HOME COUNTIES AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2003

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Dear All,

Well that's it folks. The championship is complete for another year and this will be my last newsletter as Nic Ayre is taking over for next year. His details and some changes are given below. It changes the way the points are awarded and calculated. The points structure is to be the same as the Southern Counties championship which Nic also runs and led to a very close finish in this years championship. Any comments can be directed at him!!

Anyhow, the final was run by Green Belt on October 5th. A nice day was had by all, I think, even if the paddock was starting to look like a scrapyard by the time I got there during practice. Richard Hill was bragging about how he never had any axle problems and instantly snapped a half shaft to make up for it. I also met Kevin Creavan for the first time. He also was having a troubled day. It ended up with the front cover of his very interesting special being removed and discovering a detached battery terminal. The understatement of the day was his comment, 'Well I didn't think I'd tightened them up!!'. It was also a day for sons to keep fathers on their toes, both in and out of the cars!. Ashley Davies got to within 7/10ths of dad Tudor, but also broke a TCA in the course of doing it. Robert Warne had the temerity to beat dad Richard on the day and also brought the car back after one run waving a gearstick around in his hand!. As far as the championship results are concerned, the full table is attached. Once again it was very close at the top and it was down to resolving ties again. I think it was the third deciding clause that I got to before I actually got to some way of separating the pair of protagonists. Anyhow, first overall went to Craig Salter from last years champion Richard Warne. Class winners were Roger Kenningale, Paul Braddock (who was only 1 point behind the winners), Colin Smith, Robin Wilkinson and Kevin Creavan. Congratulations to all. My thanks to Alison, (Nic's other half) for helping to present the awards.

Changing the subject entirely, if anyone wants a trailer, I know where there is a very nice 4 wheel job, in need of minimal tidying up. I used it a few weeks back and is ideal for an Escort sized vehicle. It has not been used recently until I used it. It will need new tyres, a new rim (10") as one has been stolen and a service. The owner is looking for about £500. If interested please give me a call.

Before putting Nic's details down, I would like to say thanks to everyone over the years for the support that you have given me. It seems a long time ago that a discussion took place between Martin Sheath (the AEMC co-ordinator), Mike Bedwell (ASEMC) and myself (then running LCAMC) which resulted in an amalgamation of the 3 championships and an attempt to up the status a little. The late Charles Golding overheard what was going on and volunteered to supply some sponsorship money and Martin Sheath got his sponsor to put up some money. Nice stickers, cash awards and away we went!. One of the sponsors folded during the year, before they paid needless to say which made it a little tight but we survived even if I had to wait a couple of years to get my expenses for the year. We have survived since then although numbers are a little low now. I have every confidence that it will build up again with Nic at the helm if the Southern Counties championship is anything to go by. Please carry on supporting Nic well and make the Championship a success. A website now exists at hcautocross.org.uk. I may even get to an event or two next year to carry on exchanging insults!. Thanks again for making it fun for more years than I care to remember.

Yours in Sport

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