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Club Officials seminars 2010

As mentioned in the August issue of *e-Wheels*, from January to March 2010, the MSA (with the support of the British Motor Sports Training Trust) will be running a series of Club Officials seminars at locations across the UK and letters asking MSA Registered Clubs to nominate a number of representatives to attend have been sent out.

The seminars are targeted at unlicensed officials including (but not limited to) club stewards; those involved in club administration and event organisers. Topics covered will include *How to run a Club efficiently* and *How to run an event safely*. Workshop groups will cover speed, rally, clubsport and permanent fixed venue events (race, kart, drag racing etc).

If you are a club member interested in attending these seminars, approach your club committee or secretary so that you can be considered for inclusion on the list of nominees.

Day, date and broad locations are:

Sunday 24 January – Northern Ireland (Aldegrove area)

Saturday 30 January – South East (Sevenoaks area)

Sunday 31 January – Central Southern (Basingstoke area)

Saturday 20 February – North (York area)

Sunday 21 February – Eastern England (Peterborough area)

Saturday 27 February – Midlands (Solihull area)

Sunday 28 February – North West (Runcorn area)

Saturday 6 March – Wales (Llandrindod Wells area)

Sunday 7 March – South West (Exeter area)

Saturday 13 March – Scotland Central (Motherwell area)

Sunday 14 March – Scotland Highland (Inverness area)

MSA Club Registration

We remind all clubs that MSA Registration is due by the end of November. This will ensure your club receives the 2010 Yearbooks before the end of the year and Club Social Insurance cover will be in place for 2010. To access the renewals page on the MSA website, please login as the club and click on Member Services. It is important that you check the club official details are correct in Edit Club before you complete your renewal.

Events Fixture List

Organisers are reminded that events of National B status or above must be inscribed on the MSA Fixture List (A.3). The fixture list is published on the MSA website. This is in addition to your Regional Association Calendar.

Club Secretaries should have the club login to access Member Services where fixtures can be applied for by selecting Clubs>Fixtures>Proceed>Create Fixture. Please note fixtures must be submitted singularly and will appear on the fixture list once approved.

Online permits for events in 2010 are available as soon as club registration has been completed. You will require a copy of your draft supplementary regulations in PDF file format when applying.

Autosport International show

The MSA has teamed up with Haymarket to offer all MSA licence holders, registered marshals and licensed officials a £5 discount on the price of a ticket to the weekend days (16 and 17 January) of Autosport International, reducing the cost from £29 to £24.

On the Saturday and Sunday, Haymarket are kindly providing an MSA Club Lounge within the show. Any member of any MSA-registered club will be welcome in the Club Lounge to have a sit down and a cup of tea or coffee, or to catch up with friends.

The MSA will also use the Club Lounge area to hold a series of free seminars for show visitors covering such topics as *How to get started in motor sport* and *Educational opportunities for motor sport drivers*.

In order to book MSA-discounted tickets to Autosport International, please visit the Haymarket ticketing website at www.autosport-show.com, then click on 'book tickets'. Enter the promotional code: GM10MSA to receive your discount, or call 0844 579 3188 and quote this code. Bookings must be made by 31 December 2009.

It is also possible to attend the trade days on Thursday and Friday (14 and 15 January) at the regular price of £29. To register for the trade days visit www.autosportinternational.com.

Cost of licences frozen

The MSA has confirmed that all competition licence fees will be held at their current level for another year.

“We recognise that economic conditions remain difficult for many people,” said Colin Hilton. “While the licence fee is only a small percentage of the costs of motor sport, we felt that retaining the current pricing levels is the right thing to do for the sport.”

Full details of applicable licence fees can be found online or in the MSA *Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook*.

Competition Licence renewals 2010

You are reminded that the processing time of your licence can be reduced to fewer than seven days by applying online at www.msauk.org. You can take advantage of this service if

- you are a first time applicant and you are applying for the following licence types: Non – Race Clubman, Non – Race National B, Kart Clubman or Rally National A Navigator

or

- you are applying for *exactly* the same licence as held in 2009 and you *do not* require any of the following: Resting ECG, Stress Related ECG, a medical, Foreign Authorisation (non-British National), any International licence that requires proof of competing in 2009. Also, you must not be under the age of 18.

Please note – if you have never renewed online before or do not have a member login, you will need to set up a login request through the MSA website to renew online.

International Licence renewals for under 45s

A reminder from the MSA Licensing Department that if you are applying for an International Licence for 2010 and are under the age of 45, you must have a 12 Lead Resting ECG in accordance with FIA – Appendix L, Chapter II, 1.2.

Marshals Training Sessions – 2010

The British Motor Sports Training Trust, as the MSA's own registered charity, grant aids a range of marshals training days run by Regional Associations and Clubs each year, and for 2010 almost 100 such sessions are being supported.

The training days are free to attend and open to all interested marshals at all levels of experience and are held at numerous locations around the country, throughout the year. These are organised across all motor sport disciplines and, where appropriate, may count towards the MSA marshals grading scheme upgrading and/or grade maintenance criteria.

Details of these training days are available from the Volunteers in Motorsport website at www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk > training section, or on request from the MSA. Contact should be made with the individual training day organisers for further details and to register for attendance.

Engaging with schools

Motor sport was represented at the annual School Sports Partnerships' (SSP) Conference and Exhibition for the very first time. Run by the Youth Sport Trust and staged in Telford's International Centre, the event draws hundreds of delegates from within the SSP delivery framework responsible for increasing sport within state schools. The MSA promoted its Go Motorsport school visits programme as well as the British Schools Karting Championship.

Safety seminars

Almost 100 delegates attended the first two in a series of safety-related seminars given by the MSA. The two full-day events, created in association with the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety and with the support of significant partnership funding from the FIA's Motor Sport Safety Development Fund, covered the topics of Officials Skills Safety Training and Facility Safety Improvement.

There was a strong international presence with representatives from Australia, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the Netherlands. The two seminars will be repeated on the first weekend in December and although the Officials session is already full, a few places may be available for the Facilities event on Sunday 6 December.

Button and Franchitti congratulated

The MSA offered congratulations to Jenson Button and the Brawn GP team for clinching the FIA Formula One World Championship after a thrilling race in Brazil and to Dario Franchitti who won the IndyCar Series for the second time.