Permit issued for closed-road Cornwall hill climb

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MSA ISSUES PERMIT FOR CLOSED-ROAD CORNWALL HILL CLIMB

The MSA has issued an event organising permit to Truro and District Motor Club for a new closed-road hill climb at Watergate Bay in Cornwall, due to run on 15-16 September.

The Truro club is organising the Watergate Bay Speed Hill Climb in conjunction with Newquay Auto Club and Plymouth Motor Club. Competitors will tackle a section of the B3276, the coast road linking Padstow and Newquay, with the North Cornwall coastline to their right. A maximum of 90 cars will be allowed to participate on each day.

Dave Brenton, Competition Secretary at Truro DMC and Deputy Event Director of the Watergate Bay Speed Hill Climb, said: “We’ve had great help over the past five years from Ian Davis, the MSA’s Regional, Rallies and Cross Country Executive, and excellent support for the event from local businesses and landowners. We hope the event will provide a real end-of-tourist-season boost to the local economy.”

The Watergate Bay Speed Hill Climb is the third event to be organised under new legislation facilitating closed-road motor sport in England; the Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton is scheduled for 22 April, while the Motofest Coventry sprint takes place on 2-3 June.

Simon Blunt, MSA General Secretary, said: “Within a year of announcing the success of our campaign for closed roads, we’ve been able to issue a permit for the third event, the Watergate Bay Speed Hill Climb, which shows a really encouraging early uptake from our event organising clubs.

“What’s particularly exciting is that the three events represent different types of motor sport in various parts of the country. We look forward to being part of each one, and to receiving even more applications for new events in other parts of England and also in Wales.”
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MSA TO TAKE GRASSROOTS MOTOR SPORT TO SPEEDMACHINE

The MSA will introduce new people to grassroots motor sport by running an autotest with free passenger rides at the inaugural Speedmachine, the British round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship at Silverstone on 25-27 May.

Speedmachine is the first World RX event to be held at Silverstone and will combine the championship action with live music, manufacturer test drives on the circuit, street food, Group B displays, e-gaming and more.

The MSA is working with local motor clubs to add grassroots motor sport to the mix through the autotest feature. In recent years, a similar initiative has given thousands of people their first taste of club motor sport at the Autosport International exhibition.

“As an exciting and high-profile new event in British motor sport, Speedmachine gives us the opportunity to reach new enthusiasts and show them that the sport can be affordable, accessible and local,” said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive. “Autotest is a great entry level discipline and we know from previous experience how popular free passenger rides can be.”

exclusive offer

The MSA has teamed up with organisers IMG to offer MSA members an exclusive 20 per cent discount on both day and weekend tickets to Speedmachine. To claim the discount, visit speedmachine.com/tickets and use the relevant discount code: SPWMSA20 (weekend); SPSMSA20 (Sunday); SPSATMSA20 (Saturday).
Loughborough Car Club has launched the 2018 edition of its innovative Disabled Driver Scholarship, which offers a free season of club level motorsport for two people.

Applications are invited from anyone aged 14 or over who can drive but needs basic hand controls. The scholarship will offer two individuals the opportunity to participate in a range of club motorsports events in the Loughborough area. Loughborough Car Club members will run a suitably adapted car, enabling the scholars to compete against local and regional drivers on a level playing field.

Ian Trott, former scholar, still competes on club events. He said: “The Loughborough Car Club Disabled Drivers Scholarship is a fantastic opportunity for disabled people to compete in motorsport events in a fully adapted car - people who might well have thought that this was something they would never be able to achieve. With this opportunity, you can compete against - and beat - anyone! Apply today, you won’t regret it.”

For further information or to apply, contact Richard Egger on compsec@loughboroughcarchub.co.uk.

Will Buxton @wbuxtonofficial Mar 16 Just seen the news that @MSAUK has sanctioned a closed road hillclimb at Watergate Bay in Cornwall for later this year. Now that really is massively exciting. Sod’s law, however. I’ll be in Singapore.

Karting magazine @kartingmagazine Mar 14 NEWS! The @MSAUK have announced today that Josh Rattican and Will Orton will represent Great Britain in this years CIK FIA Academy! Full story on #kartingmag

M-Sport @MSportLtd Mar 11 Congratulations to @GreensmithGus and @craigparry2 who secure their best ever result - piloting their Ford Fiesta R5 to a fine 2nd place in #WRC2 and 9th place overall #WRC #FordPerformance #RallyMexico

MSA @MSAUK Mar 12 The @BritishRallyx Championship returns this weekend with a star-studded entry list and will be the the first ever rallycross event held at @SilverstoneUK. That’s all the #MondayMotivation we need! #BritishRX #BRX

Wales Rally GB @WalesRallyGB Mar 6 Figures from WRC today have shown an increase in the global TV audience. Over 73 million viewers around the globe watched Elfyn Evans win in Wales last October! #WRGB #WRC

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HENRY HOPE-FROST, 1970-2018

Like much of the motor sport community, the MSA was shocked and saddened by the tragic loss of journalist and broadcaster Henry Hope-Frost following a road traffic accident last week (8 March).

Henry was widely known and admired not only for his encyclopaedic knowledge of all things motor sport but also for his unbridled enthusiasm, which he described as ‘an incurable and debilitating fever’.

Henry was synonymous with Autosport magazine, where he worked as a sub-editor for many years. His ‘fever’ and a knack for broadcasting later made him ‘the voice’ of popular events such as Autosport International, the Goodwood Festival of Speed and the Goodwood Revival.

Henry’s death elicited an outpouring of tributes from across the world of motor sport and on Friday evening #fever was trending on Twitter. A JustGiving page has also been set up to raise fund for Henry’s wife and children – please CLICK HERE.

The MSA sends its sincere condolences to Henry’s family and many friends at this very difficult time.

Jenson Button @JensonButton Mar 9 So sad that such a great man lost his life yesterday in a road accident. U could always tell how passionate Henry Hope-Frost was about motorsport when he interviewed you, it felt so natural like you were having a good old chinwag with ur closest mate. Sending love to his family

Jason Plato @jasonplato Mar 9 My god mate, I’m so gunna miss you. But right now my thoughts are with your loved one of which there are many @henryhopefrost. Sleep well my friend.

Paul Di Resta @PaulDiResta Mar 9 So sad to see the news today we lost a great guy @henryhopefrost He was a true petrol head. Thoughts are with his family. #fever

M-Sport @MSportLtd Mar 9 We’re about the start @RallyMexico, but our thoughts remain with the family and many friends of @henryhopefrost. The team were shocked and saddened by his tragic loss. His character, professionalism, passion and enthusiasm will never be forgotten. A true gentleman. RIP Henry.

Goodwood Road&Racing @GoodwoodRRC Mar 9 All at GRR are devastated by the passing of our good friend, colleague and incomparable pitlane maestro @henryhopefrost. We will miss him dearly and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Damon Hill @HillF1 Mar 9 Shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden loss of the lovely @henryhopefrost Our thoughts are for his family at this terrible time. @GoodwoodRRC #f1 #henryhopefrost

Petter Solberg RX @Petter_Solberg Mar 9 Devastated to wake up to the terrible news that my friend, the amazing @henryhopefrost passed away last night. He was such a fantastic guy and will be hugely missed by the whole motorsport world. All our thoughts are with his family and many friends #RIPHFF
IAIN URQUHART, 1960 – 2018

Scottish rallying has lost yet another loyal supporter and enthusiast. Iain Urquhart passed away suddenly and unexpectedly last Saturday, writes John Fife.

A stalwart of Highland Car Club, and long time behind-the-scenes grafter at the Snowman Rally, ‘Coogie’ became more widely known at events throughout Scotland, and even ‘abroad’ in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, as an MSA Steward and more recently an MSA Safety Delegate.

Like many of the ‘older generation’ (he would have been just 58 next month!) he started competing in navigational rallies and autotests before a brief foray into stage rallying navigating for Iain McGilvray in the Peugeot 205 amongst others.

His expertise was based not on memorising the Blue Book but on practical experience of the various duties required of a rally marshal or official. This ability was also recognised by the MSA who appointed him as a Steward, and more recently an MSA Safety Delegate, a much more onerous task.

He was great company whether indulging in serious debate or stupid banter and the jokes and tales were endless. The sport's loss is nothing like the loss to his wife Teri and the girls, Louise and Hazel. Our thoughts must be with them and their wider family and friends at this terrible time.
HEROES TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN LATEST MSA MAGAZINE

The spring 2018 issue of MSA magazine is being mailed to MSA members across the UK, with a cover feature on how motor sport is helping to give hero servicemen and women a new lease of life.

In the feature, writer Dan Trent meets some of the beneficiaries of Mission Motorsport, a charity that aims ‘to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations, by providing opportunities through motor sport’.

Also in the magazine, Hal Ridge interviews MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes, who has completed a world-first academic study of the progression from karting to F4 racing. The feature is essential reading for aspiring young karters, as Symes offers three key recommendations to enhance their time in the discipline and prepare for the transition to F4.

Meanwhile, Samarth Kanal heads to Bradford to meet Paul and Karl Barraclough, the second generation running the Motor Sport Services Organisation rescue unit, which attends around 60 events per year. ‘The hulking ambulance, an imposing, reassuring presence in bright red, is unexpectedly roomy inside, with space for a bed and a staggering amount of life-saving equipment,’ writes Kanal.

New to MSA magazine, Tony Jardine gives us a first-person account of Le Jog, a four-day classic car rally from Land’s End to John o’ Groats. ‘Le Jog is relentless,’ writes Jardine. ‘Navigator skills are tested to their limits, but when the snow and ice descend it’s the ultimate test of nerve and talent for the drivers, too!’

This issue’s MSA columnist is David Richards CBE, who outlines his vision for UK motor sport. In the volunteer’s column, scrutineer Tiegen Lillicrap gives her thoughts on the best ways to recruit young people. Meanwhile Alexander Sims discusses career goals in the competitor’s column.

MSA magazine is sent exclusively to all MSA Competition Licence holders, Licensed Officials, Registered Marshals and Clubs. An online version is available [HERE](#).
Allan Dean-Lewis MBE, former MSA Director of Training & Education, has been appointed an Officiel d’Honneur in recognition of his excellent service to motor sport over half a century.

Allan retired from the MSA in 2015 after a 20-year career at Motor Sports House. His various roles focused mostly on volunteer training, which included running the MSA officials’ seminars for many years and being responsible for the governing body’s international training programmes. Since his retirement, Allan has remained involved with the MSA in his role as General Secretary of the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

Tony Scott Andrews, Chairman of Motor Sports Council, made the presentation to Allan during the annual Council dinner held at the Royal Automobile Club in London (13 March). Jim Kilmartin was also appointed an Officiel d’Honneur but was unable to attend – MSA Board member and Historic Committee Chairman Rod Parkin collected the certificate on his behalf.

This year’s after dinner speaker was Meyrick Cox (left), co-founder of Mission Motorsport.
STRONG TURNOUT AT KART CLUB DAY

Twenty-four kart clubs gathered in the East Midlands last month (20 February) to meet the MSA and share information on a range of key topics.

Speakers from the governing body included Simon Blunt, General Secretary, who covered data protection and the impending GDPR (see below). Cheryl Lunch, MSA Kart Executive, discussed general sporting matters, while Joe Hickerton and Jennifer Carty covered technical and safeguarding matters, respectively.

Nigel Edwards, Chairman of the Kart Committee, said: “I think the most important aspect that I saw from the meeting was how different clubs were approaching their declining competitor numbers, and how they had to ‘think outside the box’ to encourage and revive their numbers.

“Data protection issues and child safeguarding are becoming more and more relevant in our sport and there was some good information coming from the MSA team. Simplification of technical and sporting regulations at grassroots level along with promotion and marketing, were also seen as key focus points for this year.”

CLUBS URGED TO PREPARE FOR GDPR

MSA-registered motor clubs are reminded that new data protection laws come into force on 25 May, when the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaces the Data Protection Act 1998.

GDPR is new EU-wide data protection legislation, which the Information Commissioner, Elizabeth Denham, says is about “greater transparency, enhanced rights for citizens and increased accountability.”

Since all motor clubs process personal data, they must comply with the new Regulation. The MSA will be sending a weekly series of bulletins to MSA clubs with guidance on GDPR, under the following headings: Introduction; Terminology and the principles of data protection; Privacy notices; Consent; Final considerations. Once these bulletins have been issued, they will be published in one document on the MSA website.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) at www.ico.org.uk.
Last week was a bit of a whirlwind. On Tuesday, I headed to Geneva for my first meetings with the FIA in my new role as President of the Disability and Accessibility Commission. After some meetings with the Commission staff to get to know my new team, I was keen to show support for the Women In Motorsport Commission’s new initiative, The Girls On Track.

Listening on Wednesday morning to Dare To Be Different’s Susie Wolff, Sauber F1 test driver Tatiana Calderon and rally legend Michèle Mouton talk about the new FIA scholarship to get more girls involved in karting filled me with pride and hope. These are real plans for gender parity and I felt like I was witnessing history in the making.

There had been a lot of discussion in the press leading up to the announcement of The Girls On Track, questioning women’s physical ability to compete against men, particularly at the top end of single-seater racing with the strength required to control a slick-shod F1 car with downforce.

Personally, I cannot see the validity of such statements. Is Lewis Hamilton quick because he is strong or is he quick because he has talent and dedication? You only have to look at the footage of a very slight Michèle Mouton in the ’80s, wrestling a physically demanding Audi Quattro to victory over Ari Vatanen, to realise that physical strength is not the defining factor here. I know this, drivers know this and the FIA is committed to proving it.

Motor sport is currently male-dominated, there’s no hiding from that fact. The FIA members are prominently men – that was very apparent as I sat in my first Commission Presidents meeting as one of the only two female members, the other being Mouton.

While the FIA can’t change history, it can influence – and is influencing – the future. What struck me the most about my first introduction to life with the FIA was all the members’ genuine support for change. The majority of the members who spoke at the meetings were actively encouraging female participation within their Commissions. What is even more encouraging was the support for disabled participation in our sport.

I went into the Geneva offices as a disabled female adamant to show that I wasn’t just there as a token gesture. What was most surprising was that the rest of the FIA members went into those offices adamant to show me that they weren’t going to view me as such. The FIA is pushing for progress and it is pushing for change – and I am going to help it achieve that.
Results

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

PIRELLI MSA WELSH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Osian Pryce and co-driver Dale Furniss took maximum championship points on the forest roads of the Conwy valley.

Provisional championship standings
1 Osian Pryce – 30 points
2 Julian Reynolds – 27
3 Hugh Hunter – 25

PROTYRE MSA ASPHALT RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Melvyn Evans won the opening round of the championship, the Port Talbot MC-organised Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt, in his Subaru Impreza WRC.

Provisional championship standings
1 Melvyn Evans – 30 points
2 Damian Cole – 28
3 Jason Pritchard – 27

LINK UP MSA BRITISH AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Malcolm Livingston overcame 25 competitors at Curborough Sprint Course to take the first round of the 2018 championship.

Provisional championship standings
1 Malcolm Livingston (Lindsay Special 1600) – 30 points
2 Alastair Moffatt (Mini Special 1430) – 28
= Richard Pinkney (Caterham 7 1600) – 28

ANICC MCGRADY INSURANCE MSA NORTHERN IRELAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Derek McGarrity secured his sixth consecutive McGrady Insurance Bishopscourt Stages Rally victory in treacherous conditions.

Results
1 Derek McGarrity/Paddy Robinson (Impreza WRC) 37m44.4s
2 Alan Carmichael/Ivor Lamont (Mini WRC) 38m51.6s
3 Connor McCloskey/John Rowan (Fiesta WRC) 38m53.4s
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.

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Visit msauk.org/antidoping today.
KART ELIGIBILITY SCRUTINEER TRAINING

The MSA Technical Department wishes to thank all those who attended the recent Kart Eligibility Scrutineer training day in the East Midlands. The team was pleased to welcome a total of 31 Scrutineers to the session. Attendees had practical sessions on measuring and checking the eligibility of all the engines currently used in the core classes of MSA non-gearbox karting.

The MSA thanks the following for helping to make the event a success: JAG Engineering, John Mills Engineering, TAL-KO, Association of British Kart Clubs (ABkC), James Mills, Gary Walker, Paul Klaassen, Ernie Salmon and George Robinson.

FAKE SEAT LABELS

The image was submitted by a scrutineer who came across seats for sale online and correctly identified the label as a counterfeit. The biggest giveaway is the date of manufacture; the label indicates a manufacture date of August 2013, yet the FIA homologation requirements for seat labels have required all seats manufactured since 1 January 2012 to carry the later style rectangular white label with the overlaid FIA hologram.

Another, subtler clue was the spelling mistake in the manufacturer’s email address! There are also more detailed factors that can be checked. For example, in this case it was easy for the manufacturer to identify that the serial number was incorrect, as it does not match their system for serial numbering.

Competitors are advised to purchase seats and other safety items only from reputable outlets. Additionally, anyone who is unsure about a particular label can submit a photo to technical@msauk.org to establish its validity.

To sign up for email notifications when proposed regulation changes are posted online for consultation, click HERE.
The MSA is aware that some competitors have been encountering supply issues when trying to purchase new fire extinguishers or have their existing systems serviced. Please rest assured that the MSA Technical Department is in contact with the relevant manufacturers and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

The transitional period for the introduction of the new fire extinguisher regulations detailed in MSA Yearbook section K, Appendix 3, has presented an anomaly regarding the use of dry powder hand-held fire extinguishers.

The existing regulations in K 3 state that dry powder extinguishers are prohibited. However, the new regulations in Appendix 3 state that dry powder is a permitted extinguishant for hand-held systems. Although the new regulations are not mandatory until 2019 for new-build vehicles and 2022 for all other vehicles, they can be applied in advance if a competitor so wishes.

Therefore, a dry powder hand-held fire extinguisher can now be used, providing that it meets the minimum quantity of extinguishant detailed in Section K, Appendix 3.
14 April
Rallynuts Stages Rally

Formerly known as the Severn Valley Stages, the Rallynuts Stages Rally requires an army of willing volunteers to ensure the safe running of the event.

2018 will see the 45th running of the Midland Manor Motor Club organised event based at the Builth Wells Showground.

The stages which will need your invaluable help are as follows;

- SS1/5 Crychan Dyfan Davies (Teifi Valley MC)
- SS2/6 Cefn Mike Timmins (Knutsford MC)
- SS3/7 Gwibedog Ian Evans (BRMC)
- SS4 Radnor Ian Jarrett (CSMA)

If you’re available please follow the link below which will take you to the Marshals registration form and complete;

http://rallynutsrally.co.uk/marshals/

Alternatively you can contact us via email;
marshals@rallynutsrally.co.uk

Thank You, the Rallynuts Team look forward to working with you.

29 April
Dixies Challenge

This year’s Dixies Challenge will run to a similar format to last year. All based on the Epynt Ranges with a single service area at Dixies Corner. Only the west side of the ranges will be used using two stages either side of the centre road in several different configurations. We need as many people as possible to come along and assist. Whatever your skill level, we can find a suitable role for you. It can be arranged for any new marshal to be teamed with a suitably trained person for the day.

We need in Stage Marshals, Radio Crews to name but a few. Planning is now well underway and it promises to be a great event as always. We invite you to join us.

To help us, it will be of great assistance if you could register your services on the event website at: www.dixieschallenge.com/marshals

Or contact Chief Marshall, Kevin Haven, at dixiesmarshal@gmail.com

12 May
Plains Rally

Marshals needed for this year’s Plains Rally, sign up at www.rallystageteam.co.uk

It’s so quick and simple! We hope to see you out there.
11 & 12 May
Bet on Aces Manx National Rally incorporating the Chris Kelly Memorial Rally

Manx Auto Sport is seeking 250 – 300 volunteers to act as Marshals, Timekeepers and Radio Operators, can you help?

There are 16 Special Stages – eight on Friday and eight on Saturday.

Training will be given where appropriate and anyone new to marshalling, timekeeping or radio operating will be placed with an experienced person.

All volunteers will receive a “Goodie Bag” including a free programme and will be entered into a Prize Draw to win one of.

If you are traveling from off the island, we’ve put together a volunteer package starting from £99.00 per person. For further information on discounted travel & accommodation rates please contact the team at Isle of Man Event Services on info@iomevents.com or +44 (0)1624 664460.

If you can support us with this annual event then please contact our Volunteers Liaison Officer on 07624 287178, or register HERE.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

29 July
S&G Printing Group Harry Flatters Rally

Brecon Motor Club are recruiting stage marshals and radio operators to ensure the smooth and safe running of the event, on the demanding roads of Epynt.

The first competitive car will start at 08:30hrs, with official safety cars traveling the stages from 07:45.

If you can assist in any way possible and you have a preferred location, we will do our upmost to allocate you.

Event Chief Marshal, Wayne Aldridge
wayne_gmc@hotmail.co.uk

Event Assistant Chief Marshal, Martin Harry
mharry931@gmail.com

If you can’t assist on our event, please pass on our invite to your fellow club members.

more information

www.msauk.org/Get-Started/Volunteering
What’s your day job?
I’m a Senior Manufacturing Engineer in a medical electronics company.

Which motor clubs do you belong to?
I’m on the board of Scottish Sporting Car Club (SSCC), a full member of Scottish Off Road Club (SORC) and a marshalling member of Dunfermline Car Club (DCC).

Which role(s) do you volunteer in?
I’m a senior stage marshal at various multi-venue and single-venue rallies, cross country events and hill rallies, and have performed most duties from marshal to deputy stage commander. I’m also chief marshal for two single-venue events each year. Outside of rallying I regularly marshal at autoSOLO, autotest, sprint and hill climb events, and the Scottish start of the Monte-Carlo Historic Rally.

What or who inspired you to get into motor sport?
I don’t think there was anything or anyone that specifically inspired me, although I was a great fan of Jimmy McRae and have experienced the ‘silly seat’ with Jimmy driving. I have always had an interest in cars and motor sport but not had the finance to compete; marshalling seemed like a good way to become involved and get close to the action.

I first marshalled at Knockhill when it opened in the 1970s and on rallies like the RAC and Scottish when they ran over more than one day. Over the years I’ve probably marshalled on every event in the SRC at some point!

What’s the best thing about being a motor sport volunteer?
First of all, the obvious, it gets me up close to the action at motor sport events. Other than that, marshalling has given me some excellent training to deal with situations that arise in day-to-day life. In particular, it has given me the skills and confidence to deal with road accidents when I’ve arrived first on scene.

What piece of advice would you give to a new volunteer?
Don’t be afraid to get involved with the more complicated jobs like timekeeping. These jobs get you up close to the cars and crews and, who knows, one of them might even give you a run! Also make the most of the training available, as it can help improve your CV.
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: RUSSELL FAIR

Russell Fair of East Ayrshire Car Club

Brief volunteering history to present.
I occasionally marshalled at club autotests and rounds of the Scottish Rally Championships in the early ’80s, stopping for a while as I was competing regularly in rallies and speed events across the UK and I couldn’t do everything. My second volunteering career started about 10 years ago when I joined my current club. My primary volunteering role, of club chairman, allows me to look forward and make sure there is motorsport in the future, for others to enjoy.

What’s the best thing about being a motor sport volunteer?
The people I meet and work with make the difference – although it can be hard work, it’s seldom a chore. I got enormous pleasure from competing over the years and this is my way of ensuring others get the same chance.

What piece of advice would you give to a new volunteer?
Get out there and try it, your life will never be the same again. Join a nearby club and meet likeminded people, plus there is always a need for willing volunteers.

What’s your day job?
I’m a Business Operations Manager in the technology services and support sector.

Which role(s) do you volunteer in?
All sorts: club chairman, secretary of the meeting for speed events and rallies, rally event safety officer, speed entries secretary, radio marshal and autotest marshal.

How long have you been volunteering for?
I started about 35 years ago – things have changed a bit in that time...

What or who inspired you to get into motor sport?
Rallycross on the BBC was my first experience of motor sport. When I was a teenager I used to see a rally car parked outside a house every week when I went with my parents to the supermarket. One day I asked them to stop and I went in to say, “Hello” – the rest is history. I started off helping to prepare the car and ended up navigating – happy days!

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MARSHALS TOP TIPS!

As the training season draws to a close and the competitive season gets under way, the MSA would like to suggest a few tips for marshals. The governing body hopes that these will provide a good refresher for experienced marshals, while also being handy to newcomers:

- Sign up to volunteer as soon as you know you are available for an event
- Get plenty of sleep the night before the event to help you stay alert while on duty
- Sign on straight away upon arrival at the event
- Have a good look around before, during and after your assigned post; look for hazards to competitors, spectators and your fellow marshals
- Do not use mobile phones or cameras while on duty
- Bring plenty of food and (non-alcoholic!) drink. Also, ensure you bring sufficient clothing for the prevailing weather conditions
- Engage in a warm, friendly and helpful manner with drivers, teams and officials, not just spectators
- Ensure that you are fully briefed as to what your responsibilities are for the meeting
- Know the location of – and how to use – emergency equipment
- Be prepared to be flexible and ready for the unexpected!
- Report any inappropriate behaviour to the event organisers
- Complete as much of your Personal Record Card (PRC) as possible before handing it over for signatures. If seeking an assessment, ask for it well in advance of the day
- Always treat safety as being paramount – stand in a safe place and lead by example
- Finally, do not forget to pack your sense of humour! Have fun and encourage friends and family to give it a go, too!
ANNUAL PRC CHECKS

Over the last couple of years, the MSA and the Marshals Working Group have been requesting sight of marshals’ Personal Record Cards (PRCs)... But why?

All registered marshals, regardless of their grade and discipline, are required to meet the maintenance of grade requirements as detailed in their respective grading scheme. These requirements cover attendance at events and training days over a defined period in order for them to maintain their current grade.

These PRC checks help the MSA ensure that the requirements are being met and, where individuals experience difficulties in meeting the requirements, develop a recovery plan to assist. For more information on the Marshal’s grading schemes please CLICK HERE.

TRAINING DEPT ISSUES SEMINAR UPDATE

Six out of the nine MSA seminars for club and event officials (including safeguarding officers) have been completed, with the remaining venues being Bolton (17 March, places available), Donington (18 March – full, reserve list) and Pitlochry (25 March, places available).

So far, the attendance from club officials has totalled 257, while there have been 118 delegates at the safeguarding workshops. Those clubs wishing to send representatives to any of the remaining seminars can CLICK HERE to register their interest.
BMSTT GRANT AID FOR TRAINING DAYS – 2017

There are around 30 submissions for British Motor Sports Training Trust (BMSTT) grant aid to support training days that remain outstanding from 2017. Please note that the deadline for submitting the necessary paperwork to draw down on these BMSTT funds is Friday 30 March. Any relevant trainer/club/organisation that cannot meet this deadline is requested to email training@msauk.org as soon as possible.

BMSTT GRANT AID FOR TRAINING DAYS – 2018

Trainers, clubs and organisations are reminded that deadlines for submitting claims to draw down on BMSTT grant aid were introduced from 1 January 2018. This is to assist the BMSTT and the MSA in reallocating any unused grant aid to other training events that, for whatever reason, may have submitted late applications.

The deadlines for claims are as follows:

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Please note:

- Any club/organisation that cannot meet these dates must inform the MSA as soon as possible
- Any unclaimed grant aid at the end of the period in column two will lapse and be reallocated by the BMSTT to support other training events/projects
- Late funding applications will be held on a waiting list, with grant aid support being offered later should funds become available.

Receipts and supporting documentation must be provided with any claims. While the MSA Training Department does strive to settle claims quickly, some are delayed for lack of this supporting information, which is an audit requirement for the BMSTT.

RALLY AND CROSS COUNTRY MARSHALS URGED TO SPREAD OUT

The MSA would like to remind its dedicated rally and cross country marshals to spread out around their allocated posts while on duty, rather than standing together in groups. The Safety Delegates have reported several times that this is an issue. A well dispersed group will be better able to monitor their posts and therefore help to ensure the safety for all.
The MSA has selected Josh Rattican and William Orton to represent the UK in the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, an international competition for 11- to 14-year-olds.

Each year the CIK-FIA invites ASNs (National Sporting Authorities) to nominate a competitor to represent his or her country in the Trophy. This year’s calendar features three events in France (6 May), Italy (15 July) and Belgium (9 September).

The MSA chose to nominate Rattican (13) (left) and Orton (13) (below) following a selection day at Motor Sports House. Rattican began karting at club level aged eight, achieving numerous titles before progressing to the MSA British Cadet Kart Championship. He graduated to junior karting in 2017, becoming an instant and regular top-ten finisher.

“This is a dream opportunity for me,” said Rattican. “It’s a great honour and a privilege to be representing my country in the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy. I’m so determined to show what I’m capable of and will work very hard to get the most out of this once in a life-time opportunity. Thank you to the MSA for the support and confidence placed in me.”

Orton has carved out a successful pre-junior career, with success in bambino and cadet karting. He has signed up for this year’s Super One British Championships and competed in the IAME Winter Cup in Valencia last month. “I’m delighted to be gifted such an opportunity and I am going to grasp it with both hands,” he said.

MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes, who oversaw the selection day, added: “We put Josh and William through a review and then an interview process; their results and experience spoke for themselves and they were a joy to meet. We believe that both will do an excellent job in representing the UK both on and – just as importantly – off the track”.

MSA nominations have achieved remarkable successes in the CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy since the inaugural season eight years ago, from second place for Ben Barnicoat in 2011 to the title itself for Callum Bradshaw in 2016.
GT CHAMP MORRIS SWITCHES TO BLANCPAIN

British GT Champion and MSA Team UK member Seb Morris has been confirmed as part of Team Parker Racing’s three-driver Pro-Am line-up in the Blancpain Endurance Cup.

Piloting a Bentley Continental GT3, Morris will be joined by Ade Barwick and Derek Pierce as the trio look to make an impact in international GT racing. Having last competed full-time in Europe in the 2015 GP3 Series, 22-year-old Morris is relishing the challenge of a full season back on the continent.

“I am delighted to sign with Team Parker Bentley for my first proper assault on the biggest sportscar racing championship in the world at the moment, Blancpain”, said Morris, “It was the right time for me to leave British GT, off the back of winning the title, now I feel ready and experienced enough to mount a title assault with Ade and Derek.

“I know Team Parker well, and also the Bentley. It’s proven to be a championship winning car against top competition in Pro-Am so I am extremely confident we can get out there to win. I can’t wait for it all to start!”
INGRAM TAKES ON 4WD

MSA Team UK member Chris Ingram will make his four-wheel-drive stage rally debut on Rally Azores, the opening round of the FIA European Rally Championship on 22-24 March. The 23-year-old U27 Junior European Rally Champion will pilot a Skoda Fabia R5 prepared by Toksport World Rally Team, co-driven by fellow MSA Academy member Ross Whittock.

PIRELLI HOSTS TEAM UK AND SQAUD DRIVERS

Members of the MSA Team UK and Squad programmes visited Pirelli at Didcot in Oxfordshire last week (6 March) to learn about the construction of racing tyres.

Pirelli’s UK Motorsport Manager, Jonathan Wells, delivered a presentation and Q&A session before leading the cohort on a 45-minute factory tour with Pirelli’s On-Event Rally Manager, Steve Harkness. The group reconvened after lunch for a with sports psychologist Rosie Collins. MSA Coach Adam Gould rounded off the day with an anti-doping seminar.
While working on and organising events under the governance of the MSA we are all aware of the existence of other events that run outside of these regulations, writes Kevin Moore, South West RDO.

These events take the form of autograss, track days, cruises, drift days and other disciplines that are hard to categorise within our existing criteria. Most MSA affiliated motor clubs accept the existence of such events under extreme sufferance at best and complete denial of their presence or value as a ‘sport’ at worst, turning their back on any possible benefits of associating with such ‘outlaws’!

Turning this attitude completely on its head, Camel Vale Motor Club investigated the potential of using such events as possible marketing opportunities. Approaching the organisers of the ‘Cannonball Run’ in Cornwall, the club came up with the idea of running a Taster Permit Autotest at Perranporth Airfield, which was being used as a checkpoint venue for the ‘Cannonballers’. An agreement was made between Camel Vale and the organisers of the event, resulting in entry to the Autotest being offered to the competitors on the Cannonball – it was actually taken up by the majority of Cannonball entrants.

Such was its popularity with those taking part in the actual Cannonball Run that the organisers are keen to incorporate a similar competition into future events. This is something that Camel Vale Motor Club is happy to pursue and initiatives such as this are exactly what is needed to build the bridges that are currently missing between the ‘old’ and the ‘new’ and to bring onboard the new generation of competitors into ‘mainstream’ motor sport.

If you feel that your motor club could tap into similar events or opportunities it is important to design the taster event to be of a style that will appeal to the target demographic and not be off-putting to newcomers. Don’t forget to capitalise on the opportunity by having suitable promotional information flyers available to hand out to competitors and other interested parties.

For further guidance, ideas and support please liaise with your local GoMotorsport Regional Development Officer.

CAMEL VALE MC AUTOTEST

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Developing club motorsport for people of all ages and backgrounds
Airedale & Pennine MCC Ltd was formed by the amalgamation of two clubs, the Airedale Pirates and the Bradford Bandits, some sixty years ago, writes Heidi Woodcock, Yorkshire RDO.

The new club joined the MSA a couple of years later, with membership growing to two or three hundred in the 1960s, before falling to around a dozen in 2012. At this point, the club decided that positive steps needed to be taken to ensure its future.

Most members were actively engaged in historic rallying and keen to pass on their knowledge and many years' motor sport experience. Coincidentally, the club was approached by the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council to organise a motor sport event that would divert youths with Audis and BMWs away from racing on the nearby motorway. A series of six production car autotests was devised and became an instant success, with a local hostelry providing a large car park for the tests and regular social meetings.

The club came to the attention of the MSA and BTRDA, and was approached with a request to take over a prestigious sporting trial at Longnor in Cheshire. The trial had been run successfully but the organisers were winding up their club and the competitors were keen that the event should continue under another banner. The trial has been a worthwhile addition to the APMCC competition calendar for four years now.

These two events led to membership numbers doubling as word spread of the club's offerings. A series of events during the lighter nights of summer increased enthusiasm and it wasn't long before the club asked to take over another event, a classic trial. The resultant Yorkshire Dales Classic Reliability Trial is now round seven of the ACTC Championship and caters for motorcycles, too.

Current club membership stands at over 70 and this number will inevitably grow. It includes competitors aged from 12 to 80, the youngest being a passenger in the 2017 MSA Car Trial Championship-winning Mini, and the oldest driving a potent Peugeot 205, most recently seen on the Northern Trial and soon to be found on the Yorkshire Dales and Durham Classic Trials.

The club runs two taster days for grassroots motorsport at Harewood Hill Climb by providing passenger rides around a grass autotest course and two more on the grassy hillside alongside the track for trialling experiences.

For more information on the club, visit www.apmcc.co.uk or follow Airedale and Pennine Motor Club on Facebook.
ANGLIA MOTOR SPORT CLUB

Although an affiliated MSA club, Anglia Motor Sport Club is actually an umbrella organisation made up of several different clubs within the East Anglia region, writes John Conboy, East RDO.

The club was established in 2016 to draw on the collective experience of all members and to enable the sharing of equipment and venues. The committee has worked hard to secure venues and agree central contracts and permits that all member clubs can benefit from. This has helped central club championships and popular autoSOLO and targa rally events, giving regular attendees more competition. It also allows competitors to take part in all events while only being a member of one club.

All member clubs have seen an increase in membership, with people able to join their local club rather than having to travel to a distant club that organises their preferred type of event. Another benefit for the clubs is that with a larger combined revenue and senior official skills, larger events can be run. Recently, collective powers have helped to organise and run the MSN Rally Championship round at Snetterton.

One of the founder clubs, Eastern Counties Motor Club, is in the process of purchasing several hand-held and car radios sets and has applied to the MSA Motor Sport Development Fund for grant aid.

Another member club, West Suffolk Motor Club, has recently assisted me in visiting a motor sport course at a local further education college. The club helped sign 15 students up to the MSA marshals register, as well as demonstrating the different disciplines of motor sport available to either marshal or compete on and help the college develop cars to use.

Anglia Motor Sport Club has also decided to to host a senior officials training day and child safeguarding course, with a view to developing skills within the umbrella club for future events. With this type of collaborative approach, motor sport in the East Anglia region is on a high and all variants of the sport are showing healthy entry lists.

For more information on Anglia Motor Club visit www.amsc.org.uk.
Spotlight on...

IFOR DAVIES
of Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Motor Club

How long have you been volunteering?
Around 40 years now. I currently cover multiple roles: Safety Radio Marshal (covering around 20 events a year); Secretary for the WAMC Northern Centre; Entries secretary for the JJ Brown Memorial Rally; Club Steward on numerous Welsh events; and Chief Marshal on the 2018 Three Castles Classic Trial. Over the years I’ve also been Assistant Clerk of Course on road rallies as well as a widely respected – and feared! – Driving Standards Observer.

Who or what inspired you to get into motorsport?
It has to be watching the RAC rally as a six-year-old at the Wynnstay Hotel in Machynlleth. I started out through navigating on local road rallies in the late ’80s with varying degrees of success. This gradually turned to marshalling on road rallies and I later became the Assistant Clerk of the Course for a number of years. For the last 15 years I’ve been a Safety Radio Operator, covering most stage rally events in North and Mid Wales.

What’s your favourite event?
Every year I look forward to a full week on the radio on Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, covering the recce and Sshakedown as well as the three days of stages.

Favourite Venue?
The Epynt Ranges – you can witness all the four seasons within the space of 15 minutes!

What’s the best thing about being a motorsport volunteer?
Meeting a diverse range of people from all backgrounds, and all volunteers being respected equally for all the roles they may perform.

Do you have any advice for new volunteers?
Join your local motor club and ensure that you make the most of every opportunity to gain experience in whatever role you may undertake.

get involved

For details of how you can get involved visit www.gomotorsport.net/New-Get-Involved/Get-Volunteering
SMS ANNOUNCES NEW GRASSROOTS SERIES

A new grassroots series has been launched in Scotland to give anyone with a driving licence and a road car an effortless way into motor sport. The Scottish Road Car Series will consist of 10 events from April to October. Scottish Motor Sports (SMS), the umbrella body representing all forms of motor sport in the country, says the events will be run in line with autoSOLO regulations and that competitions will be held at a mixture of tracks and open asphalt spaces. Participants will compete against the clock, aiming to drive the course in the correct configuration without hitting any markers.

Rory Bryant, Scottish Motor Sports Development Manager, said: “Whilst this announcement reflects a forward thinking and modern approach for grass roots motorsport in Scotland, for me, one of nice things about the series is that it actually captures the spirit of grassroots motorsport from yesteryear, where participants competed in a variety of different motorsport events – rallies, sprints, races – in their everyday road car.”

Registration – including club membership – will be £15 and entry fees to each event will be £20. The provisional regulations can be found on the SMS website by CLICKING HERE.
MINISTER JOINS SMS ACADEMY DAY

Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport, visited Knockhill for session two of the SMS Academy programme (27 January), which encouraged the athletes to lead healthy lifestyles away from the track to help maximise their time on it.

The SMS Academy coaches delivered workshops on nutrition, hydration and fitness for motorsport. The aim was not to prescribe what the athletes should be eating or drinking, or which fitness plan they should be following; instead, it was to help them to make more informed choices about their own diets and training requirements.

Campbell not only took part in the nutrition workshop but also took part in a Trials bike balance challenge and had a passenger lap around the circuit. “It was great to be at Knockhill to see how well the young people are responding to the tuition, nurturing and care that the governing body is putting into the next generation of motor sport stars.”

SMS Academy athlete and Scottish sprint competitor, James Coltart, added: “Our second session of the SMS Academy did not disappoint. We looked at health and nutrition, which was not only helpful for our careers in motor sport but also for improving our personal lives as well. We also had the privilege of meeting Aileen and were able to give her a slight insight into our world.”

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more information

For more information on Scottish Motor Sports visit http://www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk
KART CLUB LAUNCHES SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The West of Scotland Kart Club visited Trinity High School in Glasgow to introduce its new schools programme, which will see 12 pupils hitting the track at Larkhall.

Starting in March, the initiative – in partnership with Active Schools South Lanarkshire – aims to raise the profile of the sport and club within the local community. It will give students with a thorough introduction to karting.

The club’s MSA-qualified coaches, Iain Brown and Chris McLean, will teach the students about karting techniques, initially on a simulator before graduating to a corporate kart and finally a race kart.

Club officials will also teach them about the basics of kart maintenance and marshalling. The programme will culminate in a practical assessment of the students driving, mechanical skills and marshalling knowledge, with WSKC certificates awarded to successful participants.

Paul Wright, Active Schools co-ordinator for South Lanarkshire, said: “The recent visit from West of Scotland Kart Club captured the imagination of both staff and pupils. We are keen to track the progress of the pupils selected to participate and we also hope that this unique experience will awaken interest in scientific, mechanical and technical studies – perhaps even shaping the career ambitions of those taking part.”

SURVEY SHOWS RISE IN CLUB MEMBERS

The annual SMS membership survey for 2017 has shown a continued increase in combined SACU and MSA club membership in Scotland, with membership up three per cent from 8962 in 2016 to 9223 in 2017. SMS thanked all the clubs that responded to the survey for their assistance in helping to gather this important data.
A DOZEN NEW COACHES
QUALIFIED

A dozen coaches completed the MSA Level 2 Coaching Qualification at Knockhill in February, under the tutelage of James Wozencroft and Brian Cameron.

Participants came from a variety of clubs and disciplines, from those with sprinting to rallying and racing. Among them was Super Lap Scotland driver and Disability Motorsport Scotland Trustee, Colin Duthie, who became the first ever disabled person to qualify as an MSA L2 Coach.

“I am extremely humbled and delighted to have been given the opportunity to attend the course and qualify, especially as the first disabled MSA Level 2 motorsport coach in the UK,” said Duthie.

“The course has given me the knowledge and confidence to coach for Disability Motorsport Scotland. Hopefully more disabled people will be inspired to apply for a motorsport coaching qualification. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Scottish Motor Sports and the Motorsports Association for all their support.”

There are now 30 qualified MSA Level 2 Coaches in Scotland. For more information on coaching, please click here.

SMS TO FOCUS
SUPPORT ON EIGHT CLUBS

Applications for clubs to receive SMS Focus Club support closed on 12 January, after the selection process was launched at the SMS Club Development day last November.

This new approach to club support will see SMS Development Officer, Gillian Sefton, work with eight clubs to deliver their individual objectives in 2018. From the application process, SMS has committed to supporting the following SACU and MSA clubs:

- Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club
- MX Scotland
- Dunfermline & District MC
- Galloway Motorcycle Club
- East Ayrshire Car Club
- West of Scotland Kart Club
- Monklands Sporting Car Club
- Highland Car Club.

“I’m delighted to be working with each of these clubs as they are all very different but share the common traits of having strong core values, drive to succeed and clear plans for the future,” said Sefton. “Although I’ve only been working with the clubs for a month at this point, we have already begun to make significant progress and there are a few exciting projects in the pipeline. Watch this space!”

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