

# Road Events Report

September 2019

## **SAMSC Scottish Navigational Rally Championship**

**Autumn Rally:** The summer break came to an end on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August when Highland CC ran the Autumn Rally. Although entry numbers were down a couple on last year the club put on a challenging event using some of the best roads in the country.

For top seeds Colin Christie/Daniel Forsyth the night didn't go well when their rally came to a halt after TC3 with a broken fan belt (where was their spare?). At the end of the event winners of the Expert Class were Doug Shanks/Stewart Hurst in the venerable VW Scirocco with 19 penalties.

The Non-Expert Class was won by Stephen Rochford/Kate Proctor in the Mini Cooper with 53 penalties, just ahead of Andrew & Sam Hunter with 71 penalties. They had wheeled out a Fiesta for this event having recently sold their BMW.

In the Novice Class, whilst most struggled, the class was won with a very impressive 1 penalty by Beefy Fraser with Mandy MacKenzie on the maps in that rather unusual rally weapon, an Audi A6! Best of the rest went to SDMC's Dave McLoughlin / Graham Robertson in their Pug 206 GTi with 82 penalties.

**Remaining Rounds:** There is now rather a large gap before the next round, SDMC's Hairst Rally on November 16<sup>th</sup> followed by the final round, 750MC's Boontree Birl on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**2020 Championship:** It will soon be that time of year when I have to apply for the Championship Permit from Motorsport UK. In the last two years the Championship has lost two rounds, the EUMC Nuit Blanche and the GMSC Aquarius Rally. Geographically this leaves the Championship without any events south of Perth so I am appealing to any club which runs navigational rally(s) to consider running one as a Championship counter. Under the current MS UK trial the event can be a Clubman status rally. This may mean upgrading an event from a 12 car permit to a Clubman permit, but then the event might well attract some more entries as it would count towards the Championship.

If you can help then please let me know. [dave@newtonhillhr.co.uk](mailto:dave@newtonhillhr.co.uk)

**Saltire Classic/Targa Rally:** Keep your eyes out for regs coming out from Saltire Rally Club for their ever popular Saltire Classic/Targa Rally being held on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

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