



Let's Go Karting hits milestone

The MSA's Let's Go Karting scheme – which offers introductory karting sessions for just £5 – has delivered more than 10,000 experiences since its launch just two years ago.

The MSA-subsidised programme currently operates at 20 UK venues, providing karts, safety equipment and qualified instructors to enable young people to experience the sport without needing to invest in equipment.

"Let's Go Karting is a fundamental part of the MSA's strategy to get more people involved in motor sport," said MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. "It has been hugely successful not only in terms of attracting new recruits, but also in demonstrating that motor sport is an inclusive activity that can be enjoyed by people from all backgrounds."



Pakistan ASN visits MSA

A delegation from the Motorsport Association of Pakistan (MAP) has become the first to visit the MSA in its capacity as an FIA Institute Regional Training Provider.

The programme delivered was designed by the MSA – in conjunction with BARC – to suit the specific requirements of the MAP, including in-depth study of race marshalling, motor sport officiating and rally organisation.

"It was a fantastic week-long immersion in motor sport and we were well looked after by the MSA," said Tausif Agha, President of the MAP. "We have received a great deal of knowledge, materials, and inputs to help in preparing our courses for delivery within Pakistan – now the great task of structuring the contents of our own courses is ahead of us."

The MSA was later visited by representatives of the Malta Motorsports Federation, including its president Tonio Chini, for delivery of a similar training programme.



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Cook takes on cheetah at Eagle Heights

BRC Challenge competitor Louise Cook took on the wildest challenge of her rally career by racing her Ford Fiesta against a cheetah, an eagle and a peregrine falcon at the Eagle Heights Wildlife Park earlier this month.

The challenge was part of the Park's Celebration of Speed event, which raised money for conservation projects. Cook, 23 from Maidstone in Kent, lost out to the cheetah, which covered 200m in 7.8s. Cook herself managed the distance in 8.0s, which bettered the falcon's 8.4s and the wayward eagle's 18.3s.

"It was nice to be able to support the Park's cause," said Cook. "I was sure beforehand that the cheetah would win, but it's still nice to know that I'm faster than a falcon and an eagle!"

Richardson seals maiden Ginetta victory

AASE student Louise Richardson scored her first Ginetta Junior Championship victory at Snetterton last month.

"When I crossed the line I felt ecstatic," said Richardson, 17 from Lincolnshire. "I led the first half of the race but then got knocked down to sixth a few laps from the end. I then closed down the guys ahead of me and retook the lead on the last lap."

Richardson, who occupies second place in the championship standings, believes that her enrolment on the AASE programme has aided her performance this year. "I've learnt a lot about myself as a driver and wouldn't be so developed a competitor without the scheme," she said. "It's also helpful to have my assessor, Greg Symes, only a phone call away if I ever have any questions."

MSA Group to hold women's training seminar

The MSA Women in Motorsport Group is organising a training seminar for female competitors, to be held on 12 December.

The seminar will provide training and information on a range of topics, such as media skills, goal setting and handling conflict. Guest speakers include Group Chairman Sue Sanders, 1982 Vice World Rally Champion Michelle Mouton, television presenter Louise Goodman, and renowned motor sport veteran Stuart Turner.

"This event will be the first of its kind and I'm delighted that we have already received strong support from such esteemed figures as Michelle, Louise and Stuart," said Sanders. "The day won't be open exclusively to women, though they will of course be given the first chance to obtain tickets. We hope to reveal full details in due course."



US superstar returns to Santa Pod

American drag racing superstar Melanie Troxel returns to Santa Pod Raceway this month to take on Europe's Pro Modified elite at the FIA European Finals.

Troxel and her R2B2 Racing team made a surprise visit to Santa Pod in May for opening round of the FIA European Drag Racing Championship. Although she was ultimately eliminated from the event, Troxel delivered Europe's fastest ever Pro Mod run during a demonstration pass.

Troxel is the only woman to have won both Top Fuel Dragster and Funny Car races in the 60-year history of America's National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). She is also the first female driver ever to take a racing car past 330mph.

Impey takes F3 podium

AASE student Kat Impey took her first podium finish in the BRSCC Formula 3 Championship at Rockingham.

"The car felt great," said Impey, 23. "For the first time this season I felt I had the pace to fight for the win. I've still got a lot to learn as it is only my third race meeting in the F3 car, but I think this is a good start with the new Lanar Racing team."

