

MSA COUNCIL Meeting 4th December 2014.

Most of the topics have been covered by the extremely comprehensive Regional Committee Report from Roger and Lock, as the Council Meeting took place only 3 weeks after Regional.

There are a couple of points to add -

- I mentioned in my own Report to Council that there had been considerable disquiet throughout Scotland on the subject of Lifting of Seats and Harnesses. I attended the Council Meeting when the final decision to implement the change in the Regulations was taken, and I was absolutely convinced by the technical evidence put forward by John Symes, the MSA Technical Director following many months of testing, and several Council Meetings when a decision was deferred pending further tests. Perhaps I was fortunate in hearing the whole story, and I feel strongly that our colleagues in the sport have not heard the full evidence, and conclusions properly explained. I have therefore requested that Ben Taylor and his team come up with some better information for us.
- The discussion following the Lifting issue moved on to Hans Devices, and to the fact that the UK is one of the only FIA Member Countries where such devices are not mandatory. Several personal stories of deaths which could have been avoided were heard, and taken very seriously. Freedom of choice was very much part of the discussion. Watch this space.
- Significant discussion took place about the new Track Limits Regulations, and it was decided to run with the changes for at least one season, to assess the response.
- Rally Tracking Systems - Rallies Committee have narrowed applications down to 7 potential systems.
- Dunlop is planning to close it's Fort Dunlop facility, and Alan Gow warns that this will have a significant effect on the range of tyres, particularly for historic vehicles, in the future.
- Andy Watson, our own long term noise guru, received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the MSA Council Dinner at the RAC Club in Pall Mall from HRH Prince Michael, RAC President. many congratulations to Andy, and his long time career, including a spell as a Director of Scottish Sporting Car Club.
- Ronnie Trouton from Northern Ireland, and Colin Hilton both received Order of Merit Awards.

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