



Competition Secretary AGM 2025 Report

Throughout 2025, the SE Centre continued to promote some grass roots competition and competitive events. All the events were reported on both the SE Centre website and in the newsletter, but here is a brief summary of the year's activities:

- The **Valentine Treasure Hunt on 16th February** was run to the area South West of Reigate in Surrey. This event was run by Epsom MGOC with an invite to MGCC SE Centre members.
- Despite planning to support the **Production Car Trials organised by MMKMC**, clashes of event dates resulted in insufficient MGs being available to enter last year.
- The **Spring and Autumn Naviscats** were held on 23rd March and 21st September. The Spring event was organised by Chris and Janice Leigh and held In West Kent with 18 cars entering, finish at the Wheatsheaf, Bough Beech. The Autumn Naviscat was organised by Austin Banner and Philip Roussel-Smith and held South of Horsham with 13 cars entering. Start and finish was from Wheatsheaf Pub, near Handcross.
- On May 18th, the **MGCC95 South East Run** took place. The start was at Denbies Vineyard with a scenic drive through Surrey and Kent to Bewl Water. 40 Cars took part.
- A fully competitive event was held on 5th April, namely an **AutoSOLO held at Filching Manor** near Polegate in East Sussex on their now closed Gokart circuit. The event continues to be a great success with the overall entry being in excess of 40 cars including 11 MGs. Entrants from some other clubs who regularly run AutoSOLOs stated that this venue was one of the best with its challenging undulating topography and historic car museum.



- **Two Evening Autotests were held near Newdigate.** The events were held in a grass field with refreshments and results presented in the adjacent Dorking Brewery Taproom. First event was held on 21st May with 14 cars and 10 MGCC Members. Second event took place on 24th July with 20 cars and 13 MGCC Members. Being an evening autotest, it could include a Production Car Class that allows entrants to have a passenger. This was a benefit to our novice entrants to assist with navigating the test layouts.





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- **A Summer BBQ and Pride of Ownership** was held for a second year at The Kentish Horse pub, Markbeech. The event originally started as the Rookcross Concours and was held annually through to 2009. The 2025 was the second recent event following the original Pride of Ownership format and presenting the original trophies. The weather was rather wet in the morning and this discouraged some of the entrants, reducing the entry to 10 cars (30 cars in 2024)
- **The Summer Gathering was held at Chiddingstone Castle on 17th August.** The event included two road runs and a Pride of Ownership in front of the castle. The PoO entry included 16 cars of which, 5 were in the judged Premier Class.



- At the end of the season, an **Autumn Leaves Run with Scavenger** was held on 19th October with 16 entrants, centred between around, West Kent near Westerham. The start this year was the Titsey Brewing Tap Room that made us most welcome, with the finish at Ye Old Ship in Tatsfield. The format is proving popular with photographic village clues and a scenic drive.



The SE Centre continued to participate with the Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs (ASEMC) and this will allow the SE Centre to receive invitations from numerous motor clubs from all over the SE region as well as encouraging these clubs to support our events such as the Naviscats, AutoSOLO and Evening Autotests.

The SE Centre continues to support the MGCC main club working party to maintain the set of event guides to ensure compliance with the Current Motorsport UK event Regulations. These are available to all members in the member area of the MGCC website

Looking ahead to 2026 season, events will continue with the AutoSOLO, Naviscats, Road Runs, Pride of Ownership, and two Evening Autotests. If teams can be raised, there will be an MG Trials entry.

If you would like any information on how to take part, what is involved, what events are being organised, or what invitations the SE Centre has received, then either email me on competitions@mgcse.co.uk or give me a call on 07802 770025.

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