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***Magnificent Spitfire Mk IX owned and flown by Carolyn Grace
at the Sudeley Castle csma Prom on July 23rd 2005***

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Your Editor Speaking...

I appear to have missed August. Perhaps I blinked...

A week in Wales resulted in the addition of 4lbs to my already slightly too large frame (cast iron willpower, you know...)

No progress at all on the Westfield and only a very slight amount on the stationary engine - and let's not even mention Bernard...

Motorsport-wise, Loeb's assault on the WRC suffered a slight hiccup before normal service was resumed, but the F1 appears to be hotting up for a change!

September is the Retro Run - definitely looking forward to that - look out for a report in the October issue!

The championship tables are published this month. It is highly unlikely that your name is listed, because there have been a grand total of **three** claims submitted. So get your points claims in, otherwise Nikki, Toby and I will clean up on the awards come the annual dinner!

Slightly light on copy this month - come on people, get scribbling - I know you all get up to many and varied things which would make some really interesting articles...

Some of them may even be suitable for printing in a family publication! ;-)

Have fun!

Jez Boakes (Editor)

Chairman's Scribblings...

If you've been on holiday then I hope you've had a great time.

The weather has been changeable to say the least this month but Debs and I managed to get a week of sunshine and hot weather in Cornwall. Although I love going abroad I still believe that you can't beat the UK if you get good weather.

Anyway, we made the trip to Cornwall one Friday afternoon in an attempt to miss the weekend traffic, which we achieved quite successfully. Our destination was a small organic farm just outside of Bodmin, and in the middle of the Moor.

Although quite a basic campsite, it was nice to be able to have a fire in the evening and sit round it with a few friends and a few beers. Whilst in Cornwall we decided to make a return trip to the Eden project which I last visited on a WMx motorcycle weekend in Devon. Nothing seems to have changed much since my last visit but we still had an interesting time.

Look forward to seeing you all at The haymaker autotest on Sun 4th Sept and at the next clubnight.

Cheers for now.

John Wright (Chairman)

Mack's Mutterings

August started for me with a very relaxing holiday in the Dales - I haven't spent much time up there for a long time and it was a breath of fresh air (literally!), relaxed, hardly any traffic, very friendly locals and lots of beautiful scenery. The only downside was the realisation that my two daughters (6 and 8) are much fitter than I am so the excuse of keeping the walks short "because the kids will not cope" did not really work!

Getting back home after all that was a bit of a disappointment but that was helped by another business trip to Finland. Now, normally I am not that keen on yet another trip where I get to see trees and water from a taxi window, a hotel room and some anonymous office building but this time it was a meeting on an island called Aland in the Gulf of Bothnia, Swedish speaking but still part of Finland. Apparently Aland was home to the worlds largest merchant fleet about 100 years ago and it still has the busiest marina in Finland, although I reckon any south coast port would put it to shame. Anyway, a hotel conference room

overlooking the marina in Aland is better than my desk in Farnborough any day!

Still, back to real life - as predicted last month there is not much to report for the WMx. Preparation for the Haymaker on the 4th September is well in hand and entries are coming in. If you are thinking of entering and haven't yet sent your form then stop prevaricating and contact me quick!

On the 8th we have our Clubnight, the Slot-car Stages - this is always a great event so make sure it is in your diary.

In fact, looking at our calendar September is going to be a pretty busy month, the Retro Run, Greenhorn 12 car, Michael Sobel Walk, Castle Combe track day and of course the Motorcycle ride out and Noggin and Natter!

As if that was not enough, how about October - 3 shires run, NWL Autumn autotest, csma AGM, WMx 12-car, Treasure Hunt, Clubnight, Qaudruxplex, Kent Russet Run, Karting day, N&N..... whew!

That lot should keep you all busy!

Have fun!

Toby Mack (Secretary)

Haymaker Autotest

Bramley, near Basingstoke

Sunday September 4th

Not entered?

Then why not come along and marshal?

Call Malcolm on 01784 435447 or

Toby on 07770 365797

Special Announcement!

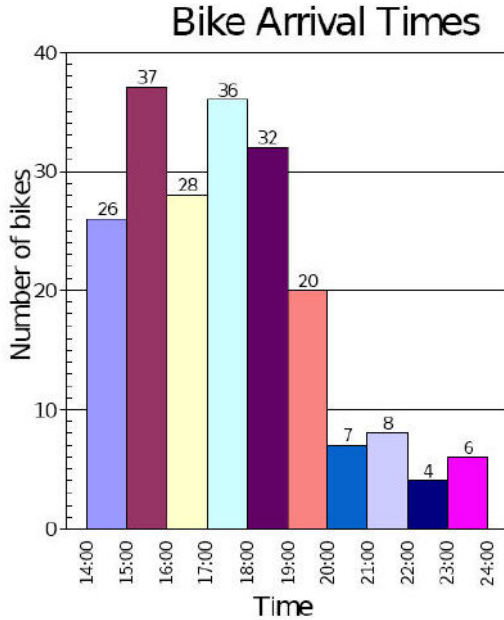
Jeff and Dawn went all the way to Scotland to tie the knot on Monday 25th July and are now officially

Mr & Mrs Rampton!

Warmest congratulations to them both from all of us in West Middlesex Group.

Now, when do we get our bit of cake.....?

Held over from last month due to lack of space - here is Rhys's analysis of the arrival times of the bikes, plus a nice picture of a Royal Enfield!



WMx Championship Tables

The year is **well** underway so it's about time to bring to your attention the West Middlesex Group Championships. The rules are printed below just to refresh your memory:

WEST MIDDLESEX GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The Group championships are intended to encourage positive light-hearted competition between Group members on events of all types and levels, and to encourage everybody to support events. Particular emphasis is placed on events organised by this and other **csma** Groups.
2. The categories are
 - a. Rally Driver - only events defined in the MSA Competitors' Year Book (known as the 'Blue Book') as rallies will qualify,
 - b. Rally Navigator Driver - only events defined in the MSA Competitors' Year Book (known as the 'Blue Book') as rallies will qualify,
 - c. Off-Road Driver – to include the following classes of motor sport:
 - § Autotests
 - § Autosolos
 - § Autocross and Rallycross
 - § Non-rally Off-Road events (e.g. off-road vehicle trials, recovery tests, orienteering and Safaris)
 - § Circuit Racing and Karting
 - § Sprints, Hillclimbs and Drag Racing
 - § Trials
3. The Championships run for the calendar year. Claims each championship year must be submitted before 31st January in the following year. No points will be awarded unless supported by a claim.
4. Points scoring:
 - a. Points are scored within each category for:
 - § Starting an event,
 - § finishing an event,
 - § receiving class or overall awards,
 - § beating other members of West Middlesex Group,
 - § or by supporting the running of events as an organiser or marshal.
 - b. Points are awarded as follows:

		Points
Starting an event	All levels	5
Finishing an event	Closed / Clubmans	5
Finishing an event	National B	8
Finishing an event	National A	10
Finishing an event	International	12
Receiving an overall award (or finishing in the best 10% overall)		5
Receiving a class award (or finishing in the best 10% in class)		4
Per West Middlesex Group crew beaten		4
Organising a WMx event		15
Marshalling on a WMx event		10

- § Organisers' points are the equivalent to a start, finish and overall award on a Closed/Clubmans event.
 - § Marshals points are the equivalent to a start and finish on a Closed/Clubmans event.
 - § Organisers and marshals may nominate their points claim for organising or marshalling on an event in any of the three categories, regardless of the type of event, to boost their personal points total.
- b. For the purposes of the "per WMx crew beaten" criterion:
- § Road rallies: all other WMx Group members beaten will count,
 - § Stage events: only those competing in the same class will count,
 - § Off road events: all other WMx Group members beaten will count.
 - § A crew is considered to represent the Group even if only one party is a member.
 - § All crews who start the event will be taken into account, including those who retire.
- c. There are no specified Championship rounds, each competitor may enter as many or as few events as he or she wishes. However, in order to claim points it is essential that:
- § he or she must declare the motor club entered under as **csma**
 - § the event must be fully open to other members of **csma**
- d. Each competitor's best twelve scores on events will count. This is to avoid biasing the championship totally towards highly active competitors at everyone else's expense.
- e. In order for a competitor to win a championship, they must have scored points as a competitor on at least one round (to ensure that a driver's championship cannot be won by marshalling alone).
5. The competitor in each category with the highest points total at the end of the year is judged to be the winner.
6. The Group will present, a trophy to the winner of each championship. All trophies

Attention should be drawn to rule [3] above:

NO CLAIM, NO POINTS!

We've said this in the past and then at the end of the year, when few or no claims were received, someone has spent several hours trawling through results. **But this year we mean it.** Just see if we don't...

To make life easy for you, the claim form is available on the group website, and can be emailed to jez@jez-nikki.net. If you have no web access, you can even phone your claim - 07748 766409. The claim form is also printed here in the Sump - either cut it out or photocopy it, fill it in and post it to Jez Boakes - address listed in the contacts section on page 15.

West Middlesex Championship Tables 2005

Driver	Event					Total	Pos'n
	1	2	3	4	5		
Nikki Wild	10				38	48	1
							2
							3
							4
							5

Navigator	Event					Total	Pos'n
	1	2	3	4	5		
Toby Mack	10				38	48	1
							2
							3
							4
							5

Off-Road	Event					Total	Pos'n
	1	2	3	4	5		
Jez Boakes	10				30	40	1
Toby Mack					18	18	2
							3
							4
							5

Key:

- 1 - WMx 12-car, 14 January 2005
- 2 - NEL 12-car, 11 March 2005
- 3 - NWL 12-car, 18 March 2005
- 4 - WMx 12-car, 8 April 2005
- 5 - Curtis-Bennett weekend, 21/22 May 2005

September Clubnight

Slot-car Stages



Thursday September 8th

8pm

Liberal Club
Windsor
Victoria Street

(175 / 967 766)

Ride-Outs Vietnamese Style

Imagine a city of 5 million people – with 4 million mopeds boosted by an extra 3 million commuters and you have Saigon – or to give it its more correct title today – Ho Chi Minh City. Not that anyone does, though that's not the point here.

The city therefore teems with more motorcycles than cars, which are by comparison a rarity. What's more 'big' bikes are forbidden, so the population gets around on 50 cc to 175 cc buzz boxes, supplied by mainly Chinese manufacturers for about 400 US\$, though the odd Honda does put in an appearance.



And get around they do – not only is crossing the street a nightmare, as hordes of these things swarm and bear down on you, but whole families travel on them. Countless times we saw Mum & Dad with 2 children & shopping, going about their daily business.

As for crash helmets, let alone leathers – forget it. Although Vietnamese law obliges the wearing of said helmets, this is not enforced in Saigon in any way. If, however you go out of the city and notice a bunch of motor cyclists by the road side, it is almost certainly because there is a police car up the road ready to issue on the spot fines. Not having the requisite head gear they simply sit and wait by the road side until the police have gone!

In fact the only protection of any sort other than the occasional coolie hat, was a cloth wrapped around the lower faces of the women, giving them a rather curious resemblance to Wild West outlaws.

"Pollution" we nodded wisely.

"Complexion" said our guide.

Apparently the Vietnamese ideal is for women's skin to be as white as possible, so those self same cosmetic companies that promote artificial tanning lotions to western women were seen to be advertising whitening lotions to their eastern cousins. It seems women are never happy but Michael Jackson, eat your heart out!

So to finish, here are the top 10 things not to do whilst riding your motorcycle in the UK, all of which were seen in Saigon, in transit.

1. Ride side-saddle (Pillion only)
2. Eat a bowl of cereal
3. Take family dogs – just for a ride.
4. Dress your child for school.

5. Change your babies nappy
6. Transport a 2' by 5' pane of glass between the driver & pillion rider with no protective packaging whatsoever.
7. Take your new fridge home from the shop (across the pillion of course how else?)
8. Carry your traditional yoke across your shoulders. This has the advantage of making you as wide as you are long, whilst the swinging baskets on the end help to clear a path for you through traffic.
9. Ignore all traffic lights, lane marking and above all pedestrian crossings.
10. Lend it to your 10 year old son and a couple of his best friends to get around the city.



Derrick Holden

**The deadline for articles for the
October Sump is September 21st!**

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and not necessarily those of the csma, csma West Middlesex Group
Committee or the editor.**

Hey! That was a cracking event – but where were all you West Middlesex 'bikers?

About eleven weeks before this years 'Harman' we unexpectedly found we needed an Organiser to run this years Fun Challenge and I came up with David Rillie! He was a little reluctant to take it on at first but I've known DR for about twenty years now and a few pints of Fursty Ferret persuaded him he was indeed the right man for the job!

The Start was at Jenner's, the riverside café in Maidenhead quite near Boulters Lock, and a very healthy entry turned up in good time to partake of the traditional 'full English' as part of the traditional preparation for the day ahead. Our very own, now retired, Chris Devenish put in an appearance at the café to meet up with a few old friends but declined to take part in the event that he had organised for years, pretending to be too old for that sort of thing or something but it was very nice to see him nevertheless !

At 10 o'clock the first-half instructions were given out and each team had to plot nine locations in Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. We then had to choose just four to visit, each with a declared points value but with a bonus available of no less than 100 points divided by the number of Competitors gleaning the right answer from each given location. The fewer teams that visited a particular clue, the more points you got!

Getting to four Clues in the morning proved quite difficult for a lot of us particularly as we had to get to the Lunch stop, at the Crofton Beam Engines near Marlborough, by 13.00hrs or have points deducted from the hard-earned score we'd accrued. I made it to three locations (Arborfield REME Museum, Dorchester-on-Thames & Hampstead Norris) before making a run for the lunch halt dropping a handful of minutes in the process despite being escorted by a large group of non-csma motorcyclists along the old A4 from Newbury to Froxfield.

To make up my 'four' I guessed at the answer located at Michealdever Station - "What do the Carron Company of Stirlingshire manufacture?". Now I knew I'd used that very question in the dim & distant past on a Treasure Hunt I'd organised but I couldn't quite recall the occasion or indeed the answer! I thought it might be post-boxes but I checked out a couple on the run in and they were made by Abbot Foundries so I plumped for 'Platform Furniture' specifying bench frames and hanging baskets in particular in a desperate attempt to be convincing... Err, no! Imagine my embarrassment to discover - its red telephone boxes! 37 years with BT, I'd seen a few of 'em, but I knew I knew!

An hour's break at Crofton and David issued Part Two. More of the same really, another nine locations to plot and we had to choose just four to visit. This time they were scattered all over Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. The first clue I chose to visit was at Silbury Hill on the A4 just to the west of Marlborough – did you know it's estimated that more than four million man-hours went into 'building' that hill? No, nor did I! Thereafter it all went a bit downhill for me. On route between Swindon & Cricklade I chanced upon one of our number who appeared to have a problem. He had, but he'd just fixed it so after a bit of a chat we were both on our way, (in opposite directions!) me still blissfully ignoring the fact that time goes by ten times quicker doing this sort of thing than it does on the Friday afternoon in the office before you start your two weeks leave. Hence it was twenty-five past four already, I'd visited only two clues, couldn't find the answer at one of those, and here I was poking around the back streets of Chalbury looking for 'the old Co-Op' in a vain attempt to locate a third and at least save a bit of face. And still twenty miles to the Finish in Bourton on the Water! Fortunately, the B4437 west of Charlbury

is quite a nice road and I made it to the British Legion Car Park in Bourton without incurring further penalties – just as well, I hadn't got too many points to play with really!

The day's final hurdle – Keith Freak and his Top Box Challenge. As one with virtually no short term memory (you know the sort of thing – you get to the top of the stairs and then have to work out what on earth you'd come up for... or is that just me?) this has always proved a real test for my three brain cells. This time we were allowed one whole minute to study KF's be-stickered and well-travelled Top Box before being asked three 'simple' questions regarding information displayed on said stickers. And there are dozens of 'em! He's been everywhere!

Finally, we all made our way into the Cotswold Motor Museum for a well-deserved cuppa and a biscuit. David appeared a short time later and enjoyed reading out the results in reverse order to the gathered throng. Needless to say I was one of the first names read out (!) and it became apparent that if I'm ever going to do well on this event I'm going to have to ride with someone who can, (a) remember a route between two points without constantly stopping to check if it's the right way; and (b) remember for more than two minutes put together what the Clue is we're looking for! Alternatively, I suppose I could invest in a couple more Fursty Ferrets prior to the event in an attempt at outright bribery but I'm not sure I could afford to get DR to that state of flexibility in all honesty!!!

Despite my personal dismal effort on the Harman Fun Challenge, I really did enjoy the event. I live a handful of miles from the Start point and by the time I returned home the 'Pan' had clocked up 268 miles – a really good day out on some excellent roads.

Thanks to Keith for his annual Top-Box brain-teaser and a big 'Thank-you' to Dave for stepping in at fairly short notice and producing a real Challenge whilst maintaining the Fun element too. Well done DR.

Now who's got a GPS device I can borrow for next year ... ???

Allan Goddard

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Dates	Event (Status)	Club	Type of Event	Champ
Sep Sun 4	* Haymaker (C)	csma WMx	Grass Autotest	Centre
16-18	* Rally Great Britain (I)	MSA	WRC Rally	
17/18	* Phoenix Rally (Nat B)	Sporting CC of Norfolk	Navigational Road Rally	
Sun 25*	Topographia (C)	csma Farnborough	Treasure Hunt Scatter	
Oct 1/2	* Powerush Rally (Nat B)	Borough 18 MC	Navigational Road Rally	
Sun 2	* Autumn (C)	csma NWL	Grass Autotest	Centre
Sat 15	Quadruplex ()	csma SoS	Inter-Group Quiz	Centre
Fri 21	12 Car Rally (C)	csma WMx	Navigational Rally	Centre
Nov Fri 11	12 Car Rally (C)	csma NWL	Navigational Rally	Centre
24-27	Lombard Revival ()	ERA	Enduro Rally	
Dec 3/4	Civil Service (Nat B/C)	csma North West	Road Rally	
Fri 9	12 Car Rally (C)	csma NEL	Navigational Rally	Centre

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

Past Events

Greenacres Autotest Fourteen people started this event and all but two of them were from NWL. With ten tests run during the day, with the best time on each to count, it was John Cotton at the end who turned out the winner.

Grasshopper Autotest The event had rain all day, which made the tests more and more slippery, and the last round of tests were cancelled due to the conditions. However, by the time the site had been cleared up, the sun had come out and it was lovely weather for the rest of the day. The championship round event only attracted four entries, all in specials, whilst the clubmans event attracted 19 entries (Grubbs and Harrison's out in full force). There were nine tests run twice, with the best times to count, and Roger Dudley and Mike Biss were the respective winners.

Holly Autotest This year the event was back to its August date, this time a dry event, and in fact it was actually a lot hotter than most people expected. Although we only had nine entries, the competition was very strong and everyone enjoyed the open, fast tests. With nine tests run three times each, with the best two times to count, it was another different winner with Cath Woodman taking the spoils.

Future Events

Haymaker Autotest This grass autotest takes place on Sunday 4th September and will be held at Church Farm, Bramley, Basingstoke, (MR 175/632600). The farm is in the village of Bramley, off the A33, which is easily accessible from either the M3 (Jn 6) or M4 (Jn 11). The entry fee is £15 and to keep things even, no knobblies tyres are allowed. Regs are available from myself or other group secretaries, or from the Sec of the Meeting Toby Mack 01252 675533. Please make sure you put your entry in with plenty of time as the organisers have in the past suffered from, due to lack of entries, the event being cancelled only to discover later that several competitors had intended to enter but had left it until the last minute.

Greenhorn 12 Car Rally Unfortunately the event will not be running this year.

Topographia Rally This is a scatter type treasure hunt where you have to identify locations from photographs and then drive to the location and answer a question. There are 28 questions of varying value, but only a maximum of 16 need to be answered. Map 185 D1 is required and the entry fee is £6. The event starts just outside Basingstoke and is a really good event to have a drive round the countryside or be competitive. If you would like a set of regs or more details of the event, then either contact myself or Dave Pegg on 01483 834062.

Autumn Autotest This will be the final round of the season and will be held at Studd Farm venue near Leighton Buzzard. Should be easy to find now if you have done the others there. Lee Craker and Ian Buxton are organising the event and entries cost £13. This will be another autotest where a passenger is required. Entry forms are available from Group secretaries or myself.

WMx October 12 Car Please note the date change for this event as the organisers are doing a rally the original weekend. Malcolm Grubb will be running the event and details should be available next month.

Other News

Enduro Championship Starting in January and then spread throughout the year there will be at least six rounds in the Championship, which will be sponsored by Colway. Entry fees will all be around £200, the longer and more expensive events not being included. The Championship winning driver and co-driver will each receive £500 starting money towards an entry in the 2006 Lombard Revival Rally. The planned events and dates so far are:

Date	Event	Organising Club	Website
Jan 7/8	Great Bustard	Salisbury & Shaftesbury CC	www.sandsc.co.uk
Mar 11/12	Newton Abbot Audi	South Hams MC	www.southhamsmotorclub.co.uk
May 21	Cambrian Endurance	Tregarron & District MC	dieldel@loncaron.freereserve.co.uk
Jun 17/18	Britvic Midsummer	Chelmsford MC	www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk
August	Welsh Endurance	Amman & District MC	hywel.thomas@tiscali.co.uk
October	Thunderball II	Cheltenham MC	www.cheltmc.com

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csma West Middlesex Group Championship Points Claim Form

Event & Organising Club	Status	Date
Driver	Navigator	Start Number
Car Make / Model		Class
Event Description - please note that this may be included in the Sump		
Points Claimed		
Result Overall	Class Position	Awards?

When complete, please send this form and a copy of the results to:

**Jeز Boakes, 71 Middle Mead, Hook, Hants, RG27 9TE
or by email to jez@jez-nikki.net**

Official use only:

Start points	Finish points	Bonus points
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