

# The MMP Newsletter



The Motorsport Marshalling Partnership (MMP)

with support from 2 and 4 Wheels



## Positive response!

Hi everyone, and welcome to the second MMP newsletter. There has been a lot of positive response to the first newsletter, and we hope you enjoy this one as much.

As we progress into the year, the numbers of marshals signing up for the MMP has been steadily increasing, and it was superb to see so many attend the training day at Loughrey.

Please remember that the more people sign up, and attend training, then all the better for motorsport. So if you know anyone that is marshalling, or would like to marshal, then please pass on the word, and ensure that they send their details back to the MMP, so we can keep in touch through the newsletters.

I hope you enjoy the events over the coming months, and remember that you will be collecting signatures for your rewards as listed on your MMP card, and hopefully to qualify for some of the top prizes at the end of the year!

Plunkett Boyle (Chairman)



## MMP Marshals have fun in the Portuguese sun!

Apologies to the lady MMP members for using such a photograph on the front cover of this month's newsletter. But, to be honest, I didn't have much to choose from. It was either this photograph or an image of the three sunburnt stooges (bottom left!)

Given the sunshine and the tans, you can probably guess that these photographs were not taken anywhere near home, so why are these ladies gracing the cover of an MMP newsletter?

The astute among you will have noticed that the trio below are wearing some WRC lanyards around their necks.

Did I say astute? I mean female - it will take the men a while before they read

this far, never mind notice fine details such as WRC lanyards draped around sunkissed necks!

Yes, these images were taken by MMP members at this year's Rally Portugal! After marshalling on more than 12 events last year, and having attended at least one training day, these lucky MMP members were entered into a draw, and four won a trip to Portugal!

And next year, it could be you! But to make sure you are in with a chance of winning such a top prize, you MUST have your marshalling cards signed at each event, attend at least one training day AND return the cards to the MMP at the end of the season.

If we don't have your cards, then we can't enter you into the draw!



Images: Robert Simpson

## WRC Trip for marshals!

(continued from front)

Winning a trip to a round of the World Rally Championship is not the only prize up for grabs when you register with the MMP. For 2009, there are plenty of guaranteed prizes for MMP members!

Those who marshal on three events and attend one training day will receive a polo-shirt or a £10 voucher\*.

For five events, you'll receive a fleece/shard resistant gloves or a £10 voucher\*;

For seven events - wet suit/overalls or £30 voucher\*;

For 9 events - a subsidised trip to a BRC round;

For 12 events - entry to a draw for four places to a WRC trip!

Once again we're going to reiterate that to be eligible for any of these prizes, you MUST get your marshal cards signed AND return them to the MMP.

If you don't, you won't receive any of these fantastic prizes!

(\*voucher - redeemable at a motorsports activity centre)



## Ulster Rally just around the corner! MMP Marshals help wanted for the 2009 ToddsLeap.com Ulster International Rally!

The 2008 ToddsLeap.com Ulster International Rally seems only a blink away but this year's event, which will be held on 21/ 22 August, is already just around the corner!

The Ulster Rally has been centered on Armagh City for the last number of years, but 2009 will see the event go back to its roots, using some classic and spectacular stages in County Antrim and Londonderry.

Over 600 marshals are required for the two-day event, and all play a major role in the success of the rally. Without them, the event would not be possible and you could become part of that winning team!

If you are available on either Friday 21st August or Saturday the 22nd August and would be interested in becoming involved then please get in contact with Chief Marshal, Barry O'Neill, by telephoning

07740 510 551 or emailing [barry.oneill@swc.ac.uk](mailto:barry.oneill@swc.ac.uk).

We would like to hear from anyone who is available, from the first time marshal to the experienced.

This year's event has a fresh new look with a new venue combined with classic and spectacular stages. So make sure you become part of the action and add the rally to your diary!

## Have your say - contact the MMP!

As ever, we really want your feedback on the MMP!

*Is it working for you?*

*What is good, and what should we keep doing?*

*What is not good, and what do we need to change?*

*Is there anything that we're*

*not doing that we should think about doing?*

Please ensure your suggestions are within the realms of decency, cost and effort to make it happen!

We'll take all suggestions on board so email your thoughts regarding the MMP to [contactus@themmp.com](mailto:contactus@themmp.com)!

**Put the 'news' in the MMP newsletter! If you have any news or info, email it to [news@TheMMP.com](mailto:news@TheMMP.com)!**

## Give us your email address!

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The MMP training days are vital to ensure safety for all those involved in motorsport.



## MMP Training Days ensure safety for everyone!

One of the great advantages that the Motorsport Marshalling Partnership offers to its members are training days, ensuring that everyone is prepared in the event of a serious incident during an event.

The first of this year's MMP Training Days took place at Cookstown and Nutt's Corner. With cars supplied by T-Met, countless marshals were provided with some high quality training.

"I learned quite a lot of new things," marshal Geoff Pue

commented. "Then, when I was marshalling at the Mourne Rally, a Mark 2 went off at my location. Thankfully both driver and co-driver were unhurt."

"I think the training we were given helped us and improved our confidence in dealing with the accident," Pue continued, "so I would like to say thank you to the MMP and keep up the good work!"

Geoff's comments were echoed by all those that attend the MMP training

days. Many valuable lessons are learned, all of which help make our sport safer for all those involved.

So if you have yet to attend a training day, or even if you would like a refresher, make sure you don't miss the next one! A firm date has yet to be confirmed but it is expected to take place in October. Contact Barry O'Neill on 07740 510 551 for more information.

Don't forget, you must attend one training day to be eligible for MMP prizes!



Contact the MMP - email [contactus@TheMMP.com](mailto:contactus@TheMMP.com) or call/text Simon on 07831 399 428

### MMP Marshals keep on marshalling!

MMP Marshals turned out in force at this year's Omagh Motor Club Rally Time Trial, which was held at the end of May. The event, which secured a new venue at Riddles Quarry, Dunamanagh, was hailed a huge success. Gareth Sayers won the time trial in his Vauxhall Nova, closely followed by John Bustard and Colin Britton.

Derek Craig of Larne Motor Club also requested a mention for the Cairncastle Hillclimb, which was won by Robert Thompson. The club is also organising an autotest on 1st August, and a sprint at Kirkistown in September. If you can help at either of these events, phone 07961 952514.

- 08/08 - Lurgan Park Rally**
- 15/08 - Garron Tower Hill Climb**
- 21-22/08 - Ulster Rally**
- 29/08 - Spelga Pass Hill Climb**
- 05/09 - Lafarge Cement Ireland Rally**
- 12/09 - Lakeland Stages**
- 19/09 - Sprint (Kirkistown)**
- 25/09 - Circuit of Down (Navigation)**
- 26/09 - Bushwhacker Rally**