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ANNUAL RALLY CLUBS' SEMINAR

The Annual Rally Clubs' meeting with the Rallies Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 July, beginning at 8 pm. Venue: Green Isle Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin (just off the N7, near Newlands

Cross). Suggestions for items to be included on the Agenda must be submitted by Wednesday 13 July to the Rallies Committee Secretary, c/o Motorsport Ireland.

STAGE RALLIES – NOTICE FOR CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that they should appoint an experienced person to check the readiness of competitors at the start of each stage (Appendix 29, Article 3.6). Some important items to be checked include:
Head and neck restraint correctly

fitted and tethers correctly fastened.
Helmet closed.
Harness fastened correctly.
Pins removed from Fire Extinguisher.
Ensure there is no loose equipment in the car.

JULY FIXTURES

3	Tipperary	Hillclimb
3	Skibbereen	Autocross (LS)
3	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
3	IKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
3	TDC	Multi – Venue Autotest
9	Connacht	Stages Rally (SR)
9	Cork	Autotest
10	Leinster	Lincoln & Nolan Cup Sporting Trial
10	Galway	Autocross (A)
10	Tipperary	V+V Run (Dungarvan)
10	Imokilly	Autotest
10	Leinster	90th Anniv V+V & Classic Car Run
16/17	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (O Plate)
17	Clare	Autocross (LS)
17	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
17	ALMC	Stages Rally
23	Donegal	Forestry Rally (FR)
23	Kerry	Rallysprint
23	500 MRCI	Race Meeting
24	Carlow	Race Meeting – Mondello
24	Co Monaghan	Autocross (GS)
24	Skibbereen	Economy Run
24	TDC	Autotest
24	Imokilly	Autocross (A)
30/31	Killarney	Autocross (GS)
30/31	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
31	Limerick	Sprint
31	Tipperary	V+V Run
31	Carlow	Rallysprint
31	Birr	Multi – Venue Autotest

AUGUST FIXTURES

7	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
7	Tipperary	Stonethrowers Stages Rally
7	Donegal	Kart Race Meeting (KC)

MEETING OF CLUB ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

This will be held on Wednesday 3 August in MI, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, at 7.45 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss progress to date in relation to MI's road safety initiative and also to explore ideas as to how the initiative can be developed in the future.

All clubs are encouraged to be represented at the meeting and agenda items can be forwarded to Robert Lyttle prior to the meeting for inclusion at robertlyttle@eircom.net

ELIGIBILITY CHECK

The following competitor's car was sealed by scrutineers at the Limerick MC Circuit of Munster Rally on 5.6.11 and was found, when checked, not to comply with the capacity limit for Class 11, Modified cars 1451-1650 cc: Ford Escort, driver Timothy Ahern, actual engine capacity 2066 cc. The car was excluded from the event.

DATE CHANGES

Imokilly Autocross (A) 12.6.11 to 24.7.11; 500 MRCI Race Meeting 30.7.11 to 23.7.11; Laois Autocross (GS) 30/31.7.11 cancelled; Limerick Hillclimb 30/31.7.11 changed to Limerick Sprint 31.7.11; Leinster Race Meeting 10/11.9.11 to 17/18.9.11.

CHANGES TO CLUB INFORMATION

New affiliation: Mondello Park Sports Club: John Morris, Donore, Naas, Co Kildare. Phone: 045-860200, fax: 045-860195. E-mail: info@mondellopark.ie
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DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH – MAY 2011

Kevin O'Hara from Donadea, Co Kildare, has been selected as the Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month for May, for his achievements during the month. At Kirkistown, the 21 year old won the first Formula Vee race and finished a close second in the Final in his Leaston, setting a new class lap record for the Co Down circuit in the process.

With backing from sponsors Castrol Ireland and Donovan's Nisa/Today in Maynooth, Kevin will shortly travel to the Far East, where he will take part in the first race of the Formula Pilota (Formula Abarth) series in China, at Guangdong, on July 2/3, driving for the team run by his brother John.

Kevin has already tasted success at some of the circuits to be used in this new Championship, as he scored three victories in three weeks in the Radical Cup of China in 2009, which included the Shanghai and Zhuhai circuits.



The young Kildareman began racing in 2006, spending two years in Formula Ford 1600. He is studying law and business studies at Griffith College in Dublin. Kevin's ambition is to graduate to a regular drive in a Sports Car series.

Having been selected as the second Dunlop Driver of the Month for the 2011 season, Kevin is now a contender for the prestigious €50,000 Dunlop Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Dunlop, the Irish Sports Council and Motorsport Ireland.

LICENCE STATISTICS

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 30 June:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Renewals	2615	2286	2983	2981	3158	3354	3490	3657	3720	3405	3166	3003
First Time	669	507	595	603	566	524	520	560	575	411	357	349
Total	3284	2793	3578	3584	3724	3878	4010	4217	4295	3816	3523	3352

The following figures relate to the FIRST interest as expressed on competitors' licence application forms, up to and including 30 June:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Special Stage Rallying	1888	1478	2137	2066	2040	2211	2393	2499	2517	2301	2144	1966
Circuit Racing	272	285	291	289	283	275	275	295	325	285	276	255
Navigation Trials	194	147	150	143	176	198	191	199	211	173	158	166
Kart Racing	278	285	302	243	198	204	206	197	202	182	164	157
Autocross	86	80	98	115	153	148	160	161	142	114	114	108
Rallycross	77	82	82	120	150	127	119	141	144	124	115	102
Hillclimb	71	62	78	116	134	119	105	109	107	91	90	86
Autotests	59	48	60	62	67	68	67	67	68	73	83	83
Historic Stage Rallying	63	55	64	92	118	105	89	87	85	74	72	73
Sporting Trials	67	66	63	57	64	63	56	53	59	51	63	64
Retrospective Trials	50	29	32	24	24	36	39	37	38	28	34	40
Rallysprint	16	17	21	52	98	74	49	42	44	33	40	32
4x4 Trials	32	25	31	27	34	24	20	10	14	15	10	13
Midjet Car Racing	28	19	29	23	18	17	14	17	16	13	12	13
Sprint	0	7	4	16	28	28	35	19	23	19	9	8
Production Car Trials	2	1	1	4	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	3
No Interest Indicated	101	107	135	135	136	179	192	284	299	239	137	183
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AMENDMENTS TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 29 – Regulations for all Stage Rallies

With immediate effect, Classes 1-4 are amended as follows: Group N, plus any cars whose FIA permission to run expired on or after 31.12.07, which are eligible for an additional four years.

With immediate effect, Classes 5-8 are

amended as follows: Group A, plus any cars whose FIA permission to run expired on or after 31.12.07, which are eligible for an additional four years.

In clarification of the above, these amendments apply to National events only, and affected cars must comply with their last published homologation papers

Appendix 70 – Kart Racing Regulations
The following amendment has been made to Article 12, Summary of Permitted Class Weight, Number Plate, Age & Tyres:

KF3 Class - Dry Tyres: Mojo D2
Date of Amendment: 29.6.11

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