

What a weekend for motor sport, the Spanish round of the F1 world championship, the Pirelli British Rally Championship starts at Gateshead, Nascar on eurosport, repeats of Colin McRae rolling the Focus on the Cyprus Rally, B.A.C event at Eweny woods and a round of the Welsh Tarmac Championship at Talbenny.

The question is how do you fit it all in, I've already conned my dad into driving up to Milton Keynes on the Friday night to pick up two Rover V8 engines, one of which is going into my Sierra but more of that later. Well, Saturday is easy, forget the TV and its down to the woods for the Gymkhana. I haven't laughed so much since, actually since the last autotest at Llandow, (report later). Sunday's decision was to travel west to see the boys compete

on the tarmac stages at Talbenny, the question on my mind is why do they call it tarmac when the complete event was run on concrete? (again a report to follow) but never mind.

What a great day we had, the weather, a bit blustery but stayed mainly dry helped us to watch a great event, the Bridgend club contingent really made the day, what a good bunch of lads we have in the club, they showed a lot of patience towards interfering me, answering questions that I'm sure they've been asked a thousand times before. I have to say thanks to them all, Carl, Ian, Les, Yan and Steve with apologies to the ones I've missed. For a good days motor sport go and watch the boys compete, they'll make you more than welcome and I'm sure they'll appreciate the support.

Talbenny Stages

A good performance again from the BAC contingent at the Talbenny stages saw a class win being taken by Carl Fricker and Steve Montoto in the 1400cc Nova. An early morning wake up call after the first stage saw the pair extend their lead throughout the day. After 8 stages Ian Godney and Justin Davies were controlling the

overall 1st place they had commanded all day when disaster struck and a track control arm snapped leaving them stranded on the back of the course. Yan Griffiths navigated his way to second in class after putting pressure on those leading, saw cars in front succumb to mechanical woes.

Saturday 27th April, first event at Ewenny woods for quite some time after the Foot and Mouth epidemic of last year. Dave and Paul had done a good job in working out a *testing* layout which had some people feeling quite dizzy by the end of the day. 8 people signed in for the event using a collection of cars from the Fiesta of Terry to the 4 wheel drive Toyota of Paul, all of the cars remaining strictly road legal although the stewards were called in to discuss the tyre choice of some competitors.

The event started with the first rounds being completed without incident but unfortunately, some may say fortunately, the heavens opened and to say conditions became slippery is an understatement. Some competitors took nearly a minute extra to compete the course as it became more like a quagmire than a gymkhana, but the runs continued, together with the tears as the laughter grew more intense.

The results follow but first there are the unofficial awards to announced.

Crash of the day must go to Dylan who thinking his chainsaw was blunt tried to bring the biggest tree in the woods down using the front of his Golf.

Hillclimb of the day goes to Andy who took at least four attempts at getting into orbit on one round.

‘I didn’t do it’ award goes to Paul Steddy for trying to convince everyone that he missed the pole and it fell over by itself, honest.

If you have any stories or ideas for the newsletter please pass them on to Tom or myself for inclusion into the newsletter.

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