

ROUND BRITAIN NAVIGATION MARATHON, 1993

by Ian McKechnie

On the evening of Friday 2nd July, a car and four people set off from Hemel Hempstead, heading east. By Sunday evening, 4th July, they had been to Lowestoft, John O' Groats, Dunnet Head, Ardnamurchan Point, Lands End, The Lizard Point (ed: the easternmost, northernmost, westernmost and southernmost points of Britain), and the Hunter's Lodge, and were back at Hemel Hempstead - all in 47 hours, 39 minutes.

The four were Phil Ingold, Geoff Barton, Dick Housego, and Ian McKechnie. It was done to raise money through sponsorship for MS research. We covered 2155 miles, an average speed (including stops) of 45.2 mph. The car was a Cavalier 2.0L automatic, which averaged 32.6mpg on the trip. As the petrol was donated, overheads were zero.

We don't yet have all the money in, but it looks like exceeding £600. So thanks to all of you who helped with sponsorship. And if we didn't catch you, and you would like to make a retrospective donation, we will be pleased to receive it - please send it to Phil Ingold at 31 Spring Lane, Hemel Hempstead.

We will let you know the final total in due course. And we have the highlights of the trip recorded on video - so if you don't pay up, we'll make you watch it!

MCG BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 1993

CHEWTON MENDIP VILLAGE HALL

8.00PM TO MIDNIGHT

WITH THE LONDON VELVET BOTTOM BAND

AND CALLER, "ANDY"

BUFFET - BAR - RAFFLE

ADMISSION £6

CHILD REDUCTIONS

TICKETS FROM ARTHUR SPAIN

FURTHER DETAILS IN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

UPPER FLOOD

Access to Upper Flood is controlled by MCG on behalf of the landowner, Somerset County Council. The MCG committee may nominate leaders, who must be current MCG full members. All trips must be accompanied by an approved leader.

Rules of access:

- * Party size limited to 4 including leader. If more than 4 required, eg. for digging, travel through the cave should be in parties not exceeding 4 including leader.
- * The key to the cave is not to be passed to anyone who is not an agreed leader.
- * No carbide to be used in the cave.
- * Wet suits are to be worn beyond the first duck.
- * Beginners are not allowed entry.
- * The Blackmoor log, which hangs on the back of the library door, is to be filled in for every trip.

Current leaders:

Charlie Allison	081-393-5910
John Beauchamp	0761-463143
Jean-Paul Burch	0737-767738
Mike Carson	0753-655143
Malcolm Cotter	07842-52643
Sonya Cotter	07842-52643
John Crowsley	0272-652585
Adrian Duckett	081-568-6211
Steve Eddy	0272-665222
Tim Francis	081-878-3508
Vanessa Gill	0272-652585
Lee Hawkeswell	0923-819103
Mike Hazelden	0703-464491
Wayne Hiscox	(work) 0749672081x2213
Mike Lovell	0734-663747
Martin Rowe	0252-872006
Arthur Spain	0749-679358
Adrian Thomas	0272-851095
Dave Tooke	0923-241522
Roger Wallington	0753-433841
Kevin West	081-570-6624
Stephen Wyatt	0934-838953

BLACKMOOR CAVES

As well as UPPER FLOOD, the Blackmoor log book must be filled in each time a visit is made to WATERWHEEL SWALLET or BLACKMOOR SHAFT, both on S.C.C. land.

MCG ADDRESS LIST

Enclosed with this Bulletin is an up to date address list. If you find any errors, please contact Yvonne Rowe.

BOOKING SHEETS

Please, please, please!! Each booking sheet is for ONE DAY ONLY. If you stay for a week, then fill in a week's worth of sheets (even if yours is the only name on the sheet). Spare sheets for each day will be found at the back of the cottage bookings ring binder.

CCC PERMITS

Please, please, please!! Each permit is for ONE PERSON ONLY. You can't issue a single permit to "JO BLOGG'S, PARTY OF 12" as has been happening (name changed to protect the guilty).

YV'S DROPPINGS

YR: It's alright if you don't get one against the wall.

GB: Guano: that's Bat Products isn't it?

YR: I'm one but I don't worry about it.

On the advantages of lead-acids over nicads:

ANON: I had a lead-acid battery, it was perfect. Until it blew up.

ARCHAEO/SPELEO SPEAK

Archaeo STANDARD DEVIATION: A term which describes the natural statistical distribution of a series of measurements around a mean value.

Speleo STANDARD DEVIATION: Funny! I thought a standard deviation was the simple SRT rigging technique of redirecting the rope on a pitch to avoid abrasion.

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...will be published in September. Due to my being on holiday for 3 weeks in August, there has only been time to produce this brief Bulletin.