

# EWheels

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## **Rally of Great Britain marshalling**

Many readers will know that this event takes place on 22 to 25 October. Comprehensive information about the rally for competitors, marshals and spectators can be found at [www.rallygb.org/home.php](http://www.rallygb.org/home.php)

In the marshals section you can read the latest newsletter, visit the Marshals Forum and check the event staffing timetable to decide where you would like to marshal. You can then enrol for the event by contacting one of the Staffing Officers or (if you already have a Marshal Registration Number) by going to [www.rallystageteam.co.uk](http://www.rallystageteam.co.uk)

The organisers actively support the use of Cadet and under 18 marshals and have two Child Protection Officers for their support. If you are under 18 and have any concerns surrounding the event please contact either Martin Saunders on 07798 584 713 or Rebecca Evans on 07748 452 650. They will be happy to discuss things with you.

## **RLO for 2010**

The MSA is looking for a new Route Liaison Officer (RLO) for the Hampshire area starting early 2010.

Route Liaison Officers assist in the smooth running of rally and trial events on the public highway at a local level liaising between the MSA, event organisers, the police, national parks and residents en route.

Clubs send RLOs copies of their routes and public relations letters that must be approved before an event can run. A good knowledge of local geography and the ability to act firmly but diplomatically are key attributes for RLOs.

This position would suit someone experienced in motor sport, familiar with the MSA and specifically the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) Regulations, who is willing to act impartially and respect confidences when dealing with route information supplied to them by event organisers.

The MSA pays agreed out-of-pocket expenses for this role. All enquires relating to the role should be directed to Simon Fowler, MSA Competitions and Clubs Manager, telephone 01753 765045 or email: [sfowler@msauk.org](mailto:sfowler@msauk.org).

## **Apprentices fired up**

The MSA's first Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence began with the 33 drivers selected from nearly 70 applicants attending a two-day induction course at Croydon College, South London. They were joined by six riders nominated by the Auto Cycle Union (ACU), governing body of two-wheeled motor sport, which has teamed up with the MSA for this scheme.

Following the induction period, much of the learning will be delivered remotely, with further blocks of study time scheduled for later in the year.

## **Extract from *MSA SCRUTINEERS E-BULLETIN #45***

### *Technical Officials' Licences*

Please ensure that anyone undertaking any sort of technical checks on vehicles is properly MSA licensed. Remember a Trainee Scrutineer licence is free of charge, so be it a family member or friend helping out or someone you are introducing to scrutineering, ensuring they have at least an MSA Trainees licence will provide cover under the MSA Officials' Personal Accident Insurance. Remember, no licence, no insurance cover!

## **MSA safety seminars**

The MSA has been awarded significant partnership funding by the FIA's Motor Sport Safety Development Fund to run a series of safety-related seminars in the UK.

The MSA will arrange two full-day seminars each on the topics of Facility Safety Improvement and Officials Skills Safety Training, both of which are open for applications both from UK personnel and also from other national governing bodies (ASNs) around the world.

The MSA will receive additional funding to promote driver safety training and development for each of the members of the MSA's Elite and Academy schemes. This will involve recognised advanced driving assessment, discipline-specific track tuition, competitive evaluations and psychometric testing to improve driver safety on both public road and in elite competition. An evaluation workshop and subsequent training sessions will be delivered as part of the ongoing 2009 MSA Elite Driver programme.

The FIA Motor Sport Safety Development Fund, which is part of the FIA Foundation, has been created to manage the distribution of motor sport safety-related grants worldwide and is administered by the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety. The Fund's resources were donated by the FIA as a result of the fine arising from the dispute between McLaren and Ferrari in the 2007 Formula One Championship.

For the Facilities and Officials seminars, the MSA has sent invitation letters to MSA-registered Clerks and Stewards, Championship Co-ordinators, Track Licence holders, Venue operators and MSA clubs, as well as to many international ASNs. More than 100 people have booked their places and international attendance has been confirmed from at least seven ASNs.

The seminars will take place on 10 and 11 October at Donington and 5 and 6 December in Coventry.

The Officials Skills Safety Training takes place on the two Saturdays and will include topics such as legislation, risk assessments and incident analysis, reporting protocols and procedures. On the Sundays Facility Safety Improvement events will include topics such as venue design, construction, maintenance & management all under the overall umbrella of safety and risk management. Importantly, each session will provide an opportunity to discuss best practice in facilitated groups to achieve a greater level of learning and understanding.

As a result of the FIA funding, the full-day seminars (which include lunch and refreshments) will be free of charge for attendees.

Further information is available from Richard Nunn at the MSA: [richard.nunn@msauk.org](mailto:richard.nunn@msauk.org) or 01753 765000.

### **Annual awards reminder**

Nominations for Club of the Year 2009 and Marshal of the Year 2009 must be made by 1 October 2009. See June *e-Wheels* for more information.