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The MSA wishes all club members safe and enjoyable motor sport in 2010.

New Hampshire RLO

Mike Hall is the new Route Liaison Officer for Hampshire. His contact details are below.

Mike takes over from Tony Reynolds who held the post for 14 years and in 2002 received the HRH Prince Michael of Kent Award of Merit for his work with disabled motor sport enthusiasts.

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New Year Honours

David Butler receives an MBE for services to disabled motor sport. As Chairman of British Motor Sport for the Disabled, which he established in 1987, David Butler has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers. He is still the only disabled driver worldwide to have held both an International Race and International Rally Licence, and his persistence and dedication has now enabled many others to follow his lead.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the MSA, said: "David has worked tirelessly to benefit others and has greatly enhanced the status of disabled people, especially those wishing to be involved in motor sport. He has been an inspiration, a role model and a symbol of hope to many disabled people and he fully deserves this great recognition."

Readers will probably be aware that Jenson Button was awarded an MBE in recognition of his performances for Brawn GP in 2009 and that Ross Brawn received an OBE for more than 30 years of service to motor sport

Safety Car regulations corrected

In the 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook*, the text concerning the operation of the Safety Car in circuit racing (Section Q, Appendix 2) is incorrect in two places.

More information can be found on the Latest News section of the MSA website at: <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=1&nid=1291>

Club Officials seminars 2010

Places are still available on some of these seminars being run by the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust). If you wish to attend, please check availability of places with Richard Nunn at the MSA (rnunn@msauk.org or 01753 765071).

More information about the seminars was in the December and November issues.

Day, date and broad locations are:

Sunday 24 January – Northern Ireland (Aldegrove area)

Saturday 30 January – South East (Sevenoaks area)

Sunday 31 January – Central Southern (Basingstoke area)

Saturday 20 February – North (York area)

Sunday 21 February – Eastern England (Peterborough area)

Saturday 27 February – Midlands (Solihull area)

Sunday 28 February – North West (Runcorn area)

Saturday 6 March – Wales (Llandrindod Wells area)

Sunday 7 March – South West (Exeter area)

Saturday 13 March – Scotland Central (Motherwell area)

Sunday 14 March – Scotland Highland (Inverness area)

Fitness for duty

The following words are taken from the *MSA Scrutineers E-bulletin # 48*:

It has long been accepted that it is not appropriate for officials to partake in the consumption of alcohol during a meeting. That said there is nothing wrong with having a relaxing drink after the day's toils if that is your choice. Please remember to be responsible with your alcohol consumption "the night before". If you work on the basis of only drinking an amount of alcohol the evening before such as to mean you would not fall foul of a police breath test at the start of the meeting you will not be too far wrong. Remember it is not only competitors who are required not to be impaired by the consumption of alcohol or drugs, but also officials.

In the bulletin, Scrutineers were also reminded that smoking whilst officiating is to be avoided.

Blue Book on website

The 2010 *MSA Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook* (aka the Blue Book) can be downloaded from the MSA website. Other publications which can be downloaded include the 2010 *Kart Race Yearbook*, the *Motor Club Manual*, *Motorsports Now!* – the MSA magazine sent to competition licence holders and officials – and back issues of *e-Wheels* (in Word and pdf formats). Go to www.msauk.org > Clubs > Publications.

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