



National Motorsport Week events listing grows

The MSA and the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) have revealed the full line-up of events for the re-launched National Motorsport Week, a week-long celebration of motor sport that runs from 25 June to 3 July.



All eight of the UK-based Formula One teams are set to run exclusive 'money-can't-buy' factory tours, as is Prodrive, the engineering company behind Mini's FIA World Rally Championship programme.

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton said: "We are delighted that the UK's top motor sport teams are leading National Motorsport Week from the front by opening their doors to the public, particularly at the height of their busiest period around the Goodwood Festival of Speed and the British Grand Prix.

"While their participation helps to underline the UK's leadership in international motor sport, National Motorsport Week is about much more than Formula One; it's about people getting out there and getting involved in motor sport for the first time."

MSA Clubs support celebration of motor sport

Many of the MSA's registered clubs are lending their support to National Motorsport Week, despite the late confirmation of this year's date.

Richard Egger, Go Motorsport RDO and hugely experienced club member, has spent several weeks liaising with a number of clubs across the country in an effort to generate ideas that will bring new blood into the sport.

"Initially I sat down and wrote a 'hit list' of clubs," said Egger. "On contacting them I found out that about a fifth had already planned an event for NMW and almost 50% were willing to pull something together at short notice. It's a really important initiative because attracting new members means more active clubs, which in turn will lead to more events and more organisers, marshals and officials."

The scheduled club activities range from displays at county fairs to taster events for novices. For example, Peterborough MC, Warwickshire Drivers MC and Farnborough District MC will run Autotest and AutoSOLO events for beginners, and the South Wales Automobile Club is

displaying a range of competition cars at the Porth Carnival (see the forthcoming MSA magazine, Summer 2011). Meanwhile the Scottish Motor Racing Club is offering free entry to its Knockhill event on 2-3 July to anybody who shows a Go Motorsport logo at the gate.

For further information and a full list of events, visit www.NationalMotorsportWeek.co.uk

Venues back NMW too

Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands is supporting the initiative too, with activities including a live screening of the European Grand Prix on 26 June. Silverstone also is opening its doors in the build-up to the Santander Formula One British Grand Prix, with a public bike ride around the full GP circuit on 25 June (voluntary donations will be pledged to Help for Heroes).

MotorSport Vision is another major organisation to get behind NMW; plans include offering discounted ARDS tests for Speed licence holders, and running a 'Bring a Mate to Motorsport' two-for-one ticket offer for the Snetterton Lotus Festival on 25-26 June.

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Coulthard samples the grassroots for BBC film



BBC Formula One commentator and 13-time grand prix winner David Coulthard visited the historic Shelsley Walsh in Worcestershire, where he tried his hand at Hill Climb, Autotest and Sporting Trials. Coulthard's exploits will be screened during the BBC's coverage of the Valencia Grand Prix, which takes place at the start of National Motorsport Week on 25-26 June.

For more on this story, see MSA magazine, summer 2011.

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Barnicoat to represent UK in Karting Academy Trophy

The MSA has nominated Ben Barnicoat to represent the UK in the 2011 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy.

The Karting Academy Trophy is a world championship run by the CIK-FIA for 13- to 15-year-old karters,

in support of the "U18" Karting World Championship. The CIK invited the MSA to nominate a driver to contest the Trophy's three events – Italy (Ortona, 8-10 July), France (Essay, 26-28 August) and Bahrain (3-5 November).

Barnicoat, 14 from Chesterfield in Derbyshire, finished second overall in the 2010 MSA British Junior Kart Championship. "It's a real privilege and I feel so proud," he said. "I can't wait for the first round, and I'm determined to get out there and show everybody what the UK is made of."

CRB checks for Licensed Officials

As part of its Child Protection responsibilities, the MSA is authorised to undertake Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks at Enhanced level on its Licensed Officials, who are likely to work with under-18s in the course of their duties, and on Club Child Protection Officers.

The MSA therefore kindly requests the co-operation of its Licensed Officials when contacted by TMG CRB in Nottingham, which is providing administrative support. All checks are being undertaken without any cost to Volunteer Officials, thanks to grant aid from the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

FLO John Wood retires

John Wood has retired as Forestry Liaison Officer (FLO) for the Coed y Gororau and Coed y Mynydd Districts, and has been succeeded by West Midlands District FLO Kevin Witton.

MSA Rallies Executive Ian Davis said: "The MSA would like to thank John Wood for his hard work and contribution to managing forest allocations for rallies and other motor sport events, especially in the very busy Mid Wales area. We wish him all the best for the future."

Green Paper feedback published

Feedback received following consultation on the Kart Sporting Committee's Green Paper is now available online at www.msauk.org/regulations. The Green Paper was issued last year, following which the MSA invited written feedback and also discussed the document with kart clubs and other organisations at a series of regional meetings in February.

Formula Cadet engine tender

The MSA has launched a tender process for the new Formula Cadet engine, which is to be introduced from 1 January 2013. An invitation to tender can be accessed via: http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/FormulaCadetEngineTender.pdf

Notices of intent must be sent to MSA Technical Administrator Joe Hickerton by post or email by no later than 1 August 2011, as detailed in the tender document.

World Motor Sport Council

The World Motor Sport Council met in Barcelona, Spain, earlier this month to discuss matters such as the Bahrain Grand Prix, and the 2012 Formula One and World Rally Championship calendars. For further information, click here: <http://www.fia.com/en-GB/mediacentre/pressreleases/wmsc/2011/Pages/wmsc-030611.aspx>



FIA Drag Racing Commission visits Santa Pod

MSA Chief Executive, Colin Hilton, was at Santa Pod for the FIA Main Event meeting on Bank Holiday Monday to host a delegation of the FIA Drag Racing Commission.

The Commission, chaired by National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) board member Graham Light, and including MSA Dragster Sub Committee and Speed Events Committee member Philip Evans, met to discuss the technical regulations for the 2012 FIA Drag Racing Championship, which features two UK rounds.

Brands Hatch to host Paralympics cycling at London 2012

Brands Hatch will host the Road Cycling events for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games has announced.

Lord Coe, chairman of LOCOG, said: "We are thrilled to be bringing such a high profile and exciting Paralympic sport here to Brands Hatch. This will help us extend the Games outside London and will give spectators and athletes the chance to discover yet another stunning part of our country."

Jonathan Palmer, boss of circuit owner MotorSport Vision, added: "Brands Hatch is synonymous with competition on two wheels and four. In fact Brands Hatch began in 1928 as a cycle racing track so it is very appropriate to have cycle competition returning on a major scale as part of the 2012 Paralympic Games."



Gary Hawkins

Dan Wheldon scores second Indy 500 win

Briton Dan Wheldon claimed a sensational second Indianapolis 500 victory last month.

Wheldon triumphed when American rookie JR Hildebrand crashed out from the lead at the final corner, just 200 yards from the finish of the 500-mile race.

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton praised Wheldon's success. "Dan marked himself out as a talent for the future with his success in British karting as a youngster, and over the last decade he has established himself in the US," said Hilton. "His second Indy 500 win was certainly dramatic and we send him many congratulations for this success in the famous race."

Weldon began his career in British Cadet karting in the late 1980s and moved to the US in 1999. He secured his first Indy 500 win en route to the IndyCar Series title in 2005.



Chevy joins junior rally series

Chevrolet has become the first manufacturer to join the Formula 1000 Junior Championship, a rally series for 14- to 16-year-olds.

Reigning F1000 champion Cameron Davies, 16 from Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire, will become the

youngest ever works-supported rally driver when he campaigns a Chevrolet Spark this year. "I'm absolutely bowled over by the fact I've got manufacturer support," said Cameron. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. I just can't wait to drive it properly."

Cameron will be co-driven by 22-year old Chris Williams from Barrow-in-Furness; their first outing will be on at Caerwent near Newport on 24 June.

Supercar convoy commemorates Tourist Trophy

A convoy of 30 supercars travelled under police escort from the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall to Silverstone on 3 June to commemorate the Tourist Trophy. First awarded in 1905, the Tourist Trophy is the most long-standing trophy in British motor sport, and is awarded to the winners of a prestigious sports car event each year; on Sunday it was presented to the winners of the FIA GT1 World Championship round at Silverstone, Michael Krumm and Lucas Luhr.

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BTRDA taster event a great success

More than 50 people attended the BTRDA's newcomers' event at Catton Hall, near Burton on Trent last month, which was designed as a taster day to introduce novices to various grass roots disciplines.

The club laid out a variety of car trial hills and a grass autotest and after a short briefing visitors were encouraged to have a go in their own car or in one of the club's own vehicles, with an experienced competitor alongside them. Reigning British champion Ian Wright laid out a couple of introductory hills to offer a first experience of Sporting Trials with his dual control vehicles.

Organiser and Motor Sports Council member Nick Pollitt said: "It was a fabulous day and we were absolutely delighted with the turn-out. What was fantastic was to see so many people having such fun in their cars and really enjoying themselves. I must thank the 35 BTRDA members and the two local clubs who all turned out to make it happen, but this is what club motor sport is all about, and the more we can get people to experience the fun, the more chance we have of growing the sport."

Big jump in BTCC viewing figures

Viewing figures for this year's Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship have risen by 34.6 per cent, according to ITV. "We are delighted by these figures," said Niall Sloane, Controller of Sport for ITV. "An increase of this sort of popularity in any sport on mainstream TV is terrific and very much a testament to the BTCC's fantastic on-track action, dramatic storylines, rivalries and levels of professionalism which make for compelling viewing."

Bognor MC plans tour for local hospital

Bognor Regis Motor Club is running a classic car tour on 4 September to raise money for St Wilfrid's Hospice in Chichester. The Regis TAP is open to cars that were registered before 31 December 1979, though more modern classics will be considered.



The route will take entrants from Great Ballard School in Earham to Ditcham Park Farm near Petersfield, and there will be a stop for afternoon tea at Bognor Park by kind permission of Viscount and Viscountess Mersey.

The entry fee is £85, of which £25 will be donated to St Wilfrid's; entry forms can be requested by emailing alitherally@btinternet.com. For more information, visit www.bognor-regis-mc.co.uk.

Brundle spends evening with South Mids marshals

Former grand prix driver Martin Brundle attended a social meeting of the South Midlands Region of the British Motorsport Marshals Club at The White Horse in Silverstone last month.

Peter Minchinton, who organised the evening, said: "We hold social gatherings once a month and always try to get a well known motor sport personality to come along. Martin chatted about his career, from the early days through the F3 period with Ayrton Senna, and on to F1, sportscars and his current role as the BBC's grand prix commentator. The meeting was very well attended by our members, who appreciated the support that Martin showed for the vital work that they do."

The guests this month were GT drivers Jamie Campbell-Walker and David Brabham, the MSA's National Race Coach. Brabham said: "Both Jamie and I had a great time talking to the marshals; it was a chance for us to give something back to the men and woman who give up their time to make our racing safer. I know all the drivers appreciate the hard work and dedication the marshals give."

MSV rewards efforts of volunteers

MSV boss Jonathan Palmer has presented marshal David Root with a PalmerSport Day, and his fellow volunteer Dr Jon Tillot with an all-expenses-paid trip for two to the Caribbean in an effort to support and encourage the recruitment and retention of marshals at the British Motorsport Marshals' Club (BMMC). Root will take seven performance cars to their limits at Bedford Autodrome, while Tillot's trip comes courtesy of Rex Resorts. Stephen Green of the BMMC said: "I would like to add my personal thanks for everything Jonathan Palmer and MSV do to support marshals and encourage others to follow their excellent example."

MSA trainers aid Tanzanian ASN

MSA trainers visited the Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT) in May to deliver training on behalf of the MSA in its capacity as an FIA Institute Gold Standard Regional Training Provider.

Mike Flute, Chris Mount and Sue Sanders provided guidance to 56 delegates from seven regions of the African motor sport community, as well as representatives of the police and civil emergency services. Topics covered included medical requirements at motor sport events, driver fitness, safety components, scrutineering, timekeeping and marshalling.

Sanders said: "We were warmly welcomed by the AAT throughout our stay. We will follow up our visit within the next two months, and further contact has already been made with individuals with specific queries, which we have been able to help with."



Colin Hilton discusses closed roads on Politics Show

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton appeared on a recent North West edition of the BBC's Politics Show to discuss the MSA's campaign to bring closed road motor sport to mainland Britain. Also interviewed for the programme were Neil Molyneux from the 2300 Club, and Ben Wallace MP, who led a debate on the issue in Westminster Hall in March. To view the programme online, click here: http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b011r3vj/The_Politics_Show_North_West_05_06_2011/



Doran secures major backing

Rallycross star Liam Doran has secured a multi-year sponsorship deal with Monster, the American energy drinks company. Doran, 24, appeared in Monster colours for the first time at round two of the FIA European Rallycross Championship in Portugal last month. "This is fantastic news, not just for me but for the sport of Rallycross," said 24-year-old Doran.



New Rescue Unit for Ballynahinch MC

Ballynahinch & District Motor Club has bought a new MSA Licensed Rescue Unit using grant aid from the 2&4 Wheels Group and the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

MSA Head of External Affairs Allan Dean-Lewis was shown around the unit during a visit to Northern Ireland in May. "The Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs (ANICC), through its member clubs, runs a very busy calendar of events and the enhanced safety cover that the new unit will provide is most welcome," he said. "It is something that the MSA and the British Motor Sports Training Trust are happy to support with grant aid, in order to supplement the significant funding provided by 2&4 Wheels."

Dean-Lewis also attended a meeting of ANICC during his trip and viewed venue development work that is currently being carried out at Nutts Corner kart circuit.



Top club award for Junior competitor Barnard

Fifteen-year-old Will Barnard has become the first ever Junior to be awarded Green Belt Motor Club's top award – the Trent Park Trophy. The accolade is given each year to the competitor who delivers the best overall performance across 15 events in any motor sport discipline. Barnard, from Great Dunmow, was selected as this year's recipient after winning Green Belt MC's autocross championship, the Thatcher Trophy, following a strong run of results in his Peugeot 106 Rallye.

Quinton Stages re-named in honour of Grist

Former WRC co-driver Nicky Grist has become the long-term sponsor of the BTRDA round of the Quinton Stages Rally, which will now be known as the Nicky Grist Quinton Stages Rally.

MSA National Co-driver Coach Grist has been vice-president of the Quinton Stages Motor Club for the last three years. "There are now a number of events globally that are named after some of my closest fellow competitors, such as Malcolm Wilson, Richard Burns, and, of course, Colin McRae," said Grist. "I realised that they were all fantastic drivers, but there were no rallies that aligned with a co-driver. It seemed appropriate to have one in Wales and I feel very honoured to have my name attached to such a great rally on the BTRDA circuit."

This year's Nicky Grist Quinton Stages Rally takes place on 9 July.

Clock ticking on Euroclassic entries

Only a handful of places remain for what promises to be the best ever MSA Euroclassic, a pan-European car tour that takes place this year on 4-11 September.

Now entering its 19th year, the non-competitive event offers owners of classic and contemporary sports cars an eight-day road trip, starting in central France and finishing in Parma, Italy. The 1480-mile route visits some of Europe's top automotive museums, race circuits, and other well-known locations such as St Moritz, Venice, Rome and Siena.

Andrew Coe, Chief Executive of organiser IMS, said: "This year's itinerary takes in so many famous places and landmarks, from the canals of Venice to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and yet still includes track time for the driving enthusiasts. It's going to be a truly memorable trip, with fine cuisine, legendary culture, automotive heritage, timeless cities and so much more."



Entries close at the end of June. For more information, visit www.msaeuroclassic.co.uk

Special clothing offer

Link Up Ltd, the MSA's official clothing supplier, is offering the new MSA microfleece at a discounted price of £30 this month. Customers can also add a shower-proof jacket that zips onto the fleece for an extra £28.20.

For the men's fleece, click here:
http://www.linkupltd.com/msa/product_info.php/cPath/24/products_id/38

For the women's fleece, click here:
http://www.linkupltd.com/msa/product_info.php/cPath/24/products_id/152

CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

Paul Cherry



Britcar MSA British Endurance Championship

Aided by Phil Keen, Sean and Michael McNerney scored a second victory of the season in Donington Park's four-hour race.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 3

- 1 Wilkins / Scott – 63 points
- 2 Jones / Jones / Jones – 59
- 3 Barrett / Persson / Shepherd = Atkinson / McMeniman / MacKinnon = Gamski / Robinson / Gaw – 57

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Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship

Kenny McKinstry continued his dominance of the 2011 championship by securing his fifth consecutive victory of the year on the Mourne Rally.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 5

- 1 Kenny McKinstry – 60 points
- 2 George Robinson – 41
- 3 Donagh Kelly – 26

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MSA Scottish Rally Championship

Defending champion David Bogie capped a "perfect" weekend by winning the Jim Clark Reivers Rally for the third successive year, just 24 hours after taking the spoils in the International event.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 4

- 1 David Bogie – 118 points
- 2 Euan Thorburn – 107
- 3 Mike Faulkner – 106

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Hankook MSA Welsh National Rally Championship

Alex Allingham secured a maximum points haul on the Severn Valley Rally, but lies second to David Howells in the fight for the championship title.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 4

- 1 David Howells – 97 points
- 2 Alex Allingham – 83
- 3 Tom Naughton – 68

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REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Reigning champion Damian Cole, co-driven for the first time by James Morgan, took maximum points on the Jim Clark International Rally for the second year in a row.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 3

- 1 John Stone – 56 points
- 2 David Hardie – 49
- = John Indri – 49

CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

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Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship

Gordon Shedden, Jason Plato and Mat Jackson were all race winners at Oulton Park, but Matt Neal remains at the top of the championship standings.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 4

- 1 Matt Neal – 103 points
- 2 Gordon Shedden – 101
- 3 Mat Jackson – 96

Jakob Ebrej Photography



Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship

David Bogie and co-driver Kevin Rae have extended their championship lead following their third win of the season on the Jim Clark International Rally.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 4

- 1 David Bogie – 78 points
- 2 Elfyn Evans – 66
- 3 Jonathan Greer – 62

Paul Lawrence



Dunlop/WONAGO.com MSA British Historic Rally Cham'ship

Will Onions and David Williams scored the narrowest victory in the history of the MSA British Historic Rally Championship when they won the Severn Valley Rally by 3/10s of a second in their Ford Escort Mk2.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 4

- 1 Rikki Proffitt – 119 points
- 2 Will Onions – 103

Jakob Ebrej Photography



Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain

Scott Malvern secured a triple victory at Snetterton and has now won seven of the nine championship races so far. However, Jeroen Slaghekke has a four-point title lead.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 3

- 1 Jeroen Slaghekke - 220 points
- 2 Scott Malvern - 216
- 3 Nick McBride - 186 3 Dick Slaughter – 100

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Cooper Tires British F3 International Series

Kevin Magnussen, son of 1994 champion Jan Magnussen, scored his first two race wins at Snetterton, but Felipe Nasr retains his points lead.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 3

- 1 Felipe Nasr – 114 points
- 2 Lucas Foresti – 71
- = Carlos Huertas – 71

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Avon Tyres British GT Championship

Mike Guasch and Matt Bell lead the title race following their maiden victory for United Autosports in a dramatic two-hour race at Snetterton.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 Mike Guasch – 70.5 points
- = Matt Bell – 70.5
- 3 David Jones – 46
- = Godfrey Jones – 46

Eddie Walder



Nicholson McLaren MSA British Hill Climb Championship

Alex Summers and Wallace Menzies took their maiden wins – the first for DJ Racecars – at Shelsley Walsh, but Scott Moran has extended his championship lead.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 10

- 1 Scott Moran – 90 points
- 2 Trevor Willis – 72
- 3 Roger Moran – 62

Steve Wilkinson



SBD Motorsport MSA British Sprint Championship

Stewart Robb Snr took control of the championship with back-to-back wins at Pembrey. He also set a new Outright Course Record, which had previously been held by his son Stewart Jnr.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 8

- 1 Stewart Robb Snr – 86 points
- 2 Mark Smith – 61
- 3 Colin Calder – 56

CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

Nic Ayre



Link Up Ltd MSA British Autotest Championship

Simon Echlin and Richard Pinkney dominated the Kent Driver Autotest, while Steven Ferguson took his first MSA victory when he set the Fastest Time of the Day on the Juniper Autotest the following day

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 3

- 1 David Thompson – 30 points
- = Rob Rolston – 30
- = Roger Holder – 30

David DJ Jones



MSA British Drag Racing Championsip

The MSA and FIA series combined for The Main Event at Santa Pod, where reigning British Champion Andy Robinson was the top British contender in fourth.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 Roger Moore – 118 points
- 2 Graham Ellis – 78
- 3 Andy Robinson – 48

Nick Purdie



MSA British Long Circuit Kart Championship

James O'Reilly and Paul Platt shared the race wins during round two at Silverstone, but Sam Moss leads the way in the title battle.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 Sam Moss – 117 points
- 2 Louis Wall – 102
- 3 Jason Dredge – 96

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Ginetta MSA British Junior Kart Championship

Callan O'Keeffe's early dominance of this year's championship was interrupted by a strong challenge from Matthew Graham at Sherington.

Championship positions (Provisional) after Round 4

- 1 Callan O'Keeffe – 198 points
- 2 George Russell – 176
- 3 Roy Johnson – 175

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MSA British Cadet Kart Championship

Daniel Ticktum and Ryan Anderton shared the spoils of round two at Three Sisters; both have now leapfrogged Jamie Caroline in the championship battle.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 Daniel Ticktum – 394 points
- 2 Ryan Anderton – 390
- 3 Jamie Caroline – 382

Duncan Stephens



MSA British Car Trial Championship

Dave Oliver won the Warwickshire trial for the fifth time in six years, but reigning champion Duncan Stephens shares the points lead with Barrie Parker.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 5

- 1 Duncan Stephens – 24 points
- 2 Barrie Parker – 24
- 3 Dave Oliver – 17

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Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship

Ian Rochelle took victory in round two after a weekend-long battle with former champion Richard Kershaw, who heads the championship table.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 Richard Kershaw – 150 points
- 2 Ian Rochelle – 147
- 3 Carl Duffield – 132

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Quaife MSA British Rallycross Championship

Having missed the opening round of the championship, Kevin Procter made a late but strong start to his title campaign by winning the night race at Blyton.

Championship positions (provisional) after Round 2

- 1 David Binks – 50 points
- = Pat Doran – 50
- 3 Steve Mundy – 41

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

MSA issues data logging regulation change

The MSA has issued a regulation change, to be implemented with immediate effect, regarding on-board data logging.

The amended regulation, with changes shown as ~~double-struck through~~ deletions, is as follows:

D7.1.7. Championship Organisers may specify in their Championship Regulations procedures for the gathering of on-board data logging information ~~which shall be in accordance with MSA guidelines.~~

The reason for this change is to remove reference to guidelines that are no longer held by the MSA.

Helmet standard labels

The MSA Technical Department has been made aware of competitors presenting helmets with missing standard labels during scrutineering, and presenting in their place letters from the Standards Authority "confirming that the helmet is of the required standard".

Competitors are advised that such letters are not an acceptable substitute for standard labels, as the Standards Authority cannot confirm that a particular helmet has been manufactured to a quoted standard. As soon as a standard label is removed from a helmet it becomes unacceptable under MSA – and FIA – regulations.

Online regulation consultation

Regulation changes proposed by the Race, Rallies, Speed Events, Historic and Cross Country Committees are now available for online consultation.

To view action sheets detailing the proposed changes, visit www.msauk.org/regulations.

JUDICIAL

CASE No J2011/05 – Fortec Motorsport (Alex Lynn and Oliver Rowland)

The National Court considered and Eligibility of Alex Lynn and Oliver Rowland who, following a Formula Renault 2.0 Championship race on 17 April, were the subjects of Non-Compliance Reports filed with the Clerk of the Course, who excluded both appellants from Round 4.

The National Court was not satisfied that the Formula Renault 2.0 cars of the appellants were ineligible to race in Round 4 of the Championship on 17 April 2011 and accordingly the appeals were allowed. The Court ruled that the Appeal fees were to be returned and the results of Round 4 must be re-published to reflect the fact that both drivers are to be reinstated.

CASE No J2011/06 – Redline Racing (Ahmed Al Harthy and Keith Webster)

The National Court considered the Eligibility Appeal of Redline Racing, Ahmed Al Harthy and Keith Webster, who were competitors in Round 5 and 6 of the Porsche Carrera Cup Championship at Thruxton Circuit on 1 May 2011. Following Round 5 the Appellants were each the subject of Protests brought by drivers entered by Celtic Racing, namely Rory Butcher and George Brewster. In each case it was alleged that the appellants' cars were not eligible as "the car did not start the race with sill gurney flaps fitted". The Clerk of the Course upheld the protests and each Appellant driver was excluded from the results of Round 5 of the Championship under General Regulation C3.5.1 (a) and (b).

On a detailed examination of the parts said to be missing it became plain that they are not gurney tabs of any sort, and are in fact described by Porsche as "rubber lips". They do not appear to have any clear aerodynamic function.

The National Court was not satisfied that either car No 7 [Ahmed Al Harthy] or car No 99 [Keith Webster] was ineligible and, as a consequence, the results of Round 5 shall be amended and re-published accordingly.

These are summaries of the decisions of the National Court. Full findings will be published in MSA magazine.



AASE 2011/12 applications now open

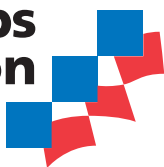
Applications are now being accepted for the 2011/12 Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence in Motor Sport, a government-funded training and development programme for potentially elite young drivers.

AASE is open to 16- to 18-year-olds and is delivered by Loughborough College in conjunction with the MSA Academy. Anybody wishing to join the course must first meet the Sporting and Academic Criteria; these can be found at www.msauk.org/aase, along with programme information and the AASE application form. Applications close on 29 July 2011.

MSA Performance Director Robert Reid said: "The training that apprentices receive is primarily designed to make them better drivers, but it can also act as a safety net if they want to progress into coaching, management, or just go to university with the UCAS points that they will get."

The next AASE course begins in August this year. Apprentices will study modules covering topics such as sports psychology, fitness and nutrition, media and communications, sponsorship, and lifestyle management. They will also work with experts to develop their driving and enjoy access to high-profile mentors and guest speakers.

Racing Steps Foundation



Team UK visits Virgin F1 facility

Members of the Team UK national spent a day at Wirth Research, which until recently was the engineering company behind the Marussia Virgin Racing Formula One team.

John MacCrone, Elfyn Evans, Oli Webb, Will Buller, Harry Tincknell, Alex Lynn and Lewis Williamson were first given an introduction by Managing Director Simon Crompton, followed by a tour of the facilities and a presentation on Computational Fluid Dynamics. The elite drivers also spent time in Wirth's state-of-the-art race simulator (pictured), which was calibrated to feature Virgin's 2010 grand prix car

at Silverstone. Harry Tincknell setting the fastest time of the group, just six tenths slower than Lucas di Grassi's qualifying time at last year's British Grand Prix. The drivers were then given an unknown setup change to diagnose within just one lap, with Tincknell again correctly identifying a softer rear anti-roll bar.

"Unless you're affiliated to an F1 team it's unlikely that you're going to get to spend time in a simulator, so it's great that I have the opportunity through Team UK," said Tincknell, who is racing in the Cooper Tires British F3 International Series this season. "But it wasn't just the access to the simulator that made the trip worthwhile; getting to meet with the engineers and ask questions face-to-face is a priceless benefit if you're aiming to reach the highest levels of the sport."



Lotus invites Lynn to Valencia following FRenault dominance

Lotus Motorsport has invited MSA Team UK racer Alex Lynn to this month's European Grand Prix at Valencia, where he will meet with key members of the Lotus Renault GP team during a two-day programme.

Lynn was given the opportunity as a reward for leading the 2011 Formula Renault UK Championship at the half-way point of the season; the 17-year-old has dominated this year, winning seven of the eight races so far to open out a 48-point lead.

"I can't wait to get to Valencia and meet the Lotus Renault GP team," said Lynn, who scored two FRenault wins from pole position at Oulton Park earlier this month. "It's a great opportunity to meet some influential people, do some networking and make sure my name known in Formula One."

"As for the rest of the FRenault season, my plan is to beat Lewis Hamilton's record of 10 wins from 15 races in 2003, and perhaps even to win all of the remaining races. It's certainly helped being part of Team UK, which has made me a more professional and confident driver with a better technical understanding of my sport."



Widening participation and raising awareness of motor sport around the country, particularly among young people

New RDO for North Wales

Go Motorsport is delighted to confirm the appointment of a well-known member of the rallying community as the latest Regional Development Officers (RDOs) to cover the area of North Wales.

Based in Machynlleth, Howard Davies needs little introduction; as a co-driver he won the 1996 MSA British Rally Championship alongside Gwyndaf Evans and is still totally immersed in motor sport including presenting S4C's excellent Ralio+ programme. As a welsh-speaker, Howard will focus on spreading the motor message in North Wales.



"We were overwhelmed by the quality of the applicants for this position and we are delighted to welcome someone of the calibre of Howard to the team, with his great contacts

and depth of knowledge," said MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. "Clearly, with this year's Wales Rally GB starting in North Wales, this is a very important time for rallying in the area and Howard will be a great asset in helping to generate serious interest in all forms of motor sport, particularly among the younger generation."

Join the Go Motorsport campaign

There are many ways for you to play your part in encouraging more newcomers into all areas of motor sport:

- Direct anyone interested in competing, volunteering or visiting a live motor sport event to the 'Go Drive', 'Go Help' and 'Go See' sections of the Go Motorsport website, www.GoMotorsport.net
- Help us to set up a visit to your local school by emailing the relevant contact details to info@GoMotorsport.net
- Promote the initiative by running Go Motorsport decals on your competition car. A selection of free decals is available from info@GoMotorsport.net
- Include Go Motorsport advertisements in your event programmes. Artwork is available from the 'downloads' section of www.GoMotorsport.net
- Establish web links to the Go Motorsport website where relevant or possible.
- Distribute Go Motorsport and Let's Go Karting promotional materials. Flyers, pencils, DVDs and other materials are available from info@GoMotorsport.net

Go Motorsport north of the border

Go Motorsport played a major role in the recent two-day Scottish Motor Show at Knockhill.



As well as a special display of competition cars, Go Motorsport teamed up with IMI Scotland to host an Education Zone, which was supported by a number of colleges and training providers who provided information and advice on all aspects of the sport.

In keeping with the motor sport theme the ever-popular Pit Stop Challenge returned, with 14 teams from colleges across Scotland competing to be this year's champions. Ultimately good organisation and team-work saw James Watt College in Greenock come out on top.

The University of Strathclyde Motorsport team also created a lot of interest with their 2010 race car, which was designed, built, and raced by engineering students participating in Formula Student. "It was a hugely popular event and all the Go Motorsport activities were extremely well received," said Duncan Vincent, Go Motorsport's Regional Development Officer in Scotland.

RDO Johnson takes motor sport to the fair

Go Motorsport's North West Regional Development Officer (RDO) Steve Johnson organised a Production Car Autotest at a country fair in Witton Country Park last month, in an effort to introduce people to motor sport for the first time.

Johnson recruited the services of the Under 17 Motor Club North West, Accrington Motor Sports Club and the CSMA North West Motor Sport Group to help run the event. Team Duck, a co-operative of marshals, also lent its support.

"Motor sport comes in many guises but you don't have to spend lots of money to get the adrenaline rush," said Johnson. "Entry fees for these events typically start at about £25-30 and it's a great way for anyone – particularly youngsters – to get started."

Twenty-four drivers registered for the event, and a further 30 fair-goers took part. Tony Bilham set the fastest time of the day, with Phil Wansbrough the quickest member of the public.

MEET...

MSA Competitions & Clubs Assistant Manager **James Betchley**

This month James Betchley discusses MSA Stewards, 12 Car Rallies and astronomy...



When did you first become interested in motor sport?

It actually wasn't until I started working at the MSA. As a kid I watched Formula One every now and then but I was always more of a football fan. But since working at Motor Sports House I've realised what I was missing, and I'm now a real fan of the sport at all levels.

What is your career background so far?

I came close to becoming a firefighter, and I worked in customer and technical support for Harley-Davidson for a while. Then in 2007 I heard about a vacancy at the MSA for a route processor and it sounded like an interesting opportunity, so I went for it and got the job.

How has your role developed over the last four years?

At first I was processing routes for motor sport events on the public highway, of which there are around 200 per year. The MSA is the sole authorising body for such events – a responsibility given to us by the Department for Transport – and we have to check that proposed routes comply with the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) Regulations 1969, as Amended.

A little over a year after I started I took over from Michael Duncan, who now works in the Technical Department, as the MSA Stewards Coordinator, and at the same time I was made Assistant Manager of the Competitions and Clubs Department under Simon Fowler. I allocate the 150 MSA Stewards to the 1200-or-so events that require them each year. It's a manual process, and it's a matter of matching Stewards with events according to location and availability. I also handle queries on matters such as

event permits and event routes, and I receive and check new club applications.

All international events taking place in the UK have to be included on the FIA International Calendar, and inscribing those events on the calendar is my responsibility too.

How does a motor club become MSA-registered?

Firstly, they need to have at least 25 members and must have applied to become a member of a Regional Association. If so, they just have to send their club constitution to me; there's a draft template on the MSA website. We'll announce the new clubs on the website for four weeks and if after that period there have been no objections, such as a name clash, we'll finalise the application and that club will become MSA-registered.

Are you a member of an MSA-registered club, and do you compete?

Yes, I'm a member of Basingstoke Motor Club. I haven't competed in a while but I've done quite a few 12 Car Rallies with my colleagues Joe Hickerton and Simon Fowler. I love that you can use your standard road car and that it's so easy to get into; anyone can do it, and it's as grass-roots as it gets. It's just great fun in a good club environment. You actually end up feeling like you're Sebastien Loeb, but at a sensible speed of course!

How are MSA Stewards selected and trained?

All of our volunteer Stewards have a great deal of motor sport experience, and most have been active in the sport for many years as Club Stewards, Clerks of the Course, organisers and in other similar roles. Prospective Stewards send in a form detailing their background,



and those with appropriate experience take part in a training programme that's overseen by the MSA's Head of External Affairs, Allan Dean-Lewis. The trainees shadow existing Stewards at a number of meetings, and eventually they start taking the lead themselves.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

Probably the fact that it's completely different from day to day, so I'm always facing fresh challenges. Sometimes, despite the regulations that make it clear that an event permit has to be in place a certain amount of time before an event, we might receive a late application and I'll then have to allocate an MSA Steward at very short notice. I have to know where every MSA Steward is going to be for the next six months, yet there are times when I don't know what I'm doing next week!

What do you get up to outside of work?

I'm a keen drummer and play in a band called Tree House Fire, so that takes up most of my weekends, but should I find myself free I enjoy going along to as many motor sport events as I can. I'm also doing an Open University course at the moment looking at how the Universe works, because I'm quite interested in science and astronomy. I'm not doing it with a view to a switching careers; it's just something extra to challenge myself with.