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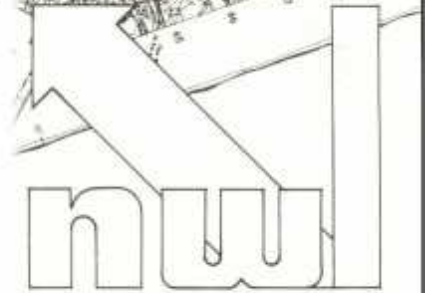
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Clubnight NWL AGM

Tuesday 7th March

At our clubnight venue
The Red Lion PH

Starts 8pm - AGM starts 8:30pm

THE BIRTHDAY BOX !

In March we have several celebrations - starting with **Steven Harrison** on the 22nd, followed by **Alan Thurbon** on the 24th, and **Pete Gregory** on the 30th. Happy birthday to you all!



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NWL Editorial

The second 12 Car rally got another good entry but for some reason, a lot of people seemed to be struggling with the navigation. It was no different to the previous event and even in the same area, so a bit puzzled by that. The third event is also looking like a good entry and a few changes have been made to hopefully make it easier for the novices to get round without having to miss out any of the sections.

AGM time this month, so please make the effort to come along and give your views on what the group should/shouldn't be running for the next year. There will be some nibbles available after the meeting.

The F1 launch time has arrived and with the new design of cars, they are certainly looking the part. Whether this will translate to exciting racing remains to be seen. The management side has certainly been shaken up, with Bernie gone and Ron Dennis deposed at McLaren. The new McLaren car was unveiled in the old team colours of orange, which Dennis hated, but hopefully the car will return to the front of the grid soon. Testing gets underway this week, so the first signs of what the cars are like will be revealed.



In the WRC, it was another pace setting run by Neuville in the Hyundai, but another silly mistake that saw him throw the event win away again. Along comes Latvala in the new Toyota and they get their first win on only the second event. The next event in Mexico is another extreme event, with the altitude making it very difficult for the engines to breath properly and it won't be until the European rounds in May that the true picture of each cars performance can be evenly compared. One thing that has been answered was what the cars would be like if they lost the massive rear wing. Mads Ostberg lost his rear wing on the first day and found the car very difficult to drive and the car nose dived over the big jumps. Fortunately he appealed on social media for its return and got it back safely. With the wing fixed, he then attacked the famous "Colin's Crest" with a massive 44m jump (1m shy of the record).



March will see my championship season get underway with an autotest up at the Curborough sprint track, near Lichfield. I must get around to doing some prep work on the car beforehand, possibly charging the battery and giving it a wash maybe and check the tyre pressures. If it wasn't hard enough in the class already, it looks like Paul Swift is coming back to the championship in his Mini!

The British rally championship also gets underway this month with the action taking place in the Tweed Valley Forest complex and there will be five tyre manufacturers fighting it out for supremacy. One event will take place in Belgium, when they visit the Ypres Rally in June.

Mike B.

NOTE: Deadline for contributions to the April newsletter is Thursday 23rd March



Chairman's notebook

There were some perplexed faces at last month's Quiz at clubnight last month, but Mike B and Dave R won through to win the event. Prizes at this month's AGM to entice them to turn up. Speaking of which, it is really important that you make the effort to attend as we need a certain amount of members there, otherwise we cannot hold it and we would have to reschedule it. I know the secretary has run off again to Australia, but hopefully he is the exception and we will let him off this once in recognition of his long service to the club!! So please attend, I will make it as enjoyable as one can do at AGMs and there might even be a few nibbles and dare I say it wine after it has ended to eat and drink as well.



Doug and I didn't get an entry on the Western Park stages rally, even though Doug got up at 8am and submitted the forms and transferred the money, we still ended up 14th reserve. Apparently there were only 18 entries reserved for classics and with it being a round of two championships there simply weren't enough places to go round. I will look at the entry list when it's published to see just how many of the championship contenders actually managed to get an entry, but it seems to me what's the point of having a rally included in the championship if they can't supply enough places!

Last night I got a call on the way home from work at 6.55pm from the championship co-ordinator to give me the heads up that entries were open for the next round, which is the Dixies Historic Challenge Rally in Wales at the end of April, from 7pm that evening. So just as soon as I got home I went straight on the web site and payed the entry fee first and then completed the entry form second to see if that would make a difference. So fingers crossed and let's see what happens this time!



On a happier note, with Doug in New Zealand, Ann and I invited Russell Fry and his wife to the HRCR Awards dinner and dance at a spa hotel in Daventry last weekend. Ann still hasn't got her voice back, note sure if it was the talking or alcohol or a combination of both, but we certainly had a good time! I picked up both our awards for the class win in the championship, but had to leave them with the HRCR as they got me down as the driver and Doug as the co-driver! How they got this wrong I don't know, but if you think I can't read maps, then you haven't been in a car with Doug navigating!!!!

Sarah and I had a good run out on Graham Robinson's 12 car rally last month and finished a very respectable 3rd overall. A good entry of ten cars saw all of us chasing around the lanes on an excellent route with good non-complicated route cards, although the novices struggled a bit. Mike B and I have agreed to include the location of the next control on the novice route cards on my 12 car rally on the 3rd March to try and assist them getting around without too many fails or going OTL.



The jump up from beginner with marked maps to novice is perhaps a difficult one, that perhaps us older people forget and we do need to encourage new people to participate not discourage them. Getting the level of difficulty right is always I know very difficult, but we are trying our best!

To date I have a good entry of 8 crews, struggling a bit with marshals, but hopefully all will be ok on the night. If you can help please get in touch and we have room for 4 more entries at present. Please don't forget the next one at the end of March.

I had the very good fortune to be invited to the London Classic car show at the EXCEL Centre in docklands last week on the private review day which was not open to the general public. So I spent a very nice afternoon and early evening walking around a near empty show looking with lust filled eyes at some really gorgeous cars as you will see from the photographs of just a few of them. The sad thing is they are all out of my price range and at the rate the prices seem to be accelerating will remain so. But one can always dream!



So hopefully I will see you all at the AGM on the 7th March and if not then at noggin on the 16th March.

Mike H.



Secretary's spot

Our February clubnight proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Our Chairman was due to be in charge of a reasonably light-hearted quiz night but at the eleventh hour had not done a great deal of preparation! Hastily, he headed up into his loft where, low and behold he discovered a picture quiz that had last seen the light of day about 20 years ago but seemed to be the ideal saviour to get him out of his dilemma. As it turned out it was fun, entertaining and provided a great quiz. I suppose the moral to this tale is never throw anything away as there may always be a use for it sometime in the future, although looking of the state of my loft after 40 years I am not sure if this is completely valid!!!

On 3rd March Mike H is also in charge of the next 12 car rally so do please do what you can to support this event as the previous two 12 cars this year have been well supported and highly enjoyed.

The Group's Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 7th March at The Red Lion where we really do need your support to make the meeting quorate and hear any likes or dislikes that can be taken on board and acted upon. You may notice that elsewhere in this edition the Chairman and Secretary's report for 2016 are published together with the accounts for the year. This will enable those of you unable to attend the AGM to be kept informed of the Group's activities however please do make the effort to be there if you possibly can.

The F1 Grand Prix season gets underway again on the 26th March in Melbourne, Australia where slightly revised regulations, tyres and aerodynamics are hoping to produce some slightly more competitive racing as only time will tell.

For the immediate future we have the following;

Friday 3rd March – NWL 12 Car Rally in the capable hands once again of our Chairman. I hope full details, together with rules and regulations will be attached to this edition so please support if you possibly can.

Tuesday 7th March – North West London Group Annual General Meeting so please make a note of the date now and make sure you can come along to offer your support for your Group. The meeting will commence at 8.30pm and nibbles and a drink will be provided at the end of the formalities.

Thursday 16th March – NWL Chat and a Drink, as usual at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead

Tuesday 4th April – NWL Clubnight will be a film and DVD night so if you have any favourite (short) films that you think would be enjoyed by all please contact Doug H who is co-ordinating the evening.

Thursday 20th April – NWL Chat and a Drink at The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead

That's about it for now – having to make my apologies for being away until mid April but hope to catch up soon.

Alan T

Date	Day	Event (Status)	Type of Event	Club	Champ
Mar	Fri 3	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NWL	Region
	Sun 19	* Charity Autosolo (Nat B/C)	Cross between autotest/sprint	Devizes &DMC	
	Fri 31	* 12 Car Rally (C)	Navigational rally	CSMA NEL	Region
Apr	Sun 23	Rockingham AutoSolo	Cross between autotest/sprint	Peterborough MC	
Jun	Sun 4	Greenacres Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NWLRegion	
Jul	Sun 9	Grasshopper Autotest (C)	Grass autotest	CSMA NEL	Region

Licence required: (I/Nat A/Nat B/Cm) = MSA Licence, (C) = Club Card, () = Nothing, * = Regs available

Past Events

February 12 Car Rally Another very good turn out for the second event saw ten crews taking part this time. Unfortunately quite a lot of crews had problems with the navigation and ran out of time and then found then couldn't catch up by cutting and went to the finish instead. I have asked all the competitors to complete a survey form for the event to try and understand what they had the problem with, so we can make sure it gets sorted. The next event will hopefully be more straightforward and everyone will get around again.

1st	Car 8	Pete Gregory/Graeme Presswell	E	NWL	0	Fails	2	Mins	1st O/A
2nd	Car 10	John Pererson/ Ian Graham	E	CMC	0	Fails	35	Mins	1st Exp
3rd	Car 6	Sarah Cox/Mike Harrison	E	NWL	0	Fails	24	Mins	2nd Exp
4th	Car 2	Ian O'Connor/Daniel O'Connor	B	NWL	1	Fails	3	Mins	1st Beg
5th	Car 9	Ian Hazleton/Tony Brooks	E	WMx	2	Fails	9	Mins	3rd Exp
6th	Car 3	Alan Wakeman/Simon Mummery	B	WMx	15	Fails	16	Mins	2nd Beg
7th	Car 1	John Bryant/Steven Smith	B	NWL/BCC	15	Fails	51	Mins	3rd Beg
8th	Car 7	Matt Endean/Suze Endean	E	CMC	15	Fails	17	Mins	4th Exp
9th	Car 5	Rod Botteley/Amber Botteley	N	BCC	22	Fails	34	Mins	1st Nov
10th	Car 4	Niall Moroney/Sean Moriarty	N	LIMC	31	Fails	19	Mins	2nd Nov

Future Events

March-1 12 Car Rally Starting from the White Hart PH, Whelpley Hill, Chesham HP5 3RL on the 3rd, it will use maps 165 and 166 for the 50 mile route, which starts at 8:30pm. Offers of entries and marshals would be appreciated by Mike Harrison and you can contact him on either 07974 268560 or mih.bhm@btconnect.com. Regs are now available from the website or myself.

March-2 12 Car Rally Taking place on the 31st and starting from the The Robin Hood & Little John PH, 14 Ware Road, Tonwell, Herts SG12 0HN, it will use maps 166 and 167 for the 50 mile route, which starts at 8:30pm. Offers of entries and marshals would be appreciated by Bernard Ward and you can contact him on either 01992 582323 or bernard.ward@boundlesscommunity.co.uk. Regs are now available from the website or myself.

Other Invites Please see the calendar above for other events we have an invite to. I can get regs for any of these, just contact me if interested. We will be invited to all the Anglian Motor Sport Club autosolos/autotests throughout the year.

Mike Biss: NLR Motor Sports Coordinator

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NEL 12 Car Rally

Friday 31st March

**The Robin Hood & Little John PH, 14 Ware Road, Tonwell,
Herts SG12 0HN, MR 166/334172**

There will be three classes:- Beginners / Novices / Experts - £12 entry fee

Navigation will be tailored to suit the classes - Maps 166/167 FEB 2016 required

Standard Navigation Guidelines introduced for organisers – see regs for details

Organiser Bernard Ward (bernard.ward@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)

Marshals/Competitors required - Arrive before 8pm, first car starts at 20:31

Regs available soon from the website www.csma-nlr.org.uk or contact Mike Biss

Harry Spinks and the art of research feedback

----- Original Message -----

From: [Gareth Edwards](#)

To: undisclosed-recipients

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:55 PM

Subject: Boundless by CSMA - Website Research

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you as a current member of Boundless by CSMA.

You may recall taking part in the Member Survey 2016 in November. Thank you very much for your time on that occasion, it really is appreciated and we will be sharing the findings in the May / June edition of the magazine. At the end of the survey you mentioned that you would be willing to take part in a focus group.

We are currently in the process of improving the website to ensure that it provides the best service possible to you, the member.

We are working with an organisation called Bunnyfoot for this purpose and we are writing to you today to tell you about some paid research sessions that Bunnyfoot are hosting at their offices in central London on Monday 6th February and in Harwell, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 7th February, for which the incentive payment is £50 cash. There will also be further sessions across the UK in coming months.

Thank you for your time.

Gareth

Gareth Edwards | Insight Manager | Boundless | Britannia House, 21 Station Street, Brighton, BN1 4DE |

From: [Harry Spinks](#)

To: [Gareth Edwards](#)

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:17 PM

Subject: Re: Boundless by CSMA - Website Research

Dear Gareth,

I am replying to your email and the 'Boundless notifications email this way as my comments probably don't fit in the boxes!

Firstly review re Boundless membership. Overall rating now 1 star

I am 89 male. I first became a member in 1948, Frizzell for insurance and other benefits. CSMA supplied oil in 5 gallon drums at a very good price and cars drank it. Some only achieved 200 miles per pint and although my motorbike was nowhere this pathetic consumption it was still a saving.

I raced my Velocette bike at Brands and Thruxton under the CSMA club banner in 1950/51 and continued riding to work somewhen into the mid 50's. After a short break car travel began around 1960 and although there was a break for 2 or 3 years has continued CSMA /LV to date. Motorcycle insurance was added 1987 - 2008.

My value of membership dipped after a very large car insurance hike following a small prang about 2 years ago - saved £500 by transferring. Also transferred to a cheaper and better recovery firm at the same time.

My house building and contents with LV is only £5 cheaper for CSMA membership.

Boundless magazine is good and very well presented for travel and hols but for me little else. As a motoring mag some simple technical matter would I think (maybe mistakenly) be welcomed.

Having rebuilt my sons national hot rod engines and gearboxes for 20 years I am perhaps a bit biased but a couple of column inches explaining without deep technicality the purpose and working of say a differential, ABS, PAS etc would be good. And useful tips could also be covered.

As an example - A button fell out of my car key fob and 2 week later also from my 2nd set. Rang parts at main dealer: No we don't stock bits for fobs, new key will cost £180. Or £360 for the 2!

Found on the net thin membrane holding buttons, new battery and new micro switches would cost £2.50. 10 mins and both fobs perfectly working saving £355. A further call to main dealer this time to 'service' asking about repair. No, sir, there are no serviceable parts.

Then how did I repair both fobs for £5?. End of conversation.

This may be an extreme example of saving, bit I'm sure members could supply others

My £25 gives me attendance to NWL meetings but not much else.

Apologies Gareth from this moaning old buffer for chuntering on.

Ring me on [REDACTED] if there are any bits you wish to contest!

Regards and good luck for the future

Harry Spinks (Very old!)

BOUNDLESS by CSMA

NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

A warm welcome and a very big thank you to all of you for attending tonight

As those of you who have been before will know, I will try and keep this short and to the point and once we have completed the formal business we will then have a short break to allow you to move on to the wine and nibbles or refill your glasses at the bar.

First of all, I must thank my fellow Committee officers and members for all their hard work over the past year. The team has been stable for some time now, but I must give special thanks to both Alan Thurbon and Anne Graves for their hard work as Secretary and Treasurer. Not forgetting Mike Biss for all his effort as Newsletter editor and of course not forgetting the rest of the team, Pete Gregory, Shirley Baldwin, Doug Harrison and Antony Cox.

Those of you who can add up will note that there is still a vacancy on the Committee, so if you feel you can help then do please step forward when it comes to the vote, we might even need more than one person, if one or two members of the committee decide they would like a rest!

We have tried something different this year in respect of 12 car rallies, in that we have not run the two before Christmas, but instead are running four after Christmas. The two that have run to date have both been well supported, so cross fingers this change may have been the right thing to do.

Autotests, weather permitting of course, seem to be well supported, although the taster autotest has not generated the long term support from new participants hoped for. Well you can but try as they say.

Clubnights, to be perfectly honest, continue to be of a concern and the attendance could be better, and it's particularly noticeable when one or two of the regulars can't make it for whatever reason. So a plea from your Chairman, please do try and attend and please encourage others to come along as well. If we on the committee can help in any way, please let us know, don't be shy, tell us if you want a change in activity etc. Please!

On the motor sport side of things the group was well represented at "centre", Regional and National events across the wide spectrum of events, such as trackdays, auto tests, rallies, auto solos and classic car meets etc., all quite different but all of equal importance to the continuing success of both the group and club.

Once again as in previous years continued support will be most welcomed, but as ever, we must as a group, recognise that there is always room for improvement and so if any of you have any alternative suggestions either for clubnights or events, please do let us know. After all it is your group and we are here to listen and the AGM is the ideal place to have your say. And we will try and make it happen.

On the newsletter front, Mike will of course only be too happy to receive articles etc. for inclusion in the newsletter, it is still the most efficient and important way of communication to both the active and non active members of the group and wider general membership of the csma who are perhaps looking for something interesting to do.

Last, but not least, a very big thank you, to all of you, the members who manage to attend Club nights and support all the competitive events and other activities run by the group and Boundless by CSMA in general.

Without your support we would have no group and of course without the groups, there would be no "club side" to Boundless by CSMA.

**Mike Harrison
NWL Group Chairman
March 2017**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First of all I must apologise for my lack of attendance at this year's AGM due to a six week holiday in Australia. I am sure Chairman Mike will take care of the proceedings in his usual relaxed manner and the necessary business and discussion will be completed in good time.

Another year has flown by for North West London Group and we have continued the survival process despite lacking growth in active membership. Within CSMA Club, now known as Boundless by CSMA, we are certainly not alone in our quest to increase our numbers and provide interesting, informative and enjoyable activities for like-minded Association members and their friends.

Our Chairman Mike has once again worked tirelessly to organise events and activities for our continued enjoyment and Anne has always ensured the group has adequate funding to enable us to finance our programme. We would certainly be lost without the huge input from Mike B who not only publishes our Big End newsletter each month but also acts as our motorsport co-ordinator and organises many events along the way. Our remaining Committee members Shirley, Antony, Doug and Pete also do whatever they can to help and support our Group activities and functions. A huge thank you is owed to each and every one of the above.

The Group has continued to provide a mixed selection of Clubnight activities although attendance figures could always be improved.

Autotests are striving very well although the running of a 'taster autotest' last summer attracted a reasonable number of interested participants but we seem to have failed to encourage them to compete in further events. A revised approach to the running of 12 car rallies has seen an increase in participant level which is hoped to be a good sign for future rallies and certainly gives encouragement to organisers.

The entire Association together with the Member Communities is continuing to undergo a massive rejuvenation process with the intention of increasing 'active' membership and encouraging new members to step forward to promote and organise events and activities. A National Networking Meeting together with the Association AGM will be held in June 2017 where it is anticipated healthy debate will involve many of our 'active' membership. Support from our professional Member Communities Team is always available to help promote a special event or activity if required.

I would very much like to witness an upturn in NWL membership and support so please do whatever you can to attend as many of our events as possible and bring along family, friends and neighbours – they just might like what we have to offer!

Alan Thurbon
NWL Group Secretary
March 2017

CSMA North West London AGM Accounts for 2016

	2016			2015	
	Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
Balance brought forward	571.51		Balance brought forward	751.98	
Imprests	1050.00		Imprests	1000.00	
Events Income	990.00		Events	965.96	
Travel & Meals		339.65	Travel & Meals		325.10
Event Costs		1,322.36	Event Costs		1,256.93
Room Hire		210.00	Room Hire		561.00
Postages		0.00	Postages		3.40
Balance carried forward		739.50	Balance carried forward		571.51
Total	£2,611.51	£2,611.51	Total	£2,717.94	£2,717.94
Budget for 2016	£2,000.00		Budget for 2015	£2,200.00	
Imprest Claimed	£1,050.00		Imprest Claimed	£1,000.00	

Anne Graves, NWL Treasurer
March 2017



Diary NWFL 2017



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March

Fri 3rd **NWL 12 Car Rally**
Tue 7th **NWL Clubnight - AGM - The Red Lion**
10th-12th WRC - Mexico
Thu 16th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
Sun 26th F1 - Australia
Fri 31st NEL 12 Car Rally

April

Tue 4th **NWL Clubnight - Film night - The Red Lion**
7th-9th WRC - France
Sun 9th F1 - China
Thu 20th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
Sun 16th F1 - Bahrain
28th-30th WRC - Argentina
Sun 30th F1 - Russia

May

Tue 2nd **NWL Clubnight - Radio Controlled car autotest - The Red Lion**
Sun 14th F1 - Spain
Thu 18th **NWL Chat and a Drink - The Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead**
19th-21st WRC - Portugal
Sun 28th F1 - Monaco

Dates to reserve:

Greenacres Autotest - Sunday 4th June