



Caption Competition

Spotted at Croft on one of the coldest days of the year.....

There is a bottle of fizz up for grabs to whoever comes up with the wittiest comment (In the editors view). Send suitable captions to

registration@speedmog.co.uk

Closing date 15th April 2008

2008 Season has begun

The 2008 season is now underway, with the first event taking place at Croft on Easter Monday. By all accounts it was a bit chilly and snow flurries blighted the practice runs. Thanks to Clive Glass for his excellent report. If you have not received a copy by email, please see here:

<http://www.oddservices.co.uk/speedmog/downloads/Croft2008Report.pdf>

On the subject of reports, please can we have volunteers to write a short report of the seasons events. By taking it in turns, it means that you only need to write a report once every other year !!

Volunteers to Brenda Bryan please – volunteer before she asks you !!

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I couldn't make it to Croft, but was at Donington Park to see Phil Tisdall in his first race. Phil was competing in his Plus 8 in the first round of the Morgan Powertorque Championship. Well done to Phil for completing the race without incident on his debut.



Speedmog

April 2008

SPEEDMOG HAY ON WYE WEEKEND

During the last weekend in February, 12 Speedmogs braved the threat of dodgy weather and partook of the Hay on Wye weekend. Accommodation was at a country pub, some 7 miles from Hay – home to the second hand bookshops. Friday evening was quite uneventful, unless you were in the Smith car. After several detours and finding a toll bridge (?), Richard and Jane arrived just in time for cocoa.....

Saturday morning was spent at leisure looking around the bookshops or walking, before we all assembled and made for David and Sheila Hobdens house for afternoon tea and a walk along the mill leat. Thank you to you both for your hospitality – did you ever find the deceased rodent?

Saturday evening saw us all back at the pub for an excellent meal followed by a pub quiz. Three Speedmog teams and one of pub locals (Ringers) battled it out over several rounds, with the locals just beating the Speedmog Ladies team. A fine time was had by all.

Sunday saw some of the chaps heading over to the PCT at Lintridge Farm, where we were able to rack up the first points of the season for helping to Marshal on a MOG event. Unusually dry conditions meant that there was not the usual mudbath and most competitors cleared nearly all of the hills.

If there is sufficient interest, we may consider running this event next year – please let me know if you would be interested in attending.

Isle of Man 2008

Twelve intrepid competitors have booked for the Manx Classic. All the events are now full, with names for the reserve lists being taken.

Itinerary:

Travel on Thursday 17th April (or before)

Scrutineering closes 16:00 on 17th April for the Bray Hill event, so ensure that your chosen ferry gets you to the Island in time !!

Evening of 17th - Bray Hill Sprint. Alas there are no double drives permitted here, but the experience of charging up the hill in the dark is well worth the effort - so I am told. Evening meal of a Fish and Chip supper in the paddock.

18th April - Early start and off to The Sloc. A bumpy hillclimb out in the countryside near Port Erin. Evening meal - as last year we will be dining at The Hawthorn pub (hooray)

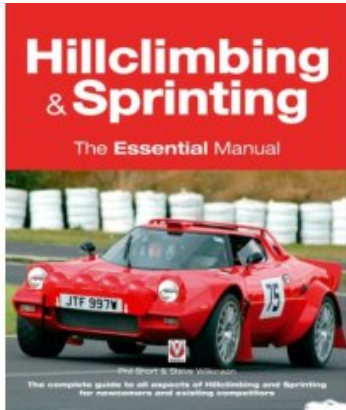
19th April - Off to Ramsey for what is probably the longest and best Hillclimb in the UK. Lergly Frissel. Fantastic fun - even if the locals are a bit grumpy when you park outside their house.....

Evening meal at the awards ceremony (If space permits) or at a "lively" restaurant and onto the awards ceremony.

20th April - head home or stay on the Island for a holiday.

Please let me know if you are coming so I can make restaurant reservations.

Shameless Book Plug



For those who are newish to the sport, or for those who are interested in taking up the sport, or even for those who just want to look through the pictures and see how many familiar faces they can spot, we have a limited quantity of a new book, **Hillclimbing and Sprinting The Essential Manual** for sale. The book does exactly what it says on the cover, and is an excellent source of information. Order your copy today from Tim Hill. Price is £18.00 including P+P or delivery to one of the events.

Drivers Dinner and Awards 2008

Please put the following date in your diaries. Saturday 8th November 2008 will be the Drivers Dinner. The venue will be The Peveril in The Peak, Dovedale near Ashbourne. Cost will be £120 per couple per night, Dinner Bed and Breakfast. Single rooms are available at £ 85 per person Dinner Bed and Breakfast. For those not requiring to stay over, the dinner will be £ 19.95 per person.

Championship Regulations 2008

The 2008 Championship Regulations and technical appendices have been posted on the Speedmog website. We are not issuing these to individual competitors, if you need a copy, please download them from the website. www.speedmog.co.uk

Regalia and T Shirts

As last year, for the 2008 season, all Speedmog Competitors will be receiving 2 T shirts. For those who were at the taster day, you should have been given yours on signing on. For the rest of the Registered competitors, I shall be posting them out within the next week.

If you require additional T shirts (For support crew, polishing the car etc) they are available at £5 each. Please send cheques (payable to MSCC Speed Championship) to Tim Hill.

Taster Day

Thank you to all who attended and helped out on the Taster Day. The weather was a bit mixed and temperatures a bit on the low side, but once again, a successful day was had by all. Several of the participants have already joined the championship, and quite a few more expressed an interest in joining.

Once again, thanks to all who helped out on the day, it was much appreciated.

If you have any news or articles that you would like included in the Newsletter, please email either Tim (tim@hobmeadows.wanadoo.co.uk) or Simon (simon_baines@ntlworld.com)