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Happy Easter!

It only seems five minutes that I was wishing you all Happy Christmas! How time flies!

Apologies for not getting this Newsletter out to you sooner, but the Loveys household has been recovering from running The Bovington Stages, which if by all the positive feedback we have received was enjoyed by all that took part or marshalled. Please remember this Newsletter is designed to be downloaded and incorporated in your magazines.

PPs Pitstop.....

You will find elsewhere in this issue a draft of a host of proposed Rule Amendments which will be proposed at the AGM in October.

There are two elements, the first is a wholesale change to the text of the Sprint & Hillclimb Championships Regulations. This is as a result of changes in the Blue Book from 1.1.2010, but they will have only a limited impact on the ASWMC Championships. The second shows that your Chairman can't leave anything alone! I had a read through the ASWMC Championship Regulations and found that they could do with a bit of an overhaul, and this is the result. If any of you have any comments or alterations you wish to propose to these changes please let us know.

Enjoy the new season and I hope I can get to see many of you on events, whatever your discipline.

Paul Parker

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2009

A SGM was held for the adoption of the Accounts for 2008, which were presented by Barry Luxton, Treasurer, who stated that the years performance was good with a small profit of £430.00, despite 2 years costs of awards being brought into this year to regularise the actual performance. This action was taken as agreed at the 2008 SGM.

The Association has reserves of nearly £14000.00 to carry forward into this year.

Club membership fees etc. are to remain without any increase.

The adoption of the Accounts were proposed by Taunton MC, and seconded by North Devon MC. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Barry Luxton for his efforts in 2008.

Peter Cooper 1922 ~ 2009

The ASWMC are saddened to learn of the death of Peter Cooper, who passed away on March 28th 2009. Peter had a long involvement with the ASWMC and has been one of our Championship Stewards for many years.

Below is the tribute from the MSA

Peter spent more than fifty years in motor sport including six years as MSA Chief Executive from 1982 to 1987 and was a long term member of the Motor Sports Council, including a spell as chairman from 1982 to 1985. Further highlights of his achievements included 2nd place in the RAC Rally in 1954, Chairman of Kart Committee, a Steward of vast worldwide experience, FIA World Council member for many years and FISA Vice President d'honneur. His glorious career was officially recognised last year with the Motor Sports Association's Lifetime Achievement award.

Colin Hilton, Chief Executive of the Motor Sports Association:

"Peter demonstrated an unrivalled commitment to the sport over many, many years, having held almost every possible post in that time. Perhaps his greatest achievement, however, is that he remained known, well liked and greatly admired throughout motor sport by all those who came into contact with him, right through from Club and National to International and World levels. He will be greatly missed."

On receiving his Lifetime Achievement Award last year, Peter said:

"When I look back, I can say with confidence that if I'd spent half as much time on my business as I did on motor sport, I would have been a lot richer...but a lot less happy."

The ASWMC sends its condolences to his family.

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WEST'S WANDERINGS.....

Truro & DMC

A letter had been received from Truro & DMC confirming that they have been reformed with new blood. Tregrehan Hill Climb will probably run in 2010 after some track repairs, and Predannack and Portreath will be used for Sprints in 2009.

Championship Sponsorship.

We have again received complaints from our Sponsors because of a lack of publicity for their sponsorship in some of the event S.R.s. Sometimes the sponsor is not mentioned at all, or a previous sponsor, is quoted, who is no longer involved. We stand a chance of losing some of our sponsors in 2010 unless things improve. It is down to the Member Clubs to ensure that the S.R.s are correct in this respect.

ASWMC Championship Co-ordinators will now be very strict on the issue of contender labels to clubs. Only after receipt of correct draft S.R.s will labels be released.

MSA Fixture List

Para A3 of the 2009 MSA Year Book states that all clubs should register all Nat B events and above, on the MSA Fixture List on-line. Many clubs are not doing this, and it is therefore a breach of MSA Rules. Once the Fixture List has been done, then it is easy to apply for a Permit on-line.

Final Instructions

Para A29 of MSA 2009 Year Book states that S.R.s cannot be changed once they are issued, including any changes detailed in the Final Instructions. A notice signed by the Clerk of the Course at Signing On must be done if there are any changes to the S.R.s.

Howard West

Awards Presentation—Sunday 15th February 2009

It is felt that an apology is owed to those who attended the Presentation for the buffet lunch.

The new format seemed to work well and people were able to mingle and chat, and with Howard alternating the awards, no one fell asleep!

However, we were let down very badly by the catering at the Hotel and you can be assured that Mr West has had very stern words with the management and told them that if they can not bring the food up to standard next year, then we will be looking for an alternative venue for our awards presentation.

The Hotel have given their assurance that this will not happen again.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR 2010

ASWMC HILLCLIMB & SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

DELETE: Content of 1 & 2

INSERT: The following regulations will apply to both the Hill Climb and Sprint Championships.

1. Classes are as follows:

- A1. Road going Series Production Cars up to 1400cc
- A2. Road going Series Production Cars over 1400cc up to 1800cc
- A3. Road going Series Production Cars over 1800cc up to 2600cc
- A4. Road going Series Production Cars over 2600cc
- B1. Road going Specialist Production Cars. Car engines up to 1400cc & M/C engines up to 875cc
- B2. Road going Specialist Production Cars. Car engines over 1400cc up to 1800cc & M/C engines over 875cc up to 1125cc
- B3. Road going Specialist Production Cars. Car engines over 1800cc & M/C engines over 1125cc
- C1. Modified Limited Production Cars up to 1400cc
- C2. Modified Limited Production Cars over 1400cc up to 1800cc
- C3. Modified Limited Production Cars over 1800cc up to 2600cc
- C4. Modified Limited Production Cars over 2600cc
- C5. Modified Specialist Production Cars. Car engines up to 1400cc & M/C engines up to 875cc
- C6. Modified Specialist Production Cars. Car engines over 1400cc up to 1800cc & M/C engines over 875cc up to 1125cc
- C7. Modified Specialist Production Cars. Car engines over 1800cc & M/C engines over 1125cc
- D1. Sports Libre Cars up to 1400cc
- D2. Sports Libre Cars over 1400cc up to 1800cc
- D3. Sports Libre Cars over 1800cc
- D4. Rally Cars up to 1600cc
- D5. Rally Cars over 1600cc
- E1. Racing Cars up to 600cc
- E2. Racing Cars over 600cc up to 1100cc
- E3. Racing Cars over 1100cc up to 1600cc
- E4. Racing Cars over 1600cc

Note 1: All cars must comply with I.46-67.

Note 2: All cars with engines running on diesel fuel will be subject to a 30% capacity reduction. e.g. 2000cc diesel engines equate to 1400cc and will be eligible for class A1 or B1 according classification.

Note 3: Series Production Cars are defined as cars complying with I.70(a), 71-77, 79-81. Specialist Production Cars are defined as cars complying with I.70(b), 71-76, 78-81 Modified Limited Production Cars are defined as cars complying with I.82(a), 83-94, 96-102.

Modified Specialist Production Cars are defined as cars complying with I.82(b), 83-93, 95-102. Sports Libre Cars must comply with I.123-129 and Racing Cars with I.130-132.

Rally Cars must comply with H262-313 AND I.123-129. Included in the latter Category would be Group B cars, any car without the original engine block of the model entered, any car with a transmission layout not as originally specified for that model, or a Specialist Rally Car without an engine complying with I.95. They need not be taxed.

Note 4: The onus of responsibility for the eligibility of vehicles competing in the championships rests with the Entrant/Competitor. In the event of a dispute concerning the compliance of a vehicle to the regulations, the onus will be on the competitor to satisfy the organisers, NOT the organisers to prove compliance.

Note 5: Event organisers are urged to use the above class structure.

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Regulations numbers 3 – 8 shall be renumbered 2 – 7.

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Rule 8(a) 1st sub paragraph, final sentence

DELETE: A provisional championships calendar will be formulated at the Dates meeting and agreed by Council at the AGM.

REASON: Existing regulation never adhered to as not all dates are available at the Dates Meeting and Championship Co-ordinators have to formulate their own calendar of events.

Rule 8(c)

DELETE: Once a Rally Championship calendar has been approved, any Championship Rally moving its date within 2 weeks before or after another rally of the same Championship may forfeit its championship status, and a replacement event found.

INSERT: The qualifying events, in each Championship, should normally be 2 weeks before or after other qualifying events in that Championship, unless there are two rounds at the same venue over the same weekend.

REASON: This should be the target of all championships, where possible, not simply Rally Championships.

Rule 12 2nd sentence.

DELETE: These results must be detailed in accordance with the classes specified for the championship, or by the classes actually run, as appropriate.

REASON: The content of this sentence is already adequately covered by the 1st & 3rd sentences.

Rule 12 3rd sentence.

DELETE: ".....and if applicable an official ASWMC Championship signing-on form, showing the competition number and championship registration number and name, of each contender claiming championship points."

REASON: The Executive decided (7.12.08) to discontinue the use of these forms in all Championships.

Rule 18 penultimate paragraph final sentence

DELETE: Registrations will not be accepted at events signing-on, except for the first round of the Autocross, Autotest, Classic Sporting & Car Trials, and all Rally Championships, where the appropriate Championship Co-Ordinator is present.

INSERT: Registrations will be accepted at event signing-on in all Championships.

REASON: To encourage more registrations in all Championships.

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Rule 19 (underneath table)

INSERT: In the event of a tie between two or more competitors, Championship placings will be awarded to the competitor scoring:

the highest number of maximum scores, continuing down the table of scores until the tie is resolved.

the highest number of event class wins followed by event positions (2nd, 3rd etc)

their Championship score in the fewest number of events

where appropriate, the competitor who has achieved their score by beating the highest number of competitors will be the winner

If a tie still exists the position shall be held jointly.

Open Navigational Rally – Rule 4

Novice Navigational Rally – Rule 5

Historic Rally – Rule 5

Endurance Rally – Rule 5

Loose Surface Rally – Rule 5

Historic Stage Rally – Rule 5

Sprint & Hillclimb – Rule 5

Autotest – Rule 4

Classic Reliability Trial – Rule 3

Sporting Trial – Rule 3

Car Trial – Rule 3

DELETE: Whole text

REASON: Superseded by revision to Championship Rule 19

MARSHAL OF THE YEAR

Rule 1

DELETE: “The Marshal of the Year” competition is run in conjunction with the ASWMC Marshals’ Register and is open only to members of the Register.

REASON: The ASWMC Marshals Register is no longer maintained, having been superseded by various MSA Marshals Registers in various disciplines.

RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Open Navigational Rule 1

INSERT: At end of 2nd sentence “..having a minimum of 90 miles.”

Open Navigational Rally Championship - Recommendations:

INSERT:

DSOs should be appointed at events to witness behaviour at Slow signs and the use of dipped headlights

j. a Quiet Zone (QZ) should not be permitted in a Competitive Section, unless it is less than 100 mtrs., and it must be clearly marked. It is probably better to state that there should not be a Competitive Section on an event, if there is a QZ of more than 100 mtrs. in that portion of the event. If the QZ is 100 mtrs. or less, then this must clearly marked on the road.

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Open Navigational Rally – Rule 2
Endurance Rally Championship – Rule 2

DELETE: Championship title (2 words)

Open Navigational Championship – Rule 7 – 1st sentence **whole**
Historic Rally Championship – Rule 1 **whole 1st sentence**
Loose surface Stage Rally Championship – Rule 1 **“a maximum of 12”**
Endurance Rally Championship - Rule 1 – **whole rule**
Novice Navigational Rally Championship - - Rule 1 **a maximum of 8**

DELETE: All references to the MAXIMUM number of events

REASON: The maximum number is already catered for by Championship Rule 8(b).

Open Navigational Rule 7

DELETE: Whole

REASON: Maximum number, as above, and minimum interval by revised Championship Regulation 8 (c) above. Remainder is a total nonsense.

Open Navigational Rally – Rule 6 – the whole
Historic Rally – Rule 7 – the whole
Endurance Rally – Rule 6 – The whole
Loose Surface – Rule 6 – the whole
Sealed Surface – Rule 6 – the whole

DELETE: As shown above

REASON: The whole concept is a nonsense.

RENUMBER: Open Navigational 5, 8 & 9 become 4, 5 & 6.

Novice Navigational Rules – 3-6 & 8

DELETE: Whole text

INSERT: Rules 2 – 4 & 6 of the Open Navigational Rally Championship shall apply

REASON: Rationalisation

Historic Rally Championship

Rule 1

DELETE: text after words “H130-135”

REASON: Events used are also those of the Open Navigational series and therefore text inappropriate

Rules 1 & 2

DELETE: “& H130 to 135”

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REASON: These are regulations appropriate to Historic Stage for which a separate championship exists

Rules 3, 4 & 6

DELETE: Whole text

INSERT: Rules 2 – 4 of the Open Navigational Rally Championship shall apply.

REASON: Rationalisation

Endurance Rally Championship

Rules 2, 3, 4 & 7

RENUMBER: 1-4

Loose Surface Rally Championship

Rules 3 & 4,

DELETE: Whole text

INSERT: Rules 2 & 3 of the Endurance Rally Championship shall apply.

REASON: Rationalisation

Historic Stage Rally Championship

Rules 3 & 4

DELETE: Whole text

INSERT: Rules 2 & 4 of the Open Navigational Rally Championship shall apply

REASON: Rationalisation

Sporting & Car Trials Championships - Rule 2

DELETE: Whole text

INSERT: Rule 2 of the Classic Reliability Trials Championship shall apply

REASON: Rationalisation

Please feel free to put any comments regarding the proposed changes forward so that they can be discussed at the AGM.

Further amendments to the Sprint & Hill Climb Championships are currently being drafted due to issues that have been raised and will be sent to all registered contenders for consultation before they are submitted for agreement at the AGM in October.

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Richard Egger Insurance ASWMC Autotest Championship

Wayne Grimshaw leads after the first two rounds. Wayne took outright FTD at his home event in his road going Vauxhall Nova and followed that with 3rd in class at the MSA Championship Foxley Autotest at Hereford. Ernie Burles ended up double driving Ray Sissins Nova at Plymouth after problems with the newly installed engine in his regular Mini. The Mini was out for Foxley, but still encountering initial set up problems, no doubt these will be sorted soon and we will see Ernie back up and beyond his normal pace. Mark Williams and Ray Sissins are tied for 3rd place.

The free registration for 2009 has helped to pick up the numbers in Autotesting in the region, we currently have 17 registered and 13 have scored points, so we are heading in the right direction. If you have any suggestions for the future of Autotesting in the SW please don't be shy, we need more events, more venues and even more competitors. The new road going class has now gone national and both the MSA and BTRDA are running classes for these vehicles, for 2010 we will alter the order of our classes to match the national classes.

We are after a team for the Inter-Association Autotest, which takes place at Rufforth Airfield near York on Sunday 26th July, a team of 3 is required. Contact me for details if you are interested on 07968 360564 or nic@aswmc.org.uk

Current Autotest Top five:

- 1 Wayne Grimshaw Plymouth MC
- 2 Ernie Burles Bath MC
- 3 Mark Williams Bristol Peg
- 3 Ray Sissins Bath MC
- 5 Ian Griffiths WSM MC

Bridge Tyres & Wheels Sprint Championship 2009

The first round took place at Castle Combe last month with a good entry and has resulted in a 25 way tie for the lead! Class records were taken and beaten well and truly this year! The second round at Clay Pigeon is fast approaching again with a good entry. Regs for the Welsh Counties should be with competitors early part of next week and we look set for a good season with a full calendar. The first newsletter has been issued to competitors and as has been said before further changes to the regulations are being drafted and will be sent out for consultation.

Bridge Tyres & Wheels Hillclimb Championship 2009

The first round takes place at the end of this month, and Woolbridge Motor Club are still on the lookout for marshals for the weekend, anyone that thinks that they can assist please contact Dick Nadin on 01308 485488 or by email rwnadin@tiscali.co.uk

Richard Egger Insurance ASWMC Southern Counties Autocross Championship

Regs for the first event at Sandocross are on their way. Witney on the bank holiday weekend in August will also be a round of the MSA National Championship.

There has been a couple of changes in the calendar, South Hams have also juggled their dates and the weekend of 6th & 7th June is now the two day event and 6th September the one day event.

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News from the Rally front.....

SUBARU WRC SPARES

ASWMC 2009 SEALED SURFACE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Clive Mitchelmore	W-S-M
2	Dave Boden	Burnham
3	Stuart Bliss	W-S-M
4	Anthony Willmington	BDCC
5	Dave Parnell	South Hams

CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Ian Withecombe	Plymouth
2	Tony Rendall	W-S-M
3	Sarah Wills	Burnham
4	Pete Bold	Plymouth
5	Richard Marsh	W-S-M

MUNDEN'S MINIBUSES

2009 ASWMC LOOSE SURFACE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Michael O'Brien	
2	Wug Utting	Southern
3	Richard Fishleigh	Sutton & Cheam
4	Geoff Bennett	Bournemouth
5	Anthony Willmington	Bournemouth

CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Jonathan Sargeant	Oxford
2	Andy Ballantyne	South Hams
3	Sharon Pearson	Sutton & Cheam
4	Andrew White	Bournemouth
5	Adrian Grinstead	

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2009 ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Phil Harris	South Hams
2	David Wright	S&S CC
3	Andrew Lees	Dolphin
4	Fred Camp	North Devon
5	Ben Dawson	S&S CC

CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1	James Aldridge	RRR
2	Lindsey Annison	S&S CC
3	Simon Lassam	Oxford
4	Nigel Hewett	South Hams
5	Graham Lacey	South Hams

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2009 HISTORIC NAVIGATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

John Tatlow	<i>Ross & DCC</i>
Giles Pursey	<i>Bath</i>

CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Julie Westwood	<i>Ross & DCC</i>
Dion Cassey	<i>Exmouth MC</i>

***K&R* MOTORSPORTS**

2009 HISTORIC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

John Tatlow	<i>Ross & DMC</i>
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CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Julie Westwood	<i>Ross & DMC</i>
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2009 OPEN NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Alan Gaunt	<i>RRR</i>
Peter Self	<i>Devizes</i>

CO-DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael Gilbey	<i>RRR</i>
Mike Gray	<i>S & SCC</i>

That's it for this edition, but one last reminder, for all you organisers out there, please remember that if the correct championship sponsors are not incorporated in to your regulations, then they will be rejected by the Co-Ordinators and no labels will be issued.