

Minicross Torque

The M.D.A. Newsletter

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Are you Transponded ?

A reminder that drivers competing in either the BRDA Rallycross or BRDA Junior Minicross Championships will require timing transponders for the 2003 season.

There are two types available, direct power or rechargeable. Direct power are sealed unit for permanent fitting in the required location in the car. They should be wired into the ignition circuit so they are active when the engine is running. Transponders have a 4 year warranty covering normal use and cost £125 inc VAT & delivery.

Rechargeable transponders clip to a bracket permanently fitted to the vehicle and must be removed for charging by a mains charger or cigar lighter socket. They have a 3 year warranty and cost £170 inc. VAT & delivery.

All transponders have a unique code number which competitors will have to provide on event entry forms.

A small number of rechargeable transponders will be available to rent at individual meetings.

Transponders are available from David Sharp @ SMART.
Tel: 01896 752447

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York BTRDA success

Our own Champ Garry York took third place in the 2002 BTRDA Championship behind Modified racers Gordon Rogers & Des Wheatley. Stoch Hatch Champion Greg Rose was fourth. Garry also won the BTRDA Best Newcomer Trophy.

*York Rose
Galaship
R12AT*

A Big Thank You

We would both like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone for the surprise presentation of the Italian Job Limited Edition print we received at the recent Presentation Evening, and a special thanks to Sue (Budd) for arranging it all. Sue (Hobbs) was very disappointed not to have been there personally to receive her half.

It is nice to know that all our time and effort is appreciated by one and all, but we have to say that we enjoy what we do and it is nice to be part of such a friendly club, and watching a good days racing is it's own reward.

We look forward to seeing all your friendly faces once again during the coming Season.

Again our sincere thanks,

David & Sue

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Technical Update Part 1.....

LOG BOOKS

All Drivers are reminded that from 2003 MSA log books are mandatory for Minicross.

OLD MINICROSS LOGBOOKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

This could result in being turned away from events. MSA Log books can be obtained from any local Technical Officer, see list in MSA Yearbook. Do not wait until your first meeting as there may not be time available to process the necessary paperwork. You will require a front 3/4 colour picture of your car. See MSA Yearbook section E11.3.2. for further information.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Halon or BCF fire extinguishers are no longer permitted. You are advised to check you have a legal AFFF or ZERO 2000 extinguisher fitted.

Minishop / Yokohama Tyres Rallycross Championship 2003.

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

All rounds run as part of the
BRDA Rallycross Championship

Technical Update Part 2.....

DOOR SQUARES

Do you require MDA door squares? If so phone David or Sue on 01403 782317 or e-mail david_hobbs100@hotmail.com and we will send them back by return. Alternatively they will be available at Lydden Hill on 15th Feb or at the Blyton Test Day on 23rd Feb.

CAM SHAFTS

Following a supply agreement with Kent Cams we can offer MDA spec cams for both formulas at £36.00 + £4.50 carriage. Contact David or Sue on the usual numbers.

WHEEL ARCHES

Drivers are reminded that wheels must be adequately covered by wheel arches around an arc of 120 degrees. Wheel arch extensions in accordance with MDA Vehicle Regulations may be fitted.

It is the drivers responsibility to select wheels that fit inside the wheel arch.

MDA Fourway Challenge 2003.

29 th March	Nutts Corner
30 th March	Mondello Park
25 th May	Knockhill
22 nd June	Anglesey
20 th July	Valkenswaard

Best 4 results from 5 to count.

Hoods Galore Allrounders Championship 2003.

February 15 th	Lydden	Rallycross
March 23 rd	North Weald	Sprint
June 7 th	Abingdon	Sprint x 2
June 14 th	Gurston Down	Hillclimb
July 13 th	Anglesey	Rallycross
August 16 th	Goodwood	Sprint
October 26 th	Blyton	Rallycross

Best 6 results from 8 to count – 1 round per driver to be nominated as "bonus round" with double points.

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Testing....Testing....

The BRDA will be organising a Test Day at Blyton Circuit on Sunday 23rd February which will be open to all classes of Rallycross / Minicross cars.

There will be an MSA Scrutineer on site to issue MSA Log Books to drivers requiring them. He will also be able to inspect cars and advise on safety matters.

Rallycross newcomers are strongly recommended to attend as there will also be an opportunity to receive some instruction on track and driver discipline.

For further information contact David Hobbs on 01403 782317 or e-mail david_hobbs100@hotmail.com.

BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship 2003.

15 th February	Lydden
25 th May	Knockhill
13 th July	Anglesey
27 th July	Blyton
21 st September	Blyton
26 th October	Blyton

Wakelings' Waffles....

This year there's no Grass rounds , this is a shame but much of the problem lays with the organisers and the circuits, on the organisers front they are unreliable with their dates so competitors plans do get messed about, and this costs numbers, just check your schedule, could you easily move any date a couple of weeks either way.. probably not.

The grass circuit all too often ended up on set aside ground which has top soil about a foot deep , this always digs out leaving huge banks of loose , this stuff stops you quicker than a cocked up left foot, and does roll the cars over very quickly, or like this year the field had been regularly used by the land owner for a farm route (yes it is his land), but this caused his track to run at 90 degrees to the race track so each corner had these two massive ruts to hit...definitely backside clamping stuff, and whilst I'm totally in favour of giving the cars a right good trashing I don't like damage inflicted by rubbish tracks.

Also with there being clubmans Rally cross this year, what's the point of continuing something that doesn't get the support ?
NUFF SAID.

Matt Roach will miss these events cos he had his best results, which is a good job as his Rally Cross results couldn't have been much worse if he had 4 reverse gears fitted!!

In fact mid way through the season he was spotted running his round (Post Office) to get fit for the Rally Cross...

MG Support for Junior Minicross.

The British Rallycross Drivers Association and MG Sport & Racing announced that the top three drivers in the 2003 Junior Rallycross Championship will each be invited to test an MG rally car.

Open to 14-16-year olds, the Junior category is aimed at aspiring rally drivers, which is why BRDA chairman Mike Dresser sought out a rally-based prize to link to the championship.

"Rallycross provides the opportunity for ambitious youngsters to learn and practice many of the skills they will need in rallying. Petter Solberg (Rally GB winner) and Jonny Milner (British Rally Champion) have based careers on rallycross foundations.

"The prize of a test run in a manufacturer rally car will give the top three a golden opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned." said Dresser.

MG motorsport manager Brian Griffin confirmed the prize at Autosport International where he said, "I'm very glad to see something for British youth. There's not enough done to develop young motorsport talent and as far as I can see the Junior Rallycross is about the cheapest way you could get started.

"I'm pleased that MG can support the initiative by providing tests for the top three."

While not committing himself, Griffin allowed that if one or more of the Juniors tested showed particular promise there may be the possibility of a further involvement.

The Junior category was instigated by the Minicross Drivers Association and will feature 1000cc versions of cars built to the proven Minicross regulations. The ten round championship will follow the same schedule as the televised MSA British Rallycross Championship.

...this was later confirmed, but the reason was tied up to his trips to see the CoC at meetings, these became so frequent that he was getting worn out with the walks!!!! (tee hee), anyway Matt got so familiar with the Clerks that when he signed on he handed in his license and CV, they decided what to write on his license for that day, and that saved all the walking!!!!!!

