



Date: 17 Jun 2014

Venue: The Royal Ivy Hotel, Bridge of Allan

Time: 7.30pm

### **Road Events Discipline Coordinator's Report**

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#### **3<sup>rd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> May – Historic & Targa Road Rally Rd 2**

**Berwick Classic Rally @ Berwick-u-Tweed – Berwick & District MC**

[www.berwickmotorclub.co.uk](http://www.berwickmotorclub.co.uk)

A full entry of 50 crews for this ever-popular event. Archie & Richard Simmonds claimed a hard-fought win in their MG Midget by 22 seconds from defending event winners Ross Butterworth & Ali Proctor in their Ford Escort Mexico.

#### **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May – Navigational Rally Rd 4**

**Boontree Birl Rally @ Kirriemuir – 750 MC Scotland**

[www.750mc-scotland.co.uk](http://www.750mc-scotland.co.uk)

Cancelled due to lack of entries.

Possibly adversely affected by the later start/finish time (to account for summer sunset), and/or the 2 month gap from the previous round. Also not ideal being the same weekend as the Grierson & Graham. Discussions are ongoing as how best to learn from the low turnout – particularly baffling given the 2013 running's promising influx of newcomers.

The club will retain the route for next year's running, albeit are now investigating the possibility of the newly-opened Dundee Museum of Transport as a venue.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> May – Targa Road Rally Rd 3**

**Grierson & Graham Rally @ Thornhill – South of Scotland CC / East Ayrshire CC**

[www.soscc.co.uk](http://www.soscc.co.uk) / [www.eastayrshirecc.co.uk](http://www.eastayrshirecc.co.uk)

An ambitious expansion of SoSCC's toe-in-the-water Nithsdale Rally of last year, this year's running was co-promoted with East Ayrshire CC and featured tests and a finish at Kames, along with tests and start venue at Drumlanrig Castle, thanks to sponsorship from Grierson & Graham of Dumfries.

Last year's winners Gordon Clendinning & Murray Walker defended their title with an assured performance. Despite the entry being disappointingly down on last year (14 in 2013 vs 11 this time), positive noises were made post-event, with everyone having enjoyed themselves and talk of more similar events springing up in the area in the future.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> June – Targa Road Rally Rd 4**

**Great Glen Rally @ Fort William – Highland CC**

[www.highlandcarclub.co.uk](http://www.highlandcarclub.co.uk)

Following so soon after the tragedy of the Jim Clark Rally of the previous weekend, with the Scottish rallying community's minds understandably elsewhere, the club made the difficult but laudable decision to cancel the event.

**29<sup>th</sup> June – Historic Road Rally Rd 3 & Targa Road Rally Rd 5**  
**Lake District Rally @ Penrith – Wigton MC**  
[www.wigtonmc.co.uk](http://www.wigtonmc.co.uk)

Regs & entries now available.

Free entries available to those that have never done a rally before!

**24<sup>th</sup> August – Navigational Rally Rd 5**  
**Autumn Rally @ Carrbridge? – Highland CC**  
[www.highlandcc.co.uk](http://www.highlandcc.co.uk)

Regs & entries available soon.

**13<sup>th</sup> September – Navigational Rally Rd 6**  
**Caledonia Rally @ nr. Glasgow – Scottish Sporting CC**  
[www.scottishsportingcc.com](http://www.scottishsportingcc.com)

A welcome revival of this event from Scottish Sporting CC in much underused territory. Will be looking to piggyback on the momentum of their Merrick Rally the preceding weekend.

Regs & entries available in the coming months.

### **Other Road Events**

Two prestigious events visited recently – the Endurance Rally Association (ERA)'s Flying Scotsman Trial on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April, and the Historic Endurance Rally Organisation (HERO)'s Scottish Malts Trial on 28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The former took a route up through Newcastleton & Hawick to an overnight halt at Cardrona, before heading up to a Gleneagles finish via Lanark / Forresburn / Stirling / Callendar / Crieff, and was won by the Bentley Super Sports of William Medcalf & David Kirkham.

“The Malts” also finished at Gleneagles, having also started there before taking in a route of Loch Lomond / Skye / Strathpeffer / Speyside / Glenshee (with many tests at distilleries in between!), and was won by the MG B of Mark & Sue Godfrey.

HERO will again return to our patch on 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July for the ambitious 1000 Mile Trial – a 7-day event from London to Edinburgh and back, recreating the first ever British reliability trial of 1900. Afternoon tea at Bowhill House near Selkirk before dinner on board the Royal Yacht Britannia and overnight halt in the Malmaison Hotel, before heading back south via Sunday lunch via Whitekirk Golf Club in East Lothian (finish venue of the Berwick Classic Rally). Not for the light of pocket this one (!!), but some excellent motors should be on show (think of it as an antidote to the recent Gumball 3000!).

While the onset of summer heralds a lull in night events, it also sees the commencement proper of “tour season”, including the likes of Royal Scottish AC's Three Lochs Classic on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

This year's Inter-Association event, hosted on behalf of the Association of North East & Cumbria Car Clubs, has been announced as Spadeadam MC's Countdown Rally – a 150 miler based out of Carlisle on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September. Despite its handy geographic proximity to us, the date unfortunately clashes with one of our own Navigational Rally Championship counters, Scottish Sporting CC's Caledonia Rally. We will need to see nearer the time whether there is enough interest in both for us to have a team.