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April Doune

Well, the first Doune of the year on 20/21 April is behind us and it was very pleasing to see so many marshals in attendance. This has gone against the worrying trend of last year, so let us hope that the numbers continue to climb throughout the remainder of this season.

It was superb to be able to welcome 11 marshals who had attended the Hill Climb Marshals' Training Day which SMMC held in March. I hope that what was learnt on the day was put to good use over the Doune weekend.

You may have noticed that our regular Chief Marshal, Andy Mach, was not on duty over the weekend. This is due to work commitments taking Andy to the wrong side of Hadrian's Wall for a time and as a result, yours truly was taken off the shelf, dusted down and squeezed into the straining overalls. Is it

pure coincidence that we had such a good turnout of marshals for the first Doune of '96? Only joking Andy, come back to us as soon as possible!

Congratulations go to Rod Howat, who was lucky enough to have his name drawn out of the hat in the marshals' draw to win a 'Rover Sport' sweatshirt which had been won by SMMC at a recent RACMSA seminar.

My thanks to all who signed on over the weekend for your help in running a successful meeting, including the professional manner in which the serious incident on Sunday afternoon was handled. It was greatly appreciated by the Clerk of the Course, Frazer Madder and the rest of the Lothian Car Club organising committee. I look forward to seeing you out again on the hills in the near future.

Richard Allen
Doune Chief Marshal

MARSHALS' TRAINING

The winter training now is complete. It started with Rescue Crew training in both medical and technical aspects of the duties from Autumn last year through to early March this year and concluded with the Hill Climb Marshals' Training Day which SMMC organised on 17 March 1996.

This final event was held in our now customary training venue of Doune. Altogether, four Clubs were represented with 28 trainees attending, including 12 from our own Club. This was a somewhat disappointing number, taking into account all of the effort put in by all concerned with the organisation and presentation, especially as over 40 had intimated that they were going to attend.

The subjects presented were The History of Hill Climbing, Marshalling Preparation,

Officials' Duties, Hill Control/ Radio Procedure, Incident Management, Theory of Fire and Medical/First Aid. The rest of the day was given over to 'Table Top' workshops, where the trainees were able to discuss marshalling and put into practice the content of the lecture topics in greater detail with experienced tutors and a Rescue Equipment demonstration.

There was a wide range of marshalling experience in attendance, from the complete novice to the die-hard hill climb marshal, but it was agreed generally that everyone had learned something of value.

Finally, a big thanks to my fellow presenters and helpers for all of their effort both before and on the day and to Jack and Jean Asher for supplying us with endless cups of coffee and tea throughout the proceedings.

Richard Allen
SMMC Training Officer

VALENTINE RALLY

9 March 1996

Once again, the club played a significant part in the running of this year's Valentine Rally with rescue vehicles, marshals and radio crews in attendance. However, I

believe a special thank you should be extended to all club members who assisted on SS1 & 9 Carron. Not only were marshals and radio crews on stage from around 07.30 to 18.30

(with the exception of a short lunch break), but were asked to deal with several un-scheduled delays and stoppages, including an accident on SS1. All involved handled these incidents and delays in a professional (and patient) manner. In addition, special thanks are due to Beth and Alan

Manktelow who unselfishly undertook passage control duties on both stages and congratulations to Paddy McKay who acted as Stage Commander on SS9 - his first such duty on behalf of SMMC.

Richard G Davenport
Stage Commander SS1

CLUB CALENDAR 1996

A number of alterations have been made to scheduled events since the Club calendar was issued to members in February.

In order to draw these together, the revised calendar is printed below and shows all events, by category, in which the Club is participating in one or more disciplines from May onwards.

In particular, note the changes to the following; Forrestburn Hill Climb has been brought forward from 6 July to 30 June, the Weir Toyota Forest Rally moves back from 21 September to 5 October, the Knockhill Race Meeting has been changed from 6 to 13 October and the Network Q RAC Rally is shortened by one day, now taking place between 23 to 25 November.

The SMRC Race Meetings at Croft circuit, near Darlington, have been removed from the calendar as they can be regarded as events with 'visiting rounds' by certain Scottish race classes and with only a limited presence of Scottish marshals and officials.

These event details now are accurate at the date of publication of MARSHALS POST No.80 but it should be noted that they are still subject to change if the event organisers so decide.

RALLIES

19 May	Stobs Stages
31 May	Perth Scottish (Int.)
1 Jun	Perth Scottish (Int.)
15 Jun	SV, Charterhall
6 Jul	Jim Clark Memorial
17 Aug	McRae Motorsport Stages
5 Oct	Weir Toyota Forest
18 Oct	Tour of Mull
19 Oct	Tour of Mull
20 Oct	Tour of Mull
23 Nov	Network Q RAC
24 Nov	Network Q RAC
25 Nov	Network Q RAC
1 Dec	Galloway Hills

TEST SESSIONS

25 May	Knockhill
29 Jun	Knockhill
24 Jul	Knockhill
25 Jul	Knockhill
26 Jul	Knockhill (am)
10 Aug	Knockhill
31 Aug	Knockhill
21 Sep	Knockhill
12 Oct	Knockhill

SPRINTS

11 May	Ingliston (Nat.)
7 Jul	Alford
10 Aug	Knockhill

RACE MEETINGS

26 May	Knockhill
30 Jun	Knockhill
26 Jul	Knockhill - TOCA - (pm)
27 Jul	Knockhill - TOCA
28 Jul	Knockhill - TOCA
11 Aug	Knockhill
1 Sep	Knockhill
22 Sep	Knockhill
13 Oct	Knockhill

HILL CLIMBS

12 May	Doune
26 May	Rumster
4 Jun	Forrestburn
9 Jun	Durris
16 Jun	Fintray
22 Jun	Doune (Nat.)
23 Jun	Doune (Nat.)
30 Jun	Forrestburn
6 Jul	Fintray
18 Jul	Bouley Bay, Jersey (Nat.)
20 Jul	Le Val des Terres, Guernsey (Nat.)
4 Aug	Forrestburn
25 Aug	Fintray
1 Sep	Durris
8 Sep	Forrestburn
14 Sep	Doune (Nat.)
15 Sep	Doune (Nat.)

CLUB MEMBERS' AWARDS

This issue certainly has its fair share of good news for SMMC members on the awards front. Elsewhere in this issue of MARSHALS POST, the internal Club achievements are covered. However, we are pleased to report that there are also two awards which have come our members' way from outside bodies. Bob Bissett was presented with an entirely new award, the *Vauxhall Scottish Marshal of the Year*, at a 'black tie' dinner which took place on 12 January 1996 and was hosted by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, Blythswood Square, Glasgow. Vauxhall Motors Limited had wished to recognise the value of marshalling to motor sport in Scotland and had sought the assistance of SMRC and SMMC in order to give the inaugural award. The presentation to Bob was made by Vauxhall in conjunction with the Association of Scottish Motoring Writers.

Nick Clarke, current Chairman of SMRC and Chief Marshal at Knockhill, was presented with the *Geoff Waugh Memorial Medal* at the SMRC dinner dance in December 1995. This is awarded for services to motor sport in Scotland. The Club's congratulations go to Bob and Nick for these achievements.

PLUGS AND POINTS

- All four Doctors who were on duty on the Snowman Rally on 10 February 1996 were SMMC members.....
- We have a good stock of two versions of the Club badge available just now at the modest price of £1.00 each. Both are the full colour logo of the Club and approximately 80mm diameter. In the case of the windscreen badge, this is printed on to clear PVC and is non-adhesive in order to be removable. The second is a sticker version for items such as clipboards. These badges may be obtained by sending a large stamped (standard letter rate) self-addressed envelope to Club HQ, the address of which is on the back page. Please indicate your requirements clearly and enclose the correct amount to cover payment.....
- The Editor is always delighted to receive ideas from Club members for a whole range of topics, whether or not you wish to burst into print about them. These might include possible Club merchandise, incentives, recruitment ideas, social events, offers or pleas to share transport to events, grouses and grumbles – in fact anything which could be considered internally or, if wished, with the wider Club membership. Please consider putting pen to paper and write to the Editor of MARSHALS POST at Club HQ in the first instance, for which the address is on the back page.
- Increasing use is being made of the Internet for sharing information on motor sport, both home-based and of wider interest. If you have come across or know of any Web sites which are unusual or worthwhile, please let us know in order that the information can be passed on to other members who have access. Or, if you wish your e-mail address to be made known, just tell us and we will publish it in the next issue of MARSHALS POST.....
- Fire retardant marshalling overalls made of orange Proban treated material are in stock for the new season in a full range of sizes. In addition, we have body warmers made of the same material. Both garments are available in small (chest 34"-36"), medium (38"-40"), large (42"-44") and extra large (46"-48") sizes. The cost is £35.00 for the overalls and £27.00 for the body warmers (£40.00 and £31.00 respectively for non-members) which includes postage and packing. Embroidered badges now are available on the same Proban cotton at a price of £6.00, which is less than before due to a new ordering system. Orders should be sent, with remittance please, to Colin Goode, 'Piece', 55 Belwood Road, Milton Bridge, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 0QN. Please remember to state the size which you are looking for and make all cheques payable to SMMC.....
- On the subject of badges, a reminder that the Club full colour badge can be embroidered on to your navy blue jersey/sweat-shirt/polo shirt at a cost of £6.00. If you are eligible, the word 'Rescue' or 'Radio' can be added for no additional cost. The Club needs to send off items in batches of six minimum and an order is planned for before summer. For further details, please contact Rod Howat, 63 Burnside, Haddington, East Lothian EH41 4ER, telephone 01620 823565.....



RAC Motoring Services

In view of the fact that SMMC is a Club recognised by the RAC Motor Sports Association, we have been approached by the RAC with the offer of reduced membership subscriptions for the full range of Rescue and Recovery Services. In brief, this offers 15% discount from all types of RAC annual subscriptions along with an impressive list of services, incentives and discounts. Descriptive leaflets have been provided to the Club and these can be passed on by the Editor to any member who might be interested in considering taking out membership (even for transferring from another motoring organisation – for which an additional one-off discount is awarded!). If you would like a leaflet, please send a second class stamped, self-addressed envelope (DL or A5 size) to Rod Howat, 63 Burnside, Haddington, East Lothian, EH41 4ER.

CONGRATS DEPARTMENT

Two marshalling awards were presented to members early in the season. In both cases, these were the 'long service' award, an inscribed shield with Club crest, which is given to mark a member's attendance at 100 events which count towards a Club sign-on.

The SMMC Hill Climb Marshals' Training Day at Doune on 17 March 1996 was the occasion at which Rod Howat was presented with the '100' shield by Walter Robertson, Club and rescue crew member and Clerk of the Course at SMRC Race Meetings at Knockhill Circuit.

One week later on 24 March 1996, it was Knockhill itself which was hosting the SMRC Training Day. With thanks to the organisers, the opportunity was taken to award the '100' shield to Colin Goode and this was presented by the Circuit owner, Derek Butcher.

The Club's congratulations are extended to these two members.

Appropriately enough, Derek was able to display an award which he and his Circuit team had won last season and we are delighted to mention this in MARSHALS POST. This was presented to Knockhill by the TOCA competitors for the best organised and user friendly event in the 1995 season and is the framed original of the artwork created for the promotional poster and advertising for the 1995 series, suitably signed by the competitors. Considering the venues of last year's rounds, this is a superb accolade and speaks volumes for the organisation which is put into the operation of the event. Derek acknowledged the part which high quality marshalling plays in maintaining the standards for which the Circuit has become recognised. Well done all round.

On the subject of sign-on credits (first paragraph, if you have to be reminded!) it might be worth stressing, particularly to new members, that SMMC operates a separate Club sign-on sheet at all Knockhill Race Meetings. This is coloured in order to distinguish it from the various team sheets which are used by SMRC and *must* be signed *in addition* to your team sheet. Otherwise, no sign-on credit can be given by the Club for your attendance as this becomes our only record. These cannot be back-dated or applied retrospectively and therefore if the SMMC sheet has not been signed, possible credits probably have been lost. Would all members please be sure to sign the Club sheet as a matter of course.

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