



Update for August 2020

Please find reported below from our Chairman Bob Milloy and Championships  
Dave Thomas.

Stay safe and we'll see you soon.

Kind Regards

**Mark Wilkinson**

General Secretary



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### Bob Milloy - Chairman

It would have been great to return to the Kilton Inn for our scheduled third quarterly meeting on 11 August, however despite the pub being open again, various practicalities and on-going Covid-19 concerns, mean that we will not be convening in the conservatory for a while longer.

As some bits of our lives start to resemble the pre-lockdown days, it is important that we keep each other informed of changes that affect our mutual motor sporting interests. It has been great to see just how much Motorsport UK has been doing during the last three months with a whole range of Covid-19 related advice with loads of press releases covering all aspects of motor sport that MSUK are involved in, with webinars, Q&A sessions and detailed guidance for clubs, organisers, marshals and competitors, two financial assistance packages for clubs and of course the recent issue of ppe stuff for clubs and events. The MSUK website has all of this information available and you should make sure that you and your club members are aware of

what is there. Their e-magazine Revolution, has also covered most of these matters, so if you do not receive a regular copy, contact [revolution@motorsportuk.org](mailto:revolution@motorsportuk.org).

Most MSUK specialist committees have continued meeting via Zoom; each producing new or amended regulations for subsequent consultation and 'deliberation'. You can access any proposed regulations via the MSUK website. One set of regulations concerns the use of electric vehicles in all forms of motor sport. I think it is fair to say these are still being 'fine-tuned'. The somewhat impracticable requirement for a couple of road tankers full of water has gone.

It has been very encouraging to see some events running at last, albeit with various necessary restrictions, both nationally and 'locally'. Despite clearance to run stage rallies, it's going to be a while before we see the first one. The M-Sport event in Greystoke on 22 August looks to be the best bet. That will hopefully be followed by single venue rallies, some being rounds of the MSN Championship, but with not many forest events on the calendar; only the Wyedean on 17 October, remains in our 2020 forest stage championship. Please keep checking the ANWCC website.

Dave Thomas has been beavering away updating the ANWCC calendar, as you will be able to see in the attached article. Thank you to those event organisers who have kept Dave informed. I know that this Association may not be the only one that your club will be a member of and that keeping on top of so many changes to event calendars is probably not a priority at present; however can I make a simple plea – let Dave know, so that we can distribute your message to a much wider audience. Dave is retired, but does not have the time to trawl through various forms of social media to seek out information that impinges on our various championships. Please help to keep Dave sane.

Dave will also be making this point in his article, as well as telling you what we are doing about various 2020 championship registration fees. Our 2021 club registration will remain at £25; one of the lowest of all the Regional Associations, giving your members access to the widest range of championships of any Regional Association.

Another aspect of exchanging information is how you and your members use the ANWCC website, in particular the event calendar. I know that websites are becoming

less popular and that not everybody accesses them on a regular basis. However, if you do have one, it would be great for it to contain a link to ours. Currently out of the 124 member clubs in ANWCC, only 14 have a link to [anwcc.co.uk](http://anwcc.co.uk) with an additional 11 linked to the out of date [anwcc.org](http://anwcc.org). In an attempt to increase the number of correct links, we will offer two clubs free 2021 ANWCC membership by drawing out names from the updated list on 11 November; hopefully our next quarterly meeting. Please ask your webmaster or whoever, to add or at least correct the link to [www.anwcc.co.uk](http://www.anwcc.co.uk) and let us know; it might just save the club £25.

Continuing on the theme of exchanging information, 19 August is the second and last 2020 Regional Committee meeting, which is likely to be another Zoom/phone version and therefore subject to a time limit. Chairman Pete Weall wanted the April one to last about 90 minutes; it went on for two hours. If you have a matter that you want me to take to the meeting, please let me have details before, say 14 August and I will try to raise it on your behalf.

Talking of information, I must mention the heroic efforts of Moz Ellison in producing a pair of Spotlights each month which not only include some current news but also an amazing range of historical epics from the old normal times.

Finally, our next scheduled quarterly meeting is on 11 November, however at the time of writing, it is unknown whether Covid-19 restrictions will allow that to happen in person. We'll let you know more in due time, but for now enjoy any motor sport in which ever way you can, keep safe, reasonably sane and of course, please keep alert.

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### **Dave Thomas - Championships**

As motor sport is beginning to return to some sort of normality we are pleased to let you know that most of our championships will run to a conclusion, with a Champion being announced along with awards for those of you who are successful. The Awards Night has been booked for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and details will be

announced when we know the full situation.

Our regulation 1.16 gives details of the number of scores to count in any championship, along with the minimum number to be started to be eligible for an award. If the minimum number of qualifying events is not reached then regulation 1.16 states what happens if a championship is declared void and therefore cancelled.

So, what does this mean for the championship contenders ...

- [1] Contenders who compete on events that are in “void” championships will be offered free registration for our 2021 championships, as per 1.16.
- [2] Contenders who do not compete on any further championship events this year will be offered free registration for our 2021 Championships.
- [3] Contenders who contest any of the remaining championship events will score points as appropriate and thereby be eligible for awards.

... and what does it mean for organisers of championship qualifying events ...

- [1] Events that are in “void” championships will be refunded any registration fees paid, or if the event is yet to run will not be invoiced for fees. This can be given as a credit against future payments, or can be refunded direct to your club bank account.
- [2] Events that are still to be held will be treated as normal championship qualifying events – fees being invoiced after the event when the number of starters is known.

The calendar can be found by going to our website [www.anwcc.co.uk](http://www.anwcc.co.uk) and clicking on the **CALENDAR 2020** link. For regulations of events that are happening the links can be found under “**Regs Online**” on the right-hand menu. Note that this does change almost daily, so please keep checking.

It is vitally important that organisers inform me if there are any changes to the Calendar, also let me know when regulations are to be issued so that I can add the link to our website for competitors to download the information.

A separate message is being sent to all our registered championship contenders and we are asking that they give full support to the events that are running.

We would also appreciate knowing plans for 2021 as we have started the provisional

list of events, which can be found on the Calendar 2020 document. The official registration form will be online later in the year.

PS ... could all member clubs please ensure that ANWCC is linked from your club web site using our web address which is [www.anwcc.co.uk](http://www.anwcc.co.uk) (not .org which is still shown on many sites). Clubs that are showing the correct address on their website will be entered into a draw, with two clubs being given free membership for 2021. Further details will be announced when the 2021 registration forms are issued.

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