



**SCOTTISH TARMACK
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**



Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship

Round 5 Dunoon Presents-Argyll Rally pre-event Report

Round 5 of the 2026 Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship is the Dunoon Presents-Argyll Rally. Based in Dunoon on the Cowal Peninsula, the crews will compete on over 60 miles of challenging closed road stages, on both Friday night and on Saturday. With many of our regular registered competitors taking a break from this one, it promises a further shake-up of the points tables as we head towards the mid-way point of the season.

This event is also the first round of the West Coast Challenge which is awarded to the highest placed driver & co-driver upon successful completion of the 3 West Coast Events, Argyll Stages, Mach1 Stages and Mull26.

We wish everybody a safe and enjoyable event and thank all event and championship sponsors for their support. Here is what some of the STRC registered crews had to say before making the journey "doon the watter":

Car 10 Ian Forgan/Ewan Lees (Ford Fiesta Rally 2) are leading the STRC charge, Ian "really hoping that he doesn't crash or break his car this time".

With Kenny Wood/Greg Halfpenny and Ben MacDowall/John Shephard sitting this one out, could it be time for **Ollie Forrester, with Ian MacDougall alongside, (Car 44 - Citroen C2 R2 Max)** to take the lead in the Driver's Overall Championship? Ollie reports that he is anticipating "just another weekend of learning and building pace".

Car 41 - John Marshall/Craig Wallace (BMW E30 M3) will be looking for a clean run, manoeuvring the big BMW around the tight, narrow roads and favouring warm and dry conditions - but not too warm.

Car 42 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson (Vauxhall Nova) are back out together in the Nova for the first time this year and are also hoping for a clean run - nice and tidy - no heroics. Both are currently out of overall points contention but have a great opportunity to gain some ground in the class positions.

Car 49 - Steven Street/Robert Wood (Ford Escort Mk2) are not chasing points this year, just going for a steady run and hoping to finish after a couple of previous failed attempts.

Car 55 - Jamie Miller/Ian McCulloch (Ford Escort Mk2) have the car all prepped and it's looking awesome! First time out this year so they are just looking to get into a bit of a rhythm on Friday night. Saturday will suit better as Jamie isn't a fan of the dark so just wants to get through the night and settled for the Saturday stages. They are really looking forward to the event, and as they've never finished it, they just want to get over the finish line on Saturday for a major accomplishment.

Car 57 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin Maccabe (Subaru Impreza) report that the car has "had a cuddle" after the Reivers issue, when the clutch slave cylinder broke off the gearbox casing. Both crew love the Argyll, "wonderful stages, just need to be fast out of the gate on Friday, to be still in the hunt on Saturday".

Car 66 - Laurence Knight/Jorja Campbell (Suzuki Swift GTi) hope to continue the pace from the Reivers and are looking forward to the night stages. Laurence also reports he'd like some wet weather (be careful what you wish for Laurence!) to make them more competitive against the more powerful engined competitors. "A finish is the main aim and if the car is trouble free, then a finish should mean a good result!" It's Jorja's first time on night stages and first time sitting with Laurence but she is excited for it.

Car 72 - Allan Young/Charlie MacKenzie (Citroen C2 R2 Max) are looking to continue where they left off on the Jim Clark, as they felt they were getting into a good rhythm, recognising though that the stages on Argyll are a lot different.

Car 79 - Wattie Warwick/Darrell Clark (Peugeot 206 GTi) are hoping to repeat their performance on the Jim Clark at The Argyll, with it being a favourite event for both.

Car 84 - Marc McCubbin/Leesa Watson (Vauxhall Corsa) Leesa is looking forward to the weekend, sitting in with Marc who's obviously had a midlife crisis and realised its more fun being inside the car than under it! It's his first time doing the event, so they are just out to have some fun and a good hurl round the stages!

Car 98 - Fraser McCurdie/Hayden Brown (Rover Mini) report that following the disappointment of withdrawing from the Jim Clark the day before the rally with a gearbox issue it was all hands-on deck to get the engine out, gearbox stripped and problem diagnosed and repaired in only 3 weeks. Fraser says "I really can't thank my dad enough for running here, there and everywhere to collect parts and drop parts off, as well as countless days and nights in the garage working on the car". He can confirm after a "small run round the block" that everything looks good and we are looking forward to my favourite event of the year. I really enjoy the night stages for some strange reason. We also have a new navigator for the weekend in Hayden Brown; he's just turned 17 and despite doing his fair share of single venues this will be his first event on notes and road book and he's buzzing for it".

Good luck everyone! Thanks Fiona

Our thanks again to Fiona Moir for extracting information from STRC registered competitors, and we encourage all registered competitors to contact her and share their event news fiona.moir7@gmail.com which can be shared with the motorsport community.

Carnegie Fuels Gold Card STRC £250 Tyre Voucher 2025

A reminder that all competitors registered for the Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship who start each event will be entered into a draw for a Carnegie Fuels £250 Tyre Voucher, so keep your eyes out on the STRC facebook page for the announcement of the lucky winner.

Round 6 Air Tech Integrity Mach1 Stages, Machrihanish 11th/12th July

Regulations are now published and the entry system is open for this great rally at this iconic venue [Mach1 Stages](#)

The event offers competitors over 90 stage miles over the 2 days, with a splendid carvery on offer on the Saturday evening in the Officers Mess at the base and a chance to meet up with marshals, officials, competitors and locals. Look forward to seeing many of you at this popular event in beautiful Mull of Kintyre.

Round 7 Pendragon Stages, Warcop 2nd August

Regulations are published and the entry system is now open for this popular event. Details on the event and links can be found on the web site <http://www.pendragonstages.co.uk/>

It's still not too late to register for the Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship and you'll find all details on the Championship on www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk including [STRC event links](#) Another great source of STRC information including event reports can be accessed on Sportity password **STRC24**

Should you have any queries in any way please feel free to drop an email to strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and one of the team will come back you.

Round 5	19th/20th June	Dunoon Presents-Argyll Rally	Route Notes	www.argyllrally.co.uk
Round 6	11th/12th July	Mach 1 Stages , Machrihanish	Single venue	www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk
Round 7	2nd Aug	Pendragon Stages, Warcop	Route Notes	www.pendragonstages.co.uk
Round 8	5th Sept	Memorial Garden Stages, Condor	Single venue	www.condormsc.co.uk
Round 9	9th/11th Oct	Mull26, Mull	Route Notes	www.mullcarclub.co.uk
Round 10	31 st Oct	Autosave Components Winter Stages, Kinloss	Single venue	www.condormsc.co.uk
Round 11	6th Nov	KVR Kingdom Stages, Crail	Single Venue	www.glenrothes-msc.com