

SCCoN Spotlight

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SCCoN Cars on Display at Wymondham College Car Show, July 2019



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Welcome to Spotlight...

Welcome to the August edition of Spotlight. Summer seems to have abandoned us as I write this, but hopefully you've all still been enjoying your motorsport activities, as well some other non-motorsport related ones (heaven forbid).

My own motoring exploits have been rather non-existent of late, thanks to work and a host of other distractions. The most significant event has been the death of my Vectra tow car/estate/van/shed, which has developed a number of faults that mean it's not worth repairing. Sad in a way as, despite being a rather boring car, it was surprisingly useful. With the seats down, I managed to get 10 17" wheels and tyres in it, along with a further four without tyres and I think I could have fitted in another four too!

Anyway, its brokenness meant I needed another car and, for some reason I have decided that a Renault Sport Clio 197 is a sensible replacement. How that pans out remains to be seen, but I do love a fast Renault, so here's hoping. It might even find its way into some kind of competition at some point, but we'll see.

On the subject of member's cars, if you have something interesting tucked away, drop me a line and perhaps we could include a few words about it in a future issue. We have some very nice cars in the club, so I think it would be nice if we could share them with our other members.

I have mentioned it later in this issue, but I'd also like to again thank those who attended the Wymondham College Car Show in July. I know many members are not "in to" these types of event, but it was a good chance to raise the profile of the club and we managed to sign-up some new members, so thank you to those that attended and, if you are one of those new members – welcome to SCCoN! If you have any questions about anything, just contact a committee member and we will do our best to help.

There is still lots going on in terms of events in the coming weeks/months and we will, as always, be looking for marshals to support us as much as possible. There are some great things coming up, including the stage rally at Wethersfield in September, so please contact Martin Newson if you can attend. If you're new to the club, it's a great way to meet new people and, on top of that, you get to see some cars in action too!

Until next time.

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The Month Ahead...

Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

Club Nights

Do not forget that SCCoN club nights are currently held at the White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST. Any change in venue will be communicated through Spotlight or the SCCoN website. For directions, please refer to the map at the bottom of the page.

Please join us at 8pm at the **White Horse** on Thursday 19th September for Natter and Noggin.

Diary Dates

Sunday 18th August
12 Car Regularity Run

Sunday 1st September
Debden Targa Rally
West Suffolk Motor Club

Sunday 8th September
Rix Engineering Wethersfield Stages
Anglia Motorsport Club

Sunday 15th September
Wethersfield AutoSOLO
Cambridge Car Club

Marshalling

Marshal Points:

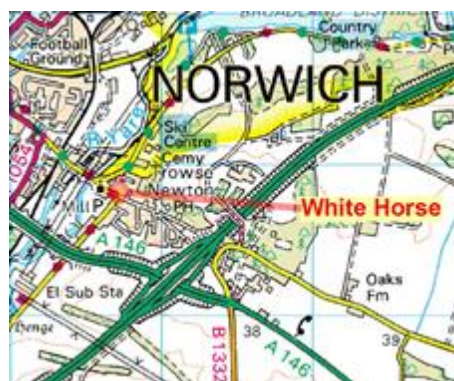
Sunday 1st September
Debden Targa Rally

Sunday 8th September
Rix Engineering Wethersfield Stages

Sunday 15th September
Wethersfield AutoSOLO

Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting the Championship Coordinator.

The next club meeting will occur on Thursday 19th September, at the [White Horse](#) in Trowse, NR14 8ST



2019 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
Sunday 18 th August	12 Car Regularity Run		Dave Bell
Sunday 1 st September	Debden Targa Rally	2019 AMSC Targa Challenge	WSMC
Sunday 8 th September	Rix Engineering Wethersfield Stages		AMSC
Sunday 15 th September	Wethersfield AutoSOLO	2019 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge	CCC
Thursday 19 th September	Club Night		
Sunday 29 th September	Stanta AutoSOLO/Autotest	2019 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge	AMSC
Thursday 17 th October	Club Night		
Sunday 20 th October	Debden AutoSOLO	2019 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge	AMSC
Thursday 21 st November	Club Night		
Thursday 19 th December	Club Night		
Sunday 29 th December	Stanta Targa		

For the latest information on upcoming club events, visit www.scon.co.uk/index.html

Marshals Post

by Martin Newson

Below is a selection of events in our area until, running up until mid-September:

2019 Dates	Event
Sunday 18 th August	12 Car Regularity Run
Sunday 1 st September	Debden Targa Rally
Sunday 8 th September	Rix Engineering Wethersfield Stages
Sunday 8 th September	North Weald Sprint
Sunday 15 th September	Coulson AutoSOLO & Autotest
Sunday 15 th September	Wethersfield AutoSOLO
Sunday 29 th September	Stanta AutoSOLO & Autotest
Sunday 6 th October	Debden October Sprint
Sunday 13 th October	Dukeries Rally
Sunday 20 th October	Debden AutoSOLO & Autotest

The Wethersfield Stages Rally is getting closer with just under a month to go we need to expand our marshal team for the day to insure we are running a safe event for everybody

Marshals - No surprises but we still need more Marshals. If you are able to come and Marshal please register online by visiting <http://www.wethersfieldstages.co.uk/MarshalRegistration>

Remember to put SCCoN as the group to work with on the registration forms. It would be great if you could come along to help. There will be meal vouchers, a small gift and a marshals' draw too. If you want to know more, send me an email and I will try to sort it, if you could let me know if you will or have registered it would be helpful too.

I am currently working on a simple 'ABC' guide on how to register with Motorsport UK as a Marshal. I know a lot of you have already registered as Marshals in 2019, but others seem to be concerned about doing so, my guide will help you through the process.

Regards
Martin

Further information is also available on the Marshalling page of the SCCoN website: www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html

SCCoN Window Stickers

A limited number of SCCoN window stickers are available for £3 each including p&p.

These are printed to be stuck on the inside of the window, design is as below:



Self adhesive vinyl window sticker
measuring 195mm x 80mm.

Please email Mike Smith at mikey.j.smith@btopenworld.com if you would like one.

Payment by Paypal, cash or cheque thanks.

Please note that, if there is sufficient demand, more can be printed.



*"When
Reliability
Matters"*

Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars was born from a lifelong passion for motor sports and classic cars and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars including on-event servicing for motorsport events as well as general servicing repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company Robert Kitchen has been providing on-event support for the Endurance Classic Rally Association since 2000 and has worked on most of their long-distance endurance events over the last 15 years. Therefore, Robert has travelled many of the routes and first-hand experience of the problems encountered by classic vehicles on this type of event.

The company also carries out restoration work with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see some of our clients' cars in the Galleries section of our website at www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk. We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a small selection of events for which Robert has provided mechanical support.



Anglia Motor Sport Club



2019 AMSC AutoSOLO Challenge



Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
4	15 th September	Wethersfield	CCC
5	6 th October	Stanta	SCCoN
6	29 th October	Debden	WSMC

2019 AMSC Targa Challenge



Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
4	1 st September	Debden	WAC
5	3 rd November	Wethersfield	CMC

Not part of the Challenge single driver only Targas

21 st September	Multi-venue	CMC
29 th December	Stanta Battle Ground	AMSC

CCC Cambridge Car Club **CMC** Chelmsford Motor Club **ECMC** Eastern Counties Motor Club
FMC Falcon Motor Club **GBMC** Green Belt Motor Club **HCAAC** Herts County Auto and Aero Club
MCAC Middlesex County Automobile Club **KLDMC** King's Lynn and District Motor Club
SCCoN Sporting Car Club of Norfolk **WAC** Wickford Auto Club **WSMC** West Suffolk Motorsport Club

Snippets

Binary Numbers

Binary notation in mathematics is sometimes used by road rally organisers in their more fiendish navigation clues. In a binary number each column is double the value of the column to its right.

So, a binary 1 = number 1, binary 10 = number 2, 11 = 3, 100 = 4, 101 = 5 etc.

Hence binary numbers use the symbols '1' and '0' and no others.

Computers use binary logic whereby '0' is represented by a zero value and '1' by a positive value. The brilliance of this system is that, within computer hardware, a '0' can actually have a minuscule value and the computer will still read it as zero, while a '1' value doesn't have to be accurate as long as it's significantly different from zero. This gives computers protection against electro-magnetic interference and, if some of the tiny individual charges stored in a computer change slightly over time, they still read correctly as positive values representing the '1's in binary notation.

It has recently been announced that the new £50 note will feature an image of Alan Turing, the World War Two code-breaker based at Bletchley Park, who was an early pioneer of computer science. The new banknote also shows the binary number 1010111111110010110011000. This can be easily converted into a decimal number using Microsoft Excel and the result is 23061912. Alan Turing's birth date is 23rd June 1912 so that long binary number is a subtle tribute to him.

Going off backwards - but it's not car rallying

Paddy and Mick were out watching the Circuit of Ireland Rally and they chatted while they waited for the cars to come past. *"Paddy," says Mick "does ye have any other hobbies as well as rallying?" "Oh, to be sure, that I do" says Paddy, "I sometimes do some of that scuba diving down at Bantry Bay." "Ah Paddy" says Mick, "I've seen that on the TV". Then, after a pause: "I've always wondered, why it is that you scuba diving people always fall into the water backwards?". "Don't be so stupid Mick, if we fell forwards, we'd still be in the feckin' boat!"*

Who or what was a Carman?

While researching my family history, I discovered that my great grandfather Frederick Hawkes was recorded in the UK census of 1881 as a 'Carman' living in Lewisham. But cars hadn't been invented yet, so what was a Carman? It meant a person who conveyed goods in a cart, usually horse-drawn, but the term also described carriers with hand-hauled carts. My 95-year old Mum used to visit her Grandad when he was in his late seventies and remembers that Frederick still had his horse and van (a cart with a box body), that he kept in a passageway between two shops. As a car enthusiast, who spent most of my working life in the motor industry, I like to think that I'm a 'car man' too.

Run-flat tyres

Most new BMW's are now supplied with run-flat tyres. In the 1970's while working for British Leyland at Longbridge I helped to develop the Dunlop Denovo, one of the earliest run-flat tyres. Denovos had little pots of lubricant secured around the well of the wheel. When a puncture occurred, the tyre would squash and burst these pots. The lubricant then reduced the heat build-up that occurred due to friction and flexing of the tyre side-walls. We had to get special permission from the Ministry of Transport to drive cars with deflated experimental tyres on public roads and they supplied documents that we carried in the test cars. I drove many miles in the wedge-shaped Austin Princess models, mostly on motorways, to establish the safe life of a punctured Denovo. Working with Dunlop, our recommendation was that a flat Denovo should be driven for no more than 50 miles at speeds not exceeding 50 mph. Incidentally, that's the same as BMW's current recommendation for a fully laden car with a punctured run-flat. I had a concern that the Princess rode, steered and handled so well with a punctured Denovo that many drivers wouldn't even realise they had a flat. If you drove gently, the only evidence was a little more under-steer (with a front puncture) and the steering wheel being slightly offset from straight ahead. From 1977, Denovos were offered as an option on new Princesses and were standard fitment on Mini 1275GTs. But they were very expensive and, when the factory-fitted set wore out, many owners replaced their Denovos with five normal wheels and tyres. Incidentally, a Mini 1275GT with Denovos (but no spare wheel), was very hard to get through an MOT test because there wasn't enough weight on the rear axle to get sufficient tyre adhesion for the handbrake to pass! BL used to submit three-year-old development cars for their MOT tests with extra weight in the boot. In 1980, after only four years, BL stopped offering Denovos. The Dunlop Denovo - another British invention ahead of its time? What do you think?

SCCoN Club Clothing

Ali Hodder has very kindly arranged for a new line of club clothing to be produced.

With our nice new club leaflets and recent efforts to increase SCCoN's promotional activities, these are a great addition and perfect for making yourself stand out to other members at events!

These are being produced by EZY-TEES, based in Martham, near Great Yarmouth. They are able to provide a full range of clothing items, including:

T-shirts
Sweatshirts
Hoodies
Zip-up hoodies
Polo shirts

There are a couple of examples below:



Ali is handling any orders for these so, for full price information, drop her a line at Alison.Hodder@yahoo.co.uk

Event Report: Wymondham College Car Show

A new event for 2019, the Wymondham College Car Show was organised by the Exotic Cars of East Anglia group. It was their first attempt at a relatively large show and, in order to help them grow the event, and to try and get SCCoN out to a new audience, the club had a stand.



Located on the cricket field of the college, there was plenty of space and, when I arrived at around 8am (following a rather noisy journey in the Escort!), there were already plenty of cars around. By 9am, most had arrived, ready for the official opening at 10am.

There was a really broad mix of cars and bikes on display, from classic hot rods, through hot hatches and classic cars, right up to some beautiful Italian exotica. Particular favourites for me were an early Dodge Viper and five(!) DeLoreans. SCCoN was flanked by the local Abarth club and I do have a strange attraction to the modern 500/595 Abarth (sorry), so they were nice to see too.

The SCCoN stand also had a real mixture of cars, demonstrating the wide variety of opportunities there are in club motorsport; with Autotest and AutoSOLO cars, targa cars, road rally cars, trials cars and stage rally cars. Henry Hardiment's Mini Cooper S and Oli Denington-Price's Hillman Imp seemed to be the stars of the show, getting a lot of attention from visitors to the stand.



I must say, for a first try, the organisers did a fantastic job. They were all young guys and, to get hundreds of cars to show up, arrange catering and live music was a great achievement. From a SCCoN perspective, I think it was a great day, with the club getting a lot of interest. Lots of leaflets were given out, lots of conversations were had and we even sold two family club memberships on the day, which demonstrates how positive an impact it can have to attend local events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that came along, and especially Paul Doodson and Howard Joynt for sorting out the club trailer, and Christine and Martin Newson for bringing along some lovely cakes.

The day wouldn't have been a success without the club members who took the time to share their passion with other show-goers. I know it wasn't the type of event many of you are used to attending, so thanks to all of you for coming, I hope you enjoyed it.


Hopefully see you all again next year!



Lost and Found

You may be selling a car, hunting for an elusive part, looking for help with something, or offering your services as a navigator – if so, this is the place to put it out to your fellow SCCoN members.

If you would like something included in this section, please email some details to Spotlight@SCCoN.co.uk with “Lost and Found” in the subject line and it will be included here for the next issue. Obviously if you want it for more than one issue, you’ll need to let us know.

Offered	Wanted
<p>Motoring Books/Vauxhall Memorabilia</p>  <p>I have a selection of motoring books/Haynes manuals and a selection of Vauxhall car/motorsport books/newspaper cuttings</p> <p>There is a real mixture, ideal if you’re into all things motoring. Please contact me for a full list.</p> <p>Email Jon_Scoltock@hotmail.com</p>	



10% OFF AT WILCO MOTOR SPARES

Did you know that Wilco Motor Spares offer SCCoN members a 10% discount on presentation of a valid membership card?

Wilco have branches across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and have traditionally offered club members a 10% discount in store.

When you are next in-store, don't forget to ask for your discount.

If you have any issues with this promotion, please contact a member of the committee.

**Upcoming Event: Anglia Motorsport Club
12 Car Regularity Run
Sunday 18th August 2019**



AMSC are running the next event in the AMSC Regularity Run series on Sunday 18th August 2019. Being organised by Ian Doble and David Bell, it is suitable for all levels of experience. The route is 50 miles on OS Landranger map 144 (any recent edition will be suitable).

Starting and finishing at Tibenham Airfield, Tibenham (144 / 149 891 enter via 144 / 155 893¾). The first car will be starting at 10:00, 30-minute coffee halt at 11:15 (ish) and first car finishing at 13:00 (ish). There are straight forward speed changes, and suitable speed tables can be downloaded from the Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent website.

Entries are open to members of the AMSC member clubs, Weald Motor Club and HRRCR, other clubs may be added to the list of invited clubs.

**Links to the Regs and Entry Form will be found on the AMSC event webpage
www.amsc.org.uk/rly19/html/rally5.html**

**Further information about all things AMSC can be found on the AMSC website
www.amsc.org.uk**

**Further information about the event available from
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**Upcoming Event: BENJAFIELD'S RACING CLUB
2019 Pre-War Stubble Rally
Saturday 21st September**



Benjafield's Racing Club is organising a Stubble Rally event, running under a navigational rally permit, made up of tests and one or two regularity sections on Saturday 21st September 2019.

All within a 10-mile radius of Thetford and based at Abrey Farms, Wretham. There will be around 35 cars, all pre-1960 including several vintage Bentleys.

Marshals required!

Marshals to be signed on by 8:30 with the event scheduled to finish by 17:30.

Follow the link for photos from the 2015 stubbler:

<http://vintagebentley.com/benjafields-stubble-racing-vintage-bentley-style/>

**Further information about the event available from
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