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Editors Bit

Firstly I would like to wish you all Happy new year on behalf of the Trackod Motor club comitee.

As I mentioned in Decembers magazine we have changed the trophy point claiming procedure, listed opposite is the new procedure. I would also like to stress that you have to be a member to claim points so make sure your renewal has gone back to Graham Wride.

Trophy points must also be in with in one month of the event including proof of results, any time over that I will discard them.

Also coming up this month is the annual Trackrod Motors clubs dinner dance Organised by Caroline Marsden hope there is a lot attending as it's a good night and a lot of hard work has been put in by Caroline.

Oh well that's it for now there are plenty of rallies coming up if you require more info please contact our Chief Marshal Andy Turnbull.

Lastly we are also running the Lookout stages on the 3rd April now this year we are short on organasion team so help is needed please contact myself or Andy turnbull.

Richard Goldie
Editor

Trackrod Motor Club

Trophy Points Rules 2011

For the 2011 year Trophy points will be awarded as follows:

Rally Driver	Points will be calculated as shown below 10 points for starting an event 10 points for being classified as a finisher + Percentage of starters in class beaten Minimum of 3 events to be started to be eligible for the award
Rally Co-Driver/Navigator	As driver
Autotest/Autosolo	Minimum of three events to be started Points calculated as Rally Driver/Co-Driver
Ladies Award	Best Lady Competitor Minimum of three events to be started Points calculated as Rally Driver/Co-Driver
Marshals	5 points per day (including set up and tear down)
Service Crew	5 points per day
Trackrod Trophy	Best all round Club member Non Competitor: 5 points per day per event marshalled/assisted on {10 points if named in regs} Competitor 5 points for a finish 3 points for a non-finish
Newman Trophy	Best all round Lady Club member Points awarded as Trackrod Trophy
Spy 44 Trophy	Points awarded for competing in three different disciplines {Marshalling may be counted as one discipline} Points awarded as Trackrod Trophy
Juniors Award	Members must be under 18 at the beginning of the year to be eligible for this award. Points awarded as Trackrod Trophy
Yorkshire League	Points awarded as published in League Tables

The 'claim year' is for events run between 1st December 2010 and 30th November 2011.
All claims must be made within one month of the qualifying event.

RETROSPECTIVE

40 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1971 - Still no news of our RAC affiliation but another local club - Leeds Motor Club - became successfully affiliated in December 1970. Mention was made of new safety regulations on tyres - ONE defective tyre could now cost you a 50 quid fine plus an endorsement with similar penalties for each additional defective black round thing !! Activities of a training variety were being planned for the immediate future - more next month. The magazine was particularly thin in Jan 1971 - being just a single sheet of foolscap (remember that size ???) with one side for names and addresses of club officers and forthcoming events !

30 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1981 - Editor Richard Moran reminded us all that the Dinner was coming up at the Mercury motor inn, Garforth - tickets 7 quid !! Secretary Pete Silberberg offered congratulations to the Mackinnons and Mills's for producing their respective offspring ! ANCC Road Rally championship would have 13 rounds in 1971 including our own Costa Di Plenti. The recent indoor rally was won by J. Westmoreland/M. Knowles who now led the championship after 2 rounds. John Renny reviewed the 1980 Shell League and provided the 1981 calendar of events. The ANCC PCT championship received similar treatment from trials regular, Ronnie Moore. Award winners for 1980 were announced - amongst them were:- Ron Mackinnon; Ronnie Moore; John Renny; Keith Hunn; Richard Moran; Dave Ashford; Derek Lee; Ray Sutcliffe; Brian Wainwright; Vicky Spurdens and Graham Kellet.

20 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1991 - New members this month totaled 14 including P. Scruton; N. Stevens; T. Wood; D. Coates and one C. Birkbeck! Peter Stanhope reported on the Boxing Day autotest at West Street carpark in Leeds - Susanne Stanhope won class 1, Ron Mackinnon took class 2 with John Renny won class 4 - modesty prevents me from reporting the FTD winner !!!!

10 YEARS AGO - JANUARY 2001 - Graham Steggles reported on the Boxing Day autotest - 15 entries ! - Won by Jonathon Turnbull, best TMC was A. Apperley from Darren Moon (4th & 5th experts) The novices class was won by Andy Wood from Vicky Apperley. Rob Wright had

a host of escort cosworth parts for sale including 8 LDV van wheels/
tyres !!!!! Graham Steggles also gave a tongue in cheek view of mat-
ters technical, centering on suspension and how one thing always leads
to another - ending as always with the need for more
power ! TRACK-
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++ENDS Richard Ineson

Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship

Four wheel drive; over but not out

Following the announcement that the MSA British Rally Championship will only be for two wheel drive cars from 2012, Championship Manger Mark Taylor has pledged that there will be a home for the four wheel drive cars which will be unable to compete in the BRC.

"Outside of the BRC, discussions with competitors and teams are ongoing and there is significant interest in creating a series purely for four wheel drive cars." he said, "but UK Rally is keen to point out this will not have the British title or indeed conflict with the objectives for the BRC. Instead ideas surrounding a "Masters" series are being drawn up, based on Group A8 and Group B13 four wheel drive cars only.

Whilst the series would in the main be held at rounds of the BRC, the competitors would enter stand alone events, such as the rally held in Northern Ireland for world rally cars in 2010, so as not to conflict with other rallies. It would be featured in the media as a competitive arena for past rally champions and competitors who enjoy their four wheel drive cars, seeking to compete on longer single day events with high media profile and quality television coverage.

Whilst we eagerly await the outcome of the MSA's review on stage rallying, it is hoped that more details should emerge by Easter 2011."

For more information on the Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship visit www.rallybrc.co.uk

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MSA issues Environmental Spill Kits

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) has spent more than £25,000 in order to supply a free 'Environmental Spill Kit' to every event-organising MSA club. The Spill Kits were despatched over the Christmas period and will all be received in time for the coming season.

The kits are designed to deal with automotive fluid spills of up to 14 litres, although most spillages involve a lesser quantity; in 2009 the MSA provided each Rescue and Recovery unit with a similar kit, which was able to handle a 7-litre spillage.

Each Spill Kit is supplied in a sealed container and comprises a number of absorbent pads, a quantity of absorbent granules and a sealable heavy-duty bag into which used materials are placed for disposal.

On 1 January 2011 new MSA Regulations came into force requiring organisers of certain events to provide Environmental Spill Kits in paddock areas. In addition, competitors in a number of disciplines will themselves be required to carry a smaller version of the kit (capable of dealing with a 1.25-litre spill) from the start of the year.

MSA Technical Director John Syms said: "As the governing body, the MSA has a duty to ensure that UK motor sport takes its environmental responsibility extremely seriously. Spill Kits are an essential part of fulfilling that responsibility and the MSA is making a substantial investment in these kits to ensure that everyone is able to implement best practice throughout the sport."

SOCIAL

2011 Awards Dinner – Saturday 29th January 2011

The Awards Dinner will be held at Castle Grove in Headingley. Dinner is 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm followed by the Prize Presentation, the cost per person will be £23. As in recent year's Club will be subsidising the cost of the tickets.

The menu for the dinner is:

Pate and warm bread

Chicken and leek en crouete

Treacle Sponge and Custard or Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee/Tea with mints

Members wishing to attend the Dinner must post their completed forms and remittance (cheques made payable to Trackrod Motorclub) to Caroline Marston (24 Pasture Close, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6LJ) by 22nd January 2011.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. I hope you have enjoyed reading these monthly bulletins which help us to keep you up to date with developments both at Motor Sports House and around the country.

Every year seems to be busier than the last; certainly 2010 has been no exception and I suspect that 2011 will continue the trend. There is such a lot of work going on and we have made real progress in many areas this year.

Go Motorsport continues to bring new recruits to the sport, while Let's Go Karting has delivered more than 11,500 experiences across the country. The MSA Academy also goes from strength to strength and has been significantly assisted by the generous support of the Racing Steps Foundation.

The quality of the UK's training programmes has been recognised by the FIA Institute, which appointed the MSA as one of only two 'Regional Training Providers'. Alongside the Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS) the MSA is now tasked with helping ASNs around the world in their drive to raise standards.

Although there is still a long way to go, our campaign to bring closed-road motor sport back to mainland Britain is gathering momentum within Westminster.

We have concluded the first part of a karting review and a new structure of governance will take that process forward. A full review of stage rallying is also underway and has already received excellent input from the sport.

I am immensely grateful to my team at Motor Sports House and to the MSA's extended family of volunteers and officials for their continued enthusiasm, dedication and hard work. It is thanks to them that UK motor sport is held in great esteem worldwide.

Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, the MSA will be making a donation to BEN, the automotive industry charity. So may I take this opportunity now, on behalf of the Motor Sports Association, to wish you a very happy Christmas, a peaceful and prosperous New Year and another great season of motor sport in 2011.

Warmest regards,

Colin Hilton

Chief Executive

Motor Sports Association

Wales Rally GB concludes World Rally Car era

Wales Rally GB provided a spectacular conclusion to the FIA World Rally Championship season last month, and also brought to a close the era of the modern WRC car.

The event – organised by the MSA's commercial subsidiary, International Motor Sports (IMS) – was won by seven-time champion Sébastien Loeb, who beat 2003 title winner Petter Solberg to victory by less than 20 seconds.

"The atmosphere surrounding the finish ramp in Cardiff Bay was electric, thanks in no small part to the magnificent sight of the Royal Navy frigate HMS Monmouth, which docked alongside," said IMS Chief Executive Andrew Coe. "The reaction to the new Super Special stage in the Bay was overwhelmingly positive, while the return of competition to Radnor Forest and Margam Park met with a chorus of approval among fans and crews."

The MSA offers its sincere thanks to the organising team, the councils, the emergency services, the landowners and the thousands of volunteers and officials without whom this world class event could not have taken place.

Hamilton greets karters at McLaren HQ

A group of Formula Kart Stars competitors met Lewis Hamilton during a visit to the McLaren Technology Centre recently.

This year's winners of the Lewis Hamilton 'True Grit' award, which is bestowed at each FKS round upon the karter who displays the greatest fighting spirit, were joined by the top three finishers from each FKS class for a guided tour of the facility, followed by a chance to quiz the 2008 FIA Formula One World Drivers' Champion.

FKS Series DirectorCarolynn Hoy said: "I really can't thank Lewis and the entire McLaren team enough for allowing our drivers a truly unique opportunity. It was incredible to see a Formula One factory at work and it gave all the drivers a real insight into the amount of effort it takes to put two F1 cars on the grid."

During the visit Hamilton presented new MSA British Cadet Kart Champion Nathan Aston with his prize TAG Heuer watch, while each driver was given an exclusive McLaren gift bag.

Wright takes Sporting Trial title

Ian Wright captured his second MSA British Sporting Trial Championship title with victory on the Mercian Trial.

"When you start winning it gets infectious," said 52-year-old Wright, who wrapped up the title with four rounds to spare. "After a run of trial wins I had a fourth place finish and was really disappointed. But I got my second title, which I've been chasing since 2006, so I couldn't be happier." Wright has been involved in the discipline for many years; he began as a passenger aged 16 and was often picked up from school in a road-going trials car by his parents, who also competed.

Win F1 and Rally GB tickets in reader survey

The newly-appointed publishers of the MSA's quarterly magazine have launched an online reader survey to understand a little more about the people that receive the publication.

Think Publishing aims create a relevant and interesting magazine that MSA members want to read, so the choice of content and offers will be informed by the response to this short questionnaire.

Anyone completing the survey will be entered into a free prize draw to win either a pair of grandstand tickets to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone next year or a pair of World Rally passes for next year's Wales Rally GB. All responses will be treated in complete confidence and will not be passed to any other third party.

To take part in the survey please click <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSAmembershipsurvey>

For full terms and conditions of the prize draw please click

<http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/ThinkSurveyT&Cs.pdf>

MSA unveils new structure of governance for UK karting

The MSA has restructured the governance of UK karting, with the implementation of the new Kart Committee.

The Committee will be chaired by MSA General Secretary Rob Jones for its inaugural year and will comprise the following regional delegates:

- Midlands: Terry Bateman and Graham Smith
- South West and South Wales: Ian Rennison and Ron Shone
- South East and East Anglia: Chris Pullman and Colin Wright
- Northern England and North Wales: Malcolm Fell and John Rogerson
- Scotland: Fraser Hallhouse and Clive Steyn
- Northern Ireland: Keith Wilkinson and Paul Fullerton

Russell Anderson will represent the Association of British Kart Clubs (ABkC), which will hold a seat on the Committee for the first three years.

The Committee will be supported by Sub-Committees of Kart Sporting and Kart Technical. These will be chaired by Rod Taylor (Sporting) and MSA Technical Executive John Ryan (Technical), who will also have seats on the main Committee.

Jones said: "Karting is the bedrock of UK motor sport and it is essential that the MSA ensures that the Kart Committee represents everyone in karting. We believe that the revised structure will build further on the considerable success of karting in the UK."

Hilton crowns final Gravel Champions

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton crowned Jonny Milner and Ian Windress as MSA Gravel Rally Champions at the Association of National Rally Championship Organisers (ANCRO) awards dinner in Stratford-upon-Avon recently. The Championship will not be run in 2011.

Barry O'Neill is JLT MSA Marshal of the Year

Northern Ireland volunteer Barry O'Neill has won the JLT MSA Marshal of the Year Award.

Awards Panel Chairman Allan Dean-Lewis said: "Barry has introduced a new professionalism to marshals' training in Northern Ireland, combining experience, skills and the lively enthusiasm of a volunteer. This year Barry has facilitated the launch of a cadet marshal scheme in Northern Ireland's Motorsport Marshalling Partnership, resulting in a superb turnout of over 90 at their April training day, as parents brought their cadets with them for dedicated training."

O'Neill will be presented with £250 and a pewter salver at January's MSA Night of Champions ceremony.

Cramlington DMC is JLT MSA Club of the Year

Cramlington & District Motor Club has been named the JLT MSA Club of the Year for 2010. The Awards Panel – comprising Nicky Moffitt, Mike Sones and John Arnold, and chaired by MSA Head of External Affairs Allan Dean-Lewis – selected Cramlington DMC as the winner following its nomination by the Association of North East and Cumbria Car Clubs.

Moffitt said: "Cramlington DMC has grown its membership base by surpassing all of the objectives of its original five-year plan, which commenced in 2006. In 2010 the club has become more involved with its local Regional Association (ANECCC), has supported other clubs' events to help build experience and confidence, and has raised over £5000 for Help for Heroes. The club is an excellent example of a structured approach producing tangible results and benefits."

Cramlington DMC will be presented with £1000 and a trophy at the MSA Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in January.

Kart Sporting Committee issues Green Paper

The Kart Sporting Committee has issued a discussion document outlining proposals and considerations that it believes could help to shape the future of UK karting.

The Karting Green Paper was originally conceived in 2008 but did not proceed past the draft stage, as the MSA then announced its own review of karting. Following the MSA review and the subsequent restructuring of the sport's governance, the Motor Sports Council requested that the document be revisited and updated.

Visit www.msauk.org/news to view the Karting Green Paper. Comments must be submitted to kart@msauk.org by Monday 17 January 2011.

MSA visits Westminster to promote activity

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton, MSA National Rally Coach Mark Higgins, FIA Deputy President for Sport Graham Stoker and 1992 F1 world champion Nigel Mansell attended an MSA All Party Parliamentary Group meeting in Westminster earlier this month to promote the MSA's political activity. Eleven MPs, including Transport Minister Mike Penning, attended the meeting, which was hosted by Ben Wallace MP and discussion focused, among other topics, on the current campaign for closed road motor sport.

Royal Automobile Club appoints new CEO

David Wilkinson has been appointed Chief Executive and Secretary of the Royal Automobile Club. Wilkinson has enjoyed a distinguished career in hospitality, first with Hilton International and subsequently with the Dorchester Hotel, where he was General Manager for seven years. Since then he has consulted for a variety of organisations.

Wilkinson visited Motor Sports House last month to discuss his new role with MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton.

Time Attack concludes first year as MSA discipline

Time Attack has enjoyed a successful first season as an MSA-recognised discipline, having been brought under the governing body's auspices earlier this year. Glen Horncastle, Director of Events & Operations for the Time Attack Series, said: "Since 2007 the Time Attack Series has worked alongside the MSA to introduce annual safety updates not only for the vehicles but also for the drivers, which culminated in the formation of Club Time Attack and the integration with the MSA. Our alignment with the MSA has worked very well this year and we are pleased to announce that we will be continuing the relationship for 2011 and beyond."

MSA Licensed Officials Seminars 2011

Invitation letters were sent out last month for the 2011 MSA Licensed Officials Seminars, which will be aimed at Clerks of Course and Stewards, including probationers and trainees. The seminars will provide an opportunity for current and prospective Clerks to gain and share information, and workshops will be run for Rally, Speed and Fixed Venue (Race/Kart) interests.

Invitees who have yet to return their reply slips are now reminded to do so, and anyone planning to attend who has not received an invitation letter should request one via adean-lewis@msauk.org. The dates and locations of the venues are as follows:

Northern Ireland (Aldgrove) – 23 January; **North West** (Preston) – 29 January; **Midlands** (Walsall) – 30 January; **Scotland** (Stirling) – 5 February; **Wales** (Llandrindod Wells) – 19 February; **Central Southern** (Swindon) – 20 February; **North** (York) – 26 February; **East** (Peterborough) – 27 February; **South East** (Sevenoaks) – 5 March; **South West** (Exeter) – 12 March.

Additional evening seminars, open to all, will be run in **Jersey** (15 February), **Guernsey** (16 February) and the **Isle of Man** (28 February).

To attend a seminar in 2011, please return your completed reply slip to Motor Sports House via post or email (adean-lewis@msauk.org) at least one calendar month prior to the seminar that you wish to attend.

BRC announces 2011 changes

The Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship has announced that only two-wheel-drive machinery will be permitted for two of next year's three classes – the new Dulux Trade MSA Formula 2 Rally Championship, and the Dulux Trade MSA British Teams Rally Championship.

BRC Manager Mark Taylor said: "There are several factors driving this change. We are having new dialogue with UK car importers and manufacturers, most of whom either have or are planning to homologate two-wheel-drive rally cars, and therefore we have a unique opportunity to engage with them and provide the right arena for them to participate in. These cars, driven on the limit, provide a spectacle which is exciting to watch and these cars are reasonably cost effective to run. They provide an excellent grounding for learning and developing skills working in unison with the new FIA WRC Academy and junior series which now focuses on these types of cars."

Wakefield DMC runs events for students

Wakefield and District Motor Sports Club joined forces with motor vehicle repair students at Barnsley College in Barnsley recently for a learn-and-drive weekend.

The students, who were between 16 and 19 years of age, spent the morning learning about car control with members of the motor club, in preparation for an Autotest that was held in the afternoon under MSA Regulations.

The intention was to give the students, some of whom had never driven a car before, an early grounding in car control, which will definitely prove useful in the development of their driving skills.

Lothian Car Club establishes new 2011 Doune event

Lothian Car Club is to stage a hill climb event featuring classes for historics, sports and saloon

April next year.

The Club is expecting to attract around 40 historic entries, ranging from pre- and post-war sports cars to 1950s F3 and 1960s Formula Junior machinery. The Club also plans to run a separate meeting solely for historic, sports and saloon cars later in the year.

Club Chairman Tim Thomson said: "We have been keen to run a historic event at Doune for some time but the economic climate has made this difficult. This event will be a precursor to something more established that will bring renewed enthusiasm to our sport in Scotland."

Market town announces new motor sport festival

The West Lancashire market town of Ormskirk is to host the inaugural Ormskirk MotorFest on 28 August 2011.

Organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancashire Borough Council, the event will feature displays of competition cars from various motor sport disciplines in and around the town centre. West Lancashire Borough Council's Martin Forshaw said: "We want this to be a celebration of all aspects of motoring and motor sport, in the unique location of a historic market town. The concept is developing and I'd like to invite all clubs, organisations, owners and enthusiasts who would like to take part in the event to get in touch with us."

Online Competition Licence renewal

Competitors are reminded that they can apply online for their 2011 Competition Licences. Online renewal is the quickest and most efficient way of renewing a Competition Licence, as it allows applications to be processed within seven days. To renew online, simply visit www.msauk.org and click on the 'Competitors' tab.

Insurance Cashback

Clubs have until 15 December 2010 to claim Insurance Cashback, which will be paid by automated bank transfer.

Clubs that organised permitted events between 1 December 2009 and 30 November 2010 must complete the Insurance Cashback BACS form, which is available on the MSA Website by clicking http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/BACS-details.doc.

Completed forms should be sent by email to tarun.banghia@msauk.org or by post to Motor Sports House.

Budget theme for Go Motorsport at ASI

'Go Motorsport on a Budget' will be the theme of the Go Motorsport stand at Autosport International.

The stand will focus on 'maximum thrills for minimum bills' to demonstrate the wide range of cost effective competitive possibilities. "One half of the stand will feature cars representing disciplines open to everyday road cars," said campaign co-ordinator Jonathan Gill. "These will include Run What Ya Brung drag racing, Sprints, Autotests, Navigational Rallies and Trials. The other half will be dedicated to competition cars taken from grassroots motor sport."

Competitors from the various disciplines will be on hand to talk visitors around the vehicles and to answer questions. The stand will also feature Formula One simulators, kindly donated by RBS.

The MSA Academy

The MSA is committed to investing in the training and development of young drivers. The MSA Academy, under the direction of the MSA's Performance Director and 2001 WRC champion co-driver Robert Reid, creates a development pathway that takes competitors from eight years of age up to international level. The work of the MSA Academy is kindly supported by the Racing Steps Foundation:

www.racingsteps.com

Sims tests for McLaren at Silverstone

Team UK driver Alexander Sims tested a McLaren MP4-23 Formula One car at Silverstone recently as part of his prize for winning the 2008 McLaren Autosport BRDC Award. Sims, who finished fourth overall in this year's Formula 3 Euro Series, tested alongside 2009 Award winner Dean Smith, who ranked seventh in this year's GP3 Championship.

"Today was the most incredible experience of my life," said 22-year-old Sims following the test. "The first time you go full throttle in the car and then feel its reaction under braking is simply incredible. I want to say a big thank you to everyone that made today possible."

Sims also tested GP2 machinery at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi recently, running with both ART Grand Prix and Racing Engineering. ART team manager Frederic Vasseur said: "Alexander succeeded in adapting to the car very well. We were delighted that he did his first ever GP2 Series test day with ART. He is an intelligent driver and we are confident that he will be able to progress quickly."

MSA Team UK represents the creation of a national squad comprising the country's most promising drivers, and builds upon experience gained from the MSA's previous Rally and Race Elite schemes over the past five and three years respectively.

Team UK is operated by Brabham Performance Clinic, with race and rally coaches providing specific expertise to supplement teachings common to all disciplines. Former F1 driver and Le Mans champion David Brabham fulfils the role of National Race Coach alongside the highly experienced, three-time British Rally Champion Mark Higgins as National Rally Coach.

Performance updates

Dave Weston Jnr (above) took his second FIA World Rally Championship finish of the year on Wales Rally GB.

Weston and his co-driver Ieuan Thomas overcame mechanical difficulties to finish the final round of the 2010 WRC season 25th overall and sixth in the PWRC category. "On the first day of our recce we had an engine problem with our recce car and it started to catch fire," said Weston Jnr. "Thankfully Dani [Sordo] spotted us and stopped to help us put the fire out. We are extremely grateful to him."

Marty McCormack has ended 2010 as runner-up in the French Citroën Racing Trophy after finishing second in the R2 class on the Rallye du Var.

"This has been a great end to a great year in which I have done just what I set out to do – gain experience of overseas events and three-day formats and up my pace to that of the best Citroëns in the championship," said McCormack.

Grist joins Team UK

Former FIA World Rally Championship co-driver Nicky Grist will join the Team UK project in 2011 to oversee the selection and development of a number of aspiring young British rally co-drivers.

Like their driving colleagues on Team UK, the co-drivers will benefit from a bespoke programme to further their skills and prepare them for professional co-driving careers.

"I can't wait to get started," said 49-year-old Grist, who is perhaps best known for co-driving Colin McRae from 1997 to 2002. "British co-drivers have such a tremendous history in world rallying, but our numbers seem to have dropped off a bit in recent years. I hope that we can take some of the promising young co-drivers and give them a helping hand to make it to the highest levels. There are so many attributes that you need to be successful, but as well as the obvious navigating skills and attention to detail, I will be looking for the strong personalities that are able to cope with the demands of top level rallying."

Schools visit Silverstone with Go Motorsport

Students from 14 schools enjoyed a memorable and educational day at Silverstone recently, thanks to the Go Motorsport initiative.

The programme – timed to fit with Global Entrepreneurship Week in mid-November – was constructed by Midlands RDO Robin Webster, who made contact with the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Manager for schools in the Oxford region, as well as the Bucks Economic Learning Partnership (BELP).

The parties then worked with those at Silverstone to put together a full day of activities, which included a variety of different behind-the-scenes tours, displays and lectures. Webster himself provided a dedicated Go Motorsport presentation, aided by the state-of-the-art F1 technical components that are kindly loaned to all RDOs by the Williams F1 team.

Join the Go Motorsport campaign

Launched in 2008, Go Motorsport is a national marketing campaign to promote UK motor sport and to encourage more people to get involved as drivers, volunteers or spectators. There are many ways for you to play your part in encouraging more newcomers into all areas of the sport:

- Direct anyone interested in competing, volunteering or visiting a live motor sport event to the 'Go Drive', 'Go Help' and 'Go See' sections of the Go Motorsport website, www.GoMotorsport.net
- Help us to set up a visit to your local school by emailing the relevant contact details to info@GoMotorsport.net
- Promote the initiative by running Go Motorsport decals on your competition car. A selection of free decals is available from info@GoMotorsport.net
- Include Go Motorsport advertisements in your event programmes. Artwork is available from the 'downloads' section of www.GoMotorsport.net
- Establish web links to the Go Motorsport website where relevant or possible.
- Distribute Go Motorsport and Let's Go Karting promotional materials. Flyers, pencils, DVDs and other materials are available from info@GoMotorsport.net

Scottish Correspondent

January 2011

Another 6 months has passed since I last wrote, and a lot has happened, mainly outside motorsport and to do with the Mull Project.

Building the new Lodge on Mull has taken a LOT of time, but is well worth it, it sleeps easily 4 people, in comfort!! www.selfcateringonmull.co.uk if you are interested!

Plus then in July IBM decided that they no longer required my services, so I had more time to spend on the Lodge, and other Projects we have on the go. Motorsport wise I have only been involved with the following:

TMC 40th celebrations on 4th September – it was great night, well done to everyone that helped organise the event, Caroline and the team. For all those that attended we had a great time, just a pity there were not a few more. Yes it cost a few pounds, but the quality of what was provided was well worth it, plus of course meeting old friends again!!! Rod, what will you be doing for the 50th???

Rally Yorkshire this year I had the privilege of sitting with Richard Webster again and doing C300. Well that was meant to be the only role, until Rod called me up and asked if I could attend a day earlier to help with the service area. I said yes, and then the storm hit! It was hard work battling with the elements and the sea/wind pounding in off the North Sea, but they were out of all our control, even Rod's!! Then on the day doing the C300 role was hard work, not in the physical form like the service area, but mentally making sure I got Richard to the right place at the right time, and collecting/delivering whatever was needed for Lloyd. We must have got it right since we are invited back for 2011!

Mull Rally 2010, a change of name and organising team, but the same roads and challenges they give us! This year we were asked to run two stages, the traditional Calgary stage lead by Pete Henness and Gribun by AndyT and myself, plus some of the team ably lead by Richard Webster as the Road Opening car. So we had the house and Lodge full, 19 of us, and a busy and sociable time was had by all! I must say the new Mull CC team delivered a tremendous event, lead by Steve Davies.

IRC Rally Scotland was held the weekend after Mull, so it was great to have many of the people stay over in Alva and help. The level of entry was up on 2009, and we had a new stage to run just near Aberfoyle. It took a while to setup for the recce, and then for the full run, but it was worth it in the end.

RAC Scottish region at the end of November proved to be fun. With all the snow that hit Yorkshire we were concerned that we would get the same, but luckily all we had was a good 'icing' of snow, and plenty of ice! The level of entries had increased well, so a good weekend was had watching and listening to the cars!

Dates for 2011

There will be more happening this year, but at the present I would like to draw your attention to just a couple of events.

NHFR Tweed Valley – 23rd July

An event that Trackrod members have traditionally helped on is the North Humberside Forest Rally. Without going into all the history, the NHFR team have struggled to get forest allocation in Yorkshire so this year after many months of discussions the team will be running an event in the Tweed Valley, around the Selkirk area. The organisers were given my name (thanks Rod!) and I was approached to help draw in the Scottish team perspective. My team is nicely coming together under the Dep CofC Resources role (just like the old Scottish days!)

So watch this space for more details and get the date in your diary to help and see some excellent rally in forests that haven't been used for a long time.

TOUR OF MULL – 14/15/16th October

Just to make sure you are aware that the date has been confirmed now as the 14th to 16th. More details of the format will become available nearer the time – but we have been asked back to do the same roles, so please book your accommodation and holiday at work now!

IRC RALLY of SCOTLAND – date TBC

Since Mull had to change its weekend there is now a conflict with the IRC. We are waiting to see what date becomes available in consultation with Eurosport. Watch this space for more details!

If anybody would like more details on any of the above, then please contact me on 01259 760611H, 07778 514150 M (new number) – but not after 22:00 please! (eMail peterstanhope@hotmail.co.uk)

Safe motoring.

Peter Stanhope

TROPHY POINTS CLAIM FORM 2011

Members Name

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

Event Name

Event Date

Event Type:

Autotest []

Economy Run []

Hillclimb []

PCT []

Road Rally []

Stage Rally M/V []

Stage Rally S/V []

Treasure Hunt []

12-Car []

Other -

state type

Organising Club:

Trackrod

Other

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Type of Claim:

Driver

Navigator

Marshal

Service Crew

Organiser :

state position

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Event Status

Clubman CM []

National "A" []

National "B" []

International []

ANCC Round []

Yorkshire League Round []

Other

For Official Use Only

Date received

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Awards eligible for

RESULTS

Your Entry No

Position Overall

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.

January 2011

4th Old Mods

11th Fox & Grapes

18th Rose & Crown (Otley)

25th Admiral Hawk

Any suggestions you may have for new places to meet please contact any member of the committee.

February 2011

1st Old Mods

8th Fox & Grapes

15th Rose & Crown (Otley)

22nd Admiral Hawk

Events Calendar 2010

Jack Frost Stages
Sunday 16th January

North West Stages
4th/5th February

Wyedean Forest Rally
Saturday 12th February

Bill Cammack Memorial Rally (Manby)
Saturday 19th February

Riponian Stages Rally
Sunday 20th February

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