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Dear Competitor,

Welcome to the first letter of the season, and welcome back those competitors who have taken a break and joined us again. Please also find enclosed your registration card if I have not already seen you and championship plates. May I also take this opportunity and welcome Mark Wood as an additional sponsor for this year and thank you to Pat Ward for his continued support.

The season kicked off at the Longmoor Loco stages in December, and a very cold one it was too with 6 AEMC crews attending this event. Highlight for many was seeing the 1400 Citroen AX being driven by Aron Rayner and piloted by brother Scott finishing 4th overall to what can only be described as fantastic.

Richard and Irene Lewsey also had a good run at Longmoor, the Escort running faultlessly to the finish the event 11th overall, with Ian Barnard finishing 3 places behind in his Metro. It was also good to see Chelmsford's Tony Michael and Paul Barret making an appearance taking the Honda Civic to 29th overall.

February saw London Irish running the Emerald stages to what seemed to be a pattern in the weather, it was cold again! That was not the only pattern to emerge as brothers Rayner took another convincing class win by some 7 minutes. Another coincidence, on the last Emerald Stages Richard Upton and Paul Bareham took the front bumper off their Ford Sierra, and the event at Rockingham was no different as the brakes locked up going into a chicane. Sorry guys that I witnessed this, to what was an otherwise faultless drive.

Starting their title defence, Brett Griffin and Sam Fordham took a class win helping them on their way. First time out in an AEMC event was Charlotte Landon in her yellow Fiesta with her co-driver David Earthy. Whenever I saw this crew they were smiling from ear to ear, finishing 7th in class. Not so lucky was Richard and Irene Lewsey who managed to put their Escort through a fence. What was really impressive after the front suspension leg was pulled off, was how many people came to the aid of the Lewsey's to get the car back together again so they could go out and join the trophy rally.

Unfortunately I was unable to make the events at Longcross and Twyford, but if you have any news that you would like to share, then please tell me. The points so far are on the reverse of this sheet.

See you all at Millbrook

Best regards,

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