

## **BARC North Western Centre report for BARC Magazine 2020 Summer Edition**

Like all of us I suspect the NW Centre is working to do what we can to keep the momentum of our club and its competitions going. What strange times we live in at the moment when a large part of the world has closed down and withdrawn into itself. It's the stuff of all those post-apocalyptic films we have seen on TV for the last decade or more!

Technology has been something of a saviour to us all making it possible to communicate visually and verbally with family and friends. I suspect that a very large proportion of the population will have significantly improved its digital abilities by the time the crisis is over! It has enabled us to have meaningful team discussions of matters relating to the future and our committee has started to hold its monthly meetings on line. If the opportunity arises we are ready to run a race meeting at short notice. A driver poll was carried out by our Competition Secretary John Leck to determine the support for a short championship at the end of the season and he quickly received very strong support for this. We live in hope.

Graeme Saul, one of our drivers and a driver representative, started a virtual championship for the CNC Heads Sports Saloon Championship drivers to keep social contact and enthusiasm for competition going. It has turned out to be massively successful and is now open to all, spectators, mechanics, officials and marshals. It is being scored and trophies will be awarded! More of this in an accompanying article.

Other than this many drivers are using the time to work on their cars and we are receiving enquiries from new drivers who are building cars for the championship when it restarts.

Sadly when the lock down started we received news of the untimely early passing of Ken Mitchell, one of our previous chairmen. A separate article covers this man who was instrumental in introducing some very significant changes to race and rally procedures which make very interesting reading.

It only remains to say that we send everyone our very best wishes for their good health and safety and we hope to see you all at a club event in the near future.

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