

Report of Cross Country Co-ordinator

Scottish Land Rover Owners Club has run 10 events since the last SACC meeting in June. These include a trial for leaf sprung Land Rovers, which attracted a good turnout and is clearly a very popular event. Timed trials are also building in popularity with competitors and spectators alike.

August's Comp Safari was held at a new venue near Callander. This proved to be very popular with competitors, spectators and marshals. The landowner's sons enjoyed a number of promotional runs in competitors' cars and are keen to acquire a car. Dan Lofthouse, the current British Cross Country champion, delivered a new Freelander Proto to David Steven and drove it for a number of runs, returning the fastest runs of the weekend - a rare opportunity to see a top driver in action. Gareth Carruthers won the event by 1' 55" over David Steven. Grateful thanks are due to Roger Reed for the introduction which secured the site.

September's Comp was held at Bathgate this last weekend and will be reported on for the next SACC meeting. Saturday was dry, Sunday wasn't!

SLROC held a club recruiting display at Hopetoun House International Horse Trials at the end of July. A number of members' Land Rovers were on display, and offered the public a chance to be driven over a short trials section under an MSA taster permit. The stand attracted a lot of interest from the public. Some SLROC members were also spotted marshalling crossing points on the International Cross Country Course!

The next major event on the calendar is the Gemm 4x4 Mudmaster Navigational Trial, jointly organised by SLROC and the British Army Motoring Association on the weekend 5th/6th October and held at various sites across Central Scotland.

The Scottish Hill Rally Club's Borders Hill Rally is being held on 16th/17th November at Forrest Estate, in Dumfries and Galloway, offering over 110 miles of competitive mileage. As usual, a large number of marshals is needed – if you can help please let me know and I'll pass on your details to James Moir (Chief Marshal).

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