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JONES PUBLISHES OPEN LETTER ABOUT WELSH FOREST RALLYING

MSA Chief Executive Rob Jones has published an open letter (3 May) regarding uncertainty about the future of forest stage rallying in Wales.

Currently there is no agreement with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for use of the country's forestry estate beyond the end of this month. Meanwhile new agreements for England and Scotland were finalised in January, based on 2015 prices plus RPI at 0.7 per cent.

In the letter Jones wrote, "Last year the MSA paid £339,000 for road repairs in the Welsh forests, but NRW says that its costs for reinstating the roads in 2015 actually totalled £655,000. NRW is currently negotiating on the firm basis that it will seek reimbursement of the total cost of reinstatement."

"Assuming the quoted £655,000 figure is representative over more than one season, this would mean a doubling of Welsh forestry charges, and NRW currently intends to introduce these new rates from 1 June 2016."

Jones went on to highlight rallying's significance to Wales in terms of the sport, its underpinning industry and its economic impact, estimated to be roughly £15 million per year. "We hope that NRW can look beyond its balance sheet and fully appreciate these many benefits, so that there can be much more opportunity for negotiation," he wrote.

To read the letter in full, please [CLICK HERE](#).

The MSA continues to work closely with NRW to resolve this matter and reach the best possible deal for rallying in Wales. The governing body will update the rallying community as soon as there is news to share. In the meantime, we offer our sincere thanks to all those who have expressed their support.

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SEVERN VALLEY STAGES TO GO AHEAD AS PLANNED

The MSA and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have reached a temporary agreement allowing the Severn Valley Stages to proceed as planned on 4 June, and the MSA is encouraging crews to submit their entries as soon as possible.

The Severn Valley Stages is based in Builth Wells and organised by Midland Manor Motor Club. It is a round of the MSA British Historic Rally Championship and the MSA Welsh Rally Championship.

"This is excellent news for the dedicated organising team behind the Severn Valley Stages, who have continued to work hard on their pre-event preparation despite the current uncertainty," said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive. "What Midland Manor Motor Club need now is for the rallying community to turn out in force on 4 June, so we would please encourage all crews considering competing to get their entries in now. The MSA appreciates the fact that NRW has worked closely with us to achieve this accommodation for the Severn Valley Stages."

Keith Ashley, Clerk of the Course for the Severn Valley Stages, added: "Going ahead as planned is absolutely brilliant news after the uncertainty of the last few weeks. It is also good for both the sport and the volunteers who have spent 12 months organising the rally. We're extremely grateful to senior management at both the MSA and NRW for their positive approach and willingness to bring forward solutions to a difficult problem. Extending the previous cut-off date for the 2015 fees as a one-off measure will enable the 43rd running of the Severn Valley Stages to go ahead." The MSA and NRW continue to work together to negotiate a wider agreement for forest stage rallying in Wales.

twitter feed

chris harris @harrismoney May 5 The future of forest rallying in Wales is under threat. It's a wonderful sport that brightens lives and helps the local economy #rally4wales

Louise Goodman @LouGoodmanMedia May 5 The loss of such iconic, challenging stages would be a sad day for rallying, & for sport in Wales #rally4wales

Nicky Grist @nickygrist May 4 Seriously concerned about rallies not visiting Welsh forests in the future. @WelshGovernment must step in, or wipe millions off the economy.

Chris Evans @summit6 May 5 To the #Rallying fraternity across the Globe - lets get #rally4wales trending to show support to the @MSAUK to Help Save Rallying in Wales

Rhun ap Iorwerth @RhuapIorwerth May 4 V concerned at @NatResWales decision to hike rallying fees in Welsh forests. Hope to be able to raise in Assembly @MSAUK

Andrew Frankel @Andrew_Frankel May 4 You don't have to like rallying in Wales, just the idea of rallying in Wales, which is under major threat today. Use #rally4wales

News

The latest briefing from your governing body



D2BD GATHERS PACE WITH NEW HIGH-PROFILE PARTNERS

The Formula One group of companies (Formula 1st Group), Just Marketing International (JMI) and Pirelli have all got behind Dare To Be Different, the MSA's campaign with Susie Wolff to inspire, connect and celebrate women in motorsport.

"Given that we are still in the infancy of this project, to have such influential and big-name brands as the Formula 1st Group, JMI and Pirelli pledge their support is a ringing endorsement," said Wolff. "The fact that they and our existing partners all believe in Dare To Be Different's vision and ethos will provide a huge boost to young girls and women contemplating a career in motor sport."

"Dare To Be Different is all about overturning perceptions that this is a man's sport, and about driving home the message that women can be every bit as successful as their male counterparts, whether that is behind the wheel, in front of the camera or in the engineering workshop. We are confident that the Formula 1st Group, JMI and Pirelli will help us to spread that message and make it easier for future generations of female talent to forge their own paths."

The inaugural D2BD event introduced 100 schoolgirls to various aspects of motorsport at Sandown Park. The next stop is Nutts Corner in Northern Ireland on 17 May.

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Dr Kate Richards with D2BD award winners Storm Racing

MERCEDES' RICHARDS PRESENTS F1 IN SCHOOLS AWARD

Dr Kate Richards, Mercedes AMG F1 Wind Tunnel Test Technician, presented F1 in Schools' inaugural Dare to Be Different award to the Storm Racing team during the UK Finals at Silverstone.

The D2BD accolade recognises the competition's best all-female team. On this occasion it was Storm Racing, comprising five girls from Sandbach School in Cheshire.

"I was absolutely delighted to present this award on behalf of Dare To Be Different," said Dr Richards. "One of my great passions in life is to encourage more girls to enter engineering, and it was fantastic to see not just Storm Racing but so many girls turn out for the ceremony."

Meanwhile the Engima UK team from Robert Mays School in Hampshire were crowned the overall F1 in Schools UK national champions will be heading to the world finals in Austin, Texas in October.

For more information visit www.finschools.co.uk

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Twitter: @D2BDofficial
Facebook: /D2BDofficial
Instagram: @D2BDofficial

twitter feed

MPA Creative @MPA_Creative May 5 Great piece in @Motor_Sport about @D2BDofficial #drivingfemalabout #D2BD #motorsport

Dare To Be Different @D2BDofficial May 3 We're proud to announce @MollyRally, an Australian rally car driver, as one of our #D2BD ambassadors!



Dare To Be Different @D2BDofficial May 5 We have a save the date for our first community connect event! Sign up here to get involved... <http://www.daretobedifferent.org/sign-up>

Dare To Be Different @D2BDofficial May 7 For those who missed the highlights of our first #D2BD event on @SkySportsF1 yesterday! <http://youtu.be/mjyT1vC1X0k>

Alexander Holland @10xh Apr 27 Love what @Susie_Wolff is doing #D2BD will hopefully find women race drivers capable of winning races throughout all stages in their careers

Donna @andonida May 11 All ready for my first day as a trainee timekeeper this weekend at Rockingham! @MSAUK #D2BD

@D2BDofficial



MSA FORMULA BECOMES F4 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

MSA Formula has been renamed the F4 British Championship certified by FIA – powered by Ford, in a move that reflects the championship's unique standing as the UK series conforming to global FIA F4 regulations.

In addition to the UK, there are currently established FIA F4 championships in Australia, Japan, Germany, Italy, China, Mexico and Northern Europe, with new championships set to be launched in the US, South East Asia, Spain and the United Arab Emirates.

Stefano Domenicali, President of the FIA Single Seater Commission, said: "Given the global reach of FIA Formula 4, it is both natural and essential that the category establishes a strong base in the UK and continues growing from there."

Gerard Quinn, Senior Manager, Ford Performance Europe added: "Ford is delighted with the rebranding to F4 British Championship certified by FIA – powered by Ford. It adds to the transparency of the FIA motorsport ladder in Britain and underlines Ford's ongoing commitment to developing young drivers which has spanned almost 50 years."

The 2016 F4 British Champion will be awarded 12 points towards an FIA Formula One Superlicense. They will also attend the FIA Gala in Austria (2 December) and join an exclusive FIA F4 drivers' club.



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A NEW DAWN FOR SCOTTISH MOTORSPORT

Sir Jackie Stewart joined representatives from sportsScotland, the MSA and the Scottish Auto Cycle Union at Ingliston to announce a new partnership to grow motorsport in Scotland.

Backed by a sportsScotland cash injection worth £360,000 over four years, Scottish Motor Sports (SMS) has created two new roles – National Development Manager and National Participation Officer – to deliver a new strategy, which aims to increase membership by 10 per cent north of the border.

This will be achieved by working with the clubs to increase the number of qualified coaches, building stronger relationships between clubs and local authorities, and developing greater opportunities for student participation.

Speaking at the Ingliston launch today, sportsScotland Chief Executive Stewart Harris said: "This new partnership is about providing SMS with the resources to capitalise on the popularity of the sport and to give more people the chance to experience the excitement for themselves.

"This initiative, together with others like Susie Wolff's Dare to Be Different programme for girls, have a big part to play in highlighting participation opportunities in motorsport in Scotland and crucially, to create more."

Sir Jackie echoed Harris's sentiments. "Scotland needs more champions in the world of motorsport," said the triple F1 champion. "To be global champions is a very big challenge. We have to excite more people in Scotland about motor sport in general. We have also got to encourage more people to come to racing and rally events."

SMS Chairman and MSA Board member Tom Purves added: "I am delighted to see the commitment of sportsScotland to developing the sport which has brought so many world-class participants from Scotland and given Scots immense pride in their success."

twitter feed

Jack Bonyan @Bonyan24 May 12 ago Another huge thanks to the @MSAUK, @MSVTrackdays and of course @MNRally. I've officially passed my BARS test.

Just JW @RemotepR May 9 Great turn out this weekend @MSAUK British Championship. @harewoodhill this w/e. Gbt to see a full hill. Ace weekend

Simon Blunt @MSAGenSec May 8 Awesome @MSAUK British Cross Country Champs today. Stage rally terrain on steroids! Thank Steve Smith for two runs of the course. Great fun

Absolute Rally @absolute_rally May 4 Absolute Rally Retweeted Absolute Rally @MSAUK we discuss the open letter and the current issues on this weeks podcast. iTunes and here

Blair Brown @BlairBrownRally Apr 29 Big thanks to @MSA_BRC and @MSAUK for pace notes masterclass tonight. Always learning! #backtoschool

Motor Sport Magazine @Motor_Sport Apr 26 @Andrew_Frankel samples the @MSAUK Spring Classic, and enjoys the experience: <http://bit.ly/1TbcP0B>

IMS @IntMotorSports Apr 24 What a great weekend! Thank you to all participants, volunteer marshals & venues that made this year's @MSAUK Spring Classic so memorable.

Sarah @volunteerspacey Apr 25 Paris, France Brilliant racing at Essay by drivers in @MSAUK @MSAAcademy Good win for Callum Bradshaw and Ollie Clarke a strong 4th

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CLASSIC CARS MEET CLASSIC ROADS AS SPRING ARRIVES

For the fourth successive year the MSA Spring Classic was a sell-out success, with the evocative non-competitive event running from 23-24 April, based at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport.

A colourful cavalcade of 102 classic cars, ranging from drop top MGs and TRs to mighty Aston Martins and Porsches, set out on the Saturday morning for two days of motoring. The route took them through some breathtaking scenery to several stunning venues across the Wye Valley, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.

Saturday's route took participants first to Westons Cider Farm and then on to Hampton Court Castle in Hope under Dimore for a fine lunch and a tour of its award-winning gardens before a mid-afternoon stop at the Grade I listed Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club, the ancestral home of the Rolls family.

After a Gala Dinner on Saturday evening, participants headed into Gloucestershire on Sunday morning, beginning with a run out to the Cotswold Motoring Museum at Bourton-on-the-Water, before lunch on the edge of the Cotswolds. Castle Combe race circuit hosted the final check point of the event, providing the perfect excuse for these fantastic cars to stretch their legs and open the pipes around the Wiltshire track.

Planning for the 2017 event, likely to be in the West Country, is already well underway. Those interested in registering should [CLICK HERE](#)





MSA'S LYNCH CHAIRS THE WORLD RALLYCROSS STEWARDS

MSA Race, Speed & Kart Executive Cheryl Lynch was Chairman of the Stewards when the FIA World Rallycross Championship visited Germany (7-8 May).

Cheryl has been an FIA Rallycross and Autocross Steward for several years but the World RX of Hockenheim marked her first weekend in charge. She will reprise the role at the World RX of Norway in June.

"I was honoured to be given the opportunity to step up and I appreciate the support of my fellow officials and FIA World Rallycross team," said Cheryl. "It was a great weekend and I look forward to welcoming the team to the UK when the Championship arrives at Lydden later this month, before taking on my next Chairing role in Norway."



SILVERSTONE CLASSIC TEAMS UP WITH PROSTATE CANCER UK

Prostate Cancer UK has been appointed the Official Charity Partner of the Silverstone Classic (29-31 July) for the next three years.

It is the first time the Silverstone Classic, one of the world's biggest race meetings, has aligned itself with a charity. The new partnership aims to raise both awareness and funds in order to help the charity provide vital support and information to men and their families, and find answers by funding research into causes and treatments.

Nick O'Donohue of Prostate Cancer UK said: "This partnership offers the perfect platform to reach large numbers of car loving dads, lads and their families, whether they are revving up in the race paddocks or enjoying the packed infield displays and entertainment zones."

To find out more, visit www.silverstoneclassic.com.

obituary

DR PHIL RAYNER 1950 - 2016

We are saddened to report the death of Dr Phil Rayner who passed away suddenly at home on Wednesday 4 May 2016.

Phil was the Chief Medical Officer for the MSA, Chairman of the MSA Medical Advisory Panel and a long serving member of the FIA Medical Commission, as well as a member of the FIA Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee since its formation; roles he brought a wealth of experience and common sense to.

A Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in Chesterfield for many years, Phil recently retired from the NHS only to take on the role of FIA Medical Delegate for the newly formed FIA Formula E championship, a role he relished, helping to draft new regulations and safety standards for electric vehicles and pass on his wealth of knowledge and experience around the world.

He was the Chief Medical Officer for Wales Rally GB and the British Grand Prix for over 20 years, equally at home working with the rally or sitting in the F1 chase car alongside Prof Sid Watkins; totally unflappable, always having a sense of humour but always being a total professional.

He will be missed by all those who worked with him and knew him.

On behalf of all his colleagues and all at the MSA we would like to send our sincere sympathy and thoughts to his wife Pauline and the family at this difficult time.

Dr Paul Trafford & Dr Ian Roberts



ROGER J REED 1942-2016

Scottish motor sport lost another true friend and stubborn stalwart when Roger Reed passed away after giving lung cancer a run for its money, and all the while keeping an eye on what was going on in the world of Scottish motor sport.

Best known as an MSA Steward on many events throughout the UK, he was also Chairman of the Scottish Association of Car Clubs for the past six years, and prior to that, Chairman of the East Association of Car Clubs for 20 years. He also served for 21 years on MSA Regional Committees.

Many of you won't recognise the name, he never sought personal glory, but Roger was one of the many unsung heroes without whose enthusiasm and practical support the sport would struggle to survive.

Roger was not a taker, he was a giver, and he'll be sorely missed by his wife Pat, their wider family and friends. Our thoughts must be with them all at this time.

John Fife



SPECIALIST COMMITTEES: MSA REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

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 a commitment to and 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 17 June 2016.

DEADLINE

Please note any applications received after Friday 17 June 2016 will not be considered.

news in brief



ACADEMY TROPHY SUCCESS FOR UK KARTERS

Callum Bradshaw won the opening round of the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy at Essay in France (22-24 April), having been nominated by the MSA to represent the UK in the three-round world championship.

Fourteen-year-old Bradshaw said: "We have had a really good start to the Academy Trophy at Essay to say the least! I'm looking forward to the next round in Portimao [24-26 June]."

The MSA's second nomination, 13-year-old Oliver Clarke, finished fourth among a 34-strong field of top international competitors. "I'm very proud of my performance in my first international race," he said. "It was a great experience, I learnt so much and enjoyed meeting the other drivers. I'm really looking forward to the next round in Portugal and hope to improve on my results."

MARSHALS NEEDED FOR BAJA HILL RALLY

Organisers of next weekend's Baja GB Welsh hill rally are desperately seeking radio and timing marshals for the two day event.

Based at Sweet Lamb, the event will take place on the 21 and 22 May 2016 and uses stages in Hafren and Myherin. The event is the second round of the Bowler Motorsport Defender Challenge and features 4x4 vehicles as well as off-road bikes and quad bikes.

If you are interesting in marshalling please contact Andrew Pennington on 07876 666225 or email pennington30@btinternet.com



SAFETY CAR WORKSHOPS UPDATE

Over 50 delegates took part in the recent Safety Car workshop in Carlisle last month, while the next session in Radnor (21-22 May) is already full with 28 participants signed up.

Part one of the training covered topics including MSA stage rally safety requirements, role and responsibilities, event preparation, post-event actions, and on-event skills, tools and techniques.

Part two was delivered in conjunction with AA DriveTech, covering driver awareness, use of four-wheel-drive, and practical driver skills.

Initial delegates have commented that the 'group discussions allowed everyone to think and contribute' and that it provided 'clarification of roles and responsibilities.'

There are still spaces available for upcoming sessions in Bovington (4-5 June), Chesterfield (20-21 August) and Perth (24-25 September).

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

RallyFuture in brief

WALES TO HOST NEXT FORUM

The next RallyFuture forum will be hosted by the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs (WAMC) at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, on at 7pm on 25 May.

The forums give delegates the opportunity to discuss stage rally safety and the future of the sport in the UK. All are welcome - to register your attendance, please email jimmyjones@homemail.com.

The panel in Wales will include MSA Safety Delegates Nicky Moffitt and Sue Sanders, plus 2003 World Rally Champion co-driver Phil Mills.



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WORLD RX OF GREAT BRITAIN 2016 - MEET THE CHAMPION

In just over two weeks time Petter Solberg will be bringing his trademark sideways style to UK shores in the hunt for a record third championship title, and the perfect follow up to his victory at Lydden Hill in 2015.



The boy from Spydeberg, now nicknamed Hollywood and considered a celebrity in his homeland, is the number one target for all World RX competitors this season. The man says that he's never felt more ready.

"Of course we want to win. The only thing I can say is that we are ready. We have done everything we could in every single area. I just try to enjoy and go flat out everywhere. With the car like it is now, I think it will be a

much more enjoyable time this year because we have done the changes that make me even more happy and smiling when I'm driving. It will be very interesting."

Arguably, the 2016 season is going to be the most competitive year yet, with nine-time World Rally Champion Sebastien Loeb joining World RX.

"We finished with the car early, but after we heard Loeb is coming (to rallycross) we went up one more

level with work on the car and the whole team got mega motivated, so now I must say, we are on the case," said the Norwegian.

Family is important in Solberg's life and it's his extended family that he's relying on to help him achieve another championship title. His independent team is currently without the manufacturer support enjoyed by other outfits in the championship.

"Me and the whole team are very proud of what we have done already. We know what it takes to win and how to make a car that wins; we just try to do the same thing but even better. We are a very close team, with a lot of passion. We are hungry for success and champagne, and each of us wants to win the championship."

The man to beat in World RX 2016 is an independent entry, a 41-year-old who grew up with nothing on a farm in Norway. A man nicknamed Hollywood, who is at the top of his game and is as motivated as ever to win another world title. Tickets for the World RX of Great Britain at Lydden Hill Race Circuit in Kent, are available at www.lyddenhill.co.uk/tickets.

LYDDEN HILL SET FOR WORLD RX OF GREAT BRITAIN

The final countdown is on for the return of the World RX of Great Britain to Lydden Hill Race Circuit – the spiritual home of Rallycross.

Scheduled for the 28 and 29 of May, the World RX of Great Britain is the only time that the turbocharged, 600bhp, four-wheel-drive supercars will go wheel-to-wheel on UK shores this year.

World champion Petter Solberg will be looking to repeat his 2015 victory and defend against Rallycross newcomer, nine-time World Rally Champion Sébastien Loeb. Double DTM champion Mattias Ekström and

Ford Performance Racing's Ken Block will also be competing. Not to mention X Games winner and Kent local Liam Doran, and US Top Gear presenter Tanner Foust.

For further information and tickets visit www.lyddenhill.co.uk/tickets

training

2016 UNLICENSED OFFICIALS AND TRAINING INSTRUCTORS SEMINARS

The 2016 series of MSA seminars for Unlicensed Officials and Training Instructors has now drawn to a close.

This year the seminar delivery team visited 14 different venues across the UK, commencing with Exeter in January and ending in Carlisle in mid-April. 650 delegates attended the events, an increase on previous years, with 95 per cent of all attendees rating the day as good or excellent overall.

The Seminar team this year consisted of volunteers Neil Fuller (MSA Steward, Clerk of the Course and Training Instructor), Brian Hemmings (Secretary of the EAMC and MSA Training Instructor) along with MSA Training Executive, Alan Page. Training sessions were delivered on how clubs can work with their local MSA Trainers and how to plan a successful event. In addition, the Go Motorsport Regional Development Officers for each area assisted by delivering a session on growing and sustaining your club.

In a change from previous years, the sessions ran alongside, and at times combined with sessions specifically designed for the MSA's licensed Training Instructors, Lead Trainers and Training Coordinators. This change in approach enabled an increase in numbers of those attending; 127 out of a total of 190 possible attendees. These sessions were led by a member of the MSA's Training Working Group and generated a good or excellent rating of 99 per cent.

The MSA's Development department are currently reviewing the individual comments provided on the feedback forms to help us improve the seminars in future years.

The MSA wishes to pass on their thanks to all those who attended a seminar in 2016, either as a delegate or presenter, and look forward to seeing you again at future training events in the years to come.

BMSST SUPPORTED TRAINING DAYS

Between January and April 2016 the British Marshals and Stewards Training Trust (BMSST) offered £113,987 of financial assistance to 61 training events, with the potential of training 3800 marshals and officials. With the 'busy' training season now beginning to tail off, the MSA would like to encourage all clubs who applied for, and were granted, financial assistance from the BMSST to submit their claims as soon as possible so that these can be settled.

TRAINING DAY REPORTS

The MSA has almost 200 Training Instructors, Lead Trainers and Training Coordinators delivering valuable training to its volunteers, be they marshals or officials; so why not let others know how successful your training days were? Once you have run your training event, submit a report, including photographs, to the MSA via the training email address (training@msa.uk.org) and it can be included in future MSA publications. You're doing a fantastic job, so why not let others know?

FAST TRACKING – NATIONAL A CLERKS TO MSA STEWARD

It is now possible for National A Clerks who wish to become single discipline MSA Stewards to be fast tracked through the trainee Stewarding process. Please contact training@msa.uk.org for further details.

appointments

SPORTING ASSISTANT

The MSA, governing body of UK motor sports, is seeking a new Sporting Assistant. This is a permanent position.

Based at Motor Sports House, Colnbrook, and reporting to the Race, Speed and Kart Executive, the successful applicant's duties will include – but not be limited to – the following:

- Supporting the Race, Speed & Kart Executive across relevant sporting disciplines
- Processing Championships and Series applications, renewals and permits
- Coordinating and preparing for Sporting Committee meetings, including preparing agendas, minutes, actions and liaising with Chairmen
- Liaising with other international motor sport governing bodies
- Coordinating MSA Officials observations and upgrades
- Land Speed Record Attempt administration
- General correspondence & enquiries
- Attending events, which may require occasional weekend work.

This role might suit a recent graduate, although a degree is not a prerequisite. Knowledge of, interest in, and enthusiasm for UK motor sport is highly desirable.

For further information and application details please email sheila.barter@msa.uk.org

The deadline for applications is Friday 3 June 2016, with an anticipated start date in July 2016.

clubs



LET'S GO KARTING: SHENINGTON SUCCESS

Shenington Kart Racing Club has introduced an estimated 1000 youngsters to karting since the club ran the first Let's Go Karting event in summer 2008.

Some of the participants – around 15 per cent of whom are female – have achieved success within the sport. For example Alessandro Ceronetti enjoyed his first taster in February 2014 and is now a frontrunner in the Junior X30 championship. Meanwhile Max Goldsmith had his first taste of karting in September 2009 and became club champion last year.

The popular school holiday sessions allow children aged eight to 16 to enjoy a karting taster session for just £10. For more information visit www.sheningtonkrb.co.uk



WHITCHURCH MOTOR CLUB

Whitchurch Motor Club presented a cheque for £150 to Hope House Hospice at its April general meeting.

The money was raised at the club's annual 'Anything Goes Car Show' held near Tushingham in July last year. Organiser Martin Williams presented the cheque to Linsey Kilvert on behalf of Hope House Hospice.

The next Whitchurch MC Anything Goes Car Show will be held on 16 July. For more information visit www.whitchurchmotorclub.co.uk



LARNE MOTOR CLUB

Larne Motor Club held an autotest demonstration and taster event in the grounds of Belfast Metropolitan College's Castlereagh campus, just a few days before the Circuit of Ireland rally.

A number of local autotest competitors supported the event and gave passenger runs on the course, which was laid out by Larne MC's Jonathan Millar.

The event provided a great opportunity to promote road safety and show students that if they want to drive fast, they can do so in a

controlled environment. By the end of the evening, around 30 students – and a couple of frenzied – had enjoyed passenger runs.

The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service was also on hand to demonstrate vehicle extraction by cutting the roof off one of the college's scrap cars.

A few days later, the club held another demonstration event with passenger rides at the Ultimate Car Show in Larne. More than 100 passenger runs were provided, with around £260 raised for charity.

Technical

Updates, clarifications and advice



ROPS HOMOLOGATION CERTIFICATES

The MSA Technical Department has advised that there are a number of old MSA-issued ROPS (Roll Over Protection System) certificates in circulation with the following statement at the bottom of the first page: 'Not valid unless perforated with RACMSA seal.'

Currently – and as has been the case for a number of years – when the MSA issues ROPS certificates to customers, they are printed on MSA watermarked security paper but are not perforated. Therefore scrutineers have been advised that any certificates carrying this statement **do not** require perforation, provided that they are on MSA security paper.



RAIN LIGHTS

Competitors are reminded that the regulations for rain lights require the light to be within 10cm of the centreline of the vehicle, or for there to be two lights equally located about the centreline on a vehicle with full width bodywork.

The first image shows a non-compliant set-up with the rain light off centre, while the second image shows a compliant arrangement on a similar car. Please see (K)5.1. for details.



EXHAUSTS

The image shows an exhaust pipe protruding from the bodywork by more than the permitted 15cm. Competitors should please remind themselves of MSA Regulation (J)5.16.2, which this contravenes.

Sign up for alerts!

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Results

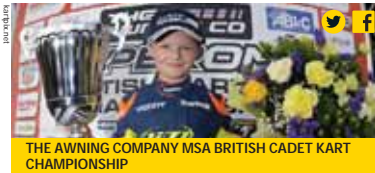
Latest results across the different types of motor sport governed by the MSA



DUNLOP MSA BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Adam Morgan took a win and two further podiums at Thruxton, while Andrew Jordan and Mat Jackson claimed a victory apiece at the UK's fastest circuit.

Provisional championship standings
1 Matt Neal/Halfords Yuasa Racing – 101 points
= Rob Collard Team JCT600 with GardX – 101
3 Adam Morgan WIX Racing – 98



THE AWNING COMPANY MSA BRITISH CADET KART CHAMPIONSHIP

Joshua Rattican and Taylor Barnard shared the spoils of victory at a bitterly cold Rissington.

Provisional championship standings
1 Harry Thompson – 379 points
2 Ryan Kennally – 355
= Jonny Wilkinson – 355



MINTEX MSA BRITISH HISTORIC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Price and Chris Brooks scored their first historic victory on the Pirelli Carlisle Rally, the third round of the 2016 Mintex MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

Provisional championship standings
1 Paul Barrett – 170 points
2 Matthew Robinson/Sam Collis – 163
3 Joe Price/Chris Brooks – 162



BRITPART MSA BRITISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Martin Gould drove his Buxton 4x4 Rivet to a win on his first event with the car after a tough battle with Justin Birchall and Ryan Cooke.

Results
1 Martin Gould/Simon Kerfoot (Buxton 4x4 Rivet) 01h16m00s
2 Ryan Cooke/Darren Cooke (Milner LRM-1) 01h17m48s
3 Steve Smith/John Griffiths (JRG Clio V8) 01h23m48s



MSA BRITISH SPORTING TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

After an eight year absence from national sporting trials, Stuart Beare won the Pennine trial at a wet Worslow site.

Provisional championship standings
1 Roland Uglow – 65 points
2 Andrew Wilks – 52
3 Stuart Beare – 47

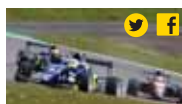
Championship Updates



MSA BRITISH CAR TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dick Glossop won the Warwickshire Car Trial at Burton Dassett Country Park with a clean final round overtaking Dave Oliver by five points.

Provisional championship standings
1 Mark Hoppe – 25 points
2 Dave Oliver – 16
= Barrie Parker – 16



BRDC BRITISH F3 CHAMPIONSHIP

Lando Norris, Thomas Randle and Ricky Collard claimed a victory apiece in the British F3 Championship.

Provisional championship standings
1 Ricky Collard (Carliti) – 1186 points
2 Toby Sowery (Lanan Racing) – 164
3 Matheus Leist (Double R Racing) – 163



MSA BRITISH RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH ODYSSEY BATTERY

Kevin Procter and Julian Godfrey shared the victories in rounds three and four at Pembrey, with the Welsh circuit running in reverse for the first time.

Provisional championship standings
1 Dan Rooke – 103 points
2 Julian Godfrey – 97
3 Ollie O'Donovan – 75



BRITISH GT CHAMPIONSHIP

TF Sport's Derek Johnston and Jonny Adam made it two wins from as many British GT Championship rounds this season after overcoming a 20-second pit-stop penalty.

Provisional championship standings
1 GT3 Jonny Adam – 75 points
= GT3 Derek Johnston – 75
2 GT3 Liam Griffin – 40.5
3 GT3 Andrew Howard – 37.5
= GT3 Ross Gunn GBR – 37.5



F4 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFIED BY FIA – POWERED BY FORD

Petru Florescu, Luis Leeds and Devlin DeFrancesco shared the victories at Thruxton.

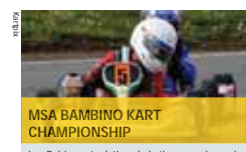
Provisional championship standings
=1 Fielding – 109 points
= Leeds – 109
3 Fawcett – 104



MSA BRITISH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP

Jack Layton of Parker Motorsport extended his championship lead by adding two more wins to his tally.

Provisional championship standings
1 Jack Layton – 190 points
2 Gavin Bennett – 156
3 Dan Clark – 155



MSA BAMBINO KART CHAMPIONSHIP

Leo Robinson took the win in the second round of the time-trial championship at Shenington.

Results
1 Leo Robinson: Tonykart/Comer/Le Cont
2 Finlay Brown: Birell/Comer/Le Cont
3 Damian Barruss: Haggett Wight/Comer/Le Cont



ARR CRAIB MSA SCOTTISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Duns driver Garry Pearson edged out 2015 champion Jack Armstrong by eight seconds to win the 2016 McDonald's & Munro Speyside Stages Rally in Elgin.

Results
1 Garry Pearson/Robbie Mitchell (Ford Fiesta RS) 42m32s
2 Jack Armstrong/Paula Swinsoe (Subaru Impreza) 42m40s
3 Mike Faulkner/Peter Foy (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 43m13s



MSA BRITISH AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Malcolm Livingston took victory on Whitchurch Motor Club's Firefly Autotest in his Lindsay Special.

Provisional championship standings
1 Dave Mossey – 84 points
2 Paul Fobister – 76
3 Dave Evans – 72



MAXXIS MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Cameron Davies and James Hutchings share the championship lead after class wins on the second round of the 2016 Maxxis MSA English Rally Championship.

Provisional championship standings
1 = Cameron Davies – 50 points
1 = James Hutchings – 50
3 = Boyd Kershaw – 48
3 = Gavin Edwards – 48



AVON TYRES/TTC GROUP MSA BRITISH HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Scott Moran dominated the latest event at Harewood in his Gould NME GR61X.

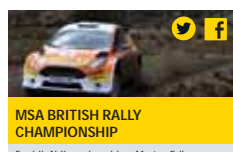
Provisional championship standings
1 Scott Moran – 60 points
2 Trevor Willis – 43
3 Richard Spedding – 29



MSA ASPHALT RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Damian Cole and Paul Morris emerged as top championship points scorers on the popular Fiesta WRC put them in championship lead.

Provisional championship standings
1 Damian Cole – 57 points
2 Richard Clops – 51
3 Richard Slinger – 39



MSA BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Fredrik Ahlin and co-driver Morten Erik Abrahamson made it three different winners in the opening three rounds of this year's championship.

Provisional championship standings
1 Fredrik Ahlin – 65* points
2 Eiljyn Evans – 60
3 Josh Moffett – 30 * Joker used

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LYNN TO DRIVE WILLIAMS MERCEDES FW38 AT BARCELONA F1 TEST

National squad member Alex Lynn will test for the Williams Martini Racing Formula One team at Barcelona next week (17 May) following the opening round of the GP2 season.

"It's an important chance for me to show what I can do but it is also important running for the team and I hope to help them to develop the FW38," said Lynn, 22. "My focus this week, as for the last few weeks, is on having a good first weekend of the GP2 season, but an opportunity like this is a great reminder of the ultimate goal."

LLOYD SECURES JACK SEARS TROPHY ON BTCC DEBUT

Team UK's Dan Lloyd was awarded the Jack Sears Cup after an impressive Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship debut at and Thruxton (7-8 May).



Named after the inaugural BTCC champion, the Jack Sears Trophy is awarded to the best newcomer over the course of the season. Eligible drivers are awarded points during each race and as the weekend's top-scoring rookie, Lloyd was presented with his maiden Jack Sears Cup on podium after race three.

"All in all it was a great debut weekend for us," said Lloyd. "This championship is all about consistency and three points finishes on our first weekend gets our campaign off to a strong start."

PERFORMANCE MASTER CLASSES

MSA coach Phil Glew has been working with BRSCC Fiesta Junior Championship drivers at Silverstone, working both in groups and on an individual basis. Glew offered practical advice on qualifying and the early stages of a racer's career, and also discussed the roles of officials at race meetings.

Meanwhile fellow coach Adam Gould helped junior rallycross competitors at Pembrey over the May bank holiday weekend (2 May). Gould held a group session about media relations and continued the one-to-one coaching he began at the previous rounds.

Newly qualified coach Jake Cook headed to Thruxton (7 May) to assist F4 British Championship racers. Working with seven different teams, Jake compared the drivers' qualifying times to the pole lap and discussed how they could reduce the deficit.

MSA Academy

GOULDY AND WOZIE HEAD NORTH WITH JUNIOR BRC

MSA Coaches Adam Gould and James Wozencroft ran bespoke coaching sessions for Junior drivers in the MSA British Rally Championship at the Pirelli Carlisle Rally (30 April-1 May).

Gould held a pace notes workshop and also offered tips on getting the most out of a pre-race rece. He then coached drivers individually between stages.

MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes and renowned co-driver Robert Reid also visited the rally along with Magnus Lampert, manager of the Swedish National Team, to discuss ways in which the two organisations could learn from each other on young driver development.



BARNICOAT SCORES MAIDEN EURO F3 WIN

Racing Steps Foundation driver Ben Barnicoat scored his first FIA Formula 3 race victory in the third and final race at a wet Hungaroring (23-24 April).

The race began under the safety car due to the sodden conditions. When the cars were released after two sighting laps, Barnicoat wasted no time charging from sixth place into the lead.

"The track was unbelievably slippery in the wet," said Barnicoat, 19. "I was initially unsure whether it would be super grippy or slippery. I'm ecstatic!"

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CIRCUIT OF IRELAND SCHOOL VISITS

In the lead up to the Circuit of Ireland rally, Go Motorsport's Northern Ireland RDO Jonathan MacDonald teamed up with organisers to visit schools close to the route.

The visits started with Seaview Primary School in Glenarm, followed by a trip to Cairncastle Primary School where Stage Manager, Gareth James, and his wife Anne also spoke to the students about the rally and event safety.

"Visiting primary schools is an excellent investment," said Gareth. "The schools like the road safety message and the kids are so enthusiastic when they see a rally car. They go away really enthusiastic and the message then gets back to their parents. That goes a long way to removing any fundamental opposition to the events. It's a way of smoothing relations with the parents through the kids."

SCOTLAND'S CLARK VISITS SCHOOL AHEAD OF RALLY

Scotland RDO Alison Clark undertook the mammoth trip to Huntly ahead of the Elgin-based Speyside Stages Rally.

Joined by competitor and ex-pupil John Wink, Clark presented to 60 senior pupils at The Gordon Schools and was suitably impressed by their knowledge.

"We were asked questions on gear ratios, fuel performance and BHP," said Clark. "It was brilliant to have a group who were so interested and keen to learn"

Clark also took the opportunity to promote the 63 Car Club, last year's runner-up in the JLT MSA Club of the Year awards. The school is keen to build a relationship with the club and has already expressed interest in hosting a taster autosolo within the school grounds.



CARS IN THE PARK

An enthusiastic group of Ripon Motorsports Club members staged a display at the Cars in the Park motor show at Newby Hall in North Yorkshire.

The display of current and classic rally cars promoted the Go Motorsport message and created a great deal of interest among car club members and the public. The event attracted over 650 exhibitors and gave newly appointed Yorkshire RDO Roy Brader the opportunity to make new contacts.





Endean's Month
Updates from South East RDO Suze Endean



"Last month I attended a British Motorsport Marshals Club South East (BMMC SE) committee meeting and was invited to attend one of the club's marshal taster days. I have marshalled on many stage rallies and grassroots events, but circuit marshalling was a new territory..."

"Discussions with Recruitment Officer Rosemary Beck and Mildred Wiltshire, the MSVR Marshalling Co-ordinator, equipped me with all the knowledge I needed for a successful day. After breakfast and briefings from Rosemary, post chiefs and MSV Race Operations Manager, David Scott, it was time to head to post for the day ahead."

"Post 7 was my home for the day, or the outside of Graham Hill Bend as many will know it. I met my Post Chief, Phil Steward, and all the other marshals I was joining on post. Phil then delivered a specific briefing for our post highlighting what was expected of us, how he'd communicate with us/would like us to work and other relevant information. Before we knew it, it was time for the steward's inspection and then the first session of the day."

"For the first session, under the guidance of both Phil, and Philippa a Flag Marshal, I was on the blue flag."

Circuit photo view from post 7, taken with permission of Post Chile

The session flew by and then it was time for qualifying, qualifying races and races to start where I moved to the yellow flag.

"I really enjoyed my day on the bank, and it gave me both a better understanding and an enhanced appreciation of what circuit marshalling is like compared to my other motor sport experiences."

"It was great to walk into a new group of people, with a shared enjoyment of motor sport, and feel part of the team. Everyone checked throughout the day if I was enjoying it and how things were going, so a big thanks to the post 7 Sunday Blancpain GT team for your support, knowledge and guidance."

"For anyone thinking they would like to try marshalling I'd strongly recommend giving it a try. I've had the pleasure of experiencing first-hand the warm welcome and support of the BMMC, marshals and others involved, and even if you have no experience there'll be someone with you every step of the way to guide and answer questions."

"With taster days all over the country, there is bound to be a day coming up near you. For more information on the BMMC run marshal taster days, click here."

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Meet...

This month we introduce new MSA Safety Director Kate Adamson, who discusses everything from working at ITV and McLaren to watching stock cars in Doncaster and touring cars at Donington Park



What's your professional background?

After graduating from the University of Leeds with a degree in Russian I went straight into an admin role at a construction company. I was a PA for the project manager and also supported the safety department. The opportunity came up to move 100 per cent to the safety department and that's where my career in safety began.

After working in railway construction I had a brief spell with Northamptonshire Police as the Force Risk Assessor, which involved working with Silverstone. I then took a career change into television and worked at ITV from 2000 to 2004. During that time I was able to get involved in ITV Sport and watch the set-up for the British Grand Prix. In 2004 I joined McLaren and only recently left as Head of Health, Safety and Environment.

Strangely enough, in primary school I won a competition to design a road safety poster and I also represented my school on the road safety team. It was like University Challenge but for junior school children. My foundations and junior years actually predicted my career path!

What made you interested in the job here at the MSA?

After 11 years at McLaren I was ready to move and face new challenges. I'd been in the buzz of the motorsport environment and didn't want to leave it. I like working with an element of risk and excitement and saw the opportunity to work within an organisation that gave me the opportunity to have a positive impact on the sport and improve safety.

What does the role involve?

Primarily it's engaging with all stakeholders – clubs, circuits, committees etc – to promote and support safety developments within motorsport. Alongside John Ryan [MSA Technical Director] I will be conducting track inspections, and engaging with John's team on technical improvements to safety. I envisage that most of my time will be spent on proactive measures to improve and refine existing safety systems. However it's inevitable that there will be some incident investigation work as well.

Profile



What are your early impressions of the role?

There's already a huge emphasis on safety in motorsport, which I'm generally finding is being positively reinforced and embedded across all levels, although I'm already picking up a task list of areas requiring my attention. My previous experience has been confined to Formula One and so I'm on a mission to gain exposure and absorb as much information as possible about the various disciplines. I've already been presented with a number of challenges and it's important that I take an objective view followed by a balanced approach to risk management.

It's so important in this role that safety works within every other function of the MSA. In the past I've struggled where safety has been seen as an add-on rather than an embedded element. Safety needs to be viewed as an enabling tool rather than a barrier. For me it is really important that I work within that mind-set so that it is progressive rather than impeding progress.

Have you faced any particular challenges yet?

Probably my biggest challenge is just absorbing the amount of knowledge and information there is. You can read books about safety developments within the sport and I can try to glean knowledge from people like John Symes and others who have been involved in the organisation for years, but for me the biggest challenge is getting that full background picture. I need to understand why we are where we are now to be able to prioritise what needs to be done next.

Have you always had an interest in motorsport?

Growing up I had toys passed down to me and I always remember being given a metal box full of Corgi cars and playing with them using the patterns in the carpet as roads. My parents gave me a red pedal car as a Christmas present when I was around two and I loved it, that was my first car.

When I was a child, a friend and her family used to take me to see Stock Car racing in the Doncaster area and I found it thrilling – a brilliant way to spend an afternoon!

That was it until I was in my twenties and went to watch the touring cars at Donington Park [pictured]. I hadn't had any real exposure to motorsport before then but I remember getting wrapped up in the whole atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement. It was just a fantastic experience, seeing the veterans of the sport like Nigel Mansell compete and the then up-and-coming drivers like Matt Neal and Jason Plato.

It was actually at that point, at Donington, that I decided I wanted to work in motorsport safety. There was an incident during one of the races and the safety car came out. I remember commenting at the time, "That's what I want to be doing".

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