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MSA Rally Marshals Training sessions

Details pertaining to the sessions available at each Training Day can be found on the Volunteers In Motorsport website by following the Rallying Link and selecting Training Days under Useful Links

Currently the nearest Training Days are :-

1, at Askham Bryan College on Sunday 28th January (<http://www.brnc.org.uk/york2007.htm> for online applications)

2, at Gateshead College on Saturday 3rd February (www.brnc.org.uk/gateshead2007.htm for online applications)

3, at Derby University on Saturday 24th February (www.brnc.org.uk/rodbaston2007.htm for online applications)

As always this training is provided free of charge by MSA Marshals Instructors, the only costs to attendees being their fuel, plus either the college refectory or local café prices for breakfast and lunch, if people don't wish to take their your own sandwiches, etc.

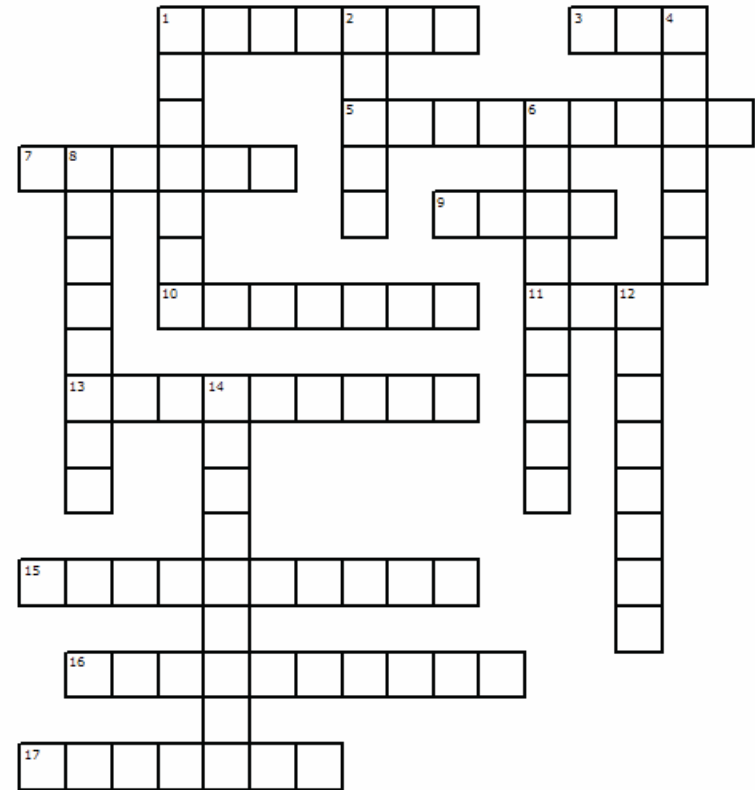
For more information on the MSA scheme please visit <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/contentViewArticle.asp?article=2385>

Dinner Dance

The annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving will be held on Saturday 27th January at Castle Grove in Headingley. The cost this year will be £20 per person. Menu selection forms can be found on the motor club website if you have not already received one in the post.

I will not be attending club nights so please post your menu choice forms and cheques to me at the address at the bottom of the form.

Caroline Marston



Across

1. Panel on the side of the car housing the water radiators
3. Governing body of world motorsport
5. System to gather data electronically during running
7. Woven material used in race car chassis
9. An aerofoil-section horizontal surface designed to create downforce
10. Suspension component that operates a top mounted spring or damper unit
11. Computer-aided design
13. An oven in which carbon-fibre composites are baked to cure them
15. Suction effect generated by airflow around the back of a car travelling at high speed
16. Tendency for the front of the car to slide wide of the intended line through a corner
17. Suspension component that operates a bottom mounted spring or damper unit

Down

1. Shaped section of extra bodywork to influence airflow
2. Tendency for the front or rear of the car to move up and down, independtly on each other
4. Opening at the front of the engine cover to encourage admission of air into the engine
6. Racing car chassis structure
8. Verticle surface on the end of a wing, to influence airflow
12. Section of the undertray that sweeps up to release the air that has been speeded up during its journey beneath the car

Club Nights

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5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
19th The Yeoman – Otley
26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa (thought I'd put it in even though its Boxing Day and we'll see everyone at the Autotest won't we)

January 2007

2nd Old Modernians Sports & Social Club—Cookridge
9th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
16th The Yeoman – Otley
23rd Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
27th Trackrod Dinner Dance
30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

Rolling Calendar 2006/2007

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10th Malton Forest Rally - North Yorkshire
26th Trackrod Boxing Day Autotest
29th-30th Park Hall Stages - Lancashire

January 2007

11th-14th Autosport International Show– NEC Birmingham
27th Trackrod Dinner Dance

March 2007

4th Lookout Stages Rally

BRC Dates 2007

20-21 April	Pirelli International Rally
26-27 May	Jim Clark International Rally
19-21 July	Isle of Man International Rally
31 Aug-1 Sept	Ulster International Rally
6 Oct	International Rally Yorkshire
30 Nov-2 Dec	Wales Rally GB

Scottish Correspondent

December 2006

Seasons greetings to you all from up here in Scotland. I hope you have been good during the year and thus Santa will be good to you!!

Below are a few words re what has happened towards the end of 2006, and more importantly what is planned for 2007! Hope to see a number of you during 2007.

CRAIL KINGOM STAGES – 4th November

This was an excellent day again, and it was nice to see StephenL venturing all the way up to help again. This year we ran 6 stages of triple laps, busy but fun, and it finished a lot earlier! In the morning we did 2 pairs of stages in one direction, followed by one pair in the opposite direction in the afternoon. We did have a rather nasty accident on stage 5, but all the rescue services worked as a team and county ambulance arrived very quickly. Both crew members are now fine.

The weather kept good for us as well, so an excellent day. I will be back again next year, its great having the caravan there on the Friday night and not having to get up early in the morning!!

ROGER ALBERT CLARK RALLY – 19th November

What a great event this is turning out to be, and socialable as well!!! I travelled down on the Saturday afternoon to the Dumfries area with a Range Rover full of 'bodies' to help. We 1st did a route check of the 16mile forest of Ae stage that was being setup, then on to Dumfries to check on the Heathhall service area and special stage. All three were well in hand, so it was time to go to the B&B (friendly local rally chap run place!) and out for a spot of dinner with 10 of us, a great evening!

Sunday morning came too quickly to find that we had 2+ inch of snow in Ae, marshal cars struggling to get into position, and the stage started only 5 mins behind schedule even due to this! Well done all. The weather was proving to be a typical RAC, great stuff!

Heathhall Service Area, Heathhall stage, Castle O're and Twiglees all ran without issue, well done to all for helping, it was very much appreciated by all. Talking of appreciation, it was great to see/hear so much appreciation from the competitors – it does make the marshals feel a lot more appreciated! It was also nice to see a number of you up from Yorkshire, watching/listening to some good rally cars !3 With plans to build on the three years of success to date, it will be interesting to see what 2007 brings.

Planning for 2007!!!! Some dates to be confirmed.

RALLOY MULL FOREST STAGES – 20th January

Our accom and ferry is now booked and no spare beds!!!! This turned out to be an excellent weekend for the 1st running in 2006.

SNOWMAN FOREST STAGES – 17th February

Based in Inverness and is usually good fun. Not sure how it will fit in with family life, since I might have to go to Madrid with No1 daughter!!! (will know about that in January).

PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL – 20th & 21st April

This is an early notification for you for two reasons:

The date is in April for 2007 (was May in previous years)

Back to a Friday (double run at 30sec) and Saturday (single run) format.

We have been 'unofficially' asked to do PZero again! So book your time off for the Friday afternoon now please!!!!

JIM CLARK INTERNATIONAL – 26th & 27th May

Never been able to go on this event since we are usually on Holiday in July, but with the date change we hope we will be OK.

KNOCKHILL FEEDFAIR 2007 – mid July

A great time in 2006 for the 'kick off event', let's see what happens for 2007, they plan to present a bigger event!

PARK SYSTEM RALLY – ish 2nd Sat in September

This was a great sociable weekend in 2006, let's see what 2007 brings!

KINGDOM STAGES, CRAIL – 1st Sat in November usually

ROGER ALBERT CLARK – late Nov.

GALLOWAY HILLS RALLY – 1st Sunday in December

Couldn't make it this year, would like to try to in 2007.

So that's it for now. Seasons greetings to you all, and all the best for 2007.

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07793 662444 M – but not after 22:00! (eMail peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

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Peter Stanhope

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM

Members Name

Competitors tick appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

Organising Club:

Trackrod [] PCT []

Other [] Road Rally []

Type of Claim:

Driver [] Stage Rally M/V []

Navigator [] Stage Rally S/V []

Marshal [] Treasure Hunt []

Service Crew [] 12-Car []

Organiser : [] Other -

state position state type

Event Status

Clubman CM [] National "B" [] ANCC Round []

National "A" [] International [] Yorkshire League Round []

Other

For Official Use Only

RESULTS

Date received

Your Entry No

Processed by

Position Overall

Awards eligible for

Position in Class

No. in Class

ALL claims to be made within 1 month from the date of the event and must include a copy of entry list and final results sheet.

AUTUMN WORKSHOP CLEARANCE SALE

Mk2 Escort 5spoke Revolution 15in White wheels with good gravel Tyres

Full set of Gp4 conversion nuts for use with above.

English half Shafts £50ea + many more spares.

Std Type 9 5spd Sierra Gearbox £175ono

COSWORTH Quaife 4X4 6pd Sequential Gearbox

R+D Thickwall GpA Plated Front LSD+Shafts

3.9 Rear LSD to suit above setup.

Harvey Gibbs Hi-Comp Cosworth Engine

P8 ECU ALS WATER INJ only 250miles

R+D 6spd Cosworth Dogbox £5500

4WDHead Stripped 205 Block

Cosworth Front Diff no LSD £150

Cosworth 4X4 Rear Diff + LSD £250

Driveshafts/hubs/arms/legs/ from £100ea

Intercooler inc Water Inj nozel 2WD £250

Comprehensive Cosworth Spares package

inc.L8 ECU,Coil & All Eng Ancillaries inc starter alternator ECU etc £POA

SUBARU

GPA Subaru Eng&Gearbox mounting set £400

03WRX NAI Rear Diff LSD UK £250

03WRX NAI wider track Shafts £100

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TRIUMPH 900ccTriple British Racing Green 10m Mot&Taxed ideal

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Motorsport News. November 22nd 2006

Moon shines in Yorkshire stunner.

Flag-to-finish masterclass leaves Moon's rivals reeling.

Kall Kwik Rally.

A substantial first-stage lead of eight seconds launched Ford Escort pairing Darren Moon and John McNichol into a comfortable start-to-finish victory.

Need I say more?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1MYtRsK3Q4>

See more?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6KlGtK1fGE&mode=related&search=>

Congratulations

Congratulations Darren and John on their first rally win.

When they took a 01:48 lead to the top of the podium on the Kall KwikRally

Lets hope this is the start of many for them both

Boxing Day AutoTest

Regulations are out for the Boxing Day Autotest.

If you require a set contact Andrew Apperley (07836 544037) or log onto the Trackrod website.

If your not interested in competing and need a motorsport fix or just to get away from the family for a bit heres your excuse to come marshal.

09.00am Scrutineering starts
10.00am First test starts

Held at
Leeds City Council (Gravel) Park at **Temple Newsum House**, Leeds just off the A63. Map Ref.104/355324

Congratulations Bob

Some members may know already but for those who don't and know Bob Wright.

Bob has been voted the winner of prized Alexander Forbes MSA Marshal of the Year Award 2006 by the UK's governing body of motor sport, the Motor Sports Association.

Wright will collect the prestigious Alexander Forbes MSA Marshal of the Year Award trophy - as well as a cheque for £250 - at the MSA's annual Night of Champions ceremony held in London during January. The ceremony is attended each year by some of the most famous names in British motorsport.

"Winning this award really hasn't sunk in yet," admits Wright. "I've put a lot of time and effort into all forms of motor sport but it's >still a terrific honour to be recognised by my peers."

Allan Dean-Lewis, Head of External Affairs at the Motor Sports Association comments: "Wright is unique character, well known and liked throughout the UK. He has played a major role in the on-going success of Croft but he has an amazing habit of making notable contributions in the most unexpected places. There can surely be no more deserving >person for this award."

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1976 - Tony Marshall was on the cover in his MGBGT partaking in the Ilkley PCT at Pateley Bridge.
We had a clubnight at the Dyneley Arms - our first with a live cabaret!! Also advertised was the Xmas party to be held at Follifoot Village Hall -free to members and 25p to non-members, including music and supper!! An absolute steal and as I recall - the best xmas party ever (the tyre tracks across the wet grass didn't go down too well though!!)
Ilkley & DMC beat us in a darts and darts night. Our Shell League placing remained a solid 4th with the final event not changing our position - it was a YSCC autotest and Steve Mills/ R.Ineson/ Ken Goodall/Steve Lloyd and Davd Taylor all disliked the Mickey Mouse tests but finished 21st/2nd/2nd/3rd and 18th in class respectively.

20 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1986 - A full edition meant that we were saved from the Editor's monthly dose of pointed philosophy though he did find space to welcome the arrival of Charlotte Renny - mother and daughter doing well and JR buying cigars all round!!
Mr Angry had a good old gripe at the RAC after our stage at Harewood netted the club nothing but status (?) for all the member's efforts and provision of equipment etc. etc .etc. I'm surprised nobody ever kicked his soapbox from under him!!
Gordon Sneddon reported on the recent Tour of Mull and John Bean gave us an account of the Wharfedale PCT at Otley Chevin, on which he had been CofC - seems the experience whetted his appetite to do an even better job next year. Ian Miller and Carolyn Harber/Phil Sykes gave reports of their antics on the recent Olicana Rally.
Malcom Jagger responded to discussions re.clubnight venues and their location not being ideal for everybody - can't please all the people all the time!! - But remarked the it couldn't be too bad as the average attendance was about 30!! (How the mighty fall!! - 15 is a good number in 2006!)

10 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1996 - Quite a healthy response to last month's anonymous letter which at least filled out the pages a bit! - All very supportive and constructive. The Retrospective column covered 1977 but an item in there caught my eye - it was an extract from an anonymous poem 'A Navigator's Tale':-

A curse, a curse, upon this night,
My wounded soul did tell,
We couldn't go much faster
And we were going OTL
The way in which I called the bends
Caused moments all the night,
My New Year's resolution is,
To Learn my left from right!!!

Apparently there were another 6 verses in a similar vein - will anyone admit to it yet??
Nick and Jim Dixon gave us a report on their 7 Dales Road Rally outing finishing 10th o/a despite an unknown fail being applied! As they went home before the results there was little to do but file it away for future reference and be there to protest next time!!

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