



**Motorsport
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“TRY MOTOR RACING” DAY

**Motorsport Ireland – Try Motor Racing Day
Mondello Park March 1, 2009**

The first ever Get into Motorsport Day to be organised by Motorsport Ireland will be held in Mondello Park on March 1 with the aim of helping aspiring Race Drivers find out more

about how to get involved in motor racing.

The single day event will give anyone interested in competing their first ever opportunity to talk to representatives of all of the classes currently racing in Ireland, in one place. There will also be an

opportunity to find out everything involved in going racing, from the first steps in obtaining a competition licence, to all of the options when getting on track.

For the first time intending competitors can also avail of the opportunity to see the Mondello circuit from the passenger seat alongside an experienced racing driver but to do this they must pre-register and attend at a specific time.

So, whether you have serious ambitions or just want to race for the fun of it, all the contacts that you need to get going can be made in one day !

To register, please go to
<http://www.mondello.ie/trymotorracing/>

FEBRUARY FIXTURES

7	MEC	Jenkins Cup Sporting Trial
7/8	Skibbereen	100 Isles Navigation Trial (NT)
8	Tipperary	Sean Conlon Forestry Rally (FR)
8	Carlow	Rallycross – Mondello (RX)
8	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
14	Leinster	Lincoln & Nolan Cup Sporting Trial
14/15	Midland	Navigation Trial
15	Killarney	Autocross (LS)
15	Wexford	Autotest
15	Co Monaghan	Autotest (H)
21/22	Cork	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
21/22	Donegal	Navigation Trial
22	MEC	Freeman Cup Autotest (H)
22	Birr	Stages Rally (SR)
22	Carlow	Rallycross (RX)
28	GSMC	Three Rock Sporting Trial
28/Mar 1	Kerry	Autotest (H)

MARCH FIXTURES

1	Kerry	Autotest (H)
1	Carrick-on-Suir	Wm Loughman Forestry Rally (FR)
7/8	Co Cavan	Navigation Trial (NT)
8	Tipperary	Rallysprint
8	Co Kildare	Rallycross – Mondello (RX)
8	Mayo	Stages Rally (SR)
8	Limerick	Autotest
8	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
14	Leinster	Healy Cup Sporting Trial
14/15	Cork	West Cork Rally
15	Carlow	Tynagh Sprint
15	Leinster	Race Meeting – Mondello
21	Co Monaghan	Navigation Trial (NT)
22	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
22	Munster CC	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
28	MEC	Devereux Cup Sporting Trial
28/29	Wexford	Hillclimb (HC)
28/29	Birr	Autocross (A)
29	Kerry	Circuit of Kerry Stages Rally (SR)
29	Co Kildare	Autotest (H)
29	Leinster	Race Meeting - Mondello

MARSHALS' CARDS

New cards will not be issued for 2009. Marshals should submit their completed cards to Motorsport Ireland and a new card will then be issued. Marshals can also contact the MI office to request a new card.

RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

The prizegiving for the 2008/09 National Championship will be held in The Green Isle Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin 22 on Saturday 18 April, in the form of a dinner and dance. An Open Forum will be held on Wednesday 1 April in RIAC to discuss the season and plans for the 2009/10 season.



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PHOENIX PARK 2009

This year's event on August 8/9 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the first Irish Grand Prix

As part of the activities leading up to the event, the St Patrick's Festival on Sunday 15 March will include a demonstration by a number of racing cars which will be driven from Merrion Square, down O'Connell St, around Parnell

Square and back to Merrion Square where they will be on display. The parade will have an A1GP car, and who knows, maybe the Stig will be there too. This takes place around 3.00 pm and will have TV coverage.

There will be an exhibition in the Visitors' Centre in the Phoenix Park to celebrate the 80th

Anniversary, which will be open for a few weeks before the event.

An A1GP car will also do a demonstration run in the Park this year - a great addition to the great racing classes which will be giving their all in the Park 2009.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the Tipperary Stonethrowers Rally on 10.8.08 and were found, when checked, to comply with the regulations in respect of engine capacity: No 35, Anthony Hand; No 36, Jason McSweeney. At the same event, the car of No 62, Derek Brennan, did not comply with the regulations in respect of

engine capacity and was excluded from the results. Mr Brennan also competed in two other events organised by Carrick-on-Suir MC and Wexford MC while the engine was under seal and has also been excluded from those events.

The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the Clare Stages Rally on 14.9.08: No

65, James Travers (Renault Clio) – engine found to comply with Group N regulations, including bore and stroke; No 12, Michael Moloney (Ford Escort, rotary engine) - Engine min/max of combustion chamber found to comply with specification.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

HEWISON AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP 2008/09 – Class leaders: Eamonn Byrne, Eddie Peterson, Steven Bolton, Liam Cashman, David Thompson.

POSITIONS AFTER 10 ROUNDS (out of 15):

- 1 Steven Ferguson (Mini Special) 230 points,
- 2 Eddie Peterson (Mini Special) 228,
- 3 Eamonn Byrne (Mini) 222,
- 4 Robin Lyons (Mini) 212,
- 5 Sam Johnston (Mini Special) 204,
- 6 Paddy Power (Mini Moke and Mini Special) 197,
- 7 Chris Grimes (Mini) 193,
- 8 Steven Bolton (Westfield) 154,
- 9 Paul Phelan (Mini Special) 150,
- 10 Daniel Byrne (Mini) 147,
- 11 Liam Cashman (Starlet) 134,
- 12 David Thompson (Nova) 120.

Novice class (Europa Cup):

- 1 Alan Coyle (Mini Special) 99 (confirmed as Novice champion),
- 2 Guy Foster (Mini) 82,
- 3 John McAssey (Starlet) 58,
- 4 Ger Lawlor (Starlet) 42,
- 5 Terry Power (Mini Special) 36,
- 6 Trevor Athey (Starlet and Striker) 34.

DATE CHANGE

Donegal Forestry Rally 7.2.09 cancelled.

CORRECTIONS TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 70 (Regulations for Kart Racing), Article 10.2.3.2 Carburettor: the unit designated by the CIK for the KF3 class is now the new Tillotson HW-10A carburettor. A special price

for this has been agreed, details of which will be sent to all registered competitors.

Appendix 70 (Regulations for Kart Racing), Article 12: Rotax Minimax –

Dry Tyres: Mojo D1; Wet Tyres: Mojo W2.

Article 12: Formula Rotax 125 Max – Dry Tyres: Mojo D2; Wet Tyres: Mojo W2.

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