

Autumn Naviscat report

Sunday 4th October

On Sunday 4th October, the SE Centre organised its first 3-D competition of the lockdown. Alex Lemon with help from Mike Chittenden, and John Morgan, our new Competition Secretary, went through many hoops to make this happen under the restrictions imposed by MSUK to comply with Covid 19 requirements. The main item was that we had to pre-register our entry, with a Covid 19 Declaration/Signing-on form, as well as providing copies of the MSUK's new Clubman's licence, which was brought in this year. These arrangements ensured that no transactions took place on the day, as would have been normal for a naviscat.

The start and finish were based at the Surrey Oaks pub near Newdigate, where we had to abide by the restrictions of one-way traffic, with food and drinks being brought to our tables by the waitresses. The morning started with signing the pub's declaration document, after which we were given our coffees and bacon sandwiches.

Twelve cars had entered, but two couldn't make it on the day, whilst two MG Car Club members decided to come in modern cars due to the very wet weather, leaving their MGA and TC in their garage; only Philip and Rosemary Bayne-Powell persevered in their 1935 MG Magnette, albeit with the hood up. The Inter Register Club (IRC) one of the invited clubs, fielded three entries, and Richard Kiel had come down from north Essex in his 8hp Jowett, which took him about three hours. Adrian Ducker also came a long way from Ringwood in the New Forest in his Riley Alpine.

At 11am we were given our rally instructions and questions in a sealed envelope by the organisers; the documents had been kept for three days in a Covid- free sanitised box.

The 46 locations were 6-figure map references, and so once they were plotted in the pub, cars set off in a variety of directions to get to the locations and answer the clues on the question sheet. Some of these were hard, involving serious scanning of the small print on notice boards. Being wet, there were not so many horses and cyclists out, but the Duke of Edinburgh's award was taking place and so the car parks were fuller than normal. The rain actually wasn't as bad as had been promised, but still people got wet when they had to hunt for the 2-and 3-point clues. The one point clues could be solved from the car.

After 3¹/₂ hours of searching, we had to be back at the pub, where we posted our answers in a special box, before sitting down for an excellent lunch which came quite quickly, whilst the organisers, Alex Lemon and Mike Chittenden counted up the scores..The pub was very Covid organised, with waitresses bring the food and drinks to each table, as well as working out the overall costs of the food and drinks to be paid by contactless cards at the table.

Soon Alex Lemon read out the results which showed a very wide range of scores from the Winning team of James and tom Campbell at 46 points down to just 4 points for Mario and Bridget Loulie, friends of our Chairman Chris Leigh; they had come all the way from Cheshire for the event!

The best MG and second overall was veteran George Homewood and Rose Carr with 29 points the MGB, after all the MG classes had been amalgamated. The non-MG class was won by John and Sally Reay in a Renault Clio. The IRC class was won by Adrian Ducker and Peter Hanna in the Riley, as IRC man Tom Campbell had left his usual Alvis 12/50 behind, otherwise he would had won the

IRC class. Rosettes were handed out to the MG winners, and the IRC winners got a bottle of wine and chocolates. At the end, Chris Leigh thanked Alex and Mike for their hard work in running the event under testing Covid restrictions.

The next Navisat will be the Spring Navisat organised by Stuart Manser, with the hope that the Covid restrictions might have lifted by then.

RESULTS

Place	Team	Car	Score	Club
1	James & Tom Campbell	MGB	46pts	IRC
2	George Homewood & Rose Carr	MGB	29pts	MGCC
3	John & Sally Reay	Clio	26pts	MGCC
4	Adrian Ducker & Peter Hanna	Riley	23pts	IRC
5	Janina Downey & Stuart Manser	Audi	21pts	MGCC
6	Chris & Janice Leigh	MG ZR	16pts	MGCC
7	Philip & Rosemary Bayne-Powell	MG NA	15pts	MGCC
8	Steve & Denise Cherry	MGBGT	13pts	MGCC
9	Richard Keil & Malcolm Haward	Jowett	12pts	IRC
10	Mario & Bridget Loulie	MGF	4pts	MGCC