The MSA has announced the appointment of Hugh Chambers to the role of Chief Executive Officer. Chambers will assume the position of CEO from 1 November 2018, taking on the leadership of the UK’s governing body for motorsport.
Chambers’ appointment follows an extensive and independent process conducted by a leading professional search firm, in conjunction with a panel comprising Non-Executive Directors of the MSA.

As the next CEO of the MSA, Chambers will be responsible for the overall strategy, leadership and management of the organisation; which represents around 30,000 competitors, 10,000 volunteer marshals, 3200 officials, and 720 clubs.

Chambers brings to bear significant commercial, sports governing body and motorsport experience. His current role is as Chief Commercial Officer of World Sailing, where he has been instrumental in creating a new commercial and marketing proposition, credited with transforming perceptions of the sport to stakeholders and commercial partners.

Prior to this, Chambers enjoyed senior commercial and leadership roles at Team Sky and the British Olympic Association through London 2012. He also spent ten years in motorsport management, including programmes in the WRC, Le Mans and Formula One, with BAR Honda.

David Richards, chairman of the MSA, commented: “We conducted a very thorough search for a new CEO capable of leading the Motor Sports Association into its next ambitious phase. The standard of candidates was very high, however Hugh stood out as having all the right qualifications given his commercial, sports governing body and motorsport background.”

Chambers added: “I am delighted to take up the role of CEO of the MSA. For me, this role combines a lifelong involvement in motorsport, with all of my broader experience, drawn from a career in sport and marketing. I am fortunate to have worked at the very pinnacle of motor racing, as well as participating across the breadth of the sport.

“There is an incredible opportunity to grow participation at grassroots level, bringing the excitement of motorsport to new audiences. I look forward to working alongside all the staff and stakeholders for the long-term benefit of the sport in the UK.”

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Andrew Coley  @Andrew_Coley Sep 7
Great stuff from @MSAUK; some seats and belts to have an extended life immediately, and a review into safety equipment to follow.

Ben Edwards  @benedwardstv Sep 7
Pleased to see this. Feels like Club racing/rallying getting more and more squeezed by costs that are not always justified for people who compete occasionally and just for fun.

Jason Pritchard  @JasonNRG Sep 7
Great to see common sense. This is the start of improving grass root motorsport.

Nicky Grist  @nickygrist Sep 7
Great news for competitors. @MSAUK have extended the life of FIA8855-1999 seats for an extra 2yrs use. Also, FIA 8853-2016 six point harnesses, the higher safety belts that we’re released earlier this year, will have a five year extension, giving them a 10yr life.

Motorsport News  @MNmotorsport Sep 7
Significant news from the MSA: It has announced a review of competitor safety equipment and the burden it is. Already the MSA has decided to extend the life of certain seats used in rallying by two years and harnesses by five years. More in MN next week.

@MSAUK
MSA TO OPTIMISE COST OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR COMPETITORS

The MSA has committed to an in-depth review of competitor safety equipment over the next two years. This will explore a raft of initiatives, including strategies to reduce the burden on competitors of the unnecessary replacement of seats and harnesses, while ensuring suitably high standards of safety are maintained in the sport.

A cornerstone of this new initiative will be to provide greater education for competitors in respect of their own safety and to place more responsibility on the competitor to maintain a level of safety equipment, above a defined MSA minimum standard.

As a first step, the MSA will recognise an extended life for certain FIA-homologated seats and harnesses in the UK. The MSA Board has approved the following Motor Sports Council recommendations with immediate effect:

- In stage rallying, seats homologated to the FIA 8855-1999 standard are granted a two-year extension at the end of their initial five-year life
- Across disciplines requiring a homologated harness, the MSA will recognise a ten-year life for harnesses homologated to the latest FIA 8853-2016 standard. This homologation is for six-point harnesses as a minimum, and is tested with higher loadings than the previous standard.

These regulation changes are detailed on the MSA website [HERE](http://www.msauk.org).

The MSA will be publishing new guidance on installing seats and harnesses, while giving scrutineers further training in this area. The governing body will also be reiterating scrutineers’ powers to retain or invalidate homologated equipment if they have serious concerns regarding its condition or know it has been involved in a major accident.

Looking ahead, the MSA is investigating new ways of tracking homologated components as well as evaluating more cost-effective accident data recorders (ADRs) for wider use.

David Richards CBE, MSA Chairman, said: “As the governing body, one of our principal roles is to grow motorsport at grassroots level while promoting safety within the sport at a realistic cost for competitors. I firmly believe the time has come for a wholesale review of our approach to safety across the entire motorsport landscape and this review will be delivered by 2020. It’s therefore appropriate to allow our competitors to continue using their recently purchased seats at least until then, when the outcome of this review will be published.”
CORNWALL GETS READY TO CLOSE THE ROAD

Cornwall will make motorsport history this weekend as the first part of mainland Britain to hold a closed-road hill climb under new laws passed last year following a long campaign by the MSA.

The Watergate Bay Speed Hillclimb takes place on the North Cornish coast near Newquay (15-16 September). Around 90 cars and drivers from across the UK will tackle the 720-metre course along the B3276 coast road between Padstow and Newquay.

There will be a wide range of cars competing in 12 classes, ranging from standard road-going examples to highly modified competition vehicles. Notable entries include Ginetta GT5 racer Charlie Martin.

Dave Brenton, Deputy Event Director, first had the idea for a closed-road hill climb five years ago. “A few years ago, this was just an idea and now this weekend, after many months of hard work, it becomes a reality,” he said. “Cornwall is a fantastic place for motorsport and has a very healthy scene which tends to hide itself away, so Watergate Bay is effectively bringing motorsport to the people. We have had lots of support from the MSA and our sponsors, all of which have helped to make this happen and it really is exciting to be making history in the sport.”

All profits from this weekend’s event will be donated to the Cornwall Air Ambulance and Cornwall Food Foundation, which includes Jamie Oliver’s apprentice training scheme at the nearby Fifteen restaurant.

More information can be found at: www.watergatebayhillclimb.co.uk
ENTRIES OPEN FOR CLUB & VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The very best of UK motorsport will be recognised in the 2018 JLT MSA Club and Volunteer of the Year awards, which are now open for entries.

The club award focuses on the wide range of grassroots motorsport activities that provide opportunities for members to compete, volunteer and socialise throughout the year. Clubs can nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so no matter how big or small their contribution to the sport.

The volunteer awards recognise excellence and commitment across several categories, from Steward and Clerk of the Course to Technical Official, Marshal and more. A winner will be declared in each category and the best overall entry will be crowned the Volunteer of the Year. Nominators should ideally be from MSA-recognised Regional Associations, Clubs or Groups, although this is not essential and all nominations will be considered.

Suze Endean, MSA Development Manager, said: “Clubs and volunteers are the bedrock of motorsport, so we really want to celebrate and showcase their achievements. We’ve listened to feedback from last year to further improve the awards process, so we look forward to seeing lots of entries start to roll in from all corners of the UK.”

All category winners will receive a cash award and a trophy at the MSA Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in January. Nomination forms and guidance documents can be found here. Entries close on 12 November.

For more information, email awards@msauk.org. For details of last year’s award winners, CLICK HERE.
BARRIE ‘WHIZZO’ WILLIAMS
1938-2018

Barrie ‘Whizzo’ Williams, one of UK motorsport’s most well-known personalities, passed away last week (8 September) following a short illness. He was 79.

Barrie was famous for competing successfully in an array of disciplines over the course of six decades in motorsport. His exploits behind the wheel could be seen in karting, touring cars, sportscars, single-seaters and, more recently, historics. It was well known that Barrie held MSA Competition Licence number 1, and he was also President of the British Motorsport Marshals Club (BMMC).

Barrie is survived by his partner, Cathy. The MSA offers its condolences to all those who knew Whizzo; he will be missed.

BILL GWYNNE
1940-2018

The MSA offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bill Gwynne, founder of the British Association of Rally Schools (BARS), who passed away last week (5 September).

Bill first started competing in motocross in the 1950s, before taking up road and then stage rallying in the ’70s. He twice won the Motoring News Road Rally Championship and was crowned the 1977 Welsh Rally Champion. He then founded the Bill Gwynne Rallyschool International in 1983. Bill also achieved success as a navigator, winning the co-drivers’ title in the 1985 FIA Middle-East Rally Championship.

The MSA extends its sympathies to Bill’s wife, Brenda, and to his children, Helene, Paul, Pete and Ian.
The MSA and Dare to be Different (D2BD) are teaming up to offer 120 girls the chance to try motorsport free at Silverstone next month (28 October).

The event is part of the FIA’s new Girls on Track initiative, which aims to promote and develop young women in motorsport at grassroots level using karting slalom, an accessible, cost-effective arrive-and-drive format. The UK’s round will see young women aged 13 to 18 set timed laps around a kart track, with three girls being selected to attend the European final at Le Mans next spring. The free karting event aims to raise awareness of gender equality and increase women’s participation in the sport, while also inspiring and encouraging girls off-track via road safety and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities.

The Renault Sport Formula One Team pit stop challenge will test collaboration skills as the young women work together to change the wheel on a life-size F1 car in garages used by teams at the F1 British Grand Prix. Reactions will be tested on the F1 in Schools race system, and Tobii Pro will use its eye tracking technology to demonstrate the effects of distraction on road safety.

D2BD’s Susie Wolff said: “With the incredible support of the MSA, Dare to be Different is widening the doorway for girls and women who want to pursue a future in motor racing. Openly accessible events like these are an essential part of our strategy and go a long way towards helping us to deliver on our shared goal to drive female talent.”

To register your interest, CLICK HERE or email jenny@daretobedifferent.org.

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WORLD-CLASS ENTRY FOR UPCOMING DAYINSURE WALES RALLY GB

Next month’s Dayinsure Wales Rally GB (4-7 October) will feature an outstanding field of 60 International crews representing 19 nations, all lining up to tackle a new-look route featuring 23 special stages in North and Mid Wales.

The entry list is topped by the world championship winning M-Sport Ford World Rally Team, starring last year’s winner Elfyn Evans and reigning champion Sebastien Ogier. It also includes Matt Edwards, who will be aiming to wrap up the Prestone MSA British Rally Championship title.

The introduction of new laws for closed-road motorsport has allowed event organiser International Motor Sports (IMS) to innovate with the four-day schedule. Thursday evening’s curtain-raiser at the Tir Prince Raceway in Conwy County has been enhanced, while Friday’s action is switched to new and extended tests set in North Wales.

On ‘Super Saturday’ the crews face some serious mileage in Mid Wales before Sunday’s finale sees cars competing on the streets of Llandudno for the first time. The winners of both the 2018 Dayinsure Wales Rally GB and the Prestone MSA British Rally Championship will then be crowned on the resort’s famous seaside Promenade.

Competition for places on the WRC podium will be fiercely-fought as the world championship approaches its climax. The championship protagonists – Sébastien Ogier, Thierry Neuville and Ott Tänak – have scored three wins apiece so far this year, and with just two rounds left the title race could take a decisive turn in the Welsh forests.

Entries for the accompanying WRGB National Rally, which shadows the main event, closed on Tuesday (11 September). A few additional places have been made available for those wishing to join the 80-plus amateur crews already registered to compete alongside the best drivers in the world.

Visit www.walesrallygb.com for more information.
WANT TO MARSHAL ON DAYINSURE WALES RALLY GB?
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND FIND OUT MORE!
BRC ANNOUNCES 2019 CALENDAR

The UK’s premier rally championship will feature six rounds in six territories next year, including the Quality Hotel West Cork Rally for the first time.

The Prestone MSA British Rally Championship will celebrate its 60th anniversary with events in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, plus Belgium and Ireland.

The West Cork Rally features classic Irish stages and will pit the best drivers in the British Championship against the Irish Tarmac Championship runners. Meanwhile the Cambrian Rally is another exciting addition to the calendar, with unprecedented support from Conwy County Council.

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**2019 CALENDAR**

16 February – Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally, Llandudno, Wales
16/17 March – Quality Hotel West Cork Rally, Clonakilty, Republic of Ireland
27 April – Pirelli International Rally, Carlisle, England
28/29 June – Renties Ypres Rally, Ypres, Belgium
17 August – Ulster Rally, Antrim, Northern Ireland
14 September – The Armstrong Galloway Hills Rally, Castle Douglas, Scotland
I've recently discovered how much confidence can affect results, something that my good friend and fellow Porsche racer Paul Seagrave has been trying to teach me since the beginning!

Testing at Silverstone last month proved just that. Rain was forecast for late morning and as I went out for my first session it started to drizzle. I had only been out for a lap when the session was red-flagged due to someone spinning off down Hanger Straight.

I watched the other cars in my championship head back to the garage to change on to wets, while I stayed in the queue with the rest of the cars on treaded tyres and decided to go out on my slicks. The forecast was dry for both races the following day and I knew I had nothing to learn from testing on wets for my race. Plus, I love these conditions!

As I drove out when the track was live again, I began testing out where the grip was. Although it did start raining more heavily during the session there was no standing water and I had generated enough heat in the tyres to be able to put some decent times in.

I couldn’t help but feel slightly smug as the wets-shod 997 in my championship struggled to get by me for at least a couple of laps, then struggled to pull away after passing me through Club. Despite the dry conditions, confidence was high going into the race and I decided that the only thing that mattered was to have fun.

I qualified mid-pack and was properly in the mix. Unfortunately, a car had spun off the track at Abbey; to avoid the melee I had to run off the track and was pretty much dead last by Village. Within a lap I regained five places and was in the hunt!

My brakes started to fade with about seven laps to go; the pedal became longer and longer. Regardless of the fading brakes, knackered tyres and my air conditioning having failed yet again, I finished fifth in class and seventh overall – my best ever finish in the Porsche Club Championship. It was amazing how much confidence testing in the wet conditions had given me and how I was able to directly translate this into results in a dry race.

During my racing career so far, I’ve learned that you can have the quickest car on the grid and the best brakes in the paddock but without confidence you will not win. My GB Wheelchair Rugby coach once told me only to worry about the things you can control. I absolutely can control my mental approach to different situations.

Heading into my last races of the season, I am remembering my ability to drive on slicks in the wet, my last-to-seventh finish at Silverstone and all the silverware I’ve won this season. Trust me when I say that no one can believe in you more than you can believe in yourself.
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MSA British Historic Rally Champion
Paul Barrett

MSA British Superkart Champion
Paul Platt
MSA British Car Trial Champion
Mark Hoppe

MSA British Autotest Champion
Malcolm Livingston
MSA Scottish Rally Champions
Andrew Gallacher & Jane Nicol
You have the right to compete in a clean, fair and safe sport – that’s why the MSA works with UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) to maintain your sport’s integrity.

All competitors, coaches and athlete support personnel must abide by anti-doping rules. These are consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code, which governs anti-doping internationally.

If you hold an MSA Competition Licence then you are bound by anti-doping rules, regardless of the level at which you compete.

**KNOW THE RULES**

Visit msa.uk.org/antidoping today.

**Banned Substances can be found in:**

- Over the counter medication.
- Prescribed medication.
- Performance enhancing drugs.
- Recreational drugs.
The MSA has teamed up with Autosport International (10-13 January 2019) to offer competition licence holders, licensed officials and registered marshals an exclusive £5 discount on trade tickets.

Now in its 29th year, Autosport International is regarded as the world’s largest motorsport show, held at the NEC in Birmingham. It is the traditional season-opener, covering all areas of motorsport from the grassroots right up to F1.

Featuring the very latest in motorsport, automotive and performance engineering technology, alongside stars, cars and exhibitors from every level of the sport, this must-attend event caters for the industry and motorsport fans alike.

The MSA member offer is valid on tickets for the show’s two trade days on 10-11 January, designed for members of the motorsport industry to meet, network and do business. These cost £30 in advance or £32 on the door but the MSA and show organisers Motorsport Network are pleased to offer MSA members £5 off.

To claim your discount to Autosport International, please CLICK HERE and register.
MSA members can claim an exclusive discount on tickets to the inaugural MotorsportDays.LIVE, an industry event at Silverstone (2-3 November) designed to make it easier to get on track, enhance grids and sign up drivers for next season.

MsD.LIVE offers industry professionals, drivers, track day users, newcomers and performance car buyers the opportunity to experience products live on the track. MSA race licence holders will also be able to test cars from over 30 different championships, track day organisers, manufacturers and independent race teams running in the UK and Europe.

There will be a range of industry exhibitors – everything from competition parts and supplies, to technical products and services – to help visitors get ready for the following season.

Panels of industry experts will discuss relevant topics, with the opportunity for audience members to engage in an open Q&A session and take away invaluable advice.

Tickets cost £25 but the MSA has teamed up with MsD.LIVE to offer its members a £10 discount – enter the 'coupon code' MSA102018 when purchasing from www.MotorsportDays.LIVE.
Volunteers

News and updates from the orange army

BEAULIEU PASSES FOR PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

The latest winners of the MSA’s monthly prize draw have won annual passes to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, courtesy of the MSA’s insurance broker, JLT.

The first winner, Conrad Evans (below), started marshalling 50 years ago at the Easter F2 meeting at Thruxton. He became friendly with local marshals and they travelled to the likes of Silverstone, Brands and Mallory for many years. Evans’ son, Damian, joined him on the circuits as soon as he was old enough, and between them they now have 80 years’ experience.

The second winner, Richard Turnbull (right), first marshalled with Chelmsford Motor Club on the 1986 RAC Rally at Clumber Park. He volunteers mainly on rallies, including single-venue, forest and road events, one of his favourites being the Preston Rally. Richard used to compete in Autocross.

Each month at least one person is picked at random from the MSA’s database of registered marshals. In August Callum Webster won a year’s digital subscription to Autosport, thanks to Motorsport Network, while Peter Trenter won a Dayinsure Wales Rally GB goodie bag.

Lizzie Pope @LizziePope Sep 9
Awesome work from the marshals and recovery crews after the Pittaway Barracuda takes out the chicane in the St Mary’s Trophy. #GoodwoodRevival #ThanksMarshal

Armstrong Galloway Hills Rally @GallowayHills Sep 8
What a day! We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to each and every one of your volunteer marshals and officials who braved the rain this morning to ensure we could run safe event. You are all true heroes of our sport. #ThanksMarshal

Woodpecker Rally @WoodpeckerRally Sep 1
As the dust settles here at Rally HQ, we extend a huge thank you to each and every one of your volunteer marshals and officials who has helped make this year’s Eventsigns Woodpecker Stages another great success. You did a great job out there today & we appreciate your efforts #ThanksMarshal

HDLCC Hagley & District Light Car Club @hdcc Aug 26
Thank you to everyone involved at Loton Park today. Marshals, officials, helpers...everyone. A great day of motorsport! #thanksmarshal #getinvolved

#THANKSMARSHAL
What’s your motorsport background?
It’s mainly two-wheeled. I’m a former clubman enduro rider, having competed for a number of years on my Honda CRF250. I also assisted my brother as pit crew during his years racing motorbikes in various track series.

Which clubs are you part of?
I’m a former member of the ACU (Auto-Cycle Union), TBEC (Trail Bike Enduro Club) and CHEC (Chiltern Hills Enduro Club).

Why did you choose to register as an MSA marshal?
I’ve been watching motorsport I was a small child and finally found myself in a position to give something back. Marshalling is an unmatched opportunity to get involved and meet some great people too, so it was a real no-brainer.

Do you have a favourite motorsport memory?
Working in the pit lane over the MotoGP weekend led to some fond memories, as did training with Geraint Jones, one of the best Enduro riders and teachers, who is very patient when I try to single-handedly knock down every tree in the forest and do a good impression of superman! (Thanks to Juan Knight, who always puts my bike back together when I try to break it.)

Have you ever competed or performed a different role on events?
I used to play a little known equestrian sport called Horseball, but these days I spend my time involved with events at The Black Dub, a viewing area and accommodation on the Isle of Man TT circuit, giving people a chance to experience motorsport up close.
The Trackrod Rally Yorkshire is looking for marshals of all role and experience levels to help run this year’s event.

Billed as one of the county’s biggest and most diverse rallies, Trackrod Rally Yorkshire will feature a vast array of cars from the 1960s to the present day. As in recent years, it comprises two events: the Trackrod Historic Cup covering approximately 57 competitive miles, and the Trackrod Forest Stages, with a competitive route of around 45 miles.

The organisers need in-stage marshals, radio crews, support with the Adderstone Service on Friday and also Saturday morning, and some start and finish crews.

Whatever your skill level, the Trackrod team can find a suitable role for you. It can also arrange for any new marshal to be buddied with a suitably trained person for the day.

To offer your services, please contact Richard Webster, Chief Marshal, on marshals@rallyyorkshire.co.uk. Alternatively, register on the event’s website HERE.

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BMMC PAYS TRIBUTE TO DON HALL

Don Hall, a stalwart of the British Motorsport Marshals Club (BMMC) North West Region, sadly passed away recently, just a few days shy of his 92nd birthday. Don had mentored several up-and-coming young flag marshals. He always had stories to tell, not least the time he wrote a report on Ayrton Senna and Martin Brundle having a ‘coming together’ during an F3 Race at Oulton Park. Senna ended up on top of Brundle’s car and Dons’ report to Race Control resulted in the Brazilian being fined and given points on his licence. The BMMC and the MSA offer their condolences to Don’s family and friends.
Nominations are still being accepted for the two remaining MSA Rally Stage Commander refresher training courses this year. These one-day workshops are:

- 24 November, Stirling
- 9 December, Donington, East Midlands.

These non-mandatory workshops are designed to ensure that all who undertake the role of a Rally Stage Commander remain equipped to meet the challenges of the role and understand the latest Stage Rally Safety Requirements (Edition 4).

All currently registered Stage Commanders are invited to attend, along with anyone who has performed the role in the last three years, providing that they have completed the MSA’s online rally marshal training modules.

A mileage allowance will be payable and as always, car sharing is encouraged. Those needing to fly can claim up to the equivalent maximum mileage rate of £75 in total. The MSA is unable to pay any accommodation costs, however the workshops have been scheduled to allow suitable travel time.

The workshops will provisionally run from 09.30 to 17.00; full details will be confirmed closer to the event dates. Final joining instructions will indicate lunch arrangements.

To register, please CLICK HERE. Any questions can be directed to training@msauk.org.

Three more Event/Spectator Safety Officer training courses remain for 2018:

- 20 October, Stirling
- 17 November, South Wales
- 8 December, Northern Ireland.

Places still available at all three and the MSA Training Team hopes to run a further four courses next year. As with the Safety Car courses, nominations will be made via the Clerk of Course.

The governing body delivered a two-day MSA Trainers course at Banbury (8-9 September), with 12 delegates from all disciplines across the sport. Initial feedback showed the course was well received. Jay Brown from Plymouth Motor Club said: “It was a fantastic weekend; intense but I learned a lot. It shows how well you can adapt and work outside of your comfort zone.”
TRAINING AIDS AVAILABLE

Clubs are reminded that the MSA has both a single-seater tub and an extrication trainer available to enhance training sessions. These are available all year round on a first-come-first-served basis.

For further details please email training@msauk.org.

TRAINING COURSES AVAILABLE FROM THE MSA

The MSA Training Team wishes to remind volunteers that it has several training modules available to aid marshals’ development. These are normally delivered by MSA Licensed Trainers, whether at large training sessions, club evenings or smaller gatherings. The course list can be found here.

Anyone interested in this training can submit a request to training@msauk.org or their local Regional Development Officer (RDO), who will be able to offer you further guidance.

BMSTT TRAINING EVENT GRANT AID REQUESTS

The application window for BMSTT grant aid for training events opened on 1 September and the required documentation has been sent to all licensed MSA Training Instructors.

The BMSTT provides grant aid each year for safety training related events, including – not limited to – marshal, rescue and recovery, and medical training days. Please note that the application window closes on 30 September.

For further information or advice regarding the training event grant aid process, email training@msauk.org.
The MSA is pleased to announce the dates for next year’s series of Licenced Officials seminars, aimed specifically at Clerks of Course and Stewards including probationers and trainees.

The primary objective is to provide a training and learning opportunity, while enabling attendees to satisfy the seminar attendance criteria (laid down in MSA Regulations) for maintaining existing licence grades. The 2019 seminars are:

- 19 January, South West - Exeter area
- 20 January, South Wales – Newport area
- 27 January, North East – Northallerton area
- 2 February, North West – Haydock area
- 3 February, East Midlands – Donington area
- 10 February, Northern Ireland
- 23 February, Isle of Man
- 2 March, Jersey
- 3 March, Guernsey
- 9 March, Scotland - Stirling Area
- 16 March, South East – Gatwick area
- 17 March, Eastern England – Cambridge area.

Details of how to apply for a place will be sent out in October, however any initial enquiries can be sent to training@msauk.org

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF STAGE COMMANDER WORKSHOPS

Two-day courses for new and aspiring Stage Commanders will be launched later this year for delivery during 2019. Locations and dates are yet to be finalised but will be confirmed in due course.

2018 RADIO TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The MSA can confirm the dates of this year’s radio training workshops, open to Licensed Controllers and Probationers (for whom attendance is now a requirement) and Radio Coordinators.

The workshops provide an opportunity for two-way interaction among attendees without the operational pressures of events. The programme has been designed to provide a forum for knowledge and ideas, with proposed dates and locations based on the avoidance of major clashes with events and the geographical spread of potential attendees.

The presentation team is expected to include Jon Cordery and Chris Worboys, assisted by Joy Hewson. To access the list of dates, venues and to book on a workshop, please click here.

Any enquiries can be emailed to training@msauk.org
FIRE EXTINGUISHER HOMOLOGATION WITHDRAWAL

Competitors are advised that – for safety reasons – the FIA has withdrawn the homologation of the following extinguisher systems with immediate effect:

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Therefore, these extinguisher systems can no longer be used in any case where compliance with the relevant standard is mandatory. An up-to-date list of extinguisher systems homologated to the FIA standard for plumbed-in fire extinguisher systems in competition cars can be found on the FIA website [HERE](#).

ROPS INSTALLATION

The images were sent by a scrutineer who was inspecting a car for a Vehicle Passport application. The scrutineer was concerned by the ROPS (Roll-Over Protection System) because the junctions between members were made using an odd-looking welded ‘joint’ style.

Competitors are advised that welded sleeve joints are not a permitted method of joining mandatory ROPS members. There is no way of telling how far the tubes pass into the sleeve; the individual tubes should all be one piece across their length. It is possible that the tubes are too short to complete the installation in this car (it may be that the ROPS is a kit designed for a smaller car) and these joints have been added to extend their length.

KART RACE YEARBOOK AMENDMENT 6

The karting community is advised that 2018 MSA Kart Race Yearbook amendment 6 has been issued, regarding barcodes on wet tyres for all Rotax classes. The amendment follows a production change in the style of barcode label used, and effectively clarifies that both the previous and the new style barcodes are valid for use in these classes. The full amendment can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#).
INADEQUATE TOWING EYE
There has been an increase in scrutineers reporting unsuitable or inadequate towing eyes on vehicles. The image shows an example of a circuit racing car; the actual towing strap appears to be suitable and of the correct internal diameter as per (Q)19.1.3., however the metal eye that the strap is attached to is totally inadequate. The scrutineer who encountered this example suggests that the material thickness of the metal eye is 2mm or less!

A correctly installed and substantial towing point – required by (Q)19.1.3. – is of paramount importance, as failures in towing eyes and difficulties in recovery can pose a hazard to the recovery officials, potentially damaging to vehicles, and significantly delay an event’s timetable.

WHEEL FAILURE
A scrutineer submitted these images of a wheel failure at a recent circuit racing event. The competitor admitted to having previously noticed hairline cracks in the wheel, making it a good example of an apparently minor issue resulting in catastrophic failure. Please do not ignore hairline cracks – get them checked!

SHOE REPAIRS
The race boot pictured was presented at pre-event scrutineering. It has clearly had some significant DIY repairs using some sort of solvent-cement, in an apparent attempt to reattach the sole to the rest of the boot.

Judging by the state of the material around the front part of the boot, its flame-retardant properties are highly questionable. This was a circuit racing event, where flame-retardant footwear is mandatory (see (Q)10.1(c)), and therefore the scrutineer took an appropriate course of action by impounding the boots for the duration of the meeting.
LANDO NORRIS TO DRIVE FOR MCLAREN FROM 2019

McLaren has announced that MSA Team UK member Lando Norris will complete their driver line-up for the 2019 season.

Norris, aged 18 from Somerset, is currently McLaren’s reserve driver alongside an FIA Formula 2 campaign. He won on his debut and is currently second in the F2 standing, with two events remaining.

Norris will partner Spaniard Carlos Sainz, 24, at McLaren in 2019, as part of a multi-year agreement with the team.

Zak Brown, CEO, McLaren Racing, said: “We believe Lando is an exciting talent, full of potential, who we’ve very deliberately kept within the McLaren fold for exactly that reason.

“We already know he’s fast, he learns quickly, and has a mature head on his young shoulders. We see much potential for our future together.”

Lando Norris said: “To be announced as a race driver for McLaren is a dream come true. Although I’ve been part of the team for a while now, this is a special moment, one I could only hope would become reality.”

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INGRAM TO MAKE WRC2 DEBUT

MSA Team UK’s Chris Ingram will make his WRC2 debut on WRC Rally Turkey this weekend (14-16 September).

It will be the second gravel event for Ingram and his MSA Academy co-driver Ross Whittock in their 11 Degrees Skoda R5.

The 24-year-old, who announced his WRC2 debut just two weeks ago, currently sits second overall in the FIA European Rally Championship Junior U28 standings.

Ingram said, “It’s going to be an unreal experience driving the longest and toughest stages we’ve ever faced and in the hottest conditions for only our second gravel rally in the Skoda R5, but what an epic challenge it’s going to be!”
COATES COACHES SQUAD

Michelin Clio Cup star Max Coates worked with 13 young athletes on the MSA Academy Squad programme last month (29 August).

The training day, held at Silverstone’s Porsche Human Performance Centre, focused on personal image and featured sessions on sponsorship and media theory. Coates, an MSA Academy graduate himself, showed off his own personal sponsorship portfolios from throughout his career and offered advice on approaching a sponsor. 24-year-old Max runs a marketing business alongside his racing and provided insight into what a sponsor expects and the skills necessary to communicate effectively.

MSA Academy Coaches Adam Gould and James Wozencroft then set tasks relating to social media, press releases and other topics from throughout the day.

TOP 10 FINISH IN KARTING ACADEMY TROPHY

Rising British karting star Josh Rattican has ended the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy in an impressive sixth place overall, having been nominated by the MSA to represent the UK.

The CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy is a three-round international karting competition for 11- to 14-year-olds. Rattican secured sixth in the standings with a podium finish in the final round in Genk, Belgium (9 September).

The MSA was invited to make a second nomination this year; William Orton gained a lot of invaluable experience competing against some of the world’s best young karters, finishing 26 out of a 50-strong field.

The MSA congratulates both Rattican and Orton on representing the MSA and the UK with aplomb.

Bradley Barrett @B_Barrett01 30 Aug
Great day with the @MSAAcademySquad @Porsche @SilverstoneUK
Learnt so much, a fantastic insight from @MaxCoatesRacing all about Media & Sponsorship. Productive day, Thank you! #MSASquad

Max Peter Coates @MaxCoatesRacing 29 Aug
A good afternoon delivering a Media and Sponsorship workshop for the @MSAAcademy!

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TOP COMPETITORS PUSHED TO LIMITS

Eight members of the MSA Academy were tested to their limits in a five-day intensive training camp in Cornwall last week (3-8 September) as part of the Team UK programme.

The athletes were: Ricky Collard, Callum Ilott, Jake Hughes, Rhys Yates, Ben Green, Phil Hall, Dan Rooke, Will Tregurtha.

Led by MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes and MSA Academy Performance Manager James Wozencroft, the athletes underwent cardiovascular training and bespoke coaching as well as a kayaking session and a navigational hike across Dartmoor.

Supported by Eliot Challifour and Jack Wilson, the camp was based around fitness activities and personal development. As the environment and activities were generally unfamiliar, behaviours are accentuated and generally link to behaviours in the sporting environment.
BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE LAND ROVER CLUB

Despite being just 18 months old, Blackpool and Fylde Land Rover Club has gone from strength to strength, writes North West RDO Steve Johnson.

The club was formed in March 2017 by a group of local Land Rover enthusiasts with the aim of sharing knowledge and a love of motors. Many local Land Rover fans quickly signed up, with the first AGM in June this year being standing room only!

The club organises events across the north of England, from green laning in Cumbria and North Yorkshire, to local shows, steam rallies and social events.

In July 2018 the club became affiliated to the Association of Land Rover Clubs (ALRC), enabling it to organise trials. It is already planning future trials and looks forward to attending ALRC club events and rallies.

Also in July the club attended Tram Sunday at the Fleetwood Festival of Transport with 19 members’ vehicles. The event was a great success with wall-to-wall crowds and a reported 78,000 people attending the free show.

Like all motor clubs, BFLRC has a dedicated team to arrange shows and events that members and families can attend. It is nice to see motor clubs actively making contacts within the local communities in which they can recruit future members. New members are always welcomed, with meetings taking place on the first Wednesday of every month at Blackpool Cricket Club. Expect to see a car park ranging from Series Land Rovers through to the latest models. For more information, visit www.bflrc.org.uk.
Durham Automobile Club was formed in 1952 by a group of motoring enthusiasts who, among other things, liked to take part in the Monte Carlo Rally. By the early ‘60s, as rallying became more professional, a new range of more competitive and determined members came to the fore, rather than the ‘jolly chaps’ who started the club.

The main activities – apart from the strong social scene – were road rallies and autotests, with some members moving on to the highest level. During the 1970s the club regularly had four or five crews entering the Lombard RAC Rally, with competitors winning Regional and National Championships along the way.

By the late ‘80s club level motorsport started to decline in popularity and many clubs in the area closed their doors but Durham Automobile Club continued to promote its Durham Dales Rally, which has run for 50 years. A full complement of autotests also attracted people from all over the North East; Russ Swift and his son Paul were regular competitors and now operate the world-renowned stunt team.

The Durham Dales Rally has since moved to the Nissan plant and has been renamed as the Wearside Classic Targa Rally. It ran this year on 9 September.

Classics at the Castle, a new classic car display and competition held at Witton Castle, ran this year for the second time, with almost 300 vehicles on display. The aim was to raise awareness of DAC and to attract different types of members, such as families and younger people interested in cars but not necessarily ‘speed’ events. It also raises money for charity, with over £2000 going to the Great North Air Ambulance this year.

These events and other ‘awareness’ promotions including visits to a couple of local schools and colleges have encouraged new members of all ages.

Pam Broom, Secretary of Durham Automobile Club, says: “We are a very active club with members competing in stage, navigational and historic rallies, rallycross, car trials, karting, circuit racing and autotests. There is also a family-friendly series of treasure hunts, scatters, gymkhanas in the summer months. During the winter, quizzes, film shows and talks with guest speakers all keep members entertained.”

DAC meets on Wednesday evenings at the Honest Lawyer at Croxdale. Torque Talk is the monthly club magazine and is available for download at www.durhamautoclub.co.uk.
DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB (DAC)

At the start of the year, Durham Automobile Club (DAC) was delighted to receive a £335 grant from the MSA Motor Sport Development Fund, writes North RDO Mick Kinghorn.

The club had applied for funding to help with promotional expenses at events. It needed new promotional banners that would encourage enquiries and attract potential new members from a range of ages and backgrounds. Leaflets, flyers and display boards were needed, plus a gazebo at the to protect members from inclement weather.

The club bought two new telescopic banners to tell the story of its history and events, both competitive and social. A seven-panel display unit was also purchased to display photos, club information and details of how to get involved. The remainder of the money went towards the cost of the heavy-duty gazebo, adorned with the club logo.

The new equipment was given its first outing at a classic car event at the Aston Martin workshops in County Durham. The gazebo looked great and could be seen right across the show field. It attracted plenty of visitors for a chat; half a dozen signed up as new members on the day and more promised to come along to a club night. DAC was also invited to attend another similar event a few weeks later at Sedgefield.

These two events gave the club the opportunity to promote their own Classics at the Castle event in July. The event attracted 300 entries and helped raise over £2200 for the Great North Air Ambulance.
HINTS AND TIPS FROM OUR RDO IN YORKSHIRE

Many clubs in the region have been asking for advice on how they can increase their memberships, writes Yorkshire RDO Heidi Woodcock.

Some clubs had already identified that static car displays in areas of high footfall such as shopping centres and village shows would be most suited to them. So, devised a simple stand rota, ensured that membership forms were readily available on clip boards and created a simple leaflet detailing contact details and events calendar.

Other clubs have taken the opportunity of holding a taster event, with some incorporating passenger rides to give the public a hands-on experience. These demonstrations allow you to capture contact details of potential new members so that you can follow up after the event.

Quite often we can, as clubs, forget to advertise ourselves at every opportunity. Putting up flags and club banners when holding an autotest on a normal club night can spark interest when people hear the squeal of cars in a field or on a car park. Having a simple leaflet ready to hand out can gain you an extra member there and then.

It is important to remember too that not everyone who joins a club wants to compete; some just to just be social members or volunteers. Ensure that you mention all the roles and options available in the club when meeting new people. Offering a family membership within a club is also a fantastic opportunity to get the younger members involved with parental support.

WEST SUFFOLK MOTOR CLUB AT CARS ON THE GREEN & THE BURY MOTOR SHOW

West Suffolk Motor Club (WSMC) regularly attends local shows to promote motorsport to the public. Cars on the Green & the Bury Motor Show sees local dealerships showcasing their latest models alongside club displays and over 800 individual exhibitors.

The event offers free entry to visitors, while also raising funds for local charities, and has now become a popular Father’s Day outing with a crowd of 14,000 this year.

WSMC Chairman, Keith Walladge, assembled a cross section of members’ cars, with a two-litre MkII Escort, Caterham Seven racer and Ford Anglia Rally Car attracting lots of visitors to the stand. The club played video clips of competitors in action and walked away with the Award for the Best Club Stand, from a total of 43 Clubs.

It is important for clubs to attend event such as these to promote the many types of motorsport. Club Secretary, John Boot, explains: “We picked up a couple of new members and it is likely they will complete the stage rally marshal training as well as go onto competing, which is great. Hopefully people will see what is available and affordable in motorsport or will follow up at a club night.”

WSMC wishes to thank all its members who provided cars and talked to the public throughout the day.
GERRY CAVANAGH
Retired school teacher and Northern Ireland rally regular.

What’s your day job?
I’m a retired teacher. I used to teach in a secondary school in Omagh called St. Patrick’s Boys High School. I taught local rally star Frank Kelly and his two brothers in that school! The same school produced other notable drivers such as Paul and Ryan Barrett amongst others, as well as co-drivers Barry and Sean Ferris. I used local rallying as a basis for units of work in school.

Which motor club do you belong to?
I’ve been a member of Enniskillen Motor Club since the late 1990s. Before that I was a member of Omagh Motor Club.

Which roles do you volunteer in?
I’m Clerk of the Course for the Lakeland Stages Rally. I also compile the spectator programmes and carry out most of the PR duties for the printed press, including keeping the local media informed about the club’s events. I’m also the club’s representative in the Stage Rally Specialist Committee and at the ANICC.

How long have you been volunteering for?
Since 1977. I remember going to my first official training session in preparation for the Ulster Rally in 1986!

What or who inspired you to get into motorsport?
I first spectated at a kart racing event in Portrush with my brother in 1966. Around 10 years later, I went to watch Enniskillen Motor Club’s night navigation event in Augher and thought, ‘I want to do this’. The smell of Castrol R and brake discs glowing in the dark – I was hooked! It was affordable rallying.

I entered the event as a navigator for a friend, Dessie Irwin, in his standard ‘eleventeenhundred’ MkI Escort in 1977 and then as a driver in 1980 with my brother navigating in a slightly tatty MkI Mexico. It was a fantastic experience to be a part of it. I went up a hedge a few times (on the roads I knew!), we got lost, we fell out, but we got to the finish!

Brief volunteering history to present?
I started off volunteering on rally passage controls and time controls in night navigations during the late ’70s. I progressed to marshalling in the late ’80s and early ’90s, was Secretary for the Bushwhacker Rally in 1992, and have held the role of Club Steward for the event. Then I was Clerk of the Course for the first time at the 1995 Fivemiletown Spring Rally.

I remember going to marshal at the Circuit of Ireland and Ulster rallies during the mid-’80s and ’90s. That’s how I met Drew Wilson, who is still heavily involved in Enniskillen Motor Club. He’s hugely experienced and has been a great mentor to me as an official.

What’s the best thing about being a motorsport volunteer?
The camaraderie and the fact that the sport crosses all boundaries. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you come from, or whether you have a car worth £300 or a car worth £300,000. Everyone is always happy to help each other.

What piece of advice would you give to a new volunteer?
Join your local motor club, get trained, then get out there and get at it! For someone wanting to participate, I’ll quote the famous John Sprinzel: “No matter what car you have and no matter what age you are, just get out and compete.”

Have you ever considered volunteering in motorsport? To find out how and why to get involved, CLICK HERE.
Mark Hoppe’s sublime season concluded with his fifth overall win of the year out of the nine championship events.

Results

1 Mark Hoppe, Dutton Melos, 55.6%
2 Colin Reid, VW Golf GTI, 74.3
3 Trevor Moffatt, Vauxhall Corsa, 98.4

DUNLOP MSA BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ash Sutton, Andrew Jordan and Tom Chilton took a win apiece as drivers endured torrential conditions at Knockhill.

Provisional championship standings
1 Colin Turkington – 269 points
2 Tom Ingram – 226
3 Ashley Sutton – 218

F4 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFIED BY FIA - POWERED BY FORD ECBOOOST

Jonathan Hoggard and Ayrton Simmons shared the wins at Knockhill.

Provisional championship standings
1 Kiern Jewiss – 353 points
2 Ayrton Simmons – 322
3 Dennis Hauger – 283

LINK-UP LTD MSA BRITISH CAR TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Malcolm Livingston won the MSA British Autotest Championship by one point, with victory on the Loughborough Autotest.

Provisional championship standings
1 Malcolm Livingston – 227 points
2 Dave Mosey – 226
3 Chris Chapman – 214

LINK-UP LTD MSA BRITISH AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Bryan Walker and Ian Wright shared the wins as the championship returned with a double-header after summer break.

Results
1 Ian Wright – 86 points
2 Richard Sharpe – 78
3 Stuart Beare – 72

MSA BRITISH DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Jimmy Ålund won the combined FIA European/MSA British championship contest to secure the FIA crown, beating compatriot Jan Ericsson in the final.

Provisional championship standings
1 Andy Robinson – 248 points
2 Jimmy Ålund – 214
3 Michel Tooren – 196

MSA BRITISH SPORTING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MSA BRITISH DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

MSA BRITISH SPORTING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Results

PRESTONE MSA BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Edwards and Darren Garrod continued their excellent run of form as the Welsh pairing won the John Mulholland Motors Ulster Rally.

Provisional championship standings
1 Matt Edwards – 75 points
2 David Bogie – 36*
3 Alex Laffey – 34*
(* = Joker nominations have been played)

ARR CRAIB MSA SCOTTISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

David Bogie and co-driver John Rowan won the final round of the season, as Andrew Gallacher was crowned the 2018 ARR Craib MSA Scottish Rally Champion.

1 Andrew Gallacher (Ford Focus WRC) – 132 points
2 Donnie MacDonald (Ford Fiesta RS+) – 128
3 John Wink (Hyundai i20 RS) – 124

MCGRADY INSURANCE MSA NORTHERN IRELAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Desi Henry and Liam Moynihan took maximum championship points, as Josh Moffett won the Trailer Parts & Spares Lakeland Stages despite drama on the final road section when his Fiesta ground to a halt.

Results
1 Josh Moffett/Stephen Thornton (Fiesta RS) 32m17s
2 Desi Henry/Liam Moynihan (Fabia RS) 32m18s
3 Vivian Hamill/Andrew Grennan (Fiesta RS) 32m20s

PIRELLI MSA WELSH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Edwards and co-driver Darran Garrod took their fourth championship victory on the Eventsigns Woodpecker Stages Rally.

Provisional championship standings
1 Dylan Davies – 131 points
2 Matt Edwards – 126
3 Wug Utting – 126

PROTYRE MSA ASPHALT RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Jason Pritchard and co-driver Phil Clarke powered to victory on the penultimate round of the championship, the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally.

Provisional championship standings
1 Wayne Sisson – 126 points
2 Jason Pritchard – 112
3 Daniel Harper – 112

TOYO TIRES MSA BRITISH RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Higgins scored his second championship victory at Lydden Hill on Bank Holiday Monday to retake the points lead.

Provisional championship standings
1 Mark Higgins – 183 points
2 Ollie O’Donovan – 180
3 Julian Godfrey – 175

SBD MOTORSPORT MSA BRITISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Heather Calder set a new lap record at Blyton Park to extend her championship lead over father Colin.

Provisional championship standings
1 Heather Calder – 109 points
2 Colin Calder 105
3 Terry Holmes 80

BRC
Frazer Anderson won at Glan-Y-Gors despite constant pressure from a competitive field.

MSA BAMBINO KART CHAMPIONSHIP

Luke Hughes won the first final in a wet Wales, with Joe Turney taking victory in the second.

Paul Platt claimed his fifth title at Anglesey with another perfect performance.

Provisional championship standings
1 Paul Platt – 480 points
2 Andy Bird – 394
3 Tom Hatfield – 340

MSA BRITISH SUPERKART CHAMPIONSHIP

MSA BRITISH CADET KART CHAMPIONSHIP

Matthew Hudson and Clayton Ravenscroft were the ones to watch as the championship continued at Glan-Y-Gors.

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MSA X30 SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Daniel Butterworth and Abbi Pulling claimed a win apiece at the Welsh circuit.

MSA TKM JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

William MacIntyre and Aiden Neate shared the wins in mixed conditions at Glan-Y-Gors.

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