



e-Wheels

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Signing-on forms

Clubs and Event Officials are reminded to always download the latest edition of signing-on forms from the MSA website ahead of each event – there may be small wording changes even during the course of a calendar year. There are separate signing on forms for competitors, marshals and the media, and a different form for officials under-18. See www.msauk.org > MSA Forms > Clubs > Signing On Sheets

Relief for clubs

Registration as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) can entitle sports clubs to benefit from 80 per cent mandatory rate relief and to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations. There are also exemptions available from some levels of Corporation Tax under certain circumstances. For further details, see www.cascinfo.co.uk

Female toilets

Following the receipt of an enquiry from a rally driver about the lack of toilets for his female co-driver at events, Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs at the MSA, advised that legislation UK-wide on the provision of toilets at temporary sporting venues tends to be driven by Local Authority Units rather than by central regulation, and it would seem wrong, therefore, for the MSA to regulate in such a field.

However, event organisers should ensure that adequate toilet provision should be made for the number of people expected to attend events, to include competitors, officials, marshals and spectators, and that the provision of separate male and female toilets is recommended wherever possible. Past MSA surveys among women in motor sport have consistently identified the provision of proper toilet facilities as a high priority to encourage continued participation.

Next generation and women in motor sport panels

A report from the brainstorming meetings of the Next Generation Forum and the Women in Motorsport Group during Autumn 2007 was presented to the Motor Sports Council at its meeting in March. Council members believed the points raised merited further study and recommended that a small representative panel should be formed in each case and should meet periodically.

Go Motorsport

The MSA is to launch a nationwide marketing campaign to attract thousands of new people to motor sport. Go Motorsport is the first ever centrally co-ordinated campaign to raise the profile of motor sport among the general population and will encourage people to get involved with the sport, whether as a spectator, participant or volunteer. Go Motorsport will be launched officially with a high-profile media event later this year.

Awards

Colin Rossborough, who has dedicated over 30 years to motor sport in Northern Ireland, has been presented with the MSA's Prince Michael Award of Merit.

Peter Cooper, Chief Executive of the MSA from 1982 to 1987 and a long-term member of the Motor Sports Council, has been given the MSA's Lifetime Achievement award.

New Committee members

The following people have joined MSA Committees or Advisory Panels.

Autotest Committee: Steve Johnson from Lancashire. Cross Country Committee: Andrew Flanders from Hertfordshire. Historic Committee: Grahame White. Rallies Committee: Mike Taylor from Warwickshire and Chrys Worboys from Leeds. Trials Committee: Simon Kingsley from North Yorkshire. Dragster Sub Committee: Paul Satchell from Worcestershire and Glenn Stockton from Nottingham.

Volunteer Awards Scheme

The MSA is pleased to announce additional awards to support the existing JLT MSA Marshal of the Year award – a prestigious award presented each year at the MSA Night of Champions.

During 2008, the MSA will provide an opportunity for clubs to nominate members of their club or association for a number of awards. Each award will consist of a trophy (to be held by the recipient for twelve months), with a replica or other supplementary award to recognise their achievements.

Application forms and further information can be downloaded from the MSA website (www.msauk.org>MSA Forms>Marshals or Officials) or obtained from Richard Nunn at the MSA (Tel: 01753 765071).

Information about the Volunteer Awards Scheme is also on the Volunteers in Motorsport (ViM) website, which is linked from the MSA website.

Disabled marshals

Many people with disabilities compete in motor sport while others are marshals, timekeepers and officials. The Motorsport Endeavour Club involves people with a wide range of disabilities in a programme of motor sport events and experiences. There is more information at www.motorsportendeavour.com

Banner scheme

ViM now has promotional banners available on free loan to clubs. They are 1m high by 3m long and come with an easy-to-assemble frame. They are ideal for use at rallies, autotests, PCTs and other events.

For further details call Richard Nunn at the MSA or email him on richard.nunn@msauk.org

Marshals Working Group and Volunteer Officials Group

These two groups met for the first time during March and will be meeting again in June and September. Working parties linked to these groups will also meet during the year. All marshals and officials are encouraged to contribute their ideas and comments to the appropriate group.

Email items for discussion to Richard Nunn (MSA Secretariat for both groups):

richard.nunn@msauk.org

Chris Hobson, Chairman, Marshals Working Group: chris.hobsonfbc@btopenworld.com

Sue Sanders, Chairman, Volunteer Officials Group: sue@summerfieldsanders.com

First on scene leaflet

ViM has produced a new credit card size leaflet, which provides basic information for the first person on scene at an incident, and is therefore ideal for marshals and officials. Further details of availability from Richard Nunn at the MSA richard.nunn@msauk.org. (MSA stocks awaited at time of going to press).

Insurance on Public Highway events

The MSA is aware that some event organisers are reviewing (and possibly querying) the validity of insurance certificates produced by competitors as proof they have insurance cover valid for sections of the event on the public highway.

Please note it is *not* the responsibility of organisers to undertake this task. Instead, organisers need only receive from competitors a signed self-declaration to the effect that the competitor has valid insurance to meet the legal requirements for any vehicle being driven on the public highway.

British Championships

For the latest positions, qualifying events and links to Championship websites, visit: www.msauk.org