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Welcome to our mid season offering, to keep you up to date with the goings on within **YOUR** Association.

It would appear that this newsletter and its contents are not being passed to the members of your clubs, and therefore the information is not going through. This newsletter was designed to be downloaded in whole, or part and put into your magazines or included on your club's website. If you are not the person that this should be being sent to can you please let us know and we will make sure that it gets through to the correct person. Without your help we can not keep everyone fully informed.

If there is anything that you would like to see included in the newsletter or notices that you may think will be beneficial to all Clubs then please let us know and we will endeavour to include them.

JL

PPs Pit stop.....

In the last issue we distributed a range of proposed amendments to our ASWMC Championship Regulations. We have received no response from you as clubs or club members. From that can we assume you are happy with the changes?

The economic situation seems not to have lost us many events and, for that, clubs as organisers are to be congratulated. Event entry lists I have both seen and heard about would seem to be in general down a small percentage on 2008 levels. All organisers know, however, that its those last few entries which makes the difference between a small surplus, breaking even or a small loss!

In the last issue I mentioned I can't leave anything alone. At the moment I am involved in carrying forward a suggestion I have made to the Regional Committee of the MSA to rationalise the grading structure of events. At present we have 5 different grades, and I have never understood why. So I am trying to reduce that number to make your lives, as organisers, simpler and trying to make it easier for club members to be involved in disciplines and events without the need for a Competition Licence. I suspect you won't see the fruits of those labours for some little time yet. But you might...

Paul Parker

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AGM & DATES MEETING

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2009

You will shortly be receiving the forms from Howard to complete in respect of your Club details and Dates for 2010. Can we ask that these are completed and returned back to Howard by the due date. If you have not submitted your dates then the Championship Co-ordinators cannot guarantee that they will be included in the requested Championship.

A Note from the Webmaster to all organising Clubs:

If you email me your event regulations electronically I will get them posted on the ASWMC website for competitors to download, but please ensure that you send out to all ASWMC Championship contenders directly and that each Co-ordinator is sent a set of regs for approval. Email nic@aswmc.org.uk

West's Wanderings

News from your General Secretary

RULE CHANGES 2010

All clubs and registered contenders have been sent a detailed statement of proposed changes to the ASWMC General Rules, and the various Championship Rules for 2010.

This has been compiled by our Chairman, who has spent many a moonlight hour tidying up our own Rules and the Speed Championship Rule changes required by the MSA from 1st January 2010.

I have not received any responses to these proposals, so I can only assume that all Clubs and Contenders are happy with them. The deadline for your responses is 1st July 2009, just before our Executive in July, which if ratified will be tabled at the ASWMC AGM in October 2009.

CURRENT NEWS

It does appear that entries are holding up generally despite the current recession, and I know that clubs are keeping entry fees as low as possible, to control the competitors costs in competing.

All clubs have improved their event regulations, programmes, etc to ensure that the various Championship Sponsors do receive the publicity they have paid for with their sponsorship fees.

On a personal note, I am getting concerned about the number of new Championship series being introduced in the South West by various Clubs. Surely it is better for all of us, to have one major championship series, rather than many. All of these tend to conflict with each other, and cause a dilution of entries across the whole spectrum in the South West.

If you, the competitors and clubs are not happy with the ASWMC Championships, then please let us know, and we will try to improve where possible. Don't set up in opposition!!!

Howard West

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AROUND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Richard Egger Insurance Trials Report June 2009

Following a successful first half of the season

I will start with classic trials as this is the most popular. With 4 events completed at this half way point, the leadership battle is between David Halzelden and Keith Sanders with 9 points between them at this time. This year we have 9 scoring contenders compared with 20 in 2008.

On the Sporting Trials front with 6 events completed at this point with 1 event cancelled (The Jacobean), the leadership battle is between Ian Rodman on 31 and Calvin Kneebone on 20. This year we have 6 scoring contenders compared to 11 in 2008.

On the Car Trial front with only 2 registered contenders and we currently have a draw both on 7 points after their first event with 2 more to go, what is the future for this championship any ideas will most welcome.

The current championship positions can be viewed on the ASWMC web site

Thank you to our sponsors Richard Egger Insurance and for all the competitors and clubs for making the championships possible

Peter

Richard Egger Insurance Southern Counties Autocross Championship

The Championship year kicked off in mid May at Sandocross and was well supported by both registered and non registered competitors alike, and has provided us with a four way tie at the top of the Championship table, but obviously there is still a lot to play for.

With a couple of weeks break it has now moved to the South Hams event this weekend with the Anniversary Autocross being run by Bournemouth on 21st June.

Registered competitors are slightly down this year on last year, but the events are being strongly supported which goes to prove that grassroots motorsport is alive and well in the UK!

Darren

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Richard Egger Insurance 2009 ASWMC Autotest Championship

2009 saw the introduction of a free registration for this championship in a bid to increase contender numbers. This has been successful with 17 registered so far for 2009, which has more than doubled the 2008 figure. Numbers out on events are still on the low side, but at least clubs are able to send out event regulations to more people, with the possibility of them gaining an extra entry.

The new classes for Road Going Saloons and Road Going Sports Cars are still in their infancy, we have support for the saloon class, but nothing as yet for sports cars. In 2010 we will adopt the new MSA and BTRDA class structure, as these two championships came on board with the Road going class at the last minute after we had approved our 2009 rules.

Auto testing at National level has picked up, with increased registrations in both the MSA and BTRDA Championships. Entries on all MSA Championship events have been up on 2008 ranging from 36 to 42 entries. The last event had 9 entries in the Road Going Class, which is bringing new competitors into the sport at this level.

It looks like we have a team for the Inter-Association Autotest, one of which is the reigning British Champion, so we should stand a good chance of doing well.

After 2 rounds Wayne Grimshaw tops the table, although we are still awaiting results from the Bath event. Wayne started the year well with FTD at his home event and driving a Road Going Saloon. Ernie Burles is hot on his heels with last years champion Mark Williams in 3rd.

13 competitors have scored points to date and this number will increase over the next couple of events.

Nic

2009 Bridge Wheels & Tyres ASWMC Sprint Championship

We have now four rounds of the championship and last year's Champion Grahame Harden, is holding a slim lead over Ian Parr, with Andy Potter and Tom Pollard not far behind.

As you may or may not be aware the rounds that were scheduled to take place at Predannick on 20th June and 5th September have now been cancelled, as the events would run at a loss and in these difficult times it was a risk that the organisers were not prepared to take. Therefore this years Championship will now be contested over 12 rounds and therefore the best eight rounds will count.

2009 Bridge Wheels & Tyres ASWMC Hillclimb Championship:

After four rounds of the 2009 Championship, Andrew White is holding a slim lead over Dave Gardner, with John Forsyth and Rodney Thorne not far behind, but obviously there is still a long way to go.

Darren

A quick note from Alan Whitney, all the rally Championships are running well and the new Endurance Championship has been well supported.

STOP PRESS.....

We have just heard from the MSA that all known clubs who require Forestry Commission allocation for 2010 have been contacted.

All Application Forms must be returned to the MSA (Andrea Wren) before 17th July 2009.

If any club requires an Application Form, please contact Andrea Wren by email andrea.wren@msauk.org or to our Secretary: Howard West