

# Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

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After the second round of the championship, run by STRC promoters, Dunfermline Car Club at Ingliston, on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, reigning champions Ian and Kathryn Forgan are leading the standings after taking a class win. Forgan said, "Ingliston went well, the venue suits our car so I expected it to go well there. We fought really hard to win the championship last year and it's nice to be back in the position of leading it again so early on in the season."

The Forgans are just one point ahead of Paul Ballantyne and Graham Bruce, with Craig Gibson and Chris Lees in third a further four points behind.

Class victory at Ingliston put former Scottish Rally Champion Gary Adam up to fourth in the drivers' standings, one point ahead of Steven Hay, while Lewis MacDougall sits fourth in the navigators' standings, three points clear of Allan William Paterson.

The overall honours of the event went to DCC's own Bruce Edwards/Ashleigh Morris, with Stuart Baillie/Scott Bathgate in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alistair Inglis/Gillian Inglis in 3<sup>rd</sup> after a closely fought battle with under a minute separating the top 3.

Along with the SRC, the Jim Clark Reivers was also a counter in the STRC and we welcome and support the comments raised by Dave Robson in his rally report. We, at Dunfermline Car Club and as promoters of the Scottish Tarmac Championship, are also actively pursuing a higher level of attention to the Health, Safety and Welfare of all those involved in Stage Rallying. Along with the support of Ron Cowan, our Chief Safety Officer, experienced Clerks of Courses and Stewards, DCC is also able to draw on the experience of a number of its own committee who are Health & Safety trained (Nebosh, IOSH).

The next round of the championship took place at Crail Airfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> June with again, like Ingliston, was a full capacity entry of 79. The day was glorious with the only issues being some marshals and spectators suffering a touch of sunburn. Thanks to the Glenrothes Motor Sport Club for running a successful event enjoyed by all those involved. The STRC points table still has to be updated.

The next round in the championship is two-day event will take place at Machrihanish Air Base, near Campbeltown in Argyll and Bute on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July, and to date there are 101 teams entered with the entries closing on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The organisers of the event, Dunfermline Car Club have been overwhelmed with the response and enthusiasm for event from competitors with 66 entries taken with 3 hours of the entries opening. Along with help from many in the rallying world, there is also a lot of support and assistance being offered from the locals in Kintyre for which the club is grateful for, but as many hands make light work there is still room for more, so any other offers of help will be gratefully received, and Dunfermline Car Club hope that this event will be a success and be able to place it on next year's rallying calendar.

**Below was the latest Press Release for the new exciting rally at Machrihanish**

## **It's official . . . . .welcome to the** **Kintyre's inaugural rally is named and event details revealed**



**What's in a name? Everything, and that's why the organisers of the of the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship event at Machrihanish Air Base in Kintyre on July 5 and 6, are delighted to announce the official title of the inaugural event.**

Kintyre's first ever rally will be called Mach1 Stages. The name, which is the brainchild of local school pupil Shona Basset, was chosen from dozens submitted in a contest by the children of Campbeltown High School.

The organisers are also pleased to announce details of the event's entry regulations and scrutineering times for all participating teams. The Kintyre Rally – whose title sponsor is Blue Machinery (Scotland) Ltd – is organised by Dunfermline Car Club (DCC) and Event Co-ordinator and committee member David Hatrick said: "Finally giving what promises to be one of the most popular and prestigious events in the rally calendar an official title, it really feels like we're getting closer to the big weekend.

"We'd like to offer our congratulations to Shona and hope that Mach 1 Stages soon become buzz words and not just locally in Kintyre, as the excitement grows towards the event, but throughout the rally community in Scotland and beyond."

Entries for Mach 1 Stages will open on June 4 with the closing date set for June 21. Scrutineering takes place on July 5, with the first car due onstage 1 at precisely noon. Other details released include:

- Supplementary Regs published 26th May
- Entries open 4th June
- Closing date for entries 21st June
- Final instructions and seeded entries issued 25th June
- Scrutineering 4th July, 16.00 – 19.00
- Scrutineering and documentation 5th July, 08.00 – 11.30
- First car starts 12 noon, 5th July
- First car starts 08.30, 6th July

The organisers along with the landowners have also issued a statement stating that there will be no camping allowed within the venue at any time – with huge crowds expected, competitors and spectators are urged to contact local camp sites, Hotels, B&Bs and guest houses. There will, however, be car parking for the general public, charged £15 per car and £5 per motorbike per day.

If you would like more information on the inaugural Kintyre rally, or would like to keep up with events as the countdown to the big weekend of Rallying begins, you can visit [www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk) or join the growing legion of fans on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/events/183102015219484/>

There are now 104 competitors registered for this year's Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship which is the greatest number for many years and along with the increased entries to many of the events is showing that Scottish Motor Sport is growing in its popularity.

For more information on the Blue Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship visit [www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk). We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the championship sponsors: Blue; Howford Hydraulics; John Young Signs; Grant Construction; Turner Autosport; HQ Vehicle Servicing and Repair; and Wheels Around.

### Blue STRC Drivers' Standings – Round Two

1 – Ian Forgan	Ford Ka	45 points
2 - Paul Ballantyne	Renault Clio Sport	44 points
3 - Craig Gibson	Ford Escort Mk1	40 points
4 – Gary Adam	Ford Escort Mk2	39 points
5 – Steven Hay	Vauxhall Corsa	38 points
6 – Lee Hastings	Subaru Impreza	37 points
7 = Ross Carby	Vauxhall Corsa	33 points
7 = Stuart Paterson	Subaru Impreza	33 points
9 = Keith Meins	Proton Satria	31 points
9 = Fergus Gray	Peugeot 206Gti	31 points

### Blue STRC Navigators' Standings – Round Two

1 –Kathryn Forgan	Ford Ka	45 points
2 - Graham Bruce	Renault Clio Sport	44 points
3 - Chris Lees	Ford Escort Mk1	40 points
4 - Lewis MacDougall	Vauxhall Corsa	39 points
5 –Allan William Paterson	Subaru Impreza	36 points
6 –James McDiarmid	Peugeot 206 Gti	34 points
7 –Kyle Livingstone	Vauxhall Corsa	33 points
8 – Jane Nicol	Vauxhall Corsa	32 points
9 = Gary McDonald	Peugeot 106	30 points
9 = Amanda Burney	Volvo S70	30 points



### 2014 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUNDS

4th Jan	Grant Construction Knockhill Stages
5th April	DCC Stages Ingliston Edinburgh
1st June	Jim Cark (Reivers) Duns (cancelled)
14th June	Crail Summer Stages
5th/6th July	Machrihanish Rally, Kintyre
3rd Aug	Wilkinson Tyneside Stages, Otterburn
9th Aug	Used Car Parts Solway Coast Rally
7th Sep	Stobart Rail Pendragon Stages
10/11/12 Oct	Tunnock's Tour of Mull
1st Nov	Kingdom Stages, Crail

with the Awards ceremony being held again this year at The Grange Manor, Grangemouth on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.