

## MCA Newsletter Issue #5

As the Melbourne weather warms up, it's a perfect time to let the sun glint off your cars at the upcoming track day.




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### Maserati Track Day Phillip Island - October 30th



The one remaining track day for 2015 is Phillip Island on Friday the 30th October. This event will be a 95DbA noise level day, which means all cars are eligible - including racing cars.

Driver training is available for those first timers or less experienced. Feel free to contact a Maserati member on the day to arrange a training session with our experienced track drivers.

Entry details are on the website. To register [click here](#). Payment can be made by PayPal or bank transfer. If you are planning to attend, please take the time to read about the MCA scrutineering process as outlined by Adam Turner (Chief Scrutineer) below.

### Maserati Track Day Report

One of the major changes in track days this year is related to the passenger sessions. As directed by CAMS, during the morning session, where cars were driven at 85% of maximum speed, only cars with passengers were allowed on the track together or cars without passengers. We alternated between the two which worked well. The afternoon sessions were timed and driver only.

While 2015 saw a decrease in overall number of entrants at each venue, this gave those attending many more laps of the circuit than would normally have been possible. Unfortunately, this affected finances and pushed up track fees and other costs. We may need to explore the option of joining with another club to make the track days more viable, so send the word around.

## MCA SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineer's such as myself have one goal when inspecting all cars.



SAFETY FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING:

- Competitors
- Officials
- Spectators
- Members of the public

At all events cars will have to pass scrutineering before they can take part in the day's activities. Scrutineering takes place after you have registered your paperwork with Club Officials and typically starts at 8am. Once your vehicle has been passed you will be issued with a vehicle number and a colour group sticker for the day. Race engines cannot be started before 9am at most events.

Scrutineering inspects every vehicle, from road registered to full race spec cars. A minimum safety standard applies to all cars and driver equipment such as helmets, clothing and fire extinguishers. Higher category cars having a greater number of requirements.

So there are some simple things you can do before you arrive:

- ✓ READ THE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE EVENT. This will highlight any special rules for the day such as allowable noise level
- ✓ Understand the type of event you are entering. MCA days are non-competitive days and cater for a wide spectrum of drivers from novice to highly experienced.
- ✓ Check your car before, not on the day. Ensure fire extinguisher are fitted and in date, harnesses are the correct type and in date, check you have the correct tyres and other items relating to your vehicle.
- ✓ If you are black flagged your car will need to be re-inspected before re-entering the track.

MCA Club Officials have many years of Motor Sport experience and are always willing to provide assistance when asked: so please ask if you are unsure. You contact us before the event by email or phone. We want EVERYONE to have a fun filled day and that all starts with **SCRUTINEERING** and **SAFETY**. And a touch of preparation!

Adam Turner

Chief Scrutineer

## Making it official

All CAMS motor sport events from Club Sprints to the Grand Prix require officials who volunteer their time in order for the event to run smoothly. There are hundreds of people who participate in motor sports without actually pedalling a car or swinging on a spanner.

Why become an official? The most compelling reason is that you have the best seat in the house. Without paying a cent you have the best vantage point for spectating, be it in the pits as a scrutineer or out on the track as a flaggie. You can't get any closer to the action than that!

Being an official allows you to work in a professional team environment that provides you with the support and the mentors that can guide you to whatever level that satisfies you. CAMS offer world class training that is FREE and the Maserati club can provide the mentors to assist you in your journey.

Once you have started on the volunteer path the opportunities are endless. Officiating can take you interstate and overseas and the training and the experience that you gain can complement your professional life. It can provide you with contacts and a network that may see you moving into Event Management as a profession. Who wouldn't love to be involved in motor sports and get paid for it?

The MCA has always had a heavy emphasis on the social side of motor sports and having a good time. Officiating at club days is no different in that we encourage volunteers to enjoy themselves -lunch and refreshments are provided throughout the day and after the event is finished we often retire for refreshments once again...

The Maserati club are always looking for new officials to help run our track days, if you are interested please go to the CAMS [website](#). and have a look at the officials page or contact the MCA.



## Asking for Maw

Last year, the Maserati Club contribution to the Cams Young Driver Foundation was distributed to those most needing financial help to further their career in motor sport. This year, the committee thought it would be nice to select a single, worthy, committed driver. Someone we could follow on his journey and enjoy in his successes.

Meet Joey Mawson, a grounded young man with exceptional talent. A Camperdown local, Joey made his racing debut in 2003 at the ripe old age of seven. With three national titles and nineteen state titles, Joey has achieved just about all there is to achieve in Australia. His career has given him the opportunity to travel to Europe and break into the highly competitive scene of open wheel racing. He was awarded World #2 in Junior Max after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2011 Rotax World Championship.

With dedicated backing from his parents and the Cams Foundation he is now competing in the prestigious German F4 Championship.

The contribution from MCA is not only an outright amount, but is also based on his success - for example podium finishes. This way we can be directly involved in his endeavours and his future ambitions in the sport. Joey's ultimate goal is F1.

We are hoping to enable Club Members to meet Joey at the end of the year at a social gathering involving Go-Karts for those inclined.



*Joey Mawson*



*Formula 4 Jerez 2014 - podium finish*

