



WELCOME

Welcome to the second MSA Newsletter. Judging from the response to the inaugural edition in April, this is a welcome addition to the MSA's communication tools. We are always grateful for feedback from our membership, so please continue to let us know what you think. More than 4,000 have already done so in relation to the MSA's petition for closed road motor sport and we are overwhelmed by this fantastic response to the campaign.

In the last month we have had a change of government at Westminster and we look forward to getting to work with the new administration as soon as possible to further the cause of British motor sport. Many of the new senior politicians will join us at Silverstone in July, where they will experience the new Arena GP circuit that was unveiled last month.

Enjoy the sunshine!



Colin Hilton
MSA Chief Executive

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Jenson Button goes home with Go Motorsport

Go Motorsport ambassador and reigning Formula One world champion Jenson Button visited three of his former schools in Frome, Somerset earlier this month.

Button spent an hour at each school speaking with students, fielding questions and meeting some of his former teachers.

"It's great that Go Motorsport is going into schools around the country, showing students of all ages what motor sport has to offer," he said. "I was lucky that my father bought me a kart when I was eight but for others it's not so easy to get started. That's why I'm delighted to be supporting this initiative and happy to help whenever my diary allows."

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton praised Button's commitment to the Go Motorsport campaign, which aims to increase participation in motor sport at all levels. "We are delighted that Jenson has found time to support this campaign in his hometown," said Hilton. "He was lucky enough to have a father who competed



but for others without such a strong family connection it can be tricky to know where to start. That's why we have set up this Go Motorsport School Visits programme as well as the Let's Go Karting scheme, which lets those aged eight to 16 have a go in a racing kart for just £5."

As part of the programme, 1500 pupils from the schools – Vallis First School, Selwood Middle School and Frome Community College – received a presentation from Rob Manger, one of 10 Regional Development Officers employed to take the Go Motorsport message into classrooms across the UK.

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Silverstone opens new Arena GP circuit

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton and Chairman Alan Gow attended the launch of the new Silverstone Arena Grand Prix circuit on 29 April.

The revamped track, which features a new infield section, was officially opened by HRH The Duke of York. In attendance were BRDC President Damon Hill, Silverstone Managing Director Richard Phillips and a whole host of motor sport luminaries including Sir Jackie Stewart, David Coulthard and Mark Webber.

"These changes provide not only a stunning new driving challenge but will also lead to an enhanced spectator experience and provide great flexibility in terms of the different layouts that we can now use," said Hill.



New appointments in Westminster

The MSA has welcomed the appointment of Jeremy Hunt as Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport and Hugh Robertson as Sports Minister of the new government. Both were guests of the MSA at the 2009 British Grand Prix and Mr Robertson also appeared on the panel at the MSA fringe meeting at the Conservative Party conference last year (above). The MSA will be meeting with both at the earliest opportunity.

MSA launches Go Motorsport TV

The MSA has launched GoMotorsport.tv, a free video site dedicated to UK club motor sport footage.

The new site provides every club and major championship with an opportunity to maintain its own customisable home page, onto which it can upload video footage free of charge for all to see.

"It's similar to having a YouTube channel," said MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton. "The main difference lies in the collective power of bringing the clubs together under one banner. The quality will vary from amateur to professional programming, but that will be part of the attraction."

To register for the service, club officials should email tv@msauk.org to request a username and password, detailing the club name and personal contact information.



Paffett victorious in DTM opener

Gary Paffett kicked off his DTM title campaign with victory in the first round of the season at Hockenheim. Former champion Paffett was one of three British drivers to finish inside the top four, with Jamie Green and Paul Di Resta securing third and fourth places respectively. Meanwhile Go Motorsport ambassador David Coulthard secured 12th place on his first competitive outing since retiring from Formula One in 2008.

Donington Park set to reopen in August

Donington Park is set to reopen at the end of the summer, having been closed since work began last year in the hope of hosting the 2010 British Grand Prix.

MSA Technical Director John Symes has met with redevelopment project advisors and plans for the necessary repair work are currently being finalised.

"We are confident that the new and improved race track can be re-opened, subject to obtaining the necessary track licences, during August 2010," said circuit owner Kevin Wheatcroft.



Photo: Chris Walker, Karpix.net

CIK karting at PFI

MSA Chief Executive Colin Hilton and General Secretary Rob Jones attended the CIK-FIA KF2 & KF3 Championships Western Region Qualifications, which took place at PF International on 29 April to 2 May.

"This is the first time in 19 years that the UK has hosted such an event," said Jones. "The MSA is extremely grateful to the CIK for bringing this European qualifier to this country and also to Trent Valley Kart Club for staging the event so superbly. It was also brilliant to see the UK drivers do so well."

Britons Chris Lock and Sennan Fielding won the KF2 and KF3 classes respectively.

Clubs receive Centenary Awards

Ilkley & District Motor Club and Westmorland Motor Club have been presented with MSA Centenary Club Awards to celebrate their 100th active year.

The MSA's Allan Dean-Lewis, who presented both awards, said: "The presentations recognise the important positions that these two clubs hold in both the past and continuing history of motor sport in the UK."



New addition to 2010 Autotest calendar

A new event has been added to the 2010 MSA British Autotest Championship calendar to make up for the two rounds that have been either cancelled or postponed so far this season.

The CSMA Juniper Autotest, which has been added under Regulation D11.1.3, will take place on 6 June at Barnfield Library in Hertfordshire. It replaces the postponed Bolton Autotest of 25 April – which may still take place at a later date – and the Kent Driver of 5 June, which has been cancelled due to unforeseen complications.



Motorsport at the Palace

Thousands of fans will head for the historic Crystal Palace venue in South London for the inaugural Motorsport at the Palace sprint event on 30/31 May.

Motorsport at the Palace is open to all vehicles, although organisers are keen to reunite the venue with cars that raced there during its heyday. A parkland course that incorporates elements of the old circuit, such as the infamous North Tower bend, has been created for the event.

"We hope to welcome back to the Palace many of the cars which raced there in the past and made Crystal Palace such an important venue in the history of British motor sport," said Martin Chinnery, Chairman of Sevenoaks and District Motor Club. "We'd love to see some of the old single-seaters back at the Palace, alongside the famous Minis, Escorts and other saloon cars which enthralled fans back in the 1960s and '70s."

For more information please visit

www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk

MSA calls on members to sign petition

More than 4000 people have already signed the MSA's petition for a mechanism to allow Closed Road events to take place in Britain. The MSA would urge all motor sport fans that have not yet lent their support to the campaign to do so as an indication of the strength of support for this initiative that will be presented to the incoming government. The petition can be found at www.petition.co.uk/MSA

MSA assists creation of safety DVD

The MSA, with support from the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety and Sustainability, has assisted the creation of a DVD for Capita Symonds' Casualty Reduction Programme.

Recently shortlisted for the North West Safety Project of the Year award, the DVD highlights opportunities for young people to enjoy competitive driving in a controlled environment by partaking in motor sport, rather than risking lives and breaking the law on the public highway.

SRC attracts record entries

A record 232 drivers and co-drivers have signed up for the 2010 Hankook MSA Scottish Rally Championship after just three events.

The number contrasts favourably with the 211 competitor registrations received by the end of last year's eight-round championship. "To increase our registrations and entries on events to record levels bucks the downward trend being experienced nationally," said SRC Chairman Neil Shanks. "I think it shows we have a successful formula in Scotland."

SRC holds junior training day

The Hankook MSA Scottish Rally Championship is pioneering junior driver programmes within the four UK national rally championships.

The first SRC junior training day of 2010 took place at Stirling University, where young drivers and co-drivers took part in various sessions focusing on sports psychology, fitness, nutrition and the media.

"We're encouraging all of our junior competitors to get the most from the sport, and preparing those with ambitions beyond the SRC for the transition," said SRC Chairman Neil Shanks.



FIA Women and Motor Sport Commission

Chairman of the MSA's Women in Motorsport Group, Sue Sanders, has become a founding member of the FIA Women and Motor Sport Commission (WMC), which met for the first time in Paris on 26 April.

The purpose of the Commission – which operates under the Presidency of 1982 Vice World Rally Champion Michèle Mouton – is to facilitate the full participation of women in all aspects of motor sport.

"I am delighted to have played a part in establishing this Commission," said Sanders. "It is a real honour to represent the women of the UK who take part in our sport."

The Commission boasts two other British members in DTM driver Katherine Legge and FIA WRC media delegate Hayley Gallagher.

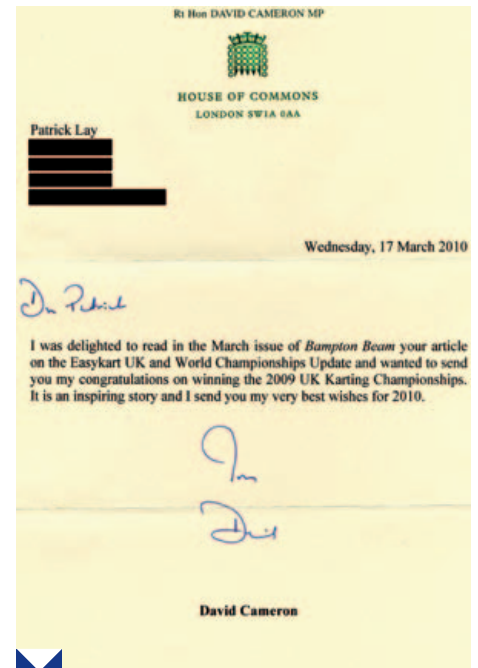
Online regulation consultation

The Motor Sports Council has approved a change to the procedure by which proposed new regulations are published for consultation among the motor sport community.

The MSA's Specialist Committees will henceforth make all such proposed changes available on the MSA website for specified periods before the final draft of the regulation (including any revisions) is tabled for ratification by the Motor Sports Council.

To view regulations currently available for consultation, please visit

www.msauk.org/regulations



Cameron congratulates MSA licence holder

New Prime Minister David Cameron wrote to MSA licence holder Patrick Lay recently to congratulate him on capturing the 2009 Junior Easykart UK Championship.

Mr Cameron learned of Lay's success through the local Bampton Beam newspaper. "I wrote an article describing my progress in the second half of last season and how I went on to win the title," said Lay. "I then got an email from the editors asking for my address. A couple of weeks later I received a letter from the House of Commons and opened it to find that Mr David Cameron had written to me with his congratulations."

Duplicate forms

The MSA wishes to advise that duplicate licence application forms are available at a cost of £21 each. The forms are available only to those who have already purchased an MSA Starter Pack but may have mislaid the original form. For more information, please call the Licensing Department on 01753 765050.



F3 success for Team UK

MSA Team UK drivers have dominated the Cooper Tires British F3 International Series in recent weeks. On Silverstone's new Arena circuit James Calado thrust himself back into championship contention with a pair of pole-to-flag victories while Alexander Sims, taking a break from his F3 Euro Series campaign, charged from 11th on the grid to take the checkered flag by a remarkable eight seconds in a wet second race.

The action then moved overseas and Oli Webb proved to be the master of Magny-Cours, the 19-year old Cheshire ace claiming two stunning wins and a second place to displace home favourite and team mate Jean-Eric Vergne at the top of the points table.

"I'm ecstatic," beamed the Team UK driver. "To do this at a track I have never seen before in my life, against someone who knows it back to front, makes it even more satisfying."

Fisher leads championship

Alastair Fisher leads the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship following a fine fourth-place finish on the Killarney Rally of the Lakes. Fisher was the top Group N runner in Killarney aboard his Mitsubishi Evo 9 and looked set for third place overall until damaging a wheel on the final stage.



Wins for Tincknell and Stevens in FRenault

Harry Tincknell and Will Stevens scored a victory apiece in rounds two and three of the Michelin Formula Renault UK Championship.

Tincknell secured a win and a second-place finish at Rockingham to overtake Stevens in the championship. However, Stevens fought back at a sodden Brand Hatch to claim his second win of the season, thus regaining the provisional runner-up spot in the points table.

"I'm pleased to come away from Brands with more championship points in what is turning out to be a very closely fought series," said Stevens. "Consistency may well prove the key."

McCormack heads Irish Championship

Marty McCormack leads the Irish Citroën Racing Trophy midway through the six-round season, having shown remarkable consistency to take runner-up finishes in each round so far.

"I'm delighted to be in top position after three solid results, despite some bad luck on each event," said McCormack. "Hopefully I'll have some clear runs in the second half of the season; it would be great to wrap up the title with some wins."

Team UK visits top motor sport operations

MSA Team UK visited five prominent motor sport organisations this month as part of its training and education programme.

The national squad met first at Wirth Research, the engineering group behind the Virgin Racing Formula One team. After a presentation on Computational Fluid Dynamics by Engineering Director Darren Davies, Team UK was able to utilise Wirth's state-of-the-art race simulator, calibrated to feature a GP2 car on the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit.

The drivers then travelled to Hewland Engineering to learn about the principles of gearboxes and differentials, before heading to Multimatic Engineering to gain an invaluable insight into suspension and damper design.

Avon Tyres was the fourth destination, featuring a factory tour and a technical presentation delivered by Development Manager Gavin Edwards, while a trip to Zytec Engineering incorporated discussions of engine technologies such as hybrid power and kinetic energy recovery systems (KERS).



Tough Pirelli outing for Team UK drivers

Team UK drivers endured a difficult weekend on round two of the Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship, the Pirelli International Rally.

Adam Gould overcame seemingly insurmountable financial woes to take the start of the event but finished 10th after losing six minutes to a puncture. Meanwhile Alastair Fisher was sidelined by a broken differential on SS7 and Dave Weston Junior rolled into retirement on SS10.



Widening participation and raising awareness of motor sport around the country, particularly among young people



Silverstone Celebrity Race Challenge

Go Motorsport will be working in collaboration with organisers of the Trofeo Abarth 500 GB to stage a celebrity charity race at the Silverstone Classic on 23 July.

Among those confirmed for the Silverstone Celebrity Race Challenge – which will be run in support of the Bobby Moore Fund for Cancer Research UK – are renowned chef Heston Blumenthal and Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole. However, the early favourite from the confirmations to date is rocker and kart racer Rick Parfitt Jnr.

Also on the grid will be BBC Radio 2 DJs Bob Harris, Johnnie Walker and Richard Allinson, along with BBC Sport journalist Jonny Saunders and radio traffic reporter Sally Boazman.

All drivers will receive training from professional racers before obtaining MSA 'National B' licences. After the event the 15 competing Abarth 500 road cars – dubbed Abarth 500 Silverstone Classic Celebrity Very Limited Editions – will be autographed and given back to contributing dealers for sale.

"This is an exciting addition to the Silverstone Classic," said event director Nick Wigley. "It will be a lot of fun for everyone and will raise money and awareness for a very good cause."



Open Autotest at Pageant of Power

Visitors to the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power in July will be able to take part in a Production Car Autotest without needing a competition licence.

For £25 adults will receive membership of either the Formula 1000 Rally Club or Accrington MSC, before taking on two laps of the designated autotest course. Passenger rides for those as young as 12 will also be available, priced at £10 for one lap or £15 for two.

"This fantastic initiative highlights the importance of getting people behind the wheel to experience the thrill of motor sport for the first time," said Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer Steve Johnson.

A donation of £1 per competed lap will be made to Help for Heroes, while the winning driver will receive a free day at Rallyschool.co.uk. For further information, please visit www.anwcc.org



Williams F1 car at Crystal Palace

Go Motorsport will exhibit a 2010 Williams F1 car at the Motorsport at the Palace sprint event taking place at Crystal Palace over the May bank holiday.

The car – loaned by AT&T Williams F1 partner RBS – will be used to promote the Go Motorsport objective of increasing involvement in the sport, whether as a competitor, spectator or volunteer.

"It seems fitting that visitors are able to appreciate this wonderful machine in the company of some equally beautiful classic racers," said Martin Chinery, Chairman of event organisers Sevenoaks and District Motor Club. "We're extremely grateful to RBS and Go Motorsport for allowing us this opportunity."



Sarah Moore supports Go Motorsport

Go Motorsport ambassador and reigning Ginetta Junior Champion Sarah Moore visited Yarm School in Stockton-on-Tees recently to promote involvement in motor sport.

Moore's Tockwith Motorsport Ginetta G40 race car was displayed throughout the evening-long visit, which was well received by pupils and parents alike.

North East RDO Anthony Dunn, who led the visit, said: "I think it's really important to do these sorts of events to show pupils that it's not just multi-millionaire twenty-somethings living in Monaco that are successful in the sport. Sarah is still at school and is proof that great things can be achieved with focus and dedication."

Manufacturers support Go Motorsport

Go Motorsport has established close working relationships with some of the foremost motor manufacturers involved in UK motor sport. All Porsche 911 GT3 cars currently competing in the popular Porsche Carrera Cup Great Britain are displaying Go Motorsport decals, as are many of the Ginetta G40 and G50 cars racing on the same BTCC bill.

Marshals visit WilliamsF1

A group of marshals visited the Grove headquarters of Williams F1 to watch the Monaco Grand Prix.

The group – invited by Williams partner RBS – toured the Williams F1 Grand Prix Collection and Trophy Room before watching the race in the RBS Williams F1 Conference Centre.

TECHNICAL / REGULATIONS

Motorsports Now! Rule Changes

Due to a production error in the Spring 2010 issue of Motorsports Now! the Rule Changes detailed on page 42 are incomplete. For a full version of the Rule Changes section, including the corrected page 42, please visit the website below.

<http://tinyurl.com/23c27yd>

Kart chassis protectors

The MSA has clarified new kart Regulation U16.3.6 as follows: no independent component on the underside of the kart which may make contact with the ground maybe fitted, unless it has approval by the MSA. Approval is by way of application by the manufacturer to the MSA and only non-metallic chassis protectors will be considered for registration. For the full clarification, please click here.

www.msauk.org/news

Flame-resistant gloves

The MSA would like to remind competitors that flame-resistant gloves are now mandatory for competitors in Sprints and Hill Climbs under Regulation S9.2.1. Regulation K.14.3 requires that such gloves be of a material tested to ISO 6940, although any FIA-approved gloves, including FIA 8856-2000, are acceptable.

Hydraulic hand brakes

It is apparent that certain WRC and other homologated vehicles were not supplied with mechanical hand brake linkages when new. This does not exempt such vehicles from the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, and competitors are reminded that a mechanical linkage must be fitted in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

Kart rear axles

The MSA Technical Department is requesting that kart competitors report any rear axle failures at meetings, preferably with photographic evidence and failed components included. When checking axles, competitors are advised to look for signs of excessive wear and tear.

CIK airboxes

The CIK has extended to the end of 2012 the expiry of homologated Airboxes, which otherwise would have expired at the end of 2009.

Cadet front fairings

Competitors are reminded to check that the ride heights of Cadet kart front fairings comply with the relevant regulations. They are also reminded that the ride height for front fairings also applies to side pods; both must be between 25mm and 60mm of the ground.

ROPS mountings

The MSA Technical Department has been informed that a number of 'off-the-shelf' bolt-in roll over protection systems (ROPS) are supplied with limited or sub-standard instructions, which can lead to poor installation. Competitors are urged to ensure that all cages are fitted correctly, in accordance with MSA regulations.

APPOINTMENTS

Michael Wentworth

The MSA's Michael Wentworth has been promoted to the position of Licensing Assistant Manager, and will continue to report to Competitor and Officials Licensing Manager Steve Redhead at Motor Sports House.



AASE students visit WilliamsF1

A group of MSA Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) students was invited by RBS to watch the Monaco Grand Prix at the Williams F1 headquarters in Grove.

The group of nine apprentices toured the Williams F1 Grand Prix Collection and Trophy Room, before locking out the top seven times on the F1 simulator and watching the race in the RBS Williams F1 Conference Centre.

“As a young driver I’ve really enjoyed the chance to visit a Formula One facility,” said Ginetta Junior frontrunner Louise Richardson. “It was great to see one of the world’s best collections of grand prix cars and I’d like to thank Williams F1, RBS and Go Motorsport for this amazing opportunity.”

AASE applications open for 2010

Young drivers wishing to apply for the 2010 intake of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) in Motor Sport must do so before 16 July.

AASE is a government-funded talent development programme, designed to help promising athletes aged 16-18 to achieve their potential. The Motor Sport AASE is led by human performance experts and forms part of the MSA Academy, which is dedicated to creating world champions by providing guidance and training for the country’s best young drivers.

Drivers interested in enrolling for the AASE beginning August 2010 should email aase@msauk.org or visit www.msauk.org/aase to find explanatory leaflets for both parents and drivers, as well as details of the academic and sporting entrance criteria.

JUDICIAL

Mr Roger Brookfield

The National Court considered the case of Roger Brookfield, which had been referred by the Stewards of the Meeting at Pembrey on 28 March.

Mr Brookfield accepted that he had been guilty of physically assaulting a fellow competitor, Mr David Jenkins, following an on-track incident.

While acknowledging that the Stewards had suspended Mr Brookfield’s competition licence for 30 days and noting that Mr Brookfield had admitted his guilt, the Court concluded that the incident required further penalties.

The Court suspended Mr Brookfield’s licence until 31 December 2010, but ordered that the suspension itself would be suspended for 12 months. Mr Brookfield was fined £500 and instructed to pay a further £250 towards costs.

Motorsport Vision Racing

The National Court, sitting as an Investigatory Tribunal in accordance with General Regulation C9, considered the results of races two and six of the GAZ Shocks Production BMW Championship at Brands Hatch on 27/28 March 2010.

The Court concluded that the results issued for these two events were incorrect due to failures in the timekeeping software systems and, having heard from David Scott of MSVR, considered it appropriate to correct the published results. It was also decided that Mr Scott should be awarded costs, payable by TSL.

These are summaries of the findings of the National Court. Full details will be published in *Motorsports Now!*

MEET...

MSA General Secretary Rob Jones

In the first of a series of profiles of key staff, we catch up with MSA General Secretary Rob Jones, who sheds light on his life and his work both as a solicitor and as a bona fide petrol head.



When did you first take an interest in motor sport?

When I was 17 my neighbour, Merlin Thomas, asked if I'd be interested in watching a rally. I was interested in motor sport but not familiar with night events, though when the first Escort came out of the dark and went sideways across a stone bridge to the cheers of dozens of people lining the route at midnight, my life changed; I knew that, in future, it must include the excitement that only motor sport can provide. I have since been an active member of several motor clubs, marshalling and helping to run events, and I am proud that the Ford RS Owners Club awarded me Life Membership for services to the club.



What has been your competitive involvement?

I was co-driver for Chris Ball for five years in the Welsh Tarmac Rally Championship, and later for Julian Reynolds in the forests. I then built my own Escort and drove in various tarmac rallies. I still compete in 12-Car events, do track days in my Ferrari 308 GTB and MkII Golf GTi, and will be doing at least three circuit races this year. I was also a 'karting dad' with my son David for a few years, doing Champions of the Future, Super One and club championships.

What is your professional background?

I studied law at Cardiff University. In 1977 I went to the College of Law and qualified as a solicitor in 1980, spending two years in private practice and five as a solicitor with Mid-Glamorgan County Council. I returned to private practice in 1986 with a large West Wales firm, before leaving to start my own firm in 1994, which I sold upon joining the MSA.

When and why did you join the MSA?

One evening in 2006 I was having a pint with my son and reading Autosport, when I saw an MSA advert that said something like, 'Wanted: General Secretary. Would suit a solicitor seeking a change of career.' My son said, "That's you, Dad." And so it was.



What does your role at the MSA entail?

I am a Director of the MSA and as General Secretary I'm responsible for ensuring that the companies within the MSA Group are run in accordance with the law and are properly administered. I act as in-house solicitor to them all, dealing with their many contracts and any legal issues. I'm also responsible for the National Court and am line manager for the sporting and technical executives. In addition, I have management responsibility for volunteer officials, the blue book and committee administration.

The MSA is responsible for ensuring that its international licence holders have any FIA appeals put forward properly and I am responsible for this too. I have appeared in the FIA Court of Appeal in Paris on several occasions, the last being in connection with the F1 double diffuser issue.

What is the most satisfying element of your job?

All of it. Having spent a lifetime around motor sport, I still can't believe that I'm involved at this level as my career. It's 'pinch me' time, isn't it?

