



ABERYSTWYTH & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

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Club News

The Club's Annual General Meeting has come and gone, with no major changes to the committee.

Tim Jones & Don James win the Welsh Clubman Forest Championship for the 4th time in 5 years, while Aberystwyth & District MC finish 2nd in the 2007 WAMC Club Championship.

The Wood Engineering Ranges Stages won the 2007 ANWCC Rally of the Year.

Despite the competitive year already starting, the championship calendars have changed and may possibly be changing again. Please keep up to date by attending club meetings or checking the club's website.



Planning is already underway for all 3 of the club's main rallies. Anyone wishing to help run these events, please get in touch with the separate organizing teams.

Regulations for the 2008 E&M Motor Factors Night Owl Rally, to be held on the 26th/27th April, can be reserved by sending an A5 SAE to Sharon Jarvis, 103 Maesyderi, Talybont, Ceredigion, SY24 5HQ

The club website is up-&-running but needs your help to keep it frequently updated. Email any results, stories or pictures to info@aberystwythmotorclub.com

Following next club meeting (Monday 17th March) there will be a Table Top navigational event open to all club members, co-drivers and drivers alike. Bring an OS 135 Map, roamer and some pencils.

We finally have a newsletter again. To be included on the mailing list, forward your details to the magazine editor at info@aberystwythmotorclub.com

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The Year Ahead

Aberystwyth & District MC members are again tackling championships both locally and nationally:

Several crews will be contending the newly formed Legend Fires Epynt Challenge, run over 4 events based on the military ranges. Despite strong competition John Bray (Darrian), Gareth Richards/Steve Pugh (Darrian), Simon Bevan/Katie Martin (Astra) and James Martin/Dylan James (Astra) are looking to pick up class awards.

Andrew Edwards will be sitting next to GEMsport run Meilyr Evans on both UK and Irish Fiesta Sporting Trophy challenges.

Huw Jeffreys/Avarina Connor (Subaru Impreza) and Tim James/Don James (Ford Escort) will once again feature in the Welsh

Forestry Championships, while Katie Martin makes her first attempt at the series with Ford Escort driver Tony Williams.

Patrick Walsh will have a busy year co-driving Narberth resident Julian Reynolds (Subaru Impreza WRC) on the MSA National Gravel championship, whilst helping Manchester's Steve Simpson retaining his National Tarmac Championship title in a Hyundai Accent WRC.



March 2008

Championship Events

- Tarmac
- Tour of Epynt
- AGBO Stages
- Forest
- Red Dragon
- Severn Valley
- Road Rally
- Gremlin
- Night Owl

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Tour of Epynt	3	4	5	6	7	8 Gremlin RR Rali Llyn
9 AGBO	10	11	12	13	14	15 West Cork Moonbeam
16 West Cork	17 Club Night	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Rally Reports

Cambrian Road Rally

Despite being a closed-to-club event run by Tregaron MC, several current (or soon to be) ADMC members took part with differing degrees of success.

Clive Williams/Patrick Walsh (Citroen Xsara) set the initial pace, taking time out of the eventual winners on most selectives until a broken gear selector 4 miles from Petrol put them into retirement..

John Jones/Dic Hughes (Vauxhall Astra) took an impressive 4th overall and won the Semi-Expert award.

Close behind was stage refugee James Martin/Alex Crowley who took 5th overall and 2nd Semi-Expert in a Mitsubishi Colt.

In 6th place were Aberystwyth businessmen Geraint Jones/Richard Briddon in a Ford Puma.

Martin Lloyd/Gareth Edwards (Peugeot 205) took the 3rd place Novice trophy with 11th overall, whilst the father/daughter team of Huw and Laura Morris (Proton) took 3rd Semi-Expert with 12th overall.

Number 3 seeds Kevin Morgan/Iestyn Leyshon (Toyota Corolla) picked up a fail for visiting a control twice which prevented them from finishing any higher than 13th place.

Other retirements included Geraint Hughes/Aled Roberts who pulled out with a damaged bottom arm on their recently purchased Porsche, and Rhys Jeremiah/Reian Jones' Vauxhall Nova that stopped with suspected clutch failure.

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Red Kite Stages

The first round of the Welsh Clubman Forest Championship ran in very wet conditions over the woods on the infamous Epynt Ranges.

Huw Jeffreys/Avarina Connor used the advantage of 4wd on their GpN Subaru Impreza to finish 8th o/a & 3rd in class.

Kate Martin partnered Tony Williams for the first time in a Ford Escort Mk2 to 23rd place.



Telford Winter Stages

Only one ADMC crew contested this clubman forest event at Sweet Lamb. Tony Williams/Katie Martin made it as far as Stage 4 before the engine mount broke on their Ford Escort and put them on the retirement list.



Rali Cwm Gwendraeth

This rally at Pembrey Race Circuit was proved popular for ADMC crews although many did not see out the day.

This was the first event for Gareth Richards/Steve Pugh in a new Darrian, but loss of oil pressure left the car parked up after only 1 lap of the first stages.

Parked 50 year further up the same stage was the Ford Escort G3 of Gary Thomas/Huw Jones with a similar oil related problem, and engine problems put Paul Joseph/Paul Carroll (Toyota MR2) out before he end of that eventful first stage.

Hefin & Phillip Evans made it as far as Stage 4 before organisers black-flagged them for leaking oil onto the stage, while the only crew to go the distance was the Vauxhall Astra of Simon Bevan/Hefin West who finished 20th o/a



Galway International

Heavy rain, sleet and very slippery conditions greeted Meilyr Evans/Andrew Edwards as they contested the first round of the Irish Fiesta Sporting Trophy. Only 3 of the planned 6 stages ran, and this combined with learning a new car prevented the crew from higher than 4th Fiesta.

Wydean Forest Rally

Based from Chepstow Racecourse, the Wydean is a usual season opener for many forest crews.

Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh were contesting the BTRDA National Forest Championship and despite a slow start, they upped the pace in the Hyundai Accent to finish 11th o/a at the end of the day, even taking joint 4th quickest time on the short Racecourse stage.

Huw Jeffreys/Avarina Connor were challenging once more for the Welsh Forest crown, but a puncture earlier on dented their charge to a lowly 27th overall.



Rallye Sunseeker

Whilst lying 3rd overall on the National Forest rally, Julian Reynolds/Patrick Walsh had to retire their Subaru Impreza WRC with suspected ECU problems.

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Championship Points



Tarmac Driver	
Simon Bevan	66 pts

Tarmac Co-Driver	
Hefin West	66 pts

Forest Driver	
Huw Jeffreys	73 pts

Forest Co-Driver	
Avarina Connor	73 pts
Katie Martin	53 pts

Road Rally Driver	

Road Rally Navigator	

*Up to 29th February 2008

Rally Reports

Rali Bro Caron

Steve Wood/Aled Richards (Peugeot 206) got their championship year off to a good start with 2nd overall on this Lampeter MC event.

5th overall were Irfon Richards/Wyn Davies in a Nissan Almera, and Gareth Edwards/Deian Rees finished outside the top 10 in 15th place in their small-engined Suzuki Swift.

Local navigator Dai Richards partnered Nigel Nelson (Vauxhall Astra) to 20th place, while the Semi-Expert crew of Huw & Laura Morris finished their Proton Compact in 43rd place.

John Jones/Richard Hughes (Vauxhall Astra) were forced to retire due to navigator illness.

C&A Slater's Stages

This new event at the recently re-vamped Anglesey race circuit attracted only a small entry.

Iestyn Leyshon directed Tim Moffat round in a hired Ford Escort to 8th place overall, and the Anthony Motors Rally Team of Mervyn Powell/Gwyn James took their Vauxhall Corsa to 21st o/a and 3rd in class.

Aberystwyth & District Motor Club

Meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at Aberystwyth Rugby Club Plascrug, Aberystwyth SY23 1HL

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