

Road Events Report

March 2019

SAMSC Scottish Navigational Rally Championship

2018 Champion Driver (Michael Cruickshank) and Navigator (Richard Crozier) receiving their awards at the January Awards night held as part of SDMC annual dinner & awards night.



The 2019 Championship started on 9th March with SDMC's Gropers Rally held on a chilly night in south Aberdeenshire. The final entry was much the same as last year at 14. Although a bit disappointing a couple of significant points are worth highlighting.

1. In previous years the Non-Expert class had been poorly attended but this year it was the largest class with 7 entries. It's good to see some of last year's Novice Class moving up.
2. Prior to the rally the social media and phones were buzzing with drivers who wanted to do the rally but couldn't find a navigator. There were at least 4 drivers who would have entered had they found navigators. OK a couple of the regular navigators were unable to compete due to other commitments, but it does highlight the need to increase the pool of navigators. To this end it is encouraging to see some clubs running navigation classes - hopefully this will lead to a larger pool!

The event was won by Charlie Brown/Gordon Reid in their VW Golf. Gary & Alan Ross won the Non-Expert Class in their C2, whilst the Novice class was won by Colin & Craig Wallace in their Toyota, Craig demonstrating that he is a good navigator as well as driver.

The next round in the Championship is the Moonless Rally being organised by Saltire Rally Club on 23rd March and consists of a 120 mile route, centred round Dunkeld.

Other events

Berwick Classic & Targa Rally – 4th/5th May

This two day event will start from Berwick at 14.30 hrs on Saturday 4th, and entrants will tackle five special tests and one regularity in a 60 mile route before returning to the Black and Gold Club by 16.30 hrs. . On Sunday morning the restart will be at 09.30 hrs from The Quayside in Berwick-upon-Tweed Competitors will tackle fourteen special tests and three regularities in a 112-mile route before finishing at the Black and Gold Club in Berwick.

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