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Just hours left to support call for closed road motor sport

The government consultation on plans to facilitate closed road motor sport on mainland Britain closes today, six weeks after it was announced by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

The consultation, titled Proposal to Authorise Motor Sport Events on Public Roads Consultation, follows years of work behind the scenes at Westminster, started by former MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton.

Rob Jones, the MSA's new Chief Executive, praised the British motor sport community's support of the proposals and called on those who have not responded to do so quickly.

"When the government launched its closed roads consultation the MSA called on British motor sport to unite in support of the proposals," said Jones. "The response from grassroots competitors to world champions, volunteers to celebrities, and venues to teams and manufacturers, was overwhelmingly positive.

"There are now just a few hours left for those who haven't had their say to do so. We've prepared some suggested answers so that all people need to do is copy and paste them into an email and send them off to DCMS. Every voice counts, so please don't leave it to others!"

To view the MSA's suggested answers, see page 9.

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#ISupportClosedRoads

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Marshal @ThanksMarshal Apr 8
Imagine volunteering on a closed-road event! RT "@MSAUK: #ISupportClosedRoads. Do you? Please click here and RT! <http://bit.ly/1efa111>"

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Copy, paste, email sent. Took 15 secs. I've lent my support to @MSAUK #ISupportClosedRoads. Only a few days left to do it. Need help? Ask me

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Matt Bacon @matbacon89 Apr 4
Finally got around to responding to the @MSAUK closed roads consultation, you should do the same, only a week to go!!

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MSA nominates Martin & York for CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy

The MSA has selected Ross Martin and Oliver York to represent the UK in the prestigious 2014 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, a three-round world championship for 13- to 15-year-olds.

Martin, aged 14 from Dunbartonshire in Scotland, finished fourth in the 2013 MSA British Junior Kart Championship. "I feel very honoured and proud to have been nominated by the MSA and I really appreciate being given this opportunity," he said. "As a family we have worked hard over the last four years competing against, and sometimes finishing ahead of, drivers with bigger budgets, so to be recognised for this is amazing!"

Twelve-year-old York, from Woking in Surrey, is the reigning MSA British Cadet Kart Champion and MSA National Comer Cadet Kart Champion. He said: "I am really proud to have been nominated by the MSA to represent the UK in the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy. To find out that I had been put forward for the selection process was amazing, so to actually be chosen to race for my country is a real privilege. I am looking forward to the first round and will be training very hard in preparation."

As part of its commitment to helping young karting talent, the MSA is paying all entry fees and registration costs on behalf of the two drivers. The governing body is also organising a pre-championship preparation session with recognised coaches and former Karting Academy Trophy competitors.

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Group B legends set for Lydden RallycrossRX

Legendary Group B rally cars will be in action during the FIA World Rallycross Championship event at Kent's Lydden Hill on 24-25 May.

The dramatic line-up, organised by Retro Rallycross, is topped by Pat Doran. The Lydden Hill owner and former British champion has rebuilt his iconic Q8 liveried Ford RS200 – nicknamed 'Rosie' – especially for the occasion.

Others rolling back the years include Nigel Mummery in another mid-engined Ford RS200, four-times European champion Olle Arnesson in his Audi Sport Quattro S1, Rob Gibson and Lawrence Gibson both in MG Metro 6R4s, plus the Glomma Papp-backed RS200 E2, as campaigned in period by the late Jan-Arthur Iversen which will be raced by Norwegian ace Stian Hafsengen.



Newcomer's Prize Draw

As part of the MSA's Year of the Newcomer, the Newcomer's Prize Draw is running for a second year, offering a pair of tickets to Wales Rally GB.

Anyone who has started out in motor sport either as a competitor or volunteer since January 2013 is eligible to enter. Jess Fack, MSA Development Manager, said: "All you have to do is send us an account of your first experiences in motor sport, explaining how you felt, what you did and how you got on, preferably along with a picture of you in action."

Entries should run to no more than 500 words and must be emailed to newcomer@gomotorsport.net by 30 September 2014. Entries may also feature in future editions of this newsletter.

To read about last year's winner, Tim Dennis (pictured), click here: http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/newsletter/MSA_News_42_1013.pdf

Historic Committee to hold open forum

Competitors in historic motor sport are invited to attend a forum with the MSA Historic Committee at Silverstone on 17 June.

The forum is designed to give competitors a chance to discuss any historic motor sport topics with members of the committee, which represents the interests of historic motor sport and sets regulations governing the discipline.

The forum takes place at Silverstone's Stowe Building, starting at 2pm. Those wishing to take part must email technical@msauk.org to register their attendance and indicate any particular topics they wish to discuss on the day.

Act now to protect historic motorised access



Competitors in motor sport disciplines that take place in the countryside are urged to write to their MPs regarding the potential restriction of motorised access to unmetalled public roads.

The Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA), of which the MSA is a founding member, is concerned that the Deregulation Bill could be used as a vehicle for lobbyists to remove historic motorised access rights. This would have a catastrophic impact on many motorised leisure activities.

John Richardson, LARA chairman, said: "LARA is closely monitoring the passing through Parliament of the Deregulation Bill.

"However LARA is aware of opposition from certain anti-motoring groups who are lobbying members of the Commons and the Lords to introduce amendments to stop the use of such roads by motorised vehicles. LARA is working very hard with Ministers and others to encourage them to defeat any such amendments which may be tabled.

"To assist LARA with this, a brochure and a sample letter are available for you to write to, or visit your local MP to make them aware of this issue. The documents are available from admin@laragb.org Please copy any responses you receive from your MPs to this address."

Transport Committee launches motoring survey

Motorists are being asked for their views on dealing with government motoring agencies such as the DSA and VOSA, which are soon to merge.

The Transport Committee launched a survey last month asking for contributions to its government motoring agencies inquiry. The survey comprises seven simple questions and closes on 22 April.

Louise Ellman, Chair of the Transport Committee, said: "The Government's motoring agencies are changing and two (DSA and VOSA) are shortly to merge. All of them rely increasingly on websites and email for delivering services.

"We need to find out if these changes will deliver a better service when you do things like book a driving or vehicle test, apply for a driving, PSV or HGV license, register a vehicle or submit a SORN, and seek authorisation for motor vehicles, systems and components."

These changes could prove relevant to motor sport competitors such as rally drivers, who build and/or use heavily modified but road-legal cars.



Isle of Man's Stevens appointed Officiel d'Honneur

Dr David Stevens MBE, Medical Director for Isle of Man Motorsport Medical Services, has been made an Officiel d'Honneur – the highest accolade for MSA-licensed officials who have completed their active service.

The award recognises Dr Stevens' significant contribution to improving the safety of UK motor sport – especially on the Isle of Man – in the field of trauma medicine and event safety management. It also recognised the extensive charitable nature of his work, always undertaken to the highest personal and professional standards.

Stevens was also presented with a Recognition Certificate from the sport's world governing body, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), celebrating his contribution to motor sport safety in the medical field.

"I am indeed honoured to receive these two prestigious awards, on a par with receiving my MBE in 2003," said Stevens. "My contribution to medicine and rescue in motor sport would not have been possible without the help and cooperation of everyone involved with the events."

Allan Dean-Lewis MBE, MSA Director of Training and Education, made the presentation at an MSA officials seminar. "I am delighted to present Dr David Stevens with this well-deserved recognition, and to wish him a long and of course happy retirement from his involvement with rallying, although I am sure we may still call on him from time to time to draw on his vast experience in medical and safety matters," he said.

MSA requests nominations for membership of 2015 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 name, address and contact details to the sponsoring MSA-recognised club or Regional Association. The sponsor will forward the application to Andrea Wren 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 2014 at the latest.

KartForce karts stolen

A pair of racing karts modified specially for use by injured troops have been stolen from a garage in Kent.

KartForce needs to replace the karts in time for the first race of the 2014 Inter Services Karting Championships on 26 April and the first 24-hour team endurance race of the year, the Isle of Man 24hr on 3-4 May. It has therefore launched a fundraising appeal, which can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/KartForce-Appeal>

If anybody has any information relating to the stolen karts' whereabouts, please contact KartForce at the earliest opportunity.

MSA pays tribute to long-serving staff

The MSA has celebrated the continuous long service of several key members of staff, who between them have contributed 171 years' service to the governing body.

Celebrating 25 consecutive years at the MSA are:

- Peter 'Pete the Post' Barrett
- Ian Davis – Regional, Rallies & Cross Country Executive
- Simon Fowler – Competitions & Clubs Manager
- Cheryl Lynch – Race, Speed & Kart Executive
- Andrea Wren – Executive Administrator

Margaret Forrest, Assistant to the Chairman & Chief Executive, leads the way on 26 years. Meanwhile Sheila Barter, Executive Office Services Manager, and John Symes, MSA Technical Director, has now spent 22 and 20 years at Motor Sports House respectively.



Peter Barrett



Sheila Barter



Ian Davis



Margaret Forrest



Simon Fowler



Cheryl Lynch



John Symes



Andrea Wren

appointments

General Secretary

London Heathrow Area



The Motor Sports Association (MSA), the national governing body of four-wheel motor sport, responsible for its regulation, administration, development and promotion in the UK – under the authority of the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) – is seeking a General Secretary.

The holder of this role will report to the Chief Executive and be responsible for the legal, secretariat and corporate governance functions of the MSA and its other Group companies, registered charity and pension schemes.

As a member of the Senior Management Team the successful applicant will also have general management responsibilities, particularly as head of the Sporting Department. The General Secretary oversees Regulation changes through the Motor Sports Council, Anti-doping, Border Agency matters, and is responsible for the MSA being represented in judicial proceedings before both the Motor Sports Council National Court and the FIA International Court of Appeal.

Applications are invited from lawyers with a current practising certificate. Ideally applicants will have particular experience in both the management and practice of company/commercial and litigation/advocacy matters.

A knowledge of sports governance and/or motor sport would be a distinct advantage. Occasional weekend work at motor sports events and an amount of overseas travel will be involved. This post has a remuneration package commensurate with its position within the organisation.

Please apply by Friday 18 April 2014 to sheila.barter@msauk.org enclosing your CV and contact details.

The MSA is an equal opportunities organisation which welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

No agencies please.



BTRDA Sporting Trials Taster day

The BTRDA ran a successful trials taster day at Shelsley Walsh on 5 April, when 13 'tasters' turned up to drive an assortment of trials cars.

The taster sections varied from simple straight-line slalom tests, designed to teach the use of 'fiddle' brakes, to full-blown slippery and steep grass hills.

Julian Fack, BTRDA sporting trials committee chairman, said: "Many of the participants showed surprising levels of aptitude, although all of them were surprised at how tricky a short straight up an innocuous looking grassy bank was to negotiate, particularly after all the owners of the cars floated up as if it were a motorway.

"This is the same site used by a smartly suited David Coulthard last year, in the famous photo [pictured] where he looked – and was – properly frightened in a Shepa Indy trials car."

The 'tasters' all enjoyed the event and one even bought a trials car the next day. The BTRDA runs two such events each year, in the spring and autumn; visit www.btrda.com for details.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

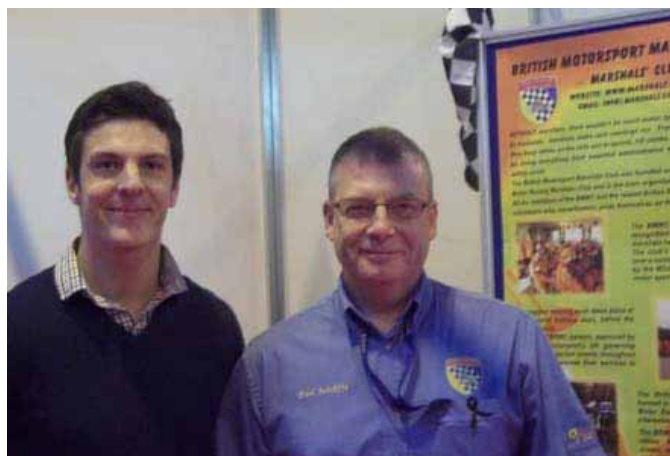
MSA completes 2014 seminar series

The MSA's 2014 seminar series for Volunteer Club Officials has drawn to a close after eight weeks and 13 venues.

The team consisted of MSA Director of Training and Education Allan Dean-Lewis MBE, MSA Steward Neil Fuller, AEMC Secretary Brian Hemmings and Alan Page, Training Consultant to the MSA. They worked alongside the MSA's Go Motorsport Regional Development Officers at the majority of venues from Exeter to Pitlochry, Cardiff to Huntingdon, recording a total attendance of 446.

Dean-Lewis said: "The new format for the 2014 Seminar series, delivered with the welcome support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust and the valued assistance of the MSA's Go Motorsport Regional Development Officers, proved to be highly popular, and enabled all who attended to share thoughts about the future direction of their Clubs and the sport as well as to be involved in specific training workshops including club, incident and event safety management.

"The success of the series owes much to the preparation work and skill of our new volunteer members Neil and Brian who certainly made their mark at every venue, including in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey, and I am very grateful for their enthusiasm and support."



Marshal seeks backers for charity calendar project

A British marshal diagnosed with melanoma is working on a project to produce a motor sport marshalling-themed 2015 calendar in aid of the Melanoma UK charity.

Paul Sutcliffe (pictured with racer James Calado), who was diagnosed five years ago, has organised a photographer and attracted support from a number of top motor sport personalities. He is now seeking backers to help fund the project.

For further information, visit www.charitymarshal.org, search for Marshal Charity Calendar on Facebook or follow @cm_2015 on Twitter.

CLUB CORNER

VSCC launches 'A Vintage Day Out' for 80th anniversary



Celebrations of the Vintage Sports-Car Club's 80th anniversary will culminate with A Vintage Day Out – a special event at the East of England Showground on 9 August.

The VSCC specialises in organising and promoting events for pre-war cars, and with over 7000 members worldwide is one of the leading lights in historic motorsport within the UK. Its 80th anniversary week will encompass tours, trials, driving tests, a sprint and social events.

Visitors to A Vintage Day Out will be able to take in an extensive array of pre-1960 vehicles, which will be displayed through-

out the venue. The VSCC has also announced some special anniversary-themed features celebrating 80 Years of the Association of Frazer Nash/BMW, 80 years of the ERA and 60 Years of the Riley Register.

Other attractions include a commemorative area dedicated to The Great War featuring Veteran and Edwardian cars and military vehicles, and an extensive trade village. Entry is free of charge for VSCC members, £5 for non-members and free for under-16s. For further details email gemma.price@vsccl.co.uk or visit www.vsccl.co.uk

BWRDC announces 'ladies only' race

The British Women Racing Drivers Club (BWRDC) is hoping to attract up to 40 female competitors for a ladies' handicap race during the Walter Hayes Trophy meeting at Silverstone on 2 November.



The BWRDC Race for a Record will be open to female licence holders in closed-wheel cars, and will be overseen by an MSA handicapper

to ensure fairness among the varied machinery.

The club said that it hopes the race will showcase the number of women taking part in the sport, not just as competitors but also volunteers; it hopes to have one female marshal on every post around the circuit.

Entry forms will be available soon. For further information visit www.bwrdc.co.uk

Wigton MC supports Year of the Newcomer

Wigton Motor Club, JLT MSA Club of the Year 2013, introduced 35 people to the Autotest discipline during a Taster Event in support of the MSA Year of the Newcomer.



The club's Novice Autotest Training at Maryport was designed to introduce people to all aspects of Autotest, from competing to organising. The day started with a classroom session on competing in and organising autotests. Then the 35 were split into two groups, with one competing while the other marshalled and timed, before swapping over.

Graeme Forrester, club secretary, said: "Some of those who took part were already club members from the classic cars side and hadn't done any competitive motor sport before, while others were total newcomers who we attracted through local promotion.

"The aim was to get them involved in all the different aspects of Autotest, including volunteering and organising as well as competing. At the end of the event we offered all of the newcomers club membership for the year, and a couple of them even came up with some ideas for new venues that we plan to pursue for future events, plus several offered to help run events, so it was a win-win situation."

Wigton MC is offering free entries to newcomers on all of its events this year. For more information about the club, visit www.wigtonmc.co.uk

Closed roads consultation – template responses

Q1. Do you agree with the proposal to give local authorities the powers to allow motor sport events on public roads subject to the local consultation? If you disagree please give reasons.

Answer: Yes I agree. The UK leads the world in terms of motor sport with the industry generating an estimated £9bn for the economy annually and employing 41,000 people in 4,300 companies. Yet the UK lags behind much of the rest of the world, including the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and Northern Ireland, in not allowing motor sport events to take place on closed public roads.

Allowing motor sport events to be held on closed public roads will provide an economic boost to host communities; support the growth of UK motor sport and the associated industry; allow engaging events to be created; and create a valuable platform for taking road safety messaging to the wider public.

Q2. Do you agree that local authorities should be able to close roads for motor sport events? If you disagree please give reasons.

Answer: Yes I agree. Empowering local authorities to be able to close roads for motor sport events would represent a positive devolution of power. It will mean that local people, rather than politicians in Westminster, will be able to determine what happens on the roads in their region and will ensure that Parliament does not need to spend its valuable time debating whether or not to close a road somewhere in the country. It is an important principle that no organisation other than the Local Authority should be granted powers to close its roads, as this ensures that no event can be forced upon a region against the will of the locally elected Authority.

Q3. Do you agree that local authorities should have the power under certain circumstances to suspend the speed limit and applicable road traffic regulations? If there are any traffic regulations you would prefer not to see suspended, please give reasons.

Answer: Yes, I agree that local authorities should have the power under certain circumstances to suspend the speed limit and applicable road traffic regulations. This is on the understanding that the road traffic regulations are replaced by established and robust sporting regulations, as laid down by the MSA and ACU, to ensure that all events are well organised, properly regulated and properly insured.

Q4. Do you agree that the Motor Sports Association and the Auto Cycle Union should be the “Authorising Authority” for any motor sport events on public roads?

Answer: Yes I agree. The Motor Sports Association (MSA) and the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU) both have many decades of experience of governing four- and two-wheel motor sport in the UK. The MSA is recognised by motor sport’s world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA), as the sole national sporting authority for four-wheel motor sport in the UK. The ACU is similarly recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) as the national sporting authority for two-wheel motor sport in the British Isles. They are the only organisations with the experience, knowledge and resources necessary to act as the Authorising Authorities for any motor sport events on public roads.

With the MSA and ACU as Authorising Authorities, only drivers and riders who have been formally licensed for competition by the governing bodies would be eligible to take part in motor sport events on closed public roads. The MSA and ACU licensing structures are suitably robust and rigorously enforced to ensure that licensed competitors are suitably competent to take part in the motor sport events they enter.

Q5. Do you agree that the Sports Ground Safety Authority could provide valuable expertise and guidance to ensure motor sport events on roads can be delivered safely?

Answer: No, I doubt that the SGSA would be able to add value in this environment. Both the Motor Sports Association (MSA) and the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU) operate comprehensive, long-established and successful risk management programmes for four- and two-wheel motor sport respectively.

Motor sport is a unique and complex sporting activity and requires specific experience and expertise to deal with its diverse events and venues, and especially to manage the risks associated with vehicles travelling at speed which is unique to our sport. It seems unlikely that the SGSA would be able to offer anything valuable in this context over and above the experts from the MSA and ACU, other than perhaps the facilitation of a forum for liaison with the necessary statutory bodies.

Furthermore, the involvement of another body simply introduces an additional layer of bureaucracy that inevitably adds costs to organisers and competitors alike.

Jakob Ebrey Photography



Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship

Andrew Jordan enjoyed a stellar start to his title defence with two lights-to-flag victories at Brands Hatch, where Colin Turkington won the final race.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Andrew Jordan – 47 points
- 2 Matt Neal – 45
- 3 Colin Turkington – 44

Jakob Ebrey Photography



Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain

Jayde Kruger secured a pair of victories and the championship lead at Brands Hatch, while James Abbott also won a race.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Jayde Kruger – 79 points
- 2 Harrison Scott – 77
- 3 James Abbott – 66

Nick Purdie



MSA British Superkart Championship

Reigning champion Paul Platt started his title defence with two emphatic wins at Oulton Park, breaking the lap record in the process.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Paul Platt – 80 points
- 2 Dan Clark – 70
- 3 Toby Davis – 64

Chris Walker - Kartpix.net



SSM MSA British Kart Championship

Scott Allen dominated the season-opener at Sherington to storm into the championship lead with a pair of victories.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Scott Allen – 159 points
- 2 Richard Palmer – 155
- 3 Henry Easthope – 145

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SSM MSA British Cadet Kart Championship

Kiern Jewiss and Tom Wood shared the victories in the opening round at Sherington, but Jonny Edgar left with the championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Jonny Edgar – 151 points
- 2 Joe Turney – 149
- 3 Kiern Jewiss – 146



The Shannon Group MSA British Rallycross Championship

Koen Pauwels won the season-opener at Lydden Hill ahead of Joochen Coox and Julian Godfrey, the reigning champion and top British championship runner.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Julian Godfrey – 22 points
- 2 Kevin Procter – 17
- 3 Steve Harris – 15

Steve Wilkinson



SBD Motorsport MSA British Sprint Championship

Reigning champion Colin Calder kicked off the new season with victory at Castle Combe, where he was pushed hard by his daughter, Heather.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Colin Calder – 13 points
- 2 Heather Calder – 12
- = Mark Smith – 12

Geoff Robinson - www.2020zoom.com



MSA British Sporting Trials Championship

Ilan Bell won the President's Trophy trial by a clear margin from Ian Wright and John Fack to consolidate his early championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Ilan Bell – 44 points
- 2 John Fack – 36
- 3 Roland Uglow – 31



MSA British Car Trial Championship

Dave Oliver won the Ivinghoe Spring trial, run by Falcon Motor Club, after renaming the event to reflect the new venue.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Barrie Parker – 8 points
- 2 Dave Oliver – 6
- = Mark Hoppe – 6

Nic Ayre



Link Up Ltd MSA British Autotest Championship

Dave Evans won the second round of the championship, Foxley Autotest, aboard his Blitz Special in very changeable conditions.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Dave Evans – 57 points
- = Paul Fobister – 57
- 3 Roger Holder – 51

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ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship

David Bogie led from start to finish to win Saturday's Brick & Steel Border Counties Rally for a third time, and chalk up his first victory in the 2014 championship.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Euan Thorburn – 58 points
- 2 David Bogie – 56
- 3 Quintin Milne – 54



McGrady Insurance MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship

Defending champion Derek McGarrity drove his new Mini WRC car to victory in the season-opener at Bishopscourt.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Derek McGarrity – 12 points
- 2 Kevin Barrett – 10
- 3 Desi Henry – 9

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS



FIA seat homologation label forgery

MSA scrutineers have been instructed to be vigilant when checking FIA homologation labels to ensure they are not 'forged' like the example pictured.

In this example, it would appear that the lower date panel part of the genuine label has been removed using a sharp blade. A false date panel has then been added in its place.

The joint line can clearly be seen, particularly as it appears an excess of glue

has been used and not cleaned off. With this style of label the date is generally – if not always – identified by the relevant numbers being punched out. In this example it appears that a pen has been used to mark the month and year.

Helmet cameras

Competitors are reminded of the requirements of MSA Yearbook regulation (K)10.3.3.(d), which states:

“... Fitment of cameras to helmets by whatever means is not permitted unless an integral camera is provided by the helmet manufacturer and that model of helmet is approved under one of the accepted standards.”

Helmet cameras that do not comply with this regulation will be rejected at scrutineering and cannot be used in competition.

Cadet karting plastic Rear Protection System

The bumper and bodywork regulations for the Cadet kart class permit the use of



a plastic RPS in lieu of an 'MSA-style' steel rear bumper, providing that the plastic RPS has been registered with the MSA.

To date, only one plastic RPS has been registered

with the MSA: The Freeline example shown in the image. Note that this must also carry the registration marking “MSA/DMSB-001-RPS” as described on the registration form, which can be downloaded from www.msauk.org/karttech.



Go Motorsport goes off with a bang!

A special Go Motorsport Pitstop Challenge was a highlight of the recent Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair at Birmingham's NEC.

Led by East Midlands RDO Richard Egger, the Go Motorsport initiative challenged school and college students to change all four wheels on a car against the clock.

Before the show opened for its first day, ITV weather presenter and STEM ambassador Laura Tobin visited the stand to broadcast for the *Daybreak* programme. During a live interview, Egger explained that Go Motorsport was recognising the UK's world-leading motor sport industry and giving youngsters the chance to get hands-on with a car.

There were no F1-style wheel guns for these groups, who used spider and torque wrenches to complete the task. Hundreds of youngsters took part, working in teams while testing their knowledge, skills and teamwork.

Egger's fellow RDO Andrew Bisping, who was on hand for the first two days – alongside Jess Fack, MSA Development Manager – said: "It was fascinating to see the youngsters adapt to the Pitstop Challenge and their different approaches. Nearly all of them recalled the 'righty tighty; lefty loosey' approach and it was great to see the determination needed for this fairly physically demanding challenge, especially when the task proved harder than expected."

Fellow Big Bang exhibitors also entered teams; JCB, the Army Engineers and Jaguar Land Rover displayed great teamwork but Cummins Engines came out on top with a polished display, changing the wheels in one minute and 43 seconds.

Go Motorsport extends its thanks to the 'fab 14' who manned the stand, helping the students to change the wheels and ensuring smooth running throughout the event:

Andrew Bisping
Aimee Dance
Jess Fack
Anji Martin
Kasia Nicklin
Andrew Sainty
Alex Tait

Scott Dance
Richard Egger
Alex Toth-Jones
Colin Martin
Ryan Sainty
Colette Tait
Darryl Tait



1 U.A.H. 6th Form
Time: 2.32

2 Stafford College
Time: 2.38

3 Furness College
Time: 2.43

Rank	Team	Team members	Time
4	Joseph Whitaker (run 2)	4	2.51
5	Family Cairns		2.53
6	Matthew Boulton College (team 1)		2.56
7	Akeley Wood	5	3.05
8	Bohunt	4	3.07
9	Fairbro' (2 wheels only)	2	3.09
10	Family Aston		3.14
11	Bournville College		3.20
12	Family Porter		3.21
13	Joseph Whitaker (run 1)	4	3.28
14	Prince Henrys High School (team 1)		3.31
15	Skipton Girls		3.32
16	Matthew Boulton College (team 2)		3.33
17	Robert Patterson Academy	4	3.36
18	South Cheshire College	3	3.39
19	Heasham High Marshmallows	4	3.39
20	Bloxhan	4	3.41
21	G.D.A. Boys		3.45
22	St Davids	4	3.45
23	Nova Racing RGS Newcastle	4	3.48
24	Shevington	4	3.51
25	Family Wilson		3.52
26	Dudley College	5	3.54
27	Team London Bishops College		4.00
28	Bournville College & Gateway College		4.01
29	Family Batting		4.04
30	Smith, Abdie & Bradley		4.09
31	The Belgrave	4	4.10
32	Clarke		4.13
33	Clayton Mafia		4.15
34	Sutherland	5	4.17
35	Family Baker (3 wheels only)		4.17
36	Baker		4.17
37	Tor Bridge High	4	4.18
38	Kettering Science Academy	4	4.19
39	South Bromsgrove	4	4.20
40	Etone		4.21
41	Family Whorlow	4	4.22
42	King Alfreds's Flying Pigs	8	4.25
43	H.I.K.M.		4.26
44	West		4.27
45	King Alfred's Team Awesome	7	4.27
46	Trinity	4	4.30
47	Lady Hawkins	4	4.30
48	Hingley		4.30
49	N.L.C.S.	6	4.34
50	G.D.A.	4	4.37
51	Family Strouhal		4.38
52	Family Jones		4.43
53	Guilford High School	4	4.44
54	Wrenn School		4.47
55	Watt		4.50
56	Braidwood 9a		4.52
57	Repton Boys & abbey		4.52

Rank	Team	Team members	Time
58	S.H.F.G.S.		5.05
59	Altwood Unicorns United (team 1)	5	5.06
60	Northampton Academy	5	5.10
61	The Webber Independent School		5.10
62	Y.I.A.	4	5.12
63	Home Education Team		5.12
64	Prince Henrys High School (team 2)	4	5.13
65	Smiths Wood Sport College		5.14
66	Chauncy	4	5.16
67	All Saints Academy	6	5.18
68	Hastings	4	5.20
69	Lawrence		5.21
70	Harris Academy		5.23
71	MK Academy	4	5.23
72	Braidwood 9b		5.25
73	Altwood (team 2)	4	5.31
74	Family Walker		5.34
75	South Craven	5	5.40
76	Diss High	4	5.41
77	EHE	5	5.45
78	Nishkam High School	5	5.46
79	Wellington (Ladies Team)	4	5.46
80	Excalibur (Primary)		5.52
81	Yates Academy	4	5.56
82	Family King		5.59
83	Brewers Hill (team 2)		6.00
84	King Alfreds's Ivory Toast	5	6.06
85	Meriden CoE Primary School (Primary)		6.12
86	Simpson		6.14
87	Don Valley	4	6.17
88	Pattison College		6.17
89	Cambourne Village College		6.21
90	Brewers Hill (team 1)		6.35
91	Petchey Academy	5	6.39
92	Walsall Academy	4	6.40
93	B.T.E. Academy		6.51
94	Lighthall Priory		6.52
95	I.V.C.	4	6.52
96	Kenilworth School		7.38
97	King Alfreds	4	7.47
98	Wolverhampton Girls High School	5	8.34

EXHIBITORS / PROFESSIONALS

1	Cummins Engines (run 2)	1.43
2	JCB (run 4)	1.47
3	JCB (run 3)	1.54
4	JCB (run 2)	2.00
5	JLR (run 2)	2.05
6	JCB Sunday Crew (run 1)	2.12
7	JCB (run 1)	2.22
8	Army Engineer (run 1)	2.24
9	JLR (run 1)	2.32
10	Cummins Engines (run 1)	2.36
11	JOE - Coventry (run 1)	2.37

SCHOOL VISITS



East Kent College

Suze Endean, South East RDO, recently visited East Kent College in Broadstairs to talk to a group of students studying for their IMI L2 Diploma in Motorsport Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

The idea of the visit was to give the students the chance to look at a competition car and the safety requirements for competition – in this case a car built to road and stage rally specifications.

They also discussed various issues that have been encountered with the car, and the solutions, changes and improvements made to combat these as well as work required between events to keep a competition car going.

“The key question of course was, ‘How can motor sport involve the students?’” said Endean. “One of the students is already marshalling at Lydden Hill but a number of others drive, although don’t yet compete in motor sport. Events such as autotests and autosolos are a great way to get started, as you can compete on these events in standard cars.

“One of the key Go Motorsport messages is that motor sport is both affordable and accessible and helping the students understand what they can do is important. Although the car taken in for the visit is now modified, it was bought and prepared as a standard car and so the development from a standard car could be shown through pictures and discussions.”

The college students are working on a number of projects, including a stock rod Corsa, Honda track day car, Lexus drift car and also a Caterham, which has been purchased by the Broadstairs Rotary Club and the CT10 charities.

The college is looking to establish links with local competitors and motor clubs; to get in touch and support them in their ventures, please email southeast@gomotorsport.net



Campbeltown Grammar School

It has been a busy month for Scotland RDO Alison Clark, who has been working with Dunfermline Car Club to help promote their inaugural asphalt rally at the Machrihanish Air Base (pictured) on the Mull of Kintyre.

This included a visit to Campbeltown Grammar School with club official Davie Hatrick, and a presentation to 180 first and second year pupils. Davie and Alison set a competition among the pupils to choose a name for the rally, the winner of which will flag the cars off the start ramp on 5 July.

Grant boosts Galloway Hills Rally

Solway Car Club’s Galloway Hills Rally will benefit from a £10,000 grant awarded by Dumfries and Galloway Council’s Major Events Fund.

The 2013 rally was hugely popular with both spectators and competitors; event sponsor – and winner – Jock Armstrong created a 1.5-mile super special stage, wholly visible from the spectator area. The grant means the 2014 event will offer free ferry travel for the first 20 Irish crews, which it is hoped will boost interest from across the water.

“This is fantastic news for the club,” said Scotland RDO Alison Clark, who met with Councillor Finlay Carson to highlight the boost the event brings to the community. “With crews from Ireland being tempted by a superb deal, local shops, hotels and restaurants will feel the benefit too.”

Councillor Carson said: “I’m delighted that Dumfries and Galloway Council recognises the substantial economic impact that the Galloway Hills and Merrick rally has on the local economy. The Council are committed to supporting events which attract people into the areas as well as stimulating the local economy. The funding package also recognises the fantastic work carried out by the many volunteers from the various car clubs over many years to make the rallies what they are now. Last year the Galloway Hills Rally received the recognition it deserved by featuring as a round in the Scottish Rally Championship.”

Moore's month

Updates from South West RDO Kevin Moore

Go Motorsport Live South West

With a healthy flow of entries now coming in for the Boconnoc Stage Rally on 26-27 July, motor clubs and traders are being invited to book their space at the *Go Motorsport Live South West* event being hosted in conjunction with the rally at the stunning West Country venue.

As with the very successful national *Go Motorsport Live* event held at Silverstone last year, this is the ideal opportunity for clubs in the region to promote themselves with free stand space. Traders are equally welcome to fill 5x5m units for £50.00.

Pre-booking is essential to guarantee space availability. Camping onsite is available for all exhibitors and it is hoped that a barbecue will be happening on the Saturday evening.

All bookings and enquiries regarding *Go Motorsport Live South West* must be made through southwest@gomotorsport.net

South West Autosport Show

The South West Autosport Show at Newton Abbot Racecourse on 18 May will include a Go Motorsport Arena, presenting another great opportunity for motor clubs to promote themselves free of charge.

Go Motorsport has arranged for two 'live action' events to run throughout the day. These include an AutoSOLO/Production Car Autotest running as a taster event organised by Exeter Motor Club, and Autocross demonstration runs by Colin Anderson from South Hams Motor Club on behalf of the ASWMC Autocross competitors.

The beauty of promoting clubs at 'fringe' events such as this is that, by their very nature, they attract a captive audience of confirmed 'petrolheads' who are not necessarily already involved in organised motor sport – yet.

Clubs and traders wishing to book space within the Go Motorsport Arena should email southwest@gomotorsport.net. Trade space is available for £50.00 per 5x5m pitch and pre-booking is essential.

The benefits of Taster Events

On the subject of boosting club membership through on-event recruitment, Torbay Motor Club recently organised its first AutoSOLO Taster Event.

Their usual events normally attract in the region of 10 entries, whereas this one has around 25. Of these, nine were from people completely new to motor sport, and five went on to become fully paid up members of the club. Two spectators also joined, bringing the club's new recruits to seven in just one day.

Since then I have spoken to several of the spectators who turned up during the day. Never having seen an AutoSOLO before, at least four of them are now keen to do the next available event.

One of these four also asked about getting involved in Hill Climbs; as Torbay MC is active in this discipline he was introduced to a relevant member of the club who explained the 'ins and outs' of the sport. The guy has now purchased all of the necessary safety equipment and has applied for his competition licence. A successful day all-round, and a great example for clubs across the country to follow!

GET INVOLVED

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!



MSA Coaches help Junior Rally NI competitors

Aspiring young rally drivers in Northern Ireland have been benefitting from theoretical and practical coaching in driving techniques from MSA Coaches James Wozencroft and Adam Gould.

Wozencroft is a former British Super 1600 Rally Champion, while Gould was a frontrunner in the MSA British Rally Championship. Both have been members of the MSA's talent development programmes – firstly as members and subsequently as coaches – for several years.

At Bishopscourt the pair coached young competitors in the underpinning theory of competition driving. Wozencroft was then on-hand at Kirkistown to work with the drivers one-on-one. “We helped the drivers to analyse their performance and identify which areas of their driving they could develop to improve their performance,” he said.

Andrew Bushe, Junior 1000 Rally Challenge Ireland Co-Ordinator, praised the coaches' input. “There is no doubt that the Junior 1000 competitors benefitted from James and Adam's coaching, and it could be seen on the performances of those who applied it the following weekend at Kirkistown,” he said. “It's great to be involved with drivers at this young age, and try to give them every chance possible to reach the pinnacle of rallying. With

Junior 1000, and this sort of coaching, young rally drivers have more opportunities to develop their skills at this young age than ever before.”

Eoghan Bogue, who finished second at Kirkistown, added: “I actually learned a lot from the coaching session. I went back and had a look at my in-car from Bishopscourt and found a few things to improve on. It seemed to work, and it was a great run for us.”



@ThanksMarshal



Looking forward to getting out on the banks for @DunlopBTCC this year!
@jasonplato said #ThanksMarshal in advance!



Ever wondered what @DunlopBTCC drivers look like at a stand-up comedy gig?
#ThanksMarshal

Loving the colour scheme on Heather Calder's car!



Look who I just met @MSAUK HQ: @JamesCalado!
He said #ThanksMarshal!



Guess who supervised the timekeeping at the Great Western Sprint?!



With the University of Bath Motorsports students, who had their first experience of sprint marshalling!



Time to head off for another adventure!