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THREE SCOTTISH ROUNDS IN NEW LOOK BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2016

The MSA British Rally Championship returns in 2016 with an exciting new -look calendar to go with the revised vehicle eligibility regulations that were announced in January. In what's set to be the biggest shake-up for many years, next season's revitalised BRC will be staged throughout the British Isles and will include a mix of gravel and asphalt surfaces to provide crews with the ultimate challenge in national rallying.

Starting in March and concluding in September, the new championship will comprise seven events, of which four are retained from previous years, while three are new or returning rounds of the championship

The campaign opens with the Mid Wales Stages, using the legendary forests of Myherin and Hafren that test the world's best drivers each year on Wales Rally GB. A visit to Belfast after Easter allows crew to test themselves against the FIA European

Rally Championship's top stars on the UK's second biggest stage rally, the Circuit of Ireland, before returning to Carlisle for the first of four longstanding BRC events, the Pirelli Rally. Having tackled Kielder over the Bank Holiday weekend, the BRC crews will take on the Borders' asphalt for the Jim Clark Rally at the end of May. The Scottish Rally occupies its traditional date at the end of June, before an eight-week gap to the championship's second visit to Northern Ireland for the Ulster Rally in August. The season will conclude with a journey north for the end of year celebrations at the Granite City Rally in Aberdeen, which put on such a great show earlier this vear.

The inclusion of a madefor-TV one-day special event remains a possibility for 2016, subject to discussions with broadcast partners and securing a suitable venue/ date. 2016 British Rally Championship provisional calendar*

March 5th/6th 2016: Mid Wales Stages (Gravel)

April 8th/9th 2016: Circuit of Ireland (Asphalt)

April 29th/30th 2016: Pirelli Rally (Gravel)

May 27th/28th 2016: Jim Clark Rally (Asphalt)

June 24th/25th 2016: RSAC Scottish Rally (Gravel)

August 19th/20th 2016: Ulster Rally (Asphalt)

September 9th/10th 2016 Granite City Rally (Gravel)

* subject to approval by the MSA



Calendar July/August

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Albar Junior Rally Kames Autotest Kyleakin,Skye Autotest Huntly Boyndie, Banff Sprint Albar Rally Kames Mach 1 Stages Machrahanish Sprint Alford Grass Autotest Strathhaven Race Meeting Knockhill **BTRDA/MSA** Autotest Heathhall Dumfries Sprint Kames Superlap Scotland Knockhill Autotest Stonehaven Spevside Stages Elgin PCT Forfar Solway Coast Rally Dundrennan Solway Coast Junior Rally Dundrennan Golspie Sprint Golspie **Fintry Hillclimb** Fintry Grass Autotest Strathaven PC Autotest Stonehaven Race Meeting **Knockhill** Go-Motorsport Open Day Knockhill Bathgate Comp Safari West Lothian British Touring Cars Knockhill Kyleakin,Skye Autotest Autumn Navigational Rally **Dallachy Airfield** Autotest Nomad Navigational Rally Forrestburn Hillclimb Forrestburn

East Ayrshire <u>Skye</u> 63 Aberdeen East Ayrshire Dunfermline Grampian Coltness Scottish Motor Racing South of Scotland East Ayrshire Knockhill MSC Stonehaven Spevside 750 Solway Solway Caithness Grampian Coltness Stonehaven Scottish Motor Racing Scottish Hill Rally Club

<u>Skye</u> <u>Highland</u> <u>63</u> <u>63</u> <u>Monklands Sporting</u>

The full calendar for the year is on SACC website <u>Events Calendar</u> page, where you can search by club, championship or type of event

To get your event added to the calendar visit the SACC website and complete the <u>form</u> or contact Raymond Mann directly 01592 264517 rca.mann@btinternet.com

Rally Safety Update

Dear all

Another busy month in the rally world. We are of course right in the middle of rally season now and I'm just back (like many of you) from the Jim Clark rally in Kielder forest. Now looking forward to the Scottish. Met the teams from the Scottish rally and the McRae Stages to talk about plans for the events and discuss the impact of the safety recommendations. Also had an interesting day in Pitlochry with the Saltire Rally Club learning about other rally disciplines (the slower ones!) – don't know if my manoeuvring skills in my mini would get me round too many cones...

At the MSA there is a lot happening (we are at rally speed – no handbraking...) –

- MSA (Rally) Marshal Accreditation Scheme good progress and will be established later this year. New registrations will go straight onto the new scheme with renewals for rally coming out slightly later this year with longer timescales to renew to tie in with the new requirements. It will be based on registration, completion of some short online training focussed on safety and with some changes to current practice (submission of CVs) to ensure that existing marshals are started fairly at the right grade reflecting experience. The online training is being developed to support all marshals and we will be looking to get a group of marshals involved in telling us what you might need to help you deal with keeping yourselves and spectators safe out on a stage.
- MSA Marshal Partnership (Reward) Scheme we are kicking this off and regions have been asked to contribute information. Ideally it should be in place when the MSA Accreditation scheme starts. Regions will play a key part in this scheme.
- Communications some new ideas coming very soon with the aim of getting everyone involved in talking about the future of rally...
- Rally Safety Requirements a new manual is being put together for rally organisers it will apply from January 2016 replacing the 2015 requirements (but building on it). A working group has been set up chaired by Andrew Kellitt with MSA representatives but with important experience from the field the members include: Andy Smith, Ian James, Matthew Atkinson, Martin Leonard, Neil Malcolm, Barry Guess, Gary Nicholls and, from Scotland, Neil Shanks.
- Rally Forums regions are being asked to help us to set up some rally forums around the country involving some well-known celebrity faces and to give clubs a chance to join in the debate.

Best wishes

Jacqueline



Scottish Motor Sports—Rory Bryant



SMS News Granite City Rally filming

Both myself and Jacqueline Campbell were given the opportunity to join the marshalling teams on stages 4 and 7 of the Granite City Rally, on the 2nd May. We took the opportunity to commission a film producer to capture our experience on the rally and create a short film that aims to highlight how much fun it is to get involved in motor sport as a marshal. This is currently in the final stages of edit but a short preview of the video was featured recently in the MSA's monthly newsletter (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3vao9HSdyQ&feature=youtu.be</u>). Once completed the film will be launched via our Youtube channel and will hopefully become a resource that helps clubs recruit marshals.



McRae Rally Challenge

We worked with GoMotorsport and clubs to coordinate a promotional stand at the McRae Rally Challenge on the 16th & 17th May, at Knockhill. The set up was manned by a diverse team which included members from SMMC, Dunfermline Car Club and other knowledgeable individuals (including Marshal the Lion)! There was a particular emphasis on promoting marshalling opportunities to the public but the team worked hard to promote all that motor sport has to offer. This included working with Glenrothes MC to give over 40 people AutoSolo passenger rides on the Sunday.

Over the course of the weekend we captured details of 48 new people, who noted interest in getting more involved in the sport. This data was gathered on the MSA's lpads and has been passed onto the SACC to follow up on appropriately.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Knockhill for accommodating us and to everyone that contributed to the stand over the weekend. Special thanks to Team Sleigh Racing for providing the truck and awning to keep us all dry too!



GoMotorsport Live

Further to our recent press release (see supplementary document), we are intending to run a Go-Motorsport Live event on the 16th August at Knockhill. The event will be based on the success of the 'Live' events that have run at Silverstone and Snetterton in recent years. It will be set in the backdrop of the mid-season rounds of the Scottish Motor Racing Championship and aims to create a platform for clubs to sell themselves and grass roots motor sport to the public.

At the time of writing, we have 8 clubs expressing an interest in attending the event but would like to see more of you getting involved. If you are interested then please do contact either myself (<u>rory.bryant@scoittishmotorsports.co.uk</u>) or Alison Clark (<u>scotland@gomotorsport.net</u>) to discuss further.

GoMotorsport Events Fund

We are delighted to have launched this new initiative, which gives Scottish clubs the opportunity to apply for support to run a promotional event in their local area.

(see SMS website for details http://www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk/news/)

The initiative has already had its first successful applicant; South of Scotland Car Club has been awarded support to assist with the promotion of the British Autotest Championships, which they are hosting on the 25th July. This event will be followed up by a club Autotest and taster session on the 26th July, to help encourage new people into Autotesting.

The GoMotorsport Event Fund will support the event by; providing £300 towards advertising, providing designed and printed leaflets to promote the event, use of the SMS awning and GoMotorsport promotional material alongside some support to promote the event via our social media channels.

Rory Bryant

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GOMOTORSPORT EVENT FUND

Congratulations to **South of Scotland Car Club**, the first applicants for funding from the new Go-Motorsport Events Fund! The club will host a round of the **British Autotest Championships** in July, and this funding will be used towards creating and producing promotional material, and towards marketing the event. In addition, the Club will also have the use of the GoMotorsport gazebo, feather flags, banners and pop-ups to create a static stand. I'll be there over the weekend to engage with spectators, capture contact details of those interested in participating, and help recruit new marshals and club members.

There is funding available for your Club! Please review the application criteria on <u>http://</u><u>www.scottishmotorsports.co.uk/news</u>

Any queries, please contact <u>rory.bryant@scottishmotorsports.co.uk</u> or <u>Scot-land@gomotorsport.net</u>

GOMOTORSPORT LIVE! AT KNOCKHILL

Sunday 16th August will see Knockhill host Scotland's first ever GoMotorsport Live! at **Knockhill**. Similar events have been held at Silverstone and Snetterton in previous years, and offer the opportunity to watch and participate in motorsport for free (*upon production of a pre-registered email voucher). This will piggyback a busy SMRC event, and if previous Live! visitor numbers can be replicated, we should see 5000 participants through the gate.

Several clubs have confirmed their attendance, together with a rescue unit, which has offered to carry out a mock-rescue in a scrap car. 750MC will host a PCA offering passenger rides; we have representation from most disciplines from Targa to Hill Rallies, forest and tarmac rallying, autotesting, nav rallying, karting, hillclimbs/sprints and circuit racing.

If your club would like to take part, then please contact myself or Rory. Regionally, we are lacking in representation from clubs in the SW and Borders.

SKYE AND LOCHALSH RALLY CLUB VISIT



One weekend saw me undertake the lengthy trip to Skye and Lochalsh. Working with the Rally Club, we spent a whole day in **Plockton High School**, delivering a get-involved message to second and third year pupils. Local drivers John O'Kane and Hamish MacInnes brought along their cars to support the visit, and the pupils (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed the experi-

ence. The Club supported the visit school visit by hosting a PCA the following morning, to which the pupils were invited to come along and experience a passenger ride. The distraction of a nearby shinty match saw signed-on numbers not as high as anticipated, nonetheless, those pupils who had braved the storm to have a ride had a great time. There was a lot of interest in particular in the J1000 challenge, upon which literature was given to several pupils. A club meeting that evening saw us discuss how we can work together to drive the club forward: club member and school administrator Lindsay Ross will ensure that **club fixtures** are posted on the school notice board; **West Highland Free Press** have been contacted to feature a **monthly column** (a post-PCA feature has already been published); and the Club may have the opportunity to use the school **classroom facilities** for marshal training.



JIM CLARK RALLY SCHOOL VISITS

Following very successful school visits promoting safety, event information and get-involved information to Jedburgh schools ahead of the Border Counties Rally (which was featured on Border TV News), the Community PC in Hawick requested that I carry out similar presentations in her area. She did all the legwork in emailing schools, and advising them of my available dates. Several schools contacted me, and these were added to my schedule. There then followed a period of frantically trying to source a rally car to complement each visit. Despite the bookings having been made for the week before, and two days before the rally, I was dismayed to discover that cars belonging to my contacts were either in the paint shop/had no wheels/were in bits, or their owners were working. An email to the local car club asking that all members be contacted as a last resort was ignored. As a result, I was left with no option but to cancel. I wholly appreciate that all school visits will be on a weekday, and daytime, but the schools programme is a vital cog in the wheel of motorsport development. Look at an entry list from 30 years ago, and you are likely to see the same surnames on an entry list today. We need to broaden the range of names of entry lists by introducing new recruits into the motorsport family. Please ask your members to support these visits. Dropping off and picking up a competition car at a school is all I the commitment I ask.

McRAE RALLY CHALLENGE

Despite challenging weather, in which Marshal the mascot's head was nearly blown off into the Forth, a great crowd turned up for this event, celebrating the 20th anniversary of Colin's world championship win. Rory has included a feature on this on his report, but in brief we took the opportunity for data capture from visitors to our stand, and passengers experiencing a PCA ride. Nearly **50 people** expressed an interest in marshalling/trying motorsport/joining their local car club. Huge thanks must go to 750MC and Glenrothes MSC for organising the PCA and giving our passengers a thrilling ride.

Thanks again for your support.

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Success Continues for Retson

After their win at the McRae Junior Rally Challenge in May, Finlay Retson/Andrew Falconer (Citroen C1) were certainly the favourites going into the first stage of round 2 of the 2015 Brick & Steel Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge - The Junior Summer Stages Rally at Crail on 13th June 2015. But Peter Bennett (Citroen C1) from N Ireland was also pretty upbeat despite having never seen the venue before. His build up for the event had not been without its problems when regular co-driver Arthur Kierans had to pull out midweek when his services were required to co-drive in Lithuania. So Mac Kierans - son of Arthur - stepped in and after some frantic paperwork on Friday night, the pair set off into stage 1 on the Saturday in pursuit of Retson, who was clearly a man on a mission. Some crews had cycled/walked round the stage on the Friday night but the Juniors did not start until stage 3 and the route was different. This caught out Bennett who thought the road should go left at a pretty fast intersection but it went right. The ensuing "birling about" say the wee C1 parked on top of a tyre and it took about 30 seconds to get going again. This left Bennett in second place just over 30 seconds behind Retson. And Retson kept the pace up over the next 3 stages to finish 51 seconds up on Bennett.

Retson commented: "This could be considered my home event and I was really well prepared. The fast flowing stages really suited my driving style and my car. I very much enjoyed the whole day"

In addition to the anticipated Retson/Bennett battle, the next 2 cars were expected to provide some excitement. Craig MacIvor (Micra) - with "guest" co-driver Gordon Chalmers - was favourite after his victory over Harry Chalmers/Lisa Watson (Micra) at the McRae Rally Challenge. But there was despondency in the MacIvor team during the first stage when the red Micra of MacIvor disappeared out of view at the most southerly part of the venue and the next car to appear was the white and blue one of Chalmers. MacIvor's car had "chucked out" all its water and the crew stopped to avoid ruining the recently built engine. Co-driver Chalmers saved the day by emptying his water bottle into the radiator and they cruised back to the end of the stage. But they were still in the rally and continued after topping up with water. But this gave Chalmers a pretty clear position in third place. This did not stop him entertaining the crowd on almost the final corner of the last stage when an encounter with some tyres removed the front bumper from the very tidy Micra.

And nipping away at Chalmer's heels were Ewan Tindall/Paul Hudson (Citroen C1) to record Tindall's first finish in a Junior rally in fourth place.

Displaying the "International" nature of the Championship, the first 4 places were - Scottish; N Irish; Scottish; English.

The next round of the Brick & Steel Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge will be at Kames Motorsport Complex, Muirkirk, East Ayrshire on 4th and 5th July

Ends

For further information contact David Barlow, Championship Co-ordinator - coordinator@j1000ecossechallenge.co.uk

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View from the Vice Chair

The 2015 season is in full swing and the Vice Chair of SACC got a bit faster recently when I was asked to co-drive for Kris Meeke in an ex Colin McRae Citroen Xsara WRC at the McRae Challenge event held at Knockhill in May. Well it would have been very rude to say no even if my head is still spinning from the great display Kris put on for the crowd. What an experience!

The event was a great example of people working together with several SACC clubs and other organisations involved in bringing together the competition and static displays.

Until I took on this role with SACC, I was just about aware of the range of motorsport events taking place



across Scotland but didn't have a full understanding of just how busy the 'petrol head' calendar was, especially when you include classic car shows. All of these activities place a huge demand on the resources of the organising teams which are almost entirely volunteer organisations.

It is against that background that SACC is trying to make Scottish motorsport more joined up and with a clear strategy for the future. Key priorities include better communication, sharing best practice rather than re-inventing the wheel and making SACC more accountable for getting things done and supporting its members in whatever they need to get their jobs done. We want to hear from you if you think we are on the right track.

A particular challenge for the Association is always to represent all of the member clubs. This has been difficult over the last year because of the big focus on stage rally safety but there are lessons to learn across all cubs and all disciplines. I want the SACC clubs to feel part of one strong organisation and for all club members to feel part of the same Scottish motorsport 'family'. We will be more effective if we all work together.

The clubs represented by SACC all face up to similar challenges. This is not made any easier by the constant and increasing pace of change. We need to better understand all of these changes. Only some of these are imposed by the governing body, the MSA. Other changes come from national Government or even from EU legislation. But there are also changes in the motorsport event marketplace. How can we be sure that the events being run by clubs are what the consumers really want? Why do some event entries fill up within hours of being opened while other events struggle to get enough competitor entries? The same question can be asked about the number of marshals.

Successful organisations listen to their customers and, more importantly, they develop a deep understanding of the needs and wants of those consumers. Success is achieved by delivering to these needs and wants. But on the other side, consumers must be clear in stating what they want.

If you are a competitor reading this, when was the last time you gave real feedback to an event organiser? End of event feedback tick box forms are useful but it needs more.

If you are an event organiser, when did you last hold a focus group of competitors to hear what they have to say?

If you are a volunteer official or a marshal, when did you last express your views on what motivates you to give up your time or, perhaps more importantly, what makes you decide not to volunteer?

Finally I want to repeat the plea I made in my piece for the first edition of the newsletter for people to step forward for roles within SACC up to and including the executive positions. If we are to deliver on our goals then we need a strong team and an effective succession plan. So once again, this is my call to arms. Please contact me in person or by phone or by e mail with your thoughts.

Pete Weall

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Mach 1 Stages Marshals

Its now less two weeks to go, until the 2015 Mach 1 Stages Rally, in association with Blackwood Plant Hire, running over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July.

When the entries opened, we received over 110 entries in three hours, and we are now sitting at 117. The rally looks like it will be a fantastic rally, with some fabulous cars taking part.

It just shows, that the Tarmac Rally Championship is alive and kicking, and extremely popular.

However to be a complete success, we need the valuable support of Marshals and radio crews, without your help, these rallies would just not start.

On the Friday night, there will be a Marshals Training Evening held in the Officers Mess, on the Machrihanish Airbase.

If you are planning on coming, and as yet, have not done so, please can you register with the Chief Marshal, Keith Cowan <u>keith.cowan1968@btinternet.com</u> 07879 895527

> More details on becoming a MSA registered marshal on the <u>SACC website</u>

McDonald & Munro Speyside Stages 1st August

Round 6 of the Scottish Rally Championship is the Speyside Stages starting in Elgin. Regulations are available for this event. The Rally will return to the Cooper Park Stage in the town centre, the two short stages a favourite with fans and drivers. The event will then head to the forests around Keith and Huntly with some stages that have been unavailable due to wind farm operations returning. The event is looking for marshals if your interested please contact Colin Christie colin.christie63cc@tiscali.co.uk

INTER ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Members of the Scottish Association clubs compete in many different events throughout the year. Some of these competitors restrict themselves to events and championships in Scotland, possibly even just local to themselves, while other travel the length & breadth of the UK or even further afield.

It has long been part of the MSA Regional structure to encourage some inter Association rivalry by promoting a team event in each of the main sporting disciplines. The Road Rally event for 2015 has already happened but shown below is a list of the remaining competitions.

SACC had traditionally supported team entries by making a modest contribution to help with travel costs of attending an event that you would not normally go to. If any individual or group of people would like to represent Scotland at any of these events, please send a note to the SACC secretary.

Autotest (AWMMC): Whitchurch Motor Club - Firefly Autotest - 30 August 2015.

Autocross (ACSMC): Southsea Motor Club - Sid Taylor Barley Mow - 8 & 9 August o

Car Trial (ASEMC): Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club
- Stone Acre - 13 September

Cross Country (ANCC): Clitheroe - 6 September – Land Rovers will be provided.

Sprint (EMAMC): Nottingham Sports Car Club -

Thorsbury Park - 13 September

Sporting Trial (ASWMC): Bristol Motor Club - Roy Fedden Trial - 8 November

Stage Rally (AWMMC): Quinton Motor Club - Nicky Grist Stages on 11 July 2015

MSA CONFIRMS MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL DECISIONS REGARDING FRONTAL HEAD RESTRAINTS

Motor Sports Council, the MSA's rule-making body, has voted to mandate the use of Frontal Head Restraints in Stage Rallying, Hill Climb and Sprint – with certain exceptions in each – from 2016 onward.

The decisions were taken on the 9th of June at the second of Council's three meetings in 2015, held at Motor Sports House.

After a very lengthy debate, it was decided that from 1 January 2016 an FIA-approved FHR will be mandatory for all Stage Rally competitors, except for those in Historic Category One vehicles, for whom it will be a recommendation in 2016 and mandatory from 2017.

It was also decided that from 1 January 2016 an FIA-approved FHR will be mandatory for all Hill Climb and Sprint competitors, except for those in Period Defined Vehicles, Road-going Series Production Cars and Road-going Specialist Production Cars. Nonetheless, it will be recommended for those excepted competitors.

The relevant new regulations will be published in due course.

Tony Scott Andrews, Chairman of Motor Sports Council, said: "This is an important decision, which I appreciate will not be universally popular; I understand that it will place an additional financial burden on competitors and I empathise with those affected. I do however believe that the governing body has a responsibility to ensure so far as possible the safety of its competitors and the decision has been taken in pursuit of that aim.

"We believe that an FHR has become as much a part of a competitor's safety equipment as a seat, belts, protective clothing and helmet. We were very keen to announce this particular regulation change immediately in order to give competitors as much notice as possible."

FHRs are already mandatory for circuit racing competitors in post-2000 single-seat cars and will be mandatory across circuit racing, except for Period Defined vehicles, from 2016.

SACC RTT Championship 2015 - May Report

The second round in the championship was held at Fort Augustus Castle on 9th May The course was a forest track approximately 1.9 miles in length. The weather was great all day, with bright sunshine and light winds....perfect!!

Four of our registered competitors were at Fort Augustus to contest the event, and all managed to score competitive runs. Roy Kemp had rush off home at lunchtime as his wife was poorly, but luckily his morning runs were quite fast.

Liam Wood in his Escort was the fastest of our registered competitors finally achieving 6^{th} overall behind a bunch of four wheel drives including the ex-Andy Horne DAM4100. Well done!

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing road works for the AWPR, Brian Watson has been unable to get access to construct the new track at Coneyhatch so it has been cancelled for this year. All being well it will be ready for next years event.

Gerry Potter - Championship Co-Ordinator

Super Lap Scotland

Super Lap Scotland set another record, with the series' largest entry to date. Round 2, the first Anti-Clockwise event of the year, had over 40 cars entered across all classes. Sadly some did not make it on the day, but the turn out was very good none the less. The weather was good, the paddock was busy and due to other circuit commitments the timetable was very condensed. This meant competitors had to be ready at all times, and spectators got none-stop action.



SLS is simply - man and machine against the track and clock. Competitors complete two warm up sessions to perfect their lines and tweak their set ups ahead of qualifying. In qualifying competitors get a couple of attempts at topping the timesheets by completing 2 flying laps, before progressing to the SLS Final; where one lap, that's right, one single lap decides it all. This final lap is often all or nothing, with some drivers throwing caution to the wind.

There are six classes, all based on the power-to-weight ratio of each car; which allows even the most modest of road cars the opportunity to compete against the super-tuned monsters out on track; with points awarded for qualifying positions and overall finishing positions in each class. Meaning that, a class E competitor (least powerful) could easily take the overall Championship title from a Pro class competitor (most powerful) by scoring more points throughout the season, giving us an overall "King of Knockhill".





Super Lap Scotland comes back to Knockhill on the weekend of 25/26th July for the Motors TV televised rounds 4 & 5. Make sure you book tickets via the Knockhill website.

Thanks also, once again, to

all those officials, marshals and medical teams who devote so much time to ensuring we can enjoy motorsport events like today.

For all the results and in-depth reports from SLS, make sure you hop on over to the Super Lap Scotland website or give their Facebook page a like ahead of the next event. Round 2 Results P**ro**

Andy Forrest - Impreza (1st) Andy Napier - Focus RS (2nd) Russ Paton - EVO (3rd)

Class B

David Brown - Elise (1st) Colin Dorward - EVO (2nd)

David Long - R400 (3rd)

Class C

Stewart Walker - 997 (1st) Mark Dawson - Corrado(2nd) Martyn Henry - Astra (3rd)

Class D

Steve Warman - EVO (1st) Paul Tough - M3 (2nd) Adrian Milne - EVO (3rd)

Class E

Allister Phillips - Prelude (1st) Ali Mowat - M3 (2nd) Yumen Lai - Clio (3rd)

CCHMSC News Articles

Mini Miglia

The Caledonian Classic and Historic Motor Sport Club (CCHMSC) created a training event at the end of April for the Jaguar entry to the 2015 Mille Miglia. Jaguar brought their Heritage car collection of C types, D types, XK120 and XK140 to Scotland along with their celebrity crews, who included chef James Martin, adventurer Charley Boorman, male model David Gandy, Bremont watch owners Giles and Nick English, Clive Beecham, founder of Kinnerton confectionery and long nose D Type owner, and Jaguar Director of Design Ian Callum.



In only 3 weeks the CCHMSC team designed a 100 mile 'Mini Miglia' to the same exacting standards of the Mille Miglia, producing Italian style roadbooks and stage signage, which are completely different to what we normally see in the UK, all of course measured in Kilometres. In addition the club ran a classroom training session for the crews to teach them how to interpret the roadbooks and manage their timing and clocks. They then set off from the Loch Lomond start, testing their average speed skills through Glens on the way to Arrochar. A set of 'Italian style' regularities were created at the Rest and be Thankful and Inverary Castle before returning to Loch Lomond by way of the RBT and through more glens. Over 40 volunteer marshals were recruited for the event, many marshalling for the first time. The club produced a full set of results for Jaguar to present prizes at their after event dinner.

You can read all about this once in a lifetime opportunity for a Scottish Car Club at www.caledonianmsc.com

On July 11 the club offers a BBQ at Dave Barnett's Classic AutoSports at Inverkeilor near Arbroath. A time for classic enthusiasts to chat and see the range of classic Jaguar's and other sporting greats being rebuilt or serviced at Dave's garage facility. On August 23rd we return to Angus for the August Amble, a 130 mile tour of the area starting at Clattering Bridge for classic and sporting marques. Looking further afield to September we head to the continent for our biannual tour, this year heading through France to Spain and Andorra, Cóte d'Azur and Italy on Les Montagnes de France. Full details of these and all the club events on www.caledonianmsc.com.

Solway Coast Rally

Regulations for the Used Car Parts Solway Coast Rally (8th August) and the Used Car Parts Solway Coast Junior Rally (9th August) are now available on <u>www.solwaycarclub.co.uk</u> The event is also looking for marshals details also on the website. This year the rally is to be held on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August, in and around Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, this is our 8th year running the event which is aimed at raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We have raised well in excess of £100,000 for the charity over the years.

The Rally is a demonstration non timed event which is more a social event with a serious aim.

This year we have had a revamp of the event with the addition of 4 extra stages plus a Friday evening stage.

Programme of event is Friday 14th August Scrutineering 4pm till 7pm SS1 & SS2 Lewis Castle Grounds Stage 8pm till 10pm mixed surface

Saturday 15thAugust SS3 & SS4 Lewis wind turbine stage 8.30am 100% gravel SS5 & SS6 Arnish Fabrication Yard Road 100% tarmac SS7 & SS8 Melbost Farm Stage mixed surface SS9 & SS10 Lewis Car Club Track 100% tarmac After Rally dinner, Party, Charity auction and Ceilidh dance

Our event is aimed at the spectators who pay to view stages and it is possible to spectate at every stage of the rally on the day.



Event is invitation only to the drivers but we are always looking for newcomers to event if any drivers have an interest they can contact Lewis Car Club at <u>enquiries@lewiscarclub.com</u>

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SACC General Meeting held in Bridge of Allan 16th June 2015

The most recent meeting was again a mixture of routine, but none the less important, procedural stuff, including vital communication from the MSA, interspaced with a very active debate on a range of related topics.

In terms of proceedings, one of the key things that clubs should be making members aware of is the ongoing high workload at the MSA. The governing body for UK motorsport looks after our interests by getting involved in all sorts of stuff including important legislation from the UK and European Governments that we might otherwise never hear about until we trip over them. One of these is a move by the EU to legislate by 2017 for <u>mandatory 3rd party insurance for every motorised vehicle</u> regardless of where it is used.

No action needed just now but it is an example of what the MSA get involved with. This is of course on top of the huge current workload on safety leading to the recent publication of the <u>Multi</u> <u>-Venue Stage Rally Safety Requirements</u> document.

Closer to home, another example is the recent removal the paper Road Fund Licence (or tax disk). Many motorsport disciplines and classes require that competing cars are road legal and scrutineers used to check for this. In future, competitors will instead self-certify in the same way they do now when insurance is a requirement. Random checks will be carried out and there will be severe penalties applied to any licence holder who make a false declaration.

On a similar vein, all active competitors are reminded that, with the exception of some safety related matters, all proposed rule changes are put out for consultation and every licence holder has an opportunity to express their view on the proposed changes. These are found on the <u>MSA</u> <u>Website</u> and you are encouraged to look there every so often.

On the matter of rally safety, MSA Chief Executive Rob Jones recently told a meeting of all the Regional Associations that he was impressed with the way the sport has accepted the need for cultural change. One of these changes is to have common standards across events, pulling together what he said was a raft of existing good practice. Rob made a very specific mention of events in Scotland for leading the changes. He stressed in particular the need to improve communication (in its widest sense) and he called out in particular the recently published SACC newsletter – producing a copy for all to see.

He added that the Forestry Commission initially had concerns that the sport would not be able to react to the need for change but that they are now very confident and furthermore, the FC are now in a better position to play their part in supporting forest based events. Rob in turn believes that the FC is now close to being able to agree a new Master Agreement to replace the one that expires at the end of 2015.

All SACC member clubs are reminded that the clubs development and rescue development funds are there to be used and clubs should consider any projects that could be eligible. This can specifically include any additional cost associated with complying with the new safety requirements. Already in 2015, 19 grants totalling £52,000 have been paid out. Since 1995, 997 awards have been made.

Our meeting then heard or read through reports from the various co-ordinators and discipline specialist. The written reports are available for everyone to see on the <u>Association Admin</u> link on the <u>SACC Website</u>.

At various points throughout the meeting and then in an extended discussion later on, the clubs represented at the meeting talked about the various pressure points across the sport and in particular, the shortage of volunteer marshals. A number of suggestions were made in the room (and others have been put forward since). These will all be considered as a priority.

For an alternative view of the meeting, you might also want to visit jaggybunnet.co.uk.



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