

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2004

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COMMITTEE CHANGES Sad news for us all. That long time MCC stalwart *John Hayes* has decided to resign from the presidency and the executive committee. Many of you will know he has had a complete change of lifestyle during the last couple of years and he finds that he just cannot continue his MCC work together with his new commitments. We shall miss that beard and ponytail and can only hope he will not disappear but we will continue to enjoy his company, enthusiasm and sometimes forthright views whenever possible.

The MCC without an active president would be akin to a headless chicken and so for the rest of the year *Gerry Woolcott*, a popular and successful former president has agreed to act as caretaker in the post until the next AGM when a new person can be elected.

John's resignation comes at a time when several of our regulars have been overtaken by age, health, business, or other commitments causing them to withdraw from the firing line leaving many key posts filled by new faces. Whilst thanking those who have done so much for The MCC in the past we should appreciate how lucky we are to belong to a strong club with a supply of newcomers prepared to contribute the time and effort which is necessary to keep the ball rolling. But please remember enthusiasm only goes so far; new people need our support while they are getting their feet under the table and we can all help by doing those little things which make such a difference. Ensure entry forms are properly completed, enclose a SAE when requested, remember that a word of thanks or commendation goes a long way and if you have a complaint or suggestion make it politely.

We are all in this together for fun.

CLASSIC BIKE OF THE YEAR 2004 **Classic Bike** magazine has teamed up with specialist auction house **Cheffins** to create the Classic Bike of the Year competition. to find the best amateur restoration of a classic bike completed in the last twelve months. The winner will be selected by a vote of **Classic Bike** magazine readers, and the winning restorer will **win one thousand guineas**. Full details of the competition are published in the September issue of **Classic Bike**,

SUBS CHANGE Do not forget when submitting your club subscription with your Exeter entry that the amount due for 2005 is £25.00 which is a small increase, to keep up with inflation over this year.

E MAIL ADDRESSES Many members have told us how much they appreciate having the **News of the Week and the Monthly Newsletter** sent to them direct by Email rather than in the one case look for it on the web site and in the other wait for Postman Pat to arrive. We know there are still many more of you who could benefit in this way if we only knew your Email address. If you are one of these please let **Simon Woodall** know; he can be reached on **bsw-holdings@compuserve.com**. If on the other hand you

prefer not to take advantage of this service, just let Simon know and he will transfer you to another list.

LES BOWLER, (01780 410200) Chief Marshal of the **Edinburgh Trial** tells us that although he has enough volunteers to cover everywhere, marshals are a little thin in places and another 20 or more would make life easier for everyone. **Need we say more!**

We are looking for someone to sell club regalia at the finish of the Edinburgh. We will arrange for everything necessary to be there and all the volunteer has to do is to turn up and take the money! It is not difficult but needs someone who can be at the finish all the time competitors are coming in and signing off.

BRIAN OSBORNE WRITES Summer's rolling on and it will soon be time for the **MGCC Midland Centre's Autumn Trial at Burton Dassett on 26th September**, which we hope you will enter. Rather than send the Regs and Entry Form as previously, as an attachment (which can carry viruses), we suggest that you download them from our website (apparently no viruses). Have a look at: **www.mgcars.org.uk/mgccmidlandcentre**, and then send me the completed Entry Form and remittance

MEMBERS` ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE David Turner's super charged BMW 318i. Car comes complete with special bucket seats, Bilstein shock absorbers all round and a comprehensive spares package. This car is complete and ready to trial. £1850
Ring me for full details on 01732 503560 (evenings and weekends only).

FOR SALE Trials sidecar, classic design previously fitted to my Triumph-Greeves, good stout design with proper suspension, £75 *Ed Stobbs: tel 01239 881227*

CARAVAN FOR GRABS Sadly, after many years of valiant work the club's small caravan has deteriorated to a stage where it is no longer economically repairable. It has been suggested that the chassis, which is still basically sound, might be of interest to someone as a bike or light car trailer, and so before consigning it to that great caravan park in the sky we are offering it free to any member who cares to collect it from Bristol where it is now residing. **Let us know quickly if you are interested.**