

TDC Turbine



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Alan Auerbach, winner of the 2017 Hawthorn Trophy



Pic: James Foley

Derek Tohill, winner of the 2017 Irish Rallycross Championship

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Chairman's Chunterings

The Dave Griffin Memorial MVAT in Mondello last weekend was an amazing event. The response by competitors was tremendous as was the call for marshals to come along and allow it all to happen. Well done and thank you, one and all.

You must have read Frank's platitudes in the December Turbine as I didn't hear any reports of misbehaviour on the tests prior to the kick-off for the Mondello event. Thank you. I suspect that with so many competitors on track that the traffic was sufficiently heavy to make speedy progress difficult!

Your next outing should be the Club AGM, Prizegiving and Table Quiz in DMYC on Friday, 16th February. The Championship has been so well supported by you, the competitors and so efficiently administered by Stephen Briggs that you must make an effort to come along. Don't be put off by the AGM element of the evening - it is dealt with summarily.

This year will see us run one extra event in March - a Club autotest. We hope that this will make the Autotest element of the Club Championship more competitive. It will be Mark Walsh's first event in charge, so please be generous in your support - whether as competitor or official.

As you can see from the cover, TDC has high achievers amongst its members. Well done to both Alan and Derek.

Ian



What connects Ted Gaffney to Philishaves or, indeed any other rotary shaver, apart from the possibility that he might use one?
See Page 13 for elucidation



Guy MacWilliam not only entered his first TDC motoring event in the last couple of months but he also put pen to paper to describe it in his Turbine debut.

Two of our members are temporarily out of circulation at the moment. Dave McAulay is recovering from a leg operation and Peter Auerbach from a heart intervention. We wish them well as they convalesce.

TDC Club Championship

	Full Championship		Autotest Championship	
<i>Overall Premier Award</i>	Richard Meeke		John McAssey	
<i>Beginners Class</i>	1st	Dave Campion	1st	Dave Campion
	2nd	Aoife Ryan	2nd	Aoife Ryan
	3rd	Susan Briggs	3rd	Eric Byrne
<i>Novice Class</i>	1st	Colin Sheridan	1st	Colin Sheridan
	2nd	Andrew Boland	2nd	Karl Grehan
	3rd	Mark Walsh	3rd	Andrew Boland
<i>Intermediate Class</i>	1st	Brian Kingston	1st	Brian Kingston
	2nd	David Meeke	2nd	David Meeke
	3rd	Stephen Briggs	3rd	Stephen Briggs
<i>Expert Class</i>	1st	John Nolan	1st	Piers MacFheorais
	2nd	John McAssey	2nd	Richard Meeke
	3rd	Piers MacFheorais	3rd	John Nolan

Huge congratulations to 2017 Overall Championship Winner, Richard Meeke, and also class winners, Dave Campion (Beginners), Colin Sheridan (Novices), Brian Kingston (Intermediates) and John Nolan (Experts).

Congratulations, also, to Autotest Championship Winner, John McAssey, and class winners, Dave Campion (Beginners), Colin Sheridan (Novices), Brian Kingston (Intermediates) and Piers MacFheorais (Experts).

Many thanks to all the organisers of the events, the test designers, people who helped set them up and clear them away, landowners, marshals, timekeepers, result officials, photographers and, most importantly, all the competitors!

The Championship Prizegiving and Club AGM will be on 16th February. We would ask prize winners, if possible, to keep that date free.

Here are a few stats from the 2017 Championship:

Number of individual Competitors in Championship – 146

Increase over 2016 – 26%

Number of Beginners Included - 45

Highest entry - 52 (April Multi-Venue Autotest)

Lowest entry - 16 (August Autotest)

Average entry - 34

Number of competitors who entered all 11 rounds - 2 (David Meeke, Piers MacPheorais)

Number of competitors who entered 10 of the 11 rounds – 6

Number of disciplines covered - 5

Number of venues visited - 7

Now for 2018 - the full list of qualifying rounds has already been published on January 10th and the first round, the famous Mondello Multi-Venue Autotest on 28th January has taken place. Start entering NOW.

Updated Driver Championship Classifications for 2018 are on the website

What can you do to help us keep our branch of the sport on it's upward trend?

- 1) Try and compete in at least one extra event next year
- 2) Encourage someone you know to give it a try
- 3) Think of someone who might consider marshaling at an event - experience not required

Stephen



TDC St Stephen's Day Autosolo

26th December

It's 26th December and I have entered the TDC Avoca Autosolo. This is my first speed event. Up to now I have done motor bike trials and sporting trials. You can do these events when you are under 16. I persuaded my dad to let me use his MX-5. He was going to drive as well but he hurt his shoulder before Christmas, so I had the car to myself. *(It also eliminated the possibility of Craig breaking it - Ed.)* The day started by going to collect a trailer that Christopher/Clive Evans kindly let us borrow for the day. By the time we got the trailer, brought it back to our house, loaded the car and got to the venue, there was just 10 minutes before the start. I swiftly got the car off the trailer and put some fuel into it.



Having only ever driven a trials car and ridden trials bikes, I had never handbrake turned a car before or driven one at speed before. So we went off to the back of Test 4 and did a little bit of practising.

Then the event started, with me only having six minutes driving time in an MX-5. I looked at the diagram for Test 1 and then at some cars actually doing the test while I was in the queue. Before I knew it my car was next in line. The test was very easy to follow, the way it was laid out. You could figure out which way to go as you went along which was very handy in my situation. I started off slow, still getting the hang of how the car handled. Throughout the day I was able to push the car a little bit more.

We finished up with some lunch. I really enjoyed the day. The tests were fun and well laid out. I would recommend to anyone to go out and have a go. Thanks to everyone involved in organising this event!

There was another job to do when I got home!

Guy



RESULTS

- 1 Daniel Byrne (Starlet) 906s,
- 2 Darren Quille (Toyota Levin) 913s,
- 3 Mark Doran (Escort) 921s,
- 4 Christopher Evans (Toyota MR-2) 924s,
- 5 Niall Murray (Starlet) 929s,
- 6 Brian Kingston (Ignis) 932s,
- 7 Mick Kehoe (Peugeot 206) 953s,
- 8 Colin Sheridan (Starlet) 954s,
- 9 John Nolan (Starlet) 960s,
- 10 John O'Reilly (Toyota MR2) 963s,
- 11 Anthony Preston (Starlet) 963s,
- 12 Eoin Murray (Starlet) 966s.

Class winners: Darren Quille, Mark Doran, Colin Sheridan, John O'Reilly, Zoe Briggs (Mazda MX5) 1021s.



Daniel Byrne was his usual neat and tidy, albeit super-quick self.



Darren Quille in his rare Levin would have been closer to Daniel but for a misfire on the first lap



Mark Doran and his Escort showed their usual affinity with the Holfeld habitat

TDC Turbine



Despite being as seemingly purposeful as ever, Richard Meeke was just not on the pace. Even his dad, David (below) [Dappled Dave?] was quicker.



Guy MacWilliam was not the only debutant. Cristopher Grimes had also "come of age". He drove the late Mark Haften's Sunny to great effect and finished a very creditable 22nd out of the 37 starters.



Mick Kehoe was in good form



There was a welcome visit from "blast from the past" TDC stalwart Richard Lyons (Tricky Dicky) who double-drove with Patsy Maguire - they used to do Nav Rallies together in days of yore



Karl O'Donoghue



Christopher Evans was fourth

Damian and Tara Mooney had a ding-dong battle in Cathal O'Carroll's generously lent MX5. Damien finished just two places ahead of Tara. Cathal took the opportunity to give his Mini an outing. Larry wasn't able to make it on the day but did make an official post-dated presentation of Damian's award.



Tara



Cathal & Damian





The Christmas jumper etc. competition was Briggs (Stephen, Susan & Zoe)

dominated though everybody who made the effort won a prize. Frank O'Donoghue was slightly confused - he thought he was auditioning for Dr Zhivago.

Kevin Minion starred in a video epic last Christmas directed by Emma Byrne. In order to facilitate a sequel, Ian McCulloch donned his onesie again. Viewings of the masterpiece can be negotiated with her script consultant, Anto Preston who was making his annual visit from the UK. Brian Kingston provided the pics of Kevin and John O'Reilly's MR2 - he suggested that Ian should have been driving the latter given the good chromatic fit. If you have a caption suggestion, please feel free to share it with us.



Jack Quinn



Dave Campion



Philip O'Reilly



Brian Kingston



Maurice McMonagle



Niall Murray, pictured here, and brother, Eoin made their customary post-Christmas appearance



It was good to see Damo Phillips out again

UAC INTBDR

27th December

Stephen Zuzz Day (with apologies to Rosser) was a quiet day, more reserved than usual, given the need for an early start on the It's Not The Boxing Day Rally, and for very good cause. A strong black coffee, the load secured and checked, and we (*Paddy Lombard and his brother, John - Ed.*) were on the road by 4.30 am the next morning, arriving at Edenmore Golf Club soon after 6.30am where already it was "all systems go".

The scrutineers were working at full pace, and soon we were passed, checked in at HQ and working our way through the NTBD Road & Test Books. The temptation of a hot breakfast was too much to resist, so we tucked in, while picking up some useful tips from Arthur McMullan, pilot of Anglia 105E fame.

This is a very popular event and getting your entry in early was vital. By 7 pm on the first day it opened for entries, the full quota of 140 had been received, over 60 of which were MX-5s. A good mix of MR2s, Midgets, Starlets, Escorts and Minis were also included in the large line up. A sight for sore eyes was the Frogeye Sprite of



Eamonn's high seeding saw his times suffer as the tests were at their slippiest

In Class1 Experts, Eamonn Byrne / Anthony Preston (Starlet) and Paul Mooney / Lorraine McMorro (Nova) tied for 2nd place on this test, while Robert & John



Andy & Heather Johnson, which provided some welcome variety.

With such a large entry, the field was split into two groups and soon after 9.30, we followed the tulip instructions to the first test.

The menu consisted of twelve tests run over two laps, leaving from Edenmore Golf Club, with locations spread from the Moira area northwards to Crumlin and back via Dundrod, White Mountain and Hillsborough.

Hasleys Town Lane was our first challenge. The low-lying start was waterlogged and we watched as one MX5 crew almost immediately came to grief in this water feature - we proceeded with caution till clear of it.



Robert & John were aerodynamically compromised for much of the day

Whelan (Starlet) were best in Class 3. The other Dubliners Declan Furlong / Derek Beglan (Starlet) were quickest in Class 5.

Finlays Yard was next up - a clean open tarmac yard, followed by nearby Hallstown Farm, where 'Cow Poop and Muck' were marked obstacles on the test instructions. Soon there was cow poop and muck for most of this loose & slippery section. Damien Mooney /



Declan & Derek had the AA to fall back on in case they ran into trouble



Frank & Eric Martin

The Transport Training section was a quick open test on tarmac, while the nearby Dundrod Pits proved testing with a tight ice covered route through a maze of concrete bollards. Needless to say, post-event panel beating opportunities were availed of for some on this one. Sam Wilson scored a Class 1 first place on the Lap 1, only to be beaten into second by Paul Mooney on Lap 2. Eamonn and Frank tied for fourth. Both Whelans and Declan returned second places in their respective classes here.



Damien & Connor

Connor Nevin (Saxo) scored a Class 1 first on this test, with Eamonn and Sam Wilson / Simon Brewster (Mini)



tying for second, and Frank Lenehan (Starlet) and Robert Dickson (Mini) tying for fourth quickest. Robert and John were again best of the Class 3 contenders.

From muck to muck spreaders at Martins Supplies, conditions were slippery due to a low sun, and shaded icy sections. Farm machinery and shipping containers were on hand to punish you if you got it wrong. Damien was again best in class on this test, closely followed by Frank and Eamonn. Once again, the Whelan's had the fastest time in Class 3.



Paddy & John

The Hill View Farm test sheet warned us that it was 'Not To Scale'. Apart from the accurate representation of the start and the finish sections, everything in between was definitely not to scale. It was fast and loose and only vaguely resembled the test book sheet. Steep downhill, flat out, and near lift-off with a chicane looming is a sensation to savour! Paul Mooney scored fastest time on both laps here, with the Whelans and Declan scoring featuring prominently in their respective classes.

Greens Yard Test, known as the Christmas Tree test, was fast and open in a tarmac yard, which looked simple on the sheet. The front-runners were all very closely matched here.

Nearby Laws Transport Yard and Lagan Valley Steel are located adjacent to each other, both short, clean and fast, and regularly used for the NTBD event. There was sibling simultaneity with Paul and Damien Mooney best in Class 1, with the Whelans first in Class 3, and Gillian Coughlan / Colin Keegan (Colt) heading up Class 5.



Back at the Edenmore Golf Club, trailer loaded, a hot curry was the order of the day while we waited to see

the results sheet. We featured alright albeit well down on page two! But for our first Lanes type rally, we were more than delighted with the long but super fun day out. A special word of thanks to the Ulster Automobile Club organisers, officials, and marshals in particular who earned their NTBD supper. Also worthy of mention are Peespeed and the other photographers whose efforts add to the experience.

Last word – if you're thinking of doing it, don't hesitate, get your entry in early and enjoy!

Paddy



RESULTS

1 Sam Wilson / Simon Brewster (Mini)	19:33
2 Damien Mooney / Connor Nevin (Saxo)	19:33
3 Robert Woodside / Steven Dowds (MR2)	19:34



4 Robert Whelan / John Whelan (Starlet)	19:47
5 Mark King / Grace Campbell (MX-5)	19:59
6 Steven Ferguson / Milton McWilliams (106)	20:05
7 Paul Mooney / Lorraine McMorro (Nova)	20:08

Birr MC Christmas Autotest

30th December

What better way to wipe away the Christmas blues than the annual Turkey Chaser Autotest hosted at Garahy's Garage by Birr & District Motor Club. Once again, my event started on Friday, when I loaded the car onto the trailer, and began my journey to Birr to park my car in the parc fermé for the event. I then proceeded to the Garahy household where the spirit of the event was immediately evident as everybody, including Chef Longworth, was in the kitchen busy baking cakes and chopping carrots and veggies for the eagerly awaited stew for the day ahead.

Saturday Morning started with the short spin from the Tiny

Motorsport Hotel in Ballinahown to the now traditional breakfast halt in Dooley's Hotel, Birr before we headed on to Garahy's for the testing start of the day.

On arriving to Garahy's, eager competitors were already walking the tests, preparing for the battles that lay ahead, while more were already enjoying tea and scones

upstairs, the first batch of the gorgeous food that was to arrive at regular intervals throughout the day.



A very impressive 46 drivers signed on for the event.

After a quick tot of the bodies, we decided that the Tiny motorsport projectile was over allocated, so we decided that Paddy Fay (who recently celebrated his 80th birthday) would join me in my Starlet for the day to alleviate some pressure on the Tiny machine and the logistics of the event itself (Double driving can lead to delays - goodness knows what greater multiples might lead to.) Eoin's suggestion was, of course, nothing to do with the fact that a driveshaft had broken when Paddy was driving Eoin's car last year! Paddy drove very sedately and there were no mechanical mishaps. It probably helped that my car is really well prepared!

Once everybody was warmed up and ready, and after a quick drivers' briefing, the yard came alive with the joyous sounds of over-revved Starlets and squealing tyres as the Fun began.

I started on the longest test, Test 1, which consisted of a nice mix of smooth concrete and a loose, gravel track. In the general spirit of the event, every so often, while queueing up for the start, one would see the big garage doors open and war victims disappear inside only to emerge a few minutes later with a new lease of life, and ready for more fun!

Test 2 was the main attraction of the day, taking place in the middle of the yard on a smooth, concrete surface - a grand spectacle for everyone to watch.

Suddenly, at around 1pm, people realised that the yard was getting very quiet, signifying that lunch was ready and being served in the Garahy Garage kitchen. Here everyone was treated to mouth-watering potatoes and stew, followed by the most delicious homemade chocolate cake which really went down a treat.

With everybody's waistline expanded, it was back to Test 3 for me. This looked strangely familiar to anyone who is a Birr autotest regular, as the diagram was lifted from a Donaghmore Museum test run earlier in the year.

After finishing the three laps of the three super tests, Liam Cashman from Cork took the spoils from 1st in Class 2 Damien Doran. 2nd in Class 2 went to John McAssey with Frank Lenehan in 3rd, nabbing the spot by just 2 seconds



from John Nolan.

Class 1 was dominated by Birr MC members with Patrick



O'Leary taking the class win. Kevin Maher and Alan Maher were 2nd and 3rd with only 2 seconds between them after a fierce battle switching places on the leaderboard all day.

Class 3 went to Martin Nugent.



In the Ladies Class, Aoife Ryan came

out on top, with Zara Moynan



Liam (foreground) & John have a tête-à-tête between tests

(Nenagh) finishing runner-up ahead



of Dearbhaile Garahy (Birr).

Best Birr & District Motor Club Driver was Ronan Shanahan (Roscrea), with David Forde (Nenagh) 2nd and Kieran Garahy (Birr) 3rd taking advantage of his local knowledge of the yard! Other club drivers who competed included Whitby Moynan (Nenagh), Ciaran Garahy (Birr), Declan & Niall Donohoe (Mount Temple), Mick Boland (Birr), Kevin & Alan Maher (Moneygall), John & Robert Gloster (Nenagh), Keith Shaw (Birr), Eoin Longworth (Ballinahown), Peter Molloy (Ballinahown), Lee Deane (Shinrone) who popped in from UN Overseas Duty Leave, Jason Bracken (Birr) and Jane Garahy (Birr) who all thoroughly enjoyed the day's sport.

All competed in Starlets except for Keith Shaw in a Toyota Corolla & Kevin/Alan Maher in a Renault Clio.

The Birr & District Motor Club would like to thank Kieran & Eithne Garahy for the wonderful venue & gorgeous food provided throughout the day, MI Steward Tim Faulkner, Clerk of the Course Leo Brophy, Results Team Mark Parsons, Ray Bent & Una O'Brien and all of

RESULTS



Congratulations to that well-known competitor, the shy, retiring Eoin Longworth on becoming the 2017 Birr & District Motor Club Champion.

Patrick



- 1 Liam Cashman (Starlet) 446.9s,
- 2 Damien Doran (Starlet) 453.5s,
- 3 John McAssey (Starlet) 469.9s,
- 4 Frank Lenehan (Starlet) 471.2s,
- 5 John Nolan (Starlet) 473.7s,
- 6 Jason Bracken (Starlet) 507.9s,
- 7 Karl Grehan (Starlet) 523.6s,
- 8 Stefan Walsh (Starlet) 960s,
- 9 Ronan Shanahan (Starlet) 525.2s,
- 10 Colin Sheridan (Starlet) 529.4s.

the marshals. All contributed to the event being a real success.

Omagh MC Targa Rally

14th January



It was third time lucky for this event. Originally scheduled for 9th December and then 16th, icy conditions saw it postponed to a warmer, but decidedly wet, 13th January. It was based in the C-More Flying School north of

Ballygawley. There were five venues (another was lost at the eleventh hour) all of which were visited twice. The Flying School was used three times. The postponements had depleted the field somewhat and for Northern Targas, there was a relatively small entry of fewer than 50.

Eric Patterson and Raymond Donaldson came out on top despite scurrilous suggestions (unfounded) that he had gone wrong on the first test. This wasn't much of a surprise.

Frank Lenehan & Tim Faulkner had an unremarkable day and were happy with their sixth place. Tim was pleased to be recognised when he was identified on arrival, by a local, as "yer man who asks all the questions". Stephen & Zoe Briggs finished further back after a more eventful outing. Scrutiny was the first challenge when the boot wouldn't open to check the spill kit etc. Stephen reckons the stresses caused by getting a second spare wheel to fit in the cosy space had compromised the locking mechanism. Judicious deployment of a screwdriver, generously lent by Frank, solved the problem. The next issue was the wiper linkage which suffered a bout of temperamentality and had to be reattached at regular intervals during the day, and on the journey home. Stephen couldn't locate a vegetable shop to buy a potato which, as you all know, if halved and applied to the windscreen reduces the surface tension to allow a modicum of visibility.

The five venues were varied. The Flying School had nice long, straight tarmac sections punctuated by

obstacles to keep the speeds down. There was a fairly typical "Lanes" venue, a driveway which was quite testy and an open space, also testy. The highlight was probably a two-minute test in Rallystorm, the local rally school. This was loose and about 1 km long. As well as a "satellite map" the Test Book had pace notes which was a novelty for one of these events. Zoe had a go with the pacenotes but Tim stuck to the map. The less information Frank gets the less he is likely to slow down.

Facilities were good. The breakfast was first class and nice soup and sandwiches were available at lunchtime. It was worth the trip.



Editor (after a couple of post-event phone calls)

RESULTS

- 1 Eric Patterson / Raymond Donaldson (MX5) 769
- 2 David Burns / Conor Murphy (Fiesta) 787
- 3 Douglas Reid / Bill Reid (MX5) 789
- 4 Mark Francis / Adam Hilditch (MX5) 793
- 5 Philip Hunter/ Kim Hunter (MX5) 804
- 6 Frank Lenehan / Tim Faulkner (Starlet) 805
- 7 Norman Ferguson / Keith Hall (106) 834



A fuzzy Frank & Tim on the last test of the day, courtesy of Mark Francis

CAPTION COMPETITION



A response - Hallelujah!

*With hand on his ass (to be Frank) don key wouldn't start. **Larry Mooney***

**Friday, 16th February -
AGM, Championship
Prizegiving & Table Quiz
DMYC**

**Sunday, 11th March -
TDC Clubman Autotest
Mondello**

Committee Notes

Resumé of proceedings at committee meetings Dec 2017, Jan 2018

- The Christmas Autosolo at Holfeld's on 26th Dec with Eamonn & Daniel Byrne and Chris Grimes at the helm was declared a success. The tests were "loved" by the competitors. It was decided to have this event on 27th in 2018 to see if that might alleviate the "domestic difficulties" for drivers/marshals. Potential clash with UAC INTBDR might be an issue.
- The AGM, Club Championship Prizegiving and Table Quiz will probably now take place on 16th February 2018 in the DMYC. Richard Meeke has confirmed. Frank to approach John McCloskey re. refreshments. The Purty Kitchen fare last year was disappointing.
- Our extra Club Autotest for 11th March has been ratified. However it does clash with the RIAC National Classic Car Show in the RDS. It might compromise our input to this.
- Mark's MVAT on 28th January is "all systems go". Competitors to be reminded individually at sign-on not to abuse the "drive the tests carefully in advance" privilege, if, indeed, it is allowed on this occasion.
- The usual event format on the ground and administratively will be adopted.
- Piers was commended on his husbandry of the website. Kevin similarly for the Facebook page which he keeps ticking over.
- Stephen has again done a great job with the Club Championship. There was a discussion as to whether tweaks were needed for 2018. Apart maybe from looking at the RWD LSD handicap in PCTs it was decided to leave well alone. Stephen will contact all of the award winners and encourage them to come to the Prizegiving.
- There was a short debate about the Holfeld's event in April being an Autosolo or MVAT. The former allows only one person in the car and one-day licences can be issued. A secondary consideration is that there is no reversing. MVATs do permit passengers but not one-day licences. Paul is to investigate the possibility that this latter restriction be waived when the MVAT takes place at a single location.

QUIZ February Questions

Answers to valianmcculloch@gmail.com



1 Who are these motoring legends braving the elements at the UAC NTBDR?

2 Whose car is sporting this satanic symbol in Mondello in January?



3 Whose car features this impressive aerial which, I'm sure, has no symbolic overtones?



There are two questions relating to the Dave Griffin Memorial MVAT

4 There were 86 starters. In theory how many different "top three" arrangements were possible?

5 Mark Doran reckoned that the total competitive distance was 28 km. Eamonn Byrne won with a total time of 1990 seconds. What was his average speed in mph, correct to 1 decimal place?

SNIPPET

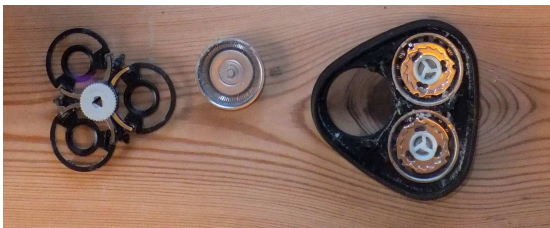
What connects Ted Gaffney to Philishaves or, indeed any other rotary shaver, apart from the possibility that he might use one?

It recently struck me that my electric razor was not dealing with the removal of my stubble as efficiently as heretofore. So, I headed for the Internet where I discovered to my chagrin that a genuine Phillips replacement came with a price tag of >€40.

I was perusing other non-branded options when I spotted a YouTube clip of a procedure to sharpen the existing blades and my pulse quickened. I feared that the routine might be as tedious as that for a chainsaw but it wasn't and this is where Ted comes in.

As you may be aware Ted is the purveyor of Autoglym products throughout the country. There, amongst the "stuff" needed for the honing operation was a bottle of Autoglym Paint Renovator. Needless to say, I had some in stock (What self-respecting garage would be without a bottle?).

The idea is that you dismantle the shaver to get at the rotary cutters. You then put a



blob of "polish" on a small mirror and move the cutter in a circular motion until you get



fed up. Repeat with the other two and reassemble. It worked for me sufficiently well for me to repeat the procedure with my old shaver (No, I never throw anything out.) So, I now have two fully functioning razors plus a virtual credit of €40 in my current account.

Thanks Ted.



SNIPPETS

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Karen Gaffney was appointed Porsche Club Ireland President at the club's AGM in Weston Airport, Dublin in January.

Karen was at the first meeting of the Club which is affiliated to Porsche AG in Stuttgart. That took place 21 years ago in Dublin Airport and Karen has been an active club and committee member since.

Addressing the 60 members present, Karen said: "I am really honoured and delighted to accept the position of Porsche Club Ireland President. I have watched the club grow and change over the years. The passion for these cars is infectious - from the sound of an engine starting to the clunk of a 911 door closing."

A bill from the Lenehan archive in respect of his Metro.

It might be interesting to do an inflation exercise to see how a contemporary bill for say, Guy Foster, might compare. I suspect that there would be variables other than inflation to be considered.

Friday 16th February

TDC AGM, Championship Prizegiving & Table Quiz, DMYC

Sunday 11th March

TDC Clubman Autotest, Mondello Park

After much rumination and verbal exchanges at the end of 2017, it was time for action in January.

Philip (O'Reilly) and Ian (McCulloch) set the wheels in motion in the quest for competitors and officials respectively. The Doran boys, Mark & Joe, were busy also. Mondello arrangements had to be finalised. Mark



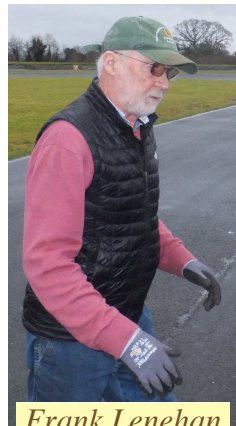
Mark

drew the tests, copied them and time cards. The number stock was replenished. Awards were ordered. Paul (Phelan) generated the MI paperwork, Tim (Faulkner) put together the marshal packs and Piers (MacFheorais) made sure the NOOKs were charged, synchronised and ready to go. Frank (Lenehan), of course, was always lurking very much in the foreground.

Saturday was set-up day. This was complicated by a supercar experience which meant that we had only partial access until 4:00 pm. Also, JR, who I would describe as the circuit greenkeeper, was elsewhere so Joe was elected the operate the teleporter. He proved to



John McAssey & Mark Walsh



Frank Lenehan



A precise Kevin Fagan



Keith Fagan prepares for battle



Owen Murray



Matthew Walsh

the work party (eight bodies) positioned the other test defining elements.

On Sunday I received my first text at 6:15 from a marshal who had been struck down with an unspecified lurgy. I forwarded it to Tim whose wife Jo was not impressed with the early morning text alert! At 6:30 John Golden was in touch to say that he had left Leitrim. Cows are calving on John's farm at the moment - there had been some Caesarian section action the

previous Wednesday - so he told me he would confirm when he knew how he was fixed. Jo wasn't impressed with this information either. JR was on hand on Sunday and had opened up before I arrived at 7:15 am. There was a light in David



White's caravan in the paddock. He had stayed overnight after a "Mondello Marshals" training day. He made sure that competitors parked sensibly. The TDC machine had been fired up and ran without too many misfires for the rest of the day. Mark's numbers on the website (which I reproduce below) give some idea of what was achieved.

The top three of Eamonn



Byrne, Christopher Evans and Eoin Murray was not unpredictable. Eoin just got the better of brother Niall, despite this encounter with a cone. Well done to this trio of accomplished pilots.



be a dab hand at putting the chicane elements into place while the rest of

Philip O'Reilly was best of



the smaller engined Starlets and Mark Walsh pedalled his lovely

Escort to the top of "other" rear wheel drives. He was



definitely trying as can be seen by the contusion inflicted by one of the tyre clusters. Best of the ladies was Zoe



Briggs seen here guiding dad, Stephen.

The above-mentioned will have gone home with some glassware as a memento but I suspect that everybody else will retain fond memories of their day. (My wife, muse, collaborator thinks that "fond" is not an appropriate adjective in the context of Mondello, so please feel free to insert one that you feel would be more suitable.) The vibes (Is that a contemporary word?) certainly seemed to be positive as I indulged in the occasional wander.

Lots of passengers were signed-on for a "spin". Depending on who they were with would determine whether this was a good or bad thing vis-à-vis their future involvement in the sport.

For a January day in Mondello the weather was remarkably clement. Despite a communication hiccup regarding

the catering arrangements, the restaurant retrieved the situation and hunger was sated more than satisfactorily.

The usual community spirit was in evidence as a swarm of civic minded souls descended on the circuit, cleared it and assembled all of the associated bits and pieces in an orderly fashion and put away.

The class awards were presented by incoming President, Larry Mooney, but it was great to have Ronnie Griffin (son of Dave Griffin in whose name the event is run) on hand to present the Premier Award to Eamonn Byrne. Eamonn is a nice guy who does win!

There were lots of competent observers which meant that few indiscretions went unpunished. The NOOKs were pretty exhausted by the end of proceedings. I suspect battery packs will be purchased for peace of mind. They also proved their worth when a test finish timing glitch was rectified relatively easily, courtesy of the way that the times are saved and stored.

Mark's Event Musings:

86 cars starting, 84 finishing
28 km of Tests

1689 Tests completed

338 entries for each start/finish marshal
41 "officials"

127 people fed at lunch

First car 09:50, last car 16:58

Editor



RESULTS

- 1 Eamonn Byrne (Starlet) 1657s,
- 2 Christopher Evans (MR2) 1660s,
- 3 Eoin Murray (Starlet) 1678s,
- 4 Niall Murray (Starlet) 1682s,
- 5 Liam Cashman (Starlet) 1693s,
- 6 Darren Quille (Corolla Levin) 1697s,
- 7 Piers MacFheorais (MX5) 1702s,
- 8 Brian Kingston (Ignis) 1705s,
- 9 Eddie Peterson (MR2) 1711s,
- 10 Richard Meeke (MX5) 1725s,
- 11 Robert Whelan (Starlet) 1726s,
- 12 Frank Lenehan (Starlet) 1740s.

Class winners: Philip O'Reilly, Eoin Murray, Christopher Evans, Mark Walsh (Escort) 1796s, Zoe Briggs (MX5).



Wedded bliss - Ted Gaffney beat Karen. You may notice the orange sticker on the windscreen. This indicated the double-driven cars and avoided any embarrassment when queue jumping. Some pairings took full advantage of this dispensation!

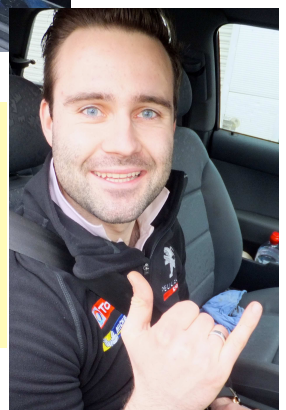


Jay Colville's beautiful Will Corry-built Midget looked gorgeous and sounded fabulous as well with its Duratec power plant.



Mark Francis came south accompanied by dad, Davy & brother, Andrew

Nick Mulhall brought along his Audi A3. He assured me that this gesture is not rude.





Simon Brien kept son, Jack, in his place by beating him by a resounding two seconds.



The two youngsters again acquitted themselves well. Christopher Grimes was this time in Daniel Byrne's Starlet and was a commendable thirty-first overall. Guy MacWilliam ended up on his own in the car when dad Craig's previously damaged shoulders gave up the ghost. He was just about able to follow Guy on his bike.



Dave Meeke was looking very healthy after a few days "on the slopes". Son, Richard, was happier with his form than he had been on Stephen's Day. He beat dad comfortably.



Colin Sheridan's son, Owen was auditioning for the ALMC Endurance Trial



In another father/son battle, David Fitzpatrick beat dad, Séan.



Susan Briggs

Eddie Colton risked life and limb to replace a pylon



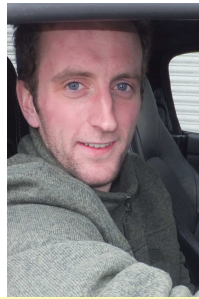
Piers MacFheorais



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Father, Andy Johnson and son, Angus were in separate cars. The former had his ex-Penti Airikkala Chevette which seemed to be tractable enough to cope with the tests.



Peter Snodden has a Reliant Scimitar but was Starlet mounted on this occasion

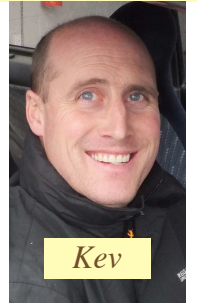
There were quite a few faces we haven't seen for a while, amongst others - Trevor Hamilton, Adam Geraghty, Noel Broderick, Kevin Fitzgerald.



Trevor



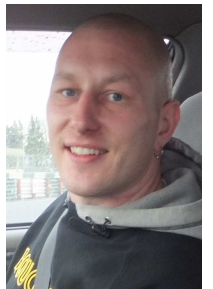
Adam



Kev



Noel



T J O'Brien, Stephen Cummins & Ashling McLoughlin, Keith Shaw

Quite a few cars bore tell-tale black stripes from the tyre clusters. David Forde managed stripes on both sides. Eddie Peterson's encounter resulted in something more than cosmetic.



Mick Kehoe



Shane Patton, at the wheel here, shared with Ross Cullen. The latter was better by seven seconds



Simon Love



Conal O'Neill



Keith & Dylan Farrell



Eric Byrne & Aisling Madigan

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It was good to see Dave Griffin's grandsons, Dave & Darren, out.



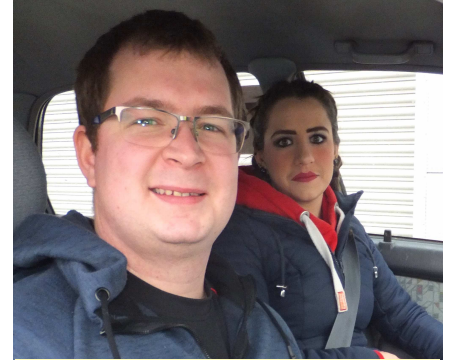
John Farrelly was double-driving with Kevin O'Rourke. Kevin's main function was to introduce John to this motorsport variation - he didn't do the fourth lap.



Eoin Longworth is a bit fuzzy here, despite having had a lie-on. He arrived at "sign-on" at about 11:00 am. Being Eoin, we couldn't refuse him a start. As he was being processed Shane Burns appeared to announce his retirement - his car had packed up. Being Eoin, a double-drive was immediately offered. Hence Shane ended up alongside Eoin. Both finished.



Paul Adamson & John Stevenson



Robert Howard & Claire Murtagh

Michael Cullen had a "new" Starlet. Double-driving partner Rod McGovern found it to his liking as he finished one place ahead of Michael.



John Carty & Chris Glennon in the former's RWD Starlet

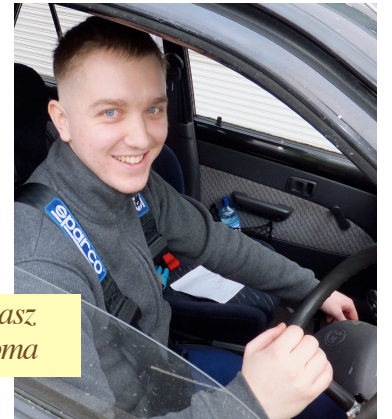


Is Robert Whelan exceeding the pitlane speed limit?

Darren Quille



John Farrell kept son, JJ pointing in the right direction



Lukasz Choma

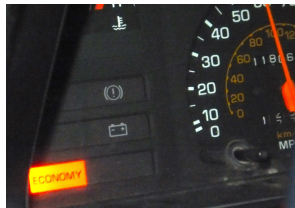
QUIZ December Answers

1 Who is the “watcher on the ditch” at the UAC Equinox in the Mark Francis pic on Page 6. **Robert Dickson**

2 Which car features this novel Brantz substitute? **The now John O'Reilly Toyota MR2.**
This pic was taken when it was Allan Harryman's steed



4 Whose car is set on economy mode on events? **Frank Lenehan's I suspect it is an electrical anomaly!**



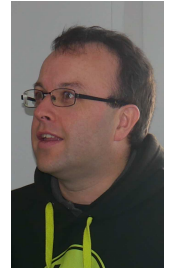
Who is this? (Son of an accomplished rallycross pilot from the heyday of the sport in Ireland.) **Mark Francis.**
His dad is Davy.



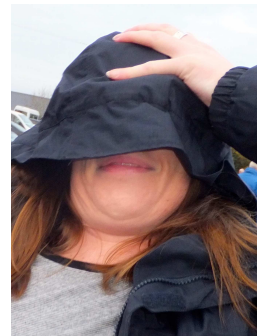
3 Whose hat? **Martin Casey's**



5 Who is this normally camera-shy Lutjanus? **Peter Boyd**
Lutjanus is a genus of snapper (fish) found in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans



7 Who is Little Blue Riding Hood? **Aoife Ryan**

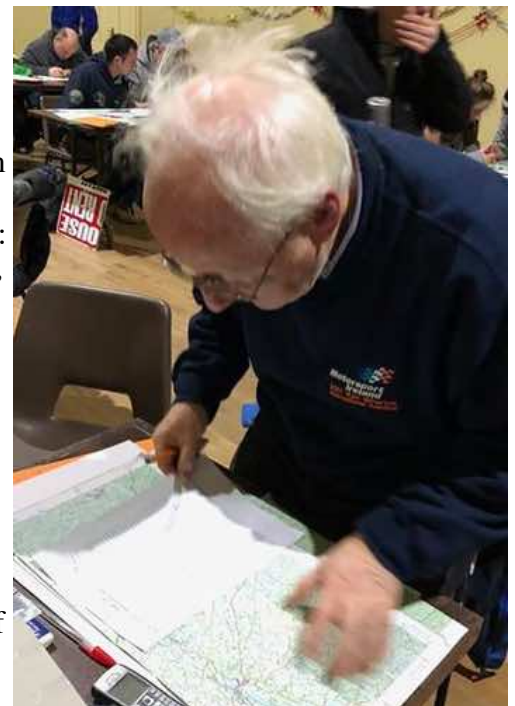


SNIPPETS



The defibrillator on duty at the Stephen's Day Autosolo in the gatehouse. Despite what you might think there wasn't a “weigh-in” for either cars or competitors.

Paul Phelan captured by Derek Smyth plotting for the Monaghan MC Navigation Trial out of Doohamlet on 6th/7th Jan. It wasn't a great night. The other person known to TDC who indulges in this branch of motorsport, Patrick O'Leary described it thus: “It was a bit of a mess. Shortly after the start, they got a herringbone back to front when they drew it, and then refused to scrap it afterwards. The worst thing is that I still think they don't realise why it was so wrong, so I can see it happening again in the future. Other than that, everything else seemed to be well enough set up, so it was a pity that was the only thing that ruined the night. Still, it would have been worse if it had been a National round. Helped to shake a couple of the cobwebs off after Christmas for the long event next weekend.”



Ciarán Nutty sent me something slightly risqué for your amusement.

A cold winter day in Minnesota. A woman called her husband.

Wife: “The car is not starting. Dashboard shows the sign of a person sitting on a toilet.”

Husband: “Whaaaat...?? Send me a picture.”



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	Intermediates													
1	Brian Kingston	20		19	20	19		20	20	19	20	19	176	157
2	David Meeke	19	20	20	19	18	20	19	16	18	18	16	203	153
3	Stephen Briggs	15	19		17	17			17	16	17	14	132	132
4	Zoe Briggs	8			13	13			13	15	16	12	90	90
5	Mick Kehoe	17			18		12		18			18	83	83
6	Jack Quinn	10	13		15	15	15					13	81	81
7	Anthony Freaney				14	16	10	18	14				72	72
8	James Driver	14	16				18			17			65	65
9	Niall Murray					20					19	20	59	59
10	Paddy Lombard	7	17				16						40	40
11	Craig MacWilliam	18							19				37	37
12	Niall Driver		18				17						35	35
13	Alan Shinnors	16			16								32	32
14	Owen Murray	13					19						32	32
15	Eoin Longworth			16			11						27	27
16	Karen Gaffney		12						12				24	24
17	Danny O'Donohoe	9				14							23	23
18	Michael Cullen									20			20	20
19	Patrick O'Leary			18									18	18
20	Mick Boland			17									17	17
21	Eoin Murray											17	17	17
22	Ted Gaffney		15										15	15
23	Glynn Gaffney								15				15	15
24	Karl O'Donoghue											15	15	15
25	Joe Reynolds		14										14	14
26	Brian Flanagan						14						14	14
27	Ian McCulloch						13						13	13
28	Martin Nugent	12											12	12
29	Mark Nugent	11											11	11
30	Damien Phillips											11	11	11
	Experts													
1	Richard Meeke	12	19	20	14	20	20	20	17		0	11	153	142
2	John Nolan	14	14		11	19	19	18	16	19	0	16	146	135
3	John McAssey	9	20	17	15	17		19	11	20	0		128	128
4	Piers MacFheorais	7	13	19	13	16	17	15	14	17	0	10	141	124
5	Philip O'Reilly	11	17	16	12	15	16	17	10		0	13	127	117
6	Mark Doran	17			18	18			18		0	18	89	89
7	Frank Lenehan	13	18		16	14	18		9				88	88
8	Christopher Evans	20			20				20			17	77	77
9	James Mansfield	6			9			16	8	18	0		57	57
10	Damien Doran	18			19						4	14	55	55
11	Eamonn Byrne	19							12		17		48	48
12	Ronnie Griffin		16		17						9		42	42
13	Stefan Walsh			18		13						9	40	40
14	Daniel Byrne								19			20	39	39
15	Liam Cashman	15							15		7		37	37
16	Darren Quille										15	19	34	34
17	Andrew O'Donohoe	16				12							28	28
18	Ian White	8									20		28	28
19	Declan Hendrick		15		10								25	25
20	Ashley Lamont										19		19	19
21	David Thompson										18		18	18
22	Joe Doran					11			6				17	17
23	Peter Grimes										16		16	16
24	Anthony Preston											15	15	15
25	Chris Grimes										14		14	14
26	Dave McAulay	5			8								13	13
27	Eddie Peterson								13				13	13
28	James Wilson										13		13	13
29	Timmy Lynch										12		12	12
30	Austin Quille											12	12	12
31	Guy Foster										11		11	11
32	Alan Auerbach	10											10	10
33	Paddy Power										10		10	10
34	Tom Devaney										8		8	8
35	Dermot Carnegie								7				7	7
36	Paul Lowther										6		6	6
37	Willie Keaning										5		5	5
38	Paul Phelan										3		3	3
39	Mark Thornton										2		2	2
40	David Jenkins										1		1	1

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	Beginners													
1	Dave Campion	12	10	16	19		15	20	19	19	18	18	166	144
2	Aoife Ryan	18	16		16	15	14	17	17	20	16	17	166	137
3	Susan Briggs	11	19		10	14	19		14	15		13	115	115
4	Conor Clarke		15		20		18	20			19	19	111	111
5	Eric Byrne		13			16	20	19			17		85	85
6	David Fitzpatrick		11		17		16		16				60	60
7	Ken Fleming	20	20		18								58	58
8	Conal O'Neill	17						15	18				50	50
9	Sean Fitzpatrick		9		11		17		13				50	50
10	Dave O'Neill	16	14		14								44	44
11	Pat Maguire	10	12									12	34	34
12	Thomas Crowe			14		20							34	34
13	Paul Sealy						18		15				33	33
14	Richard Warner							16		17			33	33
15	Finbar O'Neill	15			15								30	30
16	Luke O'Neill	14			13								27	27
17	Gerard Keane								10	16			26	26
18	Jason Bracken			20									20	20
19	Ronan Kearns										20		20	20
20	Christopher Grimes											20	20	20
21	Brian Duggan	19											19	19
22	Cian Robinson			19									19	19
23	Burschi Wojnar					19							19	19
24	Emer McNamee		18										18	18
25	Darren Delaney			18									18	18
26	Chris Byrne					18							18	18
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28	Linda Dempsey		17										17	17
29	Eoin Quinlan			17									17	17
30	Sam Mulcahy					17							17	17
31	Damian Mooney											16	16	16
32	Conor Quinlan			15									15	15
33	Tara Mooney											15	15	15
34	Deirdre Doyle									14			14	14
35	Guy MacWilliam											14	14	14
36	John Carty	13											13	13
37	TJ O'Brien			13									13	13
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39	Gary Rohan			12									12	12
40	Paul Hendrick				12								12	12
41	Eilish Sheane						12						12	12
42	Fearghus Booth								12				12	12
43	Sam Farrar						11						11	11
44	Gillian Griffin								11				11	11
45	Sean McKay						10						10	10
46	Tsar Sheane						9						9	9
47	Ivan Sheane						8						8	8
	Novices													
1	Colin Sheridan	18	14	18	16	18	18		17	18	19	20	176	146
2	Andrew Boland	19			19			20	18	19			95	95
3	Mark Walsh	15	20		18	19	14						86	86
4	Karl Grehan	12	13	19		20	15						79	79
5	John O'Reilly	20			20				19			19	78	78
6	Matthew Walsh	13	17		15	17	16						78	78
7	John Maher	17			17							18	52	52
8	Cathal O'Carroll				14					17		17	48	48
9	Maurice McMonagle	10			13							15	38	38
10	Percy Pennefather		18				19						37	37
11	Angus Johnson	16							20				36	36
12	Morgan Evans		16				20						36	36
13	Declan Furlong	14	12				10						36	36
14	John Farrar		15				13						28	28
15	Hugh Dunne			20									20	20
16	Jay Donegan									20			20	20
17	Cian Power										20		20	20
18	Ronan McNamee		19										19	19
19	Kieran Garahy			17									17	17
20	Ciaran Timmons						17						17	17
21	Mark Shanahan			16									16	16
22	Owen Whelan								16				16	16
23	Richard Lyons											16	16	16
24	Declan Donohoe			15									15	15
25	Dearbhaile Garahy			14									14	14
26	John Beatty						12						12	12
27	Francis Rhatigan	11											11	11
28	Trish Wojnar						11						11	11

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2	John McAssey	8	20	15	14	17		19	9	19	0		121	121
3	John Nolan	14	0		10	19	13	18	16	18	0	12	120	120
4	Brian Kingston	10		16	16	12		15	14	15	0	15	113	113
5	David Meeke	5	18	17	9	11	18	13	0	13	0	7	111	106
6	Philip O'Reilly	11	12	14	11	14	0	17	8		0	6	93	93
7	Piers MacFheorais	3	0	19	12	15	0	14	13	16	0	0	92	92
8	Mark Doran	17			18	18			18		0	18	89	89
9	Christopher Evans	20			20				20			17	77	77
10	Frank Lenehan	13	16		15	13	8		6				71	71
11	Damien Doran	18			19						4	8	49	49
12	Eamonn Byrne	19							11		17		47	47
13	James Mansfield	1			4			16	5	17	0		43	43
14	Stephen Briggs	0	14		5	8			0	11	0	3	41	41
15	Colin Sheridan	0	0	6	0	1	12		0	7	0	13	39	39
16	Daniel Byrne								19			20	39	39
17	Liam Cashman	15							15		7		37	37
18	Ronnie Griffin		11		17						9		37	37
19	Darren Quille										15	19	34	34
20	Niall Murray					16					0	16	32	32
21	Mick Kehoe	2			7		0		7			14	30	30
22	Eric Byrne		0			0	20	9			0		29	29
23	Susan Briggs	0	11		0	0	16		0	1		0	28	28
24	Stefan Walsh			18		10						0	28	28
25	Ian White	7									20		27	27
26	John O'Reilly	6			8				2			11	27	27
27	Mark Walsh	0	19		2	5	0						26	26
28	Andrew Boland	0			3			12	1	10			26	26
29	Andrew O'Donohoe	16				9							25	25
30	David Champion	0	0	7	0		0	11	0	5	0	0	23	23
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35	Michael Cullen									20			20	20
36	Ashley Lamont										19		19	19
37	David Thompson										18		18	18
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39	Owen Murray	0					17						17	17
40	Ken Fleming	0	16		0								16	16
41	Peter Grimes										16		16	16
42	Karl Grehan	0	0	9		6	0						15	15
43	Craig MacWilliam	4							10				14	14
44	Anthony Freeney				0	4	0	10	0				14	14
45	Jay Donegan									14			14	14
46	Chris Grimes										14		14	14
47	Declan Hendrick		7		6								13	13
48	Jason Bracken			13									13	13
49	James Wilson										13		13	13
50	Cian Robinson			12									12	12
51	Timmy Lynch										12		12	12
52	Eddie Peterson								12				12	12
53	Darren Delaney			11									11	11
54	Paul Sealy						11		0				11	11
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57	Paddy Power										10		10	10
58	Anthony Preston											10	10	10
59	Alan Auerbach	9											9	9
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61	Ronan McNamee		9										9	9
62	Conor Clarke		1		0			8	0		0	0	9	9
63	Richard Warner							6		3			9	9
64	Eoin Murray											9	9	9
65	Matthew Walsh	0	6		0	0	2						8	8
66	Eoin Quinlan			8									8	8
67	Tom Devaney										8		8	8
68	Jack Quinn	0	0		0	3	4					0	7	7
69	Sean Fitzpatrick		0		0		7		0				7	7
70	Joe Doran					7			0				7	7
71	Cathal O'Carroll				0					6		0	6	6
72	Ciaran Timmons						6						6	6
73	Paul Lowther										6		6	6
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75	Conal O'Neill	0						5	0				5	5
76	Emer McNamee		5										5	5
77	Conor Quinlan			5									5	5
78	Willie Keaning										5		5	5
79	Austin Quille											5	5	5
80	Angus Johnston	0							4				4	4
81	Kieran Garahy			4									4	4
82	William Kelly									4			4	4
83	Karl O'Donoghue											4	4	4
84	John Maher	0			1							2	3	3
85	Linda Dempsey		3										3	3
86	Patrick O'Leary			3									3	3
87	Thomas Crowe			1		2							3	3
88	Brian Flanagan						3						3	3
89	Paul Phelan										3		3	3
90	Dermot Carnegie								3				3	3
91	Mark Shanahan			2									2	2
92	Gerard Keane								0	2			2	2
93	Mark Thornton										2		2	2
94	David Fitzpatrick		0		0		1		0				1	1
95	David Jenkins										1		1	1

See Website
for full final
Autotest
Standings.

Also, 2018
details
including
revised driver
classification
list.

SNIPPETS

Irish Stryker Champion Alan Auerbach won the 2017 Hawthorn Trophy. The prestigious award, which is presented to the National Racing Driver of The Year, is open to all Motorsport Ireland race classes and is decided by calculating the scores of each competitor on a number of predetermined rounds. Alan is pictured here being presented with his award at the MI Prizegiving in December by Trevor Gray (L).

Total domination of the rejuvenated Irish Stryker championship in 2017, winning all but one of the rounds, meant that Alan who was backed by CivicMedia.ie was always going to be extremely hard to beat.

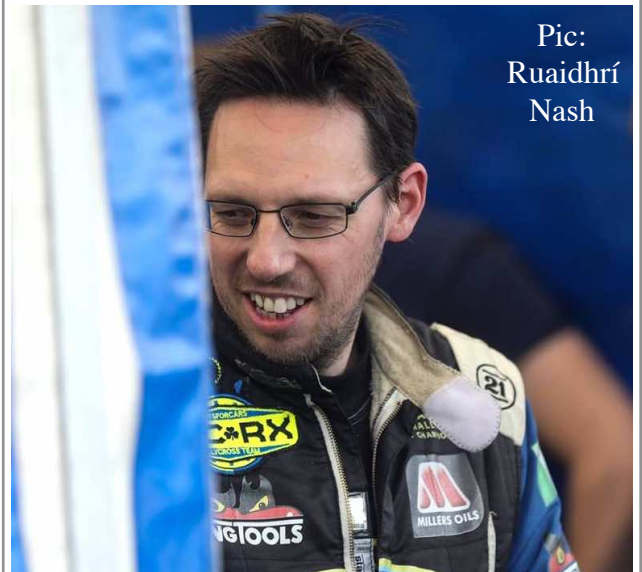


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Tadhg
Hayes



Viv Browne got a mention in the December Turbine but he managed to avoid my recording any photographic evidence of his visit. He rectified this omission (reluctantly) with the image alongside taken back home in Perth.

Also among the prizes was Derek Tohill who won the 2017 Irish Rallycross Championship.



Pic:
Ruaidhrí
Nash

RESULTS

GARDA SIOCHANA M C O'GORMAN TROPHY SPORTING TRIAL AT AUGHFARRELL, BRITTAS, CO DUBLIN: 9th December

- 1 Enda Byrne (VW) 3 marks,
- 2 Tony Farrell (Erskine-S&S) 3m,
- 3 Craig MacWilliam (Erskine-Yamaha) 4m,
- 4 Alan Watkins (Watkins-Yamaha) 7m,
- 5 Richard Meeke (BD-Opel) 7m,
- 6 James Ralph (Kilkenny-Honda) 7m,
- 7 Percy Pennefather (Erskine-Suzuki) 7m,
- 8 Gordon Watkins (Watkins-Yamaha) 8m,
- 9 Ian Sweeney (Sweeney-Suzuki) 9m,
- 10 Fergil Gregory (Erskine-Yamaha) 11m,
- 11 John Bolton (Grasshopper VW) 11m.

Grade winners: Craig MacWilliam. Juniors: Guy MacWilliam (Erskine-Yamaha) 41m.

LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB LE FANU AND BRABAZON CUPS SPORTING TRIAL AT BELMONT, BRAY, CO WICKLOW: 28th December

- 1 Percy Pennefather (Erskine-Suzuki) 2 marks,
- 2 John Pennefather (Erskine-Suzuki) 2m,
- 3 Richard Meeke (BD-Opel) 3m,
- 4 Fergil Gregory (Erskine-Yamaha) 3m,
- 5 Morgan Evans (Mog-Honda) 3m,
- 6 Tony Farrell (Erskine-S&S) 5m,
- 7 John Farrell (Erskine-S&S) 5m,

8 Jonathan Ralph (Kilkenny-Honda) 6m,
 9 David Meeke (BD-Opel) 6m,
 10 Richard Pain (Kilkenny VW) 8m.
Brabazon Cup: Richard Meeke.

**MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB FREEMAN CUP
 SPORTING TRIAL AT CORBALLIS,
 RATHDRUM, CO WICKLOW: 6th January**

1 Siobhan McCann (JMcVW) 1 mark,
 2 Enda Byrne (VW) 9m,
 3 John Alvey (Sheane VW) 14m,
 4 John Bolton (Grasshopper VW) 17m,
 5 Robin Taylor (VW) 17m,
 6 Richard Meeke (BD-Opel) 18m,
 7 Gordon Watkins (Watkins-Yamaha) 18m,
 8 David Meeke (BD-Opel) 22m,
 9 Percy Pennefather (Erskine-Suzuki) 22m.

**CORK M C 1000 SHAKES NAVIGATION TRIAL
 AT KANTURK, CO CORK (ROUND 3
 OF MOTORSPORT IRELAND NATIONAL
 CHAMPIONSHIP AND ROUND 3 OF
 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP): 13th/14th January**

1 Derek Mackarel/Muireann Hayes (Impreza) 49m,
 2 Owen Murphy/Daire Hayes (Subaru Impreza) 54m,
 3 Emmet McCooey/Christopher McMahon (Impreza) 76m,
 4 Alan Shinnors/George Shinnors (Impreza) 98m,
 5 Colin Duffy/Sam Johnston (Impreza) 107m,
 6 James Fitzgerald/Ken Carmody (Impreza) 113m,
 12 Trevor O'Callaghan/Patrick O'Leary (Impreza) 276m.

**LEINSTER M C KEHOE CUP SPORTING TRIAL
 AT MONEYSTOWN, ASHFORD, CO WICKLOW:
 20th January**

1 Paul Needham (Erskine-Honda) 6 marks,
 2 Percy Pennefather (Erskine-Suzuki) 10m,
 3 Fergil Gregory (Erskine-Yamaha) 12m,
 4 John Bolton (Grasshopper VW) 15m.

**CARRICK-ON-SUIR M C AUTOTEST AT
 WATERFORD (ROUND 9 OF HEWISON
 TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP) (DAY 1): 20th January**

1 Ian White (Mini Special) 721.7s,
 2 Darren Quille (Westfield) 740.9s,
 3 Chris Grimes (Mini) 751.9s,
 4 Damien Doran (Mini) 810.4s,
 5 Liam Cashman (Nova) 850.9s,
 6 Cian Power (Mini Special) 862.6s,
 7 Paul Phelan (Mini Special) 881.1s,
 8 Guy Foster (Mini Special) 903.9s,
 9 Mike Mulcahy (Mini Special) 977.1s,
 10 Mark Guerin (Starlet) 1039.3s.
*Class winners: Chris Grimes, Cian Power, Darren
 Quille, Liam Cashman, Seamus
 Anderson (Starlet).*

**CARRICK-ON-SUIR M C AUTOTEST AT
 WATERFORD (ROUND 10 OF HEWISON
 TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP) (DAY 2): 21st January**

1 Ian White (Mini Special) 617.8s,
 2 Chris Grimes (Mini) 655.8s,
 3 Damien Doran (Mini) 690.9s,
 4 Liam Cashman (Nova) 726.5s,
 5 Paul Phelan (Mini Special) 752.4s,
 6 Cian Power (Mini Special) 758.3s,
 7 Connie Lynch (Starlet Special) 767.1s,
 8 Mike Mulcahy (Mini Special) 777.4s,
 9 Alan Clarke (Mini Special) 785.0s,
 10 Don Giles (Triumph Special) 807.3s.
*Class winners: Chris Grimes, Paul Phelan, Don Giles,
 Liam Cashman, Seamus Anderson (Starlet).*

**SKIBBEREEN & DISTRICT C C 100 ISLES
 NAVIGATION TRIAL AT BALLINACARRIGA,
 CO CORK (ROUND 4 OF MOTORSPORT
 IRELAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND
 ROUND 4 OF MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP):
 27th/28th January**

1 James Fitzgerald/Ken Carmody (Impreza) 14 marks,
 2 Owen Murphy/Daire Hayes (Subaru Impreza) 29m,
 3 Diarmuid French/Brian O'Mahony (Impreza) 44m,
 8 Trevor O'Callaghan/Patrick O'Leary (Impreza) 134m,
 9 Alan Shinnors/George Shinnors (Impreza) 148m.

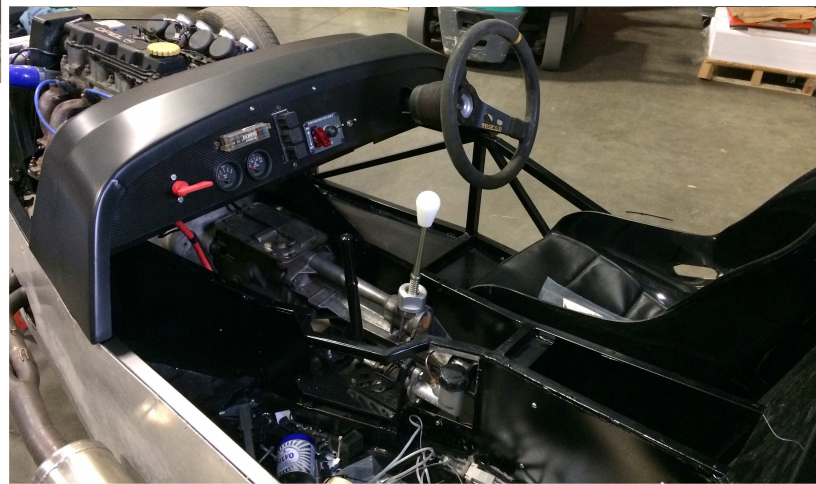
**Friday, 16th February - DMYC
 AGM, Championship Prizegiving & Table Quiz**

**Sunday, 11th March - Mondello
 TDC Clubman Autotest**

DANGER'S DERRING-DO DIARY

With the ever imminent arrival of Rachel's and my first child, development work on the Locost has more-or-less ground to a halt. The car is at the "running but not quite driveable" phase. The engine is running, but not smoothly. The usual "drove in, nothing changed, now doesn't work" applies. I've narrowed it down to the electronic ignition system, which will likely need another session on the rolling road to sort out. I was an automation engineer in a previous life, so you'd think I'd be able to sort it. Turns out not.

Apart from that, the only thing remaining on the car, is the bodywork. All else is pretty much there. So when the time comes, it shouldn't take too much of an effort to get it competing. How effectively, remains to be seen.



(It certainly looks the part, even without the bodywork - Ed.)

February Crossword

1		2			3
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Across

- 1 You'll find this in a drum brake (6)
 4 A rubber one of these is more forgiving than a metal hammer (6)
 7 A temporary computer memory facility which might also be useful when valeting your car (6)

Down

- 1 Electrical wiring arrangement (4)
 2 The wavelength of visible light ranges from 400 to 700 of these (2)
 3 Protective flexible sleeves (5)
 5 The venue for the 1926 & 1959 German GPs (4)
 6 This workshop contraption is usually a "two post" or a "four post" (4)

December Solution

H	A	M	P	E	R
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AGM Prizegiving Table Quiz



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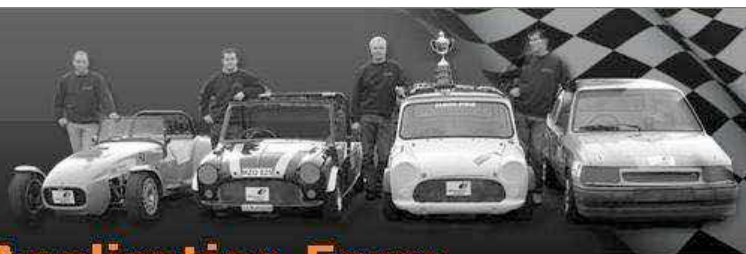


Sunday 11th March 2018

Mondello Park



TDC IRELAND TRIALS DRIVERS CLUB



Membership Application Form

Please complete the form legibly as fully as possible in uppercase/capitals & tick boxes were appropriate.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

County: _____

Tel: (H) _____ (W) _____

(M) _____ (Fax) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Membership Number if renewal: _____

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Fee received € _____

Method & Date Rcvd _____

Membership No _____

Please indicate your area(s) of interest in Motorsport in order of preference. (1-5)

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Other ☐

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List of Vehicles:

Make:	Model:	Year:	Race Category	Body Type:	C.C.	Fwd/Rwd

I wish to apply for membership of **Trials Drivers Club** for 12 months from 1st January and agree to abide by the Rules of the said Club.

I declare that I shall not drive any part of a competition which takes place on the public roads unless I hold a valid motor vehicle driving licence. I am acquainted with and agree to be bound by the General Regulations of Motorsport Ireland.

Signed:-

Date: ____/____/____

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