



CHAMPIONSHIP BULLETIN No 2 - February 2010

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Taking place a week later than usual, the opening round of the Silverstone Competition Tyres BTRDA Rally Series, the **Team GMF Wydean Forest Rally**, ran snow-free (thankfully!) and boasted an entry of 163 cars. Voted 'Best Event' in the 2009 BTRDA Series, this was the 35th running of the rally and the highly-experienced team from Forest of Dean Motor Club must be congratulated once again for their efforts in providing such a challenging start to the season.

Congratulations also to the first 2010 winners of the coveted BTRDA Goblets - **Hugh Hunter / Andy Marchbank** (Gold Star), **Adrian Hetherington / Gary Nolan** (Silver Star) and **Darren Pinchin / Karen Watts** (Millers 1400). **Matt Edwards / Sam Collis** were the leading crew in the MG ZR Rally Challenge whilst **Matt Griffin / Joe Cruttenden** were the *Rally First* winners in the Rallyschool VW Lupo.

MSA English Rally Championship

The Team GMF Wydean Forest Rally was also the first round of the new-look MSA English Rally Championship with its unique class-based scoring system. There were 45 eligible crews and the early joint-leaders, both with maximum scores, are **Darren Pinchin / Karen Watts** (Class E2) and **Matt Griffin / Joe Cruttenden** (Class E1).

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

With barely a moment to draw breath, we move swiftly on to the next championship event which is the **Malcolm Wilson Rally** on Saturday 6th March where we are promised a sunny spring day in the picturesque Lake District! The famous stages are in prime condition for what should be another challenging event. Despite the extensive and disastrous floods that engulfed part of the town last November, the rally will be based in and around Cockermouth and we hope that it will not only provide a much-needed fillip to the local economy, but also show our support for the area whose welcome for the event is always second-to-none.

The MWR organisers have introduced an on-line entry system and many of the leading Championship contenders have already made use of it. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the event website www.malcolmwilson.co.uk Please don't delay and, if you haven't already done so, please get your entry in as soon as a possible. The Entries Secretary is Ian Wright wright516@btinternet.com Tel: 01524 824626.

SILVERSTONE COMPETITION TYRES – Supporting the BTRDA Rally Series



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Website: www.serviceandsport.com Email: info@serviceandsport.com

The **Silverstone Competition Tyres** truck will provide a complete tyre service to competitors at all the Championship events. **NB:** Although they carry a wide range of competition tyres for each event, it is strongly recommended that competitors pre-book their tyre requirements. On event Tel: 07789 392080 or 07789 392236.

MINTEX / QUESTMEAD BONUS SCHEME

The winners of the Mintex Awards on the Wydean Forest Rally, each of whom receive a voucher for a set of FREE competition brake pads from Questmead Ltd were:-

Best Improvement on Start Number in GS / SS Championships:

Sean Edwards (Class B10)

Best Improvement on Start Number in the Millers1400/MG/RF section:

Karl O'Donoghue (Class RF1.4)



MINTEX are represented on all events by Alan Brown of Questmead, who will be happy to supply any advice or product information you require. Contact Alan at Questmead on Tel: 01706 860088.

NEW ASSOCIATE SPONSORS JOIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

We are very pleased to announce two new sponsors who have joined the Championship the year.



AGX Ltd are supporting the Team Challenge in 2010 (see details below) and are providing the Championship decals through their signs and graphics business. We are sure everyone will have been impressed by the high quality of the decals that we have issued this year. However they don't just provide decals for rally cars but have a much wider range of bespoke products covering vehicle graphics, promotional requirements, signs, window graphics, banners and they even fit graphics to



aircraft, so we can be confident that ours will not be coming adrift! AGX Ltd is ideally suited to assist competitors, events and businesses so if you have a need for any of these items or even have an aircraft waiting to be decorated, why not contact Keith Roscoe-Jones, Email: keith@agxLtd.com, Tel: 0845 310 2437, or visit their website www.agxLtd.com, where you can see the extensive range of products they provide.



RallyingUK.com have been involved in providing services to rallying for a number of years through their website, www.rallyinguk.com. Run by Simon and Kathy, RallyingUK.com has a wealth of information covering rallying and motorsport from back to front. It is simply a one stop website for everything you would want to know on motorsport, as well as a worldwide facility to buy and sell parts. Simon and Kathy bring considerable knowledge and experience for the benefit of Championship contenders as they are both rally enthusiasts with a practical knowledge and experience of all aspects of rallying. Most weekends they will be found out and about around the country competing, marshalling, organising or spectating. Have a look at the website – its well worth it.

AGX TEAM CHALLENGE

The AGX Team Challenge is **FREE** to enter and we are giving away a prize fund of **£1,050**. This is distributed to the first three teams so there is plenty of chance to bring home the money, with **£600** going to the first team, **£300** to the second and **£150** to the third. All drivers are encouraged to join in a three-car team. Register at the BTRDA desk or by e-mail to howard@btrdarally.com

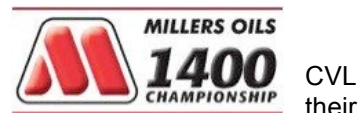
The rules are simple:-

Teams consist of 3 drivers. Teams must include one driver from the Millers Oils 1400 / MG ZR / BTRDA *Rally First* Championships and only include one four-wheel drive car. Drivers cannot be in more than one team.

There is still time for any driver to be part of a team [best 6 scores to count]. Just find a couple of other drivers and a 'suitable' name and we will do the rest. Team Challenge points will be published after the Malcolm Wilson Rally and at every subsequent event.

MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP

Millers Oils support is shared by all the drivers who each receive a **£50 Millers Oils voucher** when they sign on for their first event. This can be immediately exchanged for 5 litres of Synthetic Competition Engine Oil or Synthetic Competition Transmission Oil or 10 bottles. There will be a **further £50 Millers Oils voucher** for each driver at the start of their fourth championship event.



In addition, all drivers in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship will receive **£20 Finishers Awards**. These will be paid in cash at the start of the next Championship event the driver enters in the 2010 season, so a consistent driver can earn up to **£140** during the season. So, if you finished the Wyedean, there will be **£20** waiting for you at the BTRDA Signing-On desk at the Malcolm Wilson Rally, or the next event you do.

Another reason to be part of the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship is that one of the Championship crews will be going on a trip to the 2011 Malaysian GP as the guests of Silverstone Tyres and Service & Sport. More details will be given shortly.

Millers Oils products are not just for 1400 competitors and on-event support man **Simon Morton** is there for everyone requiring Millers Oils products and advice. Simon can be contacted on: Tel: 01925 752 819(w), 07711 483828(m), E-mail: moilsLtd@aol.com Details of all the Millers specialist Motorsport lubricants can be found at www.millersoils.net

HOLFELD PUMPS - Rally First Finishers Awards



And there is even more money being given away! Crews who participate in the BTRDA *Rally First* Challenge and are classified as finishers will be given, courtesy of Holfeld Pumps, a £20 finishers' award to every *Rally First* driver. These awards will be paid in cash at the start of the next *Rally First* event that the driver enters in 2010 which means that a consistency could earn you up to **£120** during the season. So, if you finished the Wyedean, there will be **£20** waiting for you at the BTRDA desk in Minehead prior to the Somerset Stages.

ON-EVENT FUEL SUPPLIER / REFUEL ZONES

Hopefully many of you will have used, or at least seen, that Vital Equipment Ltd were present on the Wyedean dispensing fuel to competitors. Vital Equipment Ltd supplies fuel for the World Rally Championship and we are pleased to confirm that they will be providing an on-event refuel service at all the BTRDA Rally Series events in 2010. The company will supply both Carless FIA spec' 102 octane race fuel (Carless Turbo Ultimate) and a quality Super Unleaded fuel (MSA compliant) in a refuel zone before and during each event.



The BTRDA wants to encourage all competitors to take advantage of this facility. The use of an on-event refuel service improves safety for competitors and their support teams by removing the need for fuel to be carried around in cans etc. Fuel can be arranged in advance so that there is no need to source or transport your own supply. You are also assured of receiving a consistent quality fuel. Extra time is allowed in the event schedule to use the refuel zone. If you have any doubts about the benefits of using a refuel facility, just talk to any competitor who uses them. Contact details are www.vitalequipment.co.uk. Fuel order line 01981 241169.



CHAMPIONSHIP DECALS

As mentioned above we now have a supply of new Championship decals provided by AGX Ltd. These will be available at the BTRDA signing on desk but if you prefer to put them on prior to the event please contact Steve Gregg (steve@btrdarally.com Tel 01746 765368) and they will be posted out to you. Please ensure they are fitted in accordance with the Championship regulations.

EMAIL AFTER EVENT RESULTS & SMS RESULTS SERVICE

If you have provided us with an email address you should have received a full set of results from the Wydean Rally, possibly before you even got home from the event. This excellent service has been provided for Championship contenders through Tynemouth Computer Services (TCS) and will be sent to you after every event, irrespective of whether you do the rally or not. In addition to this you will also get results from other events that TCS cover. We hope you find this service of value.

TCS also provides SMS text results direct to a mobile phone in real time providing an update of either the overall results, the results for a particular class or a specified category (eg N4 or 1400 category). A text message will be sent as soon as possible with the results for the leading 7 or 8 competitors after each stage. This service will be of interest to competitors, spectators, management cars, service crews and relatives wanting to keep up to date with your progress. Go to http://www.nersresults.co.uk/sms/html/events_index.html, where you can pre-order and pay by card or Pay Pal. Alternatively you can order / pay at the BTRDA desk.

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Championship Signing On

For those of you new to this - and for those of you who aren't, but are unsure of the correct procedure – please come to the BTRDA desk at each event to declare your eligibility for championship points. This is separate from 'Signing-On' for the event itself. The Championship Registration Desk will be located at 'Signing-On' throughout. Biscuits will normally be provided as an incentive!

SPILL KITS

BTRDA have purchased a quantity of environmental spill kits which are available at the BTRDA desk at the cost price of £6.00. The kits contains 2 absorbent spill pads, 2 pairs of protective gloves, selection of hand wipes plus a disposal bag and tie. These are contained in a clear plastic A3 sized self sealing bag and weigh approx 250gms.

MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP - DRY BREAK FUEL SAMPLING COUPLING

Can we remind all competitors who are entered into the MSA English Rally Championship (that is all 2 wheel drive cars with a maximum engine size of 2 litres) that they are required under 2010 MSA Yearbook regulation, J:5.13.7 to be fitted with a dry break coupling to enable a fuel sample to be taken.

The Championship web sites www.btrdarally.com and www.englishrally.co.uk contains all the official Championship bulletins, news, links to all the events and the latest Championship positions / points. It is also the location for **LIVE EVENT RESULTS** during events so that your friends and family can keep an eye on your performance.

The Championship web site has a Competitors section for information and pictures of all Championship competitors. We are trying to populate this and we will be taking photos, so please smile. We encourage you to e-mail your 60 word profile / photos to howard@btrdarally.com.

The latest championship points can be viewed on www.btrdarally.com and www.englishrally.co.uk. Any queries should be addressed to the BTRDA Championship Co-ordinators within seven days of this bulletin date.

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