

Chairman's Chat

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The Summer holiday months are traditionally quiet for the club with just two rounds of the Summer Series being held, the first of these was held at Windrush Airfield and used the grass section at the end of the main runway. The day was hot and sunny and with a large turnout of competitors the tests soon removed the grass surface from the tests and turned them into dust making for some interesting pictures which are now in the gallery on our website. The later round was held once again at Kemble Airfield on the mixed sealed surfaces. With a new organiser Rob Boltman it turned out to be an interesting and very competitive day with Rob designing some interesting test and using "E" site to the full, a slightly disappointing entry of 11 cars has resulted in the committee looking at the summer series in depth to see if the balance of grass to tarmac is working

My Route Liaison Duties for the Motorsports Association have kept me busy recently with the first Road Rally to run in the Cotswolds for 11 years, the Oxford Motor Club's Bullnose Rally actually started in Cirencester and used all the old classic sections, unfortunately there have been several public relations problems following the event which may result in some new sensitive areas to be avoided by all events for a while. The Club was well represented on the event with a small crew carrying out some pre event PR work, several teams marshalling on the event and several taking part, with Dom Taylor finishing in 11th place and Jon Smith and James Bourg completing their first ever event, read about their exploits later in this magazine.

I would like to welcome Paul Leyfield to the committee as Chief Marshal a position that has been left unfilled for many years

Martin "Ted" Saunders