

8th January 2008

MOTORSPORT IRELAND CHAMPIONS' LUNCH

Irish Motorsport honoured the National Champions of 2007 at a gala lunch held at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel on Tuesday 4 December. This prestigious gathering of all the Motorsport Ireland National Champions, which was sponsored by Dunlop, is an annual event celebrating the achievements of Irish competitors, at home and overseas.

The highlights of the day included the presentation of the Billy Coleman Award for Young Rally Driver of the Year to 21 year old Keith Cronin from Bantry in Co Cork, while 19 year old Dunboyne, Co Meath driver Niall Quinn won the Walter Sexton Memorial Trophy as the Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Year. These drivers each collected a cheque for €35,000.

John Naylor, President of Motorsport Ireland, thanked the Irish Sports Council for their valued support and encouragement in the development of the sport over recent years, particularly in relation to our two young drivers' awards



Young Racing and Rally Drivers of the Year Niall Quinn and Keith Cronin with the Sexton Trophy and the Billy Coleman Award

schemes and the creation of a stranding scheme for our high achievers.

Junior World Rally Championship driver and FIA Rookie Champion, Shaun Gallagher from Letterkenny was voted by the Motorsport media as the International Driver of the Year and winner of the Manley Memorial Trophy.

Rally Ireland promoter Ronan Morgan won the Ivan Webb Memorial Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the sport, both as a competitor and an organiser over many years. The Jimmy Millard Memorial Trophy for Clubman of the Year went to Gerry Kelly from Roscommon.

JUNIOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP - BILLY COLEMAN AWARD

Motorsport Ireland are delighted to announce the creation of a National Junior Rally Championship. The new series will consist of four tarmac and four forest gravel events in 2008 with each driver's best score in three of each type to count. Drivers score points based on their performance in their respective classes and the driver with the most points is declared the Motorsport Ireland Junior National Rally Champion. Drivers registered to participate in the Championship must have been born on or after 1st January 1982.

COUNTING ROUNDS

10 February	Tipperary Forestry Rally
23 March	Limerick Forestry Rally
6 April	Midland Stages Rally
8 June	Cork Restricted Mini Stages Rally
6 July	ALMC Stages Rally
16/17 August	Cork Forestry Rally
7 September	Killarney Forestry Rally
19 October	GSMC Mini Stages Rally

CLASSES - 2 wheel drive normally aspirated cars only are eligible:

Class A: Group N up to 1400 cc
 Class B: Group N 1401-1600 cc
 Class C: Group A up to 1400 cc
 Class D: Group A 1401-1600 cc
 Class E: Super 1600 and 1600 cc Kit Car Variants (as Appendix J)
 Class F: Modified Cars up to 1450 cc
 Class G: Modified Cars 1451-1650cc – more than 2 valves per cylinder
 Class H: Modified Cars 1451-1650cc – maximum 2 valves per cylinder

All class winners (8) will then qualify for the interview stage for the Billy Coleman Award along with two further wildcards. The entire fund of €50,000 will be awarded to the winner in the form of a supported drive in a Rally series outside Ireland. Details of this are yet to be confirmed but will be announced shortly. Detailed regulations and registration forms are available in the 2008 Yearbook and on the MI website.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

Please note the following addition to Article 4 (Reconnaissance) of Appendix 29 of the Yearbook (formerly Appendix O) which applies to all rallies from 1.1.08: Reconnaissance is limited to a maximum of three passes per stage or any part thereof. Competitors who exceed this limit will be penalised by exclusion from the event.

TRAINING COURSES

STAGE COMMANDERS: January 14 at 8.00 pm: Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co Limerick
 MARSHALS' TRAINING: January 21 – CHANGE OF LOCATION - from Abbey Hotel, Roscommon to Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway.

Please note that, as recommended in Strategic Plan 2 for Motorsport, attendees at all first time Senior Officials' Training courses from 2008 onwards must pass a short examination at the end of each course.

RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

The prizegiving for the 2007 National Championship will be held in The Step Inn, Stepside, Dublin 18 on Tuesday 22 January at 8.30 pm. This will include the Murray Motorsport Stock Hatch Cup and the Jondol Junior Rallycross Cup

CAC MEETING DATES

The Competitions Advisory Committee will again meet six times this year, on the following Tuesdays: February 5, April 1, June 3, September 2 (Dates), October 7 (Final Dates), November 25.

2008 EVENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS & CHARGES

Event	Status	Public Liability Insurance	Officials' Personal Accident Insurance	Permit Fees	Legal Fees	Billy Coleman Award	Total Excluding Competitors P.A. Insurance	Competitors' Personal Accident Insurance (per person)	
								Adults (aged 18 and over)	Juniors (aged 17 and under)
Road Race	N	€12,419	€363	€324	€86		€13,192	€15	€8
Circuit Race	N	€2,383	€164	€324	€86		€2,957	€15	€8
Circuit Race	I	€3,571	€245	€487	€86		€4,389	€15	€8
Rallycross	N	€1,457	€137	€292	€86		€1,972		€8
Rallycross	I	€2,673	€137	€487	€86		€3,383	€15	€8
Rallysprint	N	€1,457	€137	€292			€1,886	€15	€8
Veteran & Vintage Events	N	€249	€74	Waiver			€323	N/A	N/A
Navigation/Retrospective Trials	N	€249	€74	* €179			€ 502* (+€50 Levy = €552)	€15	€8
4x4 Production Vehicle Trials	N	€249	€74	€152			€475	€5	€3
Sporting Trials	N	€249	€74	€152			€475	€5	€3
Autotests	N	€268	€74	* €152			€494 * (+€50 Levy = €544)	€5	€3
Autocross (Loose Surface)	N	€788	€110	€142			€1040	€15	€8
Autocross (Grass Surface)	N	€628	€110	* €142	€86		€966* (+€50 Levy = €1016)	€15	€8
Midget Car Races	N	€393	€68.50	€57			€518.50	€15	€8
Kart Races – Circuit	N	€1,306	€110	* €140	€86		€1,642 * (+€50 Levy = €1,692)	€15	€8
Special Stage Rallies	I	€23,038	€397	€454	€86	#€500	€24,475	€25	€13
Special Stage Rallies	N	€17,268	€245	€324	€86	€500	€18,423	€25	€13
Forestry Rallies	N	€4,954	€196	€324	€86		€5,560	€25	€13
Single Stage Rallies	N	€11,864	€196	€324	€86	€500	€12,970	€25	€13
2 Day Special Stage Rallies	N	€20,153	€330	€389	€86	€500	€21,458	€25	€13
Mini Stage Rallies	N	€14,436	€220	€324	€86	**€500	€15,566 (€15,066 if no levy)	€25	€13
Sprint (private ground)	N	€1,097	€137	* €152	€86		€1,472* (+€50 Levy = €1,522)	€15	€8
Hillclimb & Sprint (closed road)	N	€3,344	€137	* €179	€86		€3,746* (+€50 Levy = €3,796)	€15	€8

* Add €50 levy if your event is a National Championship Round.
 **Levy does not apply to Restricted Mini Stage Rallies.
 # Levy applies if part of event is run under a National Permit.

FOR RALLY AND NAVIGATION EVENTS PLEASE NOTE: Irish Rally Drivers' Scheme (IRDS) Insurance Standard Premium = €20 per event

Important note for event secretaries: Accident (CPA) cover for competitors aged 17 and under, it is very important that records are kept of the number of drivers and navigators who are entitled to this reduced rate. This applies to all events.

IRDS SCHEME

There is again good news for drivers in rallies, navigation trials and retros – for the fifth year in a row, the IRDS premium has been reduced. For 2008, the standard rate is €20 per event, a total reduction of 43% since 2003.

DATE CHANGES

Co Monaghan MC Navigation Trial from 12.1.08 to 5.1.08; Galway MC Sprint from 6.7.08 to 29.6.08; add Co Cavan MC Autocross (LS) 28.9.08 (omitted in error from calendar).

JANUARY FIXTURES

5	MEC	Freeman Cup Sporting Trial
5	Co Monaghan	Navigation Trial
19	GSMC	Kehoe Cup Sporting Trial
19/20	Cork	1000 Shakes Navigation Trial (NT)
20	Midland	Autotest (H)
26/27	Carrick-on-Suir	Autotest (H)
27	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
27	Limerick	Restricted Mini Stages Rally

FEBRUARY FIXTURES

1/2/3	Galway	International Rally (TROA)
2	MEC	Jenkins Cup Sporting Trial
3	Carlow	Rallycross – Mondello (RX)

SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

Competitors and officials are reminded that, as was already advised in the 2006 and 2007 Yearbooks, the validity of overalls, long underwear, balaclavas, socks and shoes complying with the FIA 1986 standard has ended, with effect from 31.12.07, and these may no longer be used.

MARSHALS' INCENTIVE DRAW

The Marshals' Incentive Scheme draw took place at the last CAC meeting on November 27.

Motorsport Ireland currently have over 1350 trained marshals, with 70 marshalling at five events during 2007, eight marshalling at ten events, three at 15 events and two at more than 20 events in the year.

First prize is an all expenses paid trip for two to Rally Sweden, which

is held on 8-10 February 2008. The winner of this prize is Dan Duggan from Ballineen, Co Cork. Second prize is an all expenses paid trip for two to Rallye de Espana, on 2-5 October 2008. This was won by Thomas Byrne from Co Wexford.

A further eight names were drawn, and each of these marshals will receive a gift voucher from Chequered Flag for €100. The winners are: Paddy Maher

(Carlow), Tony Cullen (Kilkenny), Lucy Conroy (Laois), Brendan O'Connell (Tipperary), Tim Conroy (Laois), Cornelius Kelly (Carlow), Shane Reynolds (Waterford) and Michael Brady (Wexford).

Motorsport Ireland would like to congratulate all of our marshals and thank them for their contribution to the sport

2008 LICENCES - ASSISTANCE

To assist you, the competitor, we need to issue your 2008 licence as soon as possible after we receive your completed application form. One of the biggest obstacles to this is the time spent in dealing with a large number of telephone enquiries at this time of year, the majority of which could be avoided

if everyone read the notes issued with licence application forms.

1. If you are unsure of some aspect of your licence renewal, please check the notes first – most of the answers are covered there.
2. Please check the checklist on page 4 of the form to ensure that

your application is complete.

3. The expiry date of your medical certificate is shown on your old licence – please check there first if you are unsure if your certificate is valid for 2008.

Thank You

COMPETITION LICENCES

A new type competition licence has been introduced for 2008. This is a credit card sized plastic design (see photo)



GRANT APPLICATIONS

Clubs which organised events listed on the FIA International calendar during 2007 are advised that the closing date for applications for grants from the International events fund is January 22.

2008 INTRODUCTION TO KARTING COURSE DATES

Courses will be held at Kiltorcan Raceway, Ballyhale, Co Kilkenny on the following dates: Monday February 11, Tuesday February 26 (subject to sufficient demand), Tuesday March 25, Tuesday May 13, Tuesday July 1, Tuesday August 26.

LICENCE STATISTICS

The following figures relate to the FIRST interest as expressed on competitors' licence application forms, to the end of 2007:

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Renewals	1830	1956	2018	2211	2441	2703	2866	2710	3259	3302	3451	3659	3833	4010
First Time	542	589	682	722	799	833	993	733	927	872	869	755	750	832
Total	2372	2545	2700	2933	3240	3536	3859	3443	4186	4174	4320	4414	4583	4842

The following figures relate to the FIRST interest as expressed on competitors' licence application forms, to the end of 2007:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Special Stage Rallying	2501	2380	2338	2515	2720	2828
Circuit Racing	332	338	316	317	323	351
Navigation Trials	187	172	219	219	233	227
Kart Racing	328	266	219	221	225	223
Autocross	109	127	171	165	174	176
Rallycross	103	140	172	143	136	162
Hillclimb	90	131	153	129	117	120
Historic Stage Rallying	70	110	143	115	107	101
Autotests	66	69	73	76	71	72
Sporting Trials	64	60	64	66	57	57
Rallysprint	26	58	107	75	58	47
Retrospective Trials	39	41	29	38	41	41
Sprint	4	23	41	37	42	25
Midget Car Racing	31	25	22	18	18	18
4x4 Production Vehicle Trials	34	29	35	26	22	10
Production Car Trials	1	5	3	2	0	0
No Interest Indicated	201	200	215	252	239	384
TOTAL	4186	4174	4320	4414	4583	4842

2008 COMMISSION & COMMITTEES

MOTOR SPORT COMMISSION	
East Region	Pat Lordan
South Region	James Coleman
West/North Region	Paul Hughes
Race Committee	TBA
Rallies Committee	Frank O'Mahony
Karting Committee	Garry Manning
Safety Advisory Group	Fergal Henehan
Tech. Advisory Group	Nicky Strahan
Clubman Representative (Trials, Midget Car Racing, Autotests)	Frank O'Connell
Speed Representative (Rallycross, Hillclimb/Sprint, Autocross)	Stephen Gillis
RIAC	Michael FitzSimons
RIAC	Reg Redmond
RIAC	Bryan Brophy
IMF	John Naylor (President)
IMF	Joe Corcoran
IMF	Robert Lytle
IMF CEO	Alex Sinclair
Rules Advisory Group	Dermott Quigley
Immediate Past President	Cecil Sparks

(1)=Term Served to End of 2007

RALLIES COMMITTEE	
MSC	Pat O'Dowd
Donegal	Jim Callaghan
MSC	Richard Talbot
Clare	Jim Casey (1)
MSC	Damien Crawford
Cork	John Quill (1)
MSC	James Coleman (3)
MSC	Frank O'Mahony (Chair) (4)
MSC	Fergus Casey
MSC	Pat Lordan (2)
Safety	Paul McLaughlin (1)

TRIALS COMMITTEE	
GSMC	Pat Fox
MSC	David Pain
Leinster	John Bolton
Kildare	Shane McMeel
MSC	Tony Wilson (Chair) (3)
Safety	Philip Erskine

RACE COMMITTEE	
IMRC	Eddie Fitzgerald
Kildare	Graham Lenahan
Leinster	Des Behan (3)
MEC	Scott Milligan (2)
Carlow	Niall Keogh
MSC	Ed Meredith (1)
MSC	TBA
MSC Safety	Des Bruton
Drivers Rep.	Stephen Boden
MSC(Circuit Representative)	John Morris

SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP	
MSC	Austin MacHale
MSC Rescue	Fergal Henehan
MSC Marshals	Rosemary Walsh
Rallies	Paul McLaughlin
Race	Des Bruton
Autocross	Donie Lucey
Autotest	Paul Phelan
Hillclimb & Sprint	Pat Roche
Trials	Philip Erskine
Rallycross	Tom Kirwan
Karting	Richard Walsh
Midget Cars	Frank O'Connell
Convenor	Claire Gunning
Technical	Breacan Mc Breen

COURTS PRESENTERS	
MSC	Reg Redmond
MSC (Deputy Court Presenter)	Dermott Quigley

AUTOCROSS COMMITTEE	
MSC	Andy Caldwell
MSC	Darren McCarthy
MSC	TBA
Cavan	Patsy McIntyre
MSC	James Lehane (Chair) (1)
Safety	Donie Lucey

AUTOTEST COMMITTEE	
MEC	Richard Pain
MSC	John Golden
Monaghan	Brendan Flynn (1)
MSC	Eamonn Byrne (1)
MSC	Mark Haften
Safety	Paul Phelan (Chair) (4)

HILLCLIMB & SPRINT COMMITTEE	
Carrick-on-Suir / Tipperary	Tony Clery
Donegal	Michael Kelly
Galway	Dennis Murphy
MEC	Jimmy Cleary
MSC	Stephen Gillis (Chair) (1)
Safety	Pat Roche
MSC	Siobhan McCann

DATES ADJUDICATION GROUP	
MSC	Paul Phelan
MSC	Jimmy Cleary
MSC	Robert Moody

KARTING COMMITTEE	
MSC	TBA
Munster	Kieran Coleman
SKC	Martin Keegan
Meath & Dist.	Noel Carey
MSC	Garry Manning (Chair) (1)
MSC	Pat Coby
MSC	Pat Fitzgerald
MSC	Donie Daly
MSC	Dermot Saurin
MSC Safety	Richard Walsh

RALLIES SUB-COMMITTEES

N.B. Shaded areas = Rallies Committee nominations

National Stages	
Clare	Richard Casey
Limerick	Bill Fitzgerald
Chairman	Richard Talbot
Registrar	Laura Fuery
Other	Kevin Barrett

National Forestry	
Birr	Mick Nevin
Tipperary	Jim O'Brien
Chairman	Willie Walsh
Registrar	Ray Gavin
Other	Colman Hegarty

National Navigation 07/08	
Skibbereen	Colm Feen
Cavan	Derek Coleman
Chairman	Paul Hughes
Registrar	Stephen O'Neill
Other	Frank O'Donoghue

Championship Stewards (GCR Chapter 14)	
MSC	Ray Quinn
MSC	Jimmy Cleary
MSC	Ronan Morgan
MSC	George Clancy

RULES ADVISORY GROUP	
MSC	Reg Redmond
MSC	Dermott Quigley (Convenor)
MSC	Noel Clarke
MSC	Clive Peterson
MSC	Cecil Sparks
MSC	Fergus Casey

MIDGET CAR RACING	
MRCCI	Frank O'Connell (Chair)
MRCCI	Jane Dunne
MRCCI	Alan White
MRCCI	David Ashton
MRCCI	Ian O'Connell (Secretary)
Safety	Frank O'Connell

RALLYCROSS COMMITTEE	
Carlow	Des Ryan
Kildare	Tom Kinirons (2)
MSC(Circuit Representative)	John Morris
MSC	Ana St Claire (Chair) (1)
MSC	John McCluskey (3)
MSC Safety	Tom Kirwan

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP	
MSC	Neil Wilson
MSC	James O'Brien
MSC	Nicky Strahan (Convenor)
MSC	Robert Corrigan
MSC	Breacan McBreen
MSC	Anthony Hoey

FIA REPRESENTATIVES	
	Delegate
Titular Delegate	John Naylor
Deputy	Alex Sinclair
FIA Court of Appeal	Reg Redmond
Deputy	Cecil Sparks
Historic Motorsport Commission	Bryan Brophy
Off-Road Commission	Michael FitzSimons
Circuits Commission	Michael FitzSimons
Kart Commission	Alex Sinclair
Deputy	Garry Manning

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