

Pearce duo near title

SIDECARS: Read duo Russ and Rod Pearce are on the verge of claiming the British F2 Sidecar Championship Cup after the latest round at Croft at the weekend.

The brothers now lead the standings by 70 points, with only 100 points still available from the remaining four races of the season.

The duo took second place in the cup class in the first race of the weekend at the north east circuit, although they had to retire from the second race.

Mellor Brook's John Holden made a guest appearance in the races – two months after suffering a broken pelvis, broken collar bone and broken ribs at the TT in the Isle of Man.

Holden and passenger Andy Winkle took the final championship point in the first race despite engine issues but had to retire in the second race.

Holden's partner Fiona Baker-Milligan was the passenger for father Tony Baker as they took fifth position overall in the first race but retired on lap five of the second race, keeping them fifth in the standings for the season.

The sixth round is at Snetterton in Norfolk on September 8 and 9.

Barritt out

RALLY: Barrowford co-driver Daniel Barritt was forced to retire from the Ulster Rally along with Alastair Fisher as they warmed up for tomorrow's Rallye Deutschland.

Fisher and Barritt travelled to Northern Ireland to gain some vital practice ahead of the start of a run of tarmac rallies in the second half of the World Rally Championship Academy Tour season.

They were in 12th position after 10 stages in their Ford Fiesta R2 before going off in the 11th stage to signal the end of their involvement in the rally.

The duo have now moved on to western Germany where they will compete in the fourth round of the Academy Tour series near Trier.

Fisher is currently third in the championship after three of the six rounds but remains in contention to take the title.

Paula leads

RALLY: Withnell's Paula Swinscoe leads the B11 co-driver class of the MSA Asphalt Rally Championship ahead of Sunday's Mewla Rally.

Despite missing the recent Tyneside Stages, Swinscoe leads the class by three points with three rounds remaining.

Swinscoe has teamed up with driver Matt Beebe this year, with the latest round of the series taking place in mid-Wales this weekend.

Pendle members on the climb at Scammonden

Bailey secures first position on uphill course

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PENDLE and District Motor Club welcomed a total of 31 drivers when they hosted the Scammonden Hillclimb on Sunday.

The event saw cars motor up a 503-metre uphill course by the M62 just west of Huddersfield, and 13 Pendle members were among the field.

Robert Bailey, of Longton and District Motor Club, was the winner in a Caterham 1396 after completing the course in a best time of 25.59 seconds.

But Pendle Motor Club's Mick Tomlinson, of Barrowford, was in second place in 26.76 seconds.

Paul Masters was third ahead of Craig Powers and Simon Bailey, but there was a class win for Pendle's Simon Gemzoe in a Caterham 7 1782.

Fellow Pendle member Ross Butterworth, from Blacko, also claimed a class victory in a Subaru Impreza 1994T.

Another to top his class was David Robinson, whose 16-year-old son Simon – of the Under 17 Motor Club was fourth in the section in a Peugeot 106 in his first ever hill climb.

Pendle's Mike Moran was 12th overall and Simon Nicholson, from Clitheroe was 15th and also won the 2B section in a Westfield 1999.

Pendle's vice president Rod Brereton said: "The event went brilliantly, we had 32 entries with two practice runs and four timed runs.

"We will be having the event again next year on August 18 and it's a



ON THE UP Pendle and District Motor Club's Jason Kormes in action in a Peugeot 205 Gti and Paul Masters (right) in a Jedi Mk6 998 at the Scammonden Hillclimb in West Yorkshire on Sunday

cheap day of motor sport, it's £65 to enter."

The Mid-Cheshire Motor Club and the MG Club also host events at the West Yorkshire venue during the year.

Brereton said: "There are other events there during the year in April and July, but the circuit is falling into a state of disrepair with grass cutting so if anyone is able to help they can contact us."

Brereton can be contacted by email on pdmc@clara.co.uk.

Results

- 1: Robert Bailey (Caterham 1396) 25.59secs
- 2: Mick Tomlinson (AFE 900 900) 26.76secs
- 3: Paul Masters (Jedi Mk6 998) 27.24secs
- 4: Craig Powers (OMS 2000M ZZR 1095) 27.25secs
- 5: Simon Bailey OMS 2000M 1100) 27.99secs
- 6: David Gemzoe (Caterham 7 1782) 18.86secs
- 7: Martin Walker (Westfield 1695) 29.14secs
- 8: William Jarman (Peugeot 205 GTI 1905) 29.48secs
- 9: Ross Butterworth (Subaru Impreza 1994 T) 29.59secs
- 10: David Robinson (Peugeot 106 1600) 30.02secs



Blackburn Services to host autotest event

THERE will be a sizeable field of entries when Accrington Motor Sport Club host their latest production car autotest event at Blackburn Services on Sunday.

The M65 service station will also be the venue for an autosolo as well as an autotest hosted by CSMA Group North West during the day.

On Saturday the Under 17 Motor Club will hold a production car autotest as part of a training day for young drivers to give them the chance to drive legally before they pass their test.

Steve Johnson, of Accrington Motor Sport Club and the Under 17 Motor Club, said: "We have six young drivers doing training between 11am and 3pm on Saturday and we have about 28 entries for Sunday. It takes place between 10am and 3pm on Sunday and it only costs £25. You can turn up in a standard road car, your own car."

Entries close today, and anyone wanting to take part can contact Steve Butler on 01254 389089.



SPEED KINGS Simon Chapman and Terry Martin in the Centenary Stages

The lorry park at the service station will then be the venue for stunt driving from Paul Swift on Friday, August 31 to raise funds for the East Lancashire Hospice.

Under 17 Motor Club members will provide the support act in two stints between 5.15pm and 6pm, and between 7pm and 7.45pm.

Swift, who is a global leader in precision driving and has displayed his skills on Top Gear, will be in action between 6pm and 7pm, and

between 7.45pm and 8.30pm. An auction will be held with passenger rides with Swift available to the highest bidder.

A minimum donation of £10 will secure a passenger rider in an Under 17 Motor Club car.

Johnson said: "The Under 17 drivers will be the support act and it is all for a great cause, the East Lancashire Hospice. Bob Milloy, the chairman of the ANWCC, will be providing commentary."

But Johnson's participation in the Centenary Stages at Barkston Heath in Lincolnshire on Sunday ended in retirement alongside co-driver Butler in a Nissan Micra.

"The first six stages went well but then the heavens opened and I started the seventh stage just after the biggest thunderstorm the world, although it was the same for everybody," he said.

"As I set off the clutch felt weird and there were vibrations, but once I started I had to keep going.

"Then there was something terminal with the engine, I think it lost oil so I had to retire on the stage and wait a stage and a half before I could get recovered.

"But it did allow me to sit there and see a lot of young drivers with real skill. I think there were 10 18-year-olds faster than me and that's fantastic."

Blackburn's Terry Martin, co-driving for Simon Chapman, also had to retire from the event on the first stage.