

Report from Cross Country Co-ordinator

Scottish Cross Country Championship

The SCCC is still attracting a healthy level of interest from south of the Border (in fact, the 2012 champion is from south of the border!). There were 6 rounds this year, at Dumbarton, Bathgate, Forrest Estate (2) and Drumclog (2).

Despite the impact of the recession, we have attracted a few new cars this year, including our first lady driver who, after several seasons as co-driver, has enjoyed considerable success in this her first year as a driver and has now bought her own car. Three new cars came out for testing at Forrest Estate in October; they will be back next year.

We still have a wide range of entries, from the almost standard Defender 90 (one of them on a 62 plate), through the usual Tomcats and Wildcats, to Simmbugghinis with 6.2ltr V8s, and even a Milner R5.

Events at Drumclog, Bathgate & Forrest Estate continue to attract big interest - Drumclog had three competitors from Ireland (they incurred over £1,000 in ferry fees alone). Competitors from the North of England attend on a regular basis.

Finally Ian Stuart is stepping away from Clerking the SCCC. After 6 years, he is going to take on the role of Club Steward, whilst Sharon Scott, an experienced competitor, will take over duties of Clerk of the Course.

Mudmaster 2012 was jointly promoted by SLROC and the British Army Motoring Association with the aim of promoting safe driving on and off road. Tests included manoeuvring, road navigation, orienteering, Highway Code test, and around a dozen off-road trials sections at several different locations. The event attracted a full entry of 55, including 12 military entries, and was very popular with the entrants. Overall winner was the SLROC team of Ross Muir and Colin Robertson.

Tyro, RTV and CCV (trials) continue to attract a reasonable level of entries and are very popular with competitors. Green road runs (non damaging!) and driving days are also popular, as are treasure hunts.

Promotion of Cross country motorsport. In addition to the usual off-road events Tay 4x4 Off-road club participated in events at Scone Palace (Farming Yesteryear) and at the Glamis Vehicle Extravaganza, while SLROC paid a return visit to Lauder (Historic Motoring Extravaganza), as well as holding an Open event at Hopetoun House. Attendance at SORC's Taster Tyro at Lamancha was described as disappointing.

Scottish Hill Rally Club has had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's Borders Hill Rally (10-11th November) due to a serious shortfall in entries. A Comp Safari is to take its place, at Forrest Estate on the same dates. Unlike other Comps, this one is being run over two different courses: a long course of 12 miles on Saturday (5 laps) and 7 miles on Sunday (7 laps). 20 competitors have already been signed up.