



MOTOR SPORT NEWS

Donington Shakedown

Several of the Max5 Racing drivers were at Donington Park for the first pre-season shakedown test last weekend (24th Feb) With a number of cars sporting a different 'look' for the 2013 season it was a great opportunity to see the cars and catch up with the drivers.

Calendar Change - Donnington!

The first Race of the 2013 Race Calendar has been changed from Pembry, to Donnington! The date has remained the same at the 6th of April, so both Qualifying and Two Max5 Races will be held in One day - It's going to be Live on TV too!

There will certainly be a good crowd turning out to watch this one, everyone is very welcome to come along and join us too! Of course there is lots of other action going on throughout the day too, here's the full schedule:

MAX5 2013 Racing Calendar		
6th	April	Donnington
27th - 28th	April	Croft
11th - 12th	May	Rockingham
23rd	June	Mallory
20th - 21st	July	Anglesey
17th - 18th	Aug	Thruxton
7th - 8th	Sept	Cadwell
12th - 13th	Oct	Silverstone



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Monthly Social Evenings

Social evenings take place at the Queen's Head, 12 Main Road, Ridgeway, Sheffield, S12 3XR.

Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month and start around 8:15pm, when every one has finished eating.

If you would like to have a meal before the meeting starts, they serve good quality, value for money pub grub until 7:30.



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on:
Wednesday 3rd April 2013



FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

by Burton & Lesley, Local Co-ordinators

I was able to have a sneak preview of the new look March magazine at the Social meeting, I think you will agree that Gary our new editor, has done a superb job with the new look Peaks and Pennines Newsletter.

Articles on members own runs, days out, motorsport and track day experiences, along with write ups on the monthly club runs will be gratefully received by Gary.

Considering the atrocious weather conditions on that Wednesday night, we had a good turnout to an enjoyable and constructive meeting. The weather so far this year has not been kind to us, I hope that by the time Soft Top Hard Top lands on your door mat just before Easter, that it has picked up.

Regrettably I had to cancel the February monthly run, an amber weather warning had been given, I was concerned that once out on the run members would not be able to get back home, should the 'white stuff' arrive whilst we were out.

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INTRODUCE YOURSELF

If you have an interesting story involving you and your MX-5 please e-mail it with a photo or two to:
gary@manorpress.co.uk
and I will try to include it in the next issue.

Deadline for the next issue:
Tuesday 7th May 2013





FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

by Burton & Lesley, Local Co-ordinators

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The 'Bowling' run has been re scheduled for April 14th, the meeting point is The Cruck Barn Café on The Whirlow Hall Farm Trust Estate, S11 9QF, this is a new starting point for the Sunday Runs, it offers safe, easy parking on a fully working farm, the café that has received excellent reviews. Hourly Farm tours are available, but I think we save these until later in the season. The route will be on scenic side roads, breaking for an hour or so in, the plague village Eyam, at mid day for a coffee and comfort stop.

The route then winds its way through Curbar Gap and across Beeley Moor before we arrive at The Chesterfield Bowl, around 3pm, where Trevor and Eileen have booked two lanes for the MX5 Owners Club, having worked up an appetite the run will finish at The North East Derbyshire Snooker Centre, on the outskirts of Clay Cross. Do not be put off by the name, the foods is excellent and is good value for money. The centre has a large tiered car park. Junction 29 of the M1 is close by for your return home.

If you have not been out with the club before, this is the ideal run to join us, for all or part of the day.

Gill and Sally will be organising the May Sunday run, finishing at Wentworth Castle, nr Barnsley.

I am well into organising a long weekend to Alnwick in the county of Northumberland during late June. Looking further ahead, a run to the historical City of York is being arranged, culminating with a Ghost Walk at dusk, taking members on a guided journey through the darker side of York's history. An over night stay on Saturday night is currently being negotiated with a hotel chain.

Watch the club web site and forum for details and updates.

Burton



PEAKS & PENNINES IN FRANCE

by Trevor & Eileen Ailkins, MX-5 Roving Reporters

Well what do you think, because of the weather your roving reporters have nothing to report, so we would like to share some of our experiences from last years trip in July to France.

DAY 1. THURSDAY JULY 12th

We all met up at The Treble Bob. Even Gary got out of his sick bed in hospital to join us. We were all very pleased to see him. Eleven cars set off on a 220 mile drive to Portsmouth. The rain had started by then so the tops had to stay up. Leader Trevor had booked us all in to have a meal at the Beefeaters just outside Portsmouth, which we all enjoyed very much. We had to wait over an hour before boarding the ferry, but we amused ourselves by trying to guess who played songs on the radio through our walkie talkies. The cabins were very comfortable, and we all had a good nights' sleep.

DAY 2. FRIDAY JULY 13th

We were up at 5.30.a.m. French time. The lads sorted out a route and with post codes in the satnav we all set off. Only 102 miles to our first stop at Le Mans. Le Mans was very picturesque. We took a leisurely stroll round the cathedral, and had a coffee break. We then all set off for our overnight stop at Poitier. Then it was Ian and Lynda's turn to go missing, but they had been to France before so were used to the roads. It was 100 miles to Poitier. We got on to the Autoroute, but by this time the rain was coming down in buckets. I was concerned for the lads who hadn't driven abroad before. What with the spray, and the traffic, it was turning out to be an horrendous journey. But all 11 cars got to Minoir De Beauvoir, Poitier, a beautiful hotel, in the middle of a golf course.



DAY 3. SATURDAY JULY 14th

Saturday was Bastille Day, so all the shops were closed. We got some goodies from the Supermarket. Another long journey of 82 miles heading for Angouleme.

Once again we got split up due to a cycle race in one of the villages. We and four more cars went our own way, stopping for a picnic. A very nice English couple let us use their toilet, which was very kind of them. A bit of rain and sunshine. The tops were up and down like yo-yos! We all made it to the Hotel-de-Roches in Les Eyzies. The hotel and pool looked gorgeous, the rooms were very nice, and the people very helpful. A short walk into town, and we all sat down for a well earned meal. Early to bed. All the drivers had done a fantastic job.

DAY 4. SUNDAY JULY 15th

We all enjoyed a very easy day. We walked into town and had a short trip on a little train, that took us round the town of Les Eyzies. We made a friend of the young lady who drove it. Her English was limited, but she did very well. I wish I could speak as much French!

DAY 5. MONDAY JULY 16th

The sun was out and it was getting very hot. We had a short drive to La Roche (The Rock) which first served as a shelter for the Neanderthal man (5000 BC). It towers 300 feet above the road. It has to be seen to be believed – that people could live so high up with cows and horses on the same level. We were ready to head back to the hotel and test the pool. Wonderful - all was well with the world.

DAY 6. TUESDAY JULY 17th

The trip today was the one I had been waiting for, another magical trip to Rocamadour. The town is built on the rock side. Another place you have to see to believe. It was very hot, so everybody saw it at its best. When we got back we had time to enjoy the sun by the pool, until it was time to get ready for our evening meal.

DAY 7. WEDNESDAY JULY 18th

Another lazy day by the pool. Leader Trevor, with the help of the hotel owner, had booked us all in for a meal in Domme, a town on a hill overlooking the most

magnificent views. It was a most picturesque town. Our meal was very nice, and the entertainment was hot air balloons, which came very near to us, so that we could all wave. One even went down in the river just to wet the bottom of the basket. Very scary for the people in it! Once again ending up in the hotel bar for many laughs and tales.

DAY 8. THURSDAY JULY 19th

All week Janette has been recruiting teams for canoeing. Three years ago, on our last visit to France, we did the trip down the Dordogne. We had a great time, so we wanted to share the experience. She got 12 volunteers. We had a lot of fun and laughter. I hope the video captures the moments! Our time in France was nearly over, so it was back to the hotel to pack and then have our last meal (maybe duck was on the menu). Then it was bed, before our long journey back to England.

DAY 9. FRIDAY JULY 20th

Eating our breakfast, the gang was very quiet, not looking forward to leaving France, or the 420 miles back to Caen Port. We were in plenty of time to board the Ferry. A quick drink and then we said our goodnights. We were docking at 6.30.a.m. English time.

DAY 10. SATURDAY JULY 21st

We hugged and kissed the gang and said our goodbyes. We just wanted to get home, but still had to drive 220 miles. We got off the motorway at Banbury. I took over for a few miles. We got back on the motorway near Nottingham. We called in at Trowell Services as we hadn't eaten. Meeting Alan was a lovely surprise. We got home at 1.p.m. I think Trevor was asleep for 1.30.p.m. (watching golf). I have only scratched the surface telling you about the 10 day holiday. We had a great time, we all got on, and we had a lot of fun and laughs.

Trevor and myself thank Leader Trevor for all his organisation. Everything was PERFICK!!

