



e-Wheels

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Karting kids

Just three months since its launch, the Let's Go Karting scheme has attracted more than 1,000 children to have a go at karting for £5. Let's Go Karting is an MSA funded initiative to attract young people to gain their first experience of karting without having to make an up-front commitment to acquire a race kart and associated safety equipment. 16 venues around the UK have signed up to operate the programme and they have received financial support to purchase equipment, train instructors and run the events.

www.LetsGoKarting.net

Reid has new role

The MSA has appointed former World Rally Champion co-driver, Robert Reid, to the new role of Performance Director. The MSA Performance Director will be the figurehead for all Human Performance within motor sport and will set the strategy for all MSA sports performance initiatives.

WRGB ticket sales up

Spectator ticket sales for December's Wales Rally GB are well ahead of comparable figures for the same time last year. In particular, the Kids for a Quid ticket offer for seats in the upper tier of the Millennium Stadium to watch the flat-out Cardiff Special Stage on Saturday 6th is proving to be very popular. Kids for a Quid tickets are also available to families who plan to visit the Service Park in Swansea's SA1 Waterfront development on Thursday 4th, Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December.

Sales of Friday Day Passes are also up, influenced by the inclusion of historically popular special stages in mid Wales, which have not been used since 2000.

Tickets can be purchased in any of three ways:

via the official website www.walesrallygb.com

by calling the 24-hour ticket hotline on 0844 847 2251

or in person from Ticketline, 47 Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1TL which is open Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5.30pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.

Volunteers needed

Up to 70,000 volunteers will be needed to help put on the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and the organising team will be starting recruitment in 2010 from a range of communities and backgrounds, including motor sport marshals. All volunteers will get the opportunity to attend training, whether as specialist volunteers (e.g. existing MSA marshals

or medics) or as general volunteers (roles in event services, Olympic Village operations etc.).

Particular skill areas currently of interest to the organisers include: medical, language services, spectator services, technology, press operations, transport and accreditation. Further information is available at the London 2012 website below, where you can register your initial interest in volunteering to assist with this world-class event.

www.london2012.com/get-involved/volunteering/the-volunteer-programme.php

Symes' promotion

John Symes has been promoted to MSA Technical Director. Reporting directly to the MSA Chief Executive, Symes will take a more strategic role in setting the MSA's future policies on technical and risk management issues and will be responsible for the MSA's environmental positioning.

Allied bodies

The Motorsport Alliance is a new, joint initiative between the MSA, the Auto Cycle Union (UK governing body of two wheel motorcycle sport) and the Motorsport Industry Association (the UK's industry association for motor sport).

The Motorsport Alliance will allow the MSA, ACU and MIA to speak, when appropriate or necessary, on behalf of the whole of UK motor sport - with a single voice.

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1. Pipelines in Vehicle driver/passenger compartments

[MSA Regulations] [C(b)] 16, 18 and 19 cover the topic of fluid lines passing through vehicle driver/passenger compartments. The requirements apply to all fluid lines, thus the suggestion, as was recently made, "it's only the return line" makes no difference, the requirement is the same as for any pipeline.

2. Single Mounting and Merged Harnesses

We would like to remind you that it is not permitted for harnesses equipped with separate shoulder straps to fix the two straps to a single anchorage point. There must be separate anchorage points for each belt strap. It is permitted to fit the two harness straps to a purpose built horizontal harness mounting tube providing the angle of inclination set out in the regulations is respected.

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