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### Welcome to THE EXHAUST - December Newsletter 2018 - 70th Anniversary of the Motor Club



# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

#### Club Calendar

##### December 2018

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Night Usual pub venue
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Turkey Run Stages Rally

##### January 2019

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	EMAMC Delegates Meeting
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Autosport International Motorsport Show at NEC Birmingham book via website using Licence number to get a entry discount
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Loughborough CC 12 car Marshal help wanted
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EDMC Awards Night</b> <b>Brinsley Parish Hall, Brinsley, Notts NG16 5BZ</b>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Loughborough CC Winter Series AutoSOLO & PCA EDMC invited (see EDMC calendar)
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Night Usual venue

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

And if YOU have anything to add to the Club Diary – please let us know. Just drop an email to [secretary@eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk)



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## Secretary Update

### Next Club Natter

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at The Royal Oak, Main Road, Watnall

Paul Davis (Membership Secretary) will be there with pen and book and cards ready to take your money and issue your renewal membership cards. Once more the cost has been frozen for another 12 months – an absolute bargain!

Don't forget that the very last day for submission of competition points in this year's Championships, is 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018. After that, anything run in the last 10 days of the year, we will carry over into the 2019 year tables.

### Awards Night

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Same venue as before (Brinsley Parish Hall, Brinsley) – same format of £5 each for a sumptuous buffet with loads of food and brilliant puddings; bring your own alcohol please but tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided free. Get the ticket application form to Sandra – see the advert in this newsletter and on the website.

The new Club Website has now been launched by Cat Lund and Martin Freeman - we hope you like it.

Things to look forward to and do in 2019?

- The Committee is determined to run more events for members following on from the success for the Karting Night and Table Top events. We are looking to firm up dates for ten pin bowling, skittles, workshop visits as well as grass motorsport evenings
- Let's get everyone passed through the (very easy) Marshal online training!
- Hoping to see some new organisers running new events – watch this space!

And that's it from me for now. Have a great and safe Christmas and New Year in 2019.

**Mark Wagstaff**



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### Competition Secretary

Well another competition year is nearly finished, all points MUST be claimed by the 20th December. Please check your points on the club website, after the 20th any events will be passed over to 2019

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 .

**View the championship results on the website:**

<http://www.eastwoodmotorclub.co.uk/championships>

As of the 20th December the new competition Secretary will be taking over - Lee Sellars - good luck Lee. Please give him the support you gave me!

**Sandra Hickling**

### Membership Secretary

Well, as I advised in last months news letter, I shall now be actively chasing you to renew your membership of Eastwood and District Motor Club. The 2019 membership cards were recently delivered, in fact, I had them back just in time to be able to take a few 2019 membership renewals at the November natter from some very keen members eager to renew for 2019 and provide me with £12 or £18 depending on whether they were seeking a single or family membership. Well done to them, would the rest of you please form an orderly queue?

Also this year the Club have bought some key ring torches as a small gift for the membership. Obviously, being primarily a key ring the torches are not very big, but nevertheless they provide a bright light, sufficient to light the footpath as you stagger back from the local. I cannot guarantee that they will hold the keyhole steady though as you try to insert the key. I will have them with me at the next natter so come along and renew your membership and collect a small gift at the same time.

Best wishes to you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Paul Davis**





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## MEMBERS CORNER

### Qatar International Rally Report

Well where do I start. Another rally of firsts again, and definitely a rally of 2 halves. On to the firsts, first time on international event, first time navigating in Middle East, first rally in Qatar, first time entered under another country's ASN and first time sat with Shaun. (Hopefully not the last)

So onto the rally of 2 halves. First half saw us suffering a few mechanical issues (to be explained later) and 2nd half applying rule 13. But what transpired that we ended up 2nd national as the 2nd day was cancelled due to no national cars starting due to us both going OTL out in service on 2nd day. Which was big shame with the effort that had gone in the days before.

So I think that 2nd isn't too shabby, saying Shaun had only driven the car on the Thursday night when we finally dropped it on its wheels to move it to the official service area and considering we were still building the car to a semi reasonable standard the 3 days prior.....not ideal but still a challenge in its self.

So where do I start, thanks the the QMMF and the OAA for the invite. Thanks to all the people that wished us well and helped in any way that they could to get us started and helped during the event as we really didn't think we would even get through scrutineering with one thing and another. The encouragement was great, and the Tracking team were following us as we were definitely the underdogs of the event.

Top tip, don't try and build a car in 30 odd degree heat and stupid humidity. You sweat, a lot. So our story starts way before the rally, the with the couple of days we had to try and build it to some respectable standard before presenting it to scrutineering. First thing was pull cables for fire extinguisher, didn't have any fitted so had to make some up out of bike cables, the cut off switch didn't cut the engine off so that needed to be rewired, seats and belts needed fitting and generally tidying up.

The car dramas started on Thursday night on the way to the ceremonial start in Souq Waqif, the Doha traffic struck the first blow in the list of issues, with the clutch pedal sinking to the floor and Shaun having to push the car over a busy intersection. (I was in the service truck stuck in traffic before you think I was being lazy). Eventually got the car recovered back to the service area. A great business opportunity in Doha, break down recovery.....it's the future!!

So missed the ceremonial start, back to service and bled the clutch and replaced the fluid. Pedal returned. Happy days. Shame we missed out on the photo opportunities from the start and the cutting of the cake for Nasser Al Al-Attiyah for his 14th MERC win. But had a good chat with him the following day before the start of the event.

Day 1, longish run out (55km) to first loop of stages, 3 stages, remote fuel and the stages repeated. Total stage km 70,30 total liaison km 131,10.



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Stage 1: 17,02 km stage. Slow and steady start, we got massively lost on first stage because desert rallying in wide open space isn't the simplest of tasks. And there was so little to go on. But we made it to the end. One of the OAA team rolled and his co-driver was taken to hospital for precautionary checks.

Stage 2: 18,13km long. Lost the clutch pedal about 4km in, ended up getting a gear and stopping in it which made it interesting for the numerous hairpins and 90's. End of the stage stopped to see if pedal came back, it did slightly to get us to remote fuel where we met service crew and they advised what to do. Pedal returned but more and trundled off to TC3. Considerations of Applying Rule 13 were beginning to start in our heads but we cracked on.....

Stage 3: repeat of stage 1. Very rough in places where had cut up from the R5 and Group N cars before us. But made it through with minimal disruption.

Stage 4: repeat of stage 2, clutch went to the floor again so, Decision made to get it into 3rd and leave it in it to get round the stage. Which we did. And was a lot cleaner than SS2.

Long road section back to the pre parc ferme service when we were on the perimeter road to Lusail, the dials just went wappy, dash lights flickering on and off and then she started to misfire. Carried on nursing it until she eventually cut out completely within sight of the service area. Suspected alternator failure.

Tried to restart but wouldn't have it, turned over slowly like it had flat battery. So was a hop out and push.....1400kg car, on gravel tyres, uphill slightly in 32 degrees when you were already looking for to getting out the race suit and required nomex underwear due to the sweat that was clinging it to your body was a challenge. After while I ran to service area TC to get a time as we had already started to use our lateness with clutch issues after stage 2.

When I came back with help to get it back to service, I was greeted to the sight of a Subaru being pushed down the road with 2 Qataris helping, in most unconventional way. One was stood on side plate of his truck steering it and the other lad was sat on the front bumper, legs out stretched and feet on the Subaru's boot lid pushing it down the road. And they weren't hanging about either!! Wish I had a picture.

Got the car into service, bled the clutch and carried out some simple electrical checks, with not doing anything to fix any issues, what was bemusing to us was she fired up in the service area like there was no issue. Completely random. After service put car into Parc Ferme over night and had game plan to take the whole master cylinder and bottle off one of Qatar's royal family members spare car. Yes you read it right, he had a spare Subaru rally car for spares in service area for his own car he had. And what a contact to have in you phone contacts list.....

Day 2: car out of parc ferme for 0628, for 15 min service, where the master cylinder was to be changed. But this didn't go as quickly as planned and we started to run into our lateness. Actually all of it.



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### **Qatar International Rally Report**

I went to the TC to try and get a time, but while I was there pleading with the CRO whom was understanding and wanted us back out because of the effort put in to get the car this far was looking to help us, then the FIA COC came over and asked why I was there with a time card, no driver and no car, explained the situation and he said how late were we? Our time had been and gone, he stated categorically that it we were out the event, which was real shame as few seconds later I heard the car fire up and burst into view. But we were OTL.

So with that, we decided that rule 13 was to be applied in true fashion. The car was loaded into the container ready for shipping back to Oman and we retired back to the hotel, found that the Doha Intercon did a Saturday brunch and were one of the first, in true British style to get our monies worth.

With few beers and vodkas inside us we sloshed along to the ceremonial finish to support the other OAA crew that had finished the national class in first, on Friday night. Was a shame not to have the car there ourselves but we were there and that's all that mattered. Got on the podium and said cheese a lot for the cameras.

So big thanks to Everyone that helped. The officials, Marshall's, service crew and the lads that pushed us to service. Couldn't have done it without you. And the contacts made while there were worth while.

Lastly thanks to Shaun for the run round. Next time mate! The car is force to be reckoned with when issues have been resolved

So what's next.....you'll have to wait and see

**Nath Marriot**

**Next Natter Night**  
**Tuesday 8th January**  
**The Royal Oak, Main Road, Watnall**



## Eastwood & District Motor Club

# 68th Annual Awards Presentation and Buffet

**Saturday 19th January 2019**

Brinsley Parish Hall, Cordy Lane, Brinsley NG16 5BZ

**7.00pm**



View the Championship tables and  
Award winners on the Club Website

**Please book now or be disappointed**  
**Tickets £5 each**



NO Bar, Tea Coffee Soft Drinks available  
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