

GUILDFORD MOTOR CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applications will be submitted at the next Committee Meeting

I, (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss)
(Capital letters please)

Of,

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Telephone (Home and Business)

Hereby apply for FULL / FAMILY / ASSOCIATE membership of
Guildford Motor Club and if elected,
agree to abide by the Club rules and Bye-Laws made thereunder.

Signature Date

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Full Membership £12.00 Family Membership £15.00 Associate Membership £2.50

Pro-rata Membership for new members joining after 1st July

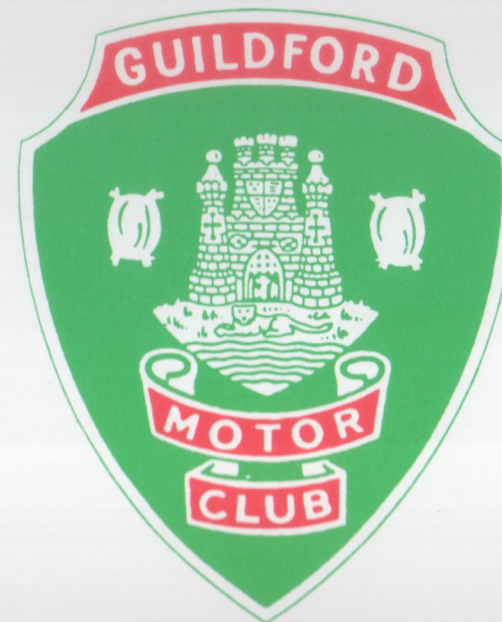
Full Membership £6.00 Family Membership £7.50

Please return this form duly completed with the remittance for the current year to
the Secretary whose address is in the Magazine.

Cheques should be made payable to "Guildford Motor Club".

I consent that the above details may be held on a computer

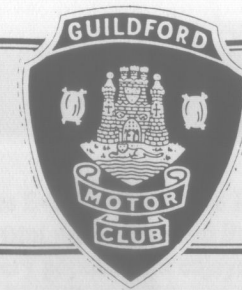
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In Tune

The magazine of Guildford Motor Club



Editorial

October, 1993

I knew it couldn't last. The surfeit of articles for "In Tune" has come to an end. Nevertheless, I am very grateful to David Roscoe, who was one of the founder members of Guildford Motor Club, for his recollections of the early days of GMC. The people, places and events that led to the formation of GMC are recounted here, on paper, for those of you who missed David's excellent speech after the Annual Dinner last year.

The article on 'Emergencies on Motorways' in the September issue prompted Shirley Blott to send in a copy of some hints and tips on personal safety for women drivers. Now the nights are drawing in and the weather is deteriorating, I'm sure that the advice won't be wasted.

One reason for the fact that the magazine is a little thin this month is that some of the information about events has already been publicised by Henry in his "News Bulletin", sent out during September. Although Henry's practice scatter has been postponed, I would like to draw your attention to the next practice scatter on Friday 15th October, which is being organised by Paul Stewart and Alex Laing. A good performance on this practice event should put you in a good position to do well in the 5 Maps Clock Scatter on the 23rd October. Remember, GMC still needs the points in the 5 Maps Championship. None of you need reminding that our own Nov Nav Scatter is the 5 Maps event on the 13th November.

A couple more brief reminders before I close; The GMC Production car Trial at the Merry Harriers on the 10th October, and the Skittles evening with Hants & Berks at the Jolly Farmer on the 26th. Further details of all these events can be found inside.

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Calendar

October

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| Sun | 10 | GMC Production Car Trial at the Merry Harriers, Hambledon. (Regs from Ashleigh White) |
| Tues | 12 | Clubnight – Table Top navigational questions set by the committee members using various different maps. |
| Fri | 15 | Practice Scatter (see below for details) |
| Sat | 16 | Holland Birkett Memorial Event organised by Hants & Berks. An afternoon/evening 'social' event. Telephone Gordon Madgwick on 0428 604942 for details. |
| Sat | 23 | Hampton & District MC – The Clock Scatter, on map 186. (5 Maps event) |
| Tues | 26 | Skittles evening at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest. A joint event with Hants & Berks and CSMA motor clubs. |

November

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| Tues | 9 | Clubnight |
| Sat | 13 | GMC Nov Nav Scatter (5 Maps event) |
| Fri | 26 | Annual Dinner |

Practice Scatter

by Paul Stewart

The next practice scatter will take place on Friday the 15th of October. This will take the form of a normal scatter based (rather loosely) on a golfing theme, but don't let this put you off as no knowledge of the rules or terms of golf will be required. The event will take place on OS 187 (Issue B1) with the start at the Silent Pool car park (059.5 485) at 8.00 p.m. although a short briefing will be held at 7.45 p.m. The finish will be at the Bulls Head PH, Ewhurst (090.25 408.25) at 10.45 p.m. For more information contact Alex Laing (0483 39909) or Paul Stewart (0474 560605)

Skittles Evening

On Tuesday the 26th October, there will be a Skittles Evening held at the Jolly Farmer Pub in **BLACKNEST**. This will be a joint event with Hants and Berks and the Farnborough CSMA. Last year this was a very popular and enjoyable event so it is important to book your places early to save disappointment. The following choice of food is available:-

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| 1. | Ploughmans | £3.00 |
| 2. | Jumbo Sausage and Chips | £3.25 |
| 3. | Chicken and Chips | £3.75 |
| 4. | Scampi and Chips | £4.25 |

Please could you make your bookings (and choice of food) with Paul Marlow (0483 773713) as soon as possible, but before the 12th October at the latest (so that the Pub can be made aware of our requirements!)

Help Wanted

G.M.C. has been requested to run a stage on the Hampton/Sutton and Cheam stage rally on Sunday, 24th October. We have been given the Warren Heath Stage, with which many of you will be familiar and which is part of the Bramshill forest complex. Due to the current economic climate this is the first forest rally to have run in Bramshill for well over a year, and its success is critical if we are to be able to run the Dimanche Tour again in the near future. For the same reason it is important that we are seen to be keen to help other clubs so that they will supply marshals for our events. This is also a golden opportunity for those who have not previously done so to qualify for the club championship.

Steve Cole - 0483 486525

G.M.C., The Early Days

- Confessions of a Founder Member.

by David Roscoe

For me - it all started when Bob Jennings' Ford Pop went on fire. Bob's Ford was the only reliable set of wheels with four seats and you needed a crew of four on the "Hunt the Marshall" type of rallies in the 50's.

With the prospect of an all night rally courtesy of the Hants & Berks Motor Club, the crew toiled up the hill behind the Castle to Bob's house, only to be overtaken by a fire engine in full flight. The next twenty minutes changed my life - I had not risen to the exalted position of membership of the Jennings Rally Team who, following the fire engine to Bob's house, found the Ford completely incinerated through the over-enthusiastic use of a paraffin sump heater by Bob; however, the team, faced with an 'out of stock' position rally car wise, cast about in their minds who might have access to four wheels, four seats and who didn't mind not going to bed on a Saturday night for the winter rally season.

I deem it a great privilege that out of a short list of unsuspecting mugs, I and my A.40 Somerset were selected. Thus began my somewhat eccentric career in motor sport. All of that happened in 1952 - one year before the birth of the GMC, but it started a process which was to lead that rally crew to form the club a year later.

In those days we belonged to the Cranleigh & District M.C. or to the Hants & Berks and for those into circuit racing there was the B.A.R.C. whose track at Goodwood attracted the budding racers from the Guildford area. But Guildford itself had no motor club, strange to say, as there were plenty of enthusiasts in the district. Then one day at a most unlikely motoring event, at a most improbable venue, the idea of a motor club for Guildford was born.

The event, the Guildford Municipal Safe Driving Contest, the venue, the Guildford Cattle Market, then situated in the Woodbridge Road. Need I say, the Great Rally Team won all classes except for our renowned co-driver David Cobbett, who was disqualified for dangerous driving! Yes, really - he completed the wiggle-wobble test in a series of power slides in his 1944 Army Jeep and nearly wiped out the Guildford Council Road Safety Officer who was crouched by one of the bollards with a six inch ruler! After that we realised that we were unlikely to be asked back to any road safety event in Guildford and that, if we wanted to develop motor sport in the area, we had better get our act together.

The scene now shifts to the sales office of Bakers Garage in Upper High Street. Bakers were noted for two things, one they were the main Vauxhall dealers and,

two, the sales staff were rally types. In fact, the Chief Salesman had only recently been disqualified from the Guildford Municipal Safe Driving Contest!

It was on these dealer premises that plans were laid for the formation of our club with a fine disregard for any democratic process. The lads in the sales office made out a list of the committee, comprising the original rally team and their mates and then drafted out a membership form - having unilaterally decided what the sub was to be! But then they struck a snag - they had to put the Hon. Secretary's name and address on the form, but nobody was keen to take on this responsibility.

At that time I was working in London, commuting from London Road station each day and returning to Merrow each evening, thus I was not party to the actions of the 'Junta' in Bakers sales office. What better candidate could there be for Hon.Sec? Keen, had a car, an address in Guildford and use of a telephone. So they put my name on the form and printed off a hundred copies - I was hooked! A few days later when I attended the inaugural meeting at the Wooden Bridge Hotel I found that this great honour had been stuck on me and happily I continued as Hon.Sec. for many exciting and fun years.

From now on the pace quickened, we had fifty members by the end of the first month and R.A.C. recognition a month later. The only near disaster was when I ordered a hundred car badges designed by my father-in-law, the very same badge that decorates members' cars today. The badges arrived, I paid for them out of club funds and started to sell them to members. Then I had this letter from the Town Clerk of Guildford saying that he had seen our badge and how nice it was, but we could not use the town coat of arms without the permission of the Council. I apologised and said that what he had seen was a 'prototype' and could we formally apply for permission! Fortunately, we were told that we could use the design and I heard later that the Town Clerk was most impressed by the speed with which we produced bulk supplies of the badge for our members, little knowing that I had hidden the other ninety-nine badges in the back of my garage pending 'official notification'!

So by the end of 1953 we were on our way, over one hundred members, a famous racing driver as our President and growing fast. The future was to provide much excitement, from the first "Midnight Matinee" film show in the country to an annual dinner for four hundred on an island in the Thames.

But that, as they say, is another story.

Personal Safety for Women Drivers

an extract from a Surrey Police Traffic Branch publication in conjunction with Cornhill Insurance

One of the great advantages about owning a car is the feeling of security it gives you - no more walking home in the dark, waiting for buses or worrying about catching the last train.

But if your car should let you down for any reason, you can be stuck on your own a long way from home, suddenly feeling particularly vulnerable.

In that kind of situation it is only natural for all kinds of fears to surface. After all, each new day seems to bring a fresh batch of press reports about harassment, mugging or assault.

In reality, though, the chances of falling victim to crimes such as these are very low indeed.

The risks are there, of course, but you can cut them to a minimum by taking a few simple precautions. The aim of the following notes is to point out some of the straightforward steps that can help you to steer clear of trouble and enjoy your driving in SAFETY and with PEACE OF MIND.

KNOW YOUR CAR

REGULAR CHECKS (Refer to Vehicle Handbook, ask for advice)

Brake Fluid Fuel Coolant Battery Oil
Windscreen Wipers/Washers Tyre & Treads & Pressures

BEFORE YOU SET OUT

Take a Torch Personal Alarm Phone Cards - Cash
Emergency Phone Numbers
Spare Fuel in a safety approved can
Reflective bands or jacket Map
Motoring organisation Membership Card
Plan your route and phone ahead

IF YOU BREAK DOWN ON THE MOTORWAY

Don't stop on the carriageway
Pull on to the Hard Shoulder well over to the left
Try to stop next to an Emergency Phone
Switch on the Hazard Lights
Put on reflective bands, or light coloured jacket

CALLING ASSISTANCE

Lock all doors and windows except Passenger Door
Use Emergency Phone to call for help
State that you are A FEMALE ALONE
Stand behind the phone

IF YOU FEEL THREATENED

Return to your car
Sit in the passenger seat
Lock the passenger door
Don't lower the window more than half an inch to speak

LEAVING YOUR CAR

Park near entrance/exit
Remove or conceal valuables
Engage steering lock
Look around before you get out
Lock all doors and windows
Retract your aerial

WHEN YOU RETURN

Have keys in your hand
Keep your torch and personal alarm ready
Look out for signs of tampering
Before you get in check inside of car for intruders

IF YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED

Avoid eye contact
Keep in nearside lane AND REDUCE YOUR SPEED
Don't stop outside your home
Carry on until you get to a public place
Flash your lights and sound your horn

IF YOU ARE FORCED TO PULL OVER

Keep your engine running
Check that your doors and windows are locked
Flash your headlights, your hazard lights and sound your horn
Look out for a chance to reverse away

Club Information

Committee meeting

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month, start 8pm

Where: Hillside, 14 Iveagh Road, Guildford

Please contact any member of the committee if you wish to have a particular discussion point added to the agenda.

Clubnight

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, start 8pm

Where: Conservative Club, Bridge Street, Godalming

Pubnight

When: 4th Tuesday of each month

Where: announced in 'In Tune'

Motor Club Goodies

The following GMC goodies are available from Henry, just phone him, or speak to him at Clubnights, Pubnights etc.

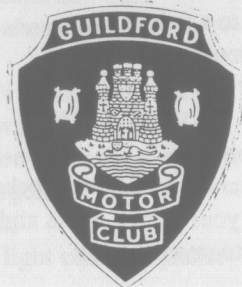
Windscreen sticker	£1.00
Club Badge (self adhesive)	£1.00
GMC leather key ring	£1.50
Sew-on Badges	£1.00
5x11 Stickers (for outside use)	£1.00
Romers (from Basic Navigation)	£1.50
GMC Umbrellas/Parasols are still available	£15.00 (£25 for two)

In Tune is produced on the third Wednesday of each month preceding the cover date. Please could I have any news, views, articles, results, adverts, etc. for the magazine by the third Tuesday of the month (committee meeting).

Thank you.

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