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## SCOTTISH THOUSAND MILE TRIAL



26 — 28 FEBRUARY 1999

The Scottish 1000 Mile Trial, run by the RSAC, was last held in 1909. Its reappearance in 1999 is a celebration to mark not just the centenary of the founding of the RSAC itself, but also the 90th anniversary of the last such event.

The 1999 event, organised by RSAC (Motor Sport) Ltd., is open to cars manufactured before 1st January 1968 and will take the form of a classic road rally which will include a variety of different tests. It takes place over 3 days and nights from

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th February 1999.

The venue for the start is the Great Yorkshire Show Ground in Harrogate where all pre-rally formalities will take place. It will also be the venue for the mid-afternoon start and for the first manoeuvrability test.

The route will go north up the Pennine Chain via some tests on land not previously used by classic rallies to a supper halt at Barnard Castle, where one of the principal streets, Galgate, will be shut off to accommodate the rally. During the night, the forests of Hamsterley and Kielder await competitors before they cross into Scotland and go through the Borders to Jim Clark territory and breakfast in Duns. A gentle run via tests at Charterhall and several stately homes will see the rally coming to the Royal Scot Hotel in Edinburgh by mid-morning on Saturday.

A well earned rest then precedes the second leg of the rally which will start on Saturday evening and go via Perthshire through the Highlands to Elgin and then back to Edinburgh to a Sunday lunchtime finish. On the way, the competitors will tackle most of the major passes in Eastern Scotland and visit some of its most striking castles such as Blair and Glamis. The village of Blair Atholl has been selected as the Saturday night supper halt venue, while Sunday breakfast will be taken at Baxter's Visitor

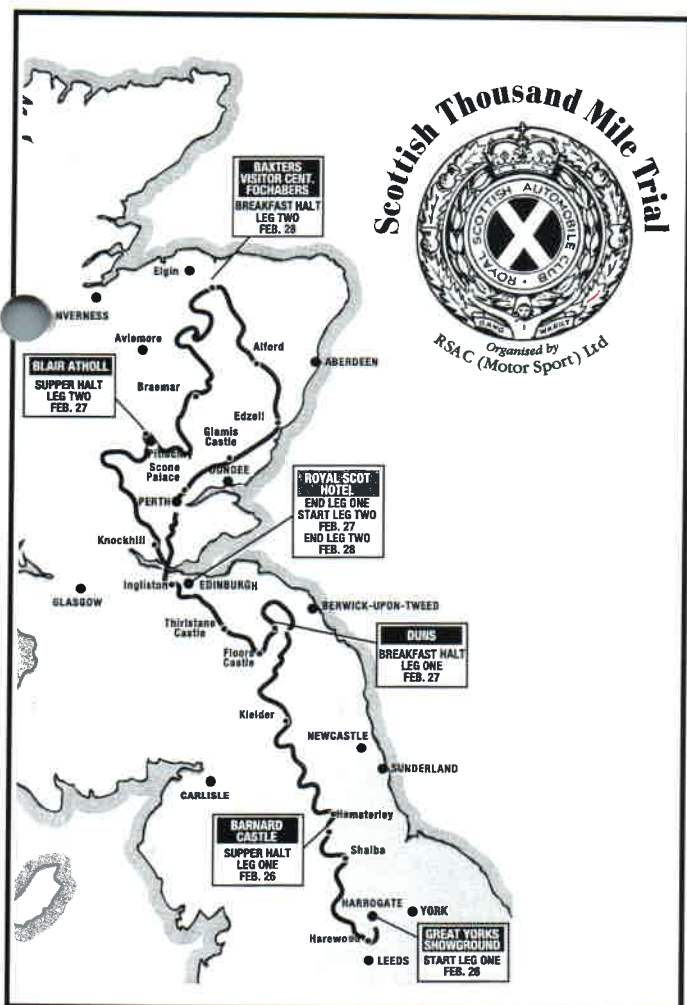
Centre looking out on the River Spey. Other test venues will include Knockhill, Ingliston, Edzell airfield and Scone Palace.

The 1999 Scottish 1000 Mile Trial not only represents a superb opportunity to be involved in the re-running of this famous event, but also to see classic cars compete over difficult terrain and travel through beautiful countryside. Marshals will be required to assist at numerous timing, passage, regularity and other control points, while help will be needed to manage the test venues along the route. Those willing to assist at more than one location or on more than one day will be very welcome.

Richard G Davenport  
Clerk of the Course,

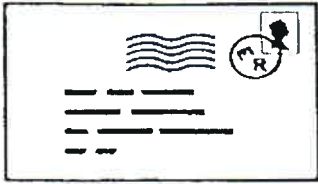
Scottish Thousand Mile Trial 1999

**(The formal closing date for responses offering assistance was around ten days ago, but on the sensible basis of not wanting to refuse help, if you are interested in marshalling on this special event, please get in touch immediately with the Chief Marshal, Paddy McKay, by post to 21 Humble Road, Kirkliston EH29 9AN, or phone on 0131-333 2429.)**



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# IN THE POST

Clarkston, Glasgow  
18 October 1998

Dear Donald

## 1998 Tour of Mull Rally

Thank you for helping at this year's Rally. Once again, I can report that the Rally went according to plan, with no major problems. We had three or four medical incidents, all of which had satisfactory conclusions. The one safety meeting certainly saved me a lot of time this year, but owing to the number who could not get to it as they had not arrived on the Island, I think that it was scheduled for the wrong time. If, like this year, the 1999 Safety Manual can be posted out to everyone at least a week before the event, so they know where they are going, I think that it would be better to hold the 1999 Safety Meeting at 14:00 hours on the Friday afternoon. Comments please!

Having a lot of the safety team at the one hotel worked well again, although there was a hiccup with the billing for those who stayed for only two nights. I have included a booking form for 1999 which I hope will make the booking arrangements clear. Unfortunately I could not get extra rooms for 1999 as they had already been released to the bus companies. Perhaps for 2000!

I would welcome any comments you have on this year's safety arrangements (Doctors, Police, Rescue, Recovery, RAYNET) and would like these as soon as possible as this year's 2300 Club debrief is earlier than usual.

Thank you once again for attending. Best wishes.

Ron Cowan

Perth

27 September 1998

Dear Mike

## SMMC 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Many thanks for your letter of 16th inst. Lynne and I would dearly have liked to be able to attend but unfortunately we will all be on holiday in Crete.

Mike How phoned me shortly after the notice was sent out to see if I was going and we had a good natter about past memories. One which came to mind after our conversation was really a precursor to the formation of the Club. You may recall that Ken Robertson set up a rally section within the SMRC and it was through that, that we all had a closer association. I remember, one warm June late evening during a Scottish Rally (I don't remember the year) marshalling in Cairn Edward in Dumfriesshire, when through the dusk motored the opening car — Peter Tugwell navigated by David Swinton in a Triumph Herald convertible with the hood down!

I am most disappointed that I won't be able to be present but I will raise a glass to you all on the 17th. Please give my best wishes to everyone.

With kind regards

Peter Francis

Sinfin  
Derby

9 November 1998

Dear Mike

## SMMC 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Many thanks for the copy of the menu for the 25th Dinner held recently; a wonderful memento of the evening and definitely one for the Baird Archive!

My Aunt Janet thoroughly enjoyed the evening — almost as much as I did — meeting the people I'd spoken of so much in the past and finally being able to put faces to names. How much of a shock it was to her to have so many illusions shattered, I'm not aware. I imagine it's a bit like meeting members of 'The Archers'! It was especially good to meet so many of the "Old Guard" and have some time to reminisce of escapades and exploits gone by. It was also good to see the newer members of the Club there, in whose future the service to motorsport, so diligently built over the years should continue for many moons to come.

Again, many thanks for the excellent memory of the event — and I look forward to the 50th — assuming I can find someone to transport me in my bath-chair! '86 Hairpin & Holding Paddock manned and ready'.

Every best wish

Ian Baird  
Membership No. 028  
(Auto Tartan 16)

Cormiston  
Biggar

19 October 1998

Dear Frazer

Thank you for a most enjoyable evening to mark the 25th Birthday of the Club — the amount of hard work and preparation put in by you and the Committee was well rewarded.

Everything went so smoothly and with the good food and good company you must feel very happy, and deservedly so!

The icing on the cake was the presentation to me of the Jim Clark award — thank you, I will treasure it.

With all good wishes, yours  
aye

Mike Fenwick

# Dr. Norman Thomson

It is with great sadness that we intimate the death of Dr. Norman Thomson.

Norman joined SMMC twenty years ago and continually throughout these years, remained a staunch supporter of the Club's direction and achievements.

Born in Aberdeen, his school years were spent in the Granite City, as was his period at University where he qualified as a Doctor.

Following qualifying and becoming a consultant radiologist, he worked at St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Barts) in London. It was during this period of the 1950s that he became Chief Medical Officer at Goodwood circuit in Sussex.

On returning to Scotland, Norman was deeply involved with the Rest and Be Thankful and Bo'Ness Hill Climbs. In 1967 he, with a colleague John McKenzie from Lothian Car Club, visited the present Earl of Moray at Carse Hill and, following that eventful day, Doune Hill Climb was born.

In 1970 Norman conceived the idea of a Scottish Hill Climb Championship and later that year became the newly formed Championship Committee's first Chairman.

For nearly twenty years, he was both Club Secretary for Lothian Car Club and Secretary of the Meeting at all Doune Hill Climbs.

Those of us who knew him well, will know that Norman possessed an acutely perspicacious eye. The moment last year when Coulter signalled Hakkinen through to win the season's opening Grand Prix, instantly reminded me of a story told by Norman regarding a very similar incident during a Grand Prix at Silverstone in the early 1950s.

Moss was trailing Fangio by a car's length, in the closing laps. Norman was a Medical Officer standing, as they did in those days very close to the track, at the original Abbey. Fangio, with two hands firmly on the wheel, momentarily lifted a finger which he knew could be seen by Moss, and which was also spotted by Norman. This coded signal to Moss was of the same intention as that given to Hakkinen - Moss took the win.

With Norman's death, motorsport has lost an ambassador and a true gentleman and, for many of us, a very close friend. To his wife Betty and his two sons Andrew and Richard, the Club offers its sincere condolences.

# SMMC 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance — some reflections

The Dinner Dance on 17 October 1998 was considered by those attending to have been a resounding success. A large number of Club members, covering the vast majority of each of the 25 membership years, attended with their guests and enjoyed an event in the most appropriate and elegant venue. We are delighted that also there was such a good representation by members from the last ten years.

There was a pre-dinner drinks reception which gave an ideal chance to meet old and new friends before the event itself in the Blythswood Suite. Tables had been named after familiar posts at Scottish motor sport venues which might have taken a few people back in time. There was time at the start and again later, to look at the display of photographs of various aspects of Club activities over perhaps 20 of the past 25 years. These covered a record of the fleet of Rescue units, of diverse motor sport locations north and south of the Border and, particularly, of members themselves. In addition, there was a range of photographs culled from publications over a period longer than the Club's life and covering all types of motor sport, mostly competitors in action.

The meal, with appropriately named courses, was beautifully prepared and presented and was a credit to the RSAC and its staff. Toasts had been designed to be kept to a minimum and following The Queen, late entrant Paddy Kenshole won a skirmish to say a few kind words about the Club and the standards of its Rescue service, before the Toast to The Club was proposed by Mike Fenwick.

Every year, the Club makes a number of presentations and in that special year, we decided to use the occasion for that purpose. Awards for '200' signed-on attendances were presented by Honorary President Andrew Cowan to Yvonne Lamb, George Malloch and Andy Stronach. Following tradition, these took the form of scale model competition cars, appropriate to the recipient, on an engraved plinth. A photograph of the award winners is on page 4 of this issue.



*There are not many times in the operating life of a rescue unit that Glasgow city centre is a destination, nor that a parking slot at the RSAC in Blythswood Square comes along. We took the chance to display Rescue 8 outside during the Dinner Dance as an unusual talking point and 'advert' for the Club. By way of explanation, the two white globe lights on cast iron columns are part of the railings, not a new MSA high level safety requirement at the front and rear of the vehicle.*

Awards for '100' attendances were made to Peter McMullen, Donald Reid and Ken Sime. A further '100' was due to be presented to Roland Jones however he was unable to join us and this will take place later. A similar award to Tam Williamson is shown as it was made at a Rescue Crew meal. These awards take the form of an engraved shield.

The Club offers its congratulations to all of the recipients of these 'long service' awards.

The presentation of the Jim Clark Marshalling Award 1998 then was made by Andrew Cowan. This award, an inscribed pewter quaich, is made to the member of the Club who, in the sole opinion of the directors, has made a significant or meritorious contribution to marshalling in Scotland. The winner of the 1998 Award was an astonished Mike Fenwick. Mike's contribution to all aspects of motor sport has been enormous and this is an appropriate recognition of that continuing dedication to a member who joined the Club in its first year. To think that Mike believed that his presence at the event was purely to present a toast to the Club. . . Our congratulations to Mike on this Award, on the fifth occasion of it having been made. A photograph of the presentation is on page 5 of this issue.

In the best tradition of wedding receptions, the Club was delighted to receive 'on the night', congratulations from two significant sources. RSAC (Motor Sport) Limited had compiled a 'roll of honour' of the motor sport events which the Club had covered for it in a marshalling and rescue capacity and this totalled 24 Scottish Rallies (one having been cancelled: *instant question — which year and for what reason??*), three Scottish Hillrallies and two Formula Three Superprix.

The second came from John Quenby, Chief Executive of the MSA. This letter, faxed most impressively from Paris to catch the Dinner, sent the Club and its colleagues congratulations from all at the Motor Sports Association on reaching the 25th Anniversary of the Club. Long may the valued contribution of the members across the many disciplines of our sport continue, it added and wished everyone a good evening and best wishes for the next 25 years.

These sentiments from the organising bodies of motor sport in this country, are much appreciated.

The evening continued, some might say degenerated, into the dancing. The band, The Usual Suspects, had an interesting task to balance the wishes of a spread of ages and abilities but managed creatively to produce everything from foxtrot to strip the willow. It was a credit to the event that so many people stayed until the end — and a very crowded circle for Auld Lang Syne.

Many people had chosen to stay in Glasgow, others returned home independently after the event, but a special word of thanks is due to Ken Sime. Ken offered to drive the minibus from and back to the east side of the country and therefore was able to allow a number of guests to enjoy themselves without the usual constraints. We are very grateful.

So there it is, the event was successful and the Club is delighted to have been able to use the prestigious surroundings of the RSAC. Most of all, thanks to you, our members, with your partners and guests for making the evening so enjoyable. Here's to the Golden. . . . .



# 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance — Photographs

Following the Club's immensely successful 25th celebration Dinner Dance held at the RSAC in Glasgow on 17 October 1998, the function photographer, Bill Henderson, has produced a really excellent selection of photographs of many guests.

A précis of these with appropriate negative numbers is listed below. Colour prints, 7" x 5", are available from Bill at a cost of £2.50 each.

If you wish any copies, you should apply to the Club at the normal address shown on the back page, stating both the negative number and the adjacent narrative.

Enclose with your order a cheque for the correct value (multiples of £2.50) which should be made payable to SMMC Ltd.

The final date for acceptance of photograph orders is 8 February 1999.

|     |                              |                                                |
|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Drinks reception             | Andy and Judith Stronach                       |
| 8   | "                            | Nick and Catriona Clarke                       |
| 9   | "                            | Ian Baird and Janet Parker                     |
| 11  | "                            | Garry Headridge and Ian Douglas                |
| 14  | "                            | Andrew Cowan and Walter Robertson              |
| ●   | "                            | Jonathan Lord and Moyra Davenport              |
|     | Award Presentation           | Peter McMullen and Andrew Cowan                |
| 22  | "                            | George Malloch and Andrew Cowan                |
| 23  | "                            | Andy Stronach and Andrew Cowan                 |
| 25  | "                            | Mike Fenwick and Andrew Cowan                  |
| 34  | Three '200' Award Recipients | Andy Stronach<br>Yvonne Lamb<br>George Malloch |
| 13A | "                            | as above                                       |
| 4A  | Entering Blythswood Suite    | Walter and Val Robertson                       |
| 21A | Pictured dancing             | Jonathan Lord and Eleanor Cordiner             |
| 25A | "                            | Walter and Val Robertson                       |
| 26A | "                            | Sheila and Ian Douglas                         |



Mike Fenwick received the Jim Clark Marshalling Award 1998 from SMMC Honorary President Andrew Cowan at the occasion of the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance in October 1998. Report in this issue.

# MARSHALLING ATTENDANCES 1998

## Overall Top 20 attendances since the Club's inception

|     |                  |     |
|-----|------------------|-----|
| 1   | Frazer Madder    | 491 |
| 2   | Andrew Main      | 438 |
| 3   | Andy Birrell     | 288 |
| 4   | Richard Allen    | 278 |
| 5   | Jim Robertson    | 263 |
| 6   | Paul Woods       | 235 |
| 7   | Mike How         | 224 |
| 8   | Geoff Carnegie   | 218 |
| 9   | Yvonne Lamb      | 203 |
| 10  | George Malloch   | 199 |
| 11  | Andy Stronach    | 198 |
| 12  | Mike Gascoigne   | 174 |
| 13  | Iain McGillivray | 161 |
| 14  | Ewan McCall      | 159 |
| 15  | Bruce Craig      | 138 |
| 16  | Rod Howat        | 136 |
| 17  | Stan Edmond      | 134 |
| 18  | David Swinton    | 131 |
| 19= | Ian Baird        | 130 |
| 19= | Ian Mackay       | 130 |

## 1998 Top 20 attendances

|     |                  |    |     |
|-----|------------------|----|-----|
| 1=  | Sue Fenwick      | 16 | 89% |
| 1=  | Peter McMullen   | 16 | 89% |
| 1=  | George Malloch   | 16 | 89% |
| 4=  | Andrew Main      | 14 | 78% |
| 4=  | Walter Robertson | 14 | 78% |
| 6   | Ken Sime         | 13 | 72% |
| 7   | Frazer Madder    | 12 | 67% |
| 8=  | Karen Ditch      | 11 | 61% |
| 8=  | Mike Gascoigne   | 11 | 61% |
| 8=  | Rod Howat        | 11 | 61% |
| 8=  | Roland Jones     | 11 | 61% |
| 8=  | Bill Stewart     | 11 | 61% |
| 13= | Bob Bissett      | 10 | 56% |
| 13= | Stan Edmond      | 10 | 56% |
| 13= | Yvonne Lamb      | 10 | 56% |
| 13= | Donald Reid      | 10 | 56% |
| 13= | Alan Swinton     | 10 | 56% |
| 18= | Nick Clarke      | 9  | 50% |
| 18= | David Geddes     | 9  | 50% |
| 18= | Richard Thomson  | 9  | 50% |
| 18= | Dave Walsh       | 9  | 50% |

## 1998 Rescue Crew Top 20 attendances

|     |                  |    |
|-----|------------------|----|
| 1   | Andrew Main      | 40 |
| 2   | Ken Sime         | 33 |
| 3   | Donald Reid      | 30 |
| 4   | Frazer Madder    | 29 |
| 5   | Peter McMullen   | 27 |
| 6   | Yvonne Lamb      | 24 |
| 7   | Rod Howat        | 21 |
| 8   | Roland Jones     | 16 |
| 9=  | Bruce Craig      | 13 |
| 9=  | David Geddes     | 13 |
| 11= | Geoff Carnegie   | 11 |
| 11= | Gordon Munn      | 11 |
| 13  | Paul Woods       | 10 |
| 14  | Tam Williamson   | 7  |
| 15= | Alastair Gray    | 5  |
| 15= | Ian Mackay       | 5  |
| 17= | Iain McGillivray | 4  |
| 17= | Allan Matheson   | 4  |
| 19  | Andy Stronach    | 3  |
| 20  | John McGurk      | 2  |

These tables have been compiled from the sign-on sheets returned to Club HQ for all qualifying events.

If any member has omitted to sign a Club sheet, we are unable to amend statistics retrospectively.

# SMMC Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM was held courtesy of CALA Homes in Falkirk during mid December 1998.

At this meeting, the Chairman announced the resignation from the Committee of one of its longest serving members, Colin Goode.

Colin's resignation is due solely to geographical reasons. He, with his wife Brenda, has purchased a Bed and Breakfast and Holiday Cottage business located in south east Devon, near the town of Budleigh Salterton. Obviously, this determines the impossibility of Colin being able to attend Committee meetings and to contribute to the practical and physical management of our organisation.

Colin has been a member since the Club's inception and joined the Committee two years later, in 1975. He naturally will remain a Club

member and has made it clear to the Committee that he wishes to continue his stewardship of the membership and various other Club computer database systems. The Committee is very pleased that Colin wishes to continue this essential work and obviously with today's technology, a geographical gap of 500 miles between Colin and Club HQ is not pertinent.

Apart from continuing his SMMC membership, Colin is an MSA Steward and will be attending motor sport events in that capacity, albeit in the south west of England. However, he has promised that we will continue to see him on some events in Scotland during the season, as and when time and business permit.

It was at Colin's instigation, many years ago, that the Club created the Rally Radio Group (now Motorsport

Radio Group). The Radio Group, now managed by Richard Davenport, has expanded and progressed into a highly successful radio communications package which is now utilised by most organisers of Scottish Rally Championship events.

The majority of members will probably be unaware that Colin is involved with part of the Club's Rescue Unit construction process and has been since 1983 when we obtained the Renault Master. The additional electrical systems installed in all of the Club's Rescue Units are designed and fitted by Colin. At the risk of embarrassing him in print, I will tell you that the work is carried out to an exceedingly high standard of professionalism.

The Committee has a very substantial "Thank You" to say to Colin for his dedication, knowledge and ability throughout all of these years.

**Frazer Madder.**



*Tam Williamson was unable to receive his '100' attendance award in October. As a result, the opportunity was taken at the end of November at a meal organised by Rescue crew members. The photograph shows Club Chairman Frazer Madder presenting the shield.*

Items for publication to MARSHALS POST do not have to be formal articles or letters. The Editor would like to keep a type of regular 'notice board' column for all sorts of mixed topics.

Suggestions might be: ideas for discounted goods, clothing or services that the club could arrange, marshalling tips or experiences, articles for sale, personal snippets about relevant job, home or family changes and so on.

MARSHALS POST is here to cover and reflect everything thing that affects the club, its Members and the sport — please broaden its scope by contributing even in a small way.

The deadline for the next issue is the second week of April 1999 so there is ample time to send material to the Editor at Club HQ, at the address below.

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