



# e-Wheels

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## **New committee Chairman**

Ian Watson has been appointed as Chairman of the MSA Race Committee and will sit on the Motor Sports Council. Ian has been involved in motor sport since 1977, when he was introduced to marshalling. He is currently an active International Race Clerk of Course both at home and abroad and has been based with the British Automobile Racing Club at its Thruxton headquarters as Business Development Manager for the last decade.

Ian is also a member of the Race Championship Control Panel and the Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel. Last year he led a successful British delegation to the first Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, where he was responsible for 351 marshals. After the first Race Committee meeting of 2010, Ian said: "I am delighted to take on this role for the MSA and look forward to building upon the good work done by the Race Committee."

## **More school visits**

The MSA has increased its Go Motorsport school visits programme for 2010 with the recruitment of two more Regional Development Officers. When the scheme was launched in 2009 months ago, eight part-time RDOs were appointed to make presentations in schools throughout the UK. This number has now been increased to ten with the appointment of Richard Egger to cover eastern England and Alistair Dodd the north of Wales. Each boasts a wealth of motor sport experience – Egger is renowned both as a competitor and insurance broker while Dodd is one of the people responsible for setting up the flourishing Junior 1000 Rally series.

## **Frozen extinguishers?**

*John Symes, MSA Technical Director, writes:* We had a report recently of a fire extinguisher which, in the very cold weather, failed to operate – seemingly as a result of the contents being frozen. AFFF extinguishers contain water with a foaming agent and it is normal practice for them to be dosed with anti-freeze to prevent the contents solidifying. Nevertheless, make sure that extinguishers are stowed away in some sort of reasonable facility rather than being left exposed to the elements.

## **Carbon offsetting**

Steve Boyle, Chairman of Witney Motor Club, says the club has planted 30 more trees in phase two of its project to offset the club's carbon footprint. Six ash, seven silver birch, five crab apple, five alder and seven cherry trees have been planted on rally driver Jimmy Miligan's land – where the club holds its annual autocross event. Members of the motor club donated some while others were purchased from Nicholsons in North Aston from cash donations received.

## **Club Officials seminars 2010**

Places may still be available on the two remaining seminars (both in Scotland) being run by the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust). They are: Saturday 13 March (Motherwell area) and Sunday 14 March (Inverness area).

If you wish to attend, please check availability of places with Richard Nunn at the MSA ([rnunn@msauk.org](mailto:rnunn@msauk.org) or 01753 765071). More information about the seminars was in the December and November issues.

## **STOP PRESS – MSA ANNOUNCES A REFRESHED LOGO**

The MSA has recently undertaken a refreshment of its corporate identity to reflect a more contemporary and dynamic image, in keeping with the activities of the modern MSA as a national governing body, whether in the regulation, administration or development of UK motor sport. As a result, the MSA will be shortly rolling out a revised logo, which will progressively start to appear throughout the sport – nothing will change overnight, and change will be introduced only as and when required, as existing stocks of branded materials expire.

The MSA is equally not expecting officials, marshals and clubs to rush out and replace clothing, stationery and other branded items until these need replacement. Indeed, the design of the new logo ensures that it can appear comfortably alongside the previous version.

If you have any questions about any of the MSA's logos or their application, please contact Miles Booker, Head of Customer Services at Motor Sports House.

## **Volunteers needed**

Up to 70,000 volunteers will be needed for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. If you are interested go to [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) and click on *Get involved now* and then *Volunteering*.

**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](http://www.msauk.org) > Clubs > Publications.

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