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## **Official Notice**

**Trackrod's AGM will be taking place on 7th August  
2007 at Old Modernians Sports & Social Club.**

**Starts 9:30**

**All nominations to the Hon Sec at least 7 days be-  
fore also for "any other business" items**

**Nomination form is available in the middle of the  
magazine**

**Pie and Peas are going to be provided  
(so leave room)**

Hi Folk's

It's that time of the year again when that chap from Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C. asks if you can help. We are running our famous multi championship Centenary Rally, again goody bags and cash marshal's draw. It takes place at Twyford Wood, Colsterworth, on August 5th, Marshals and radios for 7-30 a.m. please

This year, we are running the "Sporting " side of the Chatsworth Rally show, over Sat/sun Sept the 29/30th September, it goes without saying that marshals who help at Twyford get first priority!

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Chief Marshal  
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## Three Legs to Isle of Man

### Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship Round 2 International Rally Isle of Man

The Isle of Man asphalt beckons again, as four wheels take over from the madness of two on round three of the Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship, Rally Isle of Man. The event fits neatly in the middle of a trio of sealed surface rallies in the UK's premier rally championship, with May's Jim Clark International a distant memory and 160 miles of rallying to go before Ulster.

The BRC is a hotly contested as it has ever been and although the Rally 4 leader board may be Stobart Teg Sport Subaru heavy, you can be sure that the Mitsubishi Motors UK challenge hasn't gone away. Runaway first round winner Guy Wilks had an eventful Jim Clark, throwing his Evo through a hedge in a downpour, while team mate Gwyndaf Evans has yet to finish under his own steam, with transmission woes on both events.

#### Rally 4

Championship leader Mark Higgins has struggled to match the outright pace of Wilks' Mitsubishi, but he is not triple British Rally Champion for nothing. He set a fastest time overall on the Jim Clark in the wet, even against the might of the Irish Tarmac World Rally Car brigade and it would be a foolish gambler who bet against him on Manx home ground. He is ably supported by new Subaru team mate Wyn Humphries who admits his tarmac experience is slightly lacking, although he cannot be far away from a podium finish, opening his BRC account with two solid fourth places. He holds second in the championship table ahead of Wilks who has 21 points. Just one point adrift is David Higgins in his brand new Toyota S2000 which took an astonishing second place in Kelso; Astonishing because on the opening round in April, the car was still being finished as the rally began. The TQ RED team overcame parts supply problems to get the car round the Pirelli, justly rewarded with a second round podium finish and promising much more to come. The battle further down the order is a fierce one, Evans, Meredith, Swann, Kenny and Simmons, the later three from the Geoff Jones stable have been nibbling away at the top 5 and will be looking to make their mark on the leading pack in this classic rally.

#### Rally 3

Stefan Davis has struggled all year to fund his self prepared Puma but he leads R3 and his Ford sports a striking new paint scheme for Rally Isle of Man. He has vowed to maintain the charge but this may be the last time he appears on the BRC if he cannot find extra support. The youngest competitor in the 2007 Tesco 99 Octane MSA British Rally Championship, he ditched his S1600 Fiesta for a Citroën C2 and not only blitzed the Rally 3 opposition, but took fifth place in the BRC to move into fifth in the overall standings and lead the Junior category. Rally 3 will see the return of young Zimbabwean Conrad Rautenbach who missed the Jim Clark due to African Rally Championship commitments but returns in his JWRC Citroën C2 to battle with Gass and Davis.

#### Rally 1&2

Leading Rally 2, sixth in the overall classification and the only female driver in the BRC is Lorna Smith. Her Suzuki Team GB Swift is mechanically understated but visually extreme, the bright yellow car giving away power to its more highly modified Citroën opposition.

Despite the class points parity between her and Matt Beebe's MG ZR, Lorna is ahead by virtue of her first round win. Jason Pritchard's C2 is equal sixth in the overall points but again, Lorna is ahead on tie break. Fin Vesa Mikkola is joined by fellow Scandinavian Andreas Sjolander who flies the flag for Sweden in his Fiesta. Rally Isle of man will be the last outing for brothers Steve and Tony Graham in their MG ZR as they have purchased an AstraD to contest the Diesel Rally Cup.

#### PIRELLI STAR DRIVER COMPETITION

Guy Wilks impressed the judges on the first round while C2R2 driver George Thomas went forward as the second finalist for the end of season "Pirelli Star Driver" shootout. The judges are Sky TV's Robbie Head who presents the BRC coverage alongside Mike Brewer. He is joined by Isle of Man based Greenlight Television's Rob Hurdman and former BRC champion co-driver Bryan Thomas will be on hand again in Douglas providing the evaluation and nominating the second candidate based on stage time performance in class and their own subjective assessment.

#### MSA BRITISH TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Stobart Teg Sport lead the Teams Championship after a one-two on the Jim Clark, but Mitsubishi Motors UK and Team TQ RED are tied for second place, albeit 13 points adrift. 2006 Champions Dealer Team Suzuki trail in 4th but the 1600cc two wheel drive Swifts which were always going to struggle for outright pace against the two litre 4 wheel drive machinery have a good history of reliability and shouldn't be written off just yet with 5 point scoring opportunities still to go.

#### MSA BRITISH JUNIOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Darren Gass is fulfilling his role as the most junior Junior with a two point lead over Jason Pritchard in a C2R2 Cup car. Matt Beebe is two points further back and comes to the Isle of Man after an excellent 6th place overall on his local event, the Rally of the Midlands. Just a single point further back is Finland's Vesa Mikkola who admits that his asphalt experience is lacking, but he up for the challenge nevertheless. The action is sure to hot up on the Isle of Man with the return of Conrad Rautenbach in his JWRC spec Citroën C2 S1600 and young hotshot Swede Andreas Sjolander who set a storming pace on the opening round back in April.

#### DIESEL CUP

The Diesel Cup continues on the Manx lanes with Fin McCaul's BMW 120D leading Simon Hughes' AstraD. Fin is joined by Motorsport News journalist Sean Moriarty whose penchant for all things Karting may help on the island tarmac. Irish Skoda Fabia TDi driver John Mulholland has not registered but will keep McCaul and his new co-pilot honest on the three day event.

#### CITROËN C2R2 CUP

The Citroën C2R2 Cup battle has two winners from the first two rounds. Jason Pritchard leads by virtue of winning on the Pirelli and finishing both rounds. George Thomas retired on the opener but won round two, so will use this as one of his dropped scores at the end of the season. Jamie Hickman is a clear third but fourth is shared by series newcomer Martin Roberts. Matt Beebe who currently shares fourth spot has now changed cars so won't score again, leaving the way clear for Roberts, Laverty and Japanese driver Kat Kusama to battle it out for honours.

Ends.....

Taken from BRC Website <http://www.rallybrc.co.uk/>

## **Motor Sports Association announces initiatives to attract more young people into motor sport**

The Motor Sports Association the governing body of UK motor sport has unveiled a series of development initiatives to stimulate participation and interest in motor sport, particularly among the younger age groups.

In the build up to the UKs flagship motor racing event, the British Grand Prix held this weekend at Silverstone, the MSA has outlined its commitment to ensuring that Britain continues to hold a pre-eminent position in world motor sport. In so doing, the MSA hopes to utilise the attention that has greeted Lewis Hamiltons stunning F1 debut to stimulate interest among the public in the various motor sport disciplines.

The MSAs significant investment in talent development has seen the launch this year of the MSA British Race Elite scheme. Building on the success of the Rally Elite programme, the Race Elite has selected six of the UKs brightest young prospects to benefit from an intensive training programme, led by internationally-renowned racer David Brabham. The six were at Silverstone on Thursday to witness first hand the world of Formula 1 and to rub shoulders with the teams, drivers and the media at the pinnacle of the sport, including Jenson Button, Anthony Davidson and Christian Horner.

The MSA is also targeting new recruits to the sport. In recent weeks the level of enquiries to karting venues around the country has increased dramatically and this will inevitably create a surge of new young drivers. By breaking down the barriers to entry, the MSA hopes to attract as many of these newcomers as possible into official competitive motor sport, rather than simply the arrive and drive leisure activity.

One particular initiative will see the MSA in effect offering free licences to competitors who are under 16 years of age. Having purchased their initial Go Racing or Go Karting packs, competitors will then be credited for the cost of their first licence when they ultimately make their application.

But it's not just behind the wheel where the recruitment drive for younger participants is taking place. It is also within education, and into volunteer officials and administration that the MSA is seeking to spread the word of motor sport.

To reflect the importance of attracting the younger audience into the sport, the Motor Sports Council has recently announced the creation of a new advisory forum aimed at young people. It is anticipated that membership of the Next Generation Forum will be limited to people under the age of 25 and the group's recommendations will be presented to Council for consideration.

The Council has also recently approved the creation of Cadet Marshals. Aged between 11 and 16, these cadet marshals will be permitted to join the ranks of the

12,000 registered marshals in the UK. While always safeguarding them from unnecessary risk, the MSA will allow the cadets to assist with limited duties on certain events and it is hoped that this will bring valuable new blood to the vital groups of volunteer officials without whom motor sport simply could not take place.

The Volunteers in Motorsport programme has been working hard with the motor clubs in this area, signing up a staggering 800 new marshals in the first two years. With particular relevance to the youth market, however, ViM has worked closely with universities and colleges to establish recognised vocational training and qualifications in motor sport marshalling.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the Motor Sports Association says: The youth market is vital to the ongoing strength and success of UK motor sport, both on the track and off it. It is absolutely essential that we do everything we can to attract more young people to this fantastic sport.

We know that the licence fee is one of the smallest costs in terms of starting competitive motor sport, but we also know that we have to address all potential barriers to entry. Subsidising the initial licence fee gives a very clear indication to young people that we want them in our sport.

Lewis Hamilton's achievements so far have been a wonderful boost for everyone involved with the sport. We must now use this renewed interest to drive up participation across the board, but not just in our flagship disciplines like circuit racing. There are 22 disciplines and thousands of motor sport events taking place every year across the UK. Many of them are low-cost events and some are undertaken in one's own road car, so we need to get the message through that there is more to our sport than just Formula 1.

The UK boasts the best motor sport in the world. We have a glorious history of British success and our championships have always been the proving ground for young competitors from around the globe. No fewer than nine of the current F1 grid cut their teeth in British championships and that is great news for our sport.

It is critical for the future that we ensure continued UK representation at the highest level of international motor sport and that we bring more people into the sport, either as participants, spectators or volunteer officials. We will continue to develop our programmes to deliver these results and I hope that these initiatives will make a big impact.

If you have any ideas on what could be done then contact the committee.

## RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1977 - The Raylor Rally was cancelled due to the non-co-operation of one Forestry Commission Officer (obviously a right Jobs worth!!). The recent Matgrove Trophy Rally saw John Renny/Nick Leuchars finishing 2nd o/a and Barry Dove/John Bowmass 19th, collecting the Team Award between them. Well Done all round!!

The 7th round of the Shell League was an Autotest at Levertons Caterpillar Tractor Dealers at Gildersome - any errors meant severely damaged cars and totally undamaged machinery which was, effectively used as pylons!!! Our team of D.Taylor; Howard White and Ken Goodall faired well and gained us 273 points, 4th on the day and back up to 4th o/a.

Ford dealers Tate of Leeds were showing some loyalty to members by sponsoring Messrs. Renny, Ashcroft and Powell to an undisclosed level (probably not much!!). One new member this month - David Tillotson.

20 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1987 - Much praise for the retiring Chairman Mackinnon and Editor McNichol for their efforts over the past year from Mick Ogden - echoed by the whole membership.

The June Jesters Autotest was reported on by Moira Frankland which was our contribution to both the BTRDA/RAC Championships and was held at Bingley. Our only entry was one R.Ineson who thus collected the Best TMC award but was otherwise well and truly eclipsed by the Championship regulars. David Haigh got FTD.

Scoop Munnis reported on the STC Stages rally which he did with Charlie Payne.

Their efforts came to zero when the back axle location failed and they opted to retire. Mr Angry was at it again - he was furious with the lack of interest shown by the membership during the last month - vowing not to stand again for Committee and not to marshal on the RAC thus causing chaos, especially if we all adopted our lethargic attitude!! (God forbid that he ever puts pen to paper in 2007!!!!!!!!!!).

Ineson reported on the recent Alwoodley Autotest at ASDA Morley when he put the Mini on its roof, throwing away a potential ftd in the process - Steve Powell took full advantage and scooped the win. 24 excellent tests seemed a lot on paper but proved to be no problem on the day.

10 YEARS AGO - AUGUST 1997 - Yet another slender issue despite Editor Brian Walters yet again requesting articles. He also apologised to those who had not been receiving their magazine -- a problem with labels - but now sorted!!

Richard Hardcastle was offering radios, suitable for the MSA rally frequency, to members at £30, aerials and postage a further £15!

Andy Varley was selling lots of Escort spares and Jim Plevy was offering a laminating service to members at 50p per A4 sheet, maps at £5.

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Richard Ineson



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Cosworth 4X4 RALLY CAR on GpA 34mm Turbo , Group A Quaife Straight Cut Close Ratio Dog Box (Recently serviced/overhauled) complete with 50Nm centre diff and 4.4 Step offs. Late spec Big Turbo Escort Cosworth YB Engine with correct thickwall 200 Engine Block, Heavy Duty Fail-Safe Mounts. New front diff just before last event 2 weeks ago. 4.4 Rear with uprated LSD, Turbosystems Hybrid ECU, 3 Bar map sensor, mapped for legal pump fuel (eg Shell V-power 99ron), This is a really good late Escort Cosworth thickwall 200 block motor on Works Ford Motorsport Light Blue "400" injectors at 1.4 Bar of Boost at 4500rpm it pushes the dyno up towards the 300bhp mark and the boost can be dialed in up to 1.7 Bar! The 909 motorsports 3 Door Lightweight Sierra RS500 Shell in diamond white. 909 Ford Motorsport Fully adjustable Group A Bilstein Coilover Suspension. With both gravel and tarmac set-ups. Heavy duty 3/4 length Dural Guards. Fully Trangulated FIA Spec Cage. Recent New FIA Cobreau Seats and 6 point harness belts valid from 2003 to Jan 2009. Hydraulic Fly-Off Handbrake (and it works!), Gravel Brakes including 310mm rear calipers, in car Brake Bias adjustment, Ctech Pads 1166 front 1144 rears. Recent Injection pump and Brand new Facet high flow red-top fuel lift pump fitted yesterday! Recent Cambelt, Cap, Arm, Crank & Phase Sensors.

All the Oils (Engine, Gearbox, Step-offs and Diffs) have just been changed for the very finest fully sympathetic lubricants!

New set of C59C Plugs.

The car comes with some on event Spares, 4 X Compomotive 15 inch MO Gravel Wheels and Tyres (my mate in the motorclub has some 17&18 inch Tarmac Compomotive/OZ wheels and tyres for sale £POA). It is fully MSA Rally Logbooked, Taxed and MOTed till Feb 2008. It is now cleaned off, serviced spanner-checked and all ready to use again. If you have any more questions or would like to arrange to see the car please contact me on 07836544037. £7995ovno.

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Competitors tick [] appropriate boxes below and provide evidence (results)

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**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.**

## **Club Nights**

### August 2007

7th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club \*\*\***AGM**\*\*\*  
14th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
21st The Yeoman – Otley  
28th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### September 2007

4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club  
11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)  
18th The Yeoman – Otley  
25th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

### October 2007

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

## **Events Calendar 2007**

### August 2007

4th-5th St Wilfrids Road Rally  
5th Centenary Rally - Twyford Wood  
5th Montague Burton Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb  
26th Summer Championship Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb

### September 2007

8th-9th Hamsterley Stages—N Yorks  
15th-16th Yorkshire Revival Rally  
15th Greenwood Cup Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb  
16th Mike Wilson Memorial Meeting – Harewood Hillclimb  
22nd BRC Rallyday LIVE!!! - Wiltshire circuit  
29th-30th Chatsworth Rally show

### October 2007

6th International Rally Yorkshire—North Yorks Forests  
12th-14th Tour of Mull—Isle of Mull  
13th Harold Palin Memorial Rally—Lincolnshire  
28th Premier Rally - Nottinghamshire

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