



EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

Happy New Year to one and all, and I trust you are now all well and truly settled into the 2004 routine regardless of what you do and where you work. This month you have a 'double' magazine covering Jan/Feb due to the shut down period of Christmas and New Year.

The big event on my mind at the moment is the DINNER & DANCE on the 21st February at Oak Park Golf Club in Crondall – half way between Farnham and Fleet. It's lovely venue, the food is good and I'm promised that the disco music (sorry live bands are too expensive for our modest budgets!) will suit all tastes without too many flashing lights that can be uncomfortable for some people.

At the moment I am holding my breath that we will have a very well known personality as our guest speaker to say a few words and present the Annual Awards. It's quite a few years since we held a Dinner & Dance in February at the end of each club year, and it's encouraging to see the uptake of tickets so far. But I need to sell some more, so with this magazine you will find another booking form (you had one last month as well) to quickly fill out and return.

It will be you the members who make the evening a success by giving it your support, so don't let us down. All the Annual Awards - I've published a list on page 13 - will be presented on the night and so who knows, you could be one of the lucky winners. It will be a great evening, so don't let it be you who misses out.

As if we didn't get cold enough at Deepcut on the 27th December, a few of us hardy souls braved the cold weather again the following day to run the Start of the Loco Stages Rally at Longmoor Camp, near Liss. We had a great time and several of our members were out competing. Simon May finished 7th overall, Guy Wigley retired about half way through the event after being in a winning position. But in particular, I met our new members Eddie Grayson/John Ball in their 1 litre Metro and they were enjoying every minute of it.

See you at the next club night and don't forget the D & D.

Tim Walton

FARNBOROUGH DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

FDMC Spring Solo: Preview

This bulletin is to update you on plans for our AutoSolo, on Sunday March 14th. The venue is the old army base at Barton Stacey, near Andover, which is already known to some members from previous use as a tarmac rally stage, and offers acres of space, for some good-sized tests.

As our recent report on the Ross event showed, Solo's open up a new form of enjoyable, low cost club motorsport, using ordinary road going cars. You won't need a crash helmet, overalls, or a competition licence - just your FDMC membership card.

The tests will be all forwards, open in style, with routes, which are easy to follow, and involve much lower speeds than in sprinting. We also plan to run two test areas at once – for the first time, in a UK AutoSolo.

In addition to the usual classes and awards, the Spring Solo also features a class for diesels, and awards for the best lady, and for the highest placed driver under 21 (at the date of the event). So, everybody should have a chance for a place on the podium - it might even get rather crowded on there!

Regulations and entry forms will be available from any of the following sources:

- With your February magazine, if you're on Tim Walton's list of 'members who compete'
- At Club Nights, from 27 / Jan onwards
- On the FDMC website, from around the same time.

Lastly, the event is open to standard and modified cars, and as per the 2004 Blue Book (section F13.1 for Auto Solo's), the Spring Solo will require all cars to be:

Driven to the event – Registered – Taxed – Insured - and with a valid MOT certificate available, where relevant (i.e., cars over 3 years old)

Please be aware, these rules WILL be enforced, so don't enter a car, which doesn't comply, or even nearly complies, and hope to talk your way in...

Instead, enter a genuine road going car, and join us on March 14th to make a little bit of motor sporting history, and experience 'the joy of Solo' – FDMC style!

Richard Field & David Walton

FARNBOROUGH DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

Annual Dinner & Dance

Saturday 21st February 2004

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*Oak Park Golf Club, Crondall,
Near Farnham, Surrey.*

Dinner/Dancing/Awards

Music to suit all tastes.

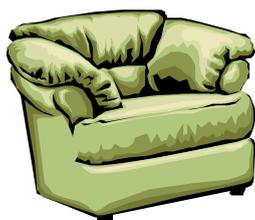
Special Guest

Tom bola. Enjoyment.

*7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
(Carriages at 12 Midnight)*

Tickets - £23.50 each.

Available from Tim Walton - Telephone 07771 761442
Booking Form with this copy of magazine



FROM THE CHAIR

Let's start 2004 with some really good news – FDMC were “Highly commended” in the RACMSA organised Alexander Forbes MSA Club of the Year competition. What does this mean ? Each year all the regional associations are invited to submit two clubs to go into the final selection process and each year the criteria are different. For 2003 it was basically competition orientated. We submitted a 300 word “snapshot” of FDMC together with a copy of the magazine and it was on these and our website that we were judged. To summarize the official words

“Farnborough District Motor Club offers a good membership package in terms of variety and quality of events, the social membership experience and in promoting club motor sport in general”.

My very unofficial information is that the winning club, Dukeries MC, had a margin of three points and that the second, third and fourth clubs were separated by three points... with FDMC fourth. Not bad for a club operating in the densely populated South East, where there's a huge number of counter attractions, and a dearth of that commodity vital to us – venues for events.

The judging panel were very impressed by the web site and especially [a] its photographic content as it showed a large number of people in competition in ordinary cars and [b] the fact that it was up to date. Have a look at some other car club web sites some time and you'll find some very poor, out of date sites. Well done to all of you for your continued support of what we can honestly say is one of the best clubs in the land.

Just a quick “Thank you” to the team behind the Nearly Boxing Day Autotest – Clerk of the Course Nick Davies who left the relatives at 5 a.m. in order to score Lloyd Davis competition points [!], Simon May for doing his thing, Tim Walton for seccing and adding up the scores on the doors, Russell Roberts for cone shifting and persuading those super people at TP HIRE in Fleet for the loan of the mini digger – thank you chaps.

Manual dexterity took on a whole new meaning as competitors tried to pick up a steel bar with the bucket, swing it through 360 degrees, place back on timber blocks and then knock a tennis ball off a cone [without touching the cone!]. Jean & Dickie Dale, Graham Widdows, Bill Tester and Paul Prescott played with the watches – without them you wouldn't have had an event. Thanks also to the members who supplied cars – a touch of luxury with the big Saab, basic Italian transport in the Fiat Panda, and an Astra and a Golf rounded off the field.

Next, some bad news. English Nature has put the block on us using the Eelmoor driver training area, for our Dimanche sprint in April. If you don't know much about the dreaded "English Nature", it's the government appointed agency that champions the conservation of wildlife and geology throughout England. It appears that they can declare any area "no go", without consultation.

There is, supposedly, lots of wildlife living on the tarmac we use, in this purpose built driver training area. Rest assured, all you sprinters out there that we are going to fight this ban. Meanwhile the Fleet Noisy Sports Society will be running banger races throughout the year just up the road, right next to some pleasant woodland which is, I'm sure, home to all sorts of rare wild life that has to suffer the noise of fortnightly banger racing.....

And now for a couple of plugs –

Don't forget that the second club night this month [January] features a musical quiz with motoring connections. Come and find out some real musical trivia!

And then, of course, February sees the revived Annual Dinner and Awards. Please could you all make an effort to turn out for this, as we would like it to be a huge success. The venue's booked, the food's booked, the trophies are being gathered in, the disco warmed up and rarin' to go.

Rumour also has it that long-standing member Tony Jardine [he of ITV F1 fame] is coming along to impart some words of wisdom to us all. All we need is bookings from you – the members of the South's best motor club. Book your tickets with Tim Walton [cheques payable to FDMC] as soon as possible.

Right, that's my lot – I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and didn't have to take too much back to M & S in order to change it! Drive safely.

David Walton

SPORT SPOT

May I start by wishing all of you a Happy New Year and hope that whatever you do during 2004, whether it be competition or marshalling based, it will be successful.

I hope that Santa brought everybody the things they were expecting! I was watching one of my presents the other day (the DVD of the 2003 Pirelli British Rally Championship) and was pleased to notice how well the FDMC banner stood out, during the TV coverage of the South of England Tempest Rally. It took us ages to decide where to place it, and in the end it worked! Now let's see if we can get the same banner to show up on the Wales Rally GB coverage.

I don't know if it will be mentioned elsewhere, but the club was entered for the Motor Club of the Year competition at the end of 2003. We did not win but received a 'Highly Commended' rating from the judges. Helping to run higher status events, as well as our "Good Works" for the charities at Abingdon were some of our strengths, and we were also commended for our efforts at promoting 'Grass Roots' motor sport. So, well done to everyone who supports the Club.

The Winter Trial ran as promised with Simon May and Dave Dockree having an absolutely marvellous 40+ entry for their day out at Hungry Hill. A big "well done" to Dave for taking on the job of secretary of the meeting, as the work on sorting out the complicated system of marking is not easy.

As those of you who took part, or officiated, on the Nearly Boxing Day Autotests on 27th December will know, yet again Nick Davies laid on a good event even if people's opinion of Russell's mini-digger seemed to vary depending on how well the managed to co-ordinate the sensitive controls! My thanks to Nick for coming back from a family Christmas in Cornwall to clerk the event (and returning that same evening!), to Tim for looking after the paperwork and results and to Russell Roberts for acquiring the mini-digger from Travis Perkins. It was very generous of TP to do this and one that we appreciate very much. Thank you Travis Perkins.

Russell won the event outright with fastest test times going to Martin Prescott, John Taylor, Simon May, Andrew Butcher (our Oxfordshire based club member),

with Robert Futcher (son of Dennis over from the USA for Christmas) and Bill Anderson sharing Test 5. Anna Payne won the wooden spoon but thoroughly enjoying herself nonetheless. The results in detail are on Page16.

VALENTINE TRIAL – 8th February. I can now reveal the location of the Valentine Trial on Sunday 8th February as Camerons's Field at Dorking. This will be the first round of the ACSMC and ASWMC PCT Championships as well as the first round of the Lloyd Roberts 'Challenge'. Regulations will be included with this magazine so please make sure you get the entry forms back to Dave Dockree very soon.

If you don't receive a set, for whatever reason, give either Nick Davis (Clerk of Course) a call on 01252-544350 or Dave Dockree (Sec of Meet) on 01276-32651 to reserve an entry or offer your help on the event. We have every confidence that this year's season opener will take place after the disappointment of the last 2 years when due to the interference of English Nature we have been unable to run on MOD land.

LLOYDS ROBERTS TROPHY

The final scores and awards for the 2003 Trophy will be published in the March magazine after we have presented the Salva to the winner at the Dinner & Dance at Oak Park Golf Club, Crondall on the 21st Feb. So if you want to be there and see the winner receive the Trophy plus the winners of all the other annual awards that in recent years we have presented at AGM's, contact Tim Walton and book your tickets NOW.

INVITATIONS

47th Pair Point to Point Scatter – Sunday 8th February. Hants & Berks MC's annual 'Scatter' daylight event runs over an 80-mile route using local maps. Starts at 9.30 a.m. in Farnborough and finishes at approximately 4 pm and all for the grand sum of £6. Shame it clashes with the PCT.

Oakington Stages Rally – Sunday 8th February. Middlesex County AC are running this event on what appears to be a very popular date! Oakington Airfield is near Cambridge and the event offers 70 competitive miles for £170 (including a donation to the Club's charity of the year). Contact Tony Phillips on 01923 822590 for a set of regulations if you wish to compete. The event is a round of the ACSMC, AEMC and LCAMC championships as well as the Middlesex and Oakington Challenges.

Wyedean Forest Rally – Saturday 14th February. We've been asked to help the Forest of Dean Motor Club with marshalling on this event. It is the first round of the BTRDA Rally Series and normally has a very healthy entry. If you find yourself with a free Saturday, then please contact me and I will put you in touch with the organisers. It takes less than 2 hours to get to the Forest of Dean from the Farnborough area, so why not give it a go?

That's it from me for this month. Elsewhere Richard Field has written a page on the Spring Solo in March and just watch this space for details of all the club's competition activities as the year progresses.

Steve _____

THE CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY 2003

Well – it was a good year for FDMC competitors, with 46 members scoring points in 39 different events. I'm sure that there are quite a few more who could have scored points if only they had sent in results but rules are rules – it's up to you to let me have copies of results if I wasn't at the event.

Congratulations to 2003 winner Andy Silman who has campaigned his trusty SBG engined Westfield around the sprint venues all year long and so nearly scored a set of perfect tens. The god-father of May's Motorsport was but one point behind Andy in second place, again scoring points in sprints apart from an end of year outing in the co-driver's seat on the recent Longmoor Loco Stages. In third came our man from Wiltshire, Peter Moorcroft, who once again flew the FDMC flag in a westwards direction on autocrosses and various rallies.

Provided Tim can unload my spreadsheet and make it readable there should be the full table in this magazine – if it's not send me an email and I'll send you back a copy. See separate sheet.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner so you'll have to come!!

As for 2004 the rules will be exactly the same as previous years and should be printed elsewhere in this magazine.

David Walton



SOCIAL SCENE

LOOKING BACK

DECEMBER 12TH . CHRISTMAS BEER & SKITTLES. As always, a very good evening and this year the buffet was a mixture of hot and cold with mince pies and coffee to follow.

Everyone thought it was a great evening and for £10 a head all in, it is terrific value.

Graham Skeggs took the gent's honours with Di (my wife) taking the ladies. A thanks to all who attended and made the evening a great success.

LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY 27TH MUSICAL QUIZ NIGHT!! This sounds really good and should appeal to partners as well. So come on turn up and have a go! Take a look at the next page and you will see that this is a special production by our intrepid Chairman who will be very cleverly combining music with motor sport. Curious? Well if you are then get along to the evening and have some fun.

FEBRUARY 21ST ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE. Just another reminder about this revived extravaganza that has not been held for many years. This event used to be THE social event of the year and we hope that it will be so again in 2004. We will be holding the Dinner/Dance at Oak Park Gold Club at Crondall. All the perpetual awards won by members in 2003 will be presented on this night instead of the AGM; a much better setting for such an occasion you will agree. Enclosed with this magazine is a booking form for tickets so please get these off to Tim Walton as soon as you can. An event such as this takes considerable planning and it is important to know numbers well in advance if it is to go well.

FEBRUARY 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENING. February sees the AGM, and the Swain Trophy Competition for the best photograph / video / dvd taken by a club member on a motor sporting event in the last 12 months. So, dig out your photos. Don't be shy, you may very well win.

That's it for this month.

Bruce

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

2130 Hours [ish]



“MOTORS IN MUSIC”

A Short quiz

**Featuring cars and mechanical things
And their place in popular music**



A “FROM THE CHAIR” PROMOTION

FARNBOROUGH DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

FDMC Winter PCT, 30th Nov 2003

*** Record 44 entries ***

*** Star performances by 'new faces' ***

*** Small, furry animals run for cover ***

Anyone involved in club motorsport will, sooner or later, end up taking part in a Production Car Trial. Perhaps, in your first years as a rally jacketed enthusiast. Arriving in a field somewhere, the event looked like a straightforward case of driving up a few grassy slopes, collecting your award, then opposite locking your way to the pub to celebrate.

Except that, somehow, you kept coming to a wheel - spinning halt, miles before where the first marshal was. Meanwhile, various grandad types, in standard looking vehicles, were chuntering steadily towards the top, while bystanders muttered things like 'told you Sid would clean it – he had his new bifocals fitted last week'.

In FDMC's case, these would be unworthy stereotypes (Paul and Graham aren't really that old), and with a total of 44 entries, November's event proved that trialling is alive and well in North Hampshire!

In the Clubsport event, FDMC members made up 21 of the 31 entries. Starting with Class A, Dave Penycate and Barry Coppard were sharing a 205, while Adrian May and Terri Pearson brought the MG Metro they drove at the Autumn Antics. Julian Burch and Neil Brogden had another 205, and Andrew and Jamie Butcher, whose smart blue Mini we saw at the Sprint Royale, arrived with an AX GT.

In Class B, Paul Burch's 'Peugeot of the day' was a 309, Nick Davies joined the Citroen club with a 1.1 AX, Dan and Sarah Roberts left their AXGT at home and brought a Fiesta, and Rod Stiles and Jim Morris had acquired an XR2i. Mike Relf and John Taylor shared a Mitsubishi Colt, and Maurice May gave the Panda another outing.

Upholding the Mini tradition were Dennis Futch, and Andrew Skeggs, sharing with Graham, who was FDMC's representative in the National B event. A vast Carlton Estate, seen in the paddock, was obviously someone's tow car - until it

appeared at the start of Hill 1, with new member Andrew Kemp at the wheel; hadn't anyone told him that PCT's need something small and nimble?

The menu included eight sets of hills run twice, and the last four once. The weather, despite a threatening forecast, stayed dry until (nearly) the end, and Clerk of the Course Simon May was making expert use of Hungry Hill's trials potential - up, down, in and out of the trees, gradually steepening tracks - to produce hills which everyone could enjoy.

In Clubsport, several star performances were coming from newer and younger FDMC members. Out of 13 entries in Class A, teenager Jamie Butcher drove the red AX to a superb 2nd in class, behind Hart MC's Gwyn Jones, with father Andrew 3rd, and Neil and Julian among their pursuers. Unfortunately, car problems retired our other members in this class.

In Class B, Nick Davies was on his way to winning the class, and best overall on Index of Performance, but young Andrew Skeggs was close behind him, demonstrating the family skills to take 2nd in class, with Mike Relf and Dennis Futchter tying at 3rd, and Maurice taking the Best FDMC award.

In the Roberts family contest, Sarah outdrove Dan up quite a few of the hills, until one or two branches intervened, but still took the Best Lady award. And the Carlton Estate? Andrew Kemp won class C, driving in a style which would surely have steamed up Sid's bifocals.

Meanwhile, the championship contenders were battling it out in their National B event, and these guys really do have it sussed; the six front-runners, in Midgets, a Sprite and a Tempest kit car, all finished with total penalties in single figures. A victory for grandad, then? Not quite..... the winner here was just about the youngest Nat B entrant, Michael Weeks.

Thanks must go to everyone involved in organising and marshalling - perching at strange angles on hillsides, while cars shower you in muddy leaves, is yet another way to enjoy trialling! And February brings an action replay, with our PCT at Cameron's Field, Dorking. Stand by for more improbable feats of driving, while the wildlife of Hungry Hill is recovering....

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2004 CALENDAR

Since publishing this Fixture List last month, a few changes have been needed, and in some cases venues remain to be confirmed, but here's the current picture.

8 th February	-	Valentine Trial	-	Dorking
14 th March	-	Spring Solo	-	Barton Stacey
4 th April	-	Dimanche Sprint	-	Eelmoor (?)
25 th April	-	Judgement Day		
		Autotests	-	Barton Stacey
16 th May	-	Challenge Shield Grass		
		Autotests	-	t.b.a.
12 th June	-	Abingdon CARnival Sprint	-	Abingdon
13 th June	-	Abingdon CARnival Stages	-	Abingdon
4 th July	-	Summer Sort-Out Grass		
		Autotests	-	t.b.a.
12 th Sept	-	Sprint Royale	-	Eelmoor
17 th Oct	-	Autumn Antics	-	Deepcut
? Nov	-	Winter Trial	-	Aldershot
27 th Dec	-	Almost Boxing Day		
		Autotests	-	Deepcut

ANNUAL AWARDS

(To be presented at Dinner & Dance)

- Lloyd Roberts Trophy - Most successful FDMC involved in FDMC events.
- Chairman's Trophy - Most successful FDMC competitor in National A, B International events
- Burch Award - Most enthusiastic competitor on FDMC events
- Robin Cup - Most outstanding Club Member of the Year
- Volunteer Trophy - Marshal of the Year
- Swain Trophy - Best photographic presentation of motor sport
- Treble Trophy - Best Article in the magazine

MEMBERSHIPS

Welcome back to rejoining members Pete Trenter and Martin West, and welcome to new members Eddie Grayson of Headley & John Ball of Tilford (see Page 1).

It's a heavy couple of months with 36 subscriptions due over the next two months.

Membership of the club is now just under 200, BUT unfortunately there are still too many of you who are way behind with paying the correct subscription rate. To remind you, it's now £15 per single membership and £18 per joint membership. You'll see below those who are just one year out of date (a single* marks the spot!), but there are many who are several years out of date (marked with a double**). Please do your bit to keep the club solvent by paying the correct amount, on time and preferably by standing order.

The following subscriptions are due in JANUARY:

Colin Abbott (1190)*; Julian Bland (2210)**; Jon & Anna Payne (2374)*; Keith & Celia Brindle (714); Steve Castle (1706); Bruce & Diane Coate-Bond (2105)*; Michelle Cooper (2422); Bruce Driffill (2575)**; Ian Gaskell (2398); Neil Harrison (2317); Graham Hinks (2373)**; John Leppard (1004); Simon May (1993); Graham Meeks (2378)*; Tony & Jackie Meadows (2315)*; Mick Moorcroft (1276)*; Jim Morris (1046); Matthew Preston (2397)*; Iain Roberts (2041)*; Andrew Russell (1545); Bill Savage (872)**; Andrew Skeggs (2445); Graham & Margaret Skeggs (2399); Chris & Hugh Smith (2356)*; Simon Staddon (2002).

Subscriptions due in FEBRUARY:

Paul Burch (16)*; Sean Cunniff (2403)*; Neville Eyre (2446); Nick & Clair Foster (2299); Rene Glasscock (49)*; Alex Hamilton (2214)**; Keith Hazell (1337); Barney Lower (2447); Derek Redfern (2058); Andrew & Dennis Silman (2401)*; Craig Smith (2424)*.

All those members with a single * beside their membership number have not yet amended their standing orders from the previous subscription rate: those with a double ** are very behind with their subscription rate. So, I am enclosing yet another form for you to complete and return to me as soon as possible.

All members with a double ** against their name will have their memberships cancelled if the correct subscription is not paid (by cheque or standing order) by

the end of February. Those with just a single * beside their name will have until end of March to pay (by cheque or standing order) before their memberships are cancelled. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED !

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THE CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

A yearly competition for FDMC competitors.

Object – recognition of FDMC members taking part in motor sport competitions.

Eligibility – any FDMC member taking part in National B, National A and International permit events at any venue in the United Kingdom and entered as “FDMC”.

Events – any sprint, hillclimb, autocross, stage rally, road rally, race, autotest or trial [classic or PCT].

Scoring – per class or race: 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd, 8 points for 3rd, etc down to 1 point for 10th in class or race.

Events to count – any number of event results can be submitted BUT only best 8 to count.

Claiming points – it is the responsibility of individual competitors to send results of events within four [4] weeks of the event to the Championship Coordinator – David Walton, 9 Derwent Road, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5XF or email davidbravo@aol.com.

Awards – 1st: the Annual Chairman's Trophy & an award
2nd: an award
3rd: an award

There you go – a nice simple championship for all of you competition licence holders to go for – it's up to **YOU** to make it work. It will also serve the purpose of letting your fellow club members know how you're getting on during the year as updates will be published either every month or every other month [depending on how many results **YOU** send in!].

DW

NEARLY BOXING DAY AUTOTESTS – RESULTS

No.	NAME	TEST 1	TEST 2	TEST 3	TEST 4	TEST 5	TOTAL	OVERALL POSITION
		Best Time						
1	Dave Leonard	46.8	26.7	42.8	138.0	32.0	286.3	
2	Dennis Futcher	42.8	24.4	38.8	111.0	68.0	285.0	
3	Robert Futcher	44.5	25.1	38.9	65.0	25.0	198.5	
4	Martin West	44.3	25.9	39.9	87.0	46.0	243.1	
5	Alan Hockham	50.5	26.9	39.6	66.0	51.0	234.0	
6	Barry Sayers	54.0	24.7	49.8	138.0	44.0	310.5	
7	Graham Skeggs	44.5	24.1	40.1	112.0	59.0	279.7	
8	Rod Styles	45.1	25.8	40.9	150.0	56.0	317.8	
9	Simon May	47.1	26.0	36.8	57.0	27.0	193.9	3rd
10	Adrian May	48.9	27.8	38.6	65.0	37.0	217.3	
11	Terri Pearson	52.5	35.1	41.2	65.0	31.0	224.8	
12	Maurice May	48.5	27.1	39.4	93.0	29.0	237.0	
13	Bill Anderson	51.1	33.2	41.1	79.0	25.0	229.4	
14	Martin Prescott	43.0	27.7	37.8	48.0	29.0	185.5	2nd
15	Dan Roberts	51.2	26.3	40.8	77.0	28.0	223.3	
16	Neil Harrison	47.8	26.6	42.6	138.0	66.0	321.0	
17	Tony Meadows	45.7	26.6	38.7	74.0	37.0	222.0	
18	John Peckham	58.6	27.6	37.2	90.0	40.0	253.4	
19	Pete Trenter	43.1	25.4	45.1	64.0	43.0	220.6	
20	James Peckham	44.5	26.1	38.1	65.0	41.0	214.7	
21	Ken Martin	45.2	25.8	38.2	101.0	72.0	282.2	
22	Andrew Butcher	46.3	25.0	41.0	63.0	29.0	204.3	
23	Jamie Butcher	56.2	26.1	42.3	65.0	34.0	223.6	
24	John Taylor	46.2	24.2	40.7	150.0	61.0	322.1	
25	Andrew Taylor	43.4	25.8	39.6	116.0	39.0	263.8	
26	Dave Penycate	63.6	27.7	46.5	140.0	43.0	320.8	
27	Dave Dockree	48.1	24.8	38.8	120.0	36.0	267.7	
28	Russell Roberts	43.0	25.7	39.2	42.0	13.0	162.9	1st
29	Andy Boyington	Rt'd	Rt'd	Rt'd	Rt'd	Rt'd	Rt'd	Rt'd
30	Jon Payne	43.9	25.0	39.1	74.0	48.0	230.0	
31	Anna Payne	49.6	25.5	43.1	128.0	88.0	334.2	W. Spoon!
32	Graham Meeks	48.5	25.3	42.0	76.0	46.0	237.8	
33	Simon Phelps	45.2	26.3	40.6	98.0	55.0	265.1	

Overall Winner: Russell Roberts
Wooden Spoon: Anna Payne

Test 1 - Martin Prescott; Test 2- John Taylor; Test 3 - Simon May
Test 4 - Andrew Butcher; Test 5 - =Robert Futcher & Bill Anderson

The organisers of this event would like to thank everyone who took part, those who provided the vehicles and in particular Travis Perkins for loaning us the Mini-Digger. Now we know where to go when we need to hire a piece of plant machinery when 'her indoors' wants the garden dug up for a swimming pool!!

Trials and Tribulations - By A. Marshal

The weather was ok, which was just as well as I had to use my motorbike to get to the PCT venue. Lots of slippery roundabouts in Farnborough. Very soon, I found myself standing around on a bit of Hungry Hill to watch people amusing themselves by trying to climb the sections that Simon had devised.

All went well and I was quite surprised at the amount of grip everyone had. Clearly, the sand drains very well. Anyway, it was pretty dark by the time the blue van arrived to collect the poles etc and, as you may remember, it was lashing down. Nice weather for motorcycling!

I got a lift back to the parking area, sorted myself out and then started to make my way out to the main road. This was when things started to go wrong. One punctured rear tyre later and I was wobbling along quite nicely. I made it to the gate and called my rescue services.

Now the funny bit. I didn't know where I was! Yes, I know you locals think this is ridiculous but I really didn't have a clue. I would just like to thank those who asked after my welfare particularly Simon and Maurice, who conjured up a most welcome cup of tea, explained exactly where we were, and I phoned the breakdown people again. It was whilst waiting around I realised just how much work people like Simon put into these events as he popped back later for another trailer & kindly offered to assist if my rescue people didn't come.

Anyway, I am coming to the point. What follows may be of interest to anyone with two wheels tucked away in the garage. I am insured with Carole Nash. One of their selling points is that the cover includes UK and European breakdown at no extra charge. Basically, it works. It works VERY well. What's more, they use a dedicated bike recovery service with the appropriate equipment and expertise - the bloke that collected me owned a Fireblade and clearly knew his job.

This may be of interest to owners of sports bikes with expensive plastic fairing bits etc who don't want to see their pride and joy lashed to the back of a car transporter. I got home somewhat later than planned but these things happen.

I must get a trail bike with tubeless tyres. BMW make a very nice one. The problem is that it costs an arm and a leg! Ah well, maybe next Christmas then.

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