persuade 22 people to participate including no less than four first-timers at the Liberal Club, a further member who, he claimed, had never done 'Scalextrics' before(!), and a trio of members from NWL who came along for some practice before the event on 14<sup>th</sup> March! (See below...). Luckily I'd arrived very early and, after spending the first two & a quarter hours on site sorting the room out (bit of a mess left by the decorators who hadn't realised we were using the room that evening!) a good evening followed. My thanks to Jez and particularly Dave Wiles for helping out with running the evening and I also appreciated the assistance that everybody gave in clearing up – if only it all went together as quickly!!

The very next night it was the turn of NWL to organise their **12-Car Rally**. I teamed up with Tony again and an un-eventful trip via the M25 on a Friday evening to just north of St Albans got us to the 'Pub start in good time. Ted Mankelow put on a challenging route around some very mucky lanes with a bit of rain & fog thrown in for good measure. Unfortunately, my incredibly reliable Honda Civic VTi blotted its copy-book and was overheating throughout. Not wishing

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to do any lasting damage we ambled round to get a finish and managed to record third overall in the process, beaten only by Dave Smith / Cath Woodman & Alan Thurbon / Lee Craker. Malcolm & Michael Grubb also competed but failed to finish... and I can't remember why, sorry! They were OK tho'!

The Honda needed a new temperature sensing fan switch, then all was well.

The **csma Karting** Group, attached to the NLC, held its latest event at Motorsport World in Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. A VERY cold day greeted the 30 odd members who entered but it stayed dry throughout despite the weather threatening to do something awful all day long! Two practice sessions, two individual 30 minute races and a 90 minute Team Endurance race was the order of the day and it was a note-worthy WMx occasion for three reasons ; a) Drew Goodspeed won the individual race, and with a new lap record for this type of kart too; b) Nick Bray & Mark Faulkner won the Team Endurance race in fine style, leading from start to finish; and c) Mike Scott, who attended the Event as a spectator, stepped in to partner Drew in the Endurance Race when another competitor was unable to continue after the first races. What made this quite remarkable was that Mike is 63 years old, had never worn a crash helmet, and it was his first ever go at Karting! He finished last of course (inevitable with all the 'experts' attending), had a whale of a time, but boy, I bet his neck ached in the morning!! Now how many of us would have the b\*lls to do that! Well done Mike – are you coming to the next one?????

Finally it's our **Noggin 'n' Natter** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. These evenings have had something of a welcome resurgence of late and anyone who's anybody has been turning up on the last Tuesday of every month to the Jolly Woodman at Littleworth Common. Why not make a plan to join us?

Finally, as March is almost upon us, there's a lot more planned for the month ahead:

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\* the Group's **Annual Dinner** is on the 4<sup>th</sup> in Windsor;

\* it's **AG's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** at our Clubnight on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>. – **YES, YOU ARE INVITED** ;

\* then there's the NLC **President's Night** at Hatfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> (a strong turnout for this Slot-Car Rally evening would be much appreciated as it's an inter-group occasion);

\* the 2006 version of our **Barton Stacey Practise day** on 19<sup>th</sup> (marshals & entries still required please...);

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\* and the March **Noggin' an' Natter** will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>.at the Jolly Woodman.

Now if we don't see you on at least one of those events I'll be bitterly disappointed, 'cos it'll mean I've been bashing away at this keyboard for nowt, and I could've been watching the Celebrity Hedge Cutting or something on t'tele! Give one of the Committee a call if you want to know more, or ring me if you're desperate!

See you around.....

**Allan Goddard (Vice Chairman)**

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## Mack's Mutterings

This month it really is a case of wondering where the month went to! For the last month or so I have been starting to take on a new role at work without quite getting rid of the old one. Doing two jobs at once is never a great idea and today I found myself canceling a very nice "Business Planning meeting" to northern Finland (complete with posh meals and a couple of hours playing with snowmobiles) so I can be sure to be in the country for the next WMx committee meeting! Ok, perhaps there were other considerations but it is a real shame when I have to turn down fun on the company's money! Still, I was in Finland during that cold spell a few weeks ago - it wasn't quite as cold as Russia as it was "only" minus 20 degrees C but it was still cold enough to make a 20 minute wait for a taxi pretty unpleasant! It might not be great in the UK this time of year but the British weather does have its advantages... Despite all these moans about work I did manage to get my Westfield back on the road a few weeks ago - only to decide that (despite previous comments about the weather) this really isn't the time of year to be driving round an open topped car without a heater!

From a group point of view the last month has been fairly quiet for me. I did manage to make the January Noggin and Natter (and very nice it was too!) and then the January clubnight which was the slot car

stages. Now hand-eye co-ordination has never been my strong point so it was no surprise to me that my team was below mid way in the team competition. However, it was a bit of a shock when I somehow managed to find myself in the final of the knockout against Jez. It was even more of a shock when I beat him! Now this is the first time I have beaten Jez at any sort of driving game so I really had to mention it. The fact that Jez appeared to have difficulty keeping the car on the track at half the speed my car managed was of course completely down to my superior driving skills. Wasn't it Jez? (*Hmmm... Ed*)

Looking ahead, I am really looking forward to the Annual Dinner (as always). Then of course there is the AGM. Hopefully you will all be there to have your say and decide who should be your committee next year. As mentioned in previous Sumps the next year will be a challenge so it really is important that you come and have your say about how you think things should be run.

Of course the other big event for March is the Barton Stacey Rally practice day. As I write this I know there are still places available and also I know we need all the help we can get, both on the Sunday and also setting things up on the Saturday. If you want to enter or think you can help then please talk to AG or Jez.

That is it for now, have fun!

**Toby Mack (Secretary)**

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# Annual Golf Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006

## **Blue Mountain Complex** **Bracknell, Berkshire...**

This year's deal' includes coffee or tea with bacon sandwiches on arrival, 18 holes of golf, a cheese & ham Ploughmans lunch plus a choice of puddings and a pint of Stella in the restaurant afterwards.  
***That's good!***

The inclusive TOTAL is £35 and should be ***paid to me in full before 1<sup>st</sup> June please.*** Please book YOUR place for the day, as soon as possible as I have to give firm numbers to the Course by Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> March to get this deal for us.

More information and/or to reserve your place, please contact me on:

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***I hope to see you there this year.....? AG***

# Concorde PCT

Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
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## *West Middlesex Group's 2006 motorcycling events*

I, on behalf of WMx Group, will either organise or have an involvement with each of the following – let me know if you'd like to come along, especially on the Rallies and the Big Summer Run which needs planning as soon as possible.

- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. - WMx Ride-Out to end at our N&Natter
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Services Trial (Observers/marshals required)
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - WMx mid-week Ride Out to the Nat. M/C Museum
- 6/7<sup>th</sup> May - Welsh National Rally
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - WMx Ride-Out to the Ace Cafe

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June - The long-awaited Big Summer Run!

Very limited numbers for this trip (six 'bikes max.) so if you're interested contact AG ASAP! \*\*...

- 17/18<sup>th</sup> June - M/C World, Beaulieu - a Ride-Out to & long day on site.
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - WMx Mid-Summer Ride-Out thro' the Cotswolds.
- 1/2<sup>nd</sup> July - National Rally (participants / Control marshals at Reading)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - WMx Motorcycle BBQ
- 25<sup>th</sup> July - WMx Ride-Out to end at our N&Natter
- 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. - WMx Group Ride-Out
- In Sept. - Scottish National Rally - a small group will be going...
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. - WMx Ride-Out
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. - Three Shires Run
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. - Kent Russet Run
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. - WMx run to the NEC (+ visit to Nat. M/C Show)

Date TBA - Spring Fun Challenge (Kent?)

Date TBA - Autumn Fun Challenge (South West?)

Date TBC - csma Motorcycle Track Day (Mallory Park?)

Contact (\*\*urgently) **AG** on 07785 903000 or agoddard@csma-netlink.co.uk

Motor Sport Coordinators' Bulletin

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Dates	Event (Status)	Club	Type of Event	Champ
Mar	Fri 10 * 12 Car Rally (C)	csma NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre
	10-12 * Newton Abbot Enduro (C)	South Hams MC	Enduro road event	
	Tue 14 * Slot Car Stages ()	csma NL Centre	Scalextric	Centre
	Fri 17 * 12 Car Rally (C)	Dolphin MC	Navigational Rally	
	Sun 19 * Stage Track Day (C)	csma WMx	Stage rally practice	
Apr	Tue 4 * Hollstar Table Top Rally ()	csma NWL	Intergroup event	Centre
	Sun 9 * Concorde PCT (Nat B/C)	csma NL Centre	Production Car Trial	Centre
	22/23 East Anglian Classic (Nat B)	Chelmsford MC	Historic Road Rally	
May	13/14 Cambrian Enduro (Nat B)	Tregaron MC	Enduro road event	
	19/20 Curtis Bennett (C)	csma	Road Rally/Autotest	
June	Sun 4 Juniper Autotest (Nat B)	csma NEL	Tarmac autotest	BTRDA
	17/18 Midsummer Enduro (C)	Chelmsford MC	Enduro road event	
	Sun 25 Greenacres Autotest (C)	csma NWL	Grass autotest	Centre

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

**News Items**

**Curtis Bennett Motorsport Weekend** This will be going ahead on the 19th/20th of May, but in a different format to previous years. What you will get are two tandem 12 Car rallies of 80 competitive miles each, with the field split between the two, which will run on the Friday night, followed by the Dunlop autotest on the Saturday afternoon. The idea of the 12 Car rallies is to keep costs to a minimum (no permit fees) whilst keeping alive the Curtis Bennett competition during these restricted financial times. Timescales for the event will be an 11pm start at the Highwayman Inn on the A417 (10 miles SE of Gloucester) before finishing in the Gloucester area. Competitors can make their own arrangements about accommodation before going to Whitemead Park where the results will become final in the morning. Then there will be the grass autotest immediately after lunch, followed by the awards presentation at 6pm. Further details will be announced to group secretaries as it becomes known.

**Lombard Revival Rally** Well here we are at the end of February and the entry list is nearly full with 130 crews registered and the event doesn't even take place until the end of October. So far we have **csma** entries from Dave Smith/Pete Johnson, John & Gill Cotton, Mike Biss/Cath Woodman, Malcolm & Caroline Grubb, Don Whitehurst/T.B.A., Alan Wakeman/Ian Perry, Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell, Graham Parkinson/Andrew Duerden. The route starts from York and then takes in night-halts at Scarborough, after the classic Yorkshire Forests and Oliver's Mount circuit, more action into Scottish Border rally country overnighing at Edinburgh, then across to the awesome ground of Kielder at night pausing at Carlisle before a final day to Blackpool, once a traditional finishing point of RAC Rallies.

**Previous Events**

**February 12 Car Rally** Ted Manktelow and John Evans put on a nice event in the Hertfordshire countryside, but by their own admission, might have made the novice navigation a tad too hard. I was out with a beginner and Mark eventually found out he did get car sick when navigating, although he had been doing very well with the navigation up to that point. He has been getting a little coaching from Cath, seeing as they work in the same office. Cath and I had to dash off straight after the finish to catch the Eurotunnel for one of our trips to Belgium. I'm sure there will be a story in a newsletter sometime in the future.

1st	Car 2	Dave Smith/Cath Woodman	NWL	Exp	0 Fails	0 Mins
2nd	Car 3	Alan Thurbon/Lee Craker	NWL	Exp	0 Fails	2 Mins
3rd	Car 1	Allan Goddard/Tony Brooks	WMx	Exp	1 Fail	10 Mins
4th	Car 8	Derek Newbould/James Newbould	NEL	Nov	1 Fail	12 Mins
5th	Car 9	Peter Watcham/Richard Lampley	HRCR	Nov	1 Fail	21 Mins
	Car 7	Malcolm Grubb/Michael Grubb	WMx	Exp/Nov	Non Finisher	
	Car 10	Philip Brent/Graham Robinson	NEL	Nov	Non Finisher	
	Car 6	Mike Biss/Mark Davis	NEL/NWL	Exp/Nov	Retired - mal de nav	

### Future Events

**North East London 12 Car** The event will start at the White Horse Inn, High Cross, on the old A10 (avoid using new by-pass), MR 166/364185. There will be the usual 50 miles of route, all on map 166, and the navigation will be tailored for the three classes. Regs available from either myself or Bernard Ward on 01992 582323.

**Presidents Slot Car Stages** This will again be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 88 Great North Road, Hatfield, Herts AL9 5EU, map reference 166/233092, and all groups are encouraged to send teams for this inter-group event. There will be four circuits laid out and teams will consist of two people, one driving and the other putting back on (if your driver is too enthusiastic) for half the laps and then you change over to complete the rest. The winners will be those who have the least penalties (extra penalties for coming off the track of course).

**Dolphin MC 12 Car Rally** We have been invited to a 12 Car rally organised by Dolphin Motor Club which will take place on Friday 17th March and will start from the Community Centre Car Park, by the Mill PH, Thatcham, 174/525680¼. The finish will be at the Craven Arms PH 174/426½ 648. The route will be about 60 miles, all on map 174, and the first car start at 8pm. If interested, let me know and I will send you the regs and entry form.

**Stage Rally Practice Day** This is organised by West Middlesex group and is held at Barton Stacey Camp, Andover, located at 185/438¾427½. The first car will start at approximately 10am and finish at approximately 5pm. For those that haven't been before, this is NOT a competitive event. The aim of the event is to provide newcomers to rallying with an introduction to the sport, provided under controlled conditions. Participants will be able to drive along typical rally stage style routes on private land and talk to experienced rally drivers, co-drivers/navigators, rally organisers and marshals. Experienced competitors themselves will be welcome to use the event for promotional or testing purposes. Fully prepared rally cars are NOT necessary! For the £75 entry fee you get approximately 30 miles on private land, predominantly on sealed surfaces. Entries should be directed to Jez Boakes on 07748 766409.

**Hollstar Intergroup Table Top Rally** This will be held at the North West London clubnight on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at The Thistle Hotel, Chiswell Green, St Albans, which is situated 1¼ miles NE of Junction 6 on the M1 or ¼ mile NE of Junction 21a of the M25, map reference 166/130037. The competition will be a map navigation exercise, like doing a 12 Car rally but without using the car, and will be on map 166 edition C2. Crews of two people have to plot the route against the clock and then answer some questions on what they have passed (to check you have gone the correct way). Penalties of a Fail are awarded for getting these questions wrong and time penalties awarded for being late. Obviously you have to balance accuracy against speed. There will be nothing difficult about the route cards to plot, it will be just down to who can plot it the quickest. All you need are a map, pencil, romer, rubber and some form of map magnifier (and maybe a torch to highlight). There will be awards for the best crew (ENELMS trophy) and best

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team (Hollstar trophy), which is the best two crews from each Group. The evening will start at 8:30pm prompt, so please be early to get a good table. For further information, please contact either myself or Ian Buxton 01865 793222 (w).

**Concorde Production Car Trial** Please try and make this an event to attend this year as we will need as many marshals as possible or why not give the event a go as a competitor. All you have to do is try and get as far up the hills as possible without stopping; the further you go, the less penalties you get. The venue is just off the A5 near Leighton Buzzard. The Clubsport part of the event allows you to compete without a competition license. Regs will be out by the time you get this missive and entries and offers to marshal will be gratefully received by myself.

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