



# e-Wheels

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## **Go Motorsport 2009**

The *Go Motorsport* campaign has had a very encouraging first six months, attracting more than 45,000 visitors to the website since the launch in June. It has also had great success at major events such as the British Grand Prix, the British Motor Show, Goodwood Festival of Speed and Wales Rally GB.

However, while many thousands have visited the website, very few have made direct contact with clubs through the website channels. With this in mind, *Go Motorsport* in 2009 will work more closely with clubs to attract new people as well as raising the profile of the sport at both a local and national level. More than 160 clubs completed the *Go Motorsport* questionnaire in 2008 and their details and events were listed on the website. The MSA would like to encourage more clubs to get involved this year – particularly as a comprehensive fixture list is one of the most popular sections of the website.

Please click on the link below to open the questionnaire. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete but will ensure that *Go Motorsport* has all the correct information for 2009.

Click here for the questionnaire or paste the following URL into your web browser:

[http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go\\_motorsport\\_questionnaire\\_2009.xls](http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire_2009.xls)

Please return the questionnaire by email to [info@GoMotorsport.net](mailto:info@GoMotorsport.net) as soon as possible.

## **Forest fees**

The MSA has confirmed the fees that will be charged for providing access to the Forestry Estate for MSA-permitted rally events in 2009. As established in the new three-year Master Agreement, covering 2008 to 2010 inclusive, prices have increased in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI), as set in October 2008 at 4.2 per cent.

## **Speedier licences**

The MSA's online licensing facility opened for business at the start of December at [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org), offering nearly three quarters of all competitors the opportunity to speed up their licence application. Online applications will be dispatched in fewer than ten days – reducing by a third the turnaround time compared to standard postal applications.

## **Ton-up clubs**

Will your club be celebrating its centenary in 2009? The MSA has a Centenary Club Award, which may be used by the receiving club, at its discretion, either as a commemorative award or as a special award for occasional or annual presentation. Please advise Allan Dean-Lewis at the MSA (e-mail: [adean-lewis@msauk.org](mailto:adean-lewis@msauk.org)) if 2009 is your club's ton-up year.

### **MSA Yearbooks**

The *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook 2009* and the *Kart Race Yearbook 2009* are provided free with the relevant MSA competition licences. They can also be purchased from the MSA for £25 and £9 respectively (inclusive of postage within the UK). Orders should be addressed to Sales Dept, Motor Sports Association, Colnbrook SL3 0HG or can be made online at [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org)

### **2009 Autosport International Show**

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA opened this year's show (8 to 11 January) flanked by MSA Elite programme members, Adam Gould and Alexander Sims, who in the past month have claimed the two biggest prizes in British motor sport for young drivers – the Pirelli UK Star Driver shootout and the McLaren Autosport Driver of the Year respectively.

Speaking at the opening, Colin Hilton said: "The MSA invested more than £1.2m in the development of UK motor sport last year and we will continue this programme of investment in 2009 to ensure that the sport continues to grow in these challenging times."

### **MSA 2009 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook correction – fuel testing**

Regulation changes with regard to fuel testing were ratified by the Motor Sports Council at its meeting on 4 March 2008 and duly published in the Spring 2008 issue of *Motor Sports Now!* – the quarterly MSA publication sent to licenced officials and competition licence holders.

However, these changes were omitted from relevant sections of the 2009 *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (the so-called Blue Book which is sent to licenced competitors) but can now be viewed on the MSA website at [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org)>Clubs>Publications>MSAYearbook

### **Yearbook omission**

As mentioned in *e-Wheels* December 2008 and repeated here for emphasis, there is an omission in the MSA 2009 *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* in Section I – Sprints, Hill Climbs and Drag Racing. The omitted text is in the Winter 2008 issue of *Motor Sports Now!* and on the MSA website at: [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org) > News under the heading Clarification for Sprint and Hillclimb competitors.

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