

Update on the National 2008

We're nearly there! There are only a few short weeks left before the Event at the end of May and we have quite a lot to tell / ask you all, so please read on!

We are still on target with all the preparations, from organising the shower blocks, toilets, signage and trophies, to plotting out the camping pitches for all the clubs (thank you to Derek and Shirley Nash for all your extremely valued hard work), and laying out and trialing all the competition grounds (thank you for all those who turned up at Easter), to mention but a mere smidgeon of the jobs that have had to be covered.

What a huge job it has been to date..... but we think it will be well worth all the effort put in. With all the support we have had from our own club members, other ALRC club members and our sponsors, it promises to be superb - just keep your fingers crossed for the heatwave they have been promising!

Sorry to nag but we still need to put names on paper for various jobs to be done on the working weekend prior to the Event, during the event and in the couple of days afterwards when we need to clear the Deer Park.

Some of these that I have been asked to mention are:

- **Helpers for the Event 'build' days** – includes erection of marquees, signage, laying out of caravan pitches etc. prior to the event start day
- **Caravan Field Marshals** – for Thursday and Friday, to guide campers to the correct areas – especially during the evenings when dark.
- **Helpers for Deer Park Tidying** – includes litter picking, removing signage, tape etc and generally clearing the site after the event is over.

If you feel able to put your name on the list of helpers required for any of the above jobs, please contact either Jim Savage or John Kesterton (details below).

ALRC National Marshals recruitment!

We are still recruiting marshals - we have quite a few on our list but could always do with more, including a couple of experienced Group Leading Marshals.

One requirement is for Static Marshals for the RTV and CCV competitions.

The role of a Static Marshal is an important one, as it will be these key people who play a major role with keeping the event running smoothly and efficiently, section by section. You do not need to know the rules beforehand as we will train you on the few that you will need!

Role of the Static Marshal

The Static Marshal's responsibility is to oversee one individual section throughout the day and need to be able to carry out the following:

- Show each arriving group where they should park up before their drive, enabling the vehicles to get as close to the competition area as possible
- Know the 'driven line' around their section in case of route questions or disputes, giving a fairer competition
- Advise Group Leading Marshals of any issues arising on their section re: marshalling, recovery etc.

- Ensure each driver knows where to park when leaving the section, ready to move on.

Many people consider it to be an enjoyable job – there's no traipsing around the woods, getting in and out of cars and walking new sections each time! You get to see every competitor driving your course - and a free lunch too!

If you are not too confident about your knowledge of competition rules and regulations but would still like to be involved with the actual competitions, then this could be the job for you – or two of you if you would like to bring a friend for company / support!

Contact the Chief Marshal, Glyn Phillips on 01902 893948 or email him on chiefmarshal@mroc-national2008.co.uk and get your name on the list!

National Committee Roles

We have been asked to publish a list of National Committee Roles and Responsibilities on the website and in the Journal, as quite a few of you out there don't know who to contact for the various areas of the event. Please find listed below the names, role and contact details for each member of the Committee:

Event Directors - Richard & Ruth Smith

Responsibilities include:

Richard – event@mroc-national2008.co.uk 01527 402536 / 07817 149969

Main point of contact for all parties; Heading up Committee; Land negotiations; Sponsors liaison.

Ruth – webmistress@@mroc-national2008.co.uk 01527 402536

Event marketing and promotion; Website; Design, artwork and production of all printed materials; Sponsors liaison.

Competition Director - Martin Pittaway

compdirector@mroc-national2008.co.uk 0121 430 3383

Responsibilities include: Overall organisation and running of all competitive events, including pre-event workparties and laying-out; Stewards, Marshals and Scrutineers; Point of contact for Competition queries; Supplementary Regs; General driver liaison.

Bookings Officer - Andrew Neaves

bookings@mroc-national2008.co.uk 01827 874008

Responsibilities include: Main point of contact for all Bookings; Preparation and control of Budget; Bookings acceptance and confirmation; Creation of Rally and Competition Databases.

Communications Officer - Steve Cook

comms@mroc-national2008.co.uk 07973 179878

Responsibilities include: All Event on-site communications and communications equipment; Radio control throughout Event.

Chief Marshal - Glyn Phillips

chiefmarshal@mroc-national2008.co.uk 01902 893948

Responsibilities include: Recruitment and organisation of Clerks of the Course, Stewards, Event Chief Marshals, Marshals and Scrutineering Teams.

Health & Safety Officer - Richard Banks

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Responsibilities include: Overall site and Event safety; Production of all Safety Policy materials; Risk assessments and method statements; First Aid Liaison; Local emergency services point of contact.

Press & Publicity Officer - John Messer

publicity@mroc-national2008.co.uk

Responsibilities include: Liaison with all media; Public Relations; Video / Photographic liaison; All official passes including Press and vehicle passes; Event marketing and promotion; Guest appearances.

Rally Officer - Jim Savage

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Responsibilities include: Overall responsibility for camping rally; Head up camping site reception team; Laying out of camping fields; Ensuring adequate services are available for fresh water, elsan and waste water disposal; Camping permits, rally packs and pitching instructions.

Shop / Trophy Officer - Tony O'Connor

shop@mroc-national2008.co.uk

Responsibilities include: Organisation of ALRC Perpetual Trophies; Supply of all Competition Trophies; Main point of contact and liaison for Event Shop.

Site Services Officer - John Kesterton

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Responsibilities include: Main point of contact for all site services, including site security and emergency access; Organisation and supply of: Event toilets and showers, Lighting, Road, Cleaning, Generators and Plant Hire, Cabins and Marquees, Public Address system, Fresh water supply, Rubbish disposal, Effluent disposal, Traffic flow, fencing and gates, Catering, On-site recovery vehicles.

Treasurer - Phil Rock

treasurer@mroc-national2008.co.uk

Responsibilities include: Overall control of Event finances; Monitoring of bank accounts; All transactions for Event finances; Control of expenses; Production and upkeep of all accounting records and associated paperwork; Event finance status reports.

For any of the above Committee Members that do not have their numbers listed here, they can be found inside the front cover of your Journal.

Finally we would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped so far. We have an enormous amount of our own club members booked in to camp so we have no doubt whatsoever that we will have more than enough help..... but it's always good to have definite offers! (and it will help reduce the stress levels of John K, Jim S and Glyn P too!).

Approx 5 weeks and counting.....aaaaagggghhhhhh!

Ruth Smith