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Act now to support the push for closed road motor sport

The UK motor sport community has come together in support of the MSA's campaign to facilitate closed road motor sport on mainland Britain, following the launch of a government consultation on the plans.

The MSA has been pushing successive governments to empower local authorities with the right to suspend the Road Traffic Act without having to resort to an Act of Parliament. Such an amendment would open up the way for competitive motor sport events such as stage rallies, sprints and hill climbs to take place on a limited number of British roads, as happens across most of mainland Europe.

Since Maria Miller, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, launched the consultation on 27 February, there have been hundreds of messages of support – particularly via social media – with everyone from world champions and grassroots competitors to volunteers, clubs, championships, events, venues and celebrities backing the campaign. There has also been extensive media coverage across national newspapers, websites and radio stations, as well as the specialist motor sport press.

Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive, hailed the consultation as a huge step forward for the MSA's long-running closed roads campaign. "This is the news that British motor sport has been waiting for," he said. "It represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change the landscape of our sport, allowing local communities across the country to host motor sport events and enjoy all the excitement and economic benefit they bring.

"However to make that vision a reality we need everybody involved in our sport, from competitors and volunteers to clubs and organisers, to respond positively to the government consultation before the 10 April deadline.

"The government's enthusiasm for closed road motor sport, and its launch of a public consultation, is the culmination of years of hard work behind the scenes, started by former MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the process so far. We now have to demonstrate the support that exists for closed road motor sport around the country."

The MSA has produced template responses to the consultation questions, which can be found on the following page. The simplest way to respond to the consultation is to copy and paste them into an email to msc@culture.gsi.gov.uk



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@JamesCalado just dropped by



Motor Sports House, where he met new CEO Rob Jones and kindly gave us a signed shirt!

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Lewis Hamilton @LewisHamilton Mar 4 Proud to be partnering with @MSAUK for road safety! Please get involved here <http://bit.ly/1pVB3me> to win tickets to Silverstone and more!

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Allan McNish @AllanMcNish Feb 27 Good news, I support it "@MSAUK: Government launches consultation on Closed Road motor sport: <http://bit.ly/1InaMwl> #ISupportClosedRoads"

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Robert Reid @robertgreid Feb 27 Government launches consultation on Closed Road motor sport - Well done MSA <http://bit.ly/1InaMwl> Now your response is needed Pls RT

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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 fully 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.

MSA launches road safety initiative and competition



Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula One team driver Lewis Hamilton is backing a new MSA initiative designed to highlight key road safety messages among young people.

Road accidents are the biggest killer among 16- to-24-year-olds in the UK. Working with the FIA, the MSA has created a special competition for young people in two age categories – 14 to 18 and 19 to 24 – who are invited to create a short film bringing to life one of the FIA's 10 Golden Rules (see sidebar).

The films will be judged by a panel of experts including Hamilton, Sky Sports F1 presenters and MSA representatives.

The winners will be announced during the British Grand Prix weekend (3-6 July), with the two winning teams joining Hamilton at Silverstone to receive a £2,000 prize for their educational establishment's film or media studies unit, plus a driving experience day at the circuit. The winning films will be broadcast during Sky Sports F1's programming.

Meanwhile four runners-up (two per age category) will each receive a cash prize for their school/college/university and will be invited to attend a British motor sport event of their choice.



Ben Taylor, MSA Director of Development and Communications, said: "This competition provides an exciting opportunity to engage with young people in a very practical way and creates a fun but educational

approach to the road safety message through the medium of motor sport. Due to the very nature of our sport, safety is absolutely paramount and developments in vehicle and venue design as well as driver safety equipment, largely through the great work of the FIA Institute, have become very significant."

10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring

1. Buckle up
2. Respect the Highway Code
3. Obey the speed limit
4. Check tyre pressures
5. Drive sober
6. Protect children
7. Pay attention
8. Stop when tired
9. Wear a helmet (on two wheels)
10. Be courteous

"This competition provides an exciting opportunity to engage with young people in a very practical way"

Details of how to enter the competition, including full Terms and Conditions, can be downloaded here:

http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/press/MSA_FIA_road_safety_film.zip



Tickets on sale for RallycrossRX at Lydden

Tickets are now on sale for Britain's round of the inaugural FIA World Rallycross Championship at Lydden Hill on 24-25 May.

Star names such as Petter Solberg, the 2003 FIA World Rally Champion, and MSA British Touring Car Champion Andrew Jordan, will be in action at the Kent venue - the Home of Rallycross.

"We want as many people as possible to share what's going to be an amazing, action-packed event – that's why we've priced our tickets so competitively," said circuit owner Pat Doran. "That said, we do have limited capacity, so we strongly advise those planning to come to Lydden to book early and take full advantage of the significant discounts we are offering in advance. We are expecting a complete sell-out."

Advance tickets cost £20 per adult, with free admission to accompanied children aged 12 and under. For further details or to buy tickets visit the website.

appointments

Rob Jones appointed MSA Chief Executive



The MSA has confirmed that General Secretary Rob Jones, who has held the position of Acting Chief Executive since October, will become MSA Chief Executive with immediate effect.

Jones, a solicitor, joined the MSA as General Secretary in 2006. He has held a competition licence since 1984, having been a rally co-driver and driver, a karting father and a circuit racer. He is President of the Ethics Commission of the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile.

"This is a huge privilege and a great responsibility," said Jones. "I saw my first road rally when I was 17 and realised then that I wanted to be part of this sport, but could never have imagined that I would one day be appointed as Chief Executive of one of the most respected motor sport governing bodies in the world. It is difficult to explain what this means for someone with so many great memories in the sport, whether as a marshal or a competitor.

"There is so much going on currently; so much for UK motor sport to be excited about: the closed roads consultation; the significant growth of interest in grass roots motor sport; and additional initiatives to benefit the clubs and competitors. For me, the essence of this sport is safe and affordable enjoyment and I look forward to playing my part in shaping its future for the benefit of everyone involved."

MSA Chairman Alan Gow added: "Rob has been with the MSA for eight years and has proven to be an absolutely first-rate General Secretary. His knowledge of the sport is exemplary and his corporate governance credentials are also beyond reproach. We asked him to take the helm on an acting basis at the end of last year and since then he has clearly demonstrated that he is well equipped to handle the position on a permanent basis. I've no doubt that Rob will also prove to be an excellent Chief Executive for the Motor Sports Association."

Stage rally opportunity for a young co-driver

An opportunity has arisen for an aspiring young co-driver to learn the ropes alongside an experienced driver on some of the country's top stage rallies this season.

RAFMSA driver Chris Daykin will be campaigning his Typhoon-liveried Group N Subaru on selected rounds of the 2014 REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship, as well as potentially venturing into the forests.

Wishing to give something back to the sport, Daykin is looking for a young co-driver to join him on the stages this year, allowing them to develop their skills on some of UK rallying's biggest events. The opportunity is open to 18- to 22-year-olds and ideally applicants will have experience of at least five 12-car/road/endurance rallies. A financial contribution will be required.

Those interested should send a brief CV and covering letter to southeast@gomotorsport.net by 31 March 2014.

Honours presented at MSC annual dinner

HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO, Honorary President of the Motor Sports Council, was Guest of Honour at the annual Council Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club in London earlier this month.



MSA's former Chief Executive Colin Hilton received the Prince Michael Award of Merit – the Council's top honour – in recognition of his dedicated service to UK motor sport for over 20 years. Ronnie Trouton MBE was honoured with the same award, having been an excellent ambassador for UK motor sport – particularly in Northern Ireland – for over 50 years.

An MSA Lifetime Achievement Award – the MSA Board's highest accolade – was presented to Andy Watson, (pictured top right) who has advised the MSA on noise measurement and control for more than 30 years.

Rod Taylor, former chairman of the Kart Committee, and Eric Cowcill, retiring chairman of the Timekeeping Advisory Panel, (pictured right) both received commemorative awards to mark the end of their service to the Motor Sports Council.



The after dinner speaker this year was Barry Lee, a competitor whose career and championship titles span Autocross, Rallycross, Hot-Rods, Truck Racing, Saloon Cars, Eurocar, Caterhams, Metros and the Paris-Dakar.



SMS conducts survey of Scottish motor sport



Scottish Motor Sports, the new strategic body representing the interests of both two- and four-wheel motor sport in Scotland, has launched a survey to inform the composition of its strategic plan for the sport north of the border.

SMS is inviting responses from everybody with an interest in Scottish motor sport, regardless of their level of involvement in the sport. The survey, which should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, can be found via the www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk website or by clicking here: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/surveypreview.asp?k=139352016743>



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Provisional Stage Rally Tyre List

The MSA has published the provisional Tyre List for special stage rallies held on unsealed surfaces from 1 January 2015.

The move is intended to help reduce the environmental impact of stage rallies on forest roads. The list includes options from the major manufacturers of first generation tyres. Remoulded tyres acceptable from 2015 will be added to the list later this year, which will complete the final list.

Mike Broad, chairman of the MSA's Stage Rally Tyre Working Group, said: "I am delighted that the Tyre Panel has been able to issue the list of approved tyres for unsealed surfaces in good time for the 2015 season. This gives competitors the whole of 2014 to use up any tyres they may already have that aren't on the list.

"If anybody has any queries over the future eligibility of their tyres, they should make direct contact with the manufacturers, who will be happy to help."

Tyre manufacturers have until 1 September 2014 to include new or modified tyre patterns on the list; if approved by the MSA Tyre Panel, such additions will be announced on the MSA website and included in the 2015 MSA Yearbook.

The provisional tyre list can be found at www.msauk.org/news



Chris Walker - kartpix.net

IAME scholarship awarded to clubs

The MSA has selected the four kart clubs that will receive a brand new IAME-engined 'scholarship' cadet kart in 2014.

In December, kart clubs were requested to submit proposals detailing how they would use the karts. After careful consideration of each of the submissions, the panel selected Clay Pigeon Kart Club, Dunkeswell Kart Racing Club, Manchester and Buxton Kart Club and North of Ireland Karting Association to receive the karts.

The karts form part of the promotional package negotiated by the MSA with engine supplier IAME during the tender process to supply engines for the MSA British Cadet Kart championship.

The karts will now create a fantastic opportunity for novice karters within the four clubs and the MSA will conduct a similar selection process later this year to identify a further four clubs to join the scholarship programme.

"This exciting award is about more than just putting a scholarship kart in the hands of four deserving youngsters for the forthcoming season," said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive. "It is a great demonstration of the MSA's support of club karting and our determination to provide initiatives that encourage the clubs and the sport to bring more people to the fun and excitement of karting."

MSA seeks tenders for rally championships

The MSA has launched individual tender processes for organisation and promotion of a number of MSA British and National rally championships for a five-year period from 1 January 2015:

- MSA British Rally Championship
- MSA British Historic Rally Championship
- MSA Asphalt Rally Championship
- MSA English Rally Championship
- MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship
- MSA Scottish Rally Championship
- MSA Welsh Rally Championship

The ITT documents can be found on the MSA website by clicking on the championship names above. The deadline for submissions for each championship is 12.00 noon on Friday 11 April 2014.



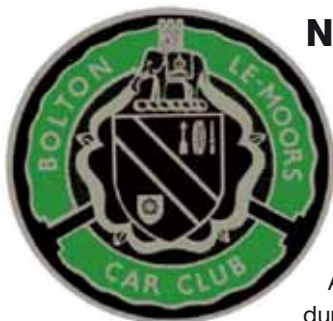
New visual identity for the BARC

The British Automobile Racing Club (BARC), one of the biggest MSA-registered clubs, has refreshed its corporate identity ahead of the 2014 season.

“We at the BARC are very proud of our 100-year-plus history and many of the achievements made during that period”

Founded in 1912 as the Cyclecar Club, the BARC runs Croft, Pembrey and Thruxton, which recently unveiled a state-of-the-art new skidpan, plus the Gurston Down and Harewood hill climbs, and operates more than 30 national championships including the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship. The club has also revamped its www.barc.net website.

Simon Clark, club chairman, said: “The BARC is proud to launch its new identity, which embraces the first 100 years and will help enhance the Club for the next century. We at the BARC are very proud of our 100-year-plus history and many of the achievements made during that period - and as our new century starts, we thought it appropriate to look again at our image.”



North West club raises money for Air Ambulance

Bolton Le-Moors Car Club presented a cheque for £750 to the North West Air Ambulance (NWAA) charity during the club's first AutoSOLO of 2014.

The money was raised at last November's Neil Howard Memorial Stages rally at Oulton Park, where the club ran a demonstration Production Car Autotest that offered passenger rides in exchange for a small donation to the charity. In total 82 members of the public took part.

Event organiser David Graves said: “We are delighted to have raised such a huge amount for the North West Air Ambulance, a charity which is very much close to all our hearts, especially given our sport's dependence upon charities of its kind.”

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

Withdrawn seat homologations

Competitors are advised of the following notice from the FIA, regarding the withdrawal of seat homologations:

For safety reasons, please note that the homologation of the following competition seats, whatever the manufacturing date, is withdrawn with immediate effect (make, model homologation no.):

GP-Race (ESP) TOP RALLY CS.159.06

GP-Race (ESP) TOP RALLY LIGHT CS.208.08

GP-Race (ESP) TOP CIRCUIT CS.207.08

As these seats can no longer be considered as complying with the FIA 8855-1999 standard, their use is prohibited in all cases in which compliance with the above-mentioned standard is mandatory. This decision will be published in the next edition of the FIA bulletin. Please note that a complete and up-to-date list of competition seats homologated according to the FIA 8855-1999 standard may at any time be accessed on the FIA website (<http://www.fia.com/sport/homologation>).

Rotax regulations

Please note that there has been a recent amendment to the Rotax regulations in the 2014 MSA Kart Race Yearbook, concerning the way in which the slick tyres are marked.

The amendment clarifies that such tyres may also be marked with 'CIK-F-Option' (Mini & Junior) or 'CIK-F-Prime' (Senior). The amendment applies to regulations C1.7, C4.7 and D1.7 and an official copy of the amendment can be downloaded at: www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/KartTech/2014_Amendment_2.pdf

Regulation changes for consultation

The latest rule changes proposed by the Historic and Rallies Committees are now available for a consultation at www.msauk.org/regulations

Route note suppliers

Competitors are advised that the 2014 Registered Route Note Suppliers are:

- John Connor
- Richard Archer
- Michael Patterson
- Alun Cook
- Brian Patterson
- Bill Sturrock

championship updates

KPB Photography



MSA British Historic Rally Championship

Graham Waite, David Stokes and Nick Elliot share the early championship lead after winning their respective categories on the Mid Wales Historic Stages.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Graham Waite – 35 points
- = David Stokes – 35 points
- = Nick Elliot – 35 points

Geoff Robinson, www.2020zoom.com



MSA British Sporting Trials Championship

John and Maxine Fack kicked off the championship with victory on the Geoff Taylor trial, before Ian Bell won the Walsingham trial by an impressive margin from George Watson and Paul Price.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Ian Bell – 29 points
- 2 John Fack – 23
- 3 Roland Uglow – 22

Daisyroot.com



MSA British Car Trial Championship

Mark Hoppe won his first British Championship level event aboard his Citroen Saxo amid atrocious conditions at the Golden Springs trial.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Mark Hoppe – 6 points
- 2 Barrie Parker – 4
- = Bill Moffatt – 4 = Dave Harvey – 4

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REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Damian Cole and co-driver Elliott Edmondson started the new season, with a win aboard their Ford Focus WRC, by just one second at the Tour of Epynt.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Damian Cole – 30 points
- 2 Peter Lloyd – 28
- 3 Steve Simpson – 27

RallPhotosWales



MSA English Rally Championship

Neil Andrew, co-driven by Dominic Adams took the championship lead Class E1 victory on the first two rounds, the Wydean Rally and the Malcolm Wilson Rally.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Neil Andrew – 50 points
- 2 Matthew Robinson – 49
- 3 David Bennett – 48

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ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Championship

Euan Thorburn clinched what he described as one of his hardest ever wins on the season-opening Snowman Rally in Inverness.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Euan Thorburn – 30 points
- 2 Quintin Milne – 28
- 3 Mike Faulkner – 27

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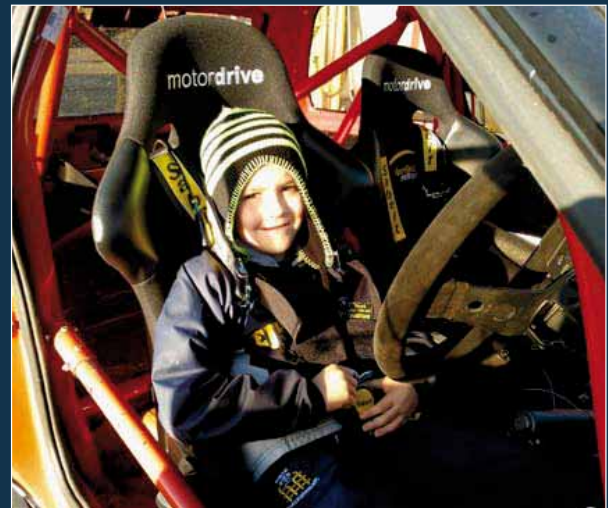


Pirelli MSA Welsh Rally Championship

Luke Francis and John Roberts scored maximum points on the season-opening Wydean Rally, while Alex Allingham and Chris Williams won the Mid Wales Stages.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Paul Davy – 48 points
- 2 Roland Llewellyn – 47
- 3 Rob Dennis – 37



Go Motorsport and SWAC treat school pupil to rally experience

A Porth Junior School pupil joined the stewards of the West Wales Rally Spares Jaffa Stages, organised by Camarthen Motor Club at Pembrey, after winning a competition staged by South Wales RDO Ryland James in conjunction with South Wales Auto Club (SWAC).

Evan Havard won a competition that asked pupils who won the 2013 Wales Rally GB, what car they were driving and which country they were from. There were dozens of correct entries and the top three were drawn from a hat, with Evan being the lucky first prize winner.

Arriving at Pembrey, Evan and his father were taken through documentation and signed on. They then accompanied the stewards on their stage inspection before enjoying a rally breakfast in the venue's Formula One bar. Following breakfast Evan was shown around the service area, with several competitors allowing him to sit in their cars.

"The teams behind the drivers all took time to explain to Evan some of the technical bits and workings on a modern day rally car," said James. "Evan was then taken to look at the

"The teams behind the drivers all took time to explain to Evan some of the technical bits and workings on a modern day rally car"

tyres and the various compounds that make up soft, medium, hard, wet and dry tyres along with the different patterns on display. Evan did not realise there were so many choices of tyre available to competitors!"

Evan also visited the radio room where the event was being controlled. Following a brief lunch halt he was taken to scrutineering for the trophy rally and told that all the cars had to be checked over for safety before they are allowed out onto the stages. He ended the day by watching the last stage from the spectator area.

ASEMC supports Go Motorsport

The Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs (ASEMC) annual awards ceremony, held last month at Brands Hatch, featured a presentation on Go Motorsport by the London and South East Regional Development Officer, Suze Endean.

"The ASEMC is promoting Go Motorsport across its clubs and encouraging people to support the Year of the Newcomer," said Endean. "A large number of clubs from across the region were represented and it was fantastic to see and hear the positive work of so many within the area."

Chris Judge, ASEMC Championship Co-ordinator, said: "All around the country local motor clubs say they are struggling to find people to run events, and those on the current list of organisers are not getting any younger. We therefore have to all do what we can to recruit younger members across all aspects of motor sport and with the support of Go Motorsport, encourage more people into our fantastic sport."

Moore's month

Updates from South West RDO Kevin Moore

Time gentlemen, please

The current series of very successful MSA Club Seminars is coming to an end for another year, and a common thread that has run through all 13 events is that motor clubs are having to compete for an ever decreasing slice of existing and prospective members' leisure time.

This is proving to be a battle that is sometimes reflected in declining entry numbers on events, and another – often unforeseen – casualty is the attendance numbers at awards ceremonies.

However I am very pleased to report that, refreshingly, the recent ASWMC Awards Dinner was well attended, despite clashing with Sporting Trials, Car Trials and Road Rallying calendars.

At such ceremonies it is vital to remember the many supporters of the championships as well as the competitors. To this effect, sponsors of the Sprint & Hill Climb Championship and the Sealed Surface Stage Rally Championship were in attendance, as was the local mayor – an excellent PR move worthy of widespread consideration. All of those present enjoyed an excellent dinner and social gathering.

Sporting Boost

Following recent meetings with several motor clubs in the South West, I was very pleased to hear of their plans for developing motor sport – and thereby boosting memberships – in the region.

One such scheme is The Tregrehan Speed Hillclimb Academy, organised by The Truro & District Motor Club with the aim of mentoring new speed competition licence holders during their first year of competition at the four Tregrehan Speed Hillclimbs.

The event dates are 7 & 8 June, and 13 & 14 September 2014. Eligibility requires that competitors must be in their first year as MSA speed competition licence holders and cars must be road-registered/driven to the events. All four events must be entered, with the club offering a reduced entry fee of £45 per event on the condition that the competitor enters all four events.

The club will host a pre-season mentoring session, with invited guests such as an MSA scrutineer, experienced competitors and senior club officials to give advice on competing.

A second success story was that following a very well received static Autocross display at last year's Castle Combe Rally Day, a healthy number of new faces attended the recent ASWMC Autocross Social Evening and are intending to take up the discipline for the 2014 season. A live action Autocross display is planned as part of the Go Motorsport feature at the forthcoming South West Auto Sport Show taking place on Newton Abbot Racecourse on 18 May.

GoMotorsport Live - South West

Plans for *Go Motorsport Live South West* are progressing well, with several ASWMC member clubs and associated traders booking spaces at the event.

This Go Motorsport event is running in conjunction with the established Boconnoc Motorsport Carnival on 27 July. To be part of what looks like being a great weekend of opportunity for clubs to take advantage of the free promotional space available, please contact me via SouthWest@GoMotorsport.net

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!

Evans takes career-best fourth in Mexico

Team UK's Elfyn Evans scored a stunning fourth-place finish in his fourth ever event in a World Rally Car, Rally Mexico, despite it being one of the season's most gruelling gravel rallies.

The 25-year-old M-Sport driver, co-driven by Daniel Barritt, combined speed with maturity to finish less than a minute and a half off the podium. "I certainly didn't come here expecting to finish fourth," he said. "Simply to finish would have been an achievement given how little experience we have on these kinds of stages and how many of the top drivers were caught out!

"We put in some strong performances on some individual stages and identified a few areas for improvement as the weekend went on," he added. "It's all part of the learning curve and we're really looking forward to Portugal."



M-Sport boss Malcolm Wilson praised the Welshman's strong performance. "Elfyn is progressing really well and his fourth place, his best ever finish in the WRC, is thoroughly well deserved," he said. "He wasn't drawn into any unnecessary battles and did exactly what was asked of him. All in all a very mature drive from a driver who has the potential to do extremely well in the future."

King targets title tilt with renewed Carlin European F3 attack



Team UK racer Jordan King will fight for the FIA European F3 crown this year with the Carlin squad, which ran him to the 2013 British F3 title.

The 19-year-old said he was delighted to remain with Carlin for the coming season. "We obviously made tremendous progress and enjoyed a great year together in 2013," he said. "And the team has put in a lot of time, effort and development over the winter to make sure 2014 is even better. I'm really settled at Carlin; I established an excellent relationship with all the guys pretty early on and my engineer Mark and I work together extremely well.

"That is already half the battle won, and when you're targeting the championship, the importance of continuity can never be overstated – particularly with a number of other drivers chopping-and-changing teams. I'm confident we can go into the first round at Silverstone and really hit the ground running – and hopefully come away with a win under our belts on home turf to kick-start the season in style."



Minister meets the MSA Academy

Matthew Hancock MP, Minister for Skills and

Enterprise, learned about motor sport and the MSA Academy during a recent visit to Loughborough College, where he met Academy driver Seb Morris and programme manager Greg Symes.

Loughborough College works in conjunction with the MSA Academy to deliver the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) course, of which single-seater ace Morris is a graduate.

Hancock visited the college to help celebrate the 'Further Education Oscar' for College/School Partnerships.

Symes, who manages the MSA Academy and oversees its AASE programme, said: "This was a great opportunity to promote motor sport and to highlight the importance of education and the development of young drivers to a key ministerial figure."