



# CMC NEWS

Cheltenham Motor Club Newsletter

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## Cheltenham Motor Club

# Notice of A.G.M.

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007**

**at 8:00pm**

### **Memberships**

Membership fees as follows:  
£6 - social membership  
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# Get it Sideways @ Down Ampney

## Stages Rally

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007** (Easter)

Plans are well underway. Regs. should be available by the second week of February. The event is open to members of clubs belonging to either CMSG, AWMMC or ASWMC. and is a round of the 2007 CMSG Stage rally championship & Historic Challenge. Once again only two wheel drive cars will be eligible for the overall positions. Four wheel drive cars will only be eligible for class awards.

We still need to fill some official posts: Stage Commander, Equipment Officer, Sector Marshals,

Kev & myself have had a look round the venue and it's in a lot better state than it was this time last year. But we still plan to do some more improvements, fill in some more holes & clear the surface water drains. We are liaising with EMCOS to arrange a working party.

If you can offer help, in whatever capacity, please contact the organising team.

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## What's Going On?

|                 |                            |  |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| Sunday          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb        | Cotswold Clouds Trial – Stroud             |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  | <b>Down Ampney Rally - Meeting</b>         |
| Saturday        | 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | Wyedean Stage Rally – Speech House         |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>12 Car Nav-Ex</b>                       |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>Car Committee</b>                       |
| Friday          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb       | CMSG 12 Car – Oxford                       |
| Sunday          | 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar       | Bristol MC Solo – Weston                   |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>CMC AGM</b>                             |
| Sunday          | 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar       | Ross Solo – Nr Tewkesbury                  |
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| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | <b>Car Committee</b>                       |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>  | <b>Get it Sideways @ Down Ampney Rally</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> | <b>Car Committee</b>                       |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> | <b>CMC 2007 Summer Series – Round 1</b>    |
| Sunday          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr       | Cirencester Car Club - Corinium Run        |
| Saturday        | 5 <sup>th</sup> May        | EMCOS Down Ampney Rally                    |

## Spring RosSolo

Ross and District Motor Sports are running a Solo event near Tewkesbury on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

What is a Solo event (or AutoSOLO)?

A Solo is best described as a cross between a Sprint and an Autotest: but it is neither. Solo is a contest of driving skill on short courses that emphasise car handling and agility rather than speed or power. There is no reversing. The event is limited to cars that are road-legal; i.e. taxed, insured and MOT'd, and they have to be driven to the event. They also run on road legal tyres. Double Entries are allowed, but passengers in competing cars are not. Helmets and romper suits are not needed. No Competition Licence is required on this Clubsport event, just the Club Card of one of the invited Clubs (Cotswold Motor Sports Group CC, BTRDA, Farnborough, and others). The entry fee will be about £25.

The (approximately 3 acre) course is set on a sealed surface (we are running on good quality tarmac) with numbered cones defining the route. It is not a memory test – one walk round is usually enough. We expect to run four courses in the day, and competitors will get three runs at each, with the better two times to count. The courses will be about 700 to 800 metres long and the competitive times are likely to be about 65 to 75 seconds. Timing is by handheld stopwatches. There is a five second penalty for touching a cone. There will be three classes for Production Saloon and Sports Cars: up to 1400, up to 1800, and over 1800; also a fourth class for kit cars and heavily modified vehicles.

We are limiting the entry to just fortyfive for our first visit to this exciting new venue which has easy access from the M5. The Club have great experience at running these Solo's and you are bound to enjoy a competitive, yet fun day, professionally organised. Check out Ross and District Motor Sports Club website for the the history of our RosSolo's and Regs for this event from early February. [www.rossmotorsports.co.uk](http://www.rossmotorsports.co.uk) or telephone Simon Harris on 01531 820761, or e-mail him at [simonharris@lineone.net](mailto:simonharris@lineone.net) for more information or to be put on the list for receiving regs.

**The Cheltenham Motor Club archives have been revamped, they are now in better order than they have been for many years.**

**Pop into the Club one evening, have a look at the photos & see how many old faces you can recognise and laugh at the haircuts.**

**Also, check out the web site, I intend to put some pictures & articles online in the not too distant future. If you have anything you would like added please let me know. Photo's, Rally results, old newsletters or anything you think may be of interest.**

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**Pete Singfield  
12-Car Nav Ex Championship  
2006-2007**

**Four rounds have been held so far**

Round 5 – Friday 16th February

Round 6 – Friday 16th March

**Series Organiser Rich Smith**

Championship results from 1997 onwards have now been posted on the CMC web page. [www.cheltmc.com/results.htm](http://www.cheltmc.com/results.htm) .

If you are in possession of any results from previous years please email [rally@cheltmc.com](mailto:rally@cheltmc.com)

**Cheltenham Motor Club**

**The Tony Brewer Memorial  
Summer Series 2007**

A series events designed as an ideal introduction to motor sport, with the emphasis on social rather than competition (well for the first 5 minutes anyway). Precise Driving Tests, Gymkhana's, Autotests & Treasure hunts.

**Provisional dates:**

**Round 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**Round 2 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Round 3 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Round 4 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Round 5 – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Aug – Treasure Hunt & BBQ**

**Round 6 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

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