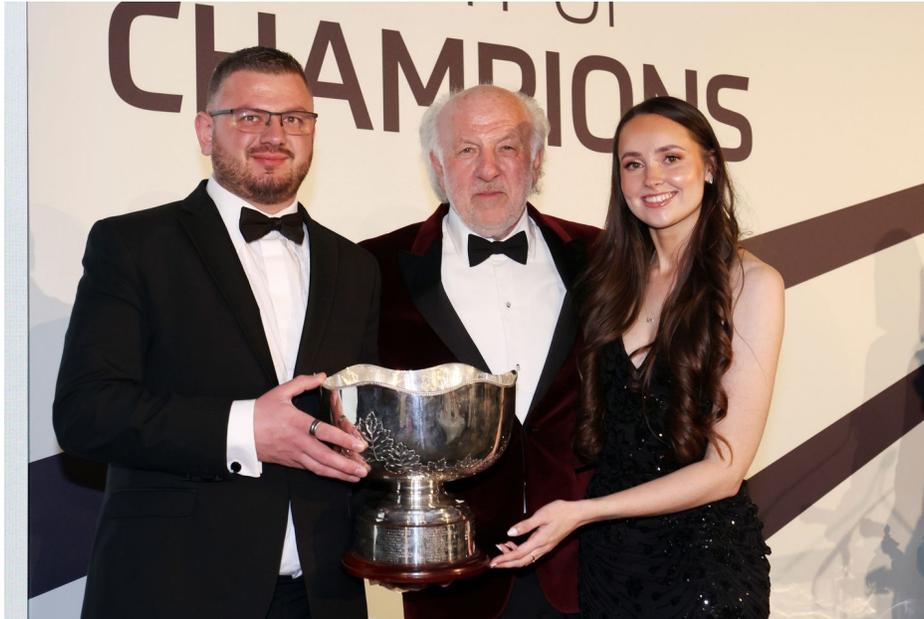


# Spotlight - the SCCON Newsletter

MARCH 2023



## Anglia Motor Sport Club is Motorsport UK's – Club of the Year 2022



Representatives of Anglia Motor Sport Club were officially honoured at Motorsport UK's esteemed Night of Champions Prize Giving ceremony on Saturday 28 January. The prestigious event takes place annually at the Royal Automobile Club in London, and recognises excellence across the sport.

In December last year, Motorsport UK - the governing body for four-wheel motorsport in the UK - announced Anglia Motor Sport Club (AMSC) as Club of the Year for 2022. SCCON is one of the member clubs within the AMSC. There are over 700 clubs nationwide, however AMSC topped the table with its pioneering efforts to develop new approaches and launch new initiatives to break down barriers throughout the sport.

Club Chairman, Dan Pearson and Club Development Officer, Laura Cooledge were pleased to represent AMSC at Motorsport UK's headline awards ceremony. In attendance alongside the AMSC pair were a number of motorsport greats, including Ron Dennis CBE, Sir Patrick Head, Martin Brundle and Jonathan Palmer.

Chairman of Motorsport UK, David Richards CBE, presented Anglia Motor Sport Club with the shining award, to honour its Club of the Year accolade.

Anglia Motor Sport Club chairman Dan Pearson said:

“It was an incredible evening to be a part of, celebrating the success of many in motorsport. The evening was a great opportunity to build relationships with colleagues in the sport and to work with one another to continue developing grassroots motorsport and ensure it is accessible to all.”

Whilst the historic silver trophy presented could not be taken home, a replica will be paraded around as many motorsport events as possible in the coming year to celebrate the Club's achievements. AMSC also received a £1,000 cheque from Motorsport UK as part of its winnings.





## Member Clubs

- Cambridge Car Club – <https://www.cambridgecarclub.co.uk/>
- Chelmsford Motor Club – <http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk/>
- Eastern Counties Motor Club – <http://www.ecmc.co.uk/site/>
- Falcon Motor Club – <http://www.falconmotorclub.com/>
- Green Belt Motor Club – <http://www.greenbeltmc.org.uk/>
- Harrow Car Club – <http://harrowcarclub.net/>
- Herts County Auto & Aero Club – <http://www.hertscountyaac.co.uk/>
- King's Lynn & District Motor Club – <http://kingslynndmc.co.uk/>
- Middlesex County Automobile Club – <http://www.mcac.co.uk/>
- Sporting Car Club of Norfolk – <http://www.scon.co.uk/>
- West Suffolk Motorsport Club – <http://wsmc.co.uk/>
- Wickford Auto Club – <http://www.wickfordautoclub.co.uk/>

## SCCON 2023 MICRA CHALLENGE



# SCCON 2023 MICRA CHALLENGE

This year's Micra Challenge has been updated giving members a chance to score more points for their achievements.

Also this year, members who wish to gain points for the Challenge Championship must register which is FREE. Register at e-mail: [rye.racingderek@aol.co.uk](mailto:rye.racingderek@aol.co.uk)

Enter any SCCON event in a Micra in 2023 and your results will count. Please send me a copy of the results so I can update the Championship for any past and after any future events.

Wishing everyone a great Micra season.

Derek Webb

## THE SCCON MICRA CHALLENGE RULES 2023.

This is the general description of the rules and point scoring

Members who wish to take part in the 2023 Micra Challenge must be registered; this will be free.

To do this, please send your name and contact e-mail address to Derek Webb at:

[rye.racingderek@aol.co.uk](mailto:rye.racingderek@aol.co.uk) Contact number: 07818 - 206265.

Points will be automatically allocated or in some cases will need to be claimed, for any registered full member or associate using a Micra on the following events.

12-cars, Stage Rally, Targa Rally, Road Rally, Classic Run, or any other events organised by SCCON. e.g. Regularities, Treasure Hunts etc.

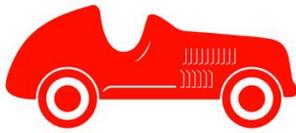
The coordinators decision is final and it is the member's responsibility to notify the coordinator of any claims for points.

### 2023 Challenge Points Awarded

Winning a class on a SCCON event driving a Micra	6 Points
Second in Class driving on a SCCON event in a Micra	4 Points
Third in Class driving on a SCCON event in a Micra	2 Points
Driving on any SCCON event in a Micra	1 Point
Driving to a SCCON event in a Micra and Marshalling	2 Points
Writing an article about a Micra in Spotlight	1 Point

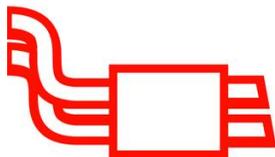
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The "Joynt Trophy" will be awarded to the SCCON member with the highest number of points, who will be the Challenge Champion. In the case of a tie, the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> in class places will count. If a tie still remains then 2<sup>nd</sup> places in class and so on.



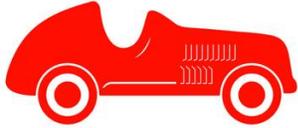
# NORFOLK & SUFFOLK CLASSIC EVENTS & RUNS 2023

	Date	Event	Location	Booking	Cost	Confirmed
<b>APRIL</b>	08/04/2023	Autojumble	Rickingham	N	Free	✓
	09/04/2023	East Coast Retros	Shotley	N	Free	✓
	9-10/04/2023	British Country Show	Henham	Y	Free	✓
	23/04/2023	NNCVC St Georges Run	Sheringham	Y	£	✓
	23/04/2023	Drive it day	Kersey Mill	N	Free	
	22-23/04/2023	HSCC Snetterton 300	Snetterton	Y	£	✓
	30/04/2023	Classic Rally & Fayre	Earsham Hall	Y	Free	✓
	30/4 - 1/5/2023	Stradsett Vintage Rally	Stradsett Park	Y	Free	✓
<b>MAY</b>	07/05/2023	ITM Run	Felixstowe	Y	£	✓
	13/05/2023	Diss Beer fest & Car Show	Diss Rugby Club	N	£	✓
	14/05/2023	Pirates & Planes	Flixton	Y	Free	✓
	20/05/2023	Arminghall Autojumble	Arminghall	N	Free	✓
	20/05/2023	Annual Anglo American Classic	Feltwell	Y	Free	✓
	21/05/2023	Classic Vehicle Day	Stody Lodge	N	Free	✓
	21/05/2023	Pre 65 Run	Long Shop Museum	N	Free	✓
	20-21/05/2023	Hingham 40's weekend	Hingham	Y	£	✓
	28/05/2023	Cars on the Green	Bardwell	Y	£	✓
	28/05/2023	Thurton Autojumble	Thurton	Y	Free	✓
	28/05/2023	Sandringham Pagent	Sandringham	Y	£	✓
	28/05/2023	Caister Lifeboat Show	Caister	N	Free	✓
	29/05/2023	Sprowston Autojumble	Sprowston	N	Free	✓
	<b>JUNE</b>	03-04/06/2023	Woolpit Steam	Stowmarket		
11/06/2023		Marham Village Car Show	Marham	Y	£	✓
18/06/2023		NCVC Car Show	Strumpshaw	N	£	✓
18/06/2023		Holton Classic Car Show	Holton Village	?	?	✓
18/06/2023		Wheels on the field	Thetford	Y	N	✓
18/08/2023		Mid Summer Mega	Great Yarmouth	N	£	✓
25/06/2023		Sizewell Vintage and Classic	Leiston	N	Free	✓
<b>JULY</b>	02/07/2023	Parham Classic Vehicle Day	Parham	N	Free	✓
	02/07/2023	NNR Transport Day	Holt	Y	Free	✓
	08/07/2023	Somersham Wheelie Fun Day	Somersham	?	?	✓
	08-09/07/2023	Wings and Wheels	CNAM (Norwich)	Y	Free	✓
	09/07/2023	Charles Clark Rally	Skeyton	Y	£	✓
	13/07/2023	Friston cars on the green	Friston	N	Free	
	15/07/2023	Arminghall Autojumble	Arminghall	N	Free	✓
	15/07/2023	Hopton Party in the Park	Hopton		Free	✓
	16/07/2023	Culford Classic	Culford	Y	£	✓
	24/07/2023	NNCVC Show N Shine	Sheringham	N	Free	✓
	29-30/07/2023	Old Buckenham Airshow	Old Buckenham	Y	£	✓
	29/07/2023	Broads Motormania	Stalham	Y	Free	✓
30/07/2023	Mundesley Motorshow	Mundesley	Y	£		
30/07/2023	West Suffolk Classic	Kedington	Y	Free	✓	



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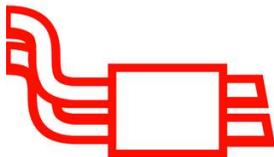
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<b>August</b>	05/08/2023	Festival of Wheels	Ipswich	Y	Free	✓
	06/08/2023	Classic & Performance car show	Helmingham	Y	£	✓
	12/08/2023	Cromer Custom Car Show	Cromer	N	Free	
	19-20/08/2023	Framlington Country Show	Framlington	Y	£	✓
	20/08/2023	Stonham Classics	Stonham	Y	Free	✓
	26/08/2023	Suffolk Classic Car Show	Worlington	N	£	✓
	27/08/2023	Swaffham car show	Swaffham	Y	Free	✓
	28/08/2023	Sprowston AutoJumble	Sprowston	N	Free	✓
<b>September</b>	03/09/2023	Pirates Birthday Bash	Yarmouth	N	£	✓
	03/09/2023	Classics at Glemham	Glemham	Y	£	✓
	08/09/2023	Arminghall Autojumble	Arminghall	N	Free	✓
	23/09/2023	Diss Transport Show	Diss	Y	Free	✓
<b>October</b>	01/10/2023	Trimminham Trosh	Trimmingham	N	Free	✓
	01/10/2023	East Coast Retros	Shotley	N	Free	✓
		Eastern Counties Vintage Show	Norfolk Showground	Y	Free	

While we do our best to ensure this list is accurate please do research the events directly online or by contacting the organisers. For additions and corrections email [rbythehealey@gmail.com](mailto:rbythehealey@gmail.com)



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## **Roger Albert Clark Rally - Route outline revealed**

The provisional route for this year's Roger Albert Clark Rally has been revealed with the event starting in Carmarthen and finishing in Carlisle five days later.

The November 23-27th event will feature 150 special stage miles not previously used on the rally, as it ventures into new regions of Wales and further into south-west Scotland than ever before.

Rally manager Colin Heppenstall unveiled the route outline at the BHRC awards dinner on Saturday 4th February and confirmed five full days of rallying with more than 340 stage miles from Thursday to Monday. The competitive route covers some of the best forest stages in Wales, Scotland and Northumberland before finishing in Carlisle on Monday afternoon.

The rally opens with scrutineering and documentation at Carmarthen Showground on Wednesday, November 22, before a ceremonial start in Guildhall Square in Carmarthen on Wednesday evening. The competitive action begins on Thursday morning (23rd November) with a day of 45 stage miles and service at Walters Arena. Friday will be the first really tough day covering around 80 stage miles as the route ventures further into mid-Wales with service at Sweet Lamb.

The first cars will finish Friday's leg at around 1630hrs and competitors will then complete a transport section to Carlisle where the rally will be based for the remaining three days.

The re-start on Saturday morning will be from H&H Auctions at 0730hrs before over 60 competitive miles in south-west Scotland, with service based in the Newton Stewart area. After another overnight halt at Carlisle, Sunday's action will move into the Kielder complex with nearly 80 competitive miles and service at Kielder Greenside as the route heads eastwards.

Monday will provide a serious sting in the tail with over 80 stage miles, including several long stages, in the central block of Kielder. The first finisher will be due back in Carlisle at 1530 hours.

Heppenstall said: "I'm delighted to unveil our provisional route outline for this year. We are planning 340 miles of forest stages connected by around 850 liaison miles. Importantly, we are expecting to include about 150 miles of stages that have never been used on this event before and we will also be looking carefully at which stages are double used.

"The level of competitor interest at this stage is unprecedented and I know many competitors have been waiting for this information in order to make hotel bookings. We plan to publish the event regulations on February 18 and entries will open on March 1. We will soon publish details of how the entry system will work." The entry fee will be £4900.

Wednesday 22 November

1000 to 1600: scrutineering and documentation at Carmarthen Showground

1900: ceremonial start in Guildhall Square, Carmarthen

Thursday 23 November

0800: start from Carmarthen Showground

45 stage miles: service at Walters Arena

1530: end of leg at Walters Arena

Friday 24 November

0800: re-start from Walters Arena

80 stage miles: service in Sweet Lamb

1630: end of leg, location to be confirmed

Saturday 25 November

0730: restart from H&H Auctions, Carlisle

60 stages miles: service in Newton Stewart

1930: end of leg at H&H Auctions, Carlisle

Sunday 26 November

0800: restart from H&H Auctions, Carlisle

80 stages miles: service at Kielder Greenside

2000: end of leg at H&H Auctions, Carlisle

Monday 27 November

0800: restart from H&H Auctions, Carlisle

80 stages miles: service at Kielder Greenside

1530: finish at H&H Auctions, Carlisle

Please note: all details remain provisional at this time.



## **Life is too short!**

Grudges are a waste of happiness. **Laugh** when you can, **apologize** when you should, and let go of what you can't change. **Love deeply** and **forgive quickly**. Life is too short to be unhappy!!!

Here's a **BIG HUG** to start your day & to let you know everything is gonna be okay!



Christmas with the Clauses

# CLUB NEWS

## CIRCLE C.C.

Results of Sussex Rally (September 11th):—  
**Outright Winner:** M. G. Allott (Dellow).  
**Class B Winner:** C. E. Channing (Hillman).  
**First-Class Awards:** R. C. Boucher (M.G.) and E. C. Pearson (Ford).  
**Second-Class Awards:** D. R. L. Wallace (Jaguar XK120) and L. N. Needham (M.G.).  
**Team Award:** M. G. Allott (Dellow), F. E. Still (Triumph TR2) and L. N. Needham (M.G.).

## WESTMORLAND M.C.

Provisional results of Westmorland M.C.'s Autumn Regularity Trial (September 11th). Start, Kendal Rugby ground; finish, Lyth Valley Hotel, Lyth. Course, 73 miles on main and secondary roads in the Lake District.

### Results:

1st: C. Hall (Kirkby Lonsdale) (Morgan), 2 marks lost—Brim Challenge Cup and replica.  
 2nd: J. H. Lafone (Kendal) (Allard), 2 marks lost. First-class award.  
 3rd: Miss D. Newsham (Kendal) (Hillman Minx), 5 marks lost. Second-class award.

### Motor-Cycles:

1st: J. Hutchinson (Crook) (Matchless), 1 mark lost. New Hudson Cup and replica.  
 2nd: A. J. Marriott (Barrow) (B.S.A.), 5 marks lost. First-class award.  
**Team Award:** C. Hall (Morgan), J. H. Lafone (Allard) and S. Poynter (Morris), 12 marks lost.

## KING'S LYNN & DIST. M.C.

The restricted driving tests promoted by the King's Lynn & Dist. M.C. on September 11th were contested between the promoting club and the Sporting C.C. of Norfolk. Other invited clubs were competing elsewhere in a crowded calendar. S.C.C.N. members scored a 1, 2, 3 victory and the Team Prize.

### Results:

1st: G. Tibbehman (M.G. TD2), lost 213.6 marks.  
 2nd: D. Burrell (Triumph TR2), lost 219.8 marks.  
 3rd (tie): A. E. Cleghorn (Dellow) and J. Mawby (Land Rover), of the King's Lynn M.C., lost 229.8 marks.

## S.C.C. OF NORFOLK

The annual summer Gymkana and Treasure Hunt of the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk was held at Brooke, near Norwich, on August 27th. The event was open to the public this year, and attracted nearly 50 competitors and many spectators, in spite of the bad weather. Competitors first drove through a series of amusing tests, including a blind-fold polo race, the driver being directed vocally by the passenger, who dribbled a ball from the car with a hockey stick. The Treasure Hunt took competitors on a search for numerous objects and places, returning to the field for the final obstacle race. Proceeds of a collection and auction were donated to the friends of the Norwich Hospital.

## LEICESTERSHIRE C.C.

Trophy Night Trial held on September 11th at Rutland Street.

## WEST HANTS AND DORS

(October)

This club is best known to meetings at Ibsley and its 1. It has run several rallies since affairs, for club members only are several who have competed national rallies, often with and D. L. Leighton, has been team which will organise the

It will be held under a club clubs have already formed M.C., Hants & Berks M.C.

The co-operation of the sought and been granted will be closed to public to the assembly area before tests.

The first car will leave route leading first to the to South Wales before the Sunday. The route the Welsh section does Wales territory. There The total distance is about be tie deciders.

## COMBINED UNIVERS

The Combined University Rally on Saturday a closed rally, entrants Cambridge, London, Leeds, Newcastle and London Hospitals and University M.C.

The route will be St. Neots and Virg Shropshire.

Entrance fee, 20/- an Inter-Varsity Regulations will R. N. Crispe, Gre

## FALCON M.C. G

Last year this trial suitable for it attracted a good reports.

The course, a M.C.C. Classic T time schedule, with an abundance of

## A Short Report from the P&H 12 Car

Firstly, I must thank Howard Joynt for taking me to the above event, as my eyes were then, not up to driving in the darkness. You will all be pleased to learn that I had my second operation on the 1st of February, so my eyesight is improving for distance, but I still have difficulty in reading & typing this report. I expect it will be proof-read, so any mistakes on my part will be corrected before this newsletter is printed. (My thanks to Peter R. for taking me for my eye operations.) On the P&H, the Clerk of the Course was Andrew Lawson. Dale Lawson was out in the cold. Dave Bell did the paperwork.

Howard and I had only one control, due to the sudden influx of marshals.

Course opening car was the BMW of Mark and Lorraine Annison, along with son and heir Seb, who was not a happy camper, as he'd been taken away from his computer-laptop-game-console thingy, but he did brighten up at the finish when he saw all the food that was provided!

Howard and I left the start in plenty of time to get to our control. The course car arrived on time, along with our control board! All but one of the competitors managed to get to our control. The main excitement of the evening was from Garth Collier who had to check under the front of his steed for damage because he'd been unlucky to hit a bird just before our control.

Results as follows; 1st O/A Ben & Brian Marquis  
2nd O/A Richard & James Leggett who were using the event as a shakedown for the Winter Rally in France, the destination of which was Monte Carlo!  
3rd O/A Kieran Millian & Scott Pezzotta.

The last finishers were James Hodder & Jo Bolton with 27 fails and 28 minutes lost. Congratulations to them for staying the course.

All in all everybody enjoyed themselves. Andrew L told us all that the last time he organised a rally was 38 years ago. Well he now has a bit less than that to organise the next P&H !!!

Paul Doodson

## The Snetterton Stages Rally 2023



Photo by Andy Manston



Photo by John Overton

Great day out at Snetterton yesterday; the car felt great. Managed to get 16th on stage 1 while it was slippery, but as the day dried out the more powerful cars started to pull ahead. Slight scare on stage 2 where the alternator packed up, so barely made it back to service. We finished second in class and 20th overall which we are very happy with! Thanks to everyone that helped and also popped in to say hello. Dale and Andrew Lawson

### **Vini Cruz was with Daniel Gallant at Snetterton Circuit**

Snetterton Stage Rally 2023..... not the end we wanted! Unfortunately we had a gearbox failure on the third stage. However we pushed very hard and enjoyed ourselves up to then, setting some great times and holding 25th overall and 6th in Class. Apparently we were also entertaining the crowds three-wheeling the Clio everywhere!

Two videos are now uploaded to my YouTube channel including when we broke down.

Thanks Mike Harrington and Chun Fu for supporting us!

A great job by Anglia Motor Sport Club and [#ThanksMarshal](#)

My Little Star Photography

### **Lucy Fryer**

It's been a full on 24hours..... dashing out of school to get to Snetterton for signing on, document collection and equipment setup, then spending today in radio control. Again under the fantastic guidance of Ken, I carried on learning radio controller skills..... everything from the thought processes in decision making, the paperwork like logging communications and organising recoveries etc, and then verbal communications. Big positives of today were doing some of the verbal work for the first time on a stage rally, and being able to do this whilst keeping a log simultaneously 😊

As always, it's made possible by the significant support and patience of lots of people, for which I'm very grateful! ❤️

Now it's time to write up all my evaluation notes.....

### **SNETTERTON STAGES 2023.**

Unlike past years when I have been marshalling on events at Snetterton complete with the radio, this year, because of my eyes (have I told you about my cataract operations?) I was seconded to the rally office, in charge of the official documents box. This is a very important job!

I arrived on the day of the event at 06.30 hrs! (yes, you did read that correctly: 06.30 hrs) And it was dark. Dave Saint was there, looking like death warmed up, directing people to wherever they needed to go. Competitors were still arriving, taking their vehicles for scrutineering at the last minute before coming to the office to sign-on.

SCCON had 3 entries. Well, in fact we had 4, but sadly Willie Moore did not start, because his son Stuart had Covid. The fact the engine in his chosen steed had developed a fault during testing didn't have anything to do with it did it ??? Still he did manage to come out and support us all, which was very good of him. Stuart is now on the mend, you'll all be pleased to learn.

The other SCCON crews were: Vini Cruz and Dan Gallant, Brian Marquis and Mark Annison and last but not least, Dale and Andrew Lawson.

During the first stage the alternator on the Lawson's MG ZR failed, and there was not enough time to change it before stage 2 so they had to run on the battery. Fortunately it lasted, after which the alternator was changed. The Marquis/Annison Peugeot ran smoothly throughout the whole event, I am very pleased to say.

Sadly this is more than can be said for the Cruz/Gallant Renault Clio which expired with a broken gearbox, while chasing Family Cooledge in their Ford Anglia 105E. (The vehicle in front sometimes is a Ford! - who remembers the 1998 Toyota TV adverts?) Vinis' demise can be seen on YouTube!!

All in all, it was a good day out, dry and fairly sunny. Any problems that arose were dealt with by the Stewards. One or two of the marshals were given some abuse by competitors, which is really out of order, and not to be tolerated.

Results: Family Lawson - 20th O/A and 2nd in class. Marquis/Annison - 36th O/A 1st in Class

Finally Howard told me there were just under 2000 spectators, which is more than at some races. Snetterton's management were very pleased and, if I understand correctly, they would like our clubs to put on another stage event..... later in the year! Watch this space.

I didn't see John Peterson on the day, but I do hope he was there, otherwise he would have missed a good day's motorsport.

PaulDoodson.

From Marcus Keeble, Assistant Chief Marshal

To all that helped make this year's rally at Snetterton happen. On behalf of myself, Tony and the whole organising team I would like to say a massive thank-you to you all.

We had a great turn-out on Friday to help with the set-up. It was great to see both old and new faces getting involved and helping.

To the Marshals and Radio crews, thank you for turning up to check in and being on post promptly. It helps us massively knowing you have arrived and we have all of the posts covered as early as possible. A special thank you to those who were flexible with moving posts both before and on the day. Out of everyone we were expecting, there were only 3 people that didn't attend which is very much appreciated. In fact, there were a whopping 119 of you out on stage and on time controls, as well as the 20 or so people looking after the paddock, gates, programme sales, fuel area and so on. Without you the rally could not run and we greatly appreciate your support of the event.

There were around 2000 spectators at the event, showing how popular the rally has become. This again is down to all of the marshals, officials and MSV who make the event happen. The paddock marshals were able to manage the competitors and spectators and at the same time sell around 200 programmes which was enough to cover the costs of the programme and turn a small profit. Well done to you all.

The marshals and radio crews submitted 14 incident reports which helped the Clerk of the Course Clive Grounds to issue appropriate penalties, and he passes his personal thanks to you all for your great support of the event and for submitting accurate reports which he believes contributed to the competitors behaving themselves so well in the later stages.

Thank you to everyone who helped clear down the stages during and after the rally. I don't think it has ever been done as quickly and as efficiently. A great improvement after last year's difficulties.

The feedback from competitors and from Snetterton circuit has also been very positive. Our rally was voted championship rally of the year last year and from the feedback given we have only improved.

We truly hope you enjoyed the day and that you'll be back next year. There are several events between now and then which would also greatly appreciate your help. The next big event being the Corbeau Seats Tendring & Clacton rally on 22nd - 23rd April. Please visit the Marshals page here for more info: [Marshals – Corbeau Seats Rally](#)

Keep an eye out on social media for more events and ways to get involved. Our facebook page can be found here: [Anglia Motor Sport Club | Facebook](#)

The rally was also filmed by Special Stage Rally video. The videos can be found on their facebook page here: [Special Stage Rally Video | Facebook](#)

If you have any feedback on your experience or of any aspect of the rally please let me know. We are always looking for ways to improve and value your opinions and suggestions.

Many thanks,  
Marcus Keeble  
Assistant Chief Marshal

THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL SOUTHERN MOTOR CLUBS  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN MOTOR SPORT

A summary of a discussion about EV's from January's ACSMC Committee Meeting

EV's future for road transport is fairly well understood, and some clubs have accepted entries from them in AutoSOLO and speed events, but as organising clubs are we ready to embrace and encourage this?

One member club had asked all the member clubs of the BTRDA (British Trials and Rally Drivers Association) for their views and some clubs are not keen to encourage EVs and it was reported that there was reluctance from some land-owners. Generally their view was that they were OK in principle to have EVs competing on their land but they wanted much more information, particularly about safety, before they would agree to it.

It was felt that Motorsport UK should be able to help with information about how electric cars have performed safely in motorsport, and can do so in the future, to help discussions with land-owners. There may be different issues between standard electric cars from the major manufacturers and modified or low volume EV's.

Two sprints held at Abingdon had four unmodified Teslas competing. They ran singly and separately from the other cars. Marshals were instructed to have no involvement with the Teslas and the EV drivers had to provide their own support. It was felt that these vehicles are beyond current standards of marshal training and marshal intervention. Except for F1 and WRC (now with Hybrid rally cars) most marshals have not even been trained in how to approach EVs. Unless trained, it has to be an "if in doubt stay out" approach. Some limited training has taken place for rescue crews; generally only one person per crew. It is hoped that Motorsport UK will develop new training for EVs in terms of the vehicles, protocols, safety etc. It was asked "Where is Motorsport UK in terms of taking this forward and are they working on a plan for club-level motor sport?"

It was felt that the ACSMC is a long way from being able to incorporate EVs into their Association's championship structures.

Borough 19 Motor Club has run events in which four Teslas were entered, one of them with uprated motor(s). B19's policy was that in the event of a fire, to keep away and let the vehicle burn. Apparently this is also the current policy of the Fire Service.

But electric cars are here to stay and B19 MC fully intend to invite and encourage EVs to their events. One delegate who was Clerk of the Course for a B19 event said that even cars that seem to be standard EVs may not be as 'standard' as one might expect because some people are playing with things to 'improve' them. Twin motor Teslas are very quick, (and heavy) causing high loading for tyres, wheels and brakes.

Dealing with fires on petrol and diesel is well understood, but nobody wants to encounter an EV fire which may end an event. Another delegate had encountered a 90 minute delay after a 'Mod Prod' car with a smoking battery came to a halt mid-course.

ACSMC's co-chairman was going to ask Motorsport UK how clubs should deal with the situation should an EV be entered in a StreetCar event.

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## GETTING STARTED IN MOTORSPORT

## DAN PEARSON



The chairman of club of the year Anglia Motor Sport Club explains how it is getting new people involved at the grassroots



Club encourages competing and volunteering



Award meant a lot to AMSC

**A**nglia Motor Sport Club was established in 2013 to combat the decline in grassroots motorsport. Three individuals from three clubs – the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, the Eastern Counties Motor Club and the West Suffolk Motorsport Club – came together and decided that they couldn't do things on their own and collectively they could make a difference.

They formed AMSC as an umbrella club and other clubs in the area realised they also couldn't do what they needed by themselves. We've now got 12 member clubs from the East Anglia region with some more clubs looking to join imminently.

Collectively we can put on some fantastic events. We organise anything from 12-car road rallies to production car trials right through to this month we ran a stage rally, the Circuit Rally Championship round at Snetterton.

Things like the stage rally we'd never be able to do as individual clubs, unfortunately the numbers of people are not there within the clubs these days. So collectively we can put on things like the stage rally and even some of the bigger Targas we do.

We get a lot of interest in our events, plus the StreetCar initiative that Motorsport UK has launched is really helping bolster what we're doing within the grassroots. AMSC was one of StreetCar's first approved clubs. We could see that's where the future is and if we don't get the StreetCar people in and the youngsters in there's no future in the sport.

AMSC has got a couple of specific initiatives to try and make motorsport more inclusive and accessible. We've got Better Together that has been running for quite a while now and

has really bolstered the inclusivity of the sport and that it's accessible to all.

It's off the back of Women In Grassroots Motorsport that our club development officer Laura Cooledge was involved in, which looked at female under-representation in motorsport and sought to create change, and Better Together has taken it to the next level.

Better Together has come up with a set of rules of how to relate to and treat people within motorsport. We're now looking at taking it to the next stage and working on how to push it forward.

And the other initiative we've got is Get into Motorsport that seeks to make participation in motorsport – regardless of the role or discipline – as easy as possible. While StreetCar's encouraging people to come out and drive, Get into Motorsport is encouraging all aspects of involvement, so that's also getting involved in organising and coming out to marshal.

Unfortunately if we don't get more organisers in we aren't going to have the people there to run the events that people want to do. There's always going to be competitors out there, unfortunately there's not necessarily going to be organisers, so



Cooledge promotes Better Together initiative

that's AMSC's next step to really drive home the training and opportunities that are available within motorsport on the volunteering side.

We certainly encourage the use of shadowing of officials. That's how I got into clerking; I've shadowed in the past and then come through to actually clerk events myself now.

We've definitely seen a difference in participation through our work. Through Get into Motorsport we ran an initiative at the beginning of March last year and we saw people come to an evening where they never thought they'd be able to compete, they've come out with families and they've taken part in treasure hunts and all sorts of things like that which are just great to see, because there is always something for everybody within motorsport.

There's so many examples of new people participating, loads of families we've got involved. It's great to see everybody just coming out.

Winning Motorsport UK club of the year for 2022 meant so much to us. It really proves that we are going in the right direction and that the 10 years have really been worth it.

Motorsport UK knows what we do, but we never really anticipated we'd win club of the year because there's also a lot of other clubs that do great work. It's just really great to have been recognised for the initiatives we've done and the hard work that's gone in over the years and working collectively we can achieve a lot.

Winning the award has had a really good impact, and we've had other clubs come to us and say 'look what are you doing?' It's obviously working to mirror what we do to make motorsport accessible in all parts of the country.

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