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Caernarvonshire & Anglesey Motor Club Newsletter



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Taith Eryri

16th July 2017

This year's Taith Eryri was the fourth edition of what has become a popular annual event in support of Wales Air Ambulance. It is a tour taking in the beautiful Snowdonia scenery and is a social event organised by Ifor Davies, family and friends that does not contain any competitive sections. This year's route was easy to follow through the roadbook supplied by the organisers.

The event was open to classic and sporting cars and limited to sixty entries. Spardun Motorsport Pwllheli kindly supplied the rally plates and donated an award for the best presented car, which was presented to Ger Roberts for his immaculately turned out black Mini.

Williams Denton Accountants of Bangor kindly supported the production of the roadbook.

After signing-on and collecting plates and roadbooks, the full entry of sixty crews left the start venue at Parc Glynlliffon (just off the A499 Caernarfon to Pwllheli Road) to embark on

route of about 80 miles. The first part headed into Eifionnydd in a loop towards Pentrefelin and Morfa Bychan, then to Porthmadog and Harlech via the old road and on to a lunch halt at Llandanwg.

The afternoon route followed the lanes to the east and above Harlech to Llandecwyn, then on to Maentwrog, Croesor, Llanfrothen and via Cwmstradlyn to Garndolbenmaen. By now the morning drizzle and cloud had given way to a warm, sunny afternoon and crews were treated to fantastic clear views of the Lleyrn Peninsula and Snowdonia at its very best.

The final section went through Nebo and Penygroes to the finish at the Air Ambulance base at Dinas Dinlle where the first crews arrived soon after 4 pm.

Meirion Wyn Gadd had organised a raffle to support the cause and sold more than £200 worth of tickets. The Club had also collected £1,300 through various activities over the past 18 months. These sums were added to £1,675 realised by Taith Eryri on the day, enabling us to hand over a total of £3,175 to the Wales Air Ambulance.

www.welshairambulance.com



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Geriant Roberts with his Mini Clubman won Taith Eryri Tour Best Presented Car. He commented about the tour "it was absolutely fantastic, best one yet."

Winners of the Taith Eryri Tour raffle prizes were:

- 1st: Rhys Jones - Standard Nissan Micra (suitable for autotesting), courtesy of Merion Wyn Gadd
- 2nd: Gwyneth Mair - MOT voucher, courtesy of AVW, Caernarfon.
- 3rd: Gwenan Jones - Full valet, courtesy of Pro Valet
- 4th: Jamie Jones - mystery prize, courtesy of Motorsport Tools.
- 5th: Deanna Roberts - two annual membership of C&A Motor Club.

Thanks to all who kindly donated the prizes and to Meirion for organising the raffle.

Ty Mawr Autotest & PCA 20th August 2017

NEW VENUE

Ty Mawr Quarry, Talysarn
Open to 40 cars
Sion Môn butty van on site.
Regs and Entry Forms
online now!!

Check out our new Website www.camconline.co.uk

or find us on [@caernarvonshireandangleseymotorclub](http://www.Facebook.com)

A Note From Dafydd Edwards

We are pleased that 'Control' is back on a regular basis and are grateful to Francine for the work she is putting in. Although the majority of our members have internet access and are able to check our website regularly, it has been a concern that some people have not been receiving any information by the traditional method. Editions of 'Control' will be published on the website and paper copies mailed out to members who require it. We now hope that everyone will be regularly kept up to date with events, but if you know of anyone who is not receiving a copy by one method or another, please let us know.

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Festival Of Transport

20/21 May 2017

The C & A Motor Club had a presence at the Vintage Rally held over the weekend of 20th/21st May at the Anglesey Showground.

Our event was afforded a Go Motorsport permit by the Motor Sports Association and was attended by Howard Davies, Go Motorsport Development Officer for Wales.

As last year, we arranged a demonstration of Autotesting and offered spectators the opportunity to experience a ride in a competitive car in return for a donation in aid of Wales Air Ambulance.

It was a condition laid down by the MSA that all passengers had to be a minimum of 12 years old and at least 135 cms tall. Those under 18 had to have the signed consent of a carer. A 135 tall figure of Stig was used to check the height of prospective passengers.

More than £220 was collected over the weekend and added to the amount to be donated to the Air Ambulance in the near future.

www.gomotorsport.net

Marshals Wanted

We are looking for marshals to come and help out at the WRGB in October. We need a set up crew and many, many marshals for the day.

Contact Huw Gwyn Jones if you are available for set up. Please register on www.rallystageteam.co.uk

Three Castles Trophy

9th June 2017

For this year, the Three Castles was a one day event and ran on Friday, 9th June as the Three Castles Trophy. It was open to classic cars of all ages from 1921 to 1985.

C & A Motor Club was down to run three consecutive tests during the morning at Faenol, Penrhyn Castle and the A55 Underpass, near Bangor Rugby Club.

Being a Friday and a working day for most people, marshals were a bit thin on the ground but our chairman, Huw Gwyn, had managed to badger an adequate number of friends, family members and retirees to man the pertinent points.

Our vice-chairman Lee Matthews was competing in an Escort with wife Yvonne and unfortunately suffered a misfire from early on and then had to retire when the half-shaft snapped.

The organisers indicate that the 2018 event will revert to a three-day Three Castles Trial for its fifteenth edition. You can keep up-to-date with the latest at www.three-castles.co.uk.

Formula 1 in Schools

You may have heard about the team from Ysgol Brynrefail that will be representing Wales at the F1 in Schools World Championship Finals in Malaysia in September. As 'Team Falcon Force Wales', the six year 10 students were crowned Welsh Champions at the UK National Championship in Silverstone.

The World Finals will be held during the week leading up to the Malaysia Grand Prix and the challenge facing the girls (yes, it's an all-female team) is to raise about £17,000 in sponsorship to fund this once in a lifetime experience.

C&A Motor Club chairman Huw Gwyn Jones and treasurer Dafydd Edwards attended a presentation given by the team on 29th June and were pleased to make a contribution to their fund on behalf of the club. They have made significant strides towards raising the necessary finance, but if you know of anyone who could give further support the contact details are:

Eleanor Edwards-Jones (Team Manager)

teamfalconforce@gmail.com

or Mr Paul P Griffiths (Head of the Design and Technology Faculty) – ppg@brynrefail.gwynedd.sch.uk or 07584253712.



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Upcoming Events

20/08/17 - Ty Mawr Autotest & PCA
See below - Rally Preparation Evenings
16-17/09/17 - Barnes Auto Engineering Rali Môn
01/10/17 - CAMC Scatter Rally
26-29/10/17 - DayInsure Wales Rally GB
25-26/11/17 - Pentraeth Automotive Glyn Stages
09-10/12/17 - JJ Brown Road Rally
30/12/17 - Stuff The Turkey

Rally Preparation Evenings

Prior to Rali Môn we will be holding 2 navigational evenings, for beginners/novices and refreshers. All maps and equipment provided.

29th August: Timecards @ Cartio Môn, Bodedern 8pm
(O.S. Map 114, Map Ref: 333/782) Pre-plot route instructions and how to plot them and follow a route on an O.S. Map.
Rally timing and timecards.

5th September: Scrutineering @ Cefni Garage, Llangefni 7.30pm
(O.S. Map 114, Map Ref: 467/875) Licensed MSA Scrutineer Ronnie Roberts will be in attendance to explain the aspects of Scrutineering a rally car prior to an event.

Barnes Auto Engineering Rali Môn

16th – 17th September 2017

Start venue & scrutineering:
Anglesey Showground

Finish Venue: Cartio Môn

Approx. 100 miles

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If you are available to marshal or wish to book your control early, please contact a Chief Marshal.

No calls after 9pm please.

Officials & Committee Members

Following the AGM of 25th May 2017, the members elected to various positions in the club are:-

PATRON: Don Mills

PRESIDENT: Ken Jones

VICE-PRESIDENT: John Robinson

CHAIRMAN: Huw Gwyn Jones

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Lee Matthews

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PK Memorial 2017 – Event Report

Driving down to Rhug Farm on a gloriously sunny Saturday evening, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a tad excited at the prospect of a night in the lanes with Jon Bossen. Having spent the previous Saturday night sat behind his manic creation seeing it overwhelm its rear tyres before disappearing into the night, I knew what both the car and driver were capable of. A bone dry night, in debatably one of the fastest road rally cars out there, on one of the best road rallies in the country; what's not to like?

The usual formalities passed, as did the plotting, which laid out a classic PK route, broken up into the customary 'two milers' speckled with PCs aplenty. Looking at what had been laid out on the map, the stage was set for a hard night's graft in the office with tricky sections and approximately 13 potential droppers.

Heading out from Rhug, we first headed out toward Carrog, where a nice 4 mile section laid in wait. The first half of the section was quite easily cleanable, which was a welcome opportunity to get acquainted with Jon's needs before heading into a 'proper dropper'. What followed was exactly that, two miles of challenging open lanes over the moor towards Bryneglwys, blind crests leading into 90s and some tight hairpins and the odd cattle grid just to add to the drama. Getting to the finish clock with only 7s lost made for a good start with both of us more than happy with our performance.

The rest of the first half went much in the same way, cleaning most sections and only losing another 7s on another tricky section. A very satisfying end to the half was to come in to the end of the last dropper before petrol exactly on our second. Having only dropped 14s on the first half we were quite pleased, unbeknown to us that put us in 2nd place at that point – 5s behind Steven John/Dafydd Sion.

I was pleasantly surprised at petrol with the Escort only needing £20's worth despite spending a considerable proportion of the first half at around 9000rpm. The Honda engine proved to be as easy at the pump as it was on the ear. We filled her up and set off from Thomas Motor Mart towards



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Bethel for the first section of the 2nd half. This section would be our most challenging section yet. Slotting onto a white headed for Llangwm we were in good stead. Coming up to a dry stone gateway the gravel track veered off to the left leaving only grass with faint marks ahead, seemingly the track was the most logical continuation of the white. We were wrong. Luckily a spectator/resident stopped us around 100yds down the track, signalling to take the grass bank instead. Having had to take a 2nd attempt and a run up at the bank, we ended the section, despondent at the fact that we'd probably lost the best part of a minute, and with it any chance that we had of a good result, so we thought.

The rest of the event would be pretty straightforward other than the very final section which was tricky enough as it was, but catching another competitor cost a few seconds again. We made it back safely to Thomas Motor Mart, weary from a hard night's work, more than ready for the cracking breakfast that was waiting. In usual style we're all accustomed to, The Brotherhood were on top of the results, posting updates as and when the flurry of cards came in. It transpired that for our efforts we'd managed 4th overall and 3rd Experts, which we were thrilled with given the calibre of crew out in the fight.

The whole event was a real credit to Bala MC, Roger and Chris has to be on one of the best road rallies I've undertaken. The spin with Mr Bossen was one that'll stick with me for a fair while yet – until we bring the revs to Anglesey in September.

Peredur Davies – Car 15

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