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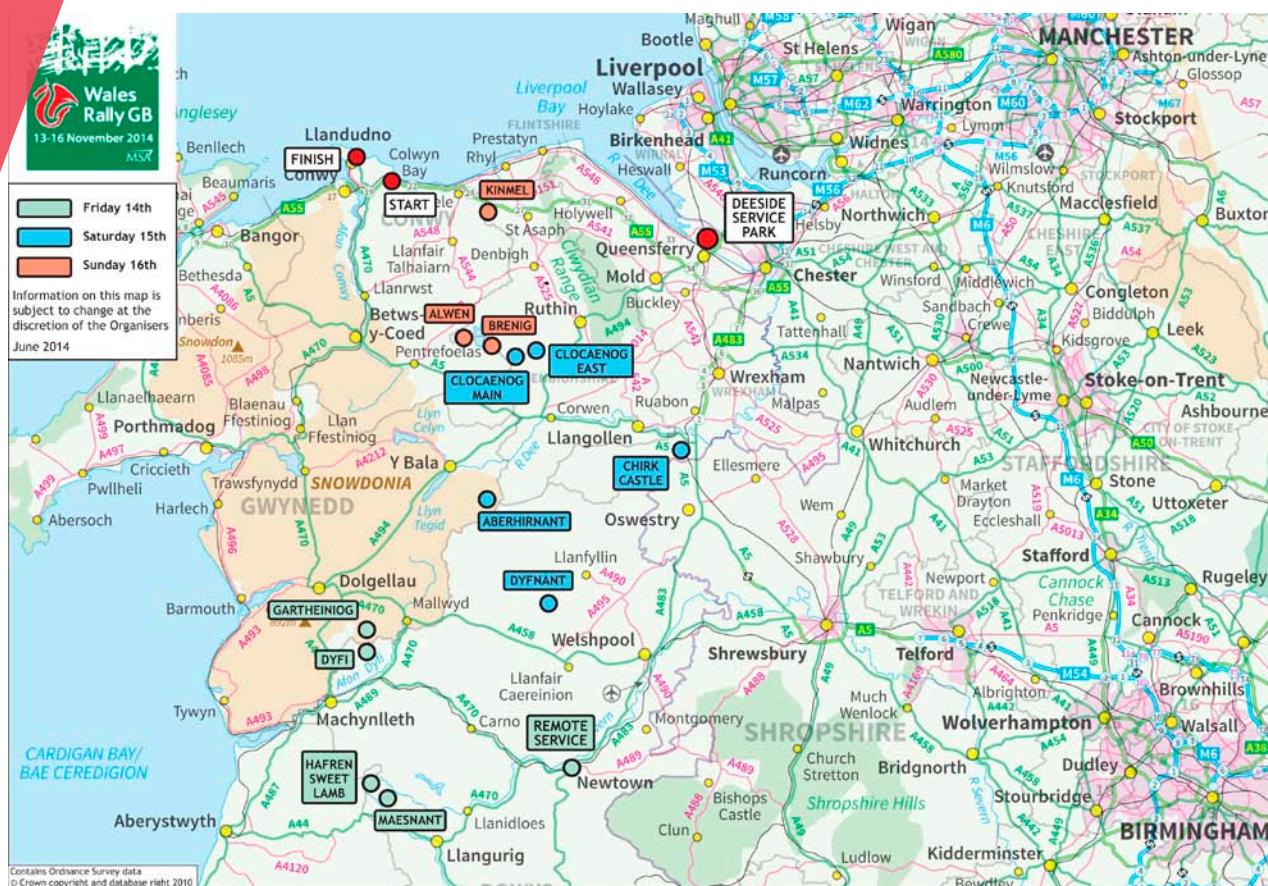
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World class season climax for WRC at WRGB

Building on its huge success in 2013, this year's Wales Rally GB (13-16 November) features a more compact and fan-friendly three-day schedule, comprising all the classic ingredients that make it such a fitting finale to the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC).

The Ceremonial Start has moved to the Eirias Park Stadium in Colwyn Bay. The world's best rally drivers, including home heroes Elfyn Evans and Kris Meeke, will then fight it out over 23 Special Stages – including two at night on the Saturday – totalling 191.27 miles before the winners are crowned on Mostyn Street in Llandudno on the Sunday. Access to the Start and Finish Ceremonies, plus the Deeside service park, will be free to the public.

Meanwhile the RallyFest spectator stages at Kinnel and Chirk Castle are also confirmed to return. With the latter having been overwhelmed by spectator numbers in 2013, the organisers have created a revised traffic management system, increased parking space and better spectator facilities. Moreover, admittance this year will be by advanced ticket only.

“Wales Rally GB is one of the truly great rounds on the world championship calendar,” said Ben Taylor, Managing Director of Wales Rally GB. “We are determined to build

on the success of last year and ensure that this year's rally brings the excitement to even more people. "The 2014 event has been put together with the interests of both competitors and spectators in mind. We believe that this will provide a challenging test for the drivers and some fantastic viewing opportunities for the fans."

Edwina Hart, Welsh Government Minister for the Economy, Science and Transport, highlighted the event's contribution to the Welsh economy. "We look forward to building on the success of last year's revitalised event which provided the region with a multi-million pound boost, attracted thousands of spectators and was watched by 600 million viewers worldwide," she said.

For further information visit www.walesrallygb.com

The Welsh Government, partner of WRGB, is in the process of updating its Directory of Welsh Motorsport Companies. This publication, created for the first time last year, is a valuable record and reference tool for motorsport-related businesses operating in the Principality. Any company wishing to be included in this year's edition should email john-paul.moruzzi@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Governing body cooperating with Police Scotland on Jim Clark Rally

Following the tragic events of the Jim Clark Rally, the Motor Sports Association is cooperating with an investigation by Police Scotland.

There will also be a full investigation by the governing body to ensure that any lessons are learned to assist in the constant drive to provide the highest possible safety standards at all motor sport events.

"The families and friends of those who have lost their lives and of those who have been injured are in all our thoughts as they face such an awful situation," said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive.

The MSA welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill MSP that the Scottish Government will commission a review of motor sport safety in Scotland. This will be carried out by a working group comprising the MSA and other key stakeholders such as Police Scotland, Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Auto Cycle Union. Sir Jackie Stewart will also be a member.

The MSA's over-riding concern as the governing body of UK motor sport has always been the safety of participants, whether competitors, organisers or spectators.



Simon Blunt appointed MSA General Secretary

Graduate engineer, solicitor, race licence holder and classic car enthusiast Simon Blunt has been appointed MSA General Secretary, replacing Rob Jones following Rob's appointment as Chief Executive.

Blunt has been a practising solicitor since the mid-1990s, working in the City and abroad before joining the financial services industry, culminating at AIG Life where he became Regional General Counsel for Western Europe and later the interim Chief Executive. He is also a Race National A Competition Licence holder and classic car enthusiast.

"As a passionate motor sport fan and competitor I'm absolutely delighted to be entrusted with this senior position at the governing body," said Blunt. "Together with that passion I hope to bring to bear my skills as a solicitor and my many years' experience in business so as to perform this important role to the highest possible standard."

To find out more about Simon, see page 18 >>



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Jun 11 What a route for the @WalesRallyGB 2014!

Only 155 days to go!

Xav @mexav Jun 11

Surely @AttersMNews after @WalesRallyGB announcement this morning @MattJMNews must be drooling at the thought now of #ProjectMJWRGB forests

Chris Rawes @chrisrawes Jun 11 Fantastic news @WalesRallyGB is using classic Alwen, Brenig & Clocaenog. I was mountain biking there last weekend

Colin Clark @voiceofrally Jun 11 Building on the amazing success of last years event @WalesRallyGB have just published this years route Looks cracking

Tom Woodburn @WoodburnRally Jun 7 Passed my BARS Test today at Phil Price Rally School, great service and now time to upgrade to @MSAUK International License. Thanks @SWPLtd



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Win a trip to the Italian Grand Prix to meet Lewis Hamilton with MSA road safety competition

Entries have started arriving for the MSA's road safety film competition, which has been backed by Lewis Hamilton, Sky Sports F1 and Allianz, with the top prize including a trip to the Italian Grand Prix at Monza (6-7 September).

Working with the FIA, the MSA has devised a special competition for young people in two age categories, 14 to 18 and 19 to 24, to create a short film bringing to life one of the FIA's 10 Golden Rules.

Allianz's involvement has allowed the MSA to extend the entry deadline to 18 July, and entries can now be submitted electronically. The films will then be judged by a panel of experts including Lewis Hamilton, Allianz, Sky Sports F1 and the MSA.

The two winning teams will travel to Monza, where they will join Hamilton to receive a £2,000 prize for their educational establishment's film or media studies unit. They will also win a driving experience day at Silverstone and their winning films will be broadcast during Sky Sports F1's programming. Four runners-up (two per age category) will each receive a cash prize for their school/college/university and will be invited to attend a British motor sport event of their choice.

Jon Dye, CEO of Allianz UK, said: "Allianz is committed to improving road safety and is currently involved in a variety of initiatives in 31 countries across the globe. Allianz is also a proud supporter of the UN's 'Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020' initiative and recently launched a new global campaign to raise awareness of the devastating impact traffic deaths have on societies worldwide. In this context, we are proud to support the MSA competition."

Details of how to enter the competition, including full Terms and Conditions, can be found by clicking [here](#). A flyer for the competition can be found [here](#).

1. Buckle up
2. Respect the Highway Code
3. Obey the speed limit
4. Check tyre pressures
5. Drive sober
6. Protect children
7. Pay attention
8. Stop when tired
9. Wear a helmet (on two wheels)
10. Be courteous



Lydden WorldRX a great success

Thousands of fans descended upon Kent's Lydden Hill last month to witness home hero and BTCC champion Andrew Jordan score a podium finish in the UK's round of the inaugural FIA World Rallycross Championship.

Norway's Andreas Bakkerud was victorious ahead of Robin Larsson and Jordan. Touring car star Jordan, who was returning to rallycross for the first time since his MSA British title challenge in 2007, said: "If you'd told me at the start of the weekend that I'd be on the podium today then I would have been smiling from ear to ear. I was driving like a bit of an idiot in the heats and then I had to reign it in. I started off the back of the grid for the finals but then I had a good, clean race. I couldn't have asked for anything more."

In total there were 37 Supercars, and a full class of TouringCar and Super1600 cars, plus the supporting RX Lites Cup.

"It's been a terrific weekend at Lydden: the sun has shone, the racing has been action-packed and we've had huge numbers of spectators over the course of the weekend"

Martin Anayi, World RX Managing Director for IMG Motorsport

Sir Jack Brabham



Sir Jack Brabham, AO, OBE, 1926-2014

The Motor Sports Association sends the condolences and best wishes of the entire British motor sport community to the family and friends of triple F1 champion Sir Jack Brabham, who passed away last month, aged 88.

Born in 1926 in New South Wales, Australia, Sir Jack began his racing career in midget cars and oval racing. He headed to the UK in 1955, making his grand prix debut with Cooper at Silverstone. He won his first two F1 titles in 1959 and '60, before setting up his own team and taking the 1966 crown, becoming the first and – to date – only man to win the championship in a car bearing his own name.

“Sir Jack was truly a legend in the sport. Not only is he a three time Formula 1 world champion, but he is also the only man to win the title in a car that he had designed and built himself,” said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive. “That he was the first motor racing driver to be knighted speaks volumes about his impact on the sport.

“The Brabham name lives on strongly, of course, and Sir Jack founded a genuine dynasty with his sons that is now entering its third generation with his grandchildren. We will watch closely the careers of Matthew, Sam and others as they develop in the coming years.”

Over 200 special guests attended Sir Jack’s state funeral in Queensland on Wednesday (11 June).



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CLUBS



Motorsport at the Palace

More than 5,000 spectators attended the fifth annual Motorsport at the Palace, which raised over £3,500 for local charity St Christopher's Hospice and delivered some thrilling on-track action.

Gary Thomas, driving a Force PT, smashed the course record on Sunday, with a time of 32.58 seconds, while Justin Andrews claimed Fastest Time of the Day on Monday.

Ex-racer Mike Crabtree (pictured), back behind the wheel of his Ford Escort

Mk1 RS1600 for the first time in over four decades, appeared visibly moved by the experience, as did the sizeable crowd which gathered to watch history repeat itself. "It was a great weekend," he said. "The organisation was excellent and everyone was so friendly. The Escort went well and it was terrific to be driving the car again after 43 years. I should like to thank everybody at the Sevenoaks Motor Club for a very good event."

Lydden Hill and East Kent College look to the future

Lydden Hill has announced a new collaboration with East Kent College that will see students from the college expand their educational experience.

Students recently attended an open day at the track to see for themselves the facilities and layout of the venue as part of their IMI Level 2 Motorsport Maintenance studies.

For Stuart Cumming, Automotive Programme Director at East Kent

College, the tie-up with the circuit is natural, "It is great news that we now have a partnership with Lydden Hill," he said. "The fact that we have a major UK race circuit located so close will mean that we can drive the education of our students further. We can increase what we can offer them in terms of experience and learning for the duration of their IMI Motorsport Maintenance studies."



MSA offers new support grants

A new strand of the MSA Club Development Fund aims to encourage the development of clubs' administration, promotion and marketing activities by offering grant aid of up to 75 per cent of a project's value.

The new initiative is primarily focused on club or regional association projects designed to increase participation and engage young people in the sport, particularly as volunteers.

Each application will be considered by an Awards Panel, which will consult the appropriate Regional Association and Regional Development Officer (RDO).

Applications can be made using the MSA Club Development Fund form, which is available on the MSA website or by clicking [here](#). A project summary, including costings, and any other appropriate supporting documentation should be attached.

For further information, email allan.dean-lewis@msauk.org

Loughborough CC marshals diversify

Loughborough Car Club sent a team of marshals to the LOROS annual Twilight 10K walk where just over 1,000 ladies, all in fancy dress, raised £40,000.

LOROS, Leicestershire's Hospice Charity, cares for over 2,500 people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



National Motorsport Week

This year's National Motorsport Week runs from 5-13 July, with motor clubs across the UK encouraged to get involved and champion grassroots motor sport.

Clubs running events in support of the week can have details uploaded to the www.nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk website; simply email info@nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk

For a list of last year's NMW events see pages 8-9 of the July 2013 MSA newsletter, which is available by clicking here:

www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/newsletter/MSA_News_39_0713.pdf

VOLUNTEERING

Wanted: New MSA Stewards!



Of the 5,000 events that the MSA permits every year across the UK, some 1,500 – including around 400 kart events – require the appointment of an MSA Steward.

MSA Stewards are effectively the eyes and ears of the MSA on an event and are responsible for ensuring that they are run safely and effectively in compliance with regulations. They also – with their fellow Club Stewards – act as the second judicial body at an event and are responsible for hearing and adjudicating upon any appeal against a decision by the Clerk of the Course or other official.

In order to best manage the level of demand both today and for the future, the MSA is always keen to identify suitable new prospective MSA Stewards. Applications from people under 40 years of age, especially those with appropriate karting experience, would be particularly welcome.

The broad requirements are:

- You must be nominated for the position by an MSA Recognised Club
- You must have the endorsement of a current MSA Steward
- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You should be thoroughly experienced in motor sport and have appropriate regulatory knowledge, and have good communication and written skills at all levels
- Experience of having acted as a Clerk of Course and/or a Club Steward, ideally but not essentially across a range of disciplines, is highly desirable
- Experience in incident handling and management, conflict resolution and working in a high pressure environment, can be particularly valuable
- Competition experience may be helpful.

MSA Stewards are unpaid volunteer officials, although expenses are covered for validated travel and accommodation costs.

On average each MSA Steward performs the role for around seven or eight days per year, although this varies widely depending on location, as well as being subject to individual availability.

Each applicant for appointment as a Trainee MSA Steward is interviewed by an Appointments Panel, where practical advice and guidance is offered regarding their suitability. Trainees will then undergo a modular training programme, followed by a period as a Probationary Steward before a full MSA Steward's licence is granted. As experience and seniority builds over a number of years, opportunities to officiate at championship or even international events may arise in certain cases.

For more information on how to become an MSA Steward, or for an informal discussion, please contact the MSA's Training Officer, Alan Page, 01753 765120 or via training@msauk.org

VOLUNTEERING



Applications open for Club & Volunteer of the Year

Applications are invited for the 2014 JLT MSA Club and Volunteer of the Year awards.

The awards – sponsored by JLT Sport, the MSA's insurance broker – are designed to recognise excellence among the MSA's 750 registered motor clubs and 9,500 volunteers, such as Stewards, Technical Officials, Marshals, Medical Personnel and Rescue & Recovery Crews.

For further details, click the links below:

- JLT MSA Club of the Year
- JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year

Nomination forms can be found via these links or on the MSA website. Completed forms must be submitted to the MSA by 1 October 2014, and forms for the club award must be endorsed by a Regional Association.

Both awards will be presented during the MSA Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in January 2015.

Competitor thanks volunteers who saved his life

An Historic Formula Ford competitor who suffered a cardiac arrest while racing at Snetterton has thanked the venue's marshals and medical team whose prompt actions saved his life.

Derek Rodgers was competing in the 2013 HSCC Autosport 3 Hours when the incident occurred. Specialist medical assistance was on the scene rapidly, managing to revive Rodgers and stabilise his condition. He was then transferred to the Norfolk and Norwich hospital for further treatment and has since made a full recovery.

Rodgers has now donated almost £700 to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS). He also took the opportunity at this year's event to personally thank the medics and marshals involved: Barry Hart, Bob Griffiths and Mikey Eichhorn. He praised the often unsung work of all the volunteer support teams at such events and their dedication to the sport.

The Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, NARS, is a Norfolk based charity based in Norwich. It provides volunteer doctors and paramedics whose specialist skills are used to supplement those delivered by the East of England Ambulance Service.

For further information visit www.nars.uk.com



COI marshals win Barbados trip

Circuit of Ireland Rally marshals Jason Jackson and Steve Reeves jetted off to the Sol Rally Barbados last month after well-known competitor Frank Kelly and 'Circuit' Manpower Manager Raymond Linton pulled their names from the hat for a special competition outside Belfast's Titanic building.

Everyone who gave up their spare time to marshal in Northern Ireland's round of the FIA European Rally Championship were automatically entered into a draw to win tickets, courtesy of the Barbados Rally Club and the island's Tourism Development Corporation. The prize included flights, accommodation and car hire.

Jackson, a 28-year-old mechanic from Newtownards, marshalled on the COI's Loughries and Ards Town Centre stages. Reeves, who marshalled on both runs of the Buck's Head stage, is retired and lives close to Ballynahinch.

A number of British competitors contested the Barbados event, including Carnlough's Joe McQuillan, Scotland's Allan Mackay and Moy's Frank Kelly.

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

FIA overalls – withdrawal of homologation

The MSA has received the following advice from the FIA Safety Department:

For safety reasons, please note that the homologation of the following overall, whatever its manufacturing date, is withdrawn with immediate effect:

Manufacturer: **ZEAL (PAK)**

Model: **ZEAL RACESUIT**

Homologation no.: **RS.226.12**

As this overall can no longer be considered to comply with the standard FIA 8856-2000, its use is prohibited in all cases in which compliance with the above-mentioned standard is mandatory.

A complete and up-to-date list of protective clothing homologated according to the FIA standard 8856-2000 (Technical List 27) can be downloaded from the FIA website by [clicking here](#).

Electrical equipment

MSA Regulation (J)5.14.3 details electrical equipment requirements, excluding racing cars.

In circuit racing (Q)19.11.3 is specific in requiring all cars – with the exception of Clubmans Cars, 750 Formula, Legend Cars and cars of all types of Period A to E – to be equipped with brake lights which are directly operated by the braking system without any time delay.

Please note 750 Formula is a specific formula organised by the 750 Motor Club; the exception does not include all formulae organised by 750MC. The requirement is for 'brake lights' in the plural, so at least two equally disposed about the centreline of the vehicle.

Harness issues

The image was captured at a recent event showing two shoulder straps merging into a single strap and mounting, in a 'Y' formation. This does not meet the specifications set out in (K)2.1.1 – 2.1.4.



Accordingly, where there is a mandatory requirement for harnesses, a set-up like this is not acceptable. If there is no mandatory requirement for the vehicle to be fitted with a harness, e.g. period E or earlier (pre-1962, unless a single- or two-seat racing car, in which case it is pre-1960) then it is the competitor's own choice as to whether they use such equipment.

It has been reported that a competitor wanted to cross the straps across the chest area and this is not acceptable. In some designs the "tags" are angled to suit the release box. Crossing the straps like this means the webbing will have the tension concentrated on only part of the width of the webbing and a load will be applied directly on the edge of the webbing. It is almost certain that in crossing the straps one adjuster will be sandwiched between a strap and the user's body, creating a hard concentrated pressure point. No manufacturer is known to endorse that straps be crossed across the chest and the FIA homologation test does not provide for this configuration.

Bambino kart class regulations

Please note that the Bambino class regulations – A1 in the MSA Kart Race Yearbook – have been reviewed and a revised document has been published. The changes are subject to a mixture of implementation dates with some effective immediately, some from 1 August 2014 and some from 1 January 2015 – as indicated. The official amendment with all of the revised regulations in full can be downloaded from the MSA website by [clicking here](#).

Exposed rear bumper threads - Kart

Please be reminded of regulation (U)17.8.9 (17.13.12 for gearbox), concerning the protection of exposed threads on rear bumper fixings. There has been some suggestion that the regulation is not always being adhered to, so please ensure that if more than three threads are protruding they are protected.

Exhaust position - Kart

Please be aware of MSA regulation (U)16.15., noting in particular that the exhaust must not extend outside of the quadrilateral formed by the outside of the wheels and the front and rear bumpers, and that it must not exceed a height of 45cm.

Regulations for consultation

The latest MSA regulation changes proposed by the Specialist Committee representing the sport's various disciplines can be found at www.msauk.org/regulations

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

MSA Club Seminar Series 2014 – Review

Throughout February and March the MSA delivered 13 seminars for unlicensed Club Officials at venues across mainland UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, with a total of 444 delegates.

With Go Motorsport's Regional Development Officers (RDOs) on hand at the majority of venues, the format for this year's seminars was vastly changed from previous years, with the whole day being more interactive.

To help deliver the seminars, the MSA engaged the services of two new volunteer trainers: Neil Fuller and Brian Hemmings. Neil is an MSA Steward, Clerk of Course, Timekeeper and event organiser, while Brian is the Secretary for the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs (AEMC) and an event organiser. The presentation team also comprised Allan Dean-Lewis MBE, MSA Director of Training and Education, and Alan Page, MSA Training Consultant.



The change of format allowed the morning sessions to be handed over to the RDOs, who right from the start encouraged the audience to get to know each other outside of their own clubs or organisations. To facilitate this the audience was split into four groups and then given various questions to answer as teams: Why should I join your club, How can my club take an active role in the community, Who are the main competitors to your club and Why does your club exist?

A lively debate took place, with many different points of view and opinions being expressed and exchanged. The answers from each group were then collated and displayed around the room for all to see during an RDO-led debrief.

Each group was then posed one scenario to discuss and asked to present their findings. These scenarios were:

- *You are a club putting on a motor sport experience day in your town to encourage new people to get involved in motor sport. What would you do?*
- *Your club is invited to the local secondary school for a meeting with the chair of the governors to discuss how your club can build a link with the school. How would you make the most of this opportunity?*
- *You are a club with a young, active committee with a limited calendar of successful competitive and social events but you haven't had any new members for the last three years. What would you do?*
- *Your club has arranged a meeting with the local council facilities manager about potential use of their land for events. How would your club make the most of this opportunity?*

Once again the audience participated fully and a group spokesman was selected to discuss their findings with the rest of the audience.

Andrew Bisping, RDO for the Central Southern region, said: "Being allocated the first of the MSA Seminars was certainly 'in at the deep end' but I love a challenge! There were some common themes across the sessions I attended. While not startling they are absolutely key reminders to get the core things right: Competitors and volunteers need to be seen as customers and treated accordingly, and engagement with outside bodies such as councils, landowners and schools needs to be on a professional basis."

Kevin Moore, the RDO for South West England, added: "One of my most satisfying memories of the Seminars was seeing the successful networking of the clubs present and that they all worked well together in the various tasks throughout the day - I think the success of this even surprised some of the delegates!"

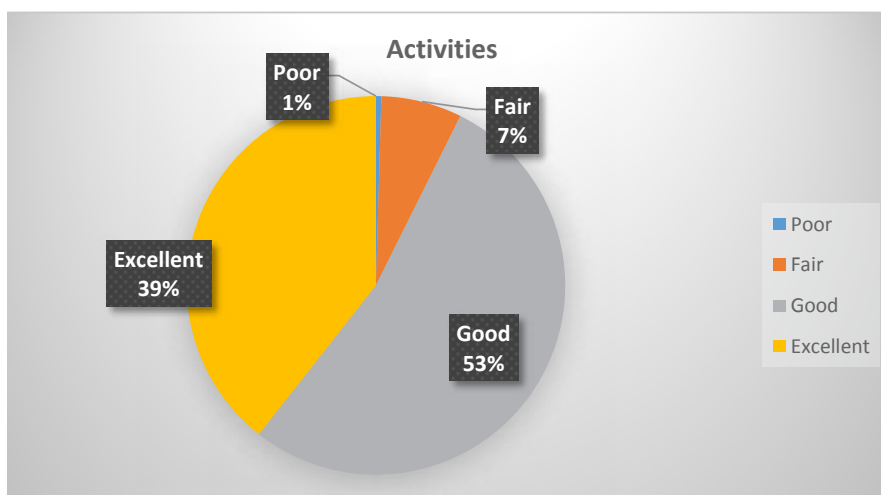
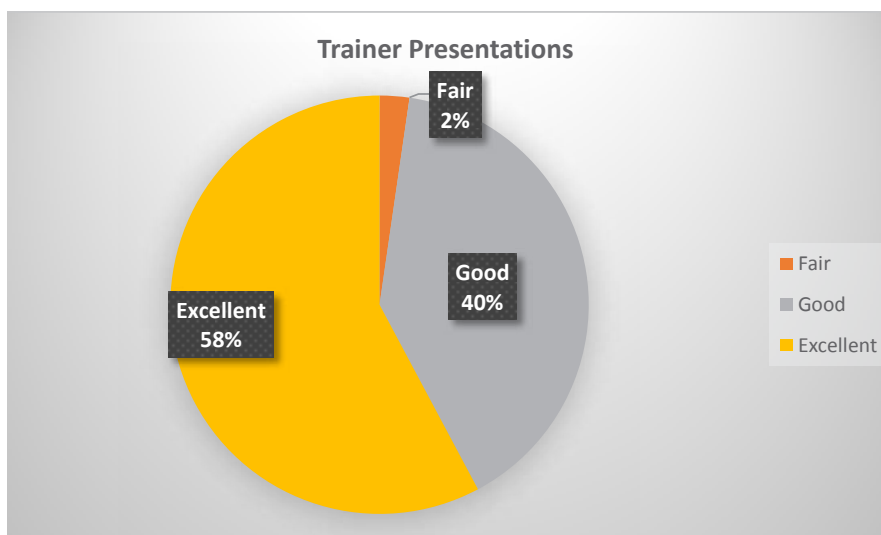
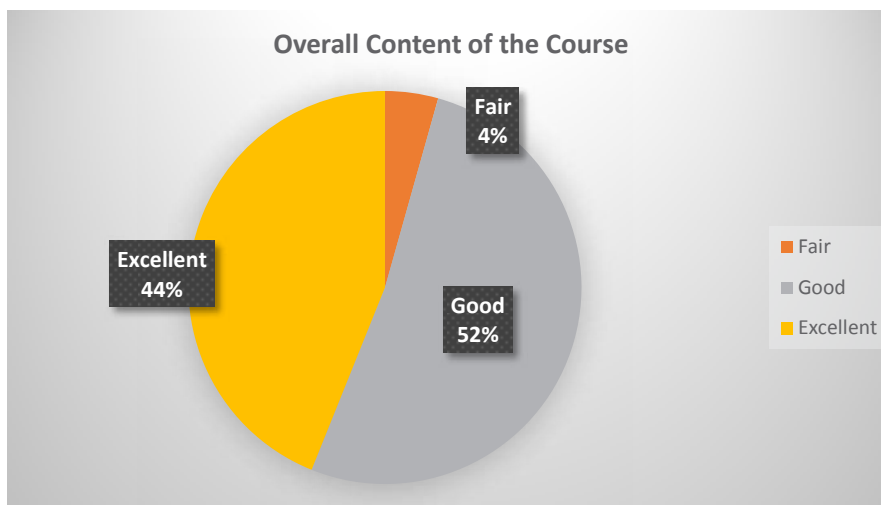
For the afternoon sessions the attendees were once again split up, this time into three groups, again with mixed representation in every group from each club or organisation present. Unlike in previous years where the split was arranged around the individual's discipline, this year the discussions were based on three topics, with all groups attending all sessions: Club Management (Allan Dean-Lewis); Event Management (Neil Fuller); and Incident Management (Brian Hemmings and Alan Page).

These sessions were a mixture of presenter-led discussions and group workshops, and again the groups findings were discussed and debated. At the end of the training each delegate received a memory stick containing not only the afternoon presentations but also additional documentation to which clubs could refer in the future.

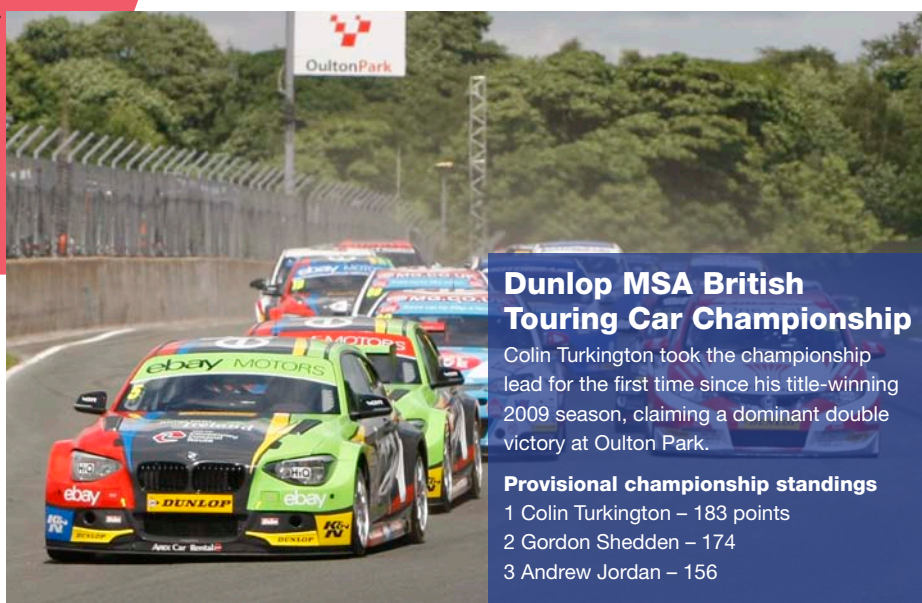
So, how successful were this year's seminars? To answer this question each delegate was asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of the training and the results were very encouraging, as illustrated by these pie charts. In addition, 98 per cent of those who attended gave an overall rating for the day of either 'good' or 'excellent'.

Dean-Lewis said: "The new interactive format of this year's seminars resulted in some splendid feedback from the club representatives who attended and it is clear that the content was well researched, well delivered, and well matched to the needs of the Clubs at this time. It also provided the MSA with invaluable information about the issues and challenges facing especially the smaller clubs, who account for over 55 per cent of all motorsport activity in the UK."

The MSA would like to thank all who attended and made this year's seminars so successful, including all the RDOs, MSA Development Manager Jess Fack, and Neil Fuller and Brian Hemmings, whose contribution was invaluable.



Jakob Ebrey



Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship

Colin Turkington took the championship lead for the first time since his title-winning 2009 season, claiming a dominant double victory at Oulton Park.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Colin Turkington – 183 points
- 2 Gordon Shedden – 174
- 3 Andrew Jordan – 156

Jakob Ebrey



Avon Tyres British GT Championship

Ahmad Al Harthy and Michael Caine took the Oman Racing Team Aston Martin to its second win of the season.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Alexander Sims – 74.5 points
- = Marco Attard – 74.5
- 3 Jonny Adam – 72
- = Andrew Howard – 72

Jakob Ebrey



Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain

Title fight protagonists Harrison Scott and Jayde Kruger prevailed against heavy rain to share the spoils of victory at Oulton Park.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Jayde Kruger – 293 points
- 2 Harrison Scott – 284
- 3 Juan Rosso – 243



The Shannon Group MSA British Rallycross Championship

Reigning champion Julian Godfrey claimed victory in the third round at Knockhill to extend his championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Julian Godfrey – 65 points
- 2 Steve Harris – 45
- 3 Steve Hill – 30

David DJ Jones



MSA British Drag Racing Championship

Marc Meihuizen secured maximum qualifying points before rain washed out eliminations for the second consecutive race.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Robert Joosten – 38 points
- 2 Andy Robinson – 28
- 3 Rick Garrett – 26

Geoff Robinson



Avon Tyres/TTC Group MSA British Hill Climb Championship

Trevor Willis and Scott Moran shared the wins at Loton Park, with the latter maintaining his championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Scott Moran – 101 points
- 2 Willis – 94
- 3 Hall – 68

Steve Wilkinson



SBD Motorsport MSA British Sprint Championship

The Calders, Colin and daughter Heather, dominated the latest rounds at Anglesey, with the former taking back-to-back wins.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Colin Calder – 95 points
- 2 Heather Calder – 90
- 3 Mark Smith – 88

Chris Walker - Kartpix.net



SSM MSA British Kart Championship

Henry Easthope triumphed again in the first of two finals at Glan Y Gors, with Sam Webster winning the second.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Henry Easthope – 462 points
- 2 Scott Allen – 421
- 3 Will Van Es – 414

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SSM MSA British Cadet Kart Championship

Teddy Wilson and Lewis Thompson were victorious at Glan Y Gors, where the rain only relented for a few hours on Sunday morning.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Kiern Jewiss – 449
- 2 Jonny Edgar – 431
- 3 Teddy Wilson – 430

Nic Ayre



Link Up Ltd MSA British Autotest Championship

Reigning champion Richard Pinkney took his second FTD of 2014 at the Juniper Autotest in Milton Keynes.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Paul Fobister – 80 points
- 2 Dave Evans – 78
- 3 Chris Chapman – 75

Calvin Talbot



MSA British Car Trial Championship

Mark Hoppe took his second overall win of the season at Kidderminster Motor Club's Wyre Forrest trial with a massive win in the new car class.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Mark Hoppe – 16 points
- 2 Barrie Parker – 15
- 3 John Moffatt – 14 = Dave Oliver – 14

Songasport



Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship

Mike Moran won round three by just one second from Ryan Cooke after an extremely close weekend of competition.

Provisional championship standings

Please visit www.marches4x4.com

Nick Purdie



MSA British Superkart Championship

Dan Clark took the championship lead with a win and a second place at the Motors TV live event at Silverstone.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Dan Clark – 145 points
- 2 Paul Platt – 115
- 3 Gareth James – 96

RallPhotosWales



MSA English Rally Championship

Matthew Robinson and co-driver Sam Collis continued their run of success by winning Class E5 on the Dukeries Rally and retaining the championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Matthew Robinson – 99 points
- 2 Neil Andrew – 74
- 3 Rory Jones – 70 = Marcel Freling – 70

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McGrady Insurance MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship

Derek McGarrity and co-driver James McKee claimed victory on the Mourne Rally to extend their championship lead.

Provisional championship standings

Please visit www.anicc.org.uk

www.rallysportmedia.com



Pirelli MSA Welsh Rally Championship

Luke Francis and John Roberts returned to the Royal Welsh showground as outright winners of the Severn Valley Stages, with almost half a minute in hand.

Provisional championship standings

- 1 Luke Francis – 87 points
- 2 Alex Allingham – 78
- 3 Paul Davy – 76



Bournemouth Wheels boosts local clubs

The inaugural Bournemouth Wheels Festival on Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend gave visitors to the town a fantastic opportunity to see a huge variety of demonstrations and static displays.

The beach played its part too, with Dakar-type cars just behind it. From the static displays, Bournemouth Motor Club enjoyed a great level of interest from people wanting to get involved, with marshalling a particular topic of interest.

Local RDO Andrew Bisping visited and did some interviews over the PA system to introduce people to the idea of getting involved and encouraged them to contact their local Motor Club to get hands-on experience themselves. "It was fantastic to see Bournemouth really buzzing with the festival and I'm sure there were many people there seeing competition cars close-up for the first time," he said. "This was a great example of our sport reaching-out to new groups, beyond our traditional audiences and I'm delighted to hear the Festival will run again next year."

Newcomers' prize draw

As part of the MSA's Year of the Newcomer, the Newcomer's Prize Draw is running for a second year, offering a pair of tickets to Wales Rally GB.

Anyone who has started out in motor sport either as a competitor or volunteer since January 2013 is eligible to enter. Jess Fack, MSA Development Manager, said: "All you have to do is send us an account of your first experiences in motor sport, explaining how you felt, what you did and how you got on, preferably along with a picture of you in action."

Entries should run to no more than 500 words and must be emailed to newcomer@gomotorsport.net by 30 September 2014. Entries may also feature in future editions of this newsletter.

To read about last year's winner, Tim Dennis, click here:

http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/newsletter/MSA_News_42_1013.pdf

MacDonald engages schools ahead of COI

Northern Ireland RDO Jonathan MacDonald took the opportunity to visit an array of schools ahead of the recent Circuit of Ireland Rally.

MacDonald headed to Newtownards' Loughries Primary School – located on the opening stage of the Circuit of Ireland Rally – where all 70 pupils had the opportunity to sit in a rally car, with some also receiving a Go Motorsport presentation. Also on hand was the Loughries stage manager Gareth James, who shared his experiences.

"At the end of the session I asked how many wanted to go and watch the cars - all of them put their hands up," said MacDonald. "A local newspaper photographer also attended and there was subsequent coverage in the Newtownards Chronicle."

MacDonald also visited Londonderry Primary School, whose 350 students all got to see a rally car and enjoy a presentation followed by a question and answer session. There was a visit to Belfast Metropolitan College, with the COI rally getting involved and engaging UTV, leading to primetime coverage and column inches in numerous newspapers.

Go Motorsport also supported the COI and Police Service Northern Ireland at De La Salle in Downpatrick, where there was a road safety talk and subsequent coverage in *the Mourne Observer* and *Down Recorder*.

The PSNI also asked if MacDonald could take a rally car to their station in Newtownabbey, where they were giving a handful of students a road safety lecture.

Moore's month

Updates from South West RDO Kevin Moore

Greenpower

My month started with an introduction to the 'Greenpower initiative' – what a useful resource for Motor Clubs to tap into! Greenpower was initially conceived as a charity to work closely with schools and colleges. However, having attended a recent school visit with Vaughan Curnow (Greenpower-SouthWest), I have realised the value to Motor Clubs of this as a way of:

- Developing or involving a much younger element of club membership in a well structured and competitive environment, which can only add to the ongoing longevity of the club and provide a natural source of progression into 'mainstream' motorsport for the future - without the often prohibitive major expenditure.
- Offering an excellent way of Motor Clubs integrating with a local school or youth group in a structured project that ticks many boxes (including STEM subjects within the schools curriculum).

Greenpower are now encompassed under the 'MSA umbrella' so the family connection is in place and if you contact your local Greenpower directly or via your Go Motorsport RDO I am sure your approach will be welcomed with enthusiasm equal to that provided to me in the South West. The Greenpower website is www.greenpower.co.uk or if anybody requires further information, please feel free to contact me on southwest@gomotorsport.net

Hillclimb Academy Latest

I attended an evening session at the Tregrehan Hillclimb Academy this month and was really encouraged by the enthusiasm that this initiative has generated in its inaugural season. With 21 newcomers registered for the events this year I am sure the Academy are looking forward to a positive future. The evening format saw the Academy members being walked up the hill under the guidance of several experienced

mentors, with lines and braking points being discussed. Paddock, start line, scrutineering and signing on processes were all explained in detail, removing much of the associated anxiety from competing on your first event. Any clubs, or otherwise, wishing to find out more should contact the organisers (Truro and District Motor Club) tregrehan@trurodmc.co.uk or www.trurodmc.co.uk

Go Motorsport at the South West Autosport Show

The South West Autosport Show held on 18 May was an outstanding success with 4,500 visitors and two fantastic Go Motorsport live action taking place at the venue.

The first was a Production Car Autotest organised by Exeter Motor Club, running on a Taster PCA permit. The second 'live action' event was an Autocross demonstration hosted by South Hams Motor Club.

Go Motorsport also had a static area supported by several Car/Kart Clubs and a display of classic/competition cars. The show organisers gave an award for 'best classic', with this being awarded to Paul Kynastons beautiful white E-Type on the GoMotorsport stand.

Profit generated from the Go Motorsport 'Live Action' events went towards the shows charity donation total of £1000 to Cancer Research.

Anyone wanting more information regarding the above (or similar) please contact me (Kev Moore - GoMotorsport RDO (SW)) on southwest@gomotorsport.net or your local RDO as appropriate.

GET INVOLVED in

HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE

TAKE A MATE:

Why not take someone along to their first event and see the look on their face when they realise that they can do it too.

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL:

Get involved in National Motorsport Week 2014 and help your club organise some kind of activity or event to spread the word.

GET STICKING:

Have you put Go Motorsport stickers on your competition car? We can supply stickers and other promotional material for you to hand out to reach new audiences.

GO BACK TO SCHOOL:

Organise for your club to make a presentation in a local school, invite the local paper and increase awareness of what you do.

CONTACT YOUR RDO:

Speak to your local Regional Development Officer (details on the Go Motorsport website) and work with them to benefit your club.

ANY OTHER IDEAS?

Let us know what you want to do, or just do it!



Apply now for AASE in Motor Sport

Applications are open for the 2014 AASE in Motor Sport programme, which has benefitted more than 160 promising young drivers since its launch five years ago.

AASE in Motor Sport was launched in 2009 as part of the MSA Academy – a development pathway for the most promising drivers in UK motor sport that peaks with the Team UK national squad.

Delivered by Loughborough College, the three-year programme is essentially a sports science course for motor sport, and focuses on all of the human performance elements that combine to create successful drivers. AASE athletes are required to attend the college twice a month for three days at a time.

European F3 racer and Team UK member Jake Dennis graduated from AASE in 2012. “I found the AASE programme invaluable to my career, starting when I was in karting and continuing to where I am now in FIA European F3,” he said. “Not only does it develop you as a driver, it also teaches you every aspect of what you need to achieve in terms of nutrition, health and safety to racing on the track – essentially, all you need to know to be a professional racing driver.



“The detail that goes into this programme is something you won’t find anywhere else and is just what anyone needs to further their career. Most of all though it’s enjoyable, so to be able to learn and have fun means you can’t go wrong! I’m sure that I will continue to use what I’ve learned on the programme in years to come.”

Each year one member of the AASE programme is named the RSF MSA Young Driver of the Year. The winner receives a trophy and a cheque for £1,000 at the MSA’s prestigious Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club.



To download the AASE leaflet and application form, visit www.msauk.org/aase

For further information, contact MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes on aase@msauk.org

Pre-season briefing for MSA-nominated CIK-FIA karters

The UK's representatives in the 2014 CIK-FIA Karting Academy Trophy, Ross Martin and Oliver York, enjoyed a pre-season briefing at Motor Sports House with MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes and Steve Gill, father of 2012 British nominee Alex Gill.

Chris Walker - Kartpix.net



The MSA nominated Martin and York for this year's KAT, a world championship for 13- to 15-year-olds staged over three rounds: Genk, Belgium (15 June); Wackersdorf, Germany (13 July); and Sarno, Italy (12 October).

Chris Walker - Kartpix.net



The session was designed to prepare and support the drivers to help them maximise their potential during their upcoming campaigns. Topics covered included the responsibility

of representing the UK, pre-event preparation and understanding all the championship's rules and regulations.

They also discussed EduKart, an educational programme from the CIK-FIA focusing on the history of the sport and the FIA, anti-doping, road safety and more.

Fourteen-year-old Ross Martin, from Dunbartonshire, said: "I felt the importance and commitment from the MSA from the minute I arrived at Motor Sports House and it made me realise more than ever how big this opportunity is. I found the presentations very useful, especially anti-doping, and also the talk from Steve Gill. I definitely feel I have immense support and this will help in my championship campaign."

York, aged 12 from Woking, said: "My day at MSA with Greg Symes and Steve Gill was great and I learnt a lot. Greg prepared me for what I need to do and what is expected of me. Steve's previous experience shared with us will help my Dad and Ross's Dad prepare them as to what can happen. I am really looking forward to the championship."

Silverstone sessions for Squad

Aspiring athletes on the MSA Academy Squad benefitted from day-long series of workshops with some of the UK's top motor sport coaches at Silverstone's Porsche Experience Centre.

MSA Academy Coaches Bradley Ellis, Adam Gould, Rupert Svendsen-Cook and James Wozencroft were all on hand to develop the 12 junior and senior drivers from racing, rallying and karting.

The day was tailored to the needs of the audience and based around:

- Being a reflective practitioner
- Event planning and preparation
- Common language
- The Friction Circle (the physics of driving).

Greg Symes, MSA Academy Manager, said: "The sessions are designed to provide the drivers with underpinning knowledge that then allows our qualified coaches to work with them effectively on events and remotely throughout the season."

Squad members are hand-picked to benefit from the knowledge, skills and resources developed over the last five years by the MSA Academy. For further information, email academy@msauk.org

Coaches help young drivers across the country

Young drivers in the Protyre Formula Renault Championship benefitted from one-on-one support and an anti-doping seminar from a pair of MSA Academy Coaches at Donington Park.

Phil Glew worked with the drivers individually and lent additional support to the championship's MSA Academy members. Adam Gould led the anti-doping presentation,



which also encompassed SAXMAX competitors.

Meanwhile fellow MSA Academy Coach Duncan Tappy headed to Brands Hatch, where he offered individual coaching sessions for BRDC Formula 4 racers, including MSA Academy drivers.

Meet...

MSA General Secretary Simon Blunt

In a return to our series of staff profiles, we introduce new MSA General Secretary Simon Blunt, who discusses everything from shutting down a life insurance company to racing a Jaguar XJS and commuting in an E-Type

Roger Gage



What's your professional background?

I graduated from the University of Exeter 1991 with a degree in engineering but decided I wanted to revisit the idea of a career in law. I've been a solicitor since 1997.

I worked for a law firm the City for a few years and that took me all over the world; I've lived and worked in Tokyo and Paris, and I was seconded to Airbus in Toulouse for six months. I came back to the UK in 2001, left private practice law and went to work for Capital One, the credit card company, still as a lawyer. That took me up to 2005 when I went to work for AIG Life, becoming Regional General Counsel for Western Europe.

Then the credit crunch hit and first the company was sold, then the new owner decided to close us. It takes a long time to shut down a life insurance company – AIG Life had been in the UK for 85 years – so that process took the best part of two years and for the last 18 months I was the interim Chief Executive. My role was to shut it down, so I made myself redundant by late 2012.



How did you get the job here at the governing body?

I was aware of movements at the top of the MSA, and when Rob Jones was appointed Chief Executive I guessed he'd be looking for somebody to replace him as General Secretary. I saw the job advertised in this newsletter, so I submitted my CV, went through the interview process and started the job all within a matter of four or five weeks.

What does the role involve?

I'm the senior in-house lawyer for the MSA Group, advising on all aspects of law whether it's sporting governance, company law, employment law – you name it. The MSA is a company limited by guarantee, so as General Secretary I'll ensure that it's run in accordance with all the Companies Act legislation.

I'll also be providing advice and support to the Board and Council members; I'm their point of contact if they have any issues. And of course I'll be working with everyone here at Motor Sports House to run the sport, which for me includes overseeing the National Court. I'm also a trustee of the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

How do you feel about this latest chapter in your career?

It's a really exciting opportunity for me. As I said during my interviews, no one gets passionate about financial services regulation, but I have a great opportunity here to combine a personal hobby – more of a passion or even obsession, really – with my professional life. What's it like a week in? It's fascinating. Looking around the office there's a real buzz and a passion for UK motor sport. The other thing I find amazing is that the length of service here is astonishing; the corporate memory in this building is a really powerful tool for the MSA. I've worked in places where after five years you'd be considered a long-termer, and that's how companies can slip up on banana skins.

Another thing I find compelling about the sport is that so much of it requires people giving up their time freely. At an event level that's volunteer marshals and officials, but also at governance level it's everyone on the Motor Sports Council and Specialist Committees, all giving up their time because they're passionate about the sport.

I've joined right in front of meetings of the Motor Sports Council MSA Board and IMS Board, so it's a really exciting time and I'm very keen to bring the

skills I've developed in the financial services industry to help run the governing body of the sport in the UK.

You're an MSA Competition Licence holder; what's the story there?

I've always been a lover of classic cars and motor sport, so I'd looked closely at sprinting and was also doing a few track days, particularly with the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club. I decided in late 2011 that I was going to make the transition to racing, so I spoke to people within the club about what was involved and decided to go for it. I spent 2012 preparing, doing more track days, completing the ARDS course, looking for the right donor car – a 1988 3.6-litre Jaguar XJS – and getting ready for my first season in the JEC Championship in 2013.

I compete in the lightly modified road car class, with just the bare minimum of modifications to meet the safety and technical regulations, such as a roll cage, plumbed-in fire extinguisher and cut-off switch. Through consistent mediocrity I came third in class in the first year and we're now almost halfway through the second season; I'm getting faster but so is everyone else!

What else do you have in the garage?

I have a 1966 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 Fixed Head Coupe, which was an early 40th birthday present to myself a few years ago. It's not a museum piece that I clean and polish and leave in the garage; I used to drive it to work most days, I've driven long distances in it, I drive it come rain or shine, and I've also driven it in track days at Brands Hatch and Mallory Park – it's just beautiful to drive. I've also got a 1970 Land Rover Series IIA because it's the same age as me, plus a Range Rover, which is my towing car when I'm racing and for driving to Motor Sports House to give the E-Type and Land Rover a rest.

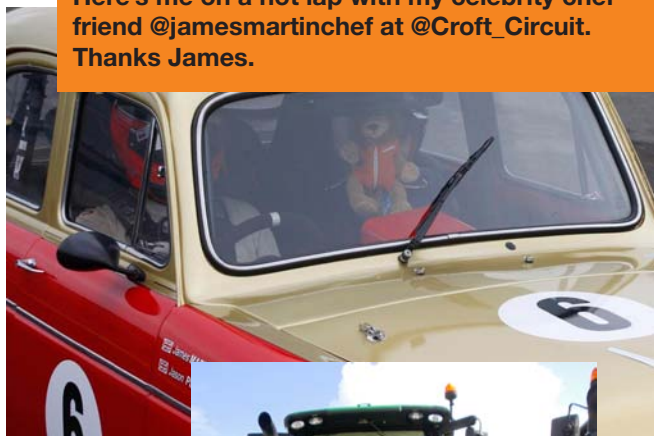
Great to see @SimonBelcher11 in action @Oulton_Park @DunlopBTCC after his off-track excursion last time out! #BTCC



This must be for me then! #thanksmarshal #BTCC @DunlopBTCC



Here's me on a hot lap with my celebrity chef friend @jamesmartinchef at @Croft_Circuit. Thanks James.



I'm pleased I got to have a drive with @jamesmartinchef before his new team-mate @jasonplato gets hold of the car :)

Here I am at the Myerscough College PCA at the wheel of my daily driver...



Who wants to Autotest one of these?!

Sitting with Simon Besant in his Westfield S Eight preparing for the start of the Abingdon Sprint Course.



Readying for the off at the Bentley Course with John Gregson in his Jedi. May the force be with them!



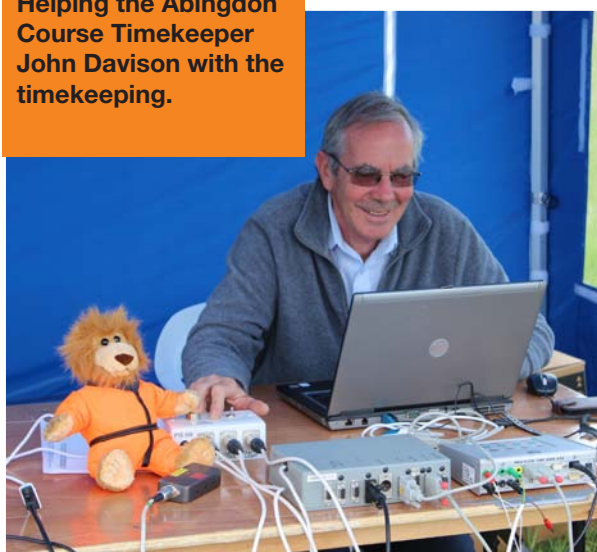
Sitting in the queue for the Abingdon Course with Alan Caldecourt in his Westfield SE.



Joining Trevor Martin and Ray Cleghorn in their Subaru Impreza in the arrival control at the start of the Abingdon Car-nival Stages.



Helping the Abingdon Course Timekeeper John Davison with the timekeeping.



Helping Deputy Clerk of the Course, Tony Perrett with lignin a car up for the start of the Abingdon Sprint Course.

