



**Scottish
Association of
Car Clubs**

Date: 19 Mar 2013

Venue: The Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan

Time: 7.30pm

Navigational Rally Discipline Coordinator's Report

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Three Championship rounds since the last meeting, with two more before the next, an update on other non-Championship road events, and details of this year's Inter-Association event to be hosted by SACC in November...

2012 Rd 6 – Early Winter Nav Rally @ Tranent – 17th Nov, Border Ecosse CC

A reasonably strong entry of 18 (4 National B, 11 Clubman, 3 half-distance 12 Car) contested the final round of the 2012 Championship. The 172-mile route, running from the West end of the county to the East, and featuring a special test under the floodlights at Raceland Kart Circuit and 'selective' on private roads at Scoughall-Lochhouses near North Berwick, meant the event was the longest night event in Scotland since the 2008 Forth Bridges Rally, and acted as a suitable warm-up for this year's running as the Inter-Association event.

Conditions on the night were largely dry, but farm muck made much of the going slippery, with the infamous White Castle road over the Lammermuirs proving particularly tricky, as an early morning frost up in the hills turned an already challenging road into a real test of drivers' and navigators' skill and nerve.

Some issues with the navigation instructions meant several sections had to be scrubbed, and meant results were not declared final at the finish venue, but after due diligence had been applied, Neil Jones (750MC) & Peter Weall (BECC) finished their year on a high by sealing the Scottish title with their 3rd win of the year to take a clean sweep of championship points, while Clubman competitors Dave Brown (EUMSC) & Joel Haylock (EUMSC) were rewarded for their journey all the way up from the Midlands, taking victory in the supporting East Lothian Safari.

2012 Championship Awards

Congratulations to the 2012 Championship award winners, which were...

Expert Driver

1st – Neil Jones, Montrose, 750MC, Renault Clio – 48

2nd – Charlie Brown, Forfar, 750MC, Honda Civic – 27

3rd – Harry Merry, Carlisle, CSMA, Ford Fiesta – 22

Expert Navigator

1st – Peter Weall, Lenzie, BECC, Renault Clio – 48

2nd – Ewan Leeming, Edinburgh, EUMSC, Ford Fiesta – 29

3rd – Gordon Reid, Stonehaven, SDMC, Honda Civic – 27

2013 Championship Calendar

2013 Championship calendar is now confirmed as follows:

Date	Event	Location	Club
9 th Feb	Aquarius	Kinross	Glenrothes MSC
23 rd Feb	Nuit Blanche	Haddington	Edinburgh University MSC
30 th Mar	Boontree Birl	Leuchars	750 MC Scotland
13 th Apr	Gropers	Stonehaven	Stonehaven & District MC
5 th May	March Hare *	Keith	63 CC
24 th Aug	Autumn	Carrbridge	Highland CC
12 th Oct	Tundergarth	Lockerbie	South of Scotland CC
26 th Oct	Hairst	Echt	Stonehaven & District MC
16 th /17 th Nov	Early Winter **	Kelso	Border Ecosse CC

* Non-Championship Clubman rally, 2014 candidate event

** Inter-Association event, 'all-nighter' (>150 miles)

Rd 1 – Aquarius Nav Rally @ Kinross – 9th Feb, Glenrothes MSC

The Aquarius Navigational Rally made a triumphant return to the Scottish motorsport calendar after a 7 year absence, attracting an entry of 11 cars (7 National B, 4 Clubman). It proved to be a night of impressive debuts, with the immaculate Group 4 spec Audi Quattro of John Clark (DCC) & Steve Turnbull (DCC) claiming victory on its much-anticipated maiden outing, having been pushed all the way by first-time driver Sally Skinner (EUMSC) and defending event winner Ewan Leeming (EUMSC).

Rd 2 – Nuit Blanche Nav Rally @ Haddington – 23rd Feb, Edinburgh Uni MSC

The second round of the Championship was reasonably well supported, yielding 15 entries (8 National B, 7 12 Car), with Sally Skinner (EUMSC) & Ewan Leeming (EUMSC) cleaning the event to clinch the win. The result marked Skinner's maiden overall victory in only her second ever rally, while Leeming's triumph was his fourth in this event, now just one short of the record for this 48-year-old classic.

Rd 3 – Boontree Birl Nav Rally @ Leuchars – 30th Mar, 750 MC Scotland

www.750mcscotland.co.uk

What: 88-mile National B/Clubman Navigational Rally

When: Sat 30th March 2013, ~19.31-23.10

Where: Map 59 'St Andrews'; Start/Finish Leuchars

How much: £35 entry, £18 insurance

Entries: Charlie Brown, 07590 727165, charliebrown750@yahoo.co.uk

Marshals: Kenneth Headspeath, 07789 301751, kenneth@highlanddrovers.co.uk

Rd 4 – Gropers Nav Rally @ Stonehaven – 13th Apr, Stonehaven & District MC

www.sdmc.co.uk

What: 96-mile National B/12 Car Navigational Rally

When: Sat 30th March 2013, ~19.01-23.12

Where: Map 45 'Stonehaven & Banchory'; start Stonehaven, finish Fordoun

How much: £35 entry, £18 insurance

Entries: Dave MacKintosh, 07715 177296, dave@newtonhillhr.co.uk

Marshals: Malcolm Vie, 07500 116902, mvie@aps-tech.com

Non-Championship Road Events

The Scottish leg of the annual Land's End to John o'Groats (LEJOG) Trial and Tour took place amid heavy snow on 3rd-4th Dec, running from Hexham to John o'Groats, via Cardrona, the Rest-and-be-Thankful and Fort William. 40 of the 57 starters successfully completed the 1,450 mile journey, with the BMW 2002 Tii of Andrew Lane and Iain Tullie taking the win.

The Rallye Monte Carlo Historique (9 cars, inc. 2 crews from Australia!) and supporting Ecosse-Monaco Run and Heritage Run tours (~80 cars), started from the People's Palace in Glasgow on 26th Jan, attracting a crowd of over 15,000 (believed to possibly be a record for any rally start in the UK!), as well as significant media interest. After 2190 gruelling miles, the Lancia Fulvia Coupe of Stephen Graham & Tony Graham was the first Glasgow-starting car home in 116th overall.

The Saltire Classic Rally in Birnam, Highland Perthshire on 3rd Mar attracted a full entry of 40 cars, with the Ulster crew of Noel Cochrane / Oly McCollum claiming victory in their MG Midget.

Regarding other non-championship events of note between now and the next meeting, the Argyll Classic Run on 7th April will be the first road event to visit the Rest-and-be-Thankful since its recent resurfacing/renovation. A fortnight later, The Flying Scotsman Trial, featuring an entry of 100 priceless pre-war vehicles, will take in a route from Gretna to Gleneagles, via tests at Kames and Forrestburn

There then follow two separate busy weekends, with the 4th/5th May featuring both the Berwick Classic Rally, and a new Targa event from South of Scotland (similar to the Doonhamer, but aimed at more modern cars). Thereafter, the 1st/2nd June will, in addition to the Jim Clark Rally, witness two Caledonian C&HMSC events – the International Auto Ecosse, as well as a new event, called the Targa Bealach-na-Ba. Inspired by the format of the Monte Carlo Historique, the latter will feature four separate start points (Inverness, Aberdeen, Perth and Glasgow) before taking in regularity sections and special tests in the mountainous roads of the Highlands.

Inter-Association Event – 16th/17th Nov

This November, SACC is due to host the UK-wide Inter Association Navigational Rally Challenge for the first time since 2008. Please see attached promotional release. Full supplementary regulations will be available in the coming months.

This is set to be the biggest night rally in Scotland for years, and surely one not to be missed! Please get the word out, and come along and support!