

## **Report by Cross-country co-ordinator**

### **Scottish Cross-country Championship**

The SCCC is a series of competitive safari events co-promoted by the SHRC, SLROC and the SORC. The three clubs share the organisation and financial support for the event. It was agreed between interested parties that a meeting should be held to discuss the way forward, following which a joint statement was issued by Rupert Hine, Chairman of the Scottish Hill Rally Club.

“The Scottish Hill Rally Club, Scottish Land Rover Owners Club and Scottish Off-Road Club, along with representatives of the event organisers and the regional association, met this week to discuss ways to secure the future of, and grow, the SCCC. All three clubs reconfirmed their enthusiasm to run the series of competitive safaris and discussed the best way to support the volunteers who put a tremendous amount of effort into organising each event. All those present were keen to thank all the volunteers who have, and continue to help organise the events.

Plans for this year’s series of events are well advanced with the first event in Scotland at Auchentorlie on 20 April. Arrangements are well advanced and entries open next week, with the organizers planning to send out notifications/invitations for each event by email to those on the mailing list. Please reply promptly to secure your entry! If you are not on the mailing list then please email [scccnews@aol.com](mailto:scccnews@aol.com) to be kept up to date.

The refreshed organising team includes competitor representatives as well as experienced officials, and will help to bring on fresh experience to protect the future of our sport in Scotland”.

### **Comps in 2014**

The first comp in 2014 is being held in Larne, Northern Ireland, on 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March under the auspices of the Northern Ireland all-wheel drive club; a report on this will be submitted to the June SACC meeting.

After Auchentorlie, the other rounds this year are, Callander on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May, Forrest Estate on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June, Driffield on 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August, Bathgate on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September, and the final round on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October at a venue to be decided.

### **Timed Trials**

SLROC are now into their second season of timed trials (a cross between a trial, and a comp safari – think classic car trials, but against the clock!)

Numbers are increasing; that seems to be down to the cost of events: £30 for a Timed Trial (and a couple of litres of fuel), compared with £100 for a weekend’s comp safari (and somewhere in the region of 150 litres of fuel for a V8).

SLROC is still running a 4-round championship, but partly because they run 30+ competitive events over the year; finding free weekends, volunteers and available sites is challenging.

## **CCV and RTV**

These events seem to be run almost exclusively by SLROC these days, with SORC & Tay 4x4 Off-road club more into other areas. SLROC are running 7-round championships, and the events are well attended: numbers for CCVs have increased, while those for RTVs are holding steady.

## **Tyro**

Trials for beginners (and youngsters) are proving to be surprisingly popular, and the main focus for SORC and Tay clubs

## **Car Shows**

The "Modified Live" show at Knockhill has asked SHRC for some help locating suitable 4x4 vehicles – there should be 4 cars attending, on static display as well as giving demonstration runs around the track.

Cross Country has become involved in the Hopetoun House Horse Trials again – as marshals. Members of SLROC provide track-side marshals, and in return get to put up a club stand in the busy exhibitors' area - a useful way to promote the club.

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