

## **Chairman's Report to the November General Meeting of SAMSC**

I had expected this report to be little more than the usual year end summary but as most of you will now know, things are starting to happen in 'motorsport world' and I anticipate that we will have lots to talk about at our November meeting.

I am seeing most of it in 'real time' without any early insider knowledge and therefore have nothing to add to what you might have seen yourselves, especially if you follow social media.

Hugh Chambers officially took up the role of CEO at the MSA from 1 November 2018 but I suspect he has been working on stuff since his appointment was announced. The main news earlier this week was that the Governing Body has refreshed its public face with a new name – Motorsport UK.

Competition licence holders, officials and registered marshals should have received an email which explains more about this including a link to a strategy statement. We will make sure all of these are linked on the SAMSC website if you haven't seen it. If I find out any more before our meeting then I will share it with you then.

At the meeting, I will also bring you up to date, as much as I can, with progress towards getting the Jim Clark and Mull rallies back up and running.

On the SMS front, you might have heard the news that Rory Bryant is moving on to a new role created within one of the SAMSC member clubs. Rory expects to be at our next meeting to deliver his report as usual and he can tell us then what he will be doing next. But in the meantime, I want to use this opportunity to put on formal record my thanks and appreciation on behalf of SAMSC and all the member clubs for the work he has done at SMS over the past 5 years and to wish him well for his future.

So how was your motorsport year? Its been a slightly strange one for me in that with only a few weeks left, it is almost certain that, with the cancellation of the Saltire Rally in March due to snow and not being able to make the revised date, I will get through 2018 without making use of my competition licence even once. But my calendar tells me that I still managed to spend 35 days during the year attending 26 different events as either a marshal or official including 11 away nights.

I am passionate about motorsport and want to continue to put as much back into it as I have enjoyed from it for more than 40 years. I know that most of you feel the same. Let's continue to work together and with our refreshed Governing Body to ensure a healthy future for all motorsport disciplines well into the future.

**Pete Weall**

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