



A picture tells a thousand words...

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As this 'Corner' is being written just prior to the January committee meeting but won't be in your hands until shortly after it there's nothing to report on club affairs this time so I thought I'd concentrate on my activities from yesteryear for a change. So let's turn the clock almost 30 years...

It'll probably come as no surprise that back then I was involved in clubman's motorsport, being an active member of Chiltern Car Club. Brother Malcolm was well established and competing in his Imps by now and I was either marshalling or servicing for him, the latter giving me the opportunity to get out and photograph him on various road and stage events. It was only since I became Chairman a couple of years ago that I delved into my vast box of transparencies to look out some of my memories from those great days.

One such occasion I found was the Cheltenham Motor Club's single-venue stage rallies which were held on the former airfield at Down Ampney near Cirencester in 1982/83. A fading memory cannot recall the results but it does remember that this was a popular venue with some quite narrow, if rather slippery, concrete roads – slippery mainly because of the large deposits of brown farmyard muck in one particular series of tight corners! The venue has certainly served the test of time well as I understand is still in use for stage rallies today.

While I usually took some shots of the event's leading competitors I also knew I had taken shots of virtually every Imp that was competing. On checking out the slides not only had I got a lot of shots of big brother, but he was again in competition with Mike Hanna who always seemed to get the better of him wherever we went. The biggest surprise of all though was when I looked at the mount of another slide featuring an Imp as I had noted on it 'M Maynard'. On checking this out I found it was none other than Mark of Maynard Engineering fame, apparently in his first ever rally in an Imp!

Two other Imps featured that day, one of which was Ted Adams, a long-term friend of ours, and a yellow saloon (?CG 471F) that I don't recall ever seeing again despite the competitors co-ordinated helmets. There was also an orange Clan (HOU 573X) which was registered only a year or two before the event but sadly it has not been taxed since 1985 – is it still out there I wonder? The slide mount is noted as being driven by S Golding but I have no other info other than they may have been a North Oxon Car Club member. If you know of either of these unidentified drivers please let me know.

Anyway in accordance with the title of this piece I'll keep it brief this month. Enjoy!

Left: Ted Adams and navigator Greg Parker flying the flag for Chiltern Car Club and raising the dust on a drer section of the airfield

Photo: Graham Anderson



Left: Malcolm kicking up the mud. Roland Carlin navigating. Above: S Golding's Clan Crusader Below: Mike Hanna (see also back cover) Photos Graham Anderson



**Unidentified Imp. Note
matching yellow helmets!**
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