

Report of Cross Country Co-ordinator

Scottish Land Rover Owners Club ("SLROC") continues to be the most active of the off-road clubs, running Trials catering for differing levels of driver experience and vehicles. Timed trials are proving very popular, providing an event falling between a standard trial and a comp safari. A timed trial is much cheaper than a comp safari for competitors to enter and for organisers to run. The SLROC driving day, usually held at Bathgate, continues to be very popular.

Scottish Off-Road Club ("SORC") caters more for families, with trials and Treasure hunts. These events are popular and well attended.

Scottish Cross Country Championship ("SCCC") is a joint venture between SORC, SLROC and Scottish Hill Rally Club ("SHRC"). Several meetings of organisers, interested parties and competitors have been held recently; matters discussed include, how to involve more people in the organisation and running of comp safaris, finding suitable venues, putting SCCC finances on a sound footing, attracting entries and marshals. So far this year the comps have been two day events, but this format doesn't suit all competitors.

This year has seen two rounds run in Scotland (Callander and Forrest Estate), one in Northern Ireland and one in England. The comp at Forrest Estate attracted a number of competitors from England and from Northern Ireland. The event was included in the Northern Off-road Championship.

Planning for the Scottish Borders Hill Rally is well under way. The venue is Forrest Estate (St John's Town of Dalry), the dates 22nd and 23rd November. The event needs a large number of marshals to enable SHRC to run it safely. If you can help please contact Diana Baines bainesdt65@gmail.com for radios, and James Moir james_moir@yahoo.co.uk for all other disciplines.

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