

MSA Cross Country Committee – 7th May 13
Report for SACC by Roger Reed

As we now have only myself on Cross Country Committee I have simplified my report to Regional Committee for SACC.

Inter Association Team Tyro Trial 2013 – A single page outline of the event was handed round. It was agreed that Ian Davis would circulate this to Regional Committee electronically. Please support this event by persuading your members to enter. As you will see you do not even need a vehicle to take part as the AWDC will be supplying vehicles for everyone to use. My thanks go to AWDC for their efforts so far. Also go to ACSMC for hosting this event. I hope this format will bring people together to learn about Cross Country events at the lower levels. Ian Stuart / Diana Baines please do.

ROPS (Roll Over Protection Systems) – Changes are required especially for ROPS for Challenge Vehicles. Members were asked to consider any related changes required to existing regulations.

Action Sheet of 6th February 2013 following consultation – there had been no direct replies however a response had been received by Ian Davis. This raised several concerns about young drivers in Cross Country Trials. The important amendment following consultation, which was to lower the starting age for Cross Country Trials where the young competitor had completed a number of TYRO Trials was to add in a requirement for a further 4 events in a road legal vehicle.

Dual Permit Events – Hill Rallies only – The Committee agreed to delete P2.2.2. to follow the similar removal by Rallies Committee of the requirement for routes to vary in distance and/or severity between different event grades where an event has more than one.

Between Sections at Tyro Trials – The regulations require that unlicensed drivers in TYRO Trials do not drive between the Trials Sections at an event. It was asked that this be reviewed so that the less experienced drivers could get more experience. The regulation was written to avoid the consequences of an unlicensed driver driving on a Right of Way between sections. There is little point encouraging young drivers towards a responsible future if one allows them to drive a motor vehicle whilst unlicensed on a minor highway.

Tyre Lists were considered – It was agreed that members should review the list and table items for removal as many of the tyre shown are no longer available and have not been for some time. If anyone in Scotland wants to see any changes to the tyre list contact Roger Reed.

Scrutineer Training - There was a discussion about training of Scrutineers for Cross Country events. The Training programme requires mentors and there appears to be a lack of available mentors. Mentors are agreeing to take on trainees but then not doing the job. Is this a problem in Scotland?

There was a proposal for Cross Country Autosolo equivalent in road going vehicles – e.g. M 28 on. Draft SRs are to be prepared with a view to an experiment.

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