



CARS Association Of North East Midland Motor Clubs Road Rally Championship 2007

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ROUND 6 – THE DRYSTONE RALLY 21st-22nd July 2007

ORGANISING CLUB – Mid Derbyshire MC

The Drystone Rally had 44 entries with 8 ANEMMC drivers and 13 ANEMMC navigators starting once again from Carsington Water Near Ashbourne. I was not amongst the entries this year. The rally promised a route of 132 miles, with a 9 mile run out, with 87 competitive miles and just over 20 miles of whites featuring some new roads which have not been used before all on maps 110 & 119.

Top ANEMMC seeds were car 2 of Dan Robinson/Ian Gibbins with Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon in car 3. Stan Featherstone/Mike Ogram were car 5, car 9 was navigated by Stewart Merry and Ade Green/Kev Wilson were 10th. 1st Experts were Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien running at car 16 with Graham & Peter Reeson 2nd ANEMMC Experts at car 20 and John Hill/Mike Pears car 22. Car 25, navigated by Paul Taylor didn't start so Paul signed on to marshal. Annette Pashley/Sasha Herriot were 1st seeded ANEMMC Novices at car 29, car 34 navigated by John Turnbull was a non starter and Amanda Twilley was navigating in car 41.

At ITC20 amongst the fastest were cars 2, 3, 9, 11 and 16 all clean and Amanda Twilley fastest ANEMMC Novice on 4m23s. At ITC22 it was a different matter though with Stewart Merry being the fastest ANEMMC contender on 18s, next quickest ANEMMC was Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon 6th fastest on 52s with Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien 7th fastest ANEMMC Experts on 58s. Fastest ANEMMC Novices were Annette Pashley/Sasha Heriot on 4m45s

ITC24 followed with Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien cleaning it with Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon & Dan Robinson/Ian Gibbins 3rd fastest on 7s. Fastest ANEMMC Novices were once again Annette Pashley/Sasha Heriot on 2m15s. On ITC28 most of the top crews cleaned the section but ITC31 proved more difficult with everyone dropping at least a couple of minutes, Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon and Stewart Merry fastest both on 2m10s with Dan Robinson/Ian Gibbins the next quickest ANEMMC crew on 3m15s. Fastest Experts were once again Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien on 3m20s and fastest Novices were Annette Pashley/Sasha Heriot on 7m53s.

The last competitive section of the night ITC37 saw Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon fastest on 17s with Stewart Merry 2nd quickest on 24s, fastest Experts were Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien on 1m4s and fastest Novices were Annette Pashley/Sasha Heriot on 4m50s.

At the end of the night Stewart Merry had won, being fastest on both timecards with 3m7s of penalties. A close 2nd place went to Guy Robinson/Charlie Wheeldon on 3m26s with Dean Pearson/Ross O'Brien 4th overall on 5m22s. 6th overall was Dan Robinson/Ian Gibbins on 7m24s with Stan Featherstone/Mike Ogram 9th on 10m49s and Ade Green/Kev Wilson rounding off the top ten on 11m17s. Fastest ANEMMC Novices were Annette Pashley/Sasha Heriot 20th overall and 4th in class on 36m58s.

Commiserations to Graham and Peter Reeson retiring.

Overall impressions were of yet another good rally enjoyed by those who entered with only one section being lost due to the water.

The Championship tables are included, please look at them and let me know if you did indeed marshal or not. With people starting to drop scores from now on the tables need to be accurate....so please check them for mistakes. Throughout the year the most up-to-date Championship tables will be found on the www.anemmc.org website.

Assuming the tables are correct then the Navigators Championship is becoming tight at the top. Ian Gibbins leading on 172 points from Mike Ogram on 167 and Paul Taylor on 144. Ian still has to marshal for another 30 points which will drop the 26 low score and Paul, having rolled out of the Ryemoor could do with another decent score to replace his single point on that round.

Ross O'Brien's leading the Novice Navigators ahead by one point from Sasha Heriot on 120 and 119 points respectively although Ross only has 5 scores to count so far and Sasha hasn't got any marshalling points yet but is leading the Ladies Championship from Rhiannon Blythe on 110 points with Rhiannon on 5 scores also having to marshal.

The Drivers Championship is also very close, Stan Featherstone's leading with 168 points from 6 scores including marshalling with Ade Green also on 6 scores and a marshal score on 163 points. Dan Robinson is 3rd on 5 scores and no marshalling points with 143, a 30 point marshalling score would put him on top of the points.

Dean Pearson's 4th on 122 points from 5 scores and marshalling points leading the Novice championship from Annette Pashley on 105 points. Annette needing the 30 point marshalling score to add to her 5 scores already. So there's all to play for at the moment.

FUTURE EVENTS:-

ROUND 7 – THE AB MOTORSPORT RALLY 13th-14th October 2007

ORGANISING CLUB – Matlock MC

A note from the organizers:-

A warm welcome to Matlock Motor Club's AB Motorsport Rally, sponsored once again by Andy Baker of AB Motorsport. Our sincere thanks go to Andy and his team for supporting 'grass roots' motorsport.

Despite a break in 2006, this event is well established in the local road rally calendar and, as with all Matlock Road Rallies, it should provide an enjoyable yet demanding route and no-nonsense navigation. This year sees some interesting route variations using a few of Derbyshire's challenging Peak District roads coupled with those very tricky lanes in South Yorkshire and then the rarely rallied terrain in east Derbyshire and west Nottinghamshire. Something for everyone!

This year the event is a round of the ANCC Championship for the first time and we wholeheartedly welcome these contenders. Also it will be the final round of the new and exciting EMAMC Peak Trophy so there should be much to play for!

Following our success in previous years in raising substantial amounts to local charities we are operating a similar venture on this year's 'AB'. The chosen charity will be the County Air Ambulance – do please try to make a contribution to this worthy cause when you complete your entry.

Finally we will need many marshals for this event – if we don't get them then unfortunately some sections may need to get scrubbed. So please help us to help you by nominating one (or more) marshals on your entry form. Thanks in anticipation. Have a good night's sport!

ROUND 8 – THE AUTUMN MIST RALLY 20th-21st October 2007

ORGANISING CLUB – Mablethorpe & DMC

A note from the Organisers:-

Mablethorpe & District Motor Club is renowned for providing value for money events and this year's Autumn Mist Rally is no exception. We have listened to competitors' views of the last event in 2005 and aim to prove with this event that a good night's sport in Lincolnshire is worthwhile, enjoyable and achievable. All navigation will comply with East Midlands standards. Simple straightforward and with no tricks to catch you out. There will be some pre-plot/marked maps, some plot and bash and some "semi pre-plot" as handouts will cover several controls allowing navigators to get much of the route on the map in neutral sections or while waiting at controls. There will be some of the classic Lincolnshire lanes and several new ones for you to explore with the usual smattering of whites (approx 6 miles) and an airfield to test the skills of both driver and navigator. The route has been traversed in a standard car with no difficulty, but for those of the more "press on" persuasion a sump guard would be advisable. Please remember that our sport continues through the goodwill of those householders and landowners along the route.

We look forward to receiving your entry and hope you have an exciting night's sport

THE INTER ASSOCIATION RALLY – NAVIGATIONAL RALLY 27th-28th October 2007

ORGANISING CLUB – C.S.M.A./Clitheroe

This year's Inter-Association Road Rally is on the weekend of the 27th-28th October and being in Clitheroe is almost next door.....well in comparison to previous years it is anyway!

We, as an Association, are looking for a 3 car team to enter from the ANEMMC. Entry fees will of course be paid by the Association. With any luck we'll have 3 crews willing to compete in honour of the Association.

This is the only Inter-Association event that the ANEMMC enter so please let me know if you'd like to have a go on our behalf.

There seems to be a shortage of navigators so may I suggest that anyone who needs either a driver or a navigator for future events uses the www.anemmc.org website for this purpose.

Finally if anyone would rather receive their bulletins via email then send me an email with this request and I'll send it that way instead.