

# SCCCN Spotlight

The Newsletter of the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk

February 2015



*Kris Meeke / Paul Nagle*

Thursday  
19<sup>th</sup> February

Clubnight

White Horse Inn

Contact  
Howard Joynt

Friday  
27<sup>th</sup> February

Canada Garage Motorsport  
12 Car

North Walsham

Contact  
Mark Annison

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## Canada Garage Motorsport 12 Car

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## Round 5 of the 12 Car Championship

# The Latest ...

## Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

## Club Nights

Do not forget that current club nights (unless stated in these newsletters) are at the **White Horse**

Please join us at the White Horse on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February** for the next Natter & Noggin

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Management Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Club night at the White Horse, Trowse

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Holbecks Trial**  
**West Suffolk Motor Club**  
**AMSC Trials**  
**Challenge Round 7**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
**12 Car Round 5**  
**Canada Garage Motorsport**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Management Meeting

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
**12 Car**  
**March Hare**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Wattisfield Trial**  
**West Suffolk Motor Club**  
**AMSC Trials**  
**Challenge Round 8**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Club night at the White Horse, Trowse

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**12 Car Round 6**  
**Lyng Garage**

## Marshalling

Marshal Points:

Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting Maggy Bateman.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Holbecks Trial  
West Suffolk Motor Club

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
12 Car Round 5  
Canada Garage Motorsport

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
12 Car  
March Hare

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Wattisfield Trial  
West Suffolk Motor Club

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
12 Car Round 6  
Lyng Garage

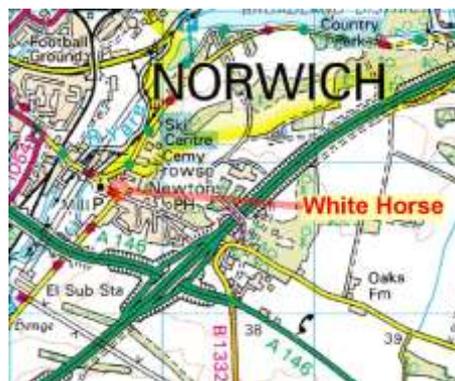
## Lyng Garage

### 12 Car

**Friday**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Lyng**

[White Horse, Trowse NR14 8ST](#)



2015 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year Treasure Hunt	Clubmans	Julian & Sara Riley
Thursday 15 <sup>h</sup> January	Club night		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	12 Car	12 Car	Jonathan Stimpson
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Club night		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	12 Car	12 Car	Mark & Lorraine Annison
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	March Hare		David Bell
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Club night		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	12 Car	12 Car	David Bell
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Club night		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM		David Leckie
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Club night		
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Midsummer Vintage & Classic Car Run		Martin & Christine Newson
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	AutoSOLO	Clubmans	Martin Newson
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Club night		
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Club night		
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	AutoSOLO	Clubmans	Martin Newson
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Club night		
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	12 Car	12 Car	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Club night		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	12 Car	12 Car	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Car Trial	Clubmans	David Leckie
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Club night		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	12 Car	12 Car	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Club night		

## Chairman's Report February 2015

First of all the news---We have marshalled on our first event of 2015.

Christine and I will not be at the next club night on February 19th (been invited to the prize giving of the Targa series at Chelmsford).

### January 18th Wethersfield, Chelmsford MC. First Rally of 2015 in our area.

The last time a rally was run on this venue was 14 years ago on a very snowy Sunday when our very own Stuart Delf and Richard Seed won this event in their Ford Fiesta. This time it wasn't snowing but it was very cold and another early start for us to travel from home to Wethersfield in time to sign on for 7.15ish. Christine and I were there first for the SCCoN crews, our team were looking after the area in and around the bomb dump. There is about 1.5 miles of roads in here with quite a lot of junctions, which were not all used his time as the nature of the rally is quite different from that of a Targa rally when it was last used in July last year. We had a number of novice

marshals this time, so a brief talk on safety was in order. I explained if there is an off by a car to split up with one moving towards the on coming rally cars and the rest dealing with the problem. This action was called for a number of times as the cars would drift a little wide dropping the wheels just off track and into the mud at the road edge, the drop off the road drag you further into the mud where it was only to easy to get stuck as a number of cars did on the day. It was quite an entertaining day with the cars taking six stages which were lapped twice. We were all finished before dark which always feels



*"When  
Reliability  
Matters"*

Norfolk Classic and Sportscars was born from a lifelong passion for motorsports and classic cars, and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars, including on event servicing for motorsport events, as well as general servicing, repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company, Robert Kitchen, has been providing on event support for the Endurance/Classic Rally Association since 2000, and has worked on most of their long distance endurance events over the last 11 years. Therefore Norfolk Classic and Sportscars is ideally placed to prepare vehicles for this type of event, as Robert has travelled many of the routes and experienced first-hand the kind of problems encountered by classic vehicles on these types of event.

The company also carries out restoration work, with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see examples of previous commissions in the Projects section. We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a small selection of the events that Robert has provided mechanical support on:



better for us marshalling. The results should be available; Stuart Delf and Mark Annison had a really good result with 8th overall and 3rd in class. Hopefully they will write a report soon.

### Mull Rally News 2015

Labelled by motorsport aficionados as "the best rally in the world", this year's iconic three-day Mull Rally will have a new sponsor: Beatson's Building Supplies. The new five-year deal ensures the long term future of the event — which was the first all-Tarmac event to be held on closed-off public roads in the UK — and gives the three-day event on the Hebridean Island a major boost. This year's Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally will take place on Friday, October 9, through to Sunday, October 11. "We've always wanted to put more back into Scottish motorsport, and the opportunity to become title sponsor of the Mull Rally was one we couldn't ignore, Ross Marshall, director of Beatson's Building Supplies, said. Marshall, who previously raced in Legends at both

National and Scottish level, contested last year's Mull Rally in his Ford Escort MkII, finishing 23rd in the 130-car field, which included entries from all over the world.



The entry list for the 2014 event, the 45th running of the Mull Rally, also included Ross's father, fellow company director John Marshall in his Escort. "Mull's such a fantastic place as an island, and the rally ensures it becomes a mecca for international rally drivers for one week every year. "To be directly associated with it as a company is a privilege, and we look forward to helping the Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally become even bigger and more successful in the coming years." Beatson's Building Supplies began life 1966, originally trading as Robert Beatson & Son (Builders) Limited, before being purchased by the Marshall family in 1984 when it took on its current identity. Now one of Scotland's largest building suppliers, it operates from its headquarters in Alloa, and includes four other major centres at Cumbernauld, Penicuik, Dunfermline and Stirling. It also operates a specialist roofing



## Automotive Performance Tuning

APT began in 2004, when Gary Hayward identified a demand for a knowledgeable specialist in the tuning and maintenance of Japanese performance vehicles in the Norfolk area.

Having completed training and with several years experience working with vehicles in a main-dealer environment and more recently managing the workshop for another local specialist tuning company, Gary decided to adopt a more dedicated approach. What followed was to become not only a success in the Norfolk area, but a Nationally recognised company with customers travelling often hundreds of miles, in fact our customer base now stretches into Europe too. Our existing customers seem to appreciate our honest and informative approach, along with our 'small company' attitude.

Our facility, based just outside Norwich is equipped with the latest equipment to allow us to carry out tuning of performance cars to a very high standard and taking into account the customers budget.

We have the ability to map most of the major aftermarket management systems, including MoTeC, Apexi, Autronic, HKS and are agents for the **EcuTeK** remapping system for Mitsubishi Evo vehicles.

Gary is proud to have been involved with various projects over the years, including customers such as RosSPORT and Mosler Europe, for whom we have mapped several of their road and race cars.

Additionally to this, we are also equipped to carry out tuning to modern Petrol and Diesel road-cars. Healthy power gains are available by optimising the vehicles operating parameters, but more significantly, fuel economy can be improved on Turbo-Diesel applications. Please click the Evolution Chips logo on the left for more information about this great service.

Our own Mitsubishi Evo 7 has continued to evolve and has become widely regarded as one of the leading Evo vehicles in the country. It provides a useful test-bed for new innovations and can be seen at various MLR events across the country. It features an APT-built 2.3 stroked engine, RosSPORT Garrett T04Z turbo, Drenth Sequential transmission and aggressive body-styling. It produces in excess of 700bhp and now also includes a NOS system. Look out for it at a trackday near you!!

division which trades under the Skyline Roofing name. In addition, the company has a high profile at Knockhill, Scotland's national motorsport centre, where its name dominates the circuit on the famous bridge which straddles the Fife race track. As it increases its support of Scottish motorsport, Beatson's Building Supplies will also sponsor this year's inaugural Colin McRae Memorial Stages Rally which takes place at Knockhill on May 16/17. Today's commitment to the Mull Rally though has been welcomed by Iain Campbell, Clerk of the Course, and who is responsible for organising the event and ensuring safety is paramount. "It is great news that Beatson's Building Supplies has entered into a five-year agreement with The Guardians of Mull Rally," Campbell admitted. "This gives us the financial backing to secure the future of the event right through to the 50th anniversary rally in 2019. "But significant for us is the fact the support is coming from a motorsport family, as both John and Ross Marshall have competed regularly on the event. "And as a firm they are not only looking after some of the economic worries that come with running such an iconic event, but they want to engage fully with the community through their Bobby Beatson's mascot. "The Mull Rally cannot run without the support of the local residents, and it is this kind of support from our sponsors that will help in maintaining that relationship." The route for the 2015 — which is currently with Police Scotland for approval — is quite different from last year's, with more stage mileage but actually less special stages. However, the challenge of Mull still remains: two night legs, a daylight leg and more than 150 competitive miles in less than 30 hours.

## **2015 SCCON Membership Renewals**

**Hello everyone,**

**31<sup>st</sup> March is almost here and its membership renewal time.**

**It is entirely thanks to you all that we can organise club events and continue to be active part of the motor-sport community.**

**Individual Membership is just £14 per year.**

**Family Membership is just £18 per year.**

**To renew you membership, you can write to me, including your membership fee, at the address below.**

**I look forward to seeing you all soon,**

**Grace Philp  
Membership Secretary.**

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## Autosolo and Autotest

With the club motorsport season just around the corner so I thought words of advice on certain types of events might be useful. Please remember that all autosolo cars must be taxed, moted, and insured for road use to be eligible for use on autosolo's. Don't forget they do need to be driven to the event as well. If you enter as an autotest car it does need any of the above.

Choosing a car	<p>1) <b>Start with whatever you have;</b> almost anything can be used at first. Even if you intend to buy a car purely for motorsport in the future you will be far better placed to do so after having taken part to see what looks best.</p> <p>2) If you <i>are</i> choosing a car, then <b>any small hatchback is suitable</b>, with French cars tending to be well represented (106/205/Clio/Saxo etc.) as they are generally light and parts are cheap. If you want to try <b>rwd then consider an MX5 or small BMW.</b></p> <p>It is worth noting that large or high powered cars are expensive to run and not generally quick – above ~100bhp/tonne you are generally into rapidly diminishing returns.</p>
Walking the tests	<p>1) You will develop your own preferences but a good start is to <b>walk the layouts</b> so that you are where you would be in your car – i.e. 'walk your lines' – that way the course will appear as it would in the car.</p> <p>2) Walk the tests <b>enough times until you can walk without looking at the map</b> – this may be twice, it may be 10 times, but you will not be quick if you have to glance at the map during a test.</p> <p>Despite point 2), to combat 'brain-fade' it may be beneficial to have the map clipped to the dash for quick reference to minimise lost time.</p>
On the start line	<p><b>Talk yourself round the route in your head before you set off.</b> You will be nervous/excited just before you drive the course and you would be surprised how this can affect your memory - be sure you can still remember it before you start.</p>
Tyres	<p>1) <b>Consider having a separate set of wheels with dedicated tyres</b>, at least for the two driving wheels (that way you always have good tyres to drive home on). A pair of rough looking but straight wheels for a French hatchback will cost you no more than £20 from ebay.</p> <p>2) <b>Buy a mid-range tyre.</b> Cheap low quality tyres are a false economy as they do not grip well and can wear quickly. Equally buying very expensive tyres is not the way to go either as the cost will become prohibitive.</p> <p>3) As a starting point, <b>increase front tyres pressures</b> for the event by around 10 psi to avoid wearing the outside edge of the tyres only. You may want to experiment with pressures after a few events but this is a good starting point.</p>
Car Preparation	<p>1) <b>Remove all loose kit</b> including your spare wheel if it is in the car.</p> <p>2) <b>Check your fluids levels</b> before each event – a low oil level may not show up on the road but will become apparent when cornering hard!</p>
Modifications	<p>1) <b>Modifications are not necessary</b> - a standard car in sound condition will be cheaper, more reliable and a better tool for learning. Trying to modify for performance will not yield positive results if the basic components of the car are not working properly.</p> <p>2) With time you could consider going a bit stiffer on springs and dampers and maybe a bit lower, but in moderation otherwise the car's handling will be "nervous".</p>
Power	<p>As stated above - <b>forget power increases.</b> In other motorsports power can be a big factor, in Autosolos this should only be considered when you have learned to be competitive and the suspension and tyres are at their optimum. It is the most expensive way to modify your car and will yield little in this sport.</p>

# Marshals Post

*Upcoming club events – Canada Garage Motorsport 12 Car, March Hare 12 Car, Lyng Garage 12 Car*

*Other clubs:*

*Holbecks Trial on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Hadleigh (nr Ipswich) organised by West Suffolk Motor Club*

*Wattisfield Trial on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Wattisfield Hall (nr Diss) organised by West Suffolk Motor Club*

*Further information (if any) available from Maggy Bateman on 01379 783142 – there are also links on the Marshalling page on the club website ([www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html](http://www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html)) for any readers that are interested and have internet access*

*There are also links to event sites that may be of interest to club members on the Other Club Dates page on the club website ([www.scon.co.uk/index.html](http://www.scon.co.uk/index.html))*



	Title	Pub Date	Edition
131	Boston & Spalding	22/02/12	D2
132	North West Norfolk, King's Lynn & Fakenham	30/03/11	<u>D1</u>
<b>133</b>	<b>North East Norfolk, Cromer &amp; Wroxham</b>	<b>29/01/14</b>	<b>D3</b>
134	Norwich & The Broads, Great Yarmouth	28/11/12	D3
<b>143</b>	<b>Ely &amp; Wisbech, Downham Market</b>	<b>25/07/14</b>	<b>D2</b>
144	Thetford & Diss, Breckland & Wymondham	07/11/12	<u>B3</u>
154	Cambridge & Newmarket, Saffron Walden	13/08/12	<u>D2</u>
155	Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury & Stowmarket	11/11/13	D3
156	Saxmundham, Aldeburgh & Southwold	28/05/13	B3

**LARA, campaigning against prejudice and restrictive practices on behalf of motor sport & recreation**

Dear colleague,  
 Can you pass this to your newsletter editor? We are now posting updates on Facebook and if mention of the LARA page could be made in your club's newsletters it would greatly spread the message:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Motoring-Organisations-Land-Access-Recreation-Association-LARA/1387287081581104>

Dave Tilbury  
 Southern respondent and web team.  
[www.laragb.org](http://www.laragb.org)

## Anglia Motor Sport Club



### 2014 / 2015 AMSC Trials Challenge



Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
1	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Kensworth	FMC
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Ivinghoe Aston	FMC
3	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Lyng	SCCoN
4	30 <sup>th</sup> November	Wattisfield	WSMC
5	1 <sup>st</sup> January	Seckford	ECMC
6	18 <sup>th</sup> January	Harlton	CCC
7	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Holbecks	WSMC
8	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wattisfield	WSMC
9	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Ivinghoe Aston	FMC

### 2015 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge



Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
1	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Debden	WSMC
2	28 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc	SCCoN
3	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Woodbridge	ECMC
4	6 <sup>th</sup> September	tbc	SCCoN
5	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Wethersfield	CCC
6	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Debden	WSMC

### 2015 AMSC Targa Challenge



Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
1	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Sculthorpe	KLDMC
2	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Wethersfield	CMC
3	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Debden	WSMC
4	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Wethersfield	CMC
5	5 <sup>th</sup> September	Debden	WAC
6	1 <sup>st</sup> November	Woodbridge	CMC

**CCC** Cambridge Car Club **CMC** (Chelmsford Motor Club) **ECMC** Eastern Counties Motor Club  
**KLDMC** (King's Lynn & District Motor Club)  
**SCCoN** Sporting Car Club of Norfolk **WAC** (Wickford Auto Club) **WSMC** (West Suffolk Motor Club)

## 2014 / 2015 12 Car Championship

### Calendar

Round	Date	Event	Organiser(s)
1	17 <sup>th</sup> October	P & H Novice	David & Katy Leckie
2	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Waveney	Peter Riddle
3	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Waveney Mushrooms	David Mann & Robert Aldous
4	30 <sup>th</sup> January	AP Tuning	Jonathan Stimpson
5	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Canada Garage Motorsport	Mark & Lorraine Annison
	13 <sup>th</sup> March	March Hare	David Bell
6	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lyng Garage	Simon Tebbutt

## AP Tuning 12 Car

### Results

Car	Class	Driver / Navigator	Fails	Mins	o/a	Class
10	N	Rob Porter / Robert Aldous		1	1	
4	I	Mark Banham / Matthew Smalley		4	2	1
2	E	Jon Bray / David Smalley		9	3	1
8	N	Gordon Shipley / George Shipley		14	4	1
1	E	Alan Shrimpton / Peter Riddle		17	5	2
12	B	Mick Beauchamp / Gill Beauchamp		31	6	1
3	E	John Peterson / Ian Graham	1	10	7	3
7	I	Mark Annison / Brian Marquis	1	22	8	2
5	I	Dale Lawson / Andrew Lawson	1	23	9	3
6	I	Ellen Sutton / Colin Sutton	1	34	10	4
11	N	Lewis Roper / Ben Thomas	2	13	11	2
9	N	Tony Hewitt / Chloe Hewitt	3		12	3

Thanks to Jonathan for organising, Gary for sponsoring and all the marshals: Jonathan (Boards), Ian (Scrutineering), Jonathan & David (Signing On), Jonathan (TC1), Jez (TC2), Geoff & Maggy (TC3), Ian & Gill (TC4), Marcus & Andrew (TC5), David (TC6), Ian & Christine (TC7), David (TC8), Phil (TC9), Jonathan (TC10), David & Josh (Course Closer), Jonathan (Results).

Good to see some new names on the entry list, hope everyone had a good night.

Also good to see SCCoNies out supporting KLDMC events.

## March Hare

**March Hare 12 Car**13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**6 crews from SCCoN v 6 crews from KLDMC****A game of two halves, first half north of the Yare, second half south of the Yare plus a bit of extra time to the west of Norwich****110+ miles on Map 134****If you would like to represent the club please contact team captain  
Andrew Lawson****If you would like to marshal please contact  
David Bell****(Volunteers preferred, don't be shy, with 9 marshalling crews, course opener and course closer required there is plenty to go round)****Start: Rackheath Pavilion, Rackheath 134 / 279 139****Finish: AP Tuning, Lenwade 133 / 113 180**

The teams can be made up of crews of any ability although they will still be split 50% expert and 50% novice on the entry list. The navigation will be 100% plot and bash and will be the same for everyone (although there may be the odd hint on the Novice navigation where a bit of clarification may help the lesser experienced crews). Tricky to come up with navigation that will keep everyone interested but the aim is to pitch it at a level where lesser experienced crews will be able to park up at each control, plot the navigation and drive the route without going OTL!

With the addition of the extra time the route has strayed off 134 but an A4 map section will be provided covering the relevant bits of maps 133 & 144 (any edition will do if you want to bring your own).



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A Cambridge Car Club meeting from the early 1950's



## AEMC

## A.E.M.C. - THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS

**AEMC 1982**

- Bexley Light Car Club
- X Billericay Motor Club
- X Blackpalfrey Motor Club
- Borough 18 Motor Club
- Borough 19 Motor Club
- X Brent Vale Motor Club
- Cambridge Car Club
- Cambridge University Automobile Club
- Civil Service motoring Association
- Chelmsford Motor Club
- X Colchester & District Motor Club
- Eastern Counties Motor Club
- Enfield Chase Motor Club
- Falcon Motor Club
- Green Belt Motor Club
- Kings Lynn & District Motor Club
- X Natwest Motor Club
- Peterborough Motor Club
- RAF Motor Sports Association
- Rochester Motor Club
- X Roding Car Club
- X Seaxes Auto Club
- X South East Essex Auto Club
- Sporting Car Club of Norfolk
- X Stort Valley Automobile Club
- West Suffolk Motor Club
- West Essex Car Club
- Wickford Auto Club
- X Witham & District Motor Club

**AEMC 2015**

- Anglia Motor Sport Club
- Austin Healey Club (Eastern Centre)
- BARC (Midlands)
- Bexley Light Car Club
- Blue Light Off Road Club
- Borough 19 Motor Club
- Bournemouth & District Car Club
- Cambridge Car Club
- Central Sussex Motor Club
- Chelmsford Motor Club
- Club Rally Sport West
- Dukeries Motor Club
- Eastbourne & Ram Motor Club
- Eastern Counties Motor Club
- Falcon Motor Club
- Green Belt Motor Club
- Harrow Car Club
- Herts County Auto & Aero Club
- Kings Lynn & District Motor Club
- Lindholme Motor Sports Club
- Maidstone & Mid-Kent Motor Club
- Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club
- Middlesex County Automobile Club
- Minicross Drivers Association
- Mostly Off-Road Norfolk Society
- Peterborough Motor Club
- RAF Motor Sports Association
- Rochester Motor Club
- Sporting Car Club of Norfolk
- Sevenoaks & District Motor Club
- Southern Car Club
- Sutton & Cheam Motor Club
- Tunbridge Wells Motor Club
- West Essex Car Club
- West Suffolk Motor Club
- Wickford Auto Club

I was saddened to discover that my first motor club, the University of Liverpool Motor Club is no more. A bit of investigation showed that of the 29 member clubs of the AEMC back in 1982, ten no longer exist, as shown by the crosses in the list above. I thought this would mean a reduction in the AEMC, but the longer list on the right shows the current member clubs.

Among the defunct clubs are: Seaxes Auto Club that was the motor club of the Essex Police, who once had a very close relationship with the rallying fraternity, and Witham and District Motor Club who ran The Compass Point Marathon in 1972. This rally started and finished in Witham and had only four other control points, at John o'Groats, Lands End, Ness Point and Ardnamurchan Point: nominally the North, South, East and West extremities of mainland Great Britain. It was a bit of a no-holds-barred race but even the Essex Constabulary gave it some publicity in their newsletter 'The Law'. One crew in a Mini finished the event with their broken rear suspension propped up with a piece of wood. There are now 36 member clubs of the AEMC covering a wider geographic spread than in 1982 including one-make clubs and an off-road 4x4 club.

**MOTOR SPORT SAFETY**

Now is the time that regular competitors will be receiving their 2015 MSA Licences, and the 'Blue Book' of motor sport regulations. The latter comes in the traditional book format and on a DVD. Please don't ignore this disc (as I have in the past) because it includes two safety videos of approximately 30 minutes and 15 minutes. They include workshop safety, marshalling and safety precautions for competitors.

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