



2008 Wales Rally GB Marshals Newsletter 2

Hi and welcome to the second marshals newsletter for the 2008 Wales Rally GB. It's now 4 months to go to the event and things are moving forward from a marshalling point of view and the detailed event planning has been going well, leading to a few minor changes to the schedule but nothing too major!

Following the June newsletters request for a snappy title we have narrowed it down to 3 choices - now it's down to you guys and gals to choose your favourite. We carry on our "Who's Who" series with the senior event organisers and give an update to the WRC following last weekend's Rally Finland antics. We then finish off with a little information on the events training program and the updated schedule. Hope you enjoy the read.

Paul Rees

Marshals Liaison and Newsletter Editor

Newsletter title changes.

Thanks to everyone who sent in their suggestions for the new newsletter name. They ranged from the straightforward to the sublime with one suggestion of "Skid Marks" making me laugh then wondering whether my writing was up to scratch. However we have narrowed the suggestions down to 3 choices and now it's up to you to choose which one you prefer. The 3 choices are:

- A. The Tabard
- B. Marshal Torque
- C. Whistle Blower

We have set up a poll on the marshals' forum at <http://staffing.walesrallygb.com/forums>. Please make your choice for your preferred name during August and we will close the poll at the end of the month and announce the winner on the forum and in the next newsletter.

Training News

This year's event will be pushing its training back a little - making it closer to the event so it's a lot fresher in peoples' minds.

(Training continued)

We will be aiming to deliver the training during October and November with a combination of weekend and evening sessions. These will be held across the country and hosted by local clubs who organise the venues for us - this allows us to concentrate on the training itself.

We are also bringing back sector official training sessions - probably 2 in total with one in the South West and one in Midlands for this year.

Facebook group for marshals

Bringing the event staffing further into the digital world, we have established a facebook group for marshals. Its "not so snappy" group name on facebook is *Wales Rally GB Marshalling*.

You can only join if invited by a member of the group or by requesting an invitation and sending an email with your name and MSA number to staffing@walesrallygb.com so we can verify you are a marshal.



WRC Snippets

Following a summer break the WRC hit back with an exciting Rally Finland just prior to this newsletter being written.

The event itself threw a number of challenges at the crews with its fast, flowing and often jump ridden stages, leading to a number of spectacular exits from the event by leading crews with luckily no injuries. Jari-Matti Latvala's crash out of the event was extremely high speed as was Gigi Galli's off on a long sweeping bend and Toni Gardemeister must have been as amazed as the rest of us when his car came back down onto 2 wheels and he managed to continue without major damage!

Whilst the leaderboard at the end showed a familiar story with Sebastien Loeb in 1st and Mikko Hirvonen in 2nd place, these leading crews are now only 1 point apart in the championship - probably as close as it's ever been after 9 events.

Chris Atkinson seems to have managed to get on top of the new Subaru managing another podium place (albeit several minutes behind the top 2 drivers) with Danny Sordo in 4th and Henning Solberg recorded a respectable 5th.

Drivers Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	M Hirvonen	BP Ford	67
2 nd	S Loeb	Citroen	66
3 rd	C. Atkinson	Subaru	37
4 th	D Sordo	Citroen	35
5 th	J Latvala	BP Ford	34
6 th	P Solberg	Subaru	23

Manufacturer Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	BP Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally	108
2 nd	Citroen Total World Rally Team	105
3 rd	Subaru World Rally Team	62
4 th	Stobart VK M-Sport Ford Rally Team	45
5 th	Munchi's Ford World Rally Team	19
6 th	Suzuki World Rally Team	12

Who's who and what do they do?

In every newsletter we will tell you a little about the senior officials on the event and what their role is on the event. For this second column, we will be starting at the top with the Clerk of the Course Fred Gallagher and the Event Co-ordinator Andrew Kellitt. The Safety Co-ordinator and Regional Organisers will be in the September Newsletter.

Clerk of the Course: Fred Gallagher:

The Clerk of the Course is the person ultimately responsible for any decisions made in Rally HQ during the running of the event. With Fred's background as an International Co-driver (competing on the Lombard RAC from as early as 1975) and his knowledge of rallying along with the support of his Deputies, they make the sometimes difficult decisions to run or cancel stages for the greater good of the event. Fred has co-driven for John Haughland, Tony Pond, Simo Lampinen, Henri Toivonen, Juha Kankkunen, Bjorn Waldegard, Ari Vatanen, Petter Solberg and Thomas Radstrom (to name but a few!!!!)

Event Co-ordinator: Andrew Kellitt

In his role as event co-ordinator, Andrew plans the route and time schedule and manages the organisation of the event. He deals with the Forestry Commission, Manufacturer teams, and liaises with virtually every outside body that influences Wales Rally GB. He represents the event at WRC level and has a hand in virtually every part of the organisation, single handedly generating most of the event paperwork for competitors such as regs, roadbook etc. In many ways the fact the event is such a success is down to the 12 months of work he puts into it. He is also known as an extremely competent co-driver as many of his Motoring News adversaries will testify.

In his role as one of the Deputy Clerks of the Course, he supports the CoC and helps make the decisions on the running of the event.



Outline Event Timetable

(All timings approx for 1st car)

Thursday 4th December

Shakedown - Swansea	08.00
Shakedown Service	08.00
Ceremonial Start - Cardiff	19.00

Friday 5th December

TC0 - Swansea	06:00
SS1 - Hafren 1	09.08
SS2 - Sweet Lamb 1	09.32
SS3 - Myherin 1	09.53
Service A - Builth Wells (Remote)	11:40
SS4 - Hafren 2	13.01
SS5 - Sweet Lamb 2	13.25
SS6 - Myherin 2	13.46
SS7 - Walters Arena	16.51
SS8 - Walters Arena	17:02
Service B - Swansea	17:44

Saturday 6th December

Service C - Swansea	07:40
SS9 - Resolfen 1	08.28
SS10 - Halfway 1	09.57
SS11 - Crychan 1	10.23
Service D - Swansea	12.23
SS12 - Resolfen 2	13.26
SS13 - Halfway 2	14:55
SS14 - Crychan 2	15:21
SS15 - Cardiff Millenium Stadium	18:00
Service E - Swansea	19:05

Sunday 2nd December

Service F - Swansea	07.00
SS 16 Rheola 1	07:52
SS 17 Port Talbot 1	09.00
Service G - Swansea	09.57
SS 18 Rheola 2	11.04
SS 19 Port Talbot 2	12.12
Service H - Swansea	12:57
Finish Cardiff	14:50

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<http://www.walesrallygb.com>

Wales Rally GB 2008 Marshals Registration Process - NEW for 2008!

From this year onwards, a new Marshal Registration system will be introduced in order to achieve more effective and simpler communication to Marshals. The system will be all run through a website which will be accessible from www.walesrallygb.com from 1st September 2008 and we would encourage as many people as possible to register online. This system has been run in previous years on the Rheola stage and has proved very popular and beneficial.