



**Colin McRae on his way to winning the
1989 Trackrod Forest Stages**

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RALLY YORKSHIRE 2007

Well we must have done a good job last year as they have asked us back again!!

Yes, that time is nearly on us again it's time to start gathering bodies together to run the stage at Pickering show-ground.

**Marshals are required PLLLLLEASSSSSE.
This is our club event, please support your club.**

**Thanks
Simon Marston 07889 152 580
Stage Commander**

Motor Sports Council report – September 2007

The Motor Sports Council – the legislative body of UK motor sport – met last week (11 September) to ratify constitution and regulation changes that will be adopted for next season. A summary of some of the key changes is given below, but the full regulations will be notified in the MSA's official magazine, Motorsports Now!, and in the 2008 Blue Book as appropriate.

The creation of the Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel – as originally announced in February – was confirmed, and the chairman of this group will become a member of the MSA Motor Sports Council from next year.

Regulation E12.16.7: Catalytic converters will be mandatory for all production based touring, saloon and sports cars, including specialist production and kit cars, from 1st January 2009 and for newly registered championships from 1 January 2008. They may be specified for certain other formulae.

Regulation J20.14.8: FIA-homologated rear warning lights will be compulsory in all race events from 1 January 2008 in order to ensure that visibility is improved in poor weather conditions.

Regulation N1.5: The introduction of Tyro Kart Events has proved extremely popular and from January 2008 a new Junior Tyro category will be created for 11 to 16 year olds with engines not exceeding 10hp per kart. This should allow a junior 'starter' class to encourage the transfer from arrive and drive to MSA karting, particularly given the recent increase in interest in karting.

Regulation N12.2.1 and E2.15.12: In the upgrading of a kart licence, competitors will, from next season, be able to count up to three signatures from NatSKA (National Schools Karting Association) meetings held under an MSA permit, to encourage further progression from NatSKA to MSA karting.

Regulation S3.2 and S3.3: Following a thorough review by the Medical Advisory Panel, the regulations concerning minimum medical requirements and facilities have been overhauled in accordance with modern day medical practice.

Entrant's Licences: From 1st January 2008, all entrants must be in possession of the appropriate Entrant's Licence for an event in which they are participating. The entrant is the legal entity who is responsible for all acts and/or omissions of the driver/co-driver or any person connected with the entry. Entrant's Licences range from International Open (valid for all events inside and outside the UK) to Club Entrant (valid for UK National Events only).

The Technical Advisory Panel, in association with the specialist Committees, has completely reviewed the technical definitions to ensure that they are up to date and that they are in agreement with FIA definitions as appropriate.

Production Car Trials has been renamed and will henceforth be known as Car Trials.

The MSA Chief Executive's report, designed to keep Council members up to date with the activities of the Motor Sports Association, together with that of the Regional Committee, outlined many areas of on-going interest:

The Club Development Fund has passed the £500,000 mark for grants made, to projects worth more than £2.6m

The new Rescue Development Fund, launched this year, has already granted more than £27,000 to projects worth nearly £100,000

Negotiations with the Forestry Commission over access charges are progressing well and should be concluded shortly

The MSA is investing heavily in additional staff and technology within the licensing department to deliver a more efficient service for competitors and to ensure that this year's renewals process is significantly improved

The first 'Women in Motor Sport' forum was to be held on 13th September at Motor Sports House

The first meeting of the new 'Next Generation' forum – which is designed to give those people under 25 years of age a dedicated voice within the sport – will be held on 3rd October at Motor Sports House

The MSA is evaluating the administrative process to provide 'free' first-time licences to under-16s as previously announced and details will be confirmed shortly

Congratulations were also given to all those involved with BAJA GB 2007 for the success of last month's event.

For further details on any of the above items, please contact Ben Taylor.

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Motor Sports Association congratulates Dario Franchitti on becoming 2007 Indy Racing League champion

The Motor Sports Association wishes to congratulate Dario Franchitti on being crowned the 2007 Indy Racing League champion.

The popular Scot's success at the highest level in American single-seater motor sport was achieved when he took victory on the last lap of the IRL's final round held at the Chicagoland Raceway yesterday (Sunday). It follows on from his milestone victory in this year's running of the world-famous Indianapolis 500 race.

Franchitti becomes the second Briton to have risen through the UK motor sporting ranks to have gone on to win the IRL title in the last two years, following Dan Wheldon's championship-winning performance in 2005.

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton says: "British motor sport applauds Dario Franchitti on becoming the 2007 IRL Champion. He has become a terrific ambassador for the sport both in this country and right around the world and he richly deserves this crown. His success is yet another reminder of the strength and depth in talent of British motor sport which continues as a world leader in all aspects of the sport."

Dario, aged 34 from Edinburgh, started his racing career in karts in his native Scotland while just ten years old with almost immediate success. He won two British karting titles before moving into cars, winning the Formula Vauxhall Junior title in 1991 and Formula Vauxhall Lotus crown in 1993. By then he had already been voted winner of the prestigious McLaren/Autosport Young Driver of the Year award (1992).

Following a strong debut season in the MSA British Formula 3 Championship, his international career brought wins for Mercedes-Benz in the FIA International Touring Car (ITC) championship. Then, in 1997, came his move to the USA where he contested six seasons of ChampCar World Series and emerged as a prolific race winner missing out on the title in 1999 on a tiebreak, having finished level on points with Juan Pablo Montoya.

Franchitti's career took a knock in 2000 when he badly injured his back in a motorcycle accident but, after a full recovery, he has again emerged as a top name in US motor sport, which yesterday culminated in his outstanding IRL championship victory.

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Colin McRae M.B.E

1968 - 2007

Colin's Bio

Teams	Subaru, Citroën, Ford, Škoda
World rallies	146
World Championships	1 (1995)
British Championships	2 (1991, 1992)
World Championship Wins	25
Podium finishes	42
Stage wins	477
Points	626
First world rally	1987 Swedish Rally
First win	1993 Rally New Zealand
Last win	2002 Safari Rally
Last world rally	2006 Rally of Turkey



RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1977 - Our Recent Costa Di Plenti Rally received a comprehensive report from Bob Chapman. The event was a round of the infamous Motoring News Championship and attracted a wealth of talent including: John bloxham; Mick Briant; Brian Harper; Bob Bean; Jack Tordoff and a host of Trackrod crews: - Rathbone/Coulthard; Goodall/Edwards; Lawton/Parkin; Peel/Ward; Powell/hazeldine; Chapman/Longstaff; Renny/Girardier; McKay/Tempest; Wood/Spensely; Midgeley/Campbell; Garnett/Renton and Young/Latimer - in all, quite a turnout!!! Hectic all night action over the North York Moors resulted in lots of stories to tell at the finish (and at club nights for weeks !!) but the performance of note was that of Lawton/ Parkin being fastest over the Cockayne loop selective and their rapid pace (yes Rod did weigh a lot less in 1977!!!!)Earned them an excellent 7th o/a. A 1st class event all round.

Our Wharfedale pct at Rose Farm was won by Keith Phizacklea in an Imp (on Index of performance) - best Trackrod was Ian Waddington who finished 2nd in his class.

The final round of the Shell League was Huddersfield MC's hillclimb at Scamonden where our team of Jackson/ Renny/ White/Taylor and Millsturned in a performance good enough to net us 4th o/a for the year and £30 for club funds!!!

20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1987 - Yes - Costa time again and reports on the event from Bernard Ferneyhough and John McNichol giving us a blow by blow account of their antics. The latter, with John Cpoe went off on the 8th selective after a loss of brakes (bet that made him doubly angry!!!) after which all they could do was retire. Martin Kemp promised that this WAS his last Costa as C of C!!

The following weekend saw the running of the Quip Stages (yes a busy ol time for the membership) which was according to the press was an excellent event though Keith Oswin of Autosport seemed to take umbridge and wasn't quite as favourable with his comments!!

(As I recall there were plenty who weren't impressed with him over the weekend either!!!)

Reports from other events included The Highwayman (Via Jean Dove who sat in with Peter White); The St. Wilfreds (from John Bean who sat in with Bernard Ferneyhough) and the Nutty Night Scatter (Martin Douglas who was with Keith Weslby)

Oh - and Mr Angry was ranting again about anything and everything.
(Interesting to see he's started again in 2007 which goes to show he's just another saddy like the rest of us except we've become grumpy with age - he always was!! And when he's really old he'll be REALLY grumpy!!!!)

10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1997 - Editor Walters threatened us with an empty magazine in November if we didn't get our pens out and write something!! Let's see what happens!! Read this column next month for the next thrilling instalment!

The Forest Stages was run but the only comments were from Chairman Par-kin thanking all for their efforts in making it happen and via a postcard he had received from Christine Matthews/Mark Budgett and Fiona Allison (car 66) who all enjoyed the event thoroughly - made it all worthwhile for Rod apparently! (Oh really!!).

TRACKROD _____ ENDS

Richard Ineson

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SPACE REQUIRED!***

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Stage Rally M/V []

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Driver [] Treasure Hunt []

Navigator [] 12-Car []

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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

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

November 2007

6th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
13th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
20th The Yeoman – Otley
27th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

December 2007

4th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
11th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
18th The Yeoman – Otley
25th Christmas Day

Events Calendar 2007

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

November 2007

4th Malton Forest Rally - North Yorkshire
16th-19th Roger Albert Clark Rally
24th-25th Beaver Road Rally - East Yorkshire
25th Neil Howard Memorial Stages Rally - York
29th-2nd Wales Rally GB - Wales

December 2007

8th Grizedale Stages - Cumbria
8th-9th Rockingham Stages - Corby

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