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Trophy Points

The Dinner Dance will now have been and gone, and even though the numbers were disappointing, an excellent evening was had by all.

I feel for Caroline who puts so much effort into the event and only About 50 members can be bothered to turn out. Where were you all? It's your club too. Can you not support us 1 DAY a year! You might even have a damn good night.

Congratulations to all the award winners listed elsewhere in the magazine, with special congratulations going to Darren Moon for his superb season in the Historic Championship, and our own Barry Dove being awarded the Chairman's Trophy for services to the club.

Over the coming months we will be outlining details of the changes to points scoring for 2010. If anyone has any thoughts, please let me know

Hopefully by the time you read this Andrew will have updated the points on the website so far this year. I propose to update at the end of Feb, but that will be the last until mid April.

Have a great year in Motorsport whether competing or marshalling
BE SAFE

Russell

Yorkshire League 2009

These are the dates for the 2009 Yorkshire League qualifying events

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	VENUE
24-May	Autotest	North Humberside	Hull
07-Jun	Car Trial	Airedale & Pennine	
14-Jun	Grass Autotest	YSCC	
21-Jun	Car Trial	Ilkley & District	
05-Jul	Armstrong Massey Stage Rally	Beverley	Driffield
18-Jul	Opposite Lock Stage Rally	Huddersfield	Manby
25-Jul	Keith Pattison Memorial Sprint	York	Elvington
06-Sep	Autotest	Lindholme	
26-Sep	Trackrod Clubman Stage Rally	Trackrod	Yorkshire Forests
01-Nov	Malton Forest Stage Rally	Selby	Yorkshire Forests

Reserve

13/09/2009	Autotest	Alwoodley	
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Trackrod Fashion Show

For those lucky people who claimed their "Point Mean Prizes" points we are holding a fashion show for you to come and collect and model your stunning prizes.

It is been done on 2nd June at Old Modernians Sports & Social Club.

40th Anniversary Dinner

In 2010 Trackrod Motor Club will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary the dinner is been held on 4th September

We are planning to hold a grand dinner and would love to hear from former members and for them to join us.

If you are a former member or you know of any who are and would be interested in the event. Please get in touch with us. E-mail Caroline Mars-ton at caroline@trackrodmotorclub.co.uk

More information will be available but make a not in your diary.

Forthcoming Events

Chatsworth Rally Show

6/7 June

A fabulous event in 2008 – looking like it might be even better this year! Plenty of information available on the web (www.therallyshow.org) I'm not sure if there are any opportunities left for marshalling but if anyone is interested I will enquire further. Otherwise – well worth a visit anyway.

Dukeries Rally

13 June

This is the 50th Dukeries rally and for its Golden Jubilee event Dukeries Motor Club are running 6 forest stages around the Nottingham area on Saturday 13th. We have been asked to assist on two stages – Thieves Wood which is the first stage of the day and Blidworth which is run in the afternoon. I haven't confirmed timings yet but it may be possible to get to both stages and make a day of it! Please let me know if you are interested and I will send further details.

Greenerways Rally

14 June

An interesting event this one which may well influence the future of rallying in the forests. The event is part of an initiative to assist in securing the longer term use of forest roads for stage rallying, the aim of the Greenerways Rally being to evaluate the use of a loose surface, closed-pattern-construction Pirelli Eco Tyre in a competitive environment and against the clock, with the Forestry Commission and MSA on hand to witness the outcome. Open to any competitor holding an MSA issued rally licence with a car conforming to group N4, the format is compact to assist in cost saving by holding the event over just one day. More akin to a rally time trial, competitors (driver and co-driver) who enter the event will get to recce the track before tackling five timed runs over a five mile stage in the Kielder Forest complex. Four Eco tyres are supplied to each competitor by Pirelli as part of the entry fee, these must be used throughout the day and then returned to Pirelli at the end of the event. The tyre is supposedly much much less damaging to the road surface than standard rally tyres – anyone who saw the state of the Trinket stage after the Pirelli rally will be aware of the importance of this!

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Apprenticeships

The Government is offering Training up to Apprenticeship Level 2 for FREE

All offers are based upon the main are of your volunteering as work will mainly entail direct observations from an assessor in your current environment. i.e an assessor may need to only come and watch you do your volunteering to obtain this qualification.

If you would like further information or to discuss any detail please do not hesitate to contact Jules Boughen or Neil Murray.

The NVQ is Level 2 in Activity Leadership or Coaching & Instruction (Sport Specific)

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*unless unserviceable due to age, damage or gauge failure.

We are visiting several venues throughout the country and can service systems and extinguishers on site as long as they can easily be removed from the car. Check website for details

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e-Wheels March

Stuart Turner recognised

At the annual Motor Sports Council dinner at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, HRH Prince Michael presented Stuart Turner with the Prince Michael Award of Merit.

The Prince Michael Award of Merit is the MSA's most prestigious individual award and is only given out when 'a meritorious service to British motor sport' is judged to have been given.

Stuart has nearly 60 years of distinguished service to motor sport as a competitor, competitions manager, award-winning public speaker, author and volunteer.

Following considerable success as a competitor and competition manager, Stuart has spent a great deal of time helping with initiatives to improve safety in motor sport, first as a trustee and now as voluntary Chief Executive of the Motorsport Safety Fund charity. In this role he has helped the organisation secure an international reputation for producing training booklets and resources to improve the safety of competitors, officials and spectators in motor sport, and which have been used as training aids in many countries across the world.

Stuart initiated Wheels, the highly successful paper-based forerunner to e-Wheels.

British Motor Sports Training Trust

This charitable trust was formed in 1977 to assist with the training of volunteer officials and marshals in motor sport throughout the UK. In the last four years, grant aid totalling more than £0.5m has helped volunteers access dedicated training programmes as well as other initiatives such as the provision of safety tabards for marshals and specialist courses for doctors and paramedics.

The Chairman of the Trustees is W S Troughear and the British Motor Sports Training Trust welcomes donations from organisations, clubs and individuals. These can be made through the MSA.

MSA sales

The MSA offers a number of publications, technical papers and club equipment for sale. These include yearbooks, club membership cards, warning signs and FIA homologation papers. Go to www.msauk.org > Online Shop for more information and to place orders online.

Go Motorsport ambassadors

Darren Turner is the latest prominent British racing driver to join the ranks of Go Motorsport ambassadors. The former McLaren F1 test driver, and current Aston Martin sportscar star, joins Louise Goodman who recently backed the MSA's initiative. Louise Goodman is the so-called First Woman of Formula One as a founder member of the ITV Grand Prix presentation team.

Go Motorsport was set up to help people of all ages to get involved in all areas of motor sport whether as a competitor, volunteer or spectator. More information at www.GoMotorsport.net

More about grants for defibrillators

The information below follows the article in the February issue of e-Wheels about grant aid from the Rescue Development Fund for the purchase of new defibrillators for MSA Licensed Rescue Units.

Stoke Rescue Safety Group was one of the first applicants for the £750 MSA grant aid towards the purchase of each 3-lead AED defibrillator (to 2009 MSA specification) for its two MSA Licensed Rescue Units. Stoke Rescue Safety Group administrator, George Bailey, also obtained additional grant aid from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) towards the purchases and is pleased to offer advice and to share his experiences with others who may be seeking to maximize grant availability for similar purchases. Other charities to the BHF operating in the same field may also be available to provide supplementary grant aid assistance. George Bailey – telephone 01270 873696.

e-Wheels April

Apprenticeships

The MSA created the first apprenticeship in motor sport driving and has opened registrations for the first intake of 50 drivers and co-drivers. The Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) is funded by the Learning and Skills Council and is well established in many other sports.

The MSA is looking for the first intake of 50 competitors to enrol on the AASE motor sport programme which begins in August 2009. All AASE students must be aged between 16 and 24 and be able to demonstrate their potential to go on to become Elite performers within the sport. The MSA has drawn up a minimum level of performance that will be expected of successful applicants, which can be found at www.msauk.org/AASE.

Go regional

With the GoMotorsport.net website now attracting more than 2,000 new visitors each week, the focus of the campaign has moved on. Eight part-time regional Development Officers have been recruited to visit schools throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They will advise children and students about the many opportunities for taking part in motor sport.

The MSA's Let's Go Karting scheme allows children between eight and 16 to have a go in a kart for just £5. For those aged eight and over, there are Junior Dragsters and Cadet kart racing, while special classes in autograss, autotests, rallycross, circuit racing and rallying cater for teenagers of 14 and older.

The Development Officers will work closely with the existing motor sport infrastructure in their areas, including Regional Associations, venues, events and MSA recognised clubs.

Their names and the areas they will cover are:

Mark James, South Wales (based in Swansea)
Rob Manger, Southern England (Alton, Hampshire)
Duncan Vincent, Scotland (Knockhill)
Anthony Dunn, North East (Durham)
Phil Glew, North/North West (Sheffield)
Jonathan McDonald, Northern Ireland
Ed Pead, Midlands (Northampton)
Tom Gaymor, South East (London)

Meanwhile, www.GoMotorsport.net is worth visiting regularly as it is frequently updated. If your club is not listed, a club official should complete the questionnaire which can be downloaded from http://files.e2ma.net/2971/assets/docs/go_motorsport_questionnaire.xls.

Return questionnaires by email to info@GoMotorsport.net or by post to Ben Taylor at Motor Sports House. If you have any questions, contact Alex Birley, who is coordinating Go Motorsport, on 07841 673012.

Code of Conduct

The MSA has incorporated a Code of Conduct in the 2009 Competitors' and Officials Yearbook (the 'Blue Book'), which is shown below for information.

The Motor Sports Association expects you, and your associates, at all times to:

- Abide by the MSA regulations
- Respect the decisions of event officials
- Treat all competitors, marshals and officials equally with respect
- Maintain the highest standards of driving behaviour
- Conduct yourself in a proper manner at all times and always behave in the best interests of UK motor sport
- Make every effort to minimise the impact of your activities on the environment around you

Abuse

The Motor Sports Association will not tolerate any form of abuse or aggression towards officials, marshals, spectators and competitors.

The Motor Sports Association and the National Court will impose the most stringent sanction against any transgression.

Safety

You are reminded that participation in motor sport carries an inherent risk and the ultimate responsibility for safety lies with the individual. The Motor Sports Association urges you to make the maximum possible effort to ensure your own safety at all times.

Picture post

The Bristol Pegasus Motor Club (BPMC) used a novel illustrated 'stamp' design when posting out regulations for its Wessex Sprint.

If you want to consider such an option for your club, useful guidance can be obtained from the BPMC Vice President, Dick Craddy, at craddy@old-down.freemove.co.uk

Seats in Road Rallying

Extract from MSA SCRUTINEERS E-BULLETIN #41

We have been made aware of concerns regarding the condition of some 'standard' seats used in road rallying. Concern has been shown over the strength of some reclining mechanisms. Please pay particular attention when scrutineering such vehicles that the seat is 'fit for purpose' and does not pose a danger to the competitor.

RETROSPECTIVE

30 YEARS AGO - MAY 1979 - Club turnout to marshal on the York National & Elcar rallies was reported as very poor. However, of more significance was the accident on the Elcar which put our member Paul Noon in hospital with chest and arm injuries when his driver left the road in a comprehensive manner. Whilst not life threatening, first reports were worrying. Another incident involved none other than Rod Parkin, who noticed a half-shaft/wheel pass him on a runway straight! Remarkably that it looked familiar the ensuing accident reduced the car to a ball of scrap!! Fortunately no injuries to Richard Spurdens or Rod, though one wonders sometimes if the knock on the head did affect Rod in the longer term!!!!

Shell League news saw our autotest team finish 2nd to York MC on the opening event; even Ken Goodall got his head down and got ever close 3rd in class behind George Blades's V8 Escort. Ken maintained his excellent form to finish 2nd o/a on the 2nd event - the Moonraker Rally with Martin Kemp/Steve Mills 3rd but the effort showed on the car - they came home on a tow rope as the engine expired after the finish!! The ANCC announced that there would be an Autotest Championship that would receive support from the Yorkshire Bank arranged by member/bank employee Phil Staton. Sue Bradbelt reported that membership stood at 203!!

20 YEARS AGO - MAY 1989 - Editor Roland Cross was complaining at the lack of articles and apologised for the magazine not being up to the standard he would have liked. Mr Angry was having another rant about all he had ranted about in previous issues and the fact that nothing changes , i.e.: RAC MSA in general; dummy navigators that check in early; the Chairman's trophy scoring; students being a tax on the self employed (aimed at the Editor!) And everything else on mother's earth he didn't agree with!!!

Peter Stanhope thanked all for marshalling on the April Fools Autotest and bemoaned the fact that there were only 2 entries from the club. The event was the first round of the Chairman's Trophy and peter reckoned that JR and RI were in with a chance!! (Just what they would do with a free run on the Forest Rally didn't bear thinking about - the bitza and the mini???)

Trophy point leaders were: P Stanhope; R Anderson; S Sanderson; S Bell; D Unsworth; R Ineson and J Westmoreland - still a long way to go!

10 YEARS AGO - MAY 1999 - Simon Marston (assist C of C) reported briefly on the recent Lookout Stages - we had 9 crews competing but only 5 finished - A Apperley/D Hammond 6th; R Rowley/S Rowley 28th; S Sanderson/C Downes 48th; B Stoner/S Mrash 57th and Caroline Marston/Michelle Plevey 64th. Commiserations to S Preece/T Naylor; Tina Grant/R Holdsworth; B Walters/S Bartley and N Drayton/G Wride, who, for one reason or another, failed to finish.

Sadly it was yet another slender issue with the only other item of significance being the Retrospective for May 1979 (see above!!!)

TRACKROD _____

_____ ENDS

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 []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other - state type []

Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "B" []

ANCC Round []

National "A" []

International []

Yorkshire League Round []

Other

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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.

Club Nights

May 2009

- 5th Old Modernians Sports & Social Club
- 12th Fox & Grapes – York Road (A64)
- 19th The Yeoman – Otley
- 26th Admiral Hawke – Boston Spa

June 2009

- 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

July 2009

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

**Also any suggestions
for new places to meet
please contact any
member of the commit-
tee.**

Events Calendar 2009

May 2009

- 3 Torque-BAC Stages
- 9 & 10 Harewood Hill Climb
- 10 Tour of Hamsterley

June 2009

- 6 & 7 Chatsworth Rally Show
- 6 Harewood Hill Climb
- 7 Harewood Hill Climb Classic & Vintage
- 13 Dukeries Rally
- 19 & 20 Rally of the Midlands
- 28 Tyneside Stages Rally

July 2009

- 4 & 5 Harewood Hill Climb
- 5 Armstrong Massey Rally
- 12 Greystoke Stages
- 18 Opposite Lock Rally
- 18-19 Drystone Road Rally

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