



e-Wheels

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New MSA logo

Observant readers will have noticed the new logo above. As mentioned in last month's *e-Wheels*, the MSA has refreshed its corporate identity to reflect a more contemporary and dynamic image. The MSA is not expecting officials, marshals and clubs to rush out and replace clothing, stationery and other branded items until these need replacement.

If you have any questions about any of the MSA's logos or their application or require an electronic copy of appropriate versions, please contact Miles Booker, Head of Customer Services at the MSA on 01753 765002 or at miles.booker@msauk.org

New Judicial Panel Chairman

Steve Stringwell has been appointed Chairman of the MSA Judicial Panel and will sit on the Motor Sports Council. Steve has more than 40 years' experience in motor sport, having started as a marshal in 1967, before spending 15 years competing in club and international rallies.

Recent awards

David Butler MBE was awarded the Prince Michael Award of Merit – the MSA's most prestigious individual award, which is bestowed on those adjudged to have given 'a meritorious service to British motor sport'. David has been instrumental in setting the safety criteria and assessment that has opened up motor sport to disabled drivers.

An MSA Lifetime Achievement Award was made to Howard Strawford, in recognition of almost 60 years of dedication to the sport. Howard has developed Castle Combe Circuit into a thriving centre for motor sport while retaining a great profile within the local community.

With the support of the MSA, a number of Regional Associations have made Lifetime Achievement Awards to recognize the outstanding achievements of particular individuals within their Associations

Association of North Western Car Clubs – Dave Thomas

Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs – Robin McKinney and Ronnie Trouton MBE

Association of Northern Car Clubs – Iain Tullie and Mike Yates

Association of North East and Cumbria Car Clubs – Bill Troughear

Committee nominations please

The MSA is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the Specialist Committees which represent the interests of the various disciplines of motor sport. The Specialist Committees, covering Autotest, Cross Country, Historics, Karting, Race, Rallies, Speed Events and Trials, meet two or three times a year, normally at Motor Sports House to discuss and debate new regulations and other issues. The decisions and minutes are communicated via the Committee Chairmen to the next MSA Council meeting for approval.

All applicants must be a member of an MSA-recognised motor club or Regional Association, which must support the application. There are no formal qualifications required other than experience in motor sport. The roles are voluntary, although expenses will be paid to cover travel to meetings at Motor Sports House, and the appointments are normally for a three-year term.

Anyone interested in applying should submit a brief outline of their motor sport involvement and achievements to the sponsoring MSA-registered club or Regional Association, together with name, address, contact details and any relevant qualifications. The club or association will forward the application to Andrea Wren at Motor Sports House, Riverside Park, Colnbrook, SL3 0HG.

As applications are considered for the limited number of positions available each year, the MSA would encourage those who may have applied before but not been successful, to consider reapplying this year.

Applications must be received before the end of June 2010.

Vote for motor sport!

The MSA, in conjunction with the Motorsport Industry Association and the Auto-Cycle Union, has unveiled a Manifesto for Motorsport, highlighting some of the ways in which the government could assist the development and on-going success of the sport.

The MSA has identified three key areas of policy that will form the basis for the governing body's public affairs activity throughout 2010 – closed road events, planning issues and environmental initiatives.

For a full copy of the manifesto, go to www.msauk.org/manifesto

To sign a petition indicating your support for motor sport events on closed roads, go to www.petition.co.uk/msa

GoMotorsport.tv

The MSA is pleased to announce the creation of GoMotorsport.tv and invites MSA-registered clubs to make use of this exciting new facility.

Designed to bring video footage of UK club motor sport together under one banner, GoMotorsport.tv provides all clubs with the opportunity to have their own dedicated video webpage, on which they can upload footage of their events free of charge. Each page is fully customisable to show the club logo, include introductory text about the club and a link to the club's own website.

"It is similar to having your own YouTube channel," confirms MSA Chief Executive, Colin Hilton, "but the difference lies in the collective power of bringing the clubs together under one banner to showcase club motor sport. The quality will vary between events from amateur to professional post-produced programming, but that will be part of the attraction."

To register for the service, club officials should email tv@msauk.org detailing the club name and their personal contact details to request a username and password. Please note that login details will only be supplied to club officials.

Club Child Protection Officer applications

Since the end of 2009, the method by which the MSA processes Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure applications has changed, with the administration of this function now undertaken on its behalf by TMG CRB based in Nottingham. TMG is highly experienced in this area, undertaking in excess of 200,000 checks a year. It provides this service to many other sporting governing bodies (including the Football Association, the England Cricket Board and the Rugby Football Union).

All Club Child Protection Officer applications should continue to be made to the MSA using the standard form. The MSA will verify the request and forward it to TMG for processing. The MSA will then be provided with the results of the disclosure applications and be responsible for taking any actions as may be appropriate. Thanks to the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust, this service will remain free of charge for volunteer officials.

The MSA will also provide to TMG on a regular basis the names of those MSA Licensed Officials whose existing disclosure is due for renewal. This will take place as previously indicated in a broadly three-year rolling period.

The MSA's Child Protection Policy has been updated (latest v.2, 12/09) to reflect these changes and can be viewed at www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/Child_Protection_Policy.pdf

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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