

VOLUNTEERING



Applications open for Club & Volunteer of the Year

Applications are invited for the 2014 JLT MSA Club and Volunteer of the Year awards.

The awards – sponsored by JLT Sport, the MSA's insurance broker – are designed to recognise excellence among the MSA's 750 registered motor clubs and 9,500 volunteers, such as Stewards, Technical Officials, Marshals, Medical Personnel and Rescue & Recovery Crews.

For further details, click the links below:

- JLT MSA Club of the Year
- JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year

Nomination forms can be found via these links or on the MSA website. Completed forms must be submitted to the MSA by 1 October 2014, and forms for the club award must be endorsed by a Regional Association.

Both awards will be presented during the MSA Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in January 2015.

Competitor thanks volunteers who saved his life

An Historic Formula Ford competitor who suffered a cardiac arrest while racing at Snetterton has thanked the venue's marshals and medical team whose prompt actions saved his life.

Derek Rodgers was competing in the 2013 HSCC Autosport 3 Hours when the incident occurred. Specialist medical assistance was on the scene rapidly, managing to revive Rodgers and stabilise his condition. He was then transferred to the Norfolk and Norwich hospital for further treatment and has since made a full recovery.

Rodgers has now donated almost £700 to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS). He also took the opportunity at this year's event to personally thank the medics and marshals involved: Barry Hart, Bob Griffiths and Mikey Eichhorn. He praised the often unsung work of all the volunteer support teams at such events and their dedication to the sport.

The Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, NARS, is a Norfolk based charity based in Norwich. It provides volunteer doctors and paramedics whose specialist skills are used to supplement those delivered by the East of England Ambulance Service.

For further information visit www.nars.uk.com



COI marshals win Barbados trip

Circuit of Ireland Rally marshals Jason Jackson and Steve Reeves jetted off to the Sol Rally Barbados last month after well-known competitor Frank Kelly and 'Circuit' Manpower Manager Raymond Linton pulled their names from the hat for a special competition outside Belfast's Titanic building.

Everyone who gave up their spare time to marshal in Northern Ireland's round of the FIA European Rally Championship were automatically entered into a draw to win tickets, courtesy of the Barbados Rally Club and the island's Tourism Development Corporation. The prize included flights, accommodation and car hire.

Jackson, a 28-year-old mechanic from Newtownards, marshalled on the COI's Loughries and Ards Town Centre stages. Reeves, who marshalled on both runs of the Buck's Head stage, is retired and lives close to Ballynahinch.

A number of British competitors contested the Barbados event, including Carnlough's Joe McQuillan, Scotland's Allan Mackay and Moy's Frank Kelly.