



## *Lots to do this Summer!!*



### *From The Driving Seat*

*By*

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**Spontaneous**, that's the best description of the May social evening at the Queens Head, Ridgeway.

I had prepared some rough notes on the topics I wished to bring up, but the members spontaneous input made it a memorable night as we reviewed the previous month and looked to the future.

April saw a good turn out for Roddies TEK day on the Saturday, with members of P&P, MEMS, Lincs, Ridings and Nutz attending. A number of Max5 race cars were prominently on display. I think most members found it beneficial, a number of cars went up on the ramps for Four Wheel Laser Tracking. A member of MEMS took advantage of Pauls kind offer of a free MOT, unfortunately the car failed due to a broken front spring!! Later P&P member Bob donned a pair of dayglow overalls, took over a ramp and proceeded to give the underside of his MK2 a good going over with Hammerite Underseal. Paul also very kindly provided soft drinks and a lunch time BBQ, thank Paul, for organising this interesting event.

The following day saw the P&P annual visit to Farndale , via Sutton Bank to see

the Daffies and sample the excellent food at the Feversham Arms. Rachael made us all very welcome again, giving us the use of one of the side rooms. The food lived up to expectations. We returned up Rosedale chimney, with its hair pin bends, one of the steepest public roads I know.

We were pleased that three cars from the Ridings Area and one from Lincs were able to join us for the day.

During the social meeting Pete and Jim told us about their exploits at Silverstone and Cadwell Park.

*"An hours instruction by Roddie in his MX-5 race car was the best £150 I have ever spent"* said Pete.

My suggestions of overnight trips to Alnwick castle and Iron Bridge were well received. Phil and Jill had already been to the area and recollected a hilarious tale of their visit to Alnmouth, where they stopped in a B & B and met the type of landlady who ruled supreme in the Blackpool boarding houses in the 50's and 60's.

I drove home glowing, thinking this is what being a member of the owners club is all about (or it may have been down to the excellent Chicken Chilli with Noodles I had earlier at the pub!!)

## *Wales Revisited – March 2011*

Once again I take my hat off to Trevor for his organization of the trip to Llangollen. We seem to get more cars every year. Fourteen cars set off from Ladybower and with the aid of the walkie talkies we did well to keep together through the busy towns. Our morning break was at the Astbury Garden Centre. I was a bit hurried with my bacon sarny but it was still very enjoyable. I could do with a couple of hours to look around that place but there again we wouldn't have much room in the boot for any purchases.

We arrived at the Horseshoe Pass at around 2.00pm. It was covered with mist as usual. One day we will see the magnificent view from the top. After having some food we drove back to Llangollen and the hotel. Here we parked our cars, found our rooms, had a quick wash and walked down to the town for a quick bevy. Very enjoyable. It was even warm enough to sit outside overlooking the river. Back at the hotel we had showers, some were hot but most were cold, and met in the lounge for drinks before the meal. The meal, the company and the drinks were excellent.

After a good night's sleep (minus the summertime hour) we were up with the lark, the one that rises later, for breakfast before setting off to Betws-y-coed for a coffee and short stay. What a lovely place especially now the sun had come out. Trevor Tintop nearly bought a sheepskin run for the third time. Maybe next year. From here we drove to Portmerion. People had mixed feelings about the place. Luckily Trevor had found that we could get free tickets off the web so we couldn't really complain. I found it lovely, quirky and enjoyed sitting in the sunshine eating ice cream as though it was the middle of summer. I think that everyone enjoyed their annual trip to the land of the Red Dragon and hope that it continues for a long time to come.

Thank you again Trevor for finding those wonderful roads, particularly the one where we could drive our cars as they are meant to be driven.

EILEEN

## *Motorsport – ZOOM ZOOM*



One of the many advantages of being a member of the MX-5 owners club are the wonderful events organised by the co-ordinators. We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to join in the Ma5da Racing meeting at Silverstone with free entry and parade laps arranged by the Owners Club.

As P&P were off to Wales Jim, seen with is Mk 1 S-Special and I decided to make the weekend with other club members at Silverstone. We drove down on the Saturday avoiding the M1 and taking side roads to Silverstone. On a chilly Sunday morning we drove to the track and were amongst the first there. We parked up and waited to see how many others were coming. One hundred and twenty cars was the final tally.



We signed our waivers, strapped in and at midday lined up two abreast in 60 rows and joined the track at Brooklands behind the

pace car. We set off and it soon became apparent that the members were enjoying their laps. All too soon we had to pull off and let the real racers back on, what a wonderful experience.

I spoke to Nick Dougill of Mazda on Track at Silverstone being determined to do a track day but not wanting to do the first in my own car. I had seen the "Welcome to Track" driving experience on the MOT website and joined the MOT Drivers club, booking for Cadwell Park on April 19<sup>th</sup>. I purchased a Crash Helmet and drove to a sunny Cadwell Park, with some butterflies in my stomach. There was a good turnout and we filled in the paperwork got our wrist bands and I was introduced to my instructor. I was very pleased to see it was current MAX5 Champion Paul Roddison. My instruction was to be in his race prepared MK3 which had just had two first places at Snetterton in Paul's hands.

I strapped myself in with some trepidation and Paul took me through the controls before I pushed the start button and was let out onto the track by the Marshalls. A few sifting laps to be shown the racing line was followed by a brief stay in the paddock to discuss my driving and some tips from Paul on how to improve. The hour followed this format with every session getting faster and faster. The grip levels and acceleration from the car were amazing and much better than my ability. At the end of my time Paul took me out and showed me just what his car could do. A great day and now I cannot wait to prep my own car and take it out on track. I will probably see Paul at his garage to get the four wheel laser alignment first.

## **Max5racing Snetterton 16<sup>th</sup> 17 April**

The first round of theMax5racing championship was around the new Snetterton 300 circuit. Both races saw Paul Roddison take victory, Jon Halliwell had the fastest lap at 2:22.236 with an adv. speed of 75.14 mph.

### **Points Table at 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Paul Roddison	61	Tony Johnson	61
Jon Halliwell	59	Mark Theaker	59
Jeremy Shipley	58		
Johnathan Cryer	57		
Clive Bussey	56		
Alan Robinson	55		
John Tilsley	54		

Five of the above drivers come from the Yorkshire area.

### ***THE DAFFY RUN***



What an excellent day. I am sure that the day was a huge success with everyone going home feeling very happy and contented. We had a lovely start to the day meeting at the Sculpture Park with the sun shining. Twelve cars started off in convoy. Our first stop was at Sherburn-in -Emlet where we had a bacon butty and mug of tea. The bikers were out in force. What a sight. Bikes were coming and going all the time. These were all modern, mainly Japanese types, not at all like our Norton Dominator of the late fifties, The back tyre on of them one would have made four to fit the Dommy.



After breakfast we made our way to Sutton Bank going through some beautiful villages and stunning scenery. We parked in the local village and began our walk, about one and a half miles, along the valley. There were plenty of Daffodils out on the banks of the stream and in the fields. There was plenty of chit-chat along the walk as we made our way to the pub for our pre-ordered meal. The first drink was very welcome and the meal was great. We certainly needed the walk back to help the food down.

After returning to our cars we had another great run up the chimney and through Hemsley and Hutton le Hole to name just two. We ended up at Pickering where we said our farewells to everyone. Our thanks go to Burton and Lesley for another excellent Daffy Run. They made the day go so smoothly. Once again the company, food and the walk made for a super day out. Thank you both again.

Eileen

## *A Second Social Evening*

As we all know our social evenings are held at the Queens Head Ridgeway on the first Wednesday in the month, this is convenient for some members but not all. We would like to hold a social evening on the third Wednesday of the month in the north of our membership area perhaps Huddersfield. If you can suggest a good venue with ample parking we will try and arrange the first of these second social evenings in July. E-mail Burton with your suggestions please.

## *A New Challenge*

As readers of this newsletter may know, P&P and NEMS have been battling each other in the Bowling alley. Now a new challenge awaits us. A driving one, not in our MX-5's but in Go-Karts. If enough members are interested we would like to arrange a match

with NEMS. If you are interested please e-mail Burton.

## *P & P Roadster Run*

To avoid confusion the monthly roadster run will take place on the Sunday following the social evening held on the first Wednesday in the month.

## *Upcoming Events*

**Date:** Sunday June 5th

**Event:** Monthly Run

**Location:** Meeting 10:00 at Halfords car park S60 2XL, close to M1 Jct 33

**Description:** Run around Derbyshire and North Notts with late morning break, at a café.

Finishing at Shirebrooke Villages Classic Car Rally

**Date:** Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> Evening Event

**Event:** Classic, Modern and Race Car Show. org. by S & H Motor Club

**Location:** The Travellers Rest, Brough, Hope Valley, S33 9HG

**Description:** A come and go as you please event, starting as soon as you can get there in the early evening, finishing with a leaving parade 9 ish

£2.50 per car or free entry to any member displaying their MX-5 on the owners club stand, book a place via Burton

**Date:** Sunday July 10th

**Event:** Treasure Hunt and Monthly Run

**Location:** Meeting 10:00 The Stock Yard close to M18 Jct 1 Post Code S66 8HN

Sat Nav details :- 53:25:38N (53.4272), 1:14:19W (-1.2387)

**Description:** A repeat of the popular Treasure Hunt organized by Trevor and Eileen

**Region:** Peaks and Pennines

**More info:** <http://pp.mx5oc.co.uk>

In the event of bad weather watch the web site and forum, or contact Burton.

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