

**1st November 2011**

## CONGRATULATIONS



*MI's winning Autotest team with the Ken Wharton Memorial Trophy – (L to R) David Thompson, Eamonn Byrne, Simon Echlin, J J Farrell*

The Motorsport Ireland autotest team of J J Farrell (Mini Special), Eamonn Byrne (Mini saloon), Simon Echlin (Westfield) and David Thompson (Nova) won the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotest at Alcester, Warwickshire, for the sixth time in eight

years and the twelfth time in total. The Irish quartet led from the first test, and despite strong pressure from old rivals Northern Ireland, stayed in front all through the day. For the first five tests, the lead was never more than five seconds, but on the final three tests,

the gap widened to 22.2s, with England in third place, another 59.6s down at the end. Byrne and Thompson each scored class wins, with Echlin second in the sports car class and Farrell third of the Mini Specials. In the reserves' event, Paul Phelan took the Mini Specials' class.

## ELIGIBILITY CHECK

The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the 500MRCI Kirkistown Race Meeting on 27.8.11 and were found, when checked, to comply with the Formula Vee regulations in respect of engine and gearbox: Lee Newsome, Ian Campbell, Ray Moore. The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the Leinster MC Race Meeting at Mondello Park on 17.9.11 and were found, when checked, to comply with the Formula Vee regulations in respect of engine and gearbox: David Kelly, Kevin O'Hara.

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## NOVEMBER FIXTURES

5	GSMC	Hand Cup Sporting Trial
5	Cork	Startrek Navigation Trial (NT)
5	Awards	Forestry Rally Championship
6	Limerick	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
6	Carrick-on-Suir	Rallysprint
6	Northeast	Autocross (LS)
12	Leinster	Cahill Cup Sporting Trial
12	Co Monaghan	Drumlin Navigation Trial (NT)
13	Kerry	Mini Stages Rally
19	TDC	Howard Wilde Memorial Autotest (H)
19	Awards	Dunlop National Rally Championship
20	Cork	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
20	Co Kildare	Rallycross (RX)
20	Birr	Autocross (LS)
26	MEC	Noonan Cup Sporting Trial
26	Donegal	Closed Mini Stages Rally
26/27	Carlow	Autotest (H)
26/27	Midland	Navigation Trial (NT)
27	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)

## DECEMBER FIXTURES

3	Killarney	Historic Car Stages Rally
4	MEC	Rallysprint – Mondello
10	MEC	Kilkenny Cup Sporting Trial
10/11	Skibbereen	Carbery Navigation Trial
26	TDC	Christmas Autotest
26	Munster CC	Autocross (LS)
27	Carlow	Rallysprint – Mondello
27	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
27	Cork	Autocross (LS)
28	Leinster	Le Fanu/Brabazon Cup Sporting Trial

## CHANGES TO CLUB INFORMATION

ALMC: new e-mail address: [secretary@almc.ie](mailto:secretary@almc.ie)

Co Monaghan MC: new e-mail address: [monaghanmotorclub@gmail.com](mailto:monaghanmotorclub@gmail.com)

IMRC: new e-mail address: [imrc31@gmail.com](mailto:imrc31@gmail.com)

Wexford MC: new website:

[www.wexfordmotorclub.ie](http://www.wexfordmotorclub.ie)

APPROVED ORGANISATIONS: Add: Leitrim Motor Club: Philip Bohan, Kiltybanden, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim. Phone 087-6753852.

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## DATE CHANGES

Galway Sprint 6.11.11 cancelled



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## DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2011

Congratulations to 17 year-old Sean Doyle from Wicklow town, who has been selected as the Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month for September.

Sean had a terrific season, scoring five wins during the year at Mondello Park, Kirkistown and Anglesey in Wales, backed up by a series of 2nd and 3rd places to give him eleven podium finishes from thirteen races. This leaves him in runner-up position in the closely contested Ginetta Junior championship, just three points behind the winner.

The Wicklow teenager, who began his motor sport career in Junior Rallycross

in the 2009/10 season, hopes to move into the Global Lights class next year and would like to progress to the British Touring Car Championship in the future. He is delighted that his second place in the Junior Championship has also brought him a prize of a test drive in a later version Ginetta G40 at a British circuit in the near future.

He very much appreciates the support of his family during the year, and the assistance of ABR Sports, who prepared and ran his car.

Sean is sponsored by Truly Scrumptious, Mizzoni Pizza Company

and Halpin's Cafe from Wicklow, and by Leon Recycling and Rolson Tools.

He attends Colaiste Raithin in Bray, where he is in 6th year, and hopes to study Motorsport Engineering at Swansea University after sitting his Leaving Cert next summer.

Sean is the sixth and final Dunlop Driver of the Month for 2011, and is now a contender for the prestigious €50,000 Dunlop Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Dunlop, the Irish Sports Council and Motorsport Ireland.

## RALLYCROSS COMMITTEE

The Rallycross Committee are interested in starting Retro Rallycross for those cars at least 25 years old. The UK enthusiasts are also endeavouring to do the same and it is hoped that with similar rules and regulations, it will be possible to hold joint events. Owners of retired Rallycross cars who are interested in resurrecting them and

reliving the "Good Old Days" should contact the Chairman of the Rallycross Committee at mpfitzsimons@gmail.com with a view to a discussion on how it can all happen. It is envisaged that at least three divisions would evolve, Supercars 4 wheel drive over 2 litre, Super Modified 2 wheel drive over 2 litre, and Modified under 2 litre (maybe

another smaller cc class if there is interest). In the beginning it is likely that there will be demonstration runs and competition races after, if that is what people want.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS-KART RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish Kart Racing Champion (King Hussein of Jordan Trophy): Richie Faulkner

National Kart Racing Junior Champion (Neil Shanahan Trophy): Odhran Henry  
Cadets: 1 Ben Saurin, 2 Alex Denning, 3 Cathal McNally.

Mini Max: 1 Darragh Cormack, 2 Steven Callanan, 3 Ronan Mulrine.

KF3: 1 Odhran Henry, 2 Ronan Shaw, 3 Killian Ryan-Meenan.

Bilands Super 4: 1 Terence Corcoran, 2 David Yamamoto, 3 Gabriel Lodge.

Rotax Max: 1 Richie Faulkner, 2 Josh Mulholland, 3 Robert O'Keeffe.

KZ2: 1 James O'Keeffe, 2 Michael Curran, 3 Shane Crosbie.

Hawthorn Trophy

1 Lee Newsome (Formula Vee) 274 points, 2 Ray Moore (Formula Vee) 266, 3 Alan Watkins (Stryker) 264, 4 Bernard Foley (Historic) 253, 5 Mark Braden (Global Light) 246, 6 Sean Doyle (Ginetta Junior) 243, 7 Des Bruton (Stryker) 239, 8 Andy O'Brien (Ginetta Junior) 238, 9 Seamus Ryan (Stryker) 234, 10 Billy Crosbie (Historic) 231.

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## AMENDMENTS/CORRECTION TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 34 – MI Navigation Trial National Championship 2011/12

Dates for championship rounds in early 2012 have now been confirmed as follows:

21/22 January Cork 1000 Shakes

4/5 February Skibbereen 100 Isles

11/12 February Midland (Reserve

Event)

3/4 March Cavan

17/18 March Monaghan

Article 6.4: NOVICE: Any competitor, other than a Beginner, who has not navigated before 1.9.07 plus any competitor who has not been promoted.

Appendix 84 – Junior Rallycross Cup

Art 19 – Licence Requirements and Competitor Eligibility: 1st paragraph now reads: Competitors in the Junior class must hold a Junior Speed Licence or Junior Race Licence at the start of the Championship and will be eligible to compete in this class until the end of the championship.

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