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I am pleased to introduce this first edition of FIA Auto+ News, a brand new bi-monthly digital platform dedicated to communicating the important issues of safety, sustainability, mobility and motor sport within the FIA family. We aim to strengthen the bonds between all FIA member organisations by creating a platform of shared information. I am sure this will enhance relations within our community and I believe this is a significant step in developing our international network and I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. It is for you, we could not do it without you, and your feedback is most welcome.

Jean Todt

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Automobile Club d'Italia

# Ambassadors of Road Safety project launched for foreign drivers

One thousand safe driving courses to be offered over the next three years in bid to improve safety statistics

With research in Italy suggesting that foreign drivers are twice as likely to be involved in a road accident in a given year than domestic road users, the Automobile Club d'Italia has launched an innovative programme designed to increase road safety awareness among overseas motorists.

Recently published figures suggest that 6.4% of Italian drivers will be involved in a road accident in an average year but this figure rises to 13.4% in the case of foreign motorists. As a response the ACI, with the support of SARA Assicurazioni and ACI Global, has launched a road safety education project that will see the club offer 1,000 free safe driving courses per year over the next three years at the ACI-SARA Safe Driving Centre of Vallelunga, near Rome. The project also provides for the establishment of a multilingual call centre for legal and technical advice on mobility related problems.

After taking the course, the 3,000 participants will become "Ambassadors of Road Safety" within their communities in Italy and will help to promote respect for the rules of the road, with special regard to the importance of using seat belts, approved child restraint systems and hands-free mobile phones and headsets. They will also warn against the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Launching the project, ACI President Angelo Sticchi Damiani said: "We are pursuing the goal of road safety through this original educational project marked by the values of acceptance and integration."



Clockwise from left: Safety course participants outside the ACI-SARA Safe Driving Centre of Vallelunga; an ACI instructor puts drivers through their paces; Automobile Club d'Italia President Angelo Sticchi Damiani who believes the course targets the improvement of road safety through "acceptance and integration", successful course participants show off their certificates of safety.



# The Australian Automobile Association Australia calls for renewed focus on road safety targets

Drop in fatalities of 0.2 per cent puts Australia at risk of falling behind National Road Safety Strategy, says AAA Executive Director Andrew McKellar

The Australian Automobile Association (AAA) has released new research indicating the need for governments and other stakeholders to renew the focus on achieving road safety targets.

In the 12 months to June 2012, 1,294 people died on the nation's roads compared to 1,296 in the previous year – a decrease of just two people or 0.2 per cent.

"Too many people continue to be tragically killed or seriously injured on Australia's roads," AAA Executive Director Andrew McKellar said.

"At this rate Australia is at risk of falling behind the target in the National Road Safety Strategy of reducing deaths and serious injuries by 30 per cent by 2020."

The AAA analysis was released on the day of a National Road Safety Forum that was held at Parliament House in Canberra and is the second report of its kind to be released by the AAA this year.

The *Benchmarking the Performance of the National Road Safety Strategy* report is a key initiative of the AAA's work as part of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and will be released quarterly.

"Everyone must work harder to be safer road users but our analysis shows there are clear priorities for governments," said McKellar. "Despite an overall reduction in road fatalities there are some states and some road user groups that show particular cause for concern."



### Where the Toll is Rising

Australian states or provinces recording an increase in fatalities in the 12 months to June 2012

**New South Wales**  
396 deaths – up from 356 (11.2%)

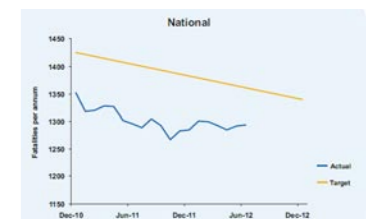
**Queensland**  
281 deaths – up from 251 (12.0%)

**Northern Territory**  
52 deaths – up from 43 (20.9%)

Road user groups to record an increase in fatalities in the 12 months to June 2012

**Pedestrians**  
197 deaths – up from 174 (13.2%)

**Motorcyclists**  
220 deaths – up from 211 (4.3%)



## Hrvatski Autoklub, Croatia HAK launches new tourists' traffic app

Croatia's Hrvatski Autoklub (HAK) has released a new smartphone app, Croatia Traffic Info, for tourists travelling to the country by car.

The new app provides all the information tourists driving to the country might need, including: roadside assistance services (where the user's exact location is automatically sent to the HAK Call Centre immediately before the call is made), detailed reports on current traffic conditions, traffic forecasts for the following day, and also directories of points of interest, fuel stations, a toll calculator and live webcam pictures from around the country's major routes.

The new, multilingual app is free and available in English, German and Italian, for both iPhone and Android smartphones.



Japan Automobile Federation

## JAF makes sweet, safe music

The Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) is continuing to promote a unique children's road safety education programme, with kindergarten-age kids across the country being taught about traffic safety through music.

The JAF Traffic Safety Do-Re-Mi Group is staffed by volunteer JAF members and utilises songs, puppets, plays, picture-story shows, ventriloquism, gymnastics and quizzes to teach children about traffic safety in a fun way. The group also hands out colouring books as a teaching aid so that children can

also learn at home. This event is usually held at kindergartens and last year approximately 42,000 children enjoyed the show at 336 events.

Launched in 2007, the programme had by March 2012 been seen by more than 170,000 children and been performed 1,292 times.

Another highly popular children's educational tool employed by JAF is the Kid's Safety Driver's Licence, in which a photo card, which resembles a driver's licence, is given to a child when he or she correctly answers a number of questions on aspects of road safety.



Automóvel Club de Portugal

## Portugal gets safe inside a minute

Earlier this year the Automóvel Club de Portugal (ACP) launched an initiative called One Safety Minute, in which a daily television spot, lasting 60 seconds, would be dedicated to a wide range of road safety issues.

The use of seat belts, the dangers of mixing alcohol and driving, speeding, how to circulate on roundabouts, how to plan a trip and how to properly install a child seat in the car, have all been covered in the daily spot, which has been aired on the channels of the SIC network: SIC Notícias, SIC Radical and SIC Woman.

The One Safety Minute initiative is strongly mindful of recent figures showing that Portugal is still above the EU average in terms of road deaths and injuries and the ACP is hopeful the TV message will help reduce these figures in the future. The innovative project is supported by the FIA Grants Programme.



Swedish Automobile Association

## Swedish club puts focus on killer road

The Swedish Automobile Association used its government's presentation of the country's new budget earlier this year to press for the allocation of funds to look into making one of Sweden's most dangerous roads safe.

The E20 joins Stockholm and Gothenburg, Sweden's two largest cities, and in the past 10 years 37 people have been killed on the road. The route has been the subject of political debate for many years, with suggestions made to either upgrade it to motorway standard or to turn it into two-lane plus one-lane road, but no decision has ever been taken.

The SAA has therefore resolved to pressure the Swedish government and other decision-makers to prioritise the E20 and improve the safety on the road. The club has published studies of the route's dangers in its member magazine *Motor*, in which the minister with responsibility for the roads was quizzed on the issue, as was the opposition leader with responsibility for traffic issues. The club will continue to push for a resolution to the problem in the near future.



The E20 linking Stockholm and Gothenburg is one of Sweden's deadliest stretches of road.





Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club

# ADAC hands out 750,000 high-vis safety vests to German school children

Club joins forces with BILD newspaper group's *Ein Herz für Kinder* charity and Deutsche Post to raise awareness of children's vulnerability on the road during the daily commute to school

Making children visible to road users is a key component in saving young lives and to make Germany's first grade students as conspicuous as possible as they walk to and from school, the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club e.V. (ADAC) has distributed 750,000 free safety vests through some 16,500 schools across the country.

For the third time, the ADAC Yellow Angel foundation, BILD newspaper group's *Ein Herz für Kinder* (A Heart for Children) charity and the German mail and parcel service Deutsche Post joined forces to pull off what is the most significant safety campaign for first grade school children in Germany. The programme reflects the FIA's own commitment to safer motoring through its Action for Road Safety campaign and 10 Golden Rules for Safer Motoring.

The number of young road users involved in traffic accidents in Germany is still alarmingly high. In 2011, some 31,000 children under the age of 15 were injured in road accidents, with 86 being killed.

"When the days get shorter, the chance for children to be involved in road accidents is two times higher than during summer. We are aiming to drastically reduce the number of children injured or killed in road accidents. Our safety vests will make the children more conspicuous earlier,"

said ADAC President Peter Meyer.

Jürgen Gerdes, a member of the Group Board of Management in charge of Deutsche Post DHL's mail and parcel services divisions, added: "Day in, day out, our mailmen and women are out there on the streets in 32,000 cars, over 17,000 bicycles and over 6,000 e-bikes. We know very well how important it is to make inexperienced first graders very visible. It is a special privilege for us to support the safety vest campaign of ADAC and *Ein Herz für Kinder* again."

Dorothea Misch, Senior President of the BILD charity *Ein Herz für Kinder*, added: "In the year of [BILD founder] Axel Springer's 100th anniversary, it is a great pleasure for us to reconnect to the origins of *Ein Herz für Kinder* with this campaign. Over 30 years ago, road safety for children was the reason for Axel Springer to found the BILD charity."

ADAC advises parents to frequently practice the walk to school with their children and also to monitor them. Local and city administrations are also called upon to make school routes safe. Motorists should always beware of children on sidewalks, first and foremost near schools.



Automobile Club de Monaco

# Crowning achievements

Monaco's club has an enviable history when it comes to motor sport, with the Principality playing host to some of racing's most prestigious events, and there are more to come

The Automobile Club de Monaco has a long and storied history and can trace its roots back to the reign of Prince Albert I in 1890, when the Sport Vélocipède Monégasque club was founded to bring together bicycle enthusiasts. Seventeen years later, with the rise in popularity of the new-fangled automobile, the club changed its name to the Sport Automobile et Vélocipède de Monaco and the beginnings of a legend were set in motion.

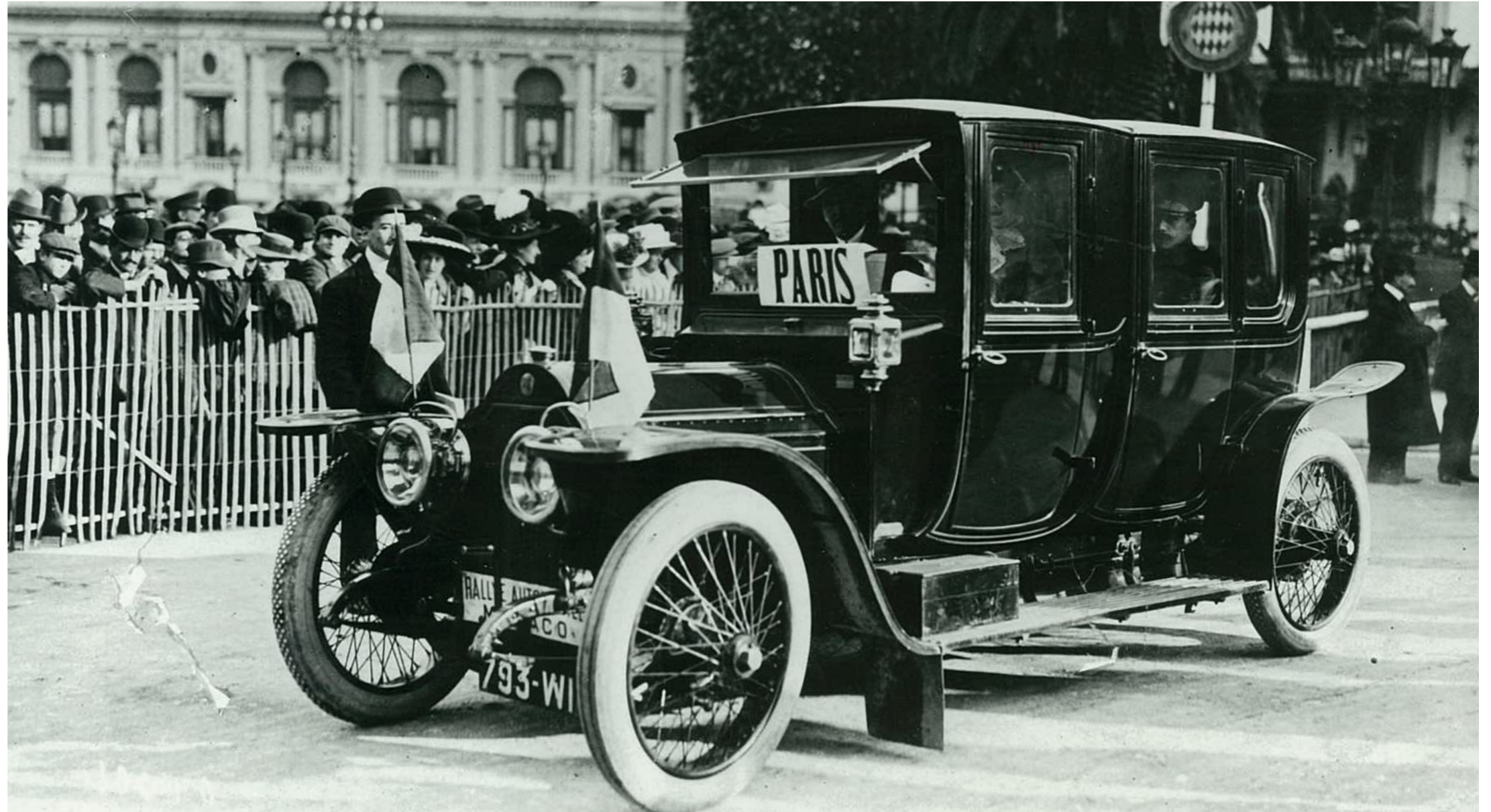
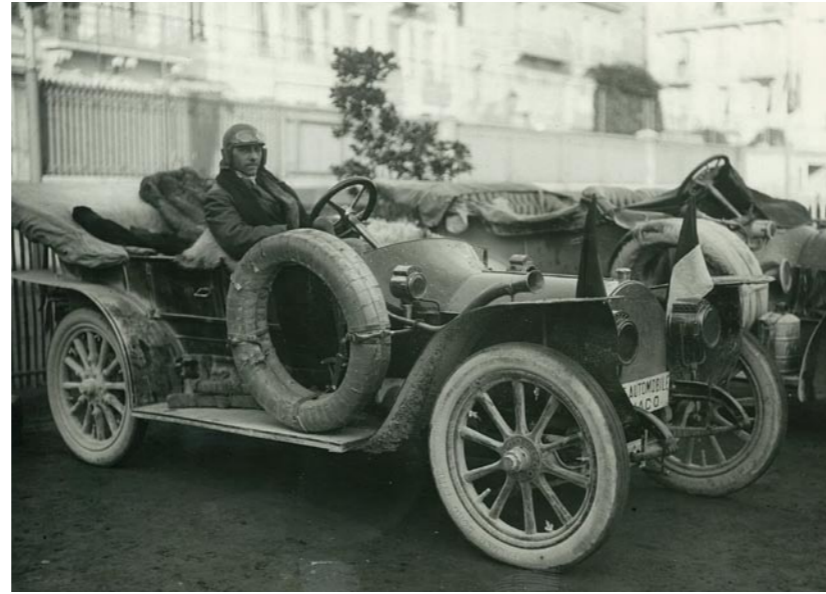
As the club grew two more name changes followed. First, in 1925, the club became the Sport Automobile de Monaco and then swiftly changed again, this time becoming the Automobile Club de Monaco.

Soon after, an application to join the Association Internationale des Automobile Clubs Reconnus (AIACR) – the direct antecedent of the FIA – was turned down on the grounds that the club needed to organise a motor sport event on its national territory. And so to meet the demand, on Sunday, April 14 1929, HSH Prince Pierre drove his own car around the Principality to launch the first Monaco Grand Prix. The future path of the club was set.

The ACM has been pushing the boundaries of competition ever since. From the Monaco Kart Cup, to the Grand Prix de Monaco Historique and the recent rebirth of the Monte Carlo Rally as part of the FIA World Rally Championship calendar, the ACM has always sought to host the very best in motor sport competition.

It is no different in the world of future motor sport and the club was one of the first to organise a competition for alternative technology cars. Next year will see the ACM stage the 14th Rallye Monte-Carlo des Énergie Nouvelles and from March 20-24 the same routes used for the legendary Monte Carlo Rally will be taken over by the future of motoring.

So, just as royal patronage of the club at the turn of the last century helped make the combustion-engined automobile the future of transport, so in the first decade of this century the ACM, in the reign of Prince Albert, is doing the same for the very newest technologies.





Federation of Automobile Sports of China

# Chinese motor sport events take centre stage

With the Federation of Automobile Sports of China (FASC) and the Chinese Sports Ministry having hosted the final round of the FIA's World Endurance Championship in October and then the penultimate round of the World Touring Car Championship in November, China, which also stages a Formula One race each year, is now an important host to a number of major FIA Championships.

As such, the WTCC opening ceremony at the Shanghai International Circuit was attended by WTCC promoter Marcello Lotti, FIA Deputy President Sport Graham Stoker, FASC President and former Vice Sports Minister Yu Zaiqing, and FASC Secretary General and WMSC Member for China Wan Hepping.

Next year's Formula One Grand Prix retains what is becoming its regular springtime slot, with the race scheduled for the 14 April. The World Touring Car Championship round is currently planned for 10 October. The World Endurance Championship will visit the SIC on November 11th.



Guangdong Circuit has been appointed as the official home track of the Hong Kong Automobile Association.

Hong Kong Automobile Association

# Hong Kong club gears up for 95th anniversary

The Hong Kong Automobile Association (HKAA) is getting ready to celebrate its 95th anniversary in 2013 and to get things going the club earlier this year hosted a conference entitled "Driving HK Motoring into the 100th Year" to strive for a better, safer and happier driving environment for Hong Kong. It also looked into measures aimed at alleviating oil price rises and also plans to regulate traffic flow in Hong Kong.

Also, in order to create a suitable place for advanced driver training, safe driving education, the HKAA recently requested that the government supports an auto-proving ground. In the long term, the club believes this would make a significant contribution to road safety in the region.

As part of its contribution to the development of motor sports in Hong Kong, the HKAA has appointed Guangdong International Circuit as its official home circuit starting in 2013.

Beginning in January, the HKAA will hold a series of events to celebrate its 95th anniversary. The official badges of FIA member clubs worldwide will be shown in an exhibition about automobile innovation and HKAA history.



## Österreichischer Camping Club Relaunch of camping site a major success

Austrian Camping Club the ÖCC has seen a massive increase in traffic on its website since the relaunch of its online services.

The club launched the new site in April last year and since then traffic has grown significantly. The website now attracts more than 6,000 unique clients and 55,000 page impressions during an average month.

The club's new front page displays all the latest news affecting members as well as hints for new camping areas, trailer and caravan tests, legal information and special offers for members.

The website also hosts a database of camping sites as well as recommendations for camping holidays and weekend trips.

The website also contains a route-mapping service, an online shop and market place, travel reports, an e-paper service for the club magazine *Camping Revue* and a membership area with helpful tools.

The ÖCC website can be found at: [www.campingclub.at](http://www.campingclub.at)



Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia

## Major EuroRAP award goes to Serbian club

The Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia (AMSS) has received a major award from the European Road Assessment Programme (EuroRAP).

At its General Assembly in Munich earlier this year, the EuroRAP Board awarded the AMSS with a special commendation for its contribution to the development of the organisation's road assessment programme.

Soon after it became a EuroRAP member in November 2007, the AMSS began a road inspection programme across Serbia. The project saw a number of stakeholders, including the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Enterprise, the World Bank office in Belgrade and the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering at Belgrade University, join forces to survey over 3,000km of the national road network. The results of the project were published in May 2009 and featured a set of recommendations for the improvement of the roads surveyed.

Since then the AMSS has been involved in road assessment projects in Slovenia, Moldova, Russia, the Netherlands and Ukraine. The club has also developed an inspection vehicle recognised as being among the most advanced of its kind.

Plans are now in place for the club to continue its activities within EuroRAP and the organisation's international counterpart iRAP, with programmes in Montenegro, Albania and Macedonia all aimed at contributing to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and FIA Action for Road Safety.

AMCC

Touring Club Schweiz

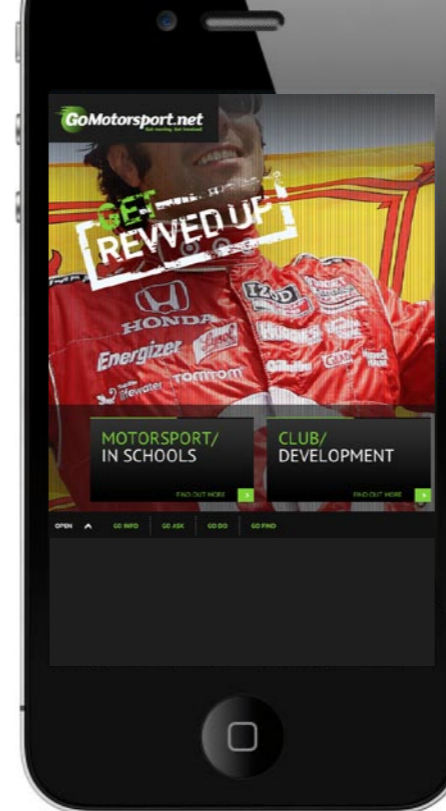
## TCS appoints new Director General

The Touring Club Schweiz recently announced that the club's board of directors has appointed Mr Stephan Grötzinger as its new director general.

Mr Grötzinger is a graduate of the Zurich Polytechnic School and holds an MBA. He is currently president of the steering committee of Pöyry Energy AG (in the past Elektrowatt Engineering SA), the Swiss subsidiary company of the Finnish multinational Pöyry OY.

A German and French speaker, Mr Grötzinger has solid experience at management level and the board believes he possesses the potential to analyse and continue club development.

The new director general will take up his post on January 1st, 2013. Until then, Mr Rudolf Zumbühl will continue to manage the company.



Motorsport Association, Britain

## MSA launches new Go Motorsport website

As part of its Go Motorsport campaign to get people involved in racing at all levels, Britain's Motor Sport Association (MSA) has launched a much expanded and improved version of the project's website.

The first Go Motorsport website was launched in 2008 as an information hub for people interested in getting involved in all areas of motor sport. The new website expands on the original version with fresh and updated content, all wrapped up in a clean new design with an easy-to-navigate format.

The website features new pages about the cost of competing, how to secure a competition licence, how motor sport can engage with schools and communities and explanations of the ways in which Go Motorsport can help local motor clubs.

This complements a wealth of information on all of the major motor sport disciplines and volunteer roles, as well as FAQs,

contacts, and the unique club and events search function.

Ben Taylor, MSA Director of Development and Communications, said: "Go Motorsport is about encouraging new people into our sport. This new site will help us to do that, by providing a much clearer message to people looking to get started for the first time.

"We have tried to answer the typical questions that are frequently asked of us, such as: how much does it cost, can I use my road car, how old do I have to be, where do I start etc," he added. "We also need to open a dialogue with those people who are interested in our sport, so that we can tell them when there is something suitable going on in their area.

"The site will support the valuable work of the Regional Development Officers, who are spreading the word on the ground and helping our clubs to attract new members." The Go Motorsport website can be found at [www.gomotorsport.net](http://www.gomotorsport.net)

MSA

Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE / Russian Automobile Federation

## ATCUAE and RAF begin partnership ahead of planned Russian F1 race

The Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE (ATCUAE) and the Russian Automobile Federation (RAF) have begun a partnership, which while initially focusing on preparations for the proposed 2014 Russian Grand Prix, will eventually broaden into a co-operation between the two organisations on road safety and protecting motorists' consumer rights.

Phase one of a memorandum of understanding between the clubs, signed in Moscow, will see senior Russian officials and volunteers being trained in Abu Dhabi in preparation for the Formula One race to be held in Sochi, Russia in 2014. The memorandum was signed by ATCUAE President Dr Mohammed Ben Sulayem and Lieutenant General Victor Kiryanov, President of the Russian Automobile Federation.

Following on-the-job training, which took place during the recent Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, ATCUAE will deliver a detailed evaluation of the additional training needed to ensure a safe and smooth entry into Formula One racing for Russia.

The agreement, originally been drafted to focus solely on Formula One, was extended at the request of General Kiryanov, who is also Russia's Deputy Interior Minister and Chief of the Department of the State Road Safety Inspectorate (Traffic Police).

As a result, the two national motorsport and motoring authorities will work together to develop new road safety initiatives and to find ways of simplifying procedures for motoring tourists in Russia and the UAE when driving across borders.

"General Kiryanov sees a great opportunity for us to work together to tackle our shared concerns on road safety and mobility," said Dr Ben Sulayem. "Russia is one of the fastest growing automotive markets in the world and with the rise in the number of road users comes a growing need to improve road safety and to expand and enhance the services available to motorists to make it easier and more convenient to travel beyond their country."

General Kiryanov added: "We are building the Formula One track at a rapid speed and it will be completed in time. The Russian Federation has to supply specialists and we are very pleased that our colleagues from the UAE are helping us to gain more knowledge so that we are well prepared for Formula One."





**GOLDEN RULES**  
**I WANT TO BE SAFE**  
**I PROMISE TO:**

**BELT UP**

all passengers are my responsibility

**RESPECT THE HIGHWAY CODE**

rules are there to protect us all

**OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT**

my car is made of metal, pedestrians and children are not

**CHECK MY TYRES**

both for wear and for correct inflation, including the spare

**DRIVE SOBER**

when I am drunk or on drugs, I am a danger on the road

**PROTECT MY CHILDREN**

keep them safe in car seats

**PAY ATTENTION**

calling and texting make me dangerous

**STOP WHEN I'M TIRED**

getting there late is better than not at all

**WEAR A HELMET**

motorbikes and bicycles don't protect my head

**BE COURTEOUS AND CONSIDERATE**

respect other drivers

