

“REVS” News Letter

December 2022



2022 a year we lost some dear friends & members, in particular Mike Sones, our font of knowledge Motor Sport related. Another recent loss member Richard Hammond and of course the light & soul of any party Shirley Matthews.

Free OMC Memberships for 2023 (Conditions apply)

2022 Annual awards evening is now in planning, possibly at a new venue. Date TBC.

The Classic team led by Martin Parkes create a tremendous stand for NEC show.

OMC, the 41st club in the UK to join “MSUK Street Car “ see feature page 7.

AGBO Rally now in planning, 4wd included for first time in 27 year history at Weston Park. Event name change for 2023.

Many events planned for the 2023 season, assistance from the membership required with all OMC planned events for 2023 season



***MERRY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TO ALL
OMC MEMBERS & FRIENDS.***



OMC Members Clive King / Anton Bird secure HRCR Mini Cup Cat 1 Title & 2nd O/All in Mini Cup 2022 championship.



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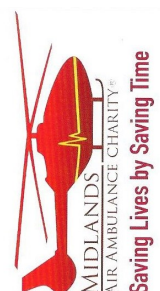
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YOUR CLUB



The 2023 Club Season needs your Help

The end of another successful season is fast approaching and plans for 2023 are already well under way.

The teams are planning a full season of events next year starting with our stage rally at Weston Park in March. A Sprint at Curborough in June, Classic car meets / shows, Auto Solo's, a Production Car Trial, the list goes on....

These are just a few of the diverse events that Owen Motoring Club will be putting on in 2023.

The continuing success of these events is down to the club committee, the dedicated event teams (which are under strength) and a few other Owen Motoring Club Members who all put a lot of time and effort into making them successful.

Every event requires a lot of planning and organisation from the AGBO Rally to a Classic car gathering to a social night at club HQ. We all enjoy taking part in our chosen events and are always grateful to the teams putting them together for the enjoyment of many.

Going forward, to keep all these events alive as planned for the year we need your support, even a few hours of your time can make a big difference. Organisation or on the day, please help if you possibly can, we are all members of Owen Motoring Club a club which has always been a big player in Midlands Club Motorsport, so let's make 2023 one to be a part of and be proud of.

Please get in touch.

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AGBO STAGES RALLY

OWEN MOTORING CLUB

AGBO 23 will be called “**The Mike Sones Memorial AGBO Stages Rally**” this decision was taken in respect to a club member who passed away two weeks after last years event. Mike, involved with our event team for many years, we will certainly all miss him immensely, an instant answer to any rally problem on the day. His main orders of the day around Rally HQ, tea & Sue where's the cake !!

We already have two championships running in our event, the AWMMC HOE Stage Rally Championship and returning after a few years & HRCR Mini Cup.

More catering, better access, price concessions for over 65`s @ £5 & U/16`s get free entry. Ticketing will open via the Weston Park website soon. Early Bird prices are attractive...The marketing tools utilised by Weston revealed some interesting suggestions from the spectators comments.

For the very first time we are going to include a class for 4WD cars, (Non sequential gear Box versions only), which could attract a 6R4.

Once again we require pairs of hands to help set up/break down the stage furniture. This was a big problem in October, barely adequate numbers turned out to set up the park for the Rally History event. It is a possibility that our Classic Section will put on a display in front of the House for the first time at the event. However this has not yet been given clearance by the Weston Park management at the time of writing, but I can see no reason why they would say no, that in itself could be quite an attraction.



2022. Winner: Huw James



2022. 2nd: Oliver Davies

Hot Rod Power Tour USA .. Wayne Langridge...Part 2.



Day 2. I guess this was really the start of the Tour proper. Our destination was Nashville Super Speedway – from Day 1’s venue the mileage would have been around 245 but we were already about 70 miles along the route, so we had plenty of time to fuel both us and the car. Fuel stops became mini car shows and whilst fun seeing the cars it was also time consuming as you’d inevitably get talking especially once people realised, we were Brits.

I should mention numbers, so you get a better idea of what the Tour looks like on the road. The total number of cars attending all the venues was something like 10,000 – yes 10 thousand – that includes cars just attending one venue. The number of registered Long Haulers was supposedly around 4000, so that’s 4000 cars doing all the venues on the tour route but each day the cars on the route was bolstered by those one dayers so on average there was probably something like 5000 to 6000 cars heading along the route each day. Spotting a non-tour car was sometimes difficult.

Now unlike the UK the US generally as a nation are car friendly. Ordinary people as well as car enthusiasts were camped out along the route on the side of the road with deck chairs, gazebos and cool boxes ready to wave and photograph the passing car show. It didn’t matter whether the road was in the middle of nowhere or in the centre of a small town there was people waving and cheering. One local town mayor even posted on the Tours Facebook page that he had set up a welcome area in the town’s park with free water for us.

As a way of giving back, the done thing for Tour participants is to hand out Hot Wheels toy cars to the kids on route. We’d stocked up with about 25 of them, others had 2 or 300 to give out!! The kids love it as you’d expect, and their faces light up when you hand them a car. We tried to target single kids in the middle of nowhere rather than those where there was lots together. I should add the kids weren’t standing alone ready to mob you as you’d expect in the UK. Most were with Grandparents (remember this was a normal working week, not a weekend or holiday) some with parents and some looked to be organised by nurseries or schools.

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We arrived at Nashville Super Speedway at around 13.45 and other than a little 5-minute wait to queue through the entry tunnel where the official photographers of the event were operating, we had no trouble getting in. The organisers had acted on the heat, it was still well in the 100's and had the garages opened as a cool shaded area and had drinking water butts available as well as huge cooling fans with water sprayers. All very welcome. With our cards punched and another bunch of freebies we departed the venue after about two hours. We'd timed it right as the queue to get in at this point was now at least 2 miles long. Several cars had succumbed to the heat and some people just gave up and parked up to watch the cars go by. We were still seeing cars heading towards the venue when we were 15 minutes up the road – they had no chance of ever getting in.

Hotel car parks like petrol stations became mini car shows. Our hotel this night was in a road with I think five others all grouped together. We walked to the restaurant as it was practically next door but by the time, we returned all the car parks were full of Tour cars. I went back out to my car to just clean off the door panels (it was so hot our sweat was discolouring the arm rests....augh!!) but promptly got talking to the guy parked next to me who straight away handed me a cold beer from his trunk – we chatted for about an hour. That's how it goes. As I went back into the hotel, I passed by a bunch of guys removing the rear axle from a car!

Day 3. Our destination was Hoover Met, a baseball ground in Hoover, Alabama. A 217-mile run. Another Facebook local to the venue had warned that the route contained another road that was bad with congestion and road works so we opted to take a detour and use the Interstate for the last 25 miles or so which worked for us. The local police were out in force and did an outstanding job in getting the tour traffic down the last few miles into the venue. I have to say I've never waved to so many police officers as on the Tour. (as a satnav) but they were generally waving at us before we waved at them. All along the tour I and most others stuck to the speed limit, so I don't think many people were fined.

At this venue I managed to meet the guy who inspired me to do the Tour, Derek Bieri of the You-tube channel Vice Grip Garage. I'm not an auto graph hunter and I don't chase celebrities so unlike others I had nothing for him to sign (he's just an ordinary guy with a successful channel after all) but despite the queue behind me he took the time to chat and was most interested and impressed on what we were doing.

The autocross at this venue was in a great location as it was enclosed by grass banking on two sides, so it was popular with spectators. I wasn't doing the autocross by the way but there were way more cars competing than I would have expected considering the thrashing the cars were getting and the mileages needing to be covered. The Midway at this venue was also busy, there seemed a lot more nonparticipant spectators here than any other venue so I'm guessing the local media had been promoting the event before we rolled into town.

I learnt a lesson at the hotel this night – if you want to save your parking space whilst you go to dinner just put a couple of deck chairs in your spot. I didn't and lost my prime 'just outside the room window' space so had to park around the back. Not a hardship as I was then invited to the barbecue that a few of the families were having. Can you imagine setting up a barbecue in a UK hotel car park and them being ok with it? Every night there was also at least one hotel that hosted an impromptu burnout competition – of the 6 nights and all the hotels I only heard of one where the hotel called the police and then they only came and told everyone to stop which they did.

Day 4 – Pensacola, Florida. We had a different agenda for today, going to the venue but not staying, we were only going to get the card punched. En route loads of us took a detour to pass by a guy's house. He was a previous participant of the Tour for several years but was now ill and house bound. His family had asked on the Facebook page if anyone could drive by so he could see the cars. Also, the local car parts store owner had got involved and had set up a free drink and goodie bag giveaway. As it turns out I think half the town were involved as there was signs and a police car directing the way to his house. A couple of hundred yards either side of his house people were lining the grass banks and the road, and they had also set up a burnout box right outside his front door. Apparently, he was able to see all the goings on from his kitchen window so that was a great success. *Continues.....*

The Pensacola venue was only half an hour from the coast, so we'd decided to go there rather than spend the afternoon wandering around the cars. As it turned out many other people had the same idea and so the main beach car park became another mini car show, and the road became full of cruising cars. The Gulf Sea was nice and warm and the white sand very welcoming.

Day 5. to the finale at Atlanta Motor Speedway was a bit of an Interstate slog due to the 320-mile distance. We'd reduced that to 270 miles due to our hotel location, but it was still the longest drive between venues, so we stuck to the Interstate route until about the last 50 miles where we took to the back roads. Despite seemingly having to do two laps of the venue perimeter roads we were soon inside and parked up. First point of call was to get the cards punched and collect our Long-Haul Certificates. We also received a couple of large metal signs and a bunch of goodies from some of the vendors. We didn't win any of the raffles, probably just as well as getting a new gearbox in the suitcase would have been tricky. As it was, we did have to buy a new, very large suitcase as the photo I had ordered in a poster tube was framed.

So, there you are, we'd completed the Power Tour and had a fantastic time doing it. Many other people had all sorts of problems, transmissions were changed, engines were changed, some people left their broken cars and went home to collect another to complete the tour. Everyone was super friendly. We saw lots of broken cars on the side of the road but they were never alone, someone always stopped to help, usually there were multiple helpers. All the staff in the hotels, petrol stations, restaurants were interested in the cars and the Tour – all very unlike what we get in the UK.

In the end we covered 2368 miles in our Thunderbird – Its next outing is already being planned as we've been invited to an event in October in Mississippi.... *The next Chapter Ed*

All Club Members holding 2021 Club Championship or Committee awarded Trophies, it is NOW time to return them to Ruth Langford, OMC trophies officer ASAP please. Bring to Club Christmas party if you are attending on the 7th Dec. TICKET ONLY EVENT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE All Members.....

As from Wednesday 9th Nov 2022 Owen Motoring Club members will meet weekly at Aldridge Conservative Club, 62 Portland Road, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8NS from 8.00pm. Access is restricted by intercom entry and parking is limited but plenty of on road parking during our visiting times. Bar available to 11pm

The club have taken this decision due to the restricted opening times issued to us by Great Barr Golf Club, who will now close all indoor services throughout the winter months at 5pm. (Except Function Nights)

It is important to have continuity for our weekly club meetings, committee or otherwise. Pub meets are not a good solution, we are assured of a warm welcome from all at the new venue. We have not broken ties with GBGC, our Christmas Party Dec 7th will be held at that venue 8pm, tickets available @ £10 each for members (Subsidised price courtesy OMC) £15 Non Members.....contact Clare Jennings with requirements clarejennings22@outlook.com this will be a ticketed event only due to catering numbers being required prior to our party night.

OMC Join “MSUK Street Car” scheme.....*Dan Lister*

I'm pleased to announce that Owen MC are now an MSUK Street Car affiliated club.

This year we are provisionally scheduled to run 7 (including the potential Targa) Street Car eligible events, highlighting the club's emphasis on encouraging grassroots motorsport.

MSUK have this afternoon returned our completed artwork See below, which needs to be included in the event paperwork for all of the Street Car eligible events. All event organisers need to include "Street Car" in the description, when applying for the event permit.

I am set up as the point of contact, should MSUK get enquiries from newcomers to motorsport. What also needs to happen, is that at all Street Car events, we need to list a "Street Car CLO" in the list of officials, who's role it is to greet and offer advice to those new to motorsport that have been referred to the club through the Street Car initiative. I am happy to do this for all club events that I can attend, but in my absence someone else will need to be named in this role (they can be in another role already, or potentially even be competing on the event themselves).

The Street Car eligible events that we plan to run are as follows;

29th January 2023 - Santa`s Late AutoSolo

30th April 2023 - Crimson Dynamo AutoSolo

14th May 2023 - Ernest Owen Production Car Trial

30th July 2023 - The Tony Matthews Classic Tour

10th September 2023 - Happy Landings Grass PCA

15th October 2023 - Bright Sparks AutoSolo

19th November 2023 - *Potential new event* The Weston Park Targa Rally?

Whilst all of the events would be advertised on social media, they also need to be shared into the specific "Street Car" Facebook group. Part of the agreement, is that MSUK will promote our events as well.

This could be a fantastic opportunity for the club to push up the numbers of those taking part in our clubman level events, and hopefully bring some newcomers into motorsport, the club, and hopefully even as future event organisers/officials.

I am meeting with a few Street Car representatives of Midlands based motor clubs, as well as the MSUK community engagement officer, in the coming weeks. If anyone has any questions that you'd like me to put to MSUK, then just let me know.

I'll make sure something goes out on the club's Facebook in the coming days about Street Car. Does anyone know the best way of getting the logo's onto the website?

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.





Santa`s Late Autosolo

Sunday 29th January 2023

This annual event is designed to blow out the Christmas excesses, but it has been unfortunately delayed this year, hence the event title! Sunday 29th January 2023, Owen MC plan to offer an Autosolo at Curborough Sprint Course with a maximum of 40 entries. This event will run as a "StreetCar" event and will be open to Owen Members and several invited clubs. Newcomers to the sport are most welcome.

We plan to run 2 tests in the morning each run 3 times and the same in the afternoon. Afternoon tests will be slightly different to the morning tests.

Entries and Regs can be found on our website

www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk or at https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/register.php?sitename=owen&event=651&fbclid=IwAR0_EsuJxwcT-nFqqN3J8JrvS5KL0qwdgjtraIb1M82b7HGFsqmJI_fMUd00

Marshals are needed to fill several roles so if you can help us out, please contact the Chief Marshal, Dean Forrest on scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk

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Historic Rally Festival 2022

First Event for OMC Crew.

By..... Derrick Wallbank

In May of this year, I bought a well-known Ford Cortina 1600GT MK2 historic rally car, It once belonged to Bob Gibbons, well known in the HRCR historic stage rally world.

I have always wanted to have a go at rallying, but not had the right car to do it in until now.

I decided to enter the HISTORIC RALLY FESTIVAL which OMC had set up in Weston Park last year and again this year, this event was chosen as I have no rally experience and this event is Non Competitive that would give me a sensible starter. Next a Navigator to find. I mentioned to Dean Forrest that I was looking for someone and he jumped at the chance to have a go. Entry for the event duly sent off and it was accepted to my surprise.

Next i needed a pit crew, luckily i have two very good friends who know their classic fords, OMC member Phil Peer, and Dave O'Neill who kindly offered to service for us for the two day event.

The weekend started early on Saturday morning by setting up service at the Telford council building car park, At 8.30 am, we all had to assemble at the QE2 Arena in Telford for scrutineering and the ceremonial start, then we were off to the first 4 stages at Ironbridge Power Station. Seeded at car 3 (*No pressure then ...ED*), we found the first stage very slippy on our Tarmac tyres which don't have much tread on them for mud and shale, but we got around safely with no problems. Unfortunately, not so lucky for a Lancia Stratos which slid onto a row of high kerb stones beaching the car which took a while to get recovered delaying the stage for nearly an hour, but other than that, there were no more mishaps for the other 3 stages.

It was great to actually have a go and get around safely with Dean doing a great job on the maps and giving me clear instructions. (*Yes but when he instructed you to mend his glasses - !!!! no clue..Ed.*)

Back to service to get ready for two stages in Weston Park in the dark. Our service team, Dave and Phil did a great job checking the car over, changing tyres and re fuelling. Also thanks to Phil for wiring the spotlights on Friday afternoon.

6pm and out of service to head for the Weston Park stages, where we met Anton, Clare and Glyn Thomas at the holding area control before the start. We had to drive over three fields with muddy tracks to get to the start which made the first part of the stage very slippy with muddy tyres.

SS5 and it was spotlights on, I chose to use the small ones first as it was not too dark at this time of the evening. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO, and we were on our way around the park which I have set up a few times for the AGBO STAGES Rally but never driven around in anger, again Dean gave me precise and clear instructions getting us quickly along roads towards the 90 left in to courtyard which is the first main obstacle with the baled chicane before exiting over a tight bridge past the house we get our first glimpse of the spectators, lots of flash lights from the cameras, 90 left in front of the spectators and main arena, now down towards the watersplash, 90 right on the gravel and through the splash, being unfamiliar with the car I couldn't see or find the wiper switch until getting back on the straight, flat out now to the finish. The second run was even better as it was now pitch black and the new bigger spotlights were absolutely brilliant, very powerful. So exhilarating driving around there at speed in the dark.

Back to Telford service area for the night and to our hotel.

Sunday morning started with a hearty breakfast at the hotel for crew and service team, then back to service and check the car over before heading back to Weston Park for SS7&8. With the prepped and fuelled its ready to head out at 9am. *continued*

It rained during in the night which made the approach roads very muddy and the early stages very wet and slippery. The first SS7 was very entertaining as I found out heading towards the mid park triangle, going wide at the hairpin left. SS8 had dried out a little, so more enjoyable, then back to service. SS9 was drier and obviously much quicker, after SS9 we had to assemble in front of the house for a meet and greet with the spectators and photos. Whilst there, a gentleman approached me and said he used to navigate in my car for the previous owner Ken Davies, his name is Alan Jones, it was great to chat to him about the car and events they did in Sweden and Belgium. SS10 followed on after the lunch time break then back to service for the final time.

A change of rear tyres to suit the last two stages which had a one mile gravel section which had never been used before, it was very narrow in places, two tight gates in particular, then back onto the familiar tarmac roads.

A brilliant first event for me and Dean with Dave and Phil doing a great job keeping the car in tip top condition for every stage.

Thankyou guys, and thanks to all the Owen Motoring Club stage setup crews at Weston and the Cannock crews at Ironbridge plus a big thankyou to all the Marshalls without these events could not be run.

A tremendous first event for us, its been a blast.

Derrick Wallbank.



A great car this one, well built with loads of History. Rally Debutants, Derrick Wallbank & Dean Forrest @ Historic Rally Festival 2022. *Pics by... AB*

OWEN MOTORING CLUB Planned EVENTS for 2023

Sun 29th Jan Santa's Late Clubman's Autosolo, Curborough

Sun 12th March AGBO Stages RS Inter Club, Weston Park

Sun 30th April Crimson Dynamo Clubman Autosolo,

Sun 14th May Earnest Owen Trial Clubman, Apley Estate

Sun 18th June Graham Hill Sprint RS Interclub, Curborough

Sun 30th July Tony Matthews Tour Sun 10th Sept Happy Landings

Sun 10th Sept Grass Autotest interclub Manorial Farm.

Sat 21st Oct Bright Sparkes Clubman Autosolo Curborough

Sun 19th Nov Targa Rally RS Interclub (Prospective TBA)

OMC`s very own Boycee (Derrick Wallbank) has yet another car for sale

PEUGEOT 106 RALLYE, 1600cc Series 2. BLUE, 1998, genuine 54,000 miles backed up with almost all MOTs, lots of tax discs, most V5s from the previous owners. Since i have owned it for last 3 years, i had a full clutch kit fitted, new cam belt kit and water pump fitted, full service, I also had a power steering system fitted. new gear selector rods fitted. This has to be one of the best out there today. It was on the club stand at the NEC last year and got lots of praise for its condition. Lots of history to go with it. These are very sought after and going up in value just like the 205 GTi. Only 500 of these came to the British market. Price £11,750 ono.

Contact Derrick Wallbank 07966 321333.



Above. Olympus SP350

Digital Camera, with down load lead, 3 memory cards, 128Gb x 2 + 1Mb x 1, soft case & manual. Full working order £20 **07702 567383**

2023 MEMBERSHIPS.....

The clubs automated web based membership system has generated an automatic membership reminder this week. We can not stop the system doing this. (5.12.22) IGNORE THIS REMINDER if YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

If you wish to be included in the “Club Championships” you MUST register & pay £5 fee.

Your 2023 membership fee will be **£0 yes free** but subject to the conditions as follows:

EXISTING MEMBERS. You must have been a member as of 30 Sept. 2022, a renewal membership form must be printed off, completed in FULL and either posted or emailed to the membership secretary (email as shown on the form). (DO NOT TRY TO COMPLETE & FILL IN WITH £0 on the online system as it will not work). Membership cards for 2023 will be issued when available. If you wish to compete in the 2023 OMC club championship series the cost is still £5 to register. Championship decals will be issued when available. This free membership extends to full members, juniors and family and associate members, this you must advised fully on the application form. This offer applies to **2023 only**.

NEW MEMBERS. Club membership fee is £18 for 2023 + £5 Championship fee if required, for associate & junior memberships see form for additional fees.

Complete form online via OMC website, membership fee is payable by BACS, cheque or Pay Pal, cards & decals will be issued when available.

Incomplete forms **will not** be processed. No completed form, no membership.

Regards Hilary Bird

Membership Secretary

HRCR Mini Cup 2022, Clive King & Anton Bird The season by AB



Disadvantaged from the off having to miss round 1 & 2 due to team member illness, never the less we thought lets give it ago. We start as late as **June**, Rnd 3 The Flying Fortress Stages at Grafton Underwood near Kettering (ex USAF WW2 airfield). A disgusting venue don't ever enter an event there, that's if you want a car left after 8 car breaking stages, including a two mile stretch of the moon!!! The car holds together, just, we take first Mini Cup, much carnage and many retirements on that day.

June, Two weeks later our first closed road event, The Argyle Stages, a long road trip and a boat ride, a well run event with very technical stages, fast narrow & twisty, one at 14 miles at night. We win every stage by a good margin except SS1 the first Town Ctr Stage, but have to settle for 2nd Mini Cup in the event due to a maximum taken in a Saturday stage due to a broken rotor arm, that's rallying I'm afraid. Our team all enjoyed this event, but I thought it was not good value, losing 20 stage miles out of the 65 scheduled due to crashes. The long road sections over the two days were also a drag. The conclusion, closed road rallying is far too expensive!!! (The Welsh closed road event this year the entry fee was £1200 !!!!! What.....)

Two weeks later, **July**, The Brawdy Stages near St. David's in Wales, another long trip. Been here a few times, a very fast venue on a massive part of the old air base (Info: The runway on the new part of the base (which we don't use) is one of the longest in the UK and is the emergency landing strip for Trans Atlantic flights). 2nd Mini Cup was all we could manage, the car leading the championship, with 25 bhp more than us and servo brakes, just the kit for this venue (had now done five events to our three) beats us by a minute.

August, Belgium, Flanders, one of my very favourite events. Our friends in Belgium always make us very welcome. A top event in the Belgium calendar so it is packed with quality competitors from all over Europe and fantastic stages. Having done this event many times we know the stages quite well and have had some tremendous results here over the years, After a good start on Friday night we are well placed, Saturday was not kind to us with a blown engine, two melted Pistons in the third stage of the day SS Passendale our favourite stage, reason unknown. Luckily our farm accommodation (is actually situated on this stage, where I have personally stayed at for over twenty years), was only 500m from our demise. We make a break for the farm during a gap in proceedings and just about make it with a very sick engine. Beers from the fridge and spectating with the farm family, friends and all the kids from the farm was the order of the afternoon. We even got to drive an enormous tractor, that's another story.. Friday points only....

Sept. The Cheviot Stages, Otterburn, a set of military ranges way up north. We always go well at this venue and have pulled some amazing results here over the years. Late withdrawal of roads by the military and I mean three days notice, tested the organisers. But due credit to all of the organising club involved, as they managed to pull it off. They actually lost the best loop of roads on the ranges. Fast work changing event paperwork, road book, time cards, marshalling, safety etc was accomplished in time to run on schedule at 10am Sunday morning. Ten stages, obviously not as entertaining as usual but an event not a cancellation.

We take First Mini cup, by a mile, even against the fast Cat 3 car leading the championship, he wanted to know what we had for breakfast !!! Experience (it's a great breakfast) and a tremendous drive from Clive won the day.

November, Trac Mon, Anglesey. Our second visit to this venue where we secured the Mini Cup title last year, not to be this year. (We had lost all chance of this with the retirement in Flanders) I'm not a fan of race track rallying, but this venue is sort of an exception. Great variety of stages produced by the club at a tremendous venue with great facilities perched on the cliffs of Anglesey with two or three splits in each stage it keeps you focused. Running on Saturday from 10am and on into the dark, followed by Sunday 9am to 4pm, in all 14 very fast stages. Gearbox failure SS6 ended that outing. A Cat 1 Win and 2nd O/all HRCR Mini Cup for our seasons efforts, not bad considering our season started in June.... *AB*

OMC @ The NEC Classic Car Show, November.

A superb stand was put together this year by the Classic team, led by Martin Parkes. Thank you to Derrick Wallbank Cortina, Paul Moran Mini Pick Up, Melvyn Cox Scimitar GTE, Dean Forrest MGB, Pete Hubball Escort RS Turbo & of course Martin's Imp known as the Green thing....A much better show than last year, but can't believe the ticket price for entrance to this show and NEC car parks, least said !!!



Owen Motoring Club Championships 2022.

Now that the season is almost over here is an update on the Owen One Sport Championship positions. The top three positions in each discipline are shown.

Don't forget that all results should be claimed within 28 days of the event unless it is an Owen event where points will be automatically added.

Marshal's Championship the top three positions are:

1st= **Paul Langford / Melvyn Cox** 180 points.

3rd **Martin Parkes** 135 points.

Championships : Best 5 Scores to count

		Number of Events	Owen Points	One Sport Points	Best Five Scores
AutoTest	Dan Lister	6	10.00	81.99	71.99
	Ashley Pearce	1	0.00	18.57	18.57
	Nick Pollitt	1	0.00	17.78	17.78
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