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Scottish Review implementation project under way at the MSA

Following the publication of the Motorsport Event Safety Review (MESR) in January the MSA has held detailed discussions with the Scottish Government and the Forestry Commission, while also holding forum-style ‘road shows’ around the country.

Implementation of the MESR’s recommendations is now under way, with key objectives defined and anticipated timescales set for a project designed to further improve the safety of UK stage rallies and help ensure a future for the sport.

The MESR was established by the Scottish Government following the tragic events of the 2014 Jim Clark Rally. It presented 29 recommendations, which the MSA has committed to implementing in a staged manner over the next two years. These recommendations are outlined here: www.msauk.org/assets/mesrecs.pdf

The implementation project has been sanctioned by MSA Chief Executive Rob Jones, with details provided to the Scottish Sports Minister. Senior MSA Executives, including Rallies Executive Ian Davis, Technical Director John Symes and Director of Training & Education Allan Dean-Lewis, have individual departmental

responsibility and the project is being managed overall by Scottish Government civil servant Jacqueline Campbell, who has been seconded to the MSA.

While changes are already being made the whole project will take until 2017 to complete, as some issues will take longer to implement than others. The next key step will be the publication of rally safety requirements for 2015, which will apply across the UK from June this year; Scottish multi-venue rallies are already working with the Safety Delegate to comply.

Jones said: “Implementing the recommendations of the MESR is one of the most important projects ever undertaken by the MSA. It is a huge project requiring significant resourcing but it is absolutely vital for the future of stage rallying in the UK. In fact this is not just a matter for British motor sport; the eyes of international motor sport and in

particular the FIA are upon us – once again the UK is paving the way for others to follow as we seek to learn from the past to create a stronger future.

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“Of course, we cannot hope to do this alone and while the MESR has divided opinion in some quarters of the UK motor sport community, I am delighted that overall the majority of stakeholders are firmly behind us. With their support, whether they are competitors, volunteers, organisers or the media, I am sure that we can succeed and ensure the long-term future of one of the cornerstones of UK motor sports.”



Vatanen backs MESR implementation

Rally legend Ari Vatanen has given his backing to the MSA's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Scottish Motorsport Event Safety Review (MESR).

Vatanen, the 1981 FIA World Rally Champion, endorsed the UK governing body's programme of change surrounding safety in UK stage rallying. Separately, in his role as chairman of the FIA Closed Roads Commission, Vatanen last month presented regulatory change enhancing spectator safety to the World Motor Sport Council in Geneva.

Vatanen (pictured, left, with former co-driver Terry Harryman) said: "Everyone knows how significant rallying in the UK is to me personally, and how I first came across in my Opel for a club event and very soon became based in the UK. I loved competing in the UK and I was lucky to have great cars but I was especially fortunate to have a fantastic relationship with the spectators, and that is something that

is so important to me to this day. It is because of my special relationship with UK spectators that I want them to know from me that our sport faces such a difficult time not just in the UK but in other countries.

"Maybe rallying can never be completely safe for the competitor but for spectators there are some simple personal safeguards which you can follow so that you are not putting yourself at risk. I ask you, for your own sakes, please think where you watch from, do not take risks to get the best view or the best photo. Listen to the marshals and never argue with them. Follow paths that have been made for you and don't please wander about in the stage and try and get out of the way just as a car is coming.

"I know you love our sport, and our sport would be nothing without you, but do not put yourself and our sport at risk. Use that British common sense!"



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Apr 13 Great weekend at the @Britpart @MSAUK British Cross Country Championship. Great people, fantastic action - looking forward to Round 2.

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Brian Roberts Racing

@breibachracing Apr 12

Update...Passed my msa ARDS at @angleseycircuit today Thanks @MSAUK Richard & the staff for A1 services Next step #Racecar & startracing!

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Mark Bastin @Markbastin72 Apr

9 Oxford, England Can't wait for a weekend of camping and marshaling @SilverstoneUK for the @FIAWEC @MSAUK

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Gerard Quinn @WRCgerardquinn

Apr 5 Podium trophies presented by @MSAUK CEO, Rob Jones. @MSAFormula well done all, great racing

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Mar 31 Heard extent of personal commitment of @MSAUK CEO Rob Jones to improving safety at rallies. We have the chance to lead the world.

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Closed road motor sport steps closer to reality



In a huge boost for British motor sports, new primary legislation facilitating closed road-events on mainland Britain has been approved by the government.

The Deregulation Bill achieved Royal Assent last month (26 March). It contains a framework for running motor sports on closed public roads without needing a costly Act of Parliament to suspend the Road Traffic Act for each event.

This news is the culmination of a long campaign by the Motor Sports Association that began before the last General Election in 2010. Since then MPs have been targeted with information to demonstrate the potential value of motor sport events to local communities. There has been cross-party support for the campaign and the required legislation.

“This landmark development is the result of a lot of hard work by a small handful of people behind the scenes, with vital backing from thousands of supporters within the British motor sport community,” said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive.

“In particular we must recognise the invaluable contributions of both the Rt Hon Ken Clarke, the Minister responsible for driving the legislation,

and Ben Wallace MP, who has relentlessly championed the cause of motor sport within Westminster these past five years and kept the pressure on his colleagues when necessary. I would also like to thank all those who have lent their backing, whether by responding to consultation, writing to their MP or simply by voicing their support.”

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Before the primary legislation can become available to event organisers, secondary legislation – in the form of a statutory instrument detailing the enabling powers – is required. The MSA will work closely with the relevant stakeholders to achieve this as soon as possible following the General Election in May.



Reid to perform Safety Delegate role

MSA Performance Director and 2001 World Rally Champion co-driver Robert Reid will act as Safety Delegate on two upcoming rallies north of the border.

Reid will be on duty at the RSAC Scottish Rally (26-27 June) and Merrick Stages Rally (5 September), standing in for regular Safety Delegate Nicky Moffitt, who has prior commitments. Reid will shadow Moffitt on the Granite City Rally (6 May) beforehand.

The new role of Safety Delegate was a recommendation of the Motorsport Event Safety Review (MESR) and was confirmed in February. Reid, who was a member of the MESR, said: “I was involved in formulating the role of the Safety Delegate and totally understand how fundamentally important it is to stage rally safety, so I’m very happy to fill in for Nicky on the Scottish and Merrick rallies.”

Hamilton to meet MSA road safety winners



As part of the FIA Action For Road Safety, the Film Studies Competition asks entrants to make a film of no more than 90 seconds highlighting one of the FIA's Ten Golden Rules of Safer Motoring:

- Buckle up
- Respect the Highway Code
- Obey the speed limit
- Check tyre pressures
- Drive sober
- Protect children
- Pay attention
- Stop when tired
- Wear a helmet (on two wheels)
- Be courteous.

Entries can be sent in via Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag #SafeRoadToMonza as well as via email and post.

For more information head to <https://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/MSA/FIA-Road-Safety-Film-Competition>

The competition closes on Friday 17 July.

Reigning F1 champion Lewis Hamilton has renewed his backing of the MSA Film Studies Competition. The Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula One™ Team has already leant its support to the road safety initiative, and in addition to receiving an exclusive garage tour with the champion outfit, the two prize winners will now also get the chance to meet with Hamilton to receive their prizes!

The 2015 Film Studies Competition is open to everyone between the ages of 16 and 24. In association with Allianz, two teams of up to five young people will get an amazing experience as they travel to Monza to meet Hamilton, get up-close to his stunning F1 car

and then enjoy the race from prime grandstand seats. What's more, each winning team will receive £4,000 to spend on filming equipment.

Toto Wolff, Head of Mercedes-Benz Motorsport added: "The MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS Formula One™ Team is delighted to be involved in the MSA Film Studies Competition, supported by our partner Allianz, again in 2015. The FIA Action for Road Safety is a fantastic initiative, and we're looking forward to welcoming this year's winners into the garage for a tour at Monza. A trip to a Grand Prix is a great prize and will definitely get young people thinking about the importance of road safety."



FIA launches online road safety pledge

“The FIA’s 10 Golden Rules are simple rules that everyone should follow. I strongly encourage my fans to respect them”



The FIA has launched a new online pledge aimed at promoting road safety and committing drivers to obey the rules of the road, as part of the FIA Action for Road Safety campaign. The pledge is available at www.fia.com/pledge.

Fans and the general public as well as the motor sport and motoring communities are invited to pledge their support and commitment to the FIA’s 10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring. The Golden Rules are a set of tips intended to help motorists improve their driving behaviour and remind them of their responsibilities to themselves, their passengers and all other road users.

Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton has given his support to this initiative as a 2015 FIA Action for Road Safety Ambassador. Along with FIA President Jean Todt, he was one of the first signatories of the pledge, sending out a strong message to his fans about the dangers of the road. Lewis is the first in a series of high-profile ambassadors to be unveiled soon.

“As an F1 driver, and even more now as a World Champion, I feel I have a responsibility to promote safe driving outside the track,” said Hamilton. “The FIA’s 10 Golden Rules are simple rules that everyone should follow. I strongly encourage my fans to respect them and show their support by signing the pledge.”



Jean Todt, President of the FIA, said: “Road safety is a top priority for the FIA. We’re calling on all road users to be responsible and to obey the rules on the road. By taking our pledge, you are making a personal commitment to improving road safety, one of today’s leading challenges. We all have a role to play and together we can all save lives.”



PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TO THE **10 GOLDEN RULES**

01
BELT UP

02
RESPECT THE
HIGHWAY CODE

03
OBEY THE SPEED
LIMIT

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WORLD CHAMPION
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CHECK
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WEAR
A HELMET

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BE COURTEOUS AND
CONSIDERATE



ROAD CRASHES ARE THE **#1 KILLER** OF 15-29 YEAR OLDS. WE **ALL** HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY TO MAKE ROADS SAFE!

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RSF backs MSA Formula for talent

The Racing Steps Foundation (RSF) has collaborated with the new MSA Formula to ensure three of the championship's top prospects get a shot at joining its impressive roster of talent.

At the end of the inaugural 2015 season, three British MSA Formula drivers will be included in a multi-disciplinary evaluation with selected other competitors. The winner will join the RSF, receiving a fully funded and supported entry for the next step of his or her racing career.

"We feel the time is right to look for a new, talented UK driver to join the RSF ranks, and that MSA Formula is the perfect recruiting ground for us," said RSF founder Graham Sharp. "Since the demise of InterSteps, the UK has lacked a championship like this, to find and develop new British talent. As this is the Racing Steps Foundation's raison d'être too, we are delighted to be able to lend our support."

MSA chief executive Rob Jones added: "The Racing Steps Foundation has supported the work of the MSA Academy over the past six years and this has enabled the governing body to take a leading role in the learning and development of young drivers. We have been greatly assisted by the RSF in our drive to raise standards across the sport and we welcome the Foundation's involvement in MSA Formula."

MSA Formula – Certified by FIA, Powered by Ford EcoBoost, got off to a flying start at Brands Hatch with a 20-car grid.

APPOINTMENTS

Internship: Communications

The MSA, governing body of UK motor sports, is seeking a Communications Assistant for a six-month paid internship. Based at Motor Sports House, Colnbrook, and reporting to the Acting Head of Communications, the successful applicant's duties will include – but not be limited to – the following:

- Contribute to the production of MSA publications and other literature
- Create content for the MSA website
- Help to administer the MSA's social media channels
- Respond to media – and general – enquires
- Update mailing and distribution lists
- Monitor and collate media coverage
- Attend events as may be required; this may entail weekend work.

Candidates will ideally be educated to degree level in a relevant field, such as public relations, marketing, journalism or English. Knowledge of – and interest in – UK motor sport is highly desirable.

To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to media@msauk.org with the subject line: Communications Internship.

The deadline for applications is Friday 15 May 2015 and the successful applicant must be available to start no later than Wednesday 1 July 2015.

For more information, email media@msauk.org

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Opportunity knocks for Britain's brightest motor sport prospects



Almost 100 applications for an exciting new RX Talent Search initiative have already been received from potential rallycross stars.

The MSA has teamed up with FIA World Rallycross Championship promoter IMG and FirstCorner – the company behind RX Lites – to give one rising British star an incredible introduction to top level rallycross. The scheme will reward one promising young talent with a fully funded drive in Turkey's round of the RX Lites Cup at Istanbul on 3-4 October. The initiative is also supported by Lydden Hill.

Robert Reid, MSA Performance Director, said: "I'm sure we will get some very interesting candidates putting their names forward for Lydden and I'm even more confident that the highly commendable RX Talent Search will produce a very worthy victor – who knows, perhaps even a future British world champion!"

The RX Talent Search is open to anyone aged 18 to 30 (born between 1 January 1985 and 31 December 1997) who either holds or is eligible to hold an FIA International 'C' Off-Road or Race competition licence. Those eligible can put themselves forward for consideration by completing a simple form.

From these applicants, 10-12 finalists will be invited to attend an evaluation at Lydden Hill on Thursday 21 May, ahead of the FIA Motorsport News World RX of Great Britain (22-24 May). The most impressive performer on the evaluation day will win the incredible prize drive at World RX of Turkey, where RX Lites is a supporting event.

MSA requests nominations for membership of 2016 Specialist Committees

The MSA is seeking nominations for individuals to join the Specialist Committees that represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport.

The Specialist Committees meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House, to discuss and debate new regulations and other issues. The following Specialist Committees may have vacancies available for next year:

- Autotest Committee
- Cross Country Committee
- Historic Committee
- Kart Committee
- Kart Technical Sub Committee
- Race Committee
- Rallies Committee
- Autocross & Rallycross Sub Committee
- Dragster Sub Committee
- Sprint & Hill Climb Sub Committee
- Trials Committee.

All applicants must be members of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association, which must 'sponsor' the application. However, there are no formal qualifications required other than the benefit of experience in motor sport.

The role is entirely voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to meetings at Motor Sports House, and the appointment is normally for a three-year term.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit a brief CV of their motor sport involvement and achievements, including any relevant qualifications, together with a letter supporting your nomination from an MSA-recognised club or Regional Association.

The Club or Regional Association will forward the application to Andrea Richards at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG.

This must be done as soon as possible as applications must be received before the end of June 2015 at the latest.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Shakespeare County Raceway

There was an excellent turnout for a lively day of fire and extrication training at Warwickshire's Shakespeare County Raceway drag strip last month. Avon Park International Racing Association marshals and track staff were joined by the raceway's resident medics – CC Medical Services led, by Ian Connop and JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year Richard Ashton's Calder Rescue.

In addition to the first aid and fire extinguisher training for the off-track (specialist) marshals who operate Race Control, Pit Office and the Staging Lanes, the day was subdivided into several seminars comprising track education, radio procedures and finalisation of the updated 2015 Drag Racing Marshals Handbook.

The on-track fire and rescue marshals were taken through several scenarios by Ashton and Calder Rescue. This included extrication of an injured driver and various cutting exercises, plus fire training using extinguishers and fire appliances on a petrol and methanol fires, allowing trainees to see the hazards of methanol burning with an invisible flame.

Shakespeare County Raceway and APIRA thanked everyone who participated and also the British Motor Sports Training Trust [BMSTT] for its support.



Paul Hollywood, start of the BBC's Great British Bake Off, joined the orange army at Brands Hatch for the BTCC season-opener



Loughborough Car Club

Loughborough Car Club's latest Disabled Driver Scholarship kicked off last weekend (12 April) with a training day at Donington Park.

This year's two scholarship drivers are Lee Horsley and Mel Nicholls,

a Paralympian. Both will be taking part in the club's summer evening Autotests in its scholarship car before progressing to some all-day AutoSolos.

Loughborough CC's Richard Egger said: "Mel's time and availability will be limited by her commitments as a British Paralympic athlete but she will be entering as novice just for the grin factor when time and training permit."

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Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club

The Maidstone and Mid Kent Motor Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary with a special Touring Assembly on Sunday the 14 June.

The event is open to all vintage, classic and 'modern classic' cars and follows a 120-mile scenic route through Kent, with a mid-point break at Eastwell Manor. The route will be described by tulip diagrams with mileages and will be easy to follow. The Road Book will also include a marked map, points of interest, history and facts about the route. There will also be an observation quiz en route.

The entry fee for a two-person crew is £50.

For details visit www.kentanniversarytour.co.uk/Event/

Weald Motor Club

Dave Town, chairman of the Association of South East Motor Clubs, has created the Weald

Challenge to promote and encourage grass roots motor sport events in the region.

It is hoped the event will encourage some healthy and fun competition between clubs and competitors.

For more information, visit www.wealdmcc.co.uk

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Baronmotorsports launches Disability Motorsport Scotland

Baronmotorsports, a charity aiming to create opportunities for disabled people to get involved in motor sport, has launched Disability Motorsport Scotland. The organisation wants to show that disabled drivers can participate in a whole range of motor sports and has found that working with MSA clubs has provided the best opportunities.

For more information or to volunteer to help Baronmotorsports achieve its aims, visit their website at www.baronmotorsports.org.uk, like the Facebook page at [bmclubhouse](https://www.facebook.com/bmclubhouse), or drop them an email on info@baronmotorsports.org.uk

Full steam ahead for WRGB 2015

“The aim is to include exciting new challenges alongside the classic Welsh forest stages that make this event so amazing”

Wales Rally GB is set to provide a fitting climax to the WERC season in mid-November, when crews face a challenging new itinerary in the legendary Welsh forests.

The final route will not be revealed until the end of May but key figures within the rally's organising team have been meticulously plotting this year's schedule. Wales Rally GB managing director, Ben Taylor, was joined recently by route co-ordinator Andrew Kellitt and safety co-ordinator Sue Sanders for a fact-finding tour around the forest tracks that are likely to feature in 2015.

“It's all about giving everyone involved the best possible experience,” explained Taylor.

“From the competitors' perspective the aim is to include exciting new challenges alongside the classic Welsh forest stages that make this event so amazing. This year, however, we are putting much greater emphasis on giving the spectators a great experience and managing their safety, particularly in the open environment of the forests. Going through the stages was really helpful and we are starting to put together some exciting plans for November.”

Full details of the 2015 Wales Rally GB route will be announced towards the end of May together with ticket information at www.walesrallygb.com



For more information visit www.walesrallygb.com



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Wales Rally GB wins major award

The far-reaching success of Wales Rally GB has been recognised with a major honour at the National Tourism Awards for Wales 2015.

The UK's round of the FIA World Rally Championship was voted the Gold winner in the Best Event (Large) category at a special ceremony hosted by BBC Radio Wales presenter Roy Noble OBE at the Vale Resort, Hensol last month (25 March).

Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, presented the prize to Ben Taylor, Managing Director of Wales Rally GB and Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive.

"We are absolutely thrilled to receive this highly prestigious award," said a delighted Taylor. "It is perhaps most significant as it recognises the value of the rally to Wales, over and above the £10m impact on the economy. We are attracting 80,000 people to the event, the majority of whom are from outside Wales, and we are showcasing the beautiful Welsh countryside to 50 million people around the world.

"I am proud to accept this accolade on behalf of my dedicated team, the thousands of incredible volunteers that make it all possible, and of course our partners without whose critical support the event would not be happening in Wales."

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Councillor Dilwyn Roberts, Leader of Conwy County Borough Council was also among those collecting the award. He said: "We congratulate Wales Rally GB on this fantastic achievement, this impressive award is richly deserved. We value our successful and rewarding partnership with WRGB and look forward to welcoming the event back to North Wales in November."

Jakob Ebrey Photography

Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship

The season got under way in sensational style at Brands Hatch as Rob Collard, Gordon Shedden and Matt Neal claimed a win apiece at the famous Kent circuit.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Matt Neal – 37 points
- = Jack Goff – 37
- 3 Aron Smith – 36



Jakob Ebrey Photography



Avon Tyres British GT Championship

Liam Griffin and Rory Butcher won the season-opening race at Oulton Park, while Andrew Howard and Jonny Adam were victorious in race two.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Liam Griffin – 37 points
- = Rory Butcher – 37
- 3 Adam Carroll – 26
- = Gary Eastwood – 26



Nic Ayre

MSA British Dunlop Endurance Championship

David Mason OBE and Calum Lockie came out strong to take the overall win in the opening round at Silverstone.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 David Mason/Calum Lockie – 105 points
- 2 Alistair Barclay/Charlie Hollings – 98
- 3 Nick Holden – 98



Chris Phillips

MSA British Autotest Championship

Alastair Moffatt made a winning return after a two-year absence, taking FTD at his home event on the Foxley Estate.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Richard Pinkney – 59 points
- 2 Paul Fobister – 55
- 3 Dave Evans – 51



MSA British Sporting Trials Championship

Former champion Duncan Stephens won the President's Trophy – his win since November 2012 – ahead of Ian and Josh Veale and Roland Uglow.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Roland Uglow – 55 points
- 2 Ian Bell – 53
- 3 Julian Fack – 52



MSA British Car Trial Championship

Dave Harvey was a delighted winner of the Basil Elkington car trial in Kent, taking his first overall event win.



MSA British Rallycross Championship in association with The Shannon Group

A bumper crowd at Lydden Hill's Bank Holiday Easter meeting saw Andy Scott take victory in round two.

Provisional championships update

- Andy Scott – 73 points
- Julian Godfrey – 59
- Ollie O'Donovan – 54

championship updates

Jakob Ebrey Photography



MSA Formula – Certified by FIA, Powered by Ford EcoBoost

Lando Norris made a bit of motor sport history by winning the first race of the new MSA Formula Championship at Brands Hatch, where Ricky Collard and James Pull were also winners.

Provisional championship standings

1 Daniel Ticktum – 50 points

2 James Pull – 45

= Ricky Collard – 45



MSA British Drag Racing Championship

Kevin Slyfield took his second career victory after final-round opponent Philip Englefield failed to repair crankshaft damage in time to offer a challenge.

Provisional championship standings

1 Kevin Slyfield – 93 points

2 Philip Englefield – 76

3 Andy Robinson – 62

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Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship

Ben Duckworth won the opening round of the Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship after a weekend-long battle with Mike Moran.

WayneTurkington



McGrady Insurance MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship

Reigning champion Derek McGarrity made it three wins out of three so far this season, scoring maximum points on the Circuit of Ireland National Rally.



ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship

Five-time champions David Bogie and Kevin Rae returned to winning ways with an impressive victory on Saturday's Jedburgh-based Border Counties Rally.

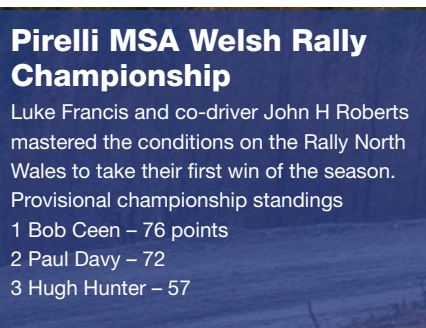
Provisional championship standings

1 Bruce McCombie – 54 points

2 Donnie Macdonald – 53

3 Andrew Gallacher – 50

RallySportMedia



Pirelli MSA Welsh Rally Championship

Luke Francis and co-driver John H Roberts mastered the conditions on the Rally North Wales to take their first win of the season.

Provisional championship standings

1 Bob Ceen – 76 points

2 Paul Davy – 72

3 Hugh Hunter – 57





Bradshaw and Brown to represent UK in Karting Academy Trophy

The MSA has nominated up-and-coming young racers Callum Bradshaw and Alfie Brown to represent the UK in this year's CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, a three-round world championship for 13- to 15-year-olds.

ASNs – such as the MSA – around the world are invited to nominate a competitor to represent their country and this is the first time that the UK has automatically been offered two nominations. The governing body contacted eligible MSA Competition Licence holders, inviting them to express their interest; Bradshaw and Brown selected from those who put themselves forward.

Bradshaw, 13, said: "I was so excited when my Dad told me that I had been selected to represent the UK in the CIK-FIA Academy Trophy. It's an honour to have been chosen by the MSA and I will make sure I work as hard as I can to get on the podium. I'd like to thank the MSA for giving me this opportunity and look forward to working together."

Fifteen-year-old Brown was equally excited by the opportunity to compete for his country. "I am super grateful for being given this opportunity and really proud to be representing the UK and the MSA," he said.

Greg Symes, MSA Academy Manager, added: "We're delighted to give this great opportunity to Callum and Alfie, who now have a chance to showcase their abilities on the international stage. This is the first time that the UK has automatically received two places in the Karting Academy Trophy, which is testament to this country's great commitment to – and success in – karting. We will provide Callum and Alfie with ongoing guidance and support ahead of and throughout the championship."

Final call for AASE applications

The MSA Academy has issued a final call for applications for the next AASE programme – a three-year course for drivers aged 16-18, delivered by the MSA Academy in conjunction with Loughborough College.

Now in its sixth year, AASE is vital to any young competitor serious about achieving success in motor sport. It develops young athletes, providing the underpinning knowledge of what it takes to achieve success in the sport, while providing an accredited qualification from a college that understands the needs of potentially elite athletes.

“The AASE programme has provided me with a substantial backbone for the rest of my career in motor sport, with knowledge and skills ranging from ‘SMART’ goal setting to financial planning and fitness at the highest possible level. I would recommend this course as a must for any budding professional athletes, as it gives you an indication of the level of hard work, planning and dedication needed to become a professional racing driver”

Seb Morris, AASE Graduate

The full programme framework will run for three years, beginning in September 2015 and will be based around three-day sessions twice a month at Loughborough College. Much of the AASE programme content aligns with other elements of the MSA Academy talent development pathway, such as the Team UK national squad, using the same principles of qualified coaching.

AASE alumni include the likes of Jake Dennis, Seb Morris, Tom Ingram, Chris Ingram, Josh Webster, Matt Parry, Charlie Robertson, Sennan Fielding and Alex Gill, to name a few.

For more info visit www.msauk.org/aase or email aase@msauk.org

Loughborough
COLLEGE est. 1909





Academy gets down to business with MSA Formula

The young drivers making waves in the new MSA Formula Championship enjoyed their introduction to the MSA Academy talent development pathway ahead of the opening round at Brands Hatch.

The competitors heard what they can expect this year from Greg Symes, MSA Academy Manager. Symes outlined how the MSA Academy will benefit the championship, not only by developing the drivers but by supplementing the work of the teams' own coaches.

"It was great to meet the MSA Formula grid and present our plan for the championship before it kicked off," said Symes (pictured with the drivers). "Although we have an

existing relationship with a large proportion of the drivers I was still impressed by the professionalism and focus that they all showed.

"It was a great opportunity to show our enthusiasm for supporting them this year through our Performance Master Class programme, where for each round a qualified MSA Academy Coach will be on hand to deliver performance enhancing material and be available to provide one-on-one support. Certainly this will supplement the good work that the teams are doing and that's why we are also excited to be supporting at least four team coaches and one championship representative to become Level 2 Qualified Motorsport Coaches."



Ultimate motor sport experience for show-goers!

More than 50 people enjoyed their first taste of live club motor sport last month (29 March) when Go Motorsport and the Ulster Automobile Club offered passenger rides in a specially arranged AutoSOLO during The Ultimate Car Show in Larne.

A total of 55 show-goers climbed aboard various standard road cars during the afternoon to experience first-hand the thrill of accessible and cost-effective grass roots motor sport such as AutoSOLO, which

involves tackling a short, cone-marked course as quickly as possible.

Go Motorsport's Regional Development Officer in Northern Ireland, Jonathan MacDonald, said: "I'm trying to encourage more motor clubs in Northern Ireland to organise AutoSOLOs as these events are perfect to encourage new faces to become involved in motorsport. And if we can get more people involved in AutoSOLOs, it provides an opportunity to encourage these new faces to become involved in other aspects of our sport."

“AutoSOLOs events are perfect to encourage new faces to become involved in motorsport”

Jonathan is keen to talk to more clubs about organising these events in Northern Ireland and is happy to attend club meetings. If you would like him to come along, he can be contacted on **07989 283055** or email **northernireland@gomotorsport.net**



NI Rally Champ Supports Go Motorsport

Former Northern Ireland Rally Champion, Stuart Biggerstaff, proudly displayed Go Motorsport logos on his family's Subaru Impreza WRC when he contested the recent Circuit of Ireland Rally. Stuart, who became the youngest ever N.I. Rally Champion when he secured the title in 2010, had a difficult event when mechanical troubles thwarted his ex-Petter Solberg machine during the early stages. But pure determination from the team ensured they made it to the finish in Belfast.



Metcalfe enthuses college students

School and college visits remain an important part of an RDO's role within Go Motorsport. Peter Metcalfe, RDO for the North East & Cumbria, had a busy month in March, including two visits to East Riding College's sites in Beverley and Bridlington.

He was joined by members of North Humberside Motor Club, with Dave Watkins bringing his ex-works Escort Mk1 and Ken Sturdy showing his beautifully prepared Nova rally car. The motor vehicle engineering students were given a presentation on the careers opportunities within motor sport and detailed talks on the cars.

However the main thrust of the presentation was how much club motor sport happens locally. Within club motor sport students can gain hands-on experience and contacts within the motor trade, all within an exciting, competitive and fun environment. Students and staff were keen on the idea of preparing and competing in their own Autotest cars.

Metcalfe ensured that local clubs and the college staff exchanged contact details. "I see college visits as the first step in building a relationship between clubs and the next generation of enthusiasts," he said. "It's important to keep the momentum going and to keep pushing the colleges and the students – young people quite often need a lot of motivation!

"At East Riding College we established good links and it's up to the local clubs to make use of this. Dave Watkins was an ex-student of the college and was a great example of how motor sport is accessible. It was also great that in the week that I visited, Beverley & DMC were holding a 12 Car Rally and North Humberside MC were holding an Autotest; this really illustrated how much accessible motor sport happens on the students' doorsteps."

Clark highlights spectator safety in Scotland

With a huge focus still on event and spectator safety in Scotland, RDO Alison Clark took the opportunity to visit two schools in Jedburgh ahead of the local Border Counties Rally (21 March).

Alison delivered a spectator safety message and gave the pupils an opportunity to examine three rally cars. Local ITV News reported the visit and featured this in their rally preview: <http://bit.ly/1JvdsBu>

"For the last few years the pupils have been involved in the rally by taking part in a colouring competition, with the winners chosen to flag off the cars from the starting ramp," said Clark. "But the event team wanted to strengthen these ties by taking cars into the school, and letting the pupils see the differences between them and their cars at home. We had a fabulous two days in the schools, and the kids really enjoyed the role plays I carry out, and were amazed at the design of the F1 parts compared to their road car equivalent."



Moore's Month

Updates from South West RDO Kevin Moore

For a long time Autocross was considered a low cost entry level motor sport that actually enjoyed some TV coverage and also major sponsorship. Entry levels were often 100-plus.



Unfortunately as other sports grew in popularity Autocross went through a period of decline in many areas of the country. An area where Autocross has always enjoyed a dedicated following is the South of England. In recent years Autocross has actually enjoyed a growth period in the region, with entry levels increasing year on year and more motor clubs wanting a slice of the action.

As a result Torbay Motor Club successfully secured the opening round of the ASWMC Autocross championship and has a very healthy entry list, boasting around five of the very spectacular single-seater specials.

Often motor sport disciplines enjoy a boost of support as past competitors' offspring come of age and start to take part themselves; this then brings in a

new influx of competitors as their friends and associates also want a part of the action. A case in point is Graham Hoare, whose family were heavily involved in the Autocross scene back in the 70s, 80s and 90s. Graham can be seen at events this season supporting his son, Ollie, in his Renault Clio (pictured). Graham's brother Andy is also a regular competitor – never having actually stopped since the 90s – who shares his Mini with his daughter, Christina.

With the healthy growth in support for Autocross it is hoped that the geographical base of events will expand sufficiently that a national championship can be resurrected which will benefit many other disciplines as a possible 'feeder' route into competitive motor sport.

Any motor clubs interested in starting up or resurrecting a past event can contact me on southwest@gomotorsport.net for more details.

GET INVOLVED in

HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE

TAKE A MATE:

Why not take someone along to their first event and see the look on their face when they realise that they can do it too.

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL:

Get involved in National Motorsport Week 2014 and help your club organise some kind of activity or event to spread the word.

GET STICKING:

Have you put Go Motorsport stickers on your competition car? We can supply stickers and other promotional material for you to hand out to reach new audiences.

GO BACK TO SCHOOL:

Organise for your club to make a presentation in a local school, invite the local paper and increase awareness of what you do.

CONTACT YOUR RDO:

Speak to your local Regional Development Officer (details on the Go Motorsport website) and work with them to benefit your club.

ANY OTHER IDEAS?

Let us know what you want to do, or just do it!

TECHNICAL / SPORTING REGULATIONS

Regulation change regarding brake lights

The MSA Executive Committee has approved the following regulation changes – shown as **red** additions and ~~struck-through~~ deletions – as it has become apparent that a number of standard production vehicles did not comply with the regulation as originally published:

(Q)19.11.3. With the exception of Racing Cars, Clubmans Cars, 750 Formula, Legends Cars and Period A to E all vehicles must be equipped with a pair of brake lights **equally disposed about the vehicle centreline, on the same horizontal plane** with ~~each light being within a minimum of 300mm of the side of the vehicle and~~ **between them** and which are directly operated by the braking system without any time delay.

~~Clubmans Cars: Open Sports Racing Car constructed in accordance with the technical regulations published by The Clubmans Register~~

(B) Clubmans Cars: Open Sports Racing Car constructed in accordance with the technical regulations published by The Clubmans Register

Date of implementation: immediate

Fake BSI labels

The MSA Technical Department is aware that fake BSI helmet standard labels have been offered for sale, seemingly printed with any serial number required. BSI has been made aware of this situation and scrutineers have also been advised. Any helmet found with a fake BSI label at an MSA-permitted meeting may be impounded, in accordance with regulations.

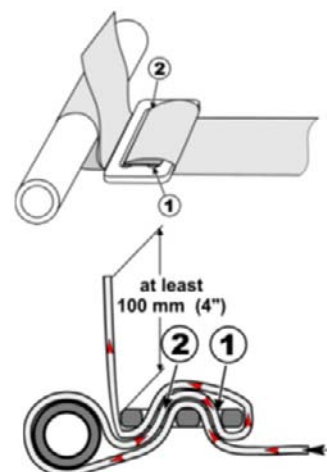
Car Trial passenger rules

Car Trial event organisers have been granted the power to make passenger carrying optional. The relevant MSA Yearbook regulation – (T)4.1. – is now italicised, meaning that this rule can be changed in an event's Supplementary Regulations (SRs). Furthermore, administrators of both the MSA and BTRDA Car Trial Championships are actively encouraging organisers of championship rounds to give competitors the choice of whether or not to use a passenger. The competitor's choice will need to be indicated at the signing on process and maintained throughout the competition.

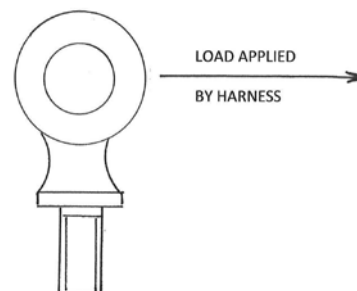
Harness termination

There are a number of ways to attach harness straps to the structure of a car. One is to wrap the harness webbing around a harness bar incorporated into the ROPS (requirements as per (K)1.3.9.) and secure it using a three bar adjuster. For the arrangement to be secure, the loose end of the webbing has to be passed back under the adjuster bar nearest the tube, as demonstrated in the two diagrams, kindly supplied by Simpson. Similar adjusters are also used where termination of the webbing is made using a plate bolted to the car structure, or hooked onto an eye bolt.

Lock 3-bar



Note the advice of FIA and MSA regulations – and harness manufacturers – that any mounting bolt (including eye bolts) should preferably work in shearing stress and should be orientated to be loaded as shown below.



Remember too that where bolts and eyebolts are not using manufacturers built in captive fixings, suitable spreader plates are needed and if the fastenings pass through such as space frame chassis tubes then suitable bushes need to be welded or brazed into the tubes.

TECHNICAL / SPORTING REGULATIONS

ROPS issues

These two images show a car presented for scrutineering at a Rallycross event. Regulations for Rallycross require twin door bars on all cars (see MSA Yearbook (N)6.12.1.). The competitor's attempt to meet the regulations is totally unacceptable.

It is difficult to be sure from these images but the connection to the front hoop appears to be part of an exhaust clamp, which is not acceptable. Drilling a hole in the front hoop is not covered by regulations but on grounds of general safety is not acceptable unless a suitable bush is welded into the tube.

For the connection to the main hoop, a tube with a piece of folded sheet metal has been inserted in the end of the upper door bar but whether it is welded to the doorbar is unclear. A U-bolt going round the original door bar is then used to pass through the folded section of the sheet metal, so as to clamp on top of the lower door bar. The entire arrangement is clearly outside of the regulations and totally unacceptable.

For reference, the only removable joints that can be used in such an arrangement are those referred to in K.1.3.7.



Fire extinguisher & external circuit breaker identification

Identification requirements are detailed in (K)3.2.2. for extinguishers and in (K)8.5. for the circuit breaker. Within (K)3.2.2. it is specified that the two points must be close to each other and in (K)8.2. it sets out that for saloons the trigger point be located at the base of the windscreen (preferably driver's side) or below the rear window. Note alternative requirements for open cars (K8.3.) and period A-E (K8.4.).

If trigger points are mounted below the rear window, they need to be just below the rear window, i.e. in an equivalent position to the scuttle panel just below the windscreen. Mounting the trigger points on the back panel of a three box saloon or below the tailgate on a hatchback is not acceptable. Please make sure that the identification is placed so that it is clear which trigger point it relates to. Both can be combined into one unit, in which case the sole trigger point should be located between the two ID signs. There is no requirement for signs that indicate the means of operation and generally it is self-evident if it is a pull-handle or a push-button. If it is not self-evident, then label the point appropriately.

CIK-FIA bulletin

The CIK-FIA, the karting commission of world motor sport's governing body, has suspended use of the newly homologated front fairing mounting kit.

A bulletin from the CIK-FIA reads:

Following the recent findings on the functioning of the new front fairing mounting kit, homologated as from 1 January 2015, the CIK-FIA has decided to immediately suspend the use of this kit for an indefinite period. Tests are currently underway to clarify the criteria for a definitive solution.

As of now and until further notice, the homologated front fairing mounting kit as defined in Article 31 of the CIK-FIA Specific Prescriptions must therefore no longer be used. Front fairings must be fixed non-removably pending the outcome of the tests and the validation of a new kit. Only the front bumper support – the central part of the homologated front fairing mounting kit, which secures the bumper bars – is now usable. Front fairings homologated for the 2015-2020 period must be used with a fixed mounting.

For further information, please refer to the CIK-FIA Bulletin No 40.

Specific Prescriptions

Technical Drawing

This directive means the 'collapsible' front fairing mounting kit is not acceptable for use in UK motor sport until further notice.

Any queries may be directed to the MSA Technical Department by emailing: technical@msauk.org