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Photo courtesy of Crazy Leo

WDMC IS STILL GOING WRC CRAZY! ANDREW ROUGHEAD AND CRAZY LEO IN 2014

THEY made it! WDMC's own Andrew Roughead and 'Crazy Leo' Urllich competed on the first round of their 2014 Drive DMACK Fiesta Trophy campaign on WRC Portugal.

Of the 4 remaining European rounds in 2014 they will be battling it out in: Poland, Finland, Germany and France. Speaking to boys they said "It's important that we're going to be doing the full mileage of each event, unlike the Junior World Rally Championship, or the WRC Academy run previously. We will be taking on the world in the front wheel drive Ford Fiesta R2s. The title sponsor of the Trophy is DMACK Tyres; M-Sport (UK) is going to take care of the cars. The competition is very strong and experienced, including Tom Cave, Jose Suarez, and Quentin Gilbert, as well as Max Vatanen"

The prize for the winner of the 2014 Drive DMACK Fiesta Trophy is 7 rounds in an R5 Fiesta in 2015. However, the pair are being realistic about their chances – according to Leo "I have no WRC or front wheel drive experience. So it's going to be all about getting experience, making good pacenotes for the future and HAVING A BLAST! I've always said that the impossible takes a little longer! And now the dream comes true!" Andrew said "I am extremely proud to be flying a WHICKHAM flag in the World Rally Championship!!! This Trophy is a wonderful opportunity for new or inexperienced people to get into the top level of the sport and measure themselves against some of the best! Same cars, same tires, a top team, great rallies, and a super desirable prize!" GOOD LUCK for the rest of the season guys!



Photo courtesy of Peter Gibson

ALAN HEALY MEMORIAL TROPHY - CADWELL PARK 6th APRIL

IN very tricky conditions, which saw some big altercations with armco barriers two WDMC crews were storming through the field of WRC machinery and other such beastly rally cars. Tristan Pye/Stuart Merry put in a sublime display of car control and speed to finish 2nd O/A to John Stone/Carl Williamson in Skoda WRC machinery and Pete Gibson/Josh Davison were 10th O/A 7th in Class E only 1 minute behind Tristan/Stuart showing how close the top 10 were at the end. Top work

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EDITORS REVIEW

Blimey – it has been a *muchos* busy time for me over the past 2 months and although we missed one edition of WDMC Pacenotes, I think the little tribute edition for the Border Counties Rally, one of our events, more than makes up for it (if I don't mind saying so myself!). On behalf of WDMC it is also a way of saying a huge thanks to John McClory for his sponsorship and support of the BCR for some 13 years. On the topic of BCR, well done Dave Thomson for his contribution on the event, March's Achievement of the Month is making its way to you! Better late than never, just like they say at a Time Control, ey Tom?!! April's Achievement of the Month goes to two members for their efforts in representing the club on the World Rally stage, although maybe we should have given it for their control of a boat? That was certainly how the recce seemed to be from the pictures that were posted on the Whickham DMC news channel, from our WRC correspondent Mark Zuckerberg and his team. A tough challenge but we all look forward to seeing how the rest of the season goes.

Moving across the continent and how fantastic was Rallye Monte-Kibblo?! TC please can we have another as I thought, to quote Tosh, 'it was bloody brilliant'. This was possibly more by Guy point blank refusing to accept the lap counters inability to count laps and losing the best part of 2 minutes in debate on the matter – made a hilarious night if nothing else. On the topic of club nights Tosh (and Brian) what a great effort you have put in with the triple organisation of events and thank you for making them all so enjoyable, as always.



Photo by Alastair Knox



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FLYING SCOTSMAN - RELIABILITY TRIAL RABY CASTLE, CO. DURHAM SAT 5th APRIL

WHICKHAM & DMC ran a special test on The Flying Scotsman Trial at Raby Castle near Staindrop in Co Durham on the morning of Saturday 5th April. Marshals, timekeepers, observer duties and numerous other folk all enjoyed seeing over 100 pre 1941 cars from Bentley, Aston Martin, Lagonda, Frazer Nash, Alfa Romeo, BMW and many others ragging it or tootling through! I say!!



Photo by Lord Antony Wakefield of the Manor



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MANX INTERNATIONAL - ISLE OF MAN - 10/12th MAY

THREE WDMC crews headed to the Irish Sea for the Manx recently and fortunately all made it back safe and sound, though some stiffer than others. Peter Taylor and Andrew Roughead were fortunately both OK after their 80mph to zero in 0.6s shunt - glad you're both ok boys! Tristan Pye/Andrew Falconer were again the clubs top finishers in 12th O/A and 6th in Class in the ever reliable Scooby. Back in to action after their Epynt incident were, the below pictured, Mr Laffey and Jack 'Haircut' Morton. The lads were showing a fine return to pace and finished the event in 15th O/A and 3rd in Class B14, 2 and half minutes behind Tristan and 11 off the eventual winner, Jason Pritchard/Phil Clarke in the Focus WRC. Some seriously impressive speed from all the crews out there and look forward to seeing them all on home soil on the ranges later in the year..and on Mull! Speaking of which I hear Jimmy 'Stiggy' Saville is heading back there this year, with Gary, Max and host of good friends...Can't



TOUR OF HAMSTERLEY - HAMSTERLEY, CO. DURHAM - 26th APRIL

THERE was a grand turn out for the recent Tour from competitors and marshals so thanks to all for making it a great day! Some unlucky crews didn't make it to the finish: Richard Holdsworth/Andrew Softley in the Cortina with Distributor issues, Trevor Gamble/AR in the Ford Puma with wheel off in SS9 a fate which haunted Jimmy and Kevin Knox also. So, Historic class C2 - Robin Shuttleworth/Ronnie Roughead vs Paul/Dan May both in MK1's & finishing in that order in the top two class positions. C2 domination folks, keep it up in the RAC champ.

AGBO STAGES - WESTON PARK, SOMEWHERE IN STAFFORDSHIRE - 23rd MARCH

OLLIE and Tom, after 16 months of building the new Peugeot 106 finally rolled 'Frank' off the trailer at Weston Park in Staffordshire for their maiden event at National B level. The morning run through the stately home estate was very slippery with heavy downpours and ruts bringing mud on to the tarmac stages, catching many including ourselves out. On the whole it was a steady start to get to grips with the car. Tom set some impressive times on the morning run of 5 stages. After a few adjustments to the camber and front suspension, it was back out in the afternoon for a reversal of the morning stages, now in dry conditions and able to push a little more. Going into the final stage the boys were in a good position and hoping to break into the top 50. The pair were pushing to the finish and approaching the penultimate chicane, now covered in gravel from the reversed morning loop, the back end stepped out and we found a bale rolling over on itself. Only cosmetic damage affected the car but we lost a few seconds in the incident and ended the day 7th in Class and 51st O/A, equal on time with 50th and well up on our seeded position of 74th.. Only 5s separated us from 43rd and 4th in the class so a lot to take away from the day with good pace.

JOHN OVEREND STAGES - MELBOURNE AIRFIELD, YORK - 12th MAY

SWITCHING to the preferred seats (for OC at least!) the pair were out to see how the Pug fairs on rougher terrain...not so well as it happens. Having changed the box to the diesel donor from the blue car with no diff the SS1 was a get used to things. SS2 Misfire - equal time. SS3 going at a good pace until the rear damper went, consequently affecting the rear beam and brakes - finding out the hard way going through a chicane. We ran out of time fixing it but had a run in the Trophy in the afternoon where a bolt on the wishbone snapped. When it went well it went well and we were 32nd O/A and 2nd in Class when we retired. Good things come to those who wait so they say!! Phil Kenny and Mark Thompson were also competing, lending stuff including teas and coffees and finished the day 21st O/A and 8th in Class, albeit with issues of their own - mainly gearbox, steaming up in heavy showers and also feeling the effects of a small car on tough surfaces - all in all though I had bloody great day...next one



Photo courtesy of Kev Garthwaite

Event wise, I've realised when writing this how much Roughead Jnr seems to be out, I might re-name this Roughead's Review! Haha just kidding mate, great having you and all other members competing and marshalling, keeping up the WDMC reputation as the North's most active Motor Club. Tom and I have also recently made further debuts in the new car and thoroughly enjoyed both AGBO and John Overend Memorial Stages, we just need the box and diff sorted and out we go again! There have been some new faces in the club and some returning ones too, and always a big welcome to you all...some are even getting out on the stages, with Trevor using the Puma on Hamsterley and Liam looking to get in the hot seat in the Peugeot 106, a trusty French companion.

I'm still looking for contributions to the WDMC yearbook and a few volunteers to write a few words (500 say) – just on something from one decade, a funny story or something memorable. Photos welcome too so even if you have none, please ask around people who might. Thanks. Anyway, there's been a lot of other things happening but the list goes on so until next month....That's all folks!

Cheers
Ollie



Photo by Ants Wakerfield

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL - KIELDER - 3/4th MAY

Tony Thompson and Paul Hudson - the Chevette no where to be seen on the stages - yes the pair were out again, yes in the ever reliable Subaru Impreza on the Sunday National and finished 10th O/A and 5th in Class 5. TT was neat and tidy through the Kielder stages and finished 8mins behind eventual Sunday winners Peter Taylor/Andrew Roughead - reunited with the trusty Focus WRC. They finished 1min13s ahead of Andrew Gallacher/Jane Nicol, the same Evo pair who had a 'talent loss' on SS5 of the Saturday event, whilst trying some strange manoeuvre in a ditch. Peter and Andrew had began the Sunday loop already with silverware in the service truck, as they had contested the Saturday National also. The had led most of the way until a small puncture destroyed most of the cars arch and their chance of winning, leaving them with 3rd place, only 5s off 2nd place peter Stephenson/Ian Windress and 1min11s behind winners Steven Clark/Jim Goodman. All in all, a successful weekend for Jedward!

CIRCUIT OF IRELAND - EMERALD ISLE - 18/19th APRIL

OVER on the Land of Giant's Causeway Peter Taylor/Andrew Roughead were out to play in the new liveried S2400 Ford Fezza Fiesta. The pair were doing fantastic until mechanical issues crept in and on SS8 Peter and Andrew dropped 6 and half minutes to the leaders dropping them from 7th O/A to 25th on the leader board. SS9 saw them drop a further 6 minutes and they slipped down to 48th O/A. SS10 5mins behind 57th O/A the pair then retired on SS11. The boys showed the pace that took them to 2nd Overall on Mull last year and they're still getting used to the car...lots more to come one thinks!



Photo by John Miller



DOON AT KIBBY CLUB THIS MONTH...

- 21 May - Telephone Rally
- 23 May - Night at the Dogs
- 28 May - Audreys Feel It Night
- 4 June - Radio Controlled Car Autotest
- 11 June - DVDs
- 12 June - Committee
- 18 June - Foot Rally
- 25 June - Quiz
- 2 July - Pitstop Competition
- 9 July - PlayStation
- 10 July - Committee
- 16 July - Navigational Event
- 23 July - Open Forum Evening - all welcome



OTHER EVENTS....

- 30 May -1 June - Jim Clark, Kelso/Duns
- 5-8 June WRC Italia, Rally Sardenia
- 26-28 June WRC Rally Poland, Kubica's Yard
- 27/28 June- RSAC Scottish Rally, Dumfries
- 13 July - Greystoke Stages, Greystoke



PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....

DEAL - its STEAL of the f-ing century Nick!
Peugeot 106 Road/Targa Rally car. 1400 Class winning car with rallye head, rally seats and harness, LOADS of spares **NOW £990ono.** Contact Ollie (details overleaf) - MUST GO !!!





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What's on in the North East & Cumbria May & June 2014

21 st May	12 Car Rally	Northumberland	hexhammotorclub.co.uk
21 st May	Autotest	Otley	ikleymotorclub.org.uk
25 th May	Classic Trial	Co Durham	durhamautoclub.org.uk
25 th May	Land Rover Trial	Robin Hoods Bay	penninelandrover.co.uk
26 th May	Sprint	Teesside Autodrome	yorkmotorclub.org.uk
30 th May to 1 st June	Closed Road Rally	Duns	jimclarkrally.com
4 th June	Grass Autotest	Co Durham	durhamautoclub.org.uk
4 th June	4x4 Trial	N Cumbria	n14x4.co.uk
7 th June	Hillclimb	Harewood	harewoodhill.com
8 th June	Kart Racing	Rowrah	cumbriakrc.co.uk
8 th June	Classic Hillclimb	Harewood	harewoodhill.com
8 th June	Autocross	Nr Morpeth	cramlington-district-motoreclub.co.uk
8 th June	Autotest	N Cumbria	spadeadammotorclub.co.uk
14 th June	Hillclimb	Barbon, Cumbria	barbonhillclimb.co.uk
15 th June	Car Trial	Keighley	ikleymotorclub.org.uk
16 th June	Grass Autotest	W Cumbria	wdmcrallying.co.uk
18 th June	4x4 Trial	N Cumbria	n14x4.co.uk
18 th June	Car Trial	Bolton Abbey	ikleymotorclub.org.uk
18 th June	Scatter	Co Durham	durhamautoclub.org.uk
21 st June	Forest Rally	Kershope	racrallychamp.org
22 nd June	Autotest	Hartlepool	hartlepoolmotorclub.co.uk
22 nd June	4x4 Trial	Robin Hoods Bay	humbersidelandroverclub.com
28 th /29 th June	Racing - BTCC	Croft Circuit	croftcircuit.co.uk
29 th June	Classic Rally	Lake District	wigtonmc.co.uk

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! Warning !

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SPECIAL EDITION - BORDER COUNTIES RALLY 2014 - Thank You BRICK & STEEL CONSTRUCTION



Photo by Edele Kelly

Two months after 2014's event, the 2015 Border Counties Rally, which is the 43rd running of the event is already underway. The organising team met a few weeks after this year's event for the de-brief and the route for next year is already pencilled in. Eleven and a half months, that's how long it takes the team to organise an event, which is regarded as one of the best gravel events on the UK rally calendar. The 2014 event was no exception with 100 entries and some excellent displays of driving. We have seen some of the best drivers from across the UK in all the classes, as well as some of the best rally cars whether historic or modern. These demanding forest stages are some of the best on offer in the world

The 2014 event, in total covered 44 competitive miles, over 5 stages and with central servicing off the main C200 road through Fielder Forest. This format seemed to work well and organisers received really positive feedback from the competitors; the only negative feedback received being a fuel intake problem for one car which lost them time!! One crew did also say that SS5 was a little rough for their liking, but only two comments? We'll take that and put 2014 in the 'successful event folder'!

The team organisers do take the views and opinions of the competitors very seriously, through their competitor feedback form. With twelve sections requiring a mark out of ten, the team can analyse where we can improve; the 2014 arrangement of three servicing areas being the lowest scorer this year but still, on the whole, they were well received. It means that we can continually look to improve the 2015 and despite the route being different, servicing will be considered against the feedback received.

So with next year's fantastic route already pencilled in what else do the team need to do? Well, to be honest, they do a lot! We will be meeting frequently to discuss matters, often every fortnight in the run up to the event. This makes this event more special for the team, as the two promoting clubs are situated on either side of the English-Scottish Border; Whickham and District Motor Club, along with many of its members are based in the Tyneside and Northumberland area and Hawick and Border Car Club, in said border town. A lot of effort from both camps goes into the event, in mileage for meetings alone and without one another the event would not be as successful as it is. The benefit of having the two clubs organising, is that more resources and skills are available and we believe that no matter what challenge is presented the team can capably deal with things (obviously when foot and mouth affected the nation, that's a different matter!).

As part of the ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship, the SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship, the Motoscope NHRC and the Border Ecosse Championships the event sees a wide variety of entrants and we may even have some of the future stars of British Rallying competing out there on the BCR. The top seeds on the event are some of the best in British rallying currently and if anyone adds their name to the winners list they are in good company; the likes of Marcus Dodd, Willie Rutherford and the great Colin McRae all previous winners of the event, which shows how good the competition is in the championships.

We hope that fierce battles in the stages take continue to take place, alongside rallying camaraderie, with championships being won and lost. We hope to continually provide one of these events to contribute this; we want all to be part of the Border Counties Rally.

Hawick & BCC and Whickham & DMC would both like to extend their deepest thanks for the fantastic support the event has received from John McClory and Brick & Steel Construction, for more than a decade John's generosity has without doubt made this event as good as it is. All the best for the future John.

The organising team will be, as always, working hard to ensure a successful event and are excited for the revamped route. The Border Counties Rally is an event by the rally people, for the rally people! We look forward to seeing you all there for a warm Border welcome! Anyone requiring further information or to keep up to date with the event should visit www.bordercountiesrally.co.uk or visit the Facebook page



Photo by Alastair Knox

The 2014 Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally anticipated sunshine this year after a snow covered event last year; but ended up with snow and sunshine. After the Friday testing, heavy snowfall that night meant parts of SS1 Riccarton and SS2 Bewshaugh were covered in snow and ice, and the rest was generally very wet and muddy.

The cars were flagged away from Abbey Place in Jedburgh by Gus Meldrum, aged 11, from Howdenburn School in the town. Gus was the deserved winner of the colouring competition, which sees youngsters design the most innovative rally car livery and wore his Brick & Steel jacket with his own design on the back. The weather made tyre choice very difficult on the Saturday morning and most of the top WRC crews opted for the same tyres. Stephen Petch however opted on a different compound and unfortunately it didn't pay off on the opening stages "We went for a different tyre to the rest of the top 10 hoping to gain an advantage and unfortunately it didn't play into our hands that time round" said the WRC Focus man. Despite this Petch was still on the pace all day and ended up in the battle at the top of the leader board. It was however, reigning Champions David Bogie and Kevin Rae who were straight on the limit and back to form on the second of the 2014 ARR Craib Scottish Championship round, scoring their first victory season after their Snowman disappointment. The runner-up position was taken with a fantastic push on the last two stages by Stephen Petch and Michael Wilkinson, after they had lost time in the morning. They managed to hang on to the runner-up position, by just 4 seconds from Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton, having only been 1 second up going into Buck Hill.



Photo by Frank Love

Jock Armstrong was out with Paula Swinscoe for only the second time in the instantly recognisable Subaru Impreza, and managed to finish the day in 4th Overall, but with Petch not entered for the SRC, bagged himself 3rd place points for the Championship. Last years winners, Quintin Milne and Martin Forrest, had a day of mixed fortunes and could only manage 5th after last years 'giant killing' drive. "We were first of the 4WD's onto the stages, and although there was a tramline in the snow from the earlier 2WD cars, those conditions don't suit my exuberant driving style, when you need to drive a neat "tarmac line" with snow lying either side. We hit a chicane at one point and bashed in a rear door". Nonetheless Milne/Forrest set some good times snapping at the WRC boys in front. Andrew Gallacher and Phil Sandham put in a great effort on the event and finished the day 6th Overall, just over a minute behind Milne, in the similar Mitsubishi Evo. A further 20 seconds back were Barry Groundwater/Neil Shanks Mitsubishi in the Evo 9 with Brenden Cumiskey/Ronan O'Kane hot on their heels. 9th Overall belonged to Peter Taylor /Paul Hughes in the mighty D2000 Fiesta, although this crew were disappointed as they provisionally held 6th place until a jump start penalty dropped them down the order. The top 10 was rounded out by Bruce McCombie and Michael Coutts only 2 seconds off the Fiesta in front.



Border Counties Rally – Top 10 finishers with total time:

- 1st David Bogie/Kevin Rae Ford Focus WRC
- 2nd Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson Ford Focus WRC 08
- 3rd Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton Ford Focus WRC 01
- 4th Jock Armstrong/Paula Swinscoe Subaru Impreza
- 5th Quintin Milne/Martin Forrest Mitsubishi EVO 9
- 6th Andrew Gallacher/Phil Sandham Mitsubishi EVO 9
- 7th Barry Groundwater/Neil Shanks Mitsubishi EVO 9
- 8th Brenden Cumiskey/Ronan O'Kane Mitsubishi EVO
- 9th Peter Taylor/Paul Hughes Ford Fiesta D2000





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Merc continue the charge....



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Pos		Team Name	Player Name	Value						Total
1st	(94th)	The Champion	Karl Knox	11.32	1151	1237	1293	975	999	5655
2nd	(107th)	WDMCpacenotes	Ollie C.....	11.09	834	1739	1221	793	1015	5602
3rd	(260th)	JM RallyeSport	Jack Morton	10.95	629	1536	1293	948	773	5179
4th	(267th)	DGM-sport	Daniel May	10.78	816	1245	1199	754	1148	5162
5th	(301st)	Andrew Roughead	Andrew Roughead	10.70	453	1779	1207	748	899	5086
6th	(468th)	Lasauliere	Norman D.....	10.50	319	1355	1110	820	996	4600
7th	(543rd)	Gaverick	Gary L.....	10.07	639	725	1250	832	933	4379
8th	(569th)	BigKev 69	Kevin Cousins	10.07	421	1158	1110	651	986	4326
9th	(599th)	Tall man small car	Peter M.....	10.99	1207	616	1070	670	652	4215
10th	(955th)	NKC78ZIP	B C.....	9.54	447	476	0	0	0	923



RIP Nigel Valkhard - a great man...



WTCC Independent Champions...

...not bad behind the wheel too...

NIGEL VAULKHARD 1947 - 2014

MANY may know that Nigel passed away in May, having suffered a heart attack whilst mountain biking with his sons and friends. A larger than life character, who succeeded in numerous areas from business and flying to motorsport, a walk of life most of us knew him through. His funeral was without doubt a testament to a great person with hundreds of people paying their respect. The No 42 cortina shone in the glorious sun outside the church as UB40's Red Red Wine echoed out....I'll raise a glass to Valk!



...dodgy dancing in India...good times!

MARSHAL REQUESTS FOR UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS #ThanksMarshal

Jim Clark Rally - Kelso - 30/31 May 1 June

Tyneside Stages Rally - Otterburn - 3rd August

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