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RETROSPECTIVE

40 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1970 -

The very first newsletter! Chairman Ray Dickinson welcomed all to the ranks and charged everyone with the task of recruiting the few extra new members to achieve the goal of RAC affiliation. The first clubnight meeting was at the Wharfedale, Arthington where a competition was launched to consider alternative names (to the sofar used "Trackrod") together with a badge design. Submissions to be in by the 2nd meeting on 29th Oct at The Jester, Harrogate Rd., when decisions would be made !! Also there would be a table top rally.

30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1980 -

Our 10th anniversary ! It was marked by an 18 page supplement to the magazine which contained articles that had appeared in C&CC magazine, a list of all the previous Committee members and general articles charting our successes over those 10 years! Must'nt forget that club life was continuing also - Ron Mackinnon and R.Ineson (along with Mike Elliott of High Moor MC) represented ANCC in the annual Inter Assoc. Autotest at Nottingham - finished 7th - pretty rubbish really ! Ineson took FTD on the High Moor MC autotest back in September - pity the form disappeared ! Ronnie Moore was seeking much help for the Crest Stages Rally on the 25th. Dave Morgan attended our Clubnight at The Duke of Wellington . He was regional Chairman of the East African Safari - and he gave us a very enlightening talk on the running of the event and the particular problems associated with it's organisation - good night !!

20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1990 -

Barkston Forest Stages had been and gone _ well received by all as usual -event report not yet to hand !!! Chairman's profuse congratulations to the organising team !! Inter Club quiz coming up on 16th results next month with luck though at time of writing we were still 4 team members short !!! Treasurer's report now received (it's late appearance was a feature of AGM's around that time!) and would be considered at an extra-ordinary AGM on the 30th. Ron Mackinnon reported on our Larkspeed League performance - we were lying 5th with two rallies to go, the Crystal Stages and our own Lookout Rally so great thing were expected - watch this space !!

10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 2000 -

The final Larkspeed league round was an autotest by York MC at Acaster - sadly the only club not represented was Trackrod!! what a sad state of affairs after many years of being a real force in this discipline !. Arthur heaton reported on his outing on the St Wilfrid's road rally with Joe Taylor as navigator - sadly they retired with a rather massive loss of coolant - they reckoned they would have probably run out of petrol anyway - as well as going OTL !!!! Graham Steggles gave us an update on development work on the Peugeot 205 and also an article on the merits of fuel octane boosters and other aids to better running !!

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40th Anniversary dinner

After the raging success of our 25th celebrations it seemed that any subsequent affair may be somewhat of a let-down, especially as 40 is not such a significant anniversary. Though I understand that in 10 years time a goodly number of us will be somewhat past several things(!), it was, perhaps, a timely event !!! The build up, however, left several of us a little sceptical of the event's potential success, with rumours of low numbers and a general lack of enthusiasm from several members didn't bode well for a good night! - We should not have been concerned - Caroline Marston and the team did us all proud !! It was a superlative evening, and whilst numbers didn't rival those of the 25th it was no less an event in quality. Congratulations to all involved in it's organisation !! I only hope they are all still involved for the 50th, if only to help us all up the steps into the place !!!!

Richard Ineson

Woodpecker Win Sees Perez Clinch BTRDA Championship

Kick Energy rally driver Steve Perez took a resounding victory on today's Woodpecker Stages Rally and in doing so clinched the 2010 Silverstone Tyres BTRDA Rally Series with a round to spare.

Driving the BTR-prepared ex Marcus Gronholm Ford Focus WRC07 and partnered by Welsh co driver Paul Spooner as normal, the Chesterfield ace set fastest time on six out of seven stages on the Ludlow-based event to take the win by nearly a minute ahead of nearest rivals Roger Chilman Jnr and Andrew Sankey (Subaru).

The pair reported no problems throughout the 45-stage mile event organised by Sixty & Worcestershire Motor Club Ltd which got underway when they stopped the clocks six seconds to the good over Roger Duckworth on the opening stage in Bringewood. The next stage in High Vinnalls saw the pair extend their lead to 23 seconds and they added another three seconds to their advantage in Hopton. Following the Cwn y Gerwyn test, Perez's lead was up to 41 seconds and another three were added following Ednol Hill. Into the last two tests and Perez was eyeing victory and the one second he dropped to Chilman on Wigmore was addressed when he set fastest time by ten seconds on the final stage in Hays Park to cross the finish ramp 59 seconds ahead of Chilman.

Perez's fourth victory of the campaign, adding today's win to that of the Malcolm Wilson, Dukeries and Quinton, means he doesn't need to contest the final round of the series, The Cambrian Rally in North Wales next month, and the result sees Perez add the prestigious BTRDA title to that of his 2003 British Historic Rally Championship and the 2004 MSA National Rally Championship.

"The BTRDA series is where I first started competing in the sport as a co-driver so it means a lot to me to win it as a driver. After the problems we had on the opening round, when we were excluded for displaying the championship decals incorrectly, I made sure all was above board as I didn't want to miss out this time. We had a trouble free run and I had to make sure we made no mistakes today which is what we did. It's been a tough season and the car has been faultless, my thanks go to Tim Ashton and his team and also to Paul for doing a great job. I'm going to enjoy a couple of drinks tonight and then think about what to do next year which will probably involve a lot more events in the Lancia Stratos."

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Picture attached courtesy of Geoff Mayes Media.



Dunlop/WONAGO.com MSA British Historic Rally Championship

Press release: Friday, 17 September, 2010

Preview, round eight: Trackrod Historic Cup

Once again, the Trackrod Historic Cup (Saturday 25 September) brings the curtain down on the Dunlop/Wonago.com MSA British Historic Rally Championship season as the BHRC crews take the annual chance to tackle the classic Yorkshire forest stages. With a fine entry of 66 historicists, it will be a great end to another superb season of historic rallying.

After another challenging season, the overall title race will be decided over four long stages in the famous Dalby and Langdale forest complexes and three crews remain in the running for the title. The strongest hand lies with David Stokes and Guy Weaver in their Escort Mk1 following another maximum score on the penultimate event in Belgium. If they repeat that result with another category two victory in Yorkshire, they will be confirmed as overall champions.

However, ready to challenge are category one crews Jonathan Gale and James Whitaker (Sunbeam Tiger) and Dessie Nutt and Geraldine McBride (Porsche 911). Gale/Whitaker start the final round with the upper hand, but need to win to make sure of the category title and have the best chance of the overall crown should Stokes/Weaver falter. Nutt/McBride, meanwhile, can only go all out for category one victory and see where their rivals have finished.

Category one

At the head of category one will be Gale/Whitaker and Nutt/McBride, as one of the strongest category one fields of the season includes contenders in the HRCR Stage Rally Challenge and HRCR Mini Cup.

The big rival to the Tiger and the Porsche will be the flying Volvo Amazon of Graham Waite and Gill Cotton. However, the long Yorkshire straights should favour the sports cars despite the spectacular efforts of Waite. Other quick cars in classes B4 and B5 include the Porsche 911s of Phil and Barbara Smith and Edmund Peel/Kevin Devine, while the Lotus Cortina of Paul Mankin and Desmond Bell makes a welcome return to the BHRC after an engine failure earlier in the season.

Among the Minis, Clive King and Bob Ward should set the pace, while class B1 will be contested by Nick Pinkett and Richard Simpson (Saab 96) and Mike Barratt and Jody Watson (Sunbeam Stiletto).

Category two

Despite starting the season with non-finishes on three of the first four gravel rallies, Stokes and Weaver have since had a fabulous campaign, topped by victories in category two on the Isle of Man, Ulster and Flanders. Now, another victory is the target to clinch the overall title.

However, the opposition in category two is strong and includes Steven Smith and John Nichols in the Escort Mk1 that Smith debuted in Flanders. Stokes knows that he must beat Smith in Yorkshire, while other challenges in class C5 come from Chris

Browne and Liz Jordan (Escort Mk1) and 2009 Trackrod winners Stefaan Stouf and Joris Erard (Escort Mk1).

Another challenger for victory in category two will be class C4 leaders Tim Mason and Graham Wild (Porsche 911). Mason will be hoping for better fortune than a year ago when his run on his home rally ended less than a mile into the opening stage with drive-shaft failure.

Mason and Wild go up against another Porsche 911 in class C4, the car of fellow Yorkshire crew Peter Smith and Russ Langthorne, while a welcome return to the BHRC is made by the glorious Lancia Stratos of Steve Perez and Paul Spooner.

Class C3 promises one of the best battles of the season, headed by Yorkshiremen Andrew Siddall and Captain Thompson in their Escort Mk1, who have already won the class title. However, on their home rally they face a big challenge, headed by Welshmen Tim Jones and Don James (Escort Mk1) and backed up by the similar cars of James Slaughter/Phil Peak, Guy Smith/Patrick Walsh and Robin Shuttleworth/Ronnie Routhead.

A fine class C2 field includes several championship newcomers, but it is the Escort Mk1 of Vince Bristow and Tim Sayer that it sure to set the pace as the Sussex crew battle to get up among the more powerful class C3 cars.

Category three

A superb entry of category three cars will deliver some spectacular action and with the category title already sewn up by the Vauxhall Chevette of Rob Smith and Shaun O'Gorman, there are no championship issues to be settled.

Leading the field away on his first run in the BHRC will be local legend Steve Bannister, partnered by Louise Sutherland in his historic specification Escort Mk2. Going up against Bannister will be Nick Elliott and Dave Price and Ulster Rally winners Connor Corkill and Rob Fagg.

Other rapid Escort Mk2s will be in the hands of Roger Kilty/Lynette Banks, Tim Pearcey/John McNichol, Charlie Taylor/Steve Bielby, Dick Slaughter/Geoff Dearing and notable dark horse Warren Philliskirk/Emma Slights. From Belgium comes the Escort Mk2 of Christophe Jacob and world-class co-driver Stephane Prevot. Lining up against the Escort pack will be the Opel Ascona 400 of local crew Steve Magson and Geoff Atkinson.

In class C3, Richard Lane and Frank Richer head the pack in their Escort Mk2, while class D2 will be a battle of the Sunbeams as Ian Coulson/Joe Jones go up against Michael Kent/Miles Cartwright.

The Trackrod Historic Cup starts at 7.30am on Saturday 25 September from Scarborough. For more details about the event, please visit the website at: www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk

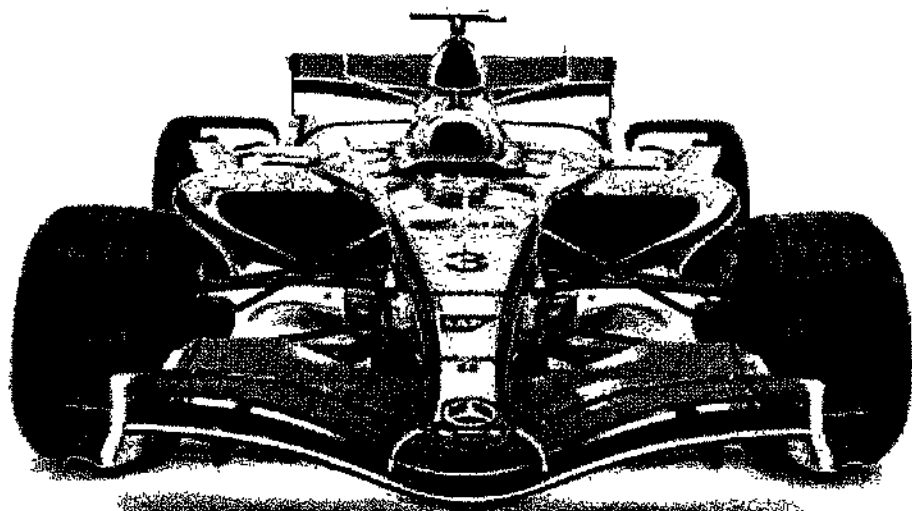
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Formula 1 2010 Calender

Date	Race	Winner	Circuit
14 Mar-14 Mar	Bahrain Grand Prix	Fernando Alonso	Sakhir
28 Mar-28 Mar	Australia Grand Prix	Jenson Button	Melbourne
04 Apr-04 Apr	Malaysia Grand Prix	Sebastin Vettel	Kuala Lumpur
18 Apr-18 Apr	China Grand Prix	Jenson Button	Shanghai
09 May-09 May	Spain Grand Prix	Mark Webber	Catalunya
16 May-16 May	Monaco Grand Prix	Mark Webber	Monte Carlo
30 May-30 May	Turkey Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Istanbul
13 Jun-13 Jun	Canada Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Montreal
27 Jun-27 Jun	Europe Grand Prix	Sebastian Vettel	Valencia
11 Jul-11 Jul	Great Britain	Mark Webber	Silverstone
25 Jul-25 Jul	Germany Grand Prix	Fernando Alonso	Hockenheim
01 Aug-01 Aug	Hungary Grand Prix	Mark Webber	Budapest
29 Aug-29 Aug	Belgium Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Spa-Francorchamps
12 Sep-12 Sep	Italy Grand Prix		Monza
26 Sep-26 Sep	Singapore Grand Prix		Singapore
03 Oct-03 Oct	Japan Grand Prix		Suzuka
17 Oct-17 Oct	Korea Grand Prix		Korea
31 Oct-31 Oct	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix		Yas Marina Circuit
14 Nov-14 Nov	Brazil Grand Prix		Sao Paulo



**2010 MSA Gravel Rally Championship - Round 4 Sixty & Worcestershire
National Rally**

Saturday 4th September 2010

Milner Wins 2010 MSA Gravel Rally Championship

Former double British Rally Champion Jonny Milner and co driver Ian Windress took maximum championship points on the Sixty & Worcestershire National Rally today to take their third victory of the season and in doing so wrapped up the 2010 MSA Gravel Rally Championship with one round remaining.

Needing a victory in the National A element of the penultimate round of the AN-CRO-organised series, Milner, the 2002 and 2003 British Rally Champion, was only sixth fastest through the opening stage of the Ludlow-based event and by contrast, championship rivals Roger Duckworth (Silverstone) and Nick Broomfield (Towcester) were some five seconds faster in their Subaru Impreza WRC.

Duckworth was a further two seconds quicker through the 8.76 miles of High Vinnalls and by first service held a slim six second advantage over Milner. However by the end of the seventh test the title was all but decided when Duckworth was sidelined with a broken gearbox leaving Milner with a 12 second cushion over Charlie Payne (Ripon) and Craig Thorley (York) in their Ford Focus WRC.

Milner and Windress needed those maximum points to secure the title with a round to spare but their task was only made easier when Payne suffered clutch failure on the start line of the penultimate stage. Whilst Payne and Thorley were able to complete the route the time loss ensured that Milner would end the day 15 seconds ahead and with the 25 points that he needed to take the championship victory.

In the Production Class category the Subaru Impreza N10 of Alex Allingham (Stalybridge) and Mark Glennerster (Wanborough) triumphed over the Mitsubishi Evo 9 of season long rivals Tom Naughton (Bury) and Horace Saville (Bury) to move one step closer towards taking the Production Class crown. The pair only requires a podium position on the season-ending Trackrod National Rally to secure their second major title in succession after winning the BTRDA Production Class in 2009.

A number of championship contenders had more than their fair share of dramas during the day. Stephen Petch (Hamsterley) and John Richardson (Northallerton) spent the morning quite literally in a spin when they began the

event with the wrong compound tyres on their Hyundai Accent WRC. Their day did not improve when the pair suffered a broken exhaust manifold and when the turbo failed during the final loop of stages the pair were relieved just to see the finish ramp. Likewise Nigel Seabold (Headley) and Tim Barton (Epson) had a fraught day in their Subaru Impreza when first their launch control button fell off the dashboard and then the pair had issues with their intercooler spray, but were very happy to finish their first Gravel Championship event of the year.

Robert Cholmondeley (Barnt Green) and Dave Evans (Leeds) took maximum points in the Viking Ford Escort Challenge by virtue of being the only starters in the category.

Milner's day wasn't without its problems and a puncture threatened to spoil their hopes late on but the end result is that Milner goes into his local event, the Trackrod National Rally later this month, knowing the title is safe meaning he can enjoy his favourite stages in the Yorkshire forests.

Jonny Milner: "I felt that there was more pressure on me today than when I won the BRC! I was struggling with a long brake pedal in the morning but we did what we had to for the championship and now I'm looking forward to going flat out in Yorkshire!"

Charlie Payne: "I really enjoyed the stages today. We had a small off-road excursion on the one stage where we ran wide and went into the undergrowth, I was waiting for a big bang but thankfully we just popped back onto the road again! The locals really know this event so I challenge them to come to Yorkshire so we can try and even the score!"

Alex Allingham: "We lost a lot of time with a front puncture on one of the morning stages which was pretty frustrating and then we had an issue with hanging dust as well but all in all it's been a great day out in the woods."

For full details of championship positions and other information, visit www.msagravelrallychampionship.co.uk.

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2010 MSA Gravel Rally Championship after Round 4, Sixty & Worcester-shire National Rally

- 1 Jonny Milner 93pts
- 2 Stephen Petch 76pts
- 3 Charlie Payne 68pts
- 4 Alex Allingham 53pts
- 5 Roger Duckworth 44pts

Picture attached courtesy of Mark Simpson, www.cmwi.net: Jonny Milner & Ian Windress in action today.

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The Motor Sports Association (MSA) has announced a complete review of stage rallying to be undertaken within the next six months. Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive, has appointed Steve Stringwell JP, Chairman of the MSC Judicial Advisory Panel to lead the review by forming a small working group to make recommendations for the governance, structure and strategic development of the sport. "Rallying has been struggling for a few years," says Hilton. "Rally licence holders are down by 10% in the past five years and the number of events has fallen by a similar amount. We know that the sport has been going through a difficult time on the international stage as well and that this inevitably has an impact on the domestic scene, but we have to look at the issues and see how we can redress the balance.

"The UK has a proud history of rallying success, but we need to re-evaluate what British rallying should look like; what the focus of the championships and events should be; how we can increase the numbers of competitors and spectators; and how we can attract sponsors and investment. We don't need to identify the major issues – they are already well known throughout the sport – so we want this review to focus on identifying solutions to reverse the decline." Steve Stringwell has more than 40 years involvement in motor sport, having started marshalling in 1967. He competed on Club and International rallies throughout the 1970s and 1980s, before becoming an MSA Steward in 1986. Since then, Steve has officiated at a string of major national and international race and rally events and has been a Chairman of the MSC National Court since 2003. Professionally, he was appointed as a magistrate to the Leeds Bench in 1991, has been a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Panel and Drugs Panel, and now sits at Leeds Crown Court in the Court of Appeal. "I am very much looking forward to the challenge of pulling this review together," said Stringwell. "I would like to stress that this is very much an MSA review, not my personal project, so as well as convening a small working group, we will also be consulting widely across the sport. I think everyone is aware of the issues facing rallying and I hope that the results of this review will enable some positive action to be taken to improve the situation for the long-term health of the sport." **Editor's notes:** The Motor Sports Association (MSA) is the national governing body for four-wheeled motor sport in the UK, responsible for the regulation and administration of the sport. The MSA is a member of the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and holds a seat on the World Motor Sport Council. The MSA represents 33,000 licence holders, 15,000 volunteer marshals and officials, more than 750 member clubs and issues permits for 5000 motor sport events every year. In recent years the MSA has expanded its remit to cover the development of the sport and currently invests in excess of £1m a year in the three elements of its Whole Sport Plan. 'Grow' targets an increase in participation levels, 'Sustain' invests in the infrastructure of the sport, its clubs and its people, and 'Excel' focuses on training future world champions and educating their peers. **Release MSA10-048: 21 September 2010** For media information only. No regulatory value.

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Anticipation grows ahead of Rallye Sanremo

The prospects for Rallye Sanremo, round 10 of the Intercontinental Rally Challenge, are mouth-watering after entries for the Italian event peaked at more than 90 cars.

In addition to the Skoda Motorsport trio of Juho Hanninen, Jan Kopecky and Freddy Loix, Skoda UK Motorsport will enter a Fabia S2000 for Guy Wilks, while Skoda Italia will be represented by Marco Signor.

The Peugeot challenge will be led by defending IRC champion and last year's Rallye Sanremo winner Kris Meeke. Italian ace Paolo Andreucci, runner-up to Hanninen on Rally d'Italia-Sardegna in June, and Frenchman Bryan Bouffier will also be at the wheel of a 207 S2000s as will Bruno Magalhaes, who returns to IRC action after skipping last month's Barum Czech Rally Zlin.

Giandomenico Basso heads the Abarth line-up, which also includes four-time IRC event winner Luca Rossetti. PROTON will field Niall McShea in one of its Satria Neo S2000s and will reveal the identity of its second driver tomorrow (Friday).

Several M-Sport Ford Fiesta S2000s will also be in action with Andreas Mikkelsen and former IRC regular Andrea Navarra among those driving the new-for-2010 cars.

Meeke eager for wins in Sanremo and Scotland

Kris Meeke has vowed to do all he can to win the Intercontinental Rally Challenge events in Sanremo and Scotland, even though his hopes of defending his IRC Drivers' title are all but over.

The Peugeot UK pilot set the pace on both events last season, but was ultimately stripped of his RACMSA Rally of Scotland victory following post-event eligibility checks.

He now hopes to end an, at times, frustrating campaign by adding to his tally of IRC wins starting with a second straight victory on the all-asphalt Italian event, which

"It's fair to say it hasn't gone as smoothly this year as it did last year but it hasn't taken away my desire to start every event trying to achieve the maximum," said Meeke. "I want to finish this year on a high and do the best we can and to win in both Sanremo and Scotland will be special."

Live Eurosport coverage for Rally of Scotland

During a press conference at Gleneagles in Perthshire, Scotland, yesterday (15 September) Eurosport Events confirmed extensive live television coverage of RACMSA Rally of Scotland, the penultimate round of the 2010 IRC season from 15-17 October.

The promoter's international media partner Eurosport, Europe's largest television sports channel, will broadcast live the two passes through the 17.68-kilometre Errochty stage at 11:00hrs-12:00hrs and 17:30hrs-18:30hrs CET on Saturday 16 October and the two runs through the Loch Ard stage, which measures 29.04 kilometres on Sunday 17 October at 11:00hrs-12:00hrs and 13:45hrs-15:00hrs CET.

In addition, Eurosport will also show its Rally Magazine review programme at 23:00hrs-24:00hrs CET on Tuesday 19 October. Eurosport's Asia-Pacific platform will show the second Errochty stage live plus slightly delayed coverage of other stage action.

Between its various platforms, Eurosport will devote approximately 15 hours of coverage to the event through its live coverage and replayed highlights thereby further underlining its commitment to the IRC and Rally of Scotland.

Scotland organisers in call for volunteers

RACMSA Rally of Scotland organisers are calling on volunteers to help with the smooth running of the Intercontinental Rally Challenge event, which takes place from 15-17 October.

More than 750 volunteer marshals are required to support the Perth-based event and Clerk of the Course Iain Campbell explained the rally could not run without their assistance.

"Quite simply without the volunteer marshals we do not have an event," said Campbell. "We rely on their expertise to provide radio cover, to run the time controls, to man the stages, look after the service park and to set up each of our stunning venues. In return they get as close to the action as possible and take away the satisfaction of being part of a huge event."

Guy Wilks, who won the inaugural Rally of Scotland in 2009, is backing the recruitment drive. He said: "What rally marshals do is fantastic and there is no better example of this than on last year's Rally of Scotland. The marshals who stood out in the awful weather and did such a professional job with such good humour made a huge difference."

More information is available at www.rallyofscotland.com.

No entry fee payable for Monte Carlo crews

The Automobile Club de Monaco has announced that entry fees for the 79th Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo from 19-21 January, 2011, will be free of charge for all 100 competitors that are accepted for the opening round of next season's Intercontinental Rally Challenge.

As part of the celebrations for the event's centenary, the ACM has decided to offer this exceptional incentive to encourage amateur drivers to register.

"Today we are very happy to confirm that entry fees will be waived," said René Isoart, the ACM General Commissioner. "Our aim is to encourage many amateur drivers to return and participate in the Monte Carlo Rally. They are the bedrock on which this event and its history have been built. We will soon be announcing further initiatives to encourage amateurs."

The final route of the 79th running of the rally has also been drawn up and is based entirely on historical routes with famous locations selected from the rally's earliest days.

Al Qassimi considers Golden Stage entry

Khalid Al Qassimi, a former Middle East rally champion, is considering entering the Golden Stage Rally, which takes place in Cyprus on 7 November.

Featuring a single 25-kilometre mixed-surface stage run twice, the Golden Stage, the event is scheduled for the day after the Intercontinental Rally Challenge season concludes with the FxPro Cyprus Rally (4-6 November).

As well as counting for IRC points, the Cyprus Rally is a scoring round of the Middle East championship and a large contingent of crews from the regional series could also tackle the Golden Stage Rally, which is open to all teams and drivers competing with Super 2000, Group N and Group A (up to A7) cars, in both two- and four-wheel drive configuration..

Al Qassimi, who campaigns an M-Sport Ford Fiesta Super 2000 in the Middle East championship. "I've never been to and IRC event before so it will be interesting to see what happens. If the timings work out it could be possible."

Rallye Sanremo media information

Media accreditation for Rallye Sanremo, which takes place in Italy from 23-25 September, is now open for media not in possession of a 2010 IRC Permanent Press Credential. It closes on 17 September and a form can be downloaded through this link on the event's official website: <http://acisanremo.it/rallysanremo/stampa/accredito%20stampa%202010%20eng.pdf>

Holders of IRC Permanent Press Credentials planning to attend Rallye Sanremo are asked to confirm their attendance as soon as possible by emailing media@ircseries.com. Further event specific information is available by emailing ufficiostampa@acisanremo.it.

IRC media enquiries and information

IRC enquiries: Richard Rodgers on media@ircseries.com, +44 7833 470541, or visit www.rally-irc.com for all the latest news, information, live stage times, live rally radio and the free IRC iPhone Application.

MSA signals move towards less aggressive rally tyres

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) has announced plans that will move Stage Rally cars towards the use of tyres with less aggressive tread patterns in the course of the coming years.

Following extensive discussions between the governing body, Forestry Commission, Rallies Committee, the Rally Championship Steering Group, the Tyre Advisory Panel and other interested parties, the MSA will convene a special meeting in November to formulate its tyre policy for the future.

Last years Greenerways Rally, conducted by the British Rally Championship (BRC), Pirelli, the MSA and the Forestry Commission, delivered strong evidence that the use of tyres with a closer tread pattern results in substantially less damage to the forest roads. It was seen that a tyre with a greater contact area with the road surface helped to preserve the integrity of the road construction and thereby reduced the associated repair bills. Further benefits may also be seen in better durability of the tyres and the fact that with reduced traction many mechanical components will be subjected to less stress.

The future for gravel rallying has to be less aggressive tyre patterns, says Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive. It may well save money for competitors and event organisers in the long-term, but that is just a welcome bi-product of this strategy. We believe that we have a duty to

runs from 23-25 September.

behave in a responsible and sustainable way if we are to safeguard the future of the sport and continue to enjoy access to the forests for our events. In this respect, we are also introducing other initiatives for all stage rally cars including the mandatory carrying of environmental Spill Kits and the use of mud flaps behind all four wheels of the car.

In formulating our future tyre policy, we will continue to work closely with all the parties involved and I must make special mention of BRC and Pirelli who have been instrumental in this process in recent years. We are also grateful to the Forestry Commission for their continued support of motor sport and we look forward to concluding negotiations over a new Master Agreement for access to the Forestry Estate shortly.

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The Motor Sports Association and the Forestry Commission

The MSA has enjoyed a strong relationship with the Forestry Commission since moving the RAC Rally of Great Britain into the forests in 1960. The current three-year Master Agreement, that sets out the terms and conditions under which motor sport events use the Forestry Estate, expires at the end of 2010.

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TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM 2010

Members Name

Competitors tick ☒ appropriate
boxes below and provide evi-
dence (results)

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest ☐

Economy Run ☐

Hillclimb ☐

Organising Club:

Trackrod ☐ PCT ☐

Other ☐ Road Rally ☐

Type of Claim:

Stage Rally M/V ☐

Stage Rally S/V ☐

Driver ☐ Treasure Hunt ☐

Navigator ☐ 12-Car ☐

Marshal ☐ Other -

Service Crew ☐ state type

Organiser :

state position

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.

October 2010
5th Old Modenians
12th Fox & Grapes
19th Rose & Crown (Otley)
26th Admiral Hawk

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

Events Calendar 2010

October 2010

8th-10th	Mull Rally
15th-17th	Rally of Scotland, IRC

November 2010

7th	Malton Forest Rally
26th– 29th	Roger Albert Clark Rally
28th ?	Neil Howard Memorial Stages?

December 2010

4th	Grizedale Stages Rally
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**If you would like to help on any of these events please let me know, E
mail andyt@trackrodmotorclub.co.uk**

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