

## SACC Navigational Rally Championship update

The Autumn Rally organised by Highland Car Club ran on the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> August bringing the end to the first half of the 2016 SACC Navigational Rally Championship. It certainly lived up to its reputation of being an excellent event which kept drivers happy on the excellent roads south and east of Inverness, and kept the navigators happy by not having too mind boggling navigation. Although they were cursing the organisers for the number of times they had to switch from maps 26 to 27 and then back again! An excellent start and finish venue was provided in the form of Cawdor Village Hall.



The first 3 or 4 sections were completed just as the sun was setting so everyone was on their best behaviour as there were still plenty of folks out walking dogs etc. It was however during this section that some tricky navigation caught out all the Expert class competitors with some losing more time than others. For Car 1, Neil Campbell and Charlie Munro in their Clio this was one of only two sections where they lost time. Unfortunately the 11 minutes lateness penalties into TC3 effectively lost them the rally.

By TC 5 there was little to choose between Car 2, Mark & Derek Forsyth in another Clio with 4 penalties and Car 4, Dave MacKintosh and Duncan Cameron in the Fiesta with 2 penalties. However this was all about to change when the latter crew dropped 4 minutes going into TC7, handing the lead over to the Forsyths, a lead they would keep to the end of the event.

Unfortunately the results from the Autumn haven't made a big impact on the SACC Championship as only 4 of the 10 crews that entered were in the Nat B event, and one of them FTF. The rest chose to enter the Clubman event where they didn't need a competition licence, but are ineligible to gain points in the Association's Championship.

The next round of the Championship is SDMC's **Hairst Rally** on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Regs are already available on the SDMC Website.

There are also a number of 12 car navigational rallies taking place across the country. Check the SACC Events Calendar for details and regs.

## Historic / Targa events

At the time of writing this report the **Blue Door Dental Practice Doonhamer Rally**, organised by South of Scotland Car Club for 18<sup>th</sup> September is looking fairly strong



with an entry of 33, where the maximum is 40. The event promises competitors that they will be challenged by 17 driving tests on a mix of tarmac, concrete and some smooth gravel, all of the "open" variety, with no reversing, designed to test the driver's skill and not mental agility. The event is based in Lockerbie and covers some 90 miles around SW Scotland.

The second rally in this category is the 200 mile, all-night **Caledonian 200 Winter Rally** on 19-20 November being organised by Caledonian Classic and Historic Motorsport Club.

The event starts at Stirling Services and finishes at Wheel Inn, Scone and is described by the organisers as 'a full feature Road Rally with the emphasis on high degrees of concentration and teamwork between driver and navigator, ability to keep to a strict time schedule, navigating, driving skill and physical stamina.

The rally will start at midnight on the night of Saturday 19th November and finish at 0700 on the morning of Sunday 20th November. There will be no rest halts. The competitive element will consist of standard road sections timed to the minute and standard road sections timed to the second. There will be a strict timing schedule throughout.'

It'll be interesting to see how much interest the event attracts. Regs and Entry Forms are available on the CC&HMSC website.

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