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Welcome to Spotlight...

Hello and welcome to the March edition of Spotlight. We seem to be living in rather strange times at the moment, with the COVID-19 outbreak causing chaos all over the place. Thankfully it hasn't reached Norfolk yet, and I hope you all continue to stay healthy and virus-free.

As I write this, a number of UK events have been postponed, while many other sports are also being impacted. From a motorsport perspective, F1, Formula E and the WRC are all feeling the bite, so it looks like we have quite a lot of disruption ahead.

Putting that aside, the club calendar is bursting at the seams and hopefully we won't see too many cancellations or postponements. The 12-Car series draws to a close later this month, with the standings looking extremely tight. Good luck to all of you at the Lyng Garage event. I'm sure we'll end up with some worthy winners once the dust (or should that be mud?) has settled.

Away from 12-Cars, there are loads of events coming up, with the Targa and AutoSOLO campaigns getting underway in the next few weeks. If you've never been to any of these events before, I would encourage you to go along and marshal, or even sign up to compete. I have no doubt that you'll have a lot of fun doing either!

I did have a slightly odd moment when filling out the events list on page 5. As I typed "British Rally Championship" into the Corbeau Seats Rally entry, I suddenly felt a little giddy (ok maybe not giddy) – I honestly never thought I would see the day where the BRC visited our region. Anyway, provided the virus gods don't sink it, the event will require a lot of support, so please go along if you can.

Things have been a bit quiet for me on the motorsport front, but hopefully I will remedy that this year and get to work on a new rally car soon. I've definitely got the bug again after a quick trip to Snetterton a few weeks ago, so stay tuned for updates.

As always, if you have any ideas for articles, please get in touch. I have already threatened to start badgering people and will continue that message this time. Whether it's a car you own or an event you've attended, please let me know. Thanks to those that have contributed to this issue and sorry if I haven't got round to thanking you personally, it's been a hectic few weeks for me. I am extremely grateful for your support as always.

Until next time...

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www.Twitter.com/MaximumAttackDT

www.Instagram.com/MaximumAttackRallying

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 March for a special Natter and Noggin featuring an illustrated talk from Julian Riley on the Peking to Paris rally.

Diary Dates

Saturday 14th March First Aid Training

Saturday 15th March Snetterton Tarmac PCA

Sunday 22nd March Wattisfield Car Trial

Friday 27th March Lyng Garage 12-Car 2019/20 SCCoN 12-Car Championship

Sunday 29th March Javelin's Jumbo Targa AMSC Targa Challenge 2020

Sunday 5th April Bullseye Navigational Scatter

Sunday 19th April Carver Barracks AutoSOLO AMSC AutoSOLO Chalenge 2020

Marshalling

Marshal Points:

Saturday 15th March Snetterton Tarmac PCA

Sunday 22nd March Wattisfield Car Trial

Friday 27th March Lyng Garage 12-Car

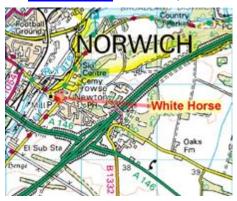
Sunday 29th March Javelin's Jumbo Targa

Sunday 5th April Bullseye Navigational Scatter

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 March, at the White Horse in Trowse, NR14 8ST





2020 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
Saturday 14 th March	First Aid Training		Peter Riddle
Sunday 15 th March	Snetterton PCA		
Thursday 19 th March	Club Night		
Sunday 22 nd March	Wattisfield Car Trial		West Suffolk MC
Friday 27 th March	Lyng Garage 12-Car	2019/20 SCCoN 12- Car Championship	Jonathan Stimpson & Rob Kitchen
Sunday 29 th March	Javelin's Jumbo Targa	AMSC Targa Challenge 2020	Chelmsford MC
Sunday 5 th April	Bullseye Navigational Scatter		West Suffolk MC
Thursday 16 th April	Club Night		
Sunday 19 th April	Carver Barracks AutoSOLO	AMSC AutoSOLO Chalenge 2020	West Suffolk MC
Sunday 19 th April	Ivinghoe Aston Car Trial		Falcon Motor Club
Saturday 25 th – Sunday 26 th April	Corbeau Seats Rally	2020 AEMC Stage Rally Championship/2020 British Rally Championship	Chelmsford MC
Sunday 17 th May	Wethersfield Targa	AMSC Targa Challenge 2020	KLDMC
Wednesday 20 th May	Club AGM		
Sunday 24th - Monday 25th May	Motorsport at the Palace		Sevenoaks & District MC
Sunday 7 th June	Wethersfield AutoSOLO	AMSC AutoSOLO Chalenge 2020	
Sunday 14 th June	South of the Border Navigational Scatter		WSMC
Thursday 18 th June	Club Night		
Sunday 21 st June	Midsummer Vintage, Classic & Sports Car Run		Martin and Christine Newson
Thursday 16 th July	Club Night		
Sunday 19 th July	Wethersfield AutoSOLO	AMSC AutoSOLO Chalenge 2020	

For the latest information on upcoming club events, visit <u>www.sccon.co.uk/index.html</u>

Sp®tlight by Martin Newson

Marshals Post

Event
Snetterton Tarmac PCA
Wattisfield Car Trial
Lyng Garage 12-Car
Javelin's Jumbo Targa
Bullseye Navigational Scatter
Carver Barracks AutoSOLO
Ivinghoe Aston Car Trial
Corbeau Seats Rally

Below is a selection of events in our area, running into the new year:

As you can see from the table above, there are lots of marshalling opportunities coming up in the coming weeks and months. If you're interested in marshalling on any of these events, please drop me a line at cjnewson32@yahoo.co.uk

If you've never done it before, please don't be afraid! It's a great way to meet club members and get close to the action. We're a friendly bunch, so please come along and we promise you'll have a great time.

It's going to be a busy year and there will be lots more opportunities to get out with the club, so stay tuned.

Regards Martin

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

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 Relíabílíty 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 <u>www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk</u>. 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.



Spotlight by Dave Bell

Event Report: GMC 12-Car

Friday 28th February 2020

A correction from the last issue where The 144 12 Car winners Mick and Mark should have had a penalty of 0 fails and 1 minute

o/a	Car	Class	Driver	Navigator	Fails	Mins	Class
	4	Ν	Gordon Shipley	Andy Chinn	-	-	1 st
1	9	E	Jonathan Stimpson	Matthew Smalley	-	-	1 st
	11	Е	John Peterson	lan Graham	-	-	1
4	6	I	Paul Brunton	Nick Wale	-	1	1 st
5	2	Ν	Julie Skuse	Nick Skuse	-	8	2 nd
6	5	I	Paul Hernaman	Robin Hernaman	-	16	2 nd
7	3	Ν	Jon Bray	Jack Matthews	-	18	3 rd
8	8	Е	Nij Cook	David Mann		26	3 rd
9	7	Е	Alan Kirkham	Mark Rutter	5	31	4 th
	10	Е	Ben Cutting	Steve Cumbers		DNF	

10	1	В	John McGeary	James Leggett	1	1	1 st	
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Eleven entries: eleven starters: ten finishers. Organised by Michael and Garth Collier. Marshalled by a band of unsung heroes: Dick and Dave: boards; Garth and David: documentation; Peter: Scrutineer; Bryan, Mike and Ben: NTC1; Ali and Matthew: STC2; Michael, Finlay and Jack: STC3; Howard, Harvey and Julie: STC4; Dick, Robin and Dave: STC5; David, Mark and Mandy: STC6; Paul, Viv and Dave: STC7; David: STC8; Garth, Joe and Sam: STC9; Peter Riddle: DSO; Michael: Results; Bryan, Mike and Ben: Course Closer 1; Michael, Finlay and Jack: Course Closer 2; Dick, Robin and Dave: Course Closer 3.

Very impressive effort from Garth, Michael and their team with a big thank you to Mildenhall Cycling Club for the use of their club house and for providing many of the marshals. On their first effort at organising a 12 car Garth and Michael coped very well with the usual last minute challenges, unexpected road closures, horrible weather and the cherry on the cake the traffic grid lock in the centre of Mildenhall due to strategically located 4-way temporary traffic lights (why did they appear late on a Friday afternoon?).

Three-way tie at the top of the leader board and it seemed fairest to let it stand so well done to Gordon and Andy, Jonathan & Matthew and John and Ian.

2019/2020 12-Car Championship Tables

(after round 4 – best 4 out of 5 scores to count)

Squeaky bum time at the top with just the one round to go and dropped scores to be considered

Overall (top 5)					
Driver	Navigator				
Gordon Shipley 41		Michael Collier	33		
John Peterson 36		Andy Chinn	31		
Mick Beauchamp 35		lan Graham	51		
Garth Collier	33	Matthew Smalley	27		
Jonathan Stimpson	27	Steve Cumbers	26		

Expert (top 3)					
Driver Navigator					
John Peterson	Ian Graham	20			
Ben Cutting 20		Matthew Smalley	19		
Jonathan Stimpson	19	Steve Cumbers	18		

Intermediate (top 3)						
Driver Navigator						
Garth Collier 22		Michael Collier	22			
Paul Brunton	19	Nick Wale	19			
Matthew Mantle	6	Diane Mantle	6			

Novice (top 3)					
Driver Navigator					
Gordon Shipley		Andy Chinn	19		
Mick Beauchamp		Jack Matthews	15		
Jon Bray		Nick Skuse	10		

Next round:

Lyng Garage 12 Car Organised by Jonathan Stimpson and Rob Kitchen Friday 27th March 2020 Map 133

Entries for this event are open now!

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

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2019 Marshal's Championship

by Dave Bell

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The latest Marshal Championship table (updated after the GMC 12-Car). The top 18 points scorers are shown, a table with all points scorers will be found on the Championships page on the club website. One more opportunity left to score points on the Lyng Garage 12-Car and a final chance to claim other points (see below).

		2019 Marshal Championship						
	CS	тс	Other	Trials	SOLO	Targa	Total	
Martin Newson	7		11	2	6	4	20	
Paul Doodson	8	4	11	2	3	2	30	
Howard Joynt	10	4	5	2	3		24	
Dick Lines	6	3	5	1	2	4	21	
David Leckie	6	2	3	2	3	2	10	
Christine Newson	1		10		4	3	18	
Hugh Hutton	4		6	1	1	3	15	
Ali Hodder	3	3	5	2	1		14	
Robin Lines	1	3	6	1		2	13	
Matthew Hodder	1	3	5		1		10	
Peter Riddle	4	3	1		2		10	
Charlie Blyth	1		1	1	1	4		
Krista Love	1	1	4		1	1		
Trevor Addison	3	1	2	1	1		8	
Alan Sampson	3		2	1	1			
Bryan Tooke	2	4		1	1			
James Hodder		1	3	1	1		C	
Will Bray	1	1	3			1	6	

See the December issue of Spotlight (available to view on the website) for a list of qualifying events, I am going to need some help. In the list, the events highlighted in red are the ones that I do not have any information for.

YOU WILL HAVE TO CLAIM YOUR POINTS IF YOU HAVE MARSHALLED ON ANY OF THE EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

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Spotlight Cooper Motor Corporation of Nairobi and The Safari Rally

by Peter Riddle

During the talk I gave to SCCON at the January 2020 clubnight, I mentioned that, back in 1977, myself and my British Leyland colleagues were hosted in Nairobi by the Cooper Motor Corporation and I talked about their involvement with the Safari Rally. By co-incidence, soon after my talk, I was looking at a rallying site on Facebook when this photo caught my eye. It's the VW 1200 that won the 1962 Safari Rally, crewed by 31-year old Tommy Fjastad (a native Kenyan born of Swedish parents) and Bernhard "Bill" Schmider. This car, with Kenyan registration KHD 302, was built, entered and funded by Cooper Motor Corporation,



alongside an identical Volkswagen for Joginder Singh who finished fifth in 1962 and who would later become famous for winning the Safari Rally three times (1965, 1974 and 1976).

So I searched on the internet and not only did I find a colour photo of Joginder's car, number 44, registered KHD 301, but discovered that Tommy's car has been reproduced by Scalextric, albeit with hub-caps fitted and missing its high-mounted spot-lamps (the crew could clean these lamps without having to stop).



My talk also included mention that Cooper Motor Corporation (and Benbros Motors) sponsored Timo Makinen's Morris 1800 'Land Crab' on the 1968 Safari Rally, with David Benzimra (son of Cooper Motor Corporation's Managing Director and our host in 1977) co-driving. I couldn't find a photo of Timo's Safari 'Land Crab' but I found a photo of Rauno Aaltonen's identical car, number 6. All three 1800s were air-freighted to and from Kenya on a chartered Bristol Britannia aircraft.



The 1800 was a strong car but B.M.C.'s efforts came to nought with all three 1800's retiring, but what they learnt from the Safari was put to good use on the London-to-Sydney Marathon towards the end of that year. Paddy Hopkirk's 1800 finished second overall at Sydney and he very nearly won that 1968 marathon. Timo's Safari 1800 was variously reported as having retired due to "a damaged engine oil cooler" or "engine failure". Well the engine failed due to a lack of oil..... due to a broken

You get the idea! The oil cooler installation was new for the Safari to provide additional cooling, but it was relatively untested. David Benzimra told me that Timo only had one way to drive: always flat out, and he felt that wasn't the best approach for the Safari.

The 1800 was at least a more sensible proposition for the Safari than the Mini Cooper S that B.M.C. had entered the previous year for Rauno Aaltonen and Henry Liddon. Part of Rauno's prize for winning the 1967 Monte Carlo Rally was a free entry on the Safari Rally and he persuaded B.M.C. to build a car



for him. The Mini had won such a variety of different events, and Rauno had won the rough and muddy RAC Rally in 1965, so some folk at BL must have thought it had a chance. But 10" wheels, hardly any ground clearance, a weak transmission and marginal engine cooling were hardly a recipe for success. Quite early in the event, the cooling fan came into contact with the radiator, breaking the water pump; the overheating that ensued, plus paper element air filters that had already become clogged with Kenya's fine red Murram dust, forced Rauno into retirement.

When I was in Kenya in 1977, our team was loaned a Range Rover by the Cooper Motor Corporation which we used as chase car, to follow our prototype 'Rough Territory' Allegro and Princess test cars around our route. Our test circuit included a dirt road round Lake Naivasha, which was frequently used as part of the Safari Rally route.

By the 1980's four-wheel-drive was permitted on World Rally Championship events so in 1983, Cooper Motor Corporation entered local driver Rob Collinge with South African co-driver Stuart Pegg in a Range Rover. Stuart co-drove Roger Clark to his second RAC Rally victory in 1976 in Ford



Escort RS1800 'POO 505R' and I had the pleasure of riding in this car for several laps of Ford's Boreham Test Track in 1979, but that's another story!

Rob and Stuart were having a great run in the bulky Range Rover that had been viewed by some as an unsuitable choice for the Safari; it was considered too tall and too heavy. But they were defying their critics and holding fifth place when they sadly rolled the big 4x4 during the final hours of the event. And guess what? It's not Scalextric, but someone has made a detailed scale model of their Range Rover.

Talking of rally car models: over the years, several examples of the one and only works Safari Mini have been produced..... a 1:43 die cast model by Vitesse, an excellent 1:43 resin model by Spark or you might find a kit of parts made by Transkit that converts any 1:43 scale Mini into the Safari version. If you want a larger model, Tamiya used to make an accurate 1:24 scale plastic kit, and in 2014 Scalextric-Passion produced a limited edition of fifty Safari Rally Minis converted from SCX's 1:32 scale racing Mini and they run on regular Scalextric track.



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 <u>Spotlight@SCCoN.co.uk</u> 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
Vauxhall Race/Rally Memorabilia	
I have a couple of items of Vauxhall rally memorabilia that might be of interest to member – Vauxhall Chevette HS & HSR book by Graham Robson and a Vauxhall Sport 1978 brochure. I'd like £25ono for both. Email Jon_Scoltock@hotmail.com	



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.

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Spotlight Upcoming Event: Peking to Paris Talk by Julian Riley

Thursday 19th March 2020 – 8PM

This month's club night will offer something a bit different – a talk by Julian Riley on his experiences on the 7th Peking to Maris Motor Challenge



In June and July last year, SCCON member Julian Riley took part in one the greatest motoring adventures: the Peking-to-Paris car rally for Vintage and classic cars, co-driving for Jamie Turner in their Morris Minor. For SCCON's March club-night, Julian will give an illustrated talk on his experiences on this marathon event. 105 crews competed on the 2019 challenge - come and find out where Julian and Jamie finished.



No. 86 - Datsun 240Z

The White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST

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Upcoming Event: WSMC Wattisfield Trial

Sunday 22nd March 2020



Entries are now open for the WSMC Wattisfield Spring Trial

Sunday 22nd March 2020 Wattisfield Hall, Wattisfield, IP22 1NX

Regulations and online entries <u>https://wsmc.co.uk/trials/</u>

If you can help marshal, Neil Wackett would appreciate your help. Please register your interest via the WSMC website

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Upcoming Event: Bullseye Navigational Scatter Sunday 5th April 2020



West Suffolk Motorsport Club will be organising a taster event on Sunday 5th April 2020, starting from Great Bradley Village Hall, Nr Newmarket.

This entry level event is designed to encourage participation in grass roots motorsport. All entrants will be deemed to be a member of the organising club for the day.

However, all entrants will require, as a minimum, the new, free RS Clubman Licence that is available from Motorsport UK.

Entries are limited to 20 cars, with an entry fee of £15 per car.

You can find more details and the entry form by visiting <u>https://wsmc.co.uk/bullseye-navigational-scatter/</u>

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Upcoming Event: Motorsport at the Palace Sevenoaks & District Motor Club

Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 2020



Will be running Motorsport at the Palace again on Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 2020.

This includes a 740m Sprint round parts of the old Crystal Palace circuit, a static car display and also an autotest and motorbike demonstration during the day.

To enable us to maximise our entry, we are emailing all the clubs within our invited Associations in the hope that you would be kind enough to add the event to your club calendars, newsletters and also email your members to advise them that the event is happening.

We have a website where competitors & car show interest can register. Once the SR's are available, we will email them out to everyone. The web address is <u>www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk</u>

Many thanks for your help in making all your club members aware of the event. It really is a fun weekend for both competitors and spectators.

Kind Regards

Karen Webber MATP Team

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Spotlight Upcoming Event: SCCoN Midsummer Vintage, Classic and Sports Car Run

Sunday 21st June 2020



The 2020 running of the SCCoN Midsummer Vintage, Classic and Sports Car Run will take place on Sunday 21st June

This year's event will start from the Hingham Sports and Social Club and will take in 70 – 80 miles of the region's roads.

You can find full details of the event, including all the regulations and complete access to the entry listings by visiting <u>http://www.sccon.co.uk/html/classic/classic.html</u>

The entry form can be found at http://www.sccon.co.uk/pdf/SCCoN2020MidsummerClassicEntryForm.pdf

Entry for this year's event costs £30

We look forward to seeing you there.





Sporting Car Club of Norfolk

Micra Challenge







For those of you who have enjoyed the fun which can be had competing in a Nissan Micra there is a new challenge; just that, the all-new SCCoN Micra Challenge.

For drivers of the diminutive hatchbacks, from the venerable K10 onwards, we now have a club challenge which forms its very own championship for all aspects of Micra competing. It works in a similar fashion to most single vehicle classes and will result in a winner at the end of the year. Competitors using one of the fleet of SCCoN Micras kindly facilitated by Howard will be included as will any club member or affiliate member using a Micra in accordance with the SCCoN Micra Challenge guidelines.

The winner will become the holder of the Joynt Cup for a year until passing the laurels on to the next year's winner. We hope this will becoming an annual fun competition across, 12 car, autoSOLO, autotest, trials and marshalling.

See the guidelines for details and make 2020 your year of the Micra.





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