



ABERYSTWYTH & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

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Club News

Regulations for the 2008 E&M Motor Factors Night Owl Rally, to be held on the 26th/27th April, are available and the entry is filling up. To get your set send 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

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



The ADMC 2008 championship calendar has been finalized. No changes to the Forest Championship, but a 3rd Epynt event has been added to the Tarmac Championship. The Road Rally calendar is as follows -

Feb 23/24 Rali Bro Caron

Mar 8/9 Gremlin Rally

Apr 12/13 Rali Bro Teifi

Apr 26/27 Night Owl

Jun 7/8 Rali Bro Dyfi

Jun 8 Ystwyth Rally

Jul 12/13 Pacemaker Rally

Aug 2/3 Barcud

Sep 20/21 Rali Meirion

Oct 11/12 Breidden Rally

Oct 18/19 Rali Dyffryn Aeron

Nov 22/23 Farrington Rally

As of March 13th, ADMC lead the WAMC Club Championship, 2 points ahead of Teifi Valley, and Welsh Border 21 points back in 3rd.

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Rally Report

Malcolm Wilson Forest Rally

This M-Sport boss sponsored event takes place over the famous Lake District stages of Grizedale, Greystoke and Hobcarton. And these technical stages proved troublesome for ADMC crews.

Steve Simpson / Patrick Walsh battled with power steering problems all day to finish 21st in their Hyundai Accent WRC, but there was no time to relax after crossing the finish ramp as they faced a 6 hour to Llandovery to contest the Tour of Epynt the following day.

GEM Sport crew Meilyr Evans / Andrew Edwards lost time when they had to drive for 5 miles on a puncture. Nevertheless, the Welshmen finished sixth in the Fiesta

Sporting Trophy on their second event in the car.

Late entries Huw Jeffreys / Avarina Connor may have wished they never entered as several minutes in a Hobcarton ditch prevented them from finishing higher than 45th overall.



April 2008

Championship Events

- Tarmac
- Talbenny
- Millbrook
- Forest
- Red Dragon
- Severn Valley
- Road Rally
- Rali Bro Teifi
- Night Owl

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Red Dragon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 D'Isis Stages Bro Teifi
13 Lee Holland	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Talbenny	21 Club Night	22	23	24	25	26 Night Owl
27	28	29	30			

Rally Report



Tour of Epynt

The bad luck from the day before followed top seeds Steve Simpson / Patrick Walsh onto the Epynt Ranges. A clutch problem lead to a stall on SS3 which cost them over a minute, and a fight back was thwarted on the last stage when the engine started leaking oil over the windscreen. 12th overall was the best they

could claim after a difficult day's rallying.

On his first visit to Epynt, James Martin, co-driven by Dylan James, took a respectable 29th o/a in his Vauxhall Astra.

Several road penalties couldn't prevent the Darrrian crew of John Bray & Steve Pugh from taking a class B9 victory and 31st overall.

Simon Bevan / Katie Martin had a quite run to 43rd overall and 2nd in class B10





Circuit of Ireland

Andrew Edwards made the journey to Ireland over Easter to co-drive for Meilyr Evans on the second round of the 2008 Irish Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy. But it was to prove a fruitless trek as Meilyr / Andrew retired on the first stage with an electrical fault.

Robin Hood Historic Stages

Aberystwyth based co-driver Don James partnered usual driver Tim Jones on the 2 day event based in the Nottinghamshire forests.

Surviving the 3 night stages on Saturday, the Ford Escort Mk1 crew charged hard on the daylight stages to come home 9th overall, winning their post historic class.



North Humberside Forest Rally

The third round of the BTRDA Clubman forest championship was based from the Yorkshire seaside town of Whitby and utilized the well known stages of Langdale and Cropton.

Steve Simpson / Patrick Walsh had a slow start to the day on SSI, but soon got into the swing of things in their Hyundai Accent.

A damaged 3rd gear on the last stage prevented them from taking 11th overall by 1 second.

Tour of Caerwent

Caerwent is well known as a hard venue on vehicles, with many curbs to catch out the unwary.

John Bray, partnered by Lowri James, kept it neat and tidy to stay out of trouble in his Darran, and was rewarded with 11th overall, 1st in class.

Simon Bevan / Katie Martin retired their Vauxhall Astra with fuel problems on SS6, whilst James Martin / Karen Morgan left the fray a stage earlier after damaging their car's axle.



Gremlin Road Rally

Steve Wood / Aled Richards took strong 5th place overall on this round of the WAMC Road Rally Championship event.

Irfon Richard / Reian Jones retired after sliding off the road

AGBO Stages

Huw James repeated his 2007 success with victory in his Ford Escort over the hard charging Gary Thomas. But his challenge was aided when the top local crews both retired and promoted him from 3rd place.

Gary Thomas / Huw Jones (Ford Escort G3) attacked over the last few stages to finish just 10 seconds off the lead.

Dai Dot Davies / Steve Pugh overcame clutch failure and a misfire to round off the top 6, their Vauxhall Chevette the first non-Escort home.

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Championship Points



Tarmac Driver	
Simon Bevan	109 pts
Huw James	100 pts
Gary Thomas	94 pts

Tarmac Co-Driver	
Steve Pugh	155 pts
Hefin West	66 pts
Patrick Walsh	64 pts

Forest Driver	
Huw Jeffreys	73 pts

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

Road Rally Driver	
Steve Wood	165 pts
Irfon Richards	71 pts
Gareth Edwards	61 pts

Road Rally Navigator	
Dai Richards	56 pts
Laura Morris	33 pts

*Up to 31st March 2008



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Meets on the 3rd Monday
of every month at
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