



# CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER

## CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU

Thank you for registering for the 2011 Silverstone Competition Tyres BTRDA Rally Series. We hope you have a very successful and enjoyable Championship year. The purpose of this information note is to explain a few of the Championship's bits and pieces in advance of the first event as inevitably on the day your attention is naturally focussed on the rally and thinking whether you want to join a team or sign up for SMS text results are sometimes well down the priority order. We hope you find it and the attached documents useful but if you have any questions please call us through our contact details below.

You should have by now received your BTRDA card showing your membership number, or if you have recently registered it will be with you shortly. Don't worry if it hasn't arrived by the time of the Wydean as the Membership Secretary and ourselves will be on hand to confirm your membership. The number on your card should be quoted (if requested) when you enter an event. As a result of the introduction of the new on-line registration system you will receive just one membership/registration number, which applies to both the BTRDA Rally Series and the MSA English Rally Championship where appropriate.

## CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS ROUND-UP

Do you know that during 2011 more than £12,500 of prize money, rewards and products will be available to competitors provided by our sponsors, events and BTRDA. To summarise these include:

- **Rally First Winners** – Free Rally First Entries to all eight events in 2012 – **Value £3,200 app'**
- **Rally First F1000 Winner** – Free Rally First entries to 2 events in 2012 – **Value £800 app'**
- **AGX Team Challenge** – Cash prizes to the first three teams – **Value £1,050**
- **Millers Oils Product Vouchers** – All 1400 competitors – **Value £2,500**
- **Vital Equipment Fuel Vouchers** - £30 vouchers to eight competitors on each event – **Value £1,920**
- **Free tickets to Dinner & Awards Evening** - All major and class award winners – **Value £3,000 app'**
- **Service & Sport / Silverstone Tyres Trip for two to Malaysia** – Selected 1400 driver – **Value £??**
- **Vital Equipment Trip for two to WRC Rally Spain** – Winning Junior driver and guest – **Value £??**

**Excluding the value of the trips to Malaysia and Spain that is a total value of nearly £12,500 which will be given back to competitors during 2011. The largest prize fund of any Club Championship in the country.**

## SWISHER MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

We are pleased to announce a new sponsor for the 2011 MSA English Rally Championship which will be supported by Swisher Bio Environmental. Swisher are Britain's leading commercial cleaning, hygiene and sanitation protection provider and will be sponsoring the championship for the next two years and aim to drive the Swisher brand recognition across the UK through the rally sponsorship. Their Chief Executive Officer Aziz Tejpar, has rallied across Africa for many years and is very keen to support and recognise rising rallying talent through the Championship.

The Swisher MSA English Rally Championship is exclusively for 2 wheel drive cars up to 2 litre and five of the seven championship events are also part of the BTRDA Rally Series. **BTRDA Rally Series registration includes automatic eligibility for the Swisher MSA English Rally Championship if the competition car is eligible.** The Championship has a 'class based' format so that competitors from any of the 5 classes have an equal chance of winning the overall championship titles. More information and championship points etc will be available on the dedicated website [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk).



## **SILVERSTONE TYRES BTRDA RALLY SERIES & SWISHER MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Some of you may have noticed that the existing websites haven't had a lot of change as we move into 2011. This is because we have been working on revamping the websites to give them a fresher and updated look. We are hoping they will be ready in time for the first event.

The BTRDA website, [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) is the most visited website of any Rally Championship in the UK. This and the MSA English website [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk) provide lots of useful information to assist you through the year, such as live rally results, championship points, championship regulations, links to Championship events, news items and bulletins and Championship contacts. Just make sure they are saved in your favourites.

### **DECALS – FIRST ISSUE AND REPLACEMENT**

Championship decals have gone in the post over the last weekend to all registered drivers as at the 29<sup>th</sup> January, so you should receive them in time to put them on before the rally. Enclosed with the decals is a detail sheet explaining where the decals must be fitted to comply with the Championship regulations. These decals serve two purposes:

Firstly to recognise the significant contribution each sponsor puts into the Championship and secondly, to indicate to other competitors and to spectators that you are part of the largest rally Championship in the country. Decals will also be available at the BTRDA signing on desk on future events.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 BTRDA RALLY SERIES REGULATIONS.**

Revised definition for Class 1400L: All current and former FIA Group N1 cars and all cars up to 1400cc with engines of more than 8 valves and retaining the standard fuel and inlet manifold systems. No remote reservoir suspension permitted ***unless fitted as standard or homologated.***

### **2011 MSA RULE CHANGES**

There have been some specific rule changes introduced from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 which you need to be aware of as they are likely to be checked at scrutineering.

46.1.5. All vehicles must carry a small spill kit complying with J.5.20.13. (To purchase spill kits see further item below)

48.1.10. Side windows, if of glass, must be of laminated or toughened glass and, if of toughened glass, must be coated on the inside with a clear transparent safety film.

48.1.12. The fitting of mud flaps of a flexible material of 4mm minimum thickness behind each wheel extending to a minimum of 40mm each side of the tyre tread and to within 80mm of the ground when the car is unoccupied is mandatory.

### **ON EVENT FUEL SUPPLIES – VITAL EQUIPMENT LTD**

The BTRDA is committed to ensuring the safety of competitors on events and as part of this believes that the proper carrying and handling of fuel is vital. After a very successful 2010 we are pleased to confirm that Vital Equipment Ltd will again be attending all the BTRDA events in 2011 and will provide both Carless turbo and super unleaded fuels, both compliant with MSA regulations and which will ensure that fuel is dispensed to competitors under strictly controlled and safe conditions.

A few days ago you will have received the excellent news that Vital Equipment are putting up an award to the highest finishing Junior Driver of a trip for two to the WRC Rally of Spain in October 2011, titled **Run for the Sun.**

In addition to this they are also giving an introductory offer to all competitors on the Wydean Rally on the cost of unleaded fuel, which for this event only will be at local pump prices.

**And there is even more!** On all eight events this year the Championship organisers will be giving away eight fuel vouchers per event, each worth £30, which can be offset against the cost of obtaining fuel from Vital Equipment. On every event two drivers will be randomly selected from each Championship category, Gold Star, Silver Star, 1400's and Rally First, making a total prize fund of nearly £2000.

We cannot emphasise enough the significant convenience, safety and organisational benefits that obtaining fuel through this facility can be to competitors, meaning that you have absolutely no need to carry fuel around with you and the simplicity for ordering fuel in advance. Please just try it. Vital Equipment can be contacted on 01981 241169 or Email: [orders@vitalequipment.co.uk](mailto:orders@vitalequipment.co.uk). Website <http://www.vitalequipment.co.uk>.

## **SUPPLY OF SILVERSTONE TYRES**

You may be aware that at the end of November 2010 there was a large fire which destroyed several industrial units, including the premises of Service & Sport, the UK importer and supplier of Silverstone Competition Tyres. The building and all its contents were totally destroyed, including the entire stock of Silverstone Competition Tyres.

Jerry Freeman and his team quickly made arrangements with Silverstone Tyres in Malaysia for new stock to be produced and flown to the UK, however you will appreciate that to stop and change a major production line in order to produce sufficient tyres in different sizes, tread patterns and compounds is not an easy task.

Unfortunately despite all these efforts it could not be guaranteed that the tyres would arrive in the country in sufficient time before the first event and therefore we wish to give notice to competitors of the situation to enable them to source alternative tyres.

**Therefore Regulation No 4, Page 7 of the 2011 Championship regulations, which requires all registered 1400 drivers to use only Silverstone Competition Tyres, is to be suspended for the first two rounds of the Championship, i.e. the Wydean Rally and the Malcolm Wilson Rally. The full range of Silverstone Competition Tyres will be available by mid March and so the requirement to use Silverstone Tyres in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Rally Series will be reinstated from Round 3 [Somerset Stages] onwards.**

To reiterate this means that Millers Oils 1400 drivers are free to use any make of tyre they so choose for the first two rounds of the 2011 Championship.

Service and Sport have now moved into new premises near Wigan and normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

## **MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP**

Continuing in 2011 is one of the most exciting new prizes on offer to a crew in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship which is a trip for two people to Malaysia in 2012 as guests of Silverstone Tyres and Service & Sport. The winners will be decided by a secret ballot amongst all 1400 drivers carried out after the final round of the Championship.

Millers Oils support for the 1400 championship will be shared with all the drivers competing in the 1400 Millers Oils BTRDA Championship, who will each receive a **£50 Millers Oils voucher** when they sign on for their first event. This can be immediately exchanged for 5 litres of Synthetic Competition Engine Oil or Synthetic Competition Transmission Oil, or 10 CVL bottles. There will then be further £50 Millers Oils vouchers given to each driver at the start of their 4th and their 6th Championship event, making a total of £150 of Millers Oils products available during the year.

**Millers Oils** products however are not just for the 1400 competitors and on-event support man Simon Morton is there for everyone needing Millers Oils products and advice. Simon can be contacted on: Tel: 01925 752 819(w), 07711 483828(m), E-mail: [moilsltd@aol.com](mailto:moilsltd@aol.com). Details of all the Millers specialist Motorsport lubricants can be found at [www.millersoils.net](http://www.millersoils.net).

## **BTRDA RALLY FIRST**

All BTRDA Rally First cars are required to submit a Vehicle Declaration Form (VDF) to either the Championship Co-ordinator Howard Wilcock or the Championship Scrutineer, John Cooper. These simple forms can be downloaded from the Bulletin Section of the BTRDA Rally web site. The Rally First Technical Regulations are also available to download from the Bulletin Section on the website [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com)

The BTRDA are working with the F1000 Rally Club to provide the F1000 Forest Championship in 2011. Competitors in RF1000/F1000 cars will register with the BTRDA Rally Series and their details will also be forwarded onto the F1000 Rally Club so that they can provide F1000 Rally Club membership. All registered BTRDA Rally first crews will be eligible for the £50 entry fee discounts.

## **SPILL KITS**

On 2011 BTRDA rounds Spill Kits can be purchased from both Vital Equipment Ltd and the Rally Marketing sales unit.

## **EVENT RESULTS AND SMS**

### **TEXT RESULTS**

All BTRDA Championship events use Tynemouth Computer Services (TCS) to provide event results. TCS has one of the most comprehensive results systems currently operating and enables competitors, spectators and many others to follow events through either the live online web results service or by SMS Text results.

For SMS text results you can either sign up on an event-by-event basis or at a discounted cost for all eight events. To book direct with TCS go to the following web page, [http://www.nersresults.co.uk/sms/html/events\\_index.html](http://www.nersresults.co.uk/sms/html/events_index.html). Forms are attached with this email and will also be available at the BTRDA signing on desk on each event. Live online results can be found through the BTRDA website [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com).

### **AGX TEAM CHALLENGE**

One of the most popular sections of the Championship (probably because we are giving away prize money of £1,050) is the AGX Team Challenge. To enter the Team Challenge you need to find two other drivers to make a team. Only one 4wd car is permitted and at least one driver must be from either the 1400, MG ZR or Rally First championships. With prize money of £600 for the winning team, £300 for second and £150 for third and it costs nothing to enter, this is something you should not miss and now is the time to do it, not when you get to the first event. An entry form is attached and you can either bring it to the Wyedean or email details of your team to Howard Wilcock [howard@btrdarally.com](mailto:howard@btrdarally.com).

## **EVENTS RUNNING ORDER**

Following on from the positive feedback we had in 2010 we have agreed with the Championship events to continue with the variable running orders in 2011. It will always be the case that the 1400's and Rally First will run first on the road. On the Wyedean and the Cambrian, which will run Historic Sections, these cars will run after the 1400's and before the main field, which will include 4WD and non-historic two wheel drive cars. On three rounds, the Malcolm Wilson, Plains and Dukeries, all two wheel drive cars, including Historics, will run after the 1400's. Finally on the three remaining rounds, the Somerset, Quinton and Woodpecker, 4WD and all two wheel drive cars, including Historics, will run within the main field. We believe this provides a fair balance for all competitors throughout the year.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP SIGNING ON PROCESS**

At signing on and during events you will find representatives of the BTRDA Championship team present. We would ask all Championship competitors to ensure they visit the BTRDA signing on desk to say hello, check your class eligibility, sign on and most importantly partake in the finest selection of biscuits the supermarkets provide.

### **BTRDA ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK**

Yes we are expanding and becoming socially mobile!! Not only do you have our new websites to keep abreast of all the latest championship information, but we have now created both Twitter and Facebook links which will enable you to follow, contribute, comment on anything to do

with the BTRDA Rally Series or anything else for that matter. For Twitter you will find us at [@BTRDARally](https://twitter.com/BTRDARally) and it is the [BTRDA Forest Rally Championships](https://www.facebook.com/BTRDAForestRallyChampionships) on Facebook. We think the Twitter account particularly will be an ideal facility to be used during event weekends to share how things are going, adding snippets, photos etc, and to send out useful updates. They are now live so please join in.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY PRE AND POST EVENT SCRUTINEERING**

It is an important part of any Championship to ensure competing cars meet their eligibility requirements as set down in the Championship regulations and the MSA Competitors Yearbook (Blue Book). To do this cars will be randomly selected at the end of every event for checks to be carried out by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. No-one should be concerned if they are asked to attend such checks as we would much prefer to confirm your car is correct than find a problem, however it is important that you know what regulations your car is required to comply with. If you have any doubts please contact the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers.

One common mistake is the failure by competitors running Group N cars to carry an original (not a copy) of the relevant homologation forms, **applicable to their car, in the car at all times**. By not carrying them or having incorrect ones, you risk not scoring any championship points on that event. A simple job but often forgotten.

## BTRDA FOREST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2011

Event	Date	Rally HQ	Classic stages include
Wyedean Rally	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Chepstow	Speech House, Sallowvallets
Malcolm Wilson Rally	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Cockermouth	Grizedale, Greystoke, Comb
Somerset Stages	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Minehead	Croydon Hill, Porlock
Plains	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Welshpool	Dyfi, Garthieniog, Hafren
Dukeries	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Southwell	Sherwood Forest, Clipstone
Quinton	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Llandovery	Crychan, Halfway, Route 60
Woodpecker	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Ludlow	Haye Park, Radnor
Cambrian	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Llandudno	Clocaenog, Penmachno

### The Swisher MSA English Rally Championship

Event	Date	Rally HQ	Location
Wyedean Rally	12th February	Chepstow	Forest of Dean
Malcolm Wilson Rally	5th March	Cockermouth	Lake District
Somerset Stages	16th April	Minehead	West Somerset
Dukeries	11th June	Southwell	Sherwood Forest
Woodpecker	3rd September	Ludlow	Shropshire
Trackrod Clubman Rally	24th September	Scarborough	North Yorkshire
Tempest 2 Rally	5th November	Aldershot	Hampshire

### CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACT DETAILS

The BTRDA values any communications from competitors and therefore if you have any news, comments, questions or simply require advice we would like to hear from you.

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