



Date: 19 Nov 2013  
Venue: The Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan  
Time: 7.30pm

### **Road Events Discipline Coordinator's Report**

Richard Crozier

Three Championship rounds since the last meeting, including the Inter-Association event. Also an update on other non-Championship road events, and plans for 2014...

#### **Rd 6 – Tundergarth Trophy Nav Rally @ Moffat – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, South of Scotland CC** [www.soscc.co.uk](http://www.soscc.co.uk)

Cancelled. Instead ran as a 12 Car.

Options shall be investigated for next year to minimise the likelihood of a repeat, but enthusiasm remains to make this work, as an event in the South West has significant potential.

#### **Rd 7 – Hairst Nav Rally @ Echt – 24<sup>th</sup> Aug, Stonehaven & District MC** [www.sdmc.co.uk](http://www.sdmc.co.uk)

An entry of 8, though still small, showed an improvement of 33% on last year's event. Frosty road conditions made the going challenging, but all crews made it to the finish in one piece.

The Ford Fiesta of Harry Merry (CSMA) & Ewan Leeming (EUMSC) claimed a narrow victory over Graham Couser (SRC) & Richard Crozier (EUMSC) in their Honda Concerto, after the latter crew misplotted a control near Lumphanan.

#### **Rd 8 – Early Winter Nav Rally @ Kelso – 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov, Border Ecosse CC** **\*\*Inter-Association Event\*\*** [www.borderecosse.com](http://www.borderecosse.com)

Entries were received from 5 Regional Associations, namely SACC, ANICC, EMAMC, ACSMC and AEMC, totalling 16 entries in the National B event, with a further 4 in the supporting 12 Car.

A slippery night in the lanes proved to be challenging, but nonetheless seemed to be largely enjoyed by all. Owen Turner and Bob Blows emerged victorious on just 1m23s of penalties after 198 miles of rallying, with top local crew Sally Skinner (EUMSC) & Ewan Leeming (BECC) in 2<sup>nd</sup> on 6m08s.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Skinner / Leeming, Monty Pearson (BECC) / Ian Maxwell (BECC), and Andy Whittaker (BDMC) / Charlie Tynan (BDMC), SACC claimed its maiden Inter-Association Road Event title, and also defended home glory, following on from AWSMC's victory the last time the event visited Scotland in 2008.

The next Inter-Association is due to be hosted by the Association of North East & Cumbria Car Clubs, in October/November 2014, with possible host events including the Solway Targa, John Robson Navigational, or Illuminations Road Rally.

## **2013 Provisional Championship Standings (after Round 8 of 8)**

### **Expert Driver**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sally Skinner, EUMSC – 43  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Graham Couser, SRC – 42  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Andy Whittaker, BDMC – 28

### **Non-Expert Driver**

1<sup>st</sup> – Neil Thompson, GMSC – 22  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Neil Jones, 750MC – 22

### **Novice Driver**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ross Hughes, EUMSC – 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Donald Urquhart, SLROC – 32

### **Best Club**

1<sup>st</sup> – EUMSC – 54

### **Northern Challenge Driver**

1<sup>st</sup> – Graham Couser, SRC – 42

### **Southern Challenge Driver**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sally Skinner, EUMSC – 43

### **Expert Navigator**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ewan Leeming, EUMSC – 55  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Crozier, GMSC – 54  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Duncan Cameron, SDMC – 29

### **Non-Expert Navigator**

1<sup>st</sup> – Katie Stimpson, EUMSC – 24  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Alan Cowan, GMSC – 22  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Gavin Lloyd, GMSC – 20

### **Novice Navigator**

1<sup>st</sup> – Kirsten Dallas, EUMSC – 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Eilidh Urquhart, SLROC – 32

### **Northern Challenge Navigator**

1<sup>st</sup> – Richard Crozier, GMSC – 54

### **Southern Challenge Navigator**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ewan Leeming, EUMSC – 55

## **Championship Awards @ Glasgow Marriott – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**

A new innovation for this year, harking back to the days of the ESACC Dinner, a championship prizegiving shall take place as part of the Scottish Rally Championship end-of-year bash in the Glasgow Marriott Hotel.

This is expected to be a luncheon event, allowing participants plenty of time to prepare for the evening's festivities. Full details are currently being finalised, and will be announced shortly.

## **Non-Championship Road Events**

South of Scotland CC's Doonhamer Classic Rally out of Dumfries on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep attracted a healthy entry of 29 crews, just narrowly down on the 32 of last year. Archie & Richard Simmons in their MG Midget held off defending event champions Tom Hall & Bob Hargreaves to take the win.

Numerous late-summer and autumn tours also took place, including Argyll C&SCC's Autumn Amble tour on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, Caledonian C&HMSC's Kinghouse Run Glencoe on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, and new Arrochar Alps Challenge on 26<sup>th</sup> October (to raise funds for the Glasgow start to the 2014 Monte Carlo Historic Rally), and Wigton MC's Allerdale Amble and Copeland Canter on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

To round off their Solway Autumn Classic weekend, on 20<sup>th</sup> October Wigton MC also hosted the Solway Historic & Targa Rallies, based out of Rowrah Kart Track near Cockermouth, again won by the MG Midget of Archie Simmonds, this time with Ralph Miller on the maps.

Between now and March, we have the annual visit of the Land's End to John o'Groats (LEJOG) Trial & Tour on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Dec, running from Carlisle to John o'Groats, via Dumries & Galloway, the Rest-and-be-Thankful, and a rest halt at Kyle of Lochalsh. Just days prior, Caledonian C&HMSC shall be heading southwards from John o'Groats (perhaps they missed a trick not tying in with LEJOG?!), towards Glasgow – their John o'Groats Historique on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec acting as a shakedown for those participating in the Glasgow-based events in January, and aiming to re-enact the early days of “the Monte”, when it started from even further north!

The highlight of early next year will be said “Glasgow-based events”, the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique and supporting Runs (including the Run to the Borders, which this time will feature special tests to add a competitive element), which this year is due to depart from the Riverside Museum on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (and as such, might not attract quite as large a crowd as 2013's Sunday departure from the People's Palace).

## 2014 Championship & Challenge Draft Calendars

### Navigational Rally Championship

Date	Event	Club
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Aquarius	Glenrothes MSC
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Nuit Blanche	Edinburgh University MSC
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Gropers	Stonehaven & District MC
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC (Tundergarth?)	TBC (South of Scotland CC?)
TBC May/Jun	Boontree Birl	750 MC Scotland
TBC Aug	Autumn	Highland CC
TBC Sep	Caledonia	Scottish Sporting CC
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Hairst	Stonehaven & District MC
15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Early Winter	Border Ecosse CC

### Historic & Targa Rally Challenge

Date	Event	Club
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Run to the Borders *	Caledonian C&HMSC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Saltire	Saltire RC
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Tour of the Kingdom *	Caledonian C&HMSC
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> May	Berwick	Berwick & District MC
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Nithsdale **	South of Scotland CC / East Ayrshire CC
8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Great Glen	Highland CC
TBC Jul	Lake District	Wigton MC
21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Doonhamer *	South of Scotland CC
TBC Oct	Solway	Wigton MC

\* Historic only

\*\* Targa only