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BULLETIN

Dear Club Secretary/Committee Member

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1) ACU Handbooks

The office has a stock of ACU 2015 handbooks. These are free to clubs to collect from the office. Or we can post out at a cost of £2.50 which covers postage. The handbook is also available to download from the ACU website at www.acu.org.uk

2) ADVICE ON CONCUSSION

IF IN DOUBT , SIT THEM OUT. The latest guidance from the Scottish Govt. and SportScotland is attached for your information. It is important that riders understand the risk from concussion and take it seriously. It is not the first knock that is the killer but a second one very soon after. Please pass on to officials and riders within the club.

3) SACU OFF ROAD DISCIPLINE COACHES

Following the certification of Coach Assessors last year we now have several Enduro, Motocross and Trials Coaches.

If a club wishes to run a coaching day please contact the office or go direct to a coach. A permit is required for the training day but these are supplied at no cost. Each coach can take up to 10 riders with no more than 6 riding a bike at one time.

4) CHANGES TO TRIALS COMMITTEE

Following the election of Sandy Mack as SACU Chairman and Alastair McNaughton as Vice Chairman both have stood down from the Trials Committee. Tam Weir was elected as the new Trials Chairman. Murdo McPhail and Willie Ford were Co-opted on as new members.

Donald Young has been co-opted onto the SACU Board and has been appointed SACU Hon Company Secretary. He has stepped down from his position on the Trials Committee.

5) EVENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL RIDERS

Clubs wishing to allow International competitors to enter their events should have their event entered on the FIM Europe calendar – this will then generate an EMN Number – required by the riders Federations to provide the rider with start permission.

This is done by the ACU and takes some time to set up. Please let the office know as soon as possible with details of the event so we can arrange the FIM E calendar entry. Contact the office if you require more information.

Secretaries are reminded that Irish riders will require a start permission and repatriation insurance as there is no longer a reciprocal repatriation agreement with the Irish Federations.

6) SCOTTISH MOTOR SPORTS

The SACU works with the MSA through a joint initiative called SMS to promote motorsport in Scotland. The latest initiative is called GoClubs. Clubs are invited to request the use of the SMS Gazebo and funding of up to £350 to promote their club and



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sport. The funds can be used to produce some fliers, advertise in the local media or assist with on the day costs. Help is also available to plan the event.

For more information please contact our Sports Development Officer Rory Bryant. Rory.bryant@scottishmotorsports.co.uk. Please find attached a press release on the GoClubs initiative.

7) SACU WEBSITE CALENDAR

The SACU Website is updated with events as we receive and issue permits. Event entries and Regs can also be added to the website if we receive them prior to the event. Preferably as PDF format. If you wish your event to be available on the website please contact the office. If your entries are full please let us know and we will remove the regs.

8) COMPETITION INSURANCE FOR RIDERS

Every licence holder, Trials Registration Card holder and one event licence has Personal Accident cover included in the cost of the licence.

This benefit covers the rider while taking part in the event. The cover includes

Death benefit Adult £10,000 Youth £7,500. Permanent Total Disablement £20,000 and hospital benefit of £2,000 following 28 days hospitalisation (14 days for trials riders).

The SACU has negotiated an additional Personal Accident Policy with our insurer Towergate for a one off fee of £80 per year which covers the holder for 24 hours a day cover throughout the UK/Ireland and Isle of Man.

Death benefit of £5,000, Permanent disablement benefit of £5,000 and temporary Total Disablement benefit of £500 per week after 42 days for up to 52 weeks.

The insurers can also arrange increased cover for competitors if they contact Towergate directly. I attach a flyer from the insurer with details of this additional cover. Please contact the SACU office if you wish more information. Please also contact the office if you feel the cover does not meet the rider's needs with suggested additional cover.

9) RESIGNATION OF COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr Brian Abel has resigned from the post of Company Secretary and as an SACU Vice President. His contribution to the SACU over many years has been very much appreciated.

10) APPOINTMENT OF SACU HON TREASURER.

Mr Malcolm Marshall will retire at the end of June as Hon Treasurer. Mr Alastair McNaughton has been appointed as the new Hon Treasurer .

The Directors would like to note their appreciation of Mr Marshall's efforts on behalf of the SACU over the many years he has been involved in his several roles. We wish him well in his retirement – although he will still be called on for advice.

11) SACU SUPPORT FOR THE ENDURO ISDE 2015 TEAM FOR SLOVAKIA

The SACU is pleased to announce that they are once again backing Scottish motorcycle sport by donating £1000 towards the costs of sending the Scottish enduro team to compete in the prestigious International Six Days Enduro (ISDE) which this year is



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being hosted by the city of Kosice in Slovakia. The directors are confident that a rejuvenated union will be in a position to satisfy similar requests from all disciplines going forward. In the meantime may we take this opportunity to wish the team the best of luck and here's hoping that their hard work will bring the rewards that are deserved."

Charles Mackenzie
SACU Office Manager

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Attention SACU Members. A new Personal Accident Policy from £80* a year

Towergate Insurance are the appointed insurance advisers to SACU members. Between us, we have designed a new Personal Accident policy with your needs at its core.



For a one off premium of **£80** including insurance premium tax you can enjoy an annual policy providing the following benefits 24 hours a day (so even when you are at work) for accidents occurring anywhere in the UK / Ireland and the Isle of Man

- **Death £5,000**
- **Permanent disablement £5,000**
- **Temporary Total Disablement £500 per week** (after 42 days for up to 52 weeks)



For additional information on the above and for a formal quotation please contact Dawn Luby, Motorsport Manager North, Towergate Insurance Tel: 0161 234 2310 or e mail me on dawn.luby@towergate.co.uk



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SMS Launch 'GoClubs' Initiative

Clubs are at the very heart of our sport and do an incredible job delivering over 30 different motor sport disciplines throughout Scotland. However, it's acknowledged that they often have their work cut out 'selling' what is considered to be a minority sport to the public, who are often oblivious to the variety and amount of motor sport that exists on their door step.

We have therefore created the GoClubs initiative and committed a budget of £5000 to help clubs raise awareness of their activities in their local community and ultimately, grow their membership.

As of 1st June, we will be offering clubs the opportunity to apply for support - through the GoClubs initiative - to run their own club promotion event in their local area.

The GoClubs initiative will provide the following benefits to clubs:

- ☑ Use of the new SMS pop up tent(s) for the event
- ☑ A budget for local advertising of the event (up to £350)*
- ☑ Up to 250 event promo leaflets designed and printed
- ☑ Support with event planning
- ☑ Event publicity via SMS Social Media channels

*MSA clubs have the opportunity to apply to the Club Development fund for additional funding where appropriate

What types of event will we support?

The ultimate aim of the GoClubs initiative is to increase participation in motor sport through an approach of 'taking motor sport to the people' and raising awareness of the variety and quality of motor sports that are delivered by our clubs across Scotland.

We will therefore look to support events which work towards achieving these outcomes at a local level.

Example; your club may have secured access to a popular spot in your local town to display a competition vehicle and talk to the public about how you get involved in the sport. Or you may be planning to run a taster day at your local venue and want some support to spread the word in your community.

How you apply

1. As a club, think of an event idea which you believe can help introduce new people into motor sport
2. Read the GoClubs 'Application Guidelines'
3. Fill out the GoClubs application form

Each application will be given consideration on an individual basis but we cannot guarantee that we will support every event.

**Please note this initiative will only support MSA or SACU member clubs.*

If you have any queries about the GoClubs initiative then do not hesitate to contact our Development Officer