



2011 Team UK line-up unveiled

The MSA has announced the line-up for this year's Team UK national squad, featuring seven racing drivers, three rally drivers and three rally co-drivers.

Team UK, which represents the pinnacle of the MSA Academy structure, aims to prepare the UK's most promising young drivers for the opportunities that may present themselves in the future and assist them in graduating to the international stage. It is run by Brabham Performance Clinic, with David Brabham as National Race Coach and Mark Higgins as National Rally Coach. Nicky Grist joins the scheme in 2011 to oversee the development of the selected co-drivers.

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John Colley



New date for National Motorsport Week 2011

National Motorsport Week 2011 will take place from 25 June to 3 July after the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) and the Motor Sports Association (MSA) confirmed that they will join forces to re-launch the annual event.

Designed to draw attention to motor sport up and down the country for an intensive ten-day period, National Motorsport Week will encourage companies to open their doors, venues to offer taster experiences, clubs to run recruitment campaigns and the local and national media to fill their pages with details of all the events.

The new date provides an early summer opportunity to draw national attention to motor sport and enables the week to culminate in the annual Festival of Speed extravaganza at Goodwood. The following week will also feature a great deal of media coverage of motor sport with the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

"The MSA has always supported the concept of National Motorsport Week," explains MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. "Indeed, the objectives of the year-round Go Motorsport campaign are very similar – let's get more people involved in motor sport. We believe that the new date will make it possible for more activity to be included and we are grateful to Lord March for permitting us to build the week around the world famous Festival of Speed. It should be a great week."

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Team UK 2011 Squad



Tom Blomqvist

Age: 17
Lives: Saffron Walden, Essex

2011: TBA
2010: Formula Renault UK Championship (Champion)
2009: Formula Renault 2.0 NEZ (3rd)
Formula Renault UK Winter Cup (two races, two wins)
Formula Renault 2.0 Sweden (3rd)
2004-8: Karting

Race



Will Buller

Age: 18
Lives: Craigavon & Northampton

2011: Cooper Tires British F3 International Series
2010: Cooper Tires British F3 International Series (8th)
Brazil F3 Open (1st)
2009: Formula BMW Europe (10th)
Formula BMW Macau Grand Prix (1st)
2008: Formula BMW Europe (12th)

Race



Andrew Edwards

Age: 25
Lives: Aberystwyth

Co-driver for: Elfyn Evans
2011: Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship
2010: Dulux Trade MSA BRC (Junior Champion), Fiesta SportTrophy UK (Champion), Pirelli Star Driver winner

Rally



Elfyn Evans

Age: 22
Lives: Machynlleth, Powys

2011: Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship
2010: Dulux Trade MSA BRC (Junior Champion), Fiesta SportTrophy UK (Champion), Pirelli Star Driver winner
2008: Fiesta SportTrophy UK and Ireland (double Champion)
2007: Fiesta SportTrophy UK (3rd)
2006: Formula 1000 Gravel Championship (2nd)

Rally

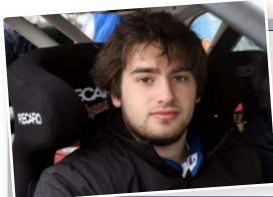


Jack Harvey

Age: 17
Lives: Bassingham, Lincs

2011: Cooper Tires British F3 International Series
2010: Formula BMW Europe (2nd)
2009: Formula BMW Europe (8th)
2005-9: Karting (10 Championship titles)

Race



Harry Hunt

Age: 22
Lives: London

2011: Intercontinental Rally Challenge / P-WRC
2010: Intercontinental Rally Challenge, Fiesta Sport Trophy International (Champion), JWRC (Rookie Cup winner), Richard Burns Trophy winner
2009: Fiesta Sport Trophy UK (11th)
Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship

Rally



Stuart Loudon

Age: 22
Lives: Glasgow

Co-driver for: John MacCrone
2011: Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship
Fiesta SportTrophy UK
2010: Fiesta SportTrophy UK (2nd)

Rally



Alex Lynn

Age: 17
Lives: Dunmow, Essex

2011: Formula Renault UK Championship
2010: Formula Renault UK Championship (10th)
Formula Renault UK Winter Cup (Champion)
2009: Formula Renault UK Winter Cup (10th)
2006-9: Karting

Race



John MacCrone

Age: 21
Lives: Dervaig, Isle of Mull

2011: Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship
2010: Fiesta SportTrophy UK (2nd)
2009: Hankook MSA Scottish Rally Championship (Junior & Class 3 Champion)
205 Ecosse Challenge (Champion)

Rally



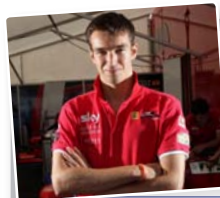
Seb Marshall

Age: 22
Lives: Keighley, West Yorkshire

Co-driver for: Harry Hunt

2011: Intercontinental Rally Challenge / P-WRC
2010: Intercontinental Rally Challenge, Fiesta Sport Trophy International (Champion), JWRC (Rookie Cup winner), Richard Burns Trophy winner

Rally



Harry Tincknell

Age: 19
Lives: Sidmouth and Solihull

2011: Cooper Tires British F3 International Series
2010: Formula Renault UK Championship (5th)
2009: Formula Renault UK Championship (5th)
Formula Renault UK Winter Cup (1st)
2008: Formula Renault UK Winter Series (7th)
Formula Junior FR2.0 Portugal Winter Series (two races)

Race



Oli Webb

Age: 19
Lives: Knutsford, Cheshire

2011: F3 Euro Series & FIA Formula 3 International Trophy
2010: Cooper Tires British F3 International Series (3rd)
2009: Formula Renault UK Championship (3rd)
2008: Formula Renault UK Championship (8th)
Formula Junior FR2.0 Portugal Winter Series (2nd)
2007: Formula BMW UK Championship (9th)

Race



Lewis Williamson

Age: 21
Lives: Golspie, Sutherland

2011: TBA
2010: Formula Renault UK Championship (2nd)
McLaren Autosport BRDC Award winner
2009: Formula Renault UK Championship (10th)
2008: Formula Renault UK Winter Series (6th)
1998-'07: Karting

Race

APPOINTMENTS

MSA seeks South Wales Development Officer

The MSA is seeking to appoint a Regional Development Officer (RDO) to cover the South Wales region on a part-time freelance basis.

A total of ten RDOs are spread across the UK, tasked with delivering the Go Motorsport message to schools and colleges, as well as working with clubs, associations and venues to develop motor sport in their areas.

The successful applicant will need a strong knowledge of UK motor sport, be confident and articulate and possess their own car. Contacts within the South Wales motor sport community would be advantageous as would a working knowledge of the Welsh language.

A full job description, together with details of the application process, can be found on the news pages of www.GoMotorsport.net



JUDICIAL

Mr Norman Ferguson

On 26 November the National Court considered a case of Misbehaviour relating to an Autotest organised by Larne Motor Club Ltd. on Saturday 7 August 2010 at St. Congalls School, Larne, Co. Antrim. The meeting was staged under MSA General Regulations (incorporating the Provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and also written Supplementary Regulations issued by Larne Motor Club.

The Supplementary Regulations gave competitors the opportunity to walk the tests between 11.00am and 12.00pm but competitors were not permitted to walk the tests once the event had started.

Mr Norman Ferguson was a competitor and Ms Phyllis Gilliland was a test official on Test 3 of the Autotest. All tests were ready and approved by 11.10am and familiarisation was extended to 12.10pm. At the end of the drivers' briefing all drivers, including Mr Ferguson, were requested to go to their cars and start. In order for Test 3 to commence, Mr Ferguson, who was still walking the course, was repeatedly

asked to leave the test area by Ms Gilliland.

Mr. Ferguson ignored the requests, saying "Who do you think you are?" and, allegedly, making an obscene gesture. The Clerk of the Course confronted Mr Ferguson, who declined to discuss the complaint and left the meeting without submitting his score card.

The National Court heard the oral evidence of Ms Gilliland, Mr Ferguson and a number of witnesses called on behalf of Mr Ferguson. Mr Ferguson admitted that he had not read the Supplementary Regulations and had ignored multiple requests by the marshal for him to leave the test area. The Court found the case of Misbehaviour against Mr Ferguson to be proven.

Mr Ferguson's competition licence was suspended until 1 January 2011 and he was ordered to pay costs of £750.00, which included the expense of Ms Gilliland's attendance before the Court.

This is a summary of the decision of the National Court. The full findings will be published in a forthcoming edition of MSA Magazine.



Jake Cook wins RSF MSA Young Driver of the Year

Formula Ford competitor Jake Cook has won the first ever RSF MSA Young Driver of the Year award.

The accolade – sponsored by the Racing Steps Foundation (RSF) – will be awarded annually to a student enrolled on the MSA's Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE).

Cook and four other finalists attended a shootout for the 2010 award last December at Pure Tech Racing in Surrey, where they spent time in a race simulator before delivering short presentations about the key lessons they have learned from the Apprenticeship course. The judges were MSA Performance Director Robert Reid and GP3 driver James Calado (pictured with Cook, centre), as well as National Race Coach David Brabham,

RSF's Simon Pearson, Autosport magazine's Ben Anderson, and MSA Communications Director Ben Taylor. "It means a great deal to me to win the RSF MSA Young Driver of the Year award," said 17-year-old Cook. "The AASE programme has taught me a great deal about human performance and sports science, which I've been able to apply both on the track and off it to achieve stronger results. My whole approach to the sport has changed dramatically because of what I have learned in the past 18 months. I'd strongly encourage other young drivers seeking a professional motor sport career to join the scheme in the future."

Cook will receive a cheque for £1000 at the MSA's prestigious Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club on 21 January. All finalists also received a Grand Prix Racewear voucher worth £100.

Group B cars to feature at Donington Festival

Group B rally cars will be in action at this year's Donington Historic Festival, which takes place on 29 April to 1 May 2011.

Donington was used as a stage on the RAC Rally from 1972 until the 1990s, encompassing the Group B era of unlimited boost, low weight and high-tech materials.

A line-up of original works Group B machines will be in action, including the Audi Quattro, MG Metro 6R4, Ford RS200, Lancia 037, Porsche 911 RSR, Peugeot 205 T16 and even a Group B Ferrari 308 GTB. The cars will perform on a specially designed, all-Tarmac stage on the GP loop, with free spectator access.

Also featuring will be pre-1960 and '77-'85 touring cars, pre-War and Group C sports cars, pre-'63 GTs and World Endurance Championship sports prototypes from 1968-71.

For more information, visit www.doningtonhistoric.com



MSA man wins writing award

MSA Communications Officer Tim Swietochowski has become the latest recipient of the prestigious Guild of Motoring Writers Sir William Lyons Award, which aims to recognise the UK's most promising motoring writers aged 17-23.

Tim attended the Guild Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club before Christmas, where he collected his trophy from Jaguar's Nick O'Donnell in front of an audience of distinguished guests, including Guild President Nick Mason and the Guests of Honour, Sir Stirling and Lady Moss.

The Sir William Lyons Award is sponsored by Jaguar Cars and has been presented almost every year since 1966. Previous winners include Autosport magazine's Jonathan Noble, CAR's Tim Pollard and Top Gear Magazine's Piers Ward.



Jaguar E-Type to celebrate 50th anniversary at Silverstone Classic

The 50th anniversary of the legendary Jaguar E-Type is to be celebrated at this year's Silverstone Classic on 22-24 July.

Launched in 1961, the E-Type remains one of the most iconic sports cars of all time. Its half-century will be honoured with a host of special races and displays, including two races dedicated solely to competition versions, and a record grid of more than 50 race-prepared E-Types is predicted. In total, more than a thousand racing and road-going E-Types are expected to join the celebrations at Silverstone.

Event Director Nick Wigely said: "With so many E-Types on and off the track, it's going to be a fantastic occasion - the world's biggest and best celebration for one of the truly great sports cars. What's more, the Silverstone Classic offers the perfect place and timing for the world to celebrate such an important milestone in automotive history. After all, Jaguar designed and produced the E-Types just up the road at Browns Lane in Coventry. It's going to be an amazing occasion - a party no classic car fan will want to miss."



MSA visits India to deliver training

MSA Trainers Sue Sanders and Ian Watson met with delegates from the Federation of Motor Sport Clubs of India (FMSCI) and the Indian Motorsport Marshals Club last month to deliver training on behalf of the MSA in its capacity as an FIA Gold Standard Regional Training Provider.

The FMSCI is organising the inaugural Indian Grand Prix – scheduled to take place this October – and plans to use a combination of its own marshalling force and marshals from elsewhere in the world, including the UK, during the event.

Sanders and Watson delivered a Train the Trainer programme and introduced the delegates to the roles and responsibilities of various grand prix workers, from track marshals to senior stewards. Watson also attended a national race event to gain an understanding of the Indian ASN's current practices.

Sanders said: "It is fantastic to work with the FMSCI and the IMMC, which are incredibly enthusiastic and dedicated to getting it right. If this first week is anything to go by, the rest of the support that the MSA will be providing will really show great results."



MIA announces new Honorary President

The Right Honourable Lord Drayson of Kensington has succeeded Lord Astor of Hever as Honorary President of the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA).

A lifelong motor sport fan, Paul Drayson became a working peer in the UK Parliament in

2004. Before last year's General Election, he held positions as Minister of Science and Innovation in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Minister of State for Strategic Defence Acquisition Reform in the Ministry of Defence.

Drayson is notable for having pioneered green technology on the racetrack. He won a round of the British GT Championship in 2007 with a unique bio-fuelled Aston Martin DBRS9. Since 2009, driving for his own Drayson Racing team, he has contested the ALMS, LMS and Asian Le Mans series, and driven at Le Mans, Sebring and in the Petit Le Mans endurance races. Last year he won outright at Road America, and Drayson Racing came third overall in the inaugural Intercontinental Le Mans Championship, campaigning a unique Flex-Fuel Lola-Judd V10 LMP1 coupe.

"I am a long-standing fan of the MIA and its achievements, and firmly believe it has an ever-increasing role to play in optimising the world-class resources and talent that lie within the motorsport industry," said Drayson. "I believe my career and experience in business and Government, coupled with my lifelong passion for motor-racing, will be of aid to the MIA's work and the prosperity of its members."

Chris Walker - Karpix.net



AASE students top Motorsport News list of drivers to watch in 2011

MSA Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) students Matt Parry and Nick Cristofaro were ranked first and second in a Motorsport News list of 'The 50 drivers who will hit the headlines in 2011'.

Reigning Super One British Junior Rotax champion Parry, 16, will contest the Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain this season, while Cristofaro, 17, is set to tackle the Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship.

Parry said: "It's a great honour to have been recognised in such a way by Motorsport News, and being listed as number one is a nice way to put a seal on my karting career. I applied for the AASE programme to gain a better understanding of sports science and human performance, and because I want a professional career in motor sport. I've enjoyed it immensely so far and have learnt a great deal that has helped me to achieve better results in my racing."

Parry and Cristofaro were not the only MSA Academy drivers to make the list; Anthony Whorton-Eales, Team UK member John MacCrone, and Dan O'Brien also figured in MN's listing.

WOMEN IN MOTOR SPORT



First Women in Motorsport seminar is a success

Former WRC co-driver Nicky Grist, broadcaster Louise Goodman and former Director of Ford of Europe Stuart Turner were among the speakers at the inaugural MSA Women in Motorsport seminar, which took place in Birmingham last month.

Almost 100 delegates attended the event, which focused on subjects as diverse as safety equipment, personal effectiveness, managing conflict, communication and the media.

In addition, FIA Women & Motor Sport Commission President and 1982 Vice World Rally Champion Michele Mouton gave a video address, recalling her time in the sport and underlining her support for the work of the MSA Group.

Group member and MSA Race, Speed & Kart Executive Cheryl Lynch said: "It was a really insightful event and all of the delegates gave positive feedback. We plan to make the seminar a bi-annual occurrence, and we are also currently formulating plans for International Women's Day, which we will announce in due course."

MSA to nominate female karter for CIK-FIA competition

The MSA will nominate a female karter to represent the UK in an FIA Women & Motor Sport Commission-backed CIK-FIA competition, the winner of which will receive a funded drive in the 2011 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy.

The FIA has asked the MSA to select one competitor to take part in the competition at an as-yet unspecified location on a day between 15 March and 30 April.

The winner will receive a free entry to the Karting Academy Trophy, along with free overalls and a complete kart.

MSA Women in Motorsport Group Chairman and FIA Women & Motor Sport Commission member, Sue Sanders, said: "We wholeheartedly support any initiative that helps female drivers to achieve recognition within the sport and this is a great opportunity for a female karter from the UK to display her driving talent on the international stage."

Applicants must have been born between 1996 and 1998, and must hold a Grade C-Junior International Karting licence. Drivers wishing to be considered should email their sporting CVs to womeninmotorsport@msauk.org by no later than Friday 21 January. The MSA will cover the cost of travel to the selection event for the chosen competitor and a parent or guardian.

MEET...

MSA Rallies Executive Ian Davis

This month Ian Davis describes his varied role at the MSA, professes his love for four-wheel-drive and explains why he thinks Stig Blomqvist is the greatest rally driver ever



For how long have you been a fan of motor sport?

Well, I was a car obsessed child from the age of two and aged six I bought my first copy of *Rallysport* magazine. That was in August 1972. I can't say where the interest came from, but it may have been influenced by my father buying his first brand new car in May 1972; it was a Saab V4, and of course in those days Saab was synonymous with rallying.

I then started going to events in my teens. The first would have been the British Grand Prix in the days of the turbo cars. I can remember the awe I felt as one of the Ferraris came out of the pits and around Paddock Hill Bend, shaking the ground as it went by. Nevertheless that was quickly eclipsed by the Vulcan fly-past.

How did you come to work for the MSA?

I had actually considered a career in forestry, but science wasn't my strong point at A level so that career path ceased to be an option. Then when I should have been revising for my exams during the Spring bank holiday break in 1985 I was reading *Motoring News* and there was an advert for a map processor – a cartographer – at the RACMSA. So, having written off forestry as a career and having no other bright ideas I wrote to 31 Belgrave Square, where the RACMSA was based at the time. I had an interview with Les Needham, then General Manager, and was offered the job. In October 1988 I became Competitions Manager heading up Route Authorisation and Permits.

When did you begin your current role and what does it entail?

I became Rallies Executive in 2003. What I do day-to-day depends on the time of year, but ranges from processing special test diagrams and answering questions on rules and regulations to acting as secretariat to the Motor Sports Council and some of the Specialist Committees: Autotest, Trials, Cross Country, Rallies and Regional.

I also attend the Tyre Advisory Panel, and I'm currently secretariat to the Stage Rally Tyre Group and the Rally Review, which Steve Stringwell is chairing. Since the early 1990s I've been the MSA's delegate for the Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA) as well including a stint as Deputy Chairman and six years representing LARA at the House of Commons Rights of Way Review Committee.

I also edit the Blue Book, which consumes a considerable amount of attention for about six months of the year.



What's been the best thing about working for the MSA?

There are many thrilling things that I've had the opportunity to do. For example, it's incredibly satisfying to see something that you've written appear in an Act of Parliament or to be involved with creating a new event type.

Is rallying of particular interest to you?

I've been a rally fan from an early age, and my love of maps pulled me towards the road side of the sport early on. I have a broader love of cars and so I enjoy many different motorsport disciplines, but I've always had a particular thing for Land Rovers and apart from keeping eight of them, I do a little trialling when time allows.

Do you have an all-time favourite rally car and driver?

My favourite car is the Saab 99 Turbo, because in Group 2 form it beat the Group 4 Escorts, but a special mention to the Lancia Stratos as well, as it's a beautiful car.

As for the driver, it would have to be Stig Blomqvist, whom I met in 1985 at the RAC Rally. I think he was the greatest rally driver of all time because he would switch from a front-wheel-drive Saab to a rear-wheel-drive Lancia to a Sunbeam Lotus and then an Audi Quattro, and he would beat their regular drivers – or at least be on a par with them – every time.

What about a favourite event?

There are many, but perhaps most fun I've had was on the 4 Wheel Driving Force, which I got involved with in the mid-1990s when the Federation of British Police Motors Clubs took over its running from the Military Police. It included 200 miles of night navigation in a Land Rover, almost all off road on Salisbury Plain and was followed by a big army breakfast. The Sunday Trial Sections at Tidworth coincided with the Boscome Air Show. Life doesn't get much better than that.

How has the MSA changed during the 25 years that you've worked for it?

We certainly do a much better job now than we did when I started a quarter of a century ago. Back then the office was known as 'The Ivory Tower' because we were pretty unapproachable, but we communicate far better now. The attitude of both the company and the sport has evolved a great deal over my time and, while the tendency is to look back through rose-tinted glasses, the fact is that an awful lot is better now, and many things that aren't as good are often the result of decisions that have been forced upon us by legislation.

