



News Update

Hi

It's been a strange start to the year, yes I know it's May already but the weeks have just flown by this year. Now you may be thinking the committee have all been sitting about doing nothing..... correct.....well we were sitting quite a bit but not with any form of idleness.

Sadly we have had to make a number of changes to the Club. So to avoid confusion the following details will be useful;

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John Wood

It was with great sadness that we had to report the death of John Wood our Treasurer and Membership Secretary by e mail last week. As many of you know John had been gravely ill for some time.

John was one of the founding members of the Saltire Rally Club, and had held these positions since the inception of the club. He carried on with his duties throughout his illness with dignity and his very particular eye for detail. John was also events secretary for most of the club's events.

Somewhere in the order of 16 club members were able to attend the funeral in Durham Crematorium, which in good rallying form was early in the day and followed by bacon rolls.

Our thoughts are of course with Joan, Lindsay and Catherine and the rest of the family, but equally they ask we remember all the fun times we had with John. So;

I remember when

John came by train to pick up a 96 that we had built him as a road rally car. I remember the look of joy, the gurgles of exclamation (he insisted I drove) as we bowled along the road, the panic on other drivers faces as the reflection from John's grin threatened to blind oncoming traffic.....and yes the squeal of delight, or was that panic, as we took a roundabout at a very non PC rate.....

Events

The start of the 2010 season saw the weather playing a principle role in creating havoc for competitors and organisers of The Johnson Trophy, The Hangover Rally and the Saltire Classic Rally.

The Johnson Trophy eventually managed to run 3 weeks later than planned however overnight snow on the Friday added to ice and slush on the already frozen ground. Some old tests and the inclusion of new tests caused problems for some competitors, with Saltire club members competing for prizes.

Andy Smith and Ali Proctor in their MK 2 Escort beat Archie and Richard Simmonds in their MG Midget into second place, with William Thompson Senior and Junior in third place, Drive of the event went to Sue and Tom Hind in their Fiat 127.

Saltire Classic Rally - New Date - 14th November 2010

February's snow saw club officials having to make the very difficult decision to postpone the event until November. This was due to the snow being in excess of 1 metre deep on some of the test venues, the access road only being passable with extreme care in 4 X 4s, leaving little chance for the Imps and Midgets!. Also the distances some crews were travelling, including Ireland and the south of England had to be taken into account.



The event will now however start from the Moness Resort in Aberfeldy. The route and tests remain the same. The work required to postpone an event was a bit more than we had realised, but with help from the MSA and RSAC we got there.

Berwick Classic Rally

May 1st saw the running of this ever-popular event, run this year from Beal in Northumberland. Fifty crews started on Saturday afternoon for two days of regularities, navigation and a series of tests designed to test the driving skills matched with the navigator's note and diagram reading.

Thankfully the weather proved to be kind to crews and did not add to their problems. Crews had to contend with tests on a variety of surfaces and test venues of long grass, gravel and tarmac. The finish at Whitekirk Golf Club saw 1st position going to the crew of father and son Archie and Richard Simmonds in their MG Midget, 2nd place to Dave Marsden and Mike Garstang in their Cortina GT and 3rd place went to Andrew and Jake Burns in their Escort Mexico. David and Dan Lewis and the Thompsons in their Avenger took 4th and 5th places consecutively with Noel Cochrane and Ollie McCollum taking the Sporting Modified Trophy. All Saltire club members



Craig Wallace Motorsport

Craig has been extending his repertoire in the Co Drivers seat and this year is pursuing the Scottish Stage Championship in a Subaru Impreza with Mark McCulloch of Newton Stewart. Also he is doing the British Rally Championship and the M Sport Trophy UK Championship in a Fiesta ST with John Boyd of Edinburgh. The step up to International level in the British Championship has tested his metal but he has shown excellent form. See www.craigwallacemotorsport.co.uk for stories and images from these championships. See short video of Pirelli International Rally at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OskWMKOHnDg>

Perth Motorsport Show

The Club has teamed up with Dave Lauder to promote the Perth Motor Sport Show. Held in the Dewars Centre Perth the show will encompass displays from a variety of motor sport disciplines. The show will be on Sunday 20th June. See www.perthmotorsportshow.co.uk for more details



Perth Motorsport Show
Scotland's Premier Motorsport show

20th June 2010 – Dewars Centre Perth



Forthcoming Events

Kenmore Kaper

Sunday 4th July, a run, barbeque, tests and display in Kenmore, more details to follow

Aberfeldy Amble

Date to be confirmed.

Road Rallies

Stobs Classic	13/06/2010
Lake District Classic	04/07/2010
Devils own	14/08/2010
Durham Dales	05/09/2010
North East 25,	30/10/2010
Saltire Classic Rally	14/11/2010

See www.NESCRO.co.uk for more details

Stage Rallies

See www.scottishrallychampionship.co.uk for details of the Scottish Rally Championship

See www.strc.co.uk/ for details of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

See www.rallybrc.co.uk/ for details of the British Rally Championships

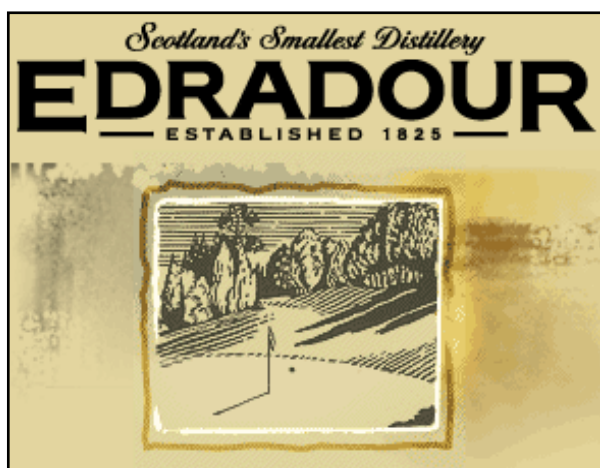
Reports from the Stages

The club has over the years seen a number of our number move on from the club core of Road Rallying to Stage Rallying. A goodly number are out on the Jim Clark Rally this weekend. See www.jimclarkrally.com/ for entry list in the various formats of the event.

Editors Excuses

I am sorry for the lateness of this newsletter but an excess of work has prevented me from competing and collecting news to pass on, I hope to have a juicier newsletter in July with up to date photos and not ones from stock. Please email me at teithside@yahoo.com with any articles or photos for the next issue.

Cheers, Austin



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