



# MARSHALS POST



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## EDITORIAL

The Club's Rescue Unit, as many Members will now have seen, has recently been completely resprayed in a new livery. The former colour scheme designed and produced by Appleyards who donated the vehicle was beginning to deteriorate and the Committee invited a colleague of one of the Club Members (who specialises in vehicle livery design) to produce working drawings from which the paint sprayers could complete the job.

The result has produced many favourable comments from competitors, officials and marshals. The vehicle is predominantly white with a "hockey-stick" stripe running from the front on both sides to the top of the rear doors - in blue and yellow repeating the Club colours which appear on the flags in the centre of the Club Badge on either side and towards the rear of the vehicle.

The extent of the equipment carried by the Unit, the experience of its crew members in using the equipment and the appearance of the Unit at many events throughout Scotland made it clear to the Committee that a new livery design of this type would not only publicise the Unit where it is seen at events but also reflect the high standard which has been reached in equipment and training. Any member who has not recently seen the Unit or its contents is most welcome to ask the crew members to show him or her round it.

## FLAG SIGNAL AT RACE MEETINGS

As flag marshals at Ingliston will now be aware, the signal which announces that a race has been stopped has been changed. Previously the signal was the display of a red flag at the start/finish line and at each of the remaining posts this signal was repeated by means of crossed yellow and yellow/red flags. On several occasions last year at circuits in the south when the yellow/red flag was already being displayed (to warn of oil on the track or the like) an incident subsequently occurred which meant the display of a yellow flag. Some drivers on seeing both flags assumed that this was the signal to stop racing.

To avoid this possible confusion a new flagging signal to stop a race has been introduced. The red flag will continue to be displayed at the start/finish line while all the other posts will display a black flag.

At Ingliston, the black flag to signal to a particular competitor to stop at the pits is displayed at Left-hander. It remains to be seen whether drivers might not confuse the display of the black flag at Left-hander for this purpose with the new signal that the race has been stopped. If such confusion arises and a "race stopped" black flag is ignored at Left-hander it is presumed that the competitors will travel no further than Clock before realising that the black flag has been repeated and the race has indeed been stopped.

## CLUB TIES... SWEATSHIRTS...and JERSEYS

From time to time the Committee are asked whether the Club would be prepared to keep in stock for sale to Members various articles bearing the Club Badge. There are difficulties. Unless the Club can be assured that there will be a good demand for these items it must order a small supply of each and this involves higher costs. Furthermore, if the Club spends funds on purchasing items bearing the Club Badge this ties up those funds until the cost of the items has been recovered when they are sold to Members.

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Nevertheless the Committee are willing to consider purchasing stocks of such items. We have already received a quotation for the supply of 50 ties in blue polyester bearing the Club Badge in full colours. The cost of these would be £4.50 each. If any member would be interested in buying a Club tie would he please contact the Club or any of the Committee Members. If the Club can find say 40 members willing to buy a tie then an order will be placed with the suppliers.

It has also been suggested that Members might be interested in buying either Jerseys or Sweatshirts bearing the Club Badge. The Committee are presently investigating the cost of these items. Again if any Member would be interested in buying a Club Jersey or Sweatshirt please would he make himself known to the Club or any Committee Member.

The Club has already ordered a batch of Club "labels" which will be available to Members shortly. These are approximately the same size as the existing Club car windscreen stickers. They are made of white plastic with the Club Badge in full colours and has adhesive on the reverse. These will cost £1 each.

#### SMRC MARSHALS NIGHT

This annual event took place at the Sighthill Hotel in Edinburgh on Wednesday 11th March and was well attended by regular Ingliston marshals and officials as well as several competitors whose support is most welcome on these occasions.

The main speaker of the evening was Mike Wilds, ex-Formula 1 and Formula 5000 driver who now works as Racing Director of BRSCC and is based at Brands Hatch. He gave a very interesting talk on all aspects of motor racing and mixed his speech with some very amusing comments about his life in and around the sport.

After his speech, SMMC Committee members Frazer Madder and Andy Birrell gave a short talk about SMMC and its history as well as giving a brief outline of the functions and uses of the Rescue Unit and a display of a large number of items of its equipment. Many comments were made about the complexity and extent of this equipment, mostly to the effect that many people never realised that the Unit carries quite as much as it does. The Rescue Unit itself was also taken along so that all those interested could see for themselves just exactly what its equipment consists of.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Applications for membership of SMMC continue to come in at a most encouraging rate. It is hoped that the existing Members will go on inviting their friends and marshalling colleagues to join. The aim has always been to ensure that all active marshals throughout Scotland should become SMMC Members. SMMC continues to be the only club in Scotland formed by and for marshals in particular.

Welcome to the following who have become Members recently.

Iain Semple Stirling University	Neil Robertson Aberdeen	Robert Bissett South Queensferry
Richard Allen Edinburgh	Paul Woods Edinburgh	Stuart White Kirkliston
Peter Dora Dundee	P D McCaffrey Stirling University	David Kempton Dundee
John Bennie Milngarvie	Bill Wood Edinburgh	

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