

Welcome to THE EXHAUST - EDMC News Letter

2018 - 70th Anniversary of the Motor club

Club Calendar

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April 2018

Tue 3 rd	Natter Night - at the Royal Oak, Main Street, Watnall – starts at 20:00hrs. Check the website for more details.
Sun 8 th	Lookout Stages at Melbourne – Trackrod MC= CANCELLED
Sun 8 th	Cadwell Park Stages - run by Border MC (MN tarmac series)
Sat 14 th /Sun 15 th	Kick Start Rally of Derbyshire – Matlock MC road event on map 119
Sat 24 th /Sun 25 th	Primrose Road Rally – Clitheroe DMC road event on maps 97/98/102/103
Mon 28 th	Committee Night – usual pub venue details HERE BUT Bank Hols so TBC
Sun 29 th	Dixies Challenge at Eypnt

May 2018

Tue 1 st	Natter Night at the Royal Oak, Main Street, Watnall – 20:00hrs –
Sat 5 th	061 Targa Rally , 061 MC
Sat 5 th Sun 6 th	Manx Rally , Isle of Man
Sat 13 th	Plains Rally , Welshpool Wales
Sun 14 th	Cetus Stages Rally , Three Sisters, Wigan
19 th to 21 st	Rally Portugal , WRC round
Mon 28 th	Committee Night TBC as Bank Hol – usual pub venue details HERE

And if YOU have anything to add in to the Club Diary – please let us know.

FOR FULL CALENDAR / DATES – PLEASE GO TO THE CLUB WEBSITE

<http://www.eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk/calendar.html>

If you know of anything you want to tell us about in the Calendar, just drop an email to secretary@eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk

Alistair Sutherland & Steve Perez – Course Opener – DFS Rally Matlock MC 1983



Secretary Update

Welcome to the APRIL 2018 edition - Next Club Natter is on **Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at The Royal Oak, Main Road, Watnall, Get down to see us at a Natter, see the [website](#) for details and a map as to where we are!**

At the moment nothing is planned for the April Natter Night although I will try to bring in a few rally DVDs and see if we can watch them on the Pub projector. I know that the Table Top I ran in Feb was well received – what do folks fancy doing on other Natter Nights then? Do you want to “DO” something or just turn up have a beer and a natter? As you might guess, I have loads of quizzes and can sort out other Table Tops. Or what about “bring your old rally photos” and we can share/view?

The Club is struggling to find a suitable venue for the PCT this year as the normal farmers field/s are completely unusable at the moment. Nothing will run in April but we might get something sorted for very end of May – so watch this space!

If anyone else fancies having a go at organising something – whatever you fancy – for the Club Natter Nights or Club events, just catch up with me and “bounce” the idea. I am certain I will give you 100% backing and help as much as I can to make it a success. We really need more organisers in the Club; whilst reading one of the old Club Magazines (that are slowly being added to the Club Website – check them out) it was clear that in days gone past we had a very healthy number of will volunteer Organisers all taking it in turn to run something.

Whether it was a 12 car or a scatter or treasure hunt or quiz or a visit somewhere – whatever – it made for great fun and got the whole Club energised and wanting to come to Natters. At the moment the number of Club “organisers” you can count on one hand and we are not getting any younger in age! Just saying... food for thought...I’ll leave it there.....

Lee and his marvellous Triumph is all done and out and about on events now – showed me some cracking photos of him and Geoff Moss on the recent Agbo event. Sounds like they had a great time. And the EDMC Trial crews are still enjoying the mud in far flung parts of the UK which is great news. Other stage rally crews are slowly getting ready to start up for 2018 although the weather has done for a few of them!

Ade Drury and Cat are due to jet off to Isle of Man shortly – a place that I must go a watch/marshal one day as the place and the roads are fab!

Superb news that the Phoenix Stage Rally won best event of EMAMC SV – just goes to show that folks know what they want in an event and JH and team know what to give them! Well done to all the Team and the Club a great Team Effort.

Personally I am hoping to get out to marshal on the Matlock MC VK Rally Derbyshire – seems that regardless of time passing, I’ll never shrug off the love of the dark, damp, muddy lanes far out in the wilds of the countryside.

See you all at the Natter – and let’s hear some of YOUR thoughts on what you fancy doing in the Club in 2018.

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Eastwood & DMC Ltd – Club events for 2018 – start to put in your diaries!

Date	Type of Event	Venue
06 Feb 2018	Table Top Rally	Natter Night, Royal Oak, Watnall 20:00hrs
May 2018	PCT	Smalley area
03 Jun 2018	AutoSOLO	TBA
13 Jun 2018	Grass Autotest	Bluebell Farm, Spondon
11 Jul 2018	Grass Autotest	Bluebell Farm, Spondon
05 Aug 2018	Phoenix Stages Rally	Fulbeck Airfield
15 Aug 2018	Grass Autotest	Bluebell Farm, Spondon
07 Oct	Harold Palin Memorial Stages Rally	Fulbeck Airfield

Club Clothing ... have YOU got yours yet. Get "in" with the Club spirit and get a new Sweatshirt or Jacket. Practical and good looking – and when we are out and about as a EDMC Club, looks very neat and professional! Great value and still with the 20% discount so get your order form in asap and lets all get kitted out in Club Colours for all your motorsport activities, whatever you are doing!

Check the website for clothing http://www.eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk/club_clothing.html



Photo Corner ... a couple from the past from events mentioned above ...



Competition Secretary

Well we are now into April and I am still waiting for some results to come my way so I can get points updated, I've had some claimed but there's more to come. Got a good report from Nath see below.

Don't forget that you can improve your points standing by sending in a report of your adventures – a short paragraph or a full story with pictures, get it in and additional points will be allocated.

If you want to claim points I am also happy for you to catch me at natter night and let me have the details.

You can find all these things on our Club Website – www.eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk

EDMC Championships – Rules

EDMC Championships – Points Claimed

Event Information

As some of you know I did the Rockingham Stages Rally, which is a 2 day event held at the Rockingham Race Circuit in Northampton over the weekend of 9th and 10th December.

I can't thank the people enough that helped me get there. Richard Holdsworth and his mates for the shove onto the trailer so I could go and get my cylinder head fixed on the day before the event.....Yes it was that close!!! But the benefit of the first stage starting at 1200 gave me chance to have a late night on the car and bit of a lie in the following day.

So off to Rockingham I toddled with my Co-driver (Andy Wright) via Langar Airfield to collect my wheels and tyres that had been delivered to my main supporter (Lee Ashberry of S&L Motors). Arrived at the venue, scrutineered and signed on as normal but then time was starting to get away with me as had to run a pair of tyres over to the tyre van for a swap for the rears. So started off on the back foot. Thanks to Tony Jones from Slick Tyres, for helping out as wheel had a leaking valve as I was adjusting the pressures. So got held up in the arrival que and was late but was able to ask for the time we wanted as there was a slight delay. If some of you have seen the Special stage review on line – Car10 hit the entrance to the tunnel, no more than 400m into the stage. Made a bit of a mess and a sickening crunch.

SS 1: Slightly scrappy as been a while since I wrung her neck properly. But got round. Caught the car in front, a very nice EVO6. Over took him then promptly stuck it on the grass and he re-passed me, lost concentration so my own fault. But first time out on Pirellis (great recommendation). Grip like shit to a blanket from the blocks.

SS2: Set 8th fastest time. (Yes really) I can't believe it either. But was struggling to get gears. Back into service and Massive thanks to fellow competitor in a MKI for helping out when I was all fingers and thumbs, to help tighten up the gearbox to bell housing bolts which were working loose.

SS3: Was reversal of SS1 and SS2, not on the pace. But gave it a good try.....concentrated on getting my lines correct and working the car.

SS4: Gearbox coming loose playing on my mind so wasn't to great either. Got passed by a car that was 2 behind us, but it was an all singing all dancing E30 M3, Very nice car too.....

SS5: Into the dark. Felt slightly apprehensive, spot lamps werent set up correctly as due to the issues with the car before the event I couldn't get it to a road that I use to set them up. So I couldn't make out any features on the infield and struggled with braking points. Eeneded up running the stage on Dipped beams and fog lights to give a better spread of light. Was slow and scrappy. So on service adjusted them slightly and hoped for the best.

SS6: Andy said what had I done. Drove the door handles off her. The lights were a lot better, caught and passed 2 cars in the stage (The one that I had passed on SS1 and the one in front of him), was buzzing, needed a couple more stages to keep going, but was the end of the day. So at the end of Stage 6, was 21st overall and 9th in class.

Then trying to get to hotel was challenging. There was a road closed due to accident, which was almost outside the hotel. I got some odd looks as I carried my wheels through reception to the bedroom ☺ the reason for this was they had forecast a cold night and the tyres had been through a good heat cycle and I didn't want the cold making them too hard for the next day. Couple of beers and a mixed grill later, was time for bed.

Woke up the next day to a good dollop of snow, there was 2" on the ground before we had left the hotel, took it steady to the venue where we were greeted with compacted snow, slippery access roads and snow drifts. Was at this point I made the decision to load up and call it a day; I wasn't going to risk my car.

We thought it better to pack up and go home than to chance it. Some will be sat there shaking their head, but it wasn't just me, its if someone hits my car while on the stage causing damage that I would have had to fix I wouldn't be too happy.

Had a breakfast in the diner at the venue and decided to stop and wathc the first stage of the day. At 1000 the Clerk of the Course made the decision to cancel the event. This was a shame for the entrants of the Sunday stages that had managed to get to the venue, but wasn't safe, there were rescue crews that hadn't made it due to the weather and various incidents on the roads around the venue.

Took a long convoluted route home as the A14 leading the M1 was closed, so headed East towards Huntingdon and picked the A1 up to go North. Took 3 ½ hours to get home from a trip the previus day of just over 1 ½!!

Glad to have actually finished an event as I've not had much luck of late with her but 21st overall and 9th in class was the final result.



Tyre saving exercise in Classic Escort pose 😊



Sunday morning in the service area!!



Christmas card shot ☺

[Watch out for more details on the website.](#)