



The Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association  
**Rally of Scotland**  
15th~17th October 2010



## Marshals' Newsletter No. 1



### What are you doing during the Tattie Holidays this year?

The 2010 RACMSA Rally of Scotland takes place over the weekend of 15th - 17th October, the traditional school October break; or the 'Tattie Holidays' as they known to the generations before easyJet, Playstation 3 and PSP's.

This was the time where you headed to the field to help with the Potato Harvest and to earn some extra pennies for Irn Bru and the McCowan's Highland Toffee bar.

Following a rather wet, but successful first running in 2009 there have been tweaks to the projected route but the awesome challenge of the Perthshire stages and the mammoth Trossach tracks will still test the skills of the very best the Intercontinental Rally Challenge has to offer.

But to enable us to put on this sporting occasion that will be beamed to over 180 million households worldwide, we need your assistance, experience and enthusiasm as a volunteer marshal. We need Stage Commanders, Service Park co-ordinators, radio controllers, radio operators, spectator marshals, regroup marshals, results people, the list goes on and

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### Week format

With the event moving to a weekend format for 2010, we can reduce the amount of time required away from home for competitors and as importantly you, the marshal. Reconnaissance will take place on Thursday and Friday, with the competitive action getting underway later on the Friday night, before everything concludes late on Sunday afternoon.

We require the stages to be manned for the reconnaissance days to ensure the safety of the crews and general public. This really means being on the stage for a couple of hours, but it is a prime opportunity to meet the crews when they are not under the pressure of competition.

All the Special Stages will be run twice so it means that you get to see the full action throughout each day from your post. As a marshal you are guaranteed to be the closest to the action, fully informed of what is happening and in receipt of your Rally of Scotland souvenirs as a 'thank you' from us the organisers.

For 2010 it is our intention to have one central service point for the event and this will require careful planning and coordination to ensure that the cars can be refuelled and back out to the stages on time. Many marshals will be require for this area alone.

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## How to join us?

If you feel you have the time, the dedication and the experience to assist us with welcoming the international competitors and spectators to Scotland, please contact either of our Chief Marshals:

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## Calling all MSA Licensed Radio Marshals

As well as requiring marshals to run the time controls, assist the spectators and keep the service area ticking over, the event needs to recruit a large number of licensed radio marshals to provide a high level of safety and administration communications. As with 2009 we will again be using three communication networks:

- **A System:** This is the management system. Controlled from Rally Control, operators will be located at each stage start and finish. Mobile officials, Rescue Units and Recovery Units will all be equipped with A System sets.
- **B System:** This is the system used to track competitors through the stages. B System operators work in teams, located at start, finish and every 5k (or thereabouts) through the stage. They report to a Controller for that particular stage. The Controller sweeps crews in their stage, collecting details of competitive cars passed the operators location. Details of any missing cars are reported to Rally Control and a search instigated through C System.
- **C System:** This is the stage operations system, aka '81' being the MSA Safety and Administration Frequency. Crews are at start, finish, spectator areas and at a maximum distance of 5k.

A large number of radio marshals are required to operate these three systems, with associated Controllers on stage and in Rally Control. If you are a MSA licensed radio marshal and are available for the event, or part of it, we would like to hear from you.

You are assured of a warm (and hopefully drier than 2009) Scottish welcome, 'double runs' each day including a National B field on Sunday, and a goody bag.

If you can help, or just want more information, please contact either:

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## Accommodation Availability

The middle of October is the Scottish autumn school holiday period. Traditionally known as the 'tattie holidays', school children left the classroom to help get the potato crop in. Okay, mechanical harvesters have done away with this way of earning some spare cash and, if you were lucky, getting to play around on a forklift, but it does still feature in the holiday calendar for a large number of families.

Accommodation may be harder to find than it was for the November date in 2009 so you are advised to think about your travel plans sooner rather than later.

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