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PRESS RELEASE From the MSA

Technology brings improved efficiency for MSA and benefits for clubs and licence holders

The Motor Sports Association has completed a major overhaul of its technology systems and has unveiled a raft of electronic measures designed to improve the services offered to its membership – clubs, licence holders and officials.

"The Strategic Review in 2002 identified that technology was a particular area of weakness," explains Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. "Since then we have substantially upgraded the internal systems and that now enables us to introduce new technology into the services that we offer our membership."

The project has been led by Kevin Pay, MSA Operations Director, who joined the company in 2002. His first success was the huge improvement that electronic tracking of licence applications brought at the start of this year, reducing telephone enquiries by over 50%. From 2005, licences will include barcodes which ultimately will provide officials with real-time access to relevant information stored within the MSA's database, such as endorsements, suspensions, licence status, etc.

This year the Blue, Gold and Red Books (the sport's regulations) have been made available on the MSA's website – www.masuk.org. In addition to the regulations, MSA members can now find a plethora of official forms and documents on the website.

"Many people conduct their motor sport activities outside of office hours," explains Pay. "We cannot afford to staff the office seven days a week and the internet offers a way to provide the information people require whenever they need it. Everything you need to administer an event can now be found on the website."

This summer the MSA enabled Certificates of Exemption to be issued electronically, reducing the time required for this process from three weeks to approximately 48 hours. Having been steered through the process, Club Secretaries then make payment on-line and print off the permit immediately.

The Club Directory – previously published at the start of the year – is now available on-line and, importantly, clubs can now amend their registered details, ensuring that the directory is always up-to-date with the latest information.

Pay has added a new area to the MSA website – Member Services – which will develop more prominence as future developments come on-line. At present it contains the licence-tracking facility and the ability to update personal information (contact details, etc), combined with exclusive offers for discounted deals from commercial partners. Although only in its earliest stage, it is envisaged that this section will expand rapidly, offering further added-value for MSA members in the future.

Other future plans for the website include the MSA fixture list which currently is frequently out of date even by the time it is printed at the start of the year. Clubs will be able to amend the dates and details of their events, ensuring that accurate information is always available and providing a much more valuable resource.

"We have made great progress this year," confirms Pay. "The elements that we have introduced have been very successful and the future developments are very exciting. The MSA has fundamentally changed the way it does some of its business and we are already far more efficient as a result. However, it's important to stress that we are not sending everyone down the electronic route. People will still be able to contact us in the same way as they always have done, whether by telephone, fax or traditional mail, but we need to move with the times and offer the services that people want."

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PRESS RELEASE From the MSA

Parents to be held responsible by MSA

From the start of next year, parents, guardians and guarantors of young drivers will be required to sign on at the start of events, effectively becoming the entrant for their respective competitors, after the Motor Sports Council approved the new regulation at its latest meeting.

Currently, no contractual relationship exists between the Motor Sports Association and the attendant adults responsible for the welfare of drivers under 18 years of age. The consequence of this is that young drivers have to be held responsible for the behaviour of their guardians – widely acknowledged throughout the sport as a wholly unsatisfactory situation.

By signing on, parents and guardians will confirm that they have acquainted themselves with the MSA's General Regulations, that they agree to be bound by those regulations, that they will accept the consequences of not adhering to them and accept any associated penalties that may be imposed.

"We have seen some unacceptable behaviour from a very small minority of adults, particularly in karting," explains Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. "It is clearly not fair that young drivers suffer for the transgressions of those who are supposed to be looking after them. The new wording of the signing-on form will, for the first time, create a legal contract between these adults and the MSA."

The MSA will be producing a leaflet to explain to parents and guardians in more detail exactly what they are signing up to, to ensure that there can be no mis-understanding with the new regulations.

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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 []

Other []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Type of Claim:

Driver []

Navigator []

Marshal []

Service Crew []

Organiser : []

state position []

12-Car []
Other - state type

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "B" []

ANCC Round []

National "A" []

International []

LARKSPEED 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.

Rolling Calendar 2004

October 2004

- 1st-3rd Rally Of Italy – WRC
- 2nd-3rd Trackrod Rally Yorkshire, York – BRC & BHC**
- 8th-10th Tour Of Mull – Isle Of Mul
- 9th Harold Palin Memorial Stages Rally – Manby - ANCC
- 10th Y.S.C.C.-Autotest-Larkspeed
- 15th-17th Tour Of Corsica – WRC
- 23rd Bulldog Stages, Shrewsbury – BHC & Ancro
- 29th-31st Catalonia Rally – WRC
- 31st Premier Stages Rally - Mansfield

November 2004

- 6th Tempest South Of England Rally, Aldershot – BRC
- 6th Cambrian Rally, Llandudno - BTRDA
- 7th Alwoodley-Autotest-Larkspeed
- 12th-14th Rally Australia - WRC
- 20th-23rd Roger Albert Clark Rally – Nationally
- 21st Malton Motor Club Forest Rally – Yorkshire Forests
- 25th-28th Revival Rally – Nationally

December 2004

- 4th Grizedale Stages Rally – Coniston - ANCC
- 26th Park Hall Stages-Bolton Le Moors

January 2005

- 15th Jack Frost Stages
- 29th Dinner Dance– TBA**

Club Nights

October 2004

5th Gildersome Con Club
12th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa (**CHANGE**)
19th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

November 2004

2nd Gildersome Con Club
9th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa
16th The Travellers Rest - Harewood
23th The Yeoman Pub – Otley
30th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

We are going back to our double visit to Admiral Hawke in October. Due to lack of interest at The Old Star and people been keen to go back to the double visit at the Admiral Hawke.

Hi thanks to all who turned out last month and a big thanks from Harewood Hill-climb for all our efforts this year it makes me wonder if it would run without us sometimes

RALLYs OCT 2004

- (1) 9th Oct Harold Palin stages (Manby)
- (2) 8th - 10th (Mull)
- (3) 16th -17th (Cheviot Nat Rally Otterburn)
- (4) 30th Premier Stages (Clipstone Forest)

If you want any more info on any of the above, ring me, visit my new web-site www.rallyaround.co.uk or see me at club nights

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