

Report of Cross Country Co-ordinator

Although the cross -country season is winding down, there are still some major events coming up.

The Scottish Borders Hill Rally takes place at Forrest Estate next weekend, with a full entry of 50. Two concurrent training sessions are being run in the Lochinvar Hotel, St John's Town of Dalry, on Friday evening. "Running a Hill Rally - Effective Communication" is for in-stage Radio Marshals, while "Taking the Mystery out of Timing - an Introduction to Hill Rallying", is for navigators and for any marshals who are manning a Time Control during the weekend.

The Mudmaster Navigational trial is being run on 26th-27th November. Starting in Dunfermline, there is an overnight stop near Drymen, restarting from Dumbarton on Sunday morning, and concluding with prizegiving at Garelochhead. As usual, the event comprises road safety tests, on-road observed driving, navigational tests, and RTVs at various venues in central Scotland.

The final round of the Scottish Cross Country Championship proved to be the decider. The new site at Huntly offered a varied and challenging six-mile course which was very popular with competitors and organisers alike. David Brose won the comp, and also the 2016 championship with Colin Stevenson (Simbugghini) in second place and Tony Rae (Polaris RZR) in third place. Running a comp (and indeed any event) requires a substantial number of volunteers. To recognise their contribution, a Volunteers' Championship was run, awarding points for assistance provided at each round. The winner was Eck McCormack, by a mere two points from Dean Pugh.

The proposed inter-association cross country event is still very much at the planning stage, with no decision made as to the likely format or venue.

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