



# Singapore Motor Sports Association

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## **SINGAPORE MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION- WOMEN & MOTOR SPORT COMMISSION (SMSA-WMC) SAFETY DRIVING CLINIC FOR LADIES**

Singapore, 15 August 2011 – The Singapore Motor Sports Association- Women & Motor Sport Commission (SMSA-WMC) organised a Safety Driving Clinic for Ladies on Saturday, 13 August 2011. Held at the hardcourts adjacent to Sengkang Community Club in conjunction with the K1 Karting Series, the inaugural event saw female participants maneuvering their way around the practical courses in vehicles ranging from performance models and cool roadsters, to zippy compacts and unassuming family sedans, a sight that attracted many curious onlookers.

The Clinic was targeted at female motorists regardless of their age, driving experience or the type of cars they drove. A team of instructors from diverse motor sport backgrounds guided participants through a series of group theory and one-on-one practical sessions. The emphasis of the clinic was on safety and participants had the opportunity to experience ABS braking and practice various techniques that will allow them to better respond to dangerous and unforeseen circumstances during every day driving. A fun, Auto Gymkhana-style time trial at the end of the clinic allowed participants to put their newly-acquired skills to the test.

Lynn Tan, Chairperson of the SMSA-WMC and Member of the SMSA General Committee says, “We are glad that we were able to reach out to female participants from all walks of life. Despite the space and time constraints, we were able to conduct a relatively meaningful session where participants were able to acquire some useful safety driving tips and techniques while having fun at the same time.”

“I had an awesome time...I hope that there will be more of such driving clinics especially for women in the future,” feedbacked one of the participants, Michele Cornelius, who drove a Mitsubishi Colt. “The response for this clinic has been very encouraging and we hope to be able to organise more such clinics in the future,” adds Lynn.

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## About SMSA

The Singapore Motor Sports Association (SMSA) was founded in 1969. It is the regulatory body of all disciplines of motorsports in Singapore, including automobile, motorcycle and go-kart. It is also a member of the respective world motorsport governing bodies, i.e. the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the Federation International de Motocyclisme (FIM) and the Commission Internationale de Karting (CIK-FIA). SMSA is also recognized by the Singapore Sports Council as the controlling body for all motorsports in Singapore.

Besides its regulatory function, SMSA is also actively involved in promoting motorsports in Singapore through supporting grassroots motorsports events and other motorsports competitions at club and national level. SMSA is also involved in the recruitment and training of race officials for the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix and provides accreditation and licensing upon completion of their training.

For further information, please visit [www.smsa.org.sg](http://www.smsa.org.sg)

## About SMSA-WMC

The SMSA-Women & Motor Sport Commission (SMSA-WMC) was established in November 2010 with a vision to build an active community of women in motor sport. The objectives of the SMSA-WMC are in line with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) Women & Motor Sport Commission.

The SMSA-WMC aims to promote a sports culture that facilitates and values the full involvement of women in all aspects of motor sport- competitive, recreational and spectator- and as athletes, officials and managers. Strategies and policies will be formulated to promote the education and training of women in motor sport. Actions and events will also be implemented to allow the sharing of experiences and reflection on how to strengthen the participation of women in motor sport.

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