

Road Events Report

September 2017

2017 SACC Scottish Navigational Rally Championship

After the summer break the first event in the second half of the Championship was Highland Car Club's Autumn Rally. An event which has a good choice of challenging roads to keep the drivers happy. This year's event started and finished in Cawdor and organiser Mark Forsyth had provided competitors with a good mix of these challenging roads along with some equally challenging, but fair, navigation over the 120 mile route. The event attracted a 'getting healthier' 20 entries, although one crew didn't start.

Winners were Colin Christie/Daniel Forsyth of 63CC in their Suzuki Ignis ahead of Michael Cruckshank/Richard Crozier in their MINI Cooper S, although very much in contention until the final section when their Pug 205 GTi called enough were Andy Tong/Duncan Cameron. Despite their combined technical know-how they could not get the wee car to re-start and had to retire from the event. The Non-Expert class of the Nat B event was won by Allan Patterson/Bob Shearer in their Skoda VRS, although they were beaten to the combined non-expert class by Stuart Cobb/Stewart Douglas in their Toyota Yaris. The combined Novice Class was won by local crew of Adrian and Steven Bruce in their Corsa, narrowly pipping Gary & Alan Ross in their Saab 9.3 by 1 minute penalty at the end.

The next round in the Championship was 63CC's re-scheduled Seafield Rally on 16th September. Unfortunately, the weekend also coincided with the Doonhamer Targa Rally, all be it on different days and at different ends of the country, and this did impact a bit on the entries. 14 crews entered the 87 mile event based around Huntly.

Following their disappointment on the previous Autumn Rally, Andy Tong/Duncan Cameron bounced back with a convincing win, with no penalties, in the now repaired Pug. Second in the Nat B event were Harry Merry/Graham Couser in their Fiesta. Non-Expert class winners were Stuart Cobb/Stewart Douglas from the Clubman event with no Nat B contenders competing in that class. Novice class was won by Allan Patterson/Emma Steeley in their Skoda Fabia VRS, from Alan & Darren Scott in their similar car (although they were entered in the Clubman event). Second Championship Novices were David Heirs/Findlay Leask in their lovely Saab 96.

The next event in the Championship is the brand new event on the calendar by Saltire Rally Club, the Oktoberfest Rally on 7th October. Regs. Are available on their website.

Future Events: 28th October - Hairst Rally (SDMC) - West Aberdeenshire

2nd December - Boontree Birl (750MC) - Angus

After 5 rounds where 17 crews have competed the class leaders are:

Drivers	Club	Total
Harry Merry	SSCC	29
Des Campbell	HBCC	22
Dave MacKintosh	SDMC	20
Navigators		
Duncan Cameron	SDMC	35
Graham Couser	Saltire RC	30
Christine Sanderson	HBCC	22
Non-Expert Drivers		
Allan Patterson	Saltire RC	46
Peter Humphrey	BDMC	12
Non-Expert Navigators		
Bob Shearer	Saltire RC	46
Douglas Humphrey	BDMC	12
Novice Drivers		
David Heirs	WMC	41
Richard Stewart	GMSC	18
Robert Ness	GMSC	12
Novice Navigators		
Findlay Leask	Saltire RC	41
Emma Steeley	SDMC	22
Tim Middlemiss	GMSC	18

Blue Door Dental Practice Doonhamer Rally (17th September)

South of Scotland Car Club's Doonhamer Historic and Targa Rally is happening as I'm writing this. The event started and finished at the Lockerbie Lorry Park and has attracted a healthy 47 entries to compete over the 19 tests the organisers have designed for them.

Mull Targa Rally (13th October)

With the unfortunate cancelling of this year's Mull Rally, the Guardians of Mull Rally will promote and Mull Car Club Ltd (in association with the Saltire Rally Club Ltd) will organise the Beatson's Building Supplies 2017 Mull Targa Rally "Spirit of 88" on Friday 13th October 2017 under a Clubman Historic Road Rally Permit and, for cars not qualifying within Historic Regulations, a Clubman Targa Rally Permit. The event will take place on the Island of Mull, with the start and finish being in Tobermory 47/505551. The Rally is not a qualifying round of any championships.

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