

SOUTH EAST LONDON & SURREY

A good turnout for the last meet of the calendar year. We again met at the Whyte Harte in Bletchingley which we are favouring as a "home" for the foreseeable future.

Topic for the evening was Rally of the Tests 2017 recounted by eminent competitor Geoff Twigg. With Peter Blackett he completed what all present perceived as a tough event, which has seemingly evolved from tests with regularities more towards challenging regularities/navigation with interesting tests. Geoff loved it. Peter in left seat had a few struggles. Reading the HERO website event reports, Peter was far from alone.

Also a feature, especially for the more grey-haired members present, who tend towards remembering older cars, was the relatively few entrants in pre-63 machinery. Reflected in most competition now.

A most enjoyable report and many thanks to Geoff.

A bit of a variation on our normal themes was a view of the Beaujolais Rally from a marshalling stance. This was a one-off exercise by your reporter, rounding off a reasonably intense year's competition with some time on the "dark side" (as quite a few competitors called it.) It was good fun watching dodgy arrivals in controls rather than performing them !

Andy Actman graced us with a rare visit, wearing his MSA Area Development hat.

Find out more about this on www.GoMotorsport.net which is promoting more involvement in our sport.

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