



Date: 17 Sep 2013
Venue: The Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan
Time: 7.30pm

Road Events Discipline Coordinator's Report

Richard Crozier

One Championship rounds since the last meeting, with three more before the next, an update on other non-Championship road events, and an update on this year's Inter-Association event to be hosted by SACC in November...

Rd 5 – Autumn Nav Rally @ Carrbridge – 24th Aug, Highland CC

As with the Boontree Birl earlier in the year, after a year off in 2012 (cancelled due to lack of entries), a revitalised Autumn saw a change of scenery, moving south-east of its usual territory to the roads of the northern Cairngorms, based out of Carrbridge, just off the A9. This proved a popular move with all concerned, providing a new challenge for the locals, and a much shorter & easier journey for the more southern crews, resulting in a respectable entry of 10 crews (despite 2 late withdrawals).

Top seeds and local favourites Brian Fraser (HCC) & Iain Thorburn (HCC) added to their already impressive tally on this event to take the win on 25mins dropped, aided by a late mistake by Graham Couser (Saltire RC) & Richard Crozier (EUMSC), who would go on to finish 2nd on 29mins, with Couser now claiming the lead in the drivers' championship from Sally Skinner (EUMSC) who finished 3rd on 37mins. Scott MacDonald (HCC) & Stewart Hurst (HCC), their Vauxhall Nova fresh from an outing on the Speyside, finished top of the Novices and Historics, dropping just 2mins.

Rd 6 – Tundergarth Trophy Nav Rally @ Moffat – 12th Oct, South of Scotland CC

www.soscc.co.uk

Still awaiting release of regulations & entries for this event which is new to the championship. Start venue has been confirmed as Moffat, just off the M74, providing excellent ease of access, hopefully making for participation from a wide catchment area.

Interest has already been expressed from a number of crews, including several from south of the border, so hopes are high for a successful first running. It remains to be seen how much the clash with the Mull Rally will affect both competitor and marshal numbers – the date will be looked at for next year.

Rd 7 – Hairst Nav Rally @ Echt – 24th Aug, Stonehaven & District MC

www.sdmc.co.uk

Regulations and entries are now available.

What: 92-mile National B/12 Car Navigational Rally

When: Sat 9th November 2013

Where: Maps 37 & 38 ('Strathdon & Alford' & 'Aberdeen'); Start/finish Echt

How much: £40 entry, £18 insurance

Entries & Marshals: Rae Osborne, 01651 806862, osborner@gight.org.uk

Rd 8 – Early Winter Nav Rally @ Keslo – 16th/17th Nov, Border Ecosse CC
****Inter-Association Event****

www.borderecosse.com

Regulations and entries are now available. A promotional flyer is also attached.

What: 180-mile National B/Clubman & 90-mile 12 Car Navigational Rally
When: Sat/Sun 16th/17th November 2013
Where: Map 74 ('Kelso & Coldstream'); Start/finish Kelso
How much: £50 entry (Nat B/Clubman), £35 entry (12 Car), £25 insurance
Entries & Marshals: Richard Crozier, 07942 359208, roadevents@scottishcarclubs.com

Championship Awards @ Glasgow Marriott – 30th Nov

A new innovation for this year, harking back to the days of the ESACC Dinner, a championship prizegiving shall take place as part of the Scottish Rally Championship end-of-year bash in the Glasgow Marriott Hotel.

This is expected to be a luncheon event, allowing participants plenty of time to prepare for the evening's festivities. Full details are currently being finalised, and will be announced shortly.

Non-Championship Road Events

Highland CC's new Great Glen Targa Rally proved a great success, with the attracting a 24-car-strong entry. This was bolstered by their more established Crofterra Pandemonia tour on 31st Aug/1st Sep, which saw 53 crews enjoy the roads of Moray and Aberdeenshire.

At the opposite end of our patch, Wigton MC's Lake District Classic & Targa Rally on 7th July drew an entry 40 cars, while an initiative to introduce newcomers to rallying by providing 3 free entries was well received. The 70 mile, 20 test event was won by John Ruddock & Abi Ruddock in their Ford Escort. The club also ran their Rose & Thistle Challenge tour, a 160-miler based out of Penrith on 17th August.

Other notable occasions of classic car owners enjoying the summer sunshine on tours included the newly formed Argyll C&SCC's Summer Saunter on 14th July out of Doune, and the Royal Scottish AC's Three Lochs Classic tour on 18th August out of Rhu, both of which took in visits to the refurbished Rest & Be Thankful hillclimb.

Between now and the next Association meeting, we have South of Scotland CC's Doonhamer Classic Rally out of Dumfries on 22nd Sep, the Cobra Drivers Club @ The Rest tour out of Doune on 29th Sep, Scottish Land Rover OC's Mudmaster Navigational Trial out of Dunfermline on 5th-6th October, Argyll C&SCC's Autumn Amble tour on 6th Oct, Caledonian C&HMSC's Kinghouse Run Glencoe on 13th Oct, and new Arrochar Alps Challenge on 26th October (to raise funds for the recently confirmed Glasgow start to the 2014 Monte Carlo Historic Rally), and Wigton MC's Allerdale Amble tour & Solway Historic Rally on 19th-20th Oct. All this in addition to a number of 12 Car events, as the nights begin to draw in and the night events "season" takes up in earnest, means that it's a busy couple of months ahead for motorsport on the roads of Scotland!

2014 Championship, inc. Historic/Targa Challenge...?

Next year's Championship is beginning to take shape. The first two rounds are anticipated to be Glenrothes MSC's Aquarius on 1st Feb, and Edinburgh University MSC's Nuit Blanche on 15th Feb. The full calendar is expected to be broadly similar to 2013, with the possible addition of no more than 1 or 2 new events, and/or a few events moving date. With 2013 having been primarily about establishing a solid and stable base for the future whilst raising awareness of the events, the focus going forward will now be about growing entry numbers.

For daylight historic and targa rallies, an investigation is underway into the possibility of running some sort of "Challenge" next year (appreciating that we cannot call it a "Championship" if it is to comprise Clubman events which do not require licences), similar to that run by NESCRE, but solely for events run by SACC clubs, and catering for modern vehicles. Thoughts and input for any such proposal would be most appreciated.