



Minicross Torque



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2002 Award Winners.

Presidents' Cup - Jeremy Evans

Terry Edwards Memorial Award -
"Spirit of Minicross"
- David & Sue Hobbs

Penny Jessop award - Sue Hobbs

Appreciation awards
- Scott Lawson
- Ralph Budd
- Sue Budd

Best Novice Driver - Paul Rogers

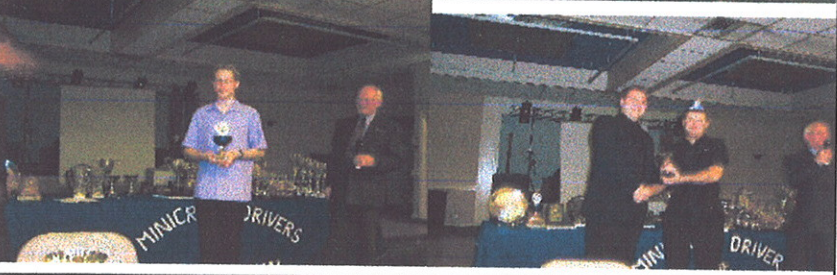
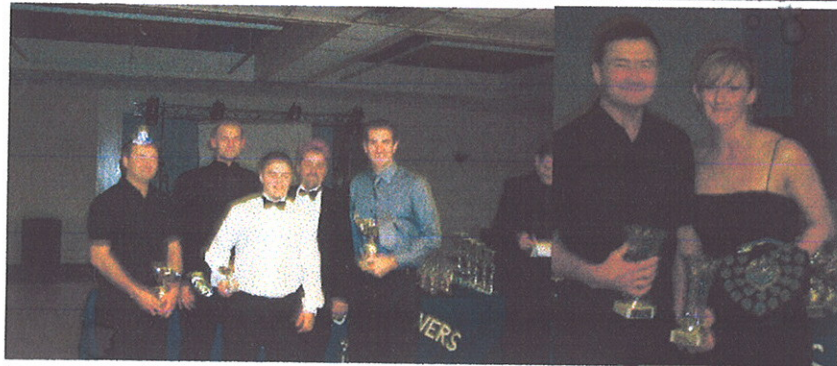
Best Lady Driver - Shelley Wakeling

Shared Car Award
- Richard & Shelley Wakeling

Tow Truck Award - Richard Wakeling

Squirrel Award - Jeremy Evans

Best Kept Car - Matt Roach



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Back to Brands in 2003.

Rallycross will return to Brands Hatch in 2003 when the Kent venue hosts the final round of the MSA British Rallycross Championship.

The news of the return to Brands Hatch came at the AGM and awards presentation of the British Rallycross Drivers Association, which will organise the BRC, where the calendar for the 2003 championship was published.

In announcing that the final round of the MSA British Championship would be at Brands Hatch, BRDA Chairman Mike Dresser said. "Brands Hatch has seen that the BRDA has transformed Rallycross over the last few years and that it is now at a level where it can be included as a part of the annual programme. Being able to go back to Brands Hatch after seven years is fantastic and it will make the perfect showcase finale for the MSA British Rallycross Championship".

Rallycross has been absent from Brands Hatch since 1996, before which it had been a regular fixture on the British Championship schedule since 1982. "Rallycross used to be part of the staple diet at Brands Hatch. It provided brilliant entertainment for massive crowds and I've been looking to bring it back for a couple of years. The opportunity to host the final round of the revived MSA British Rallycross Championship provided the chance for me to do that", said Brands Hatch's Robin Murphy.

Rallycross competitors have long sought an opportunity to return to Brands Hatch and new BRDA champion Pat Doran was overjoyed to hear that the British Championship would include a round at Brands. "It's fantastic news. Last month we were told the final round was "TBA", going to Brands Hatch was more than I dared hope for. Because of its location, and because Rallycross was always so big at Brands Hatch, I think it will be very important for the championship and it's another stepping stone to Rallycross being a major British Championship", said Doran.

The MSA British Rallycross Championship, and the concurrent BRDA Championship will run over ten rounds in 2003 and as well as featuring the return to Brands Hatch will include the first championship event at Knockhill for 13 years and the return, after two years absence, to Nutts Corner in Northern Ireland.

The British Rallycross Championship was run annually between 1976 and 1996 (inclusive) but has not been run for the past six seasons. The British Rallycross Drivers Association were awarded a three year contract (starting in 2003) to run the MSA British Rallycross Championship earlier this year.

Minishop / Yokohama Tyres Rallycross Championship 2003.

Sunday March 9 th	Croft
Saturday March 29 th	Nutts Corner
Sunday March 30 th	Mondello Park
Monday April 21 st	Lydden
Sunday May 25 th	Knockhill
Sunday June 22 nd	Anglesey
Sunday July 27 th	Blyton
Monday August 25 th	Lydden
Sunday September 21 st	Blyton
Sunday November 16 th	Brands Hatch

Hoods Galore Allrounders Championship 2003.

Watch this space for the 2003 Hoods Galore Allrounders Championship.

Also watch out for details of the 2003 Four (or Five !?!) Way Challenge.

Minicross Drivers Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Hilton, Milton Keynes
Saturday 23rd November 2002

The meeting opened at 1513pm.

Apologies for absence: were received from Sue Hobbs & Ron Watson

Minutes of the last AGM: were taken as correct, proposed by Dave Hobbs and seconded by Ralph Budd.

Matters Arising: Ralph pointed out that there had been no committee meetings held prior to the race meetings at Blyton and Pembrey for our Northern members to attend despite an agreement at last years AGM to do so. David Hobbs assured us that there will be more get togethers prior to race days.

Treasurers Report: High Interest Account £1192.00; Current Account £1834.00; Total £3026.00

Expenses for the dinner/presentation have been deducted but money raised at approx £2500 has not been added in yet. The MDA is in a healthy position and shows a marked improvement from 6 years ago.

Chairman's Report: David Hobbs said that it has been an excellent year for Minicross. There has been an increase to 70 members including juniors and seniors. The 25 years celebrations went well producing lots of new member enquiries, interest in the juniors, and a general growing interest in Minicross. The season had 40 competing drivers in 2 championships with the All Rounders having 9 meetings including Grass track, Rallycross, hillclimbs and sprints. This was well supported and very social. The Rallycross went down to the last round yet again, it was incredibly entertaining, more so than the other classes.

In July the MSA approved the Juniors and there have been over 40 enquiries producing 15 registered 2003 drivers and some newly built cars. We attended the NEC show among others and David thanked all those involved especially Jeremy who had done all the PR. He then thanked the committee for their time and efforts and members for their support.

Election of Chairman and Committee: Peter Watkin who is the MSA representative and the Association of Eastern Motorclubs rep said that Minicross is very highly regarded in motorsport. He praised Sue & David Hobbs for all that they do. There had been no other nomination and it gave great pleasure to announce David Hobbs continuing as chairman.

David announced that the committee would remain the same for 2003 and currently comprises of Sue Hobbs, Richard Wakeling, Scott Lawson, Ralph Budd, Jeremy Evans, Ian Nippress, Matt Roach and Alan Roach. No more names were put forward from the attendees to be involved.

David proposed they were duly elected as the 2003 committee and there was no one against.

There are currently 2 vacancies. Club secretary David proposed Jo Lawson, no one against.

Technical Officer –It was suggested at the last committee meeting that both applicants Clive Holloway and Dave Yardy share the post as Clive has more experience. They can liaise on meetings. David proposed and no one was against. Praise and thanks were given for Ron & Jan Watson who had held the vacant posts for a number of years.

2003 Championships: Rallycross will have 2 championships, the British Trials and Rallycross Association at Lydden, Angelsey, Blyton etc. for those not wanting the full championship. There will be 6 clubman's rounds in the All Rounders with sprints/hillclimbs. The main Rallycross is run by the BRDA over 10 rounds Inc 2 in Ireland and 1 at Knockhill, alongside the MSA. You can score points in the MDA and BRDA championships. It is possible for a Minicrosser to win the BRDA championship. Gary York finished 3rd in the BRTDA in 2002. There will be a realignment of the scoring in line with the BRDA. A national A licence will not be required, except for Holland.

It is the future intention of the BRDA to make the championship more professional (like touring cars), therefore using the same officials, timekeepers, marshals, stewards etc, to give consistency. Also they want to introduce timing transponders by the beginning of the season. Meetings should run smoother allowing more lap time. Mike Dresser or the BRDA has negotiated a 3year deal with Yokohama for minicross. 10inch £39 AO32 which will be phased out and replaced with the AO48 £49.50. Yokohama will also supply a prize fund split between the 3 championships for the top ¾ finishers.

Kent Cams will initially supply the cams for juniors and then seniors. They will be numbered and sold by the MDA for £36 plus p&p.

£80 fee membership of MDA, and registration for the BRDA & BRTDA championships and clubs. £120 – Rallycross entry fees seniors and £100 for juniors. The Clubmans should be approx £70/80 but is not yet confirmed.

TV coverage has been what we can get as minicross wasn't part of the initial agreement. David Hobbs will ensure we get better and more significant coverage.

The above sums up the 2003 plans.

Questions raised:

John Binks would like to know if we can have more back to back meetings and David replied that this is a possibility at places like Angelsey and Croft.

Holland will be a one off event, possibly part of the 4 way making it a 5 way. Juniors are unlikely to attend but David will investigate further.

Clive Holloway asked if drivers buy the transponders, to which David Hobbs replied yes and they come with a 5-year guarantee so can be sold on with the car. The BRDA will have spares available for rent at meetings should you forget/damage yours. They are only needed for Rallycross.

John Binks asked with such a rise in members would it be possible to go from 24 to 36 on some grids to which David Hobbs replied yes.

Proposals for Consideration:

1. To outlaw the use of any form of in car communication device that may be used to make contact with the driver during a race eg. Two-way radios, mobile phones.

Proposer – Jeremy Evans Seconder – Sue Hobbs

Jeremy stated we need to keep costs down as this is a low cost formula, John Binks said costs aside they wanted to test the system in preparation for David Binks going into modified but not feel it gave them any benefit. Richard Wakeling said it is a stepping-stone for young drivers and they would get used to it before moving on to other formulas.

In favour to Outlaw, no one against – Carried.

2. Introduce a minimum combined weight for driver and car, to enable stronger cars to be built and heavier drivers to race without sacrificing competitiveness.

Proposer – Dave Yardy Seconder – Jeremy Evans

Dave said it would reduce repairs due to having a lighter car/shell, also in the wet a heavier car has an advantage. Ralph Budd suggested a minimum car weight. Richard Wakeling says the regs state no lightening of the car to alter the weight. Dave Hobbs suggested Clive and Dave look into this further, and how to police it, but Richard pointed out Dave made the proposal.

In Favour of a weight limit (2), against the rest – amended proposal added.

2.1 An amended proposal for a minimum weight to be stated for the car only was made by John Binks and seconded by Ralph Budd. Any decision made will also apply to the juniors.

Clive to put forward some further suggestions to the committee.

3. Vehicle Regulation section 5, paragraph 5.4 be changed to allow battery to be fitted in passenger compartment in a sealed battery box instead of the boot.

Proposer – Ralph Budd Seconder – Danny Budd

Ralph would like to see the battery in a sealed box, bolted into the car as opposed to the boot. David Hobbs suggests we amend the regs to say either/or as opposed to a set rule.

In Favour, none against – carried.

The regs will be amended and also allow the cut off to be moved and reference to the solenoids will be amended.

4. Vehicle regulations, section 4, paragraph 4.8 to be changed to allow use of wheel rims up to 10 x 6 instead of 10 x 5.
- NOT JUNIOR MINICROSS

Proposer – Danny Budd Seconder Ralph Budd.

Danny said he would like the option to use 10 x 6 as well as 10 x 5 as they are becoming hard to find.

In favour, none against – carried.

As per the last committee meeting we need to look at the maximum track width. John Binks would like David to take some further advice from Yokohama on this, so this is carried subject to Yokohama.