



**SCOTTISH TARMACK
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**



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Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship

Air Tech Integrity Crail Stages post-event Report

A promising start weather-wise for the Airtech Integrity Summer Stages at Crail, the circuit bathed in sunshine for Scrutineering on the Friday. Unfortunately, it didn't last and Saturday dawned typically cloudy and cool, turning to drizzle, making tyre choice tricky and the stages slippery, until weak sunshine during the day changed the conditions yet again. **Alan Carmichael/Keir Beaton** came out in top spot, closely followed by **Greg Inglis/Ella Tyson** and in third place **Owen Paterson/Alice Paterson**. Virtually a clean sweep of the top 5 from Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Championship registered competitors. **Kenny Wood/Greg Halfpenny** hang on to their overall placings, and comfortable Class 5 lead in the points tables, but with all three of the top three overall placings missing from the Argyll Rally Seeded Entry List, it could be a chance for others to make a credible push for overall honours.

Aileen Forrest and Alan Carmichael are now equal leaders of Class 1 Drivers, and Ben MacDowall tops Class 3 by 9 points. Class 7 leader is Ollie Forrester, Class 9 Thomas Milne leads from Connor Black by 7 points. It's no less competitive in the Co-Drivers' tables with 10 points between John Shepherd and Stephen Clark in Class 3, and a battle between Jess Jamieson and Gail Whyte for the Class 7 lead. Duncan Daun comfortably leads in Class 9.

Here is what some of the STRC registered competitors had to say after the event:

Car 1 - Alan Carmichael/Keir Beaton - 1st overall

We had a great day, we lead from, and won all from the first stage. I was expecting to have big competition from the others and was surprised by the speed I had on the left hand drive new car. By the last stage the others where defo getting quicker. It was a great rally with fast stages this year.

Car 2 - Greg Inglis/Ella Tyson - 2nd overall

Greg reports he was a bit rusty on the first stage, managed to get back in a good pace and the best stage for us was probably the last where he felt fully confident in the car. Hoping to be back to do some more events this year.

Car 3 - Owen Paterson/Alice Paterson - 3rd overall

Had a mega day out, a nip and tuck battle between us, Lee Hastings, and Ben MacDowall. Fastest and hardest day I've had in a rally car, a few hairy moments, but a few laughs too!

Car 4 - Ben MacDowall/John Shepherd - 5th overall

Enjoyed my first time out at Crail. Ben pushed the BMW hard and we were chuffed to come away with the result we got considering the hot pace and machinery out to play!

Car 6 - Kenny Wood/Greg Halfpenny - 6th overall

Delighted with their day and their haul of championship points.

Car 10 - Ricky Wheeler/Adam Miller - 9th overall

Had a drama free day and were delighted with their top-ten finish.

Car 37 Ollie Forrester/Cameron Morrison - 12th overall

Had a very mixed day, an issue with Ollie's license before the start, meant we ran at the back. We were 4th quickest on stage 1, then got a nominal time on the red flagged Stage 2. Burst the radiator on Stage 3, patched up radiator and had a good run through Stages 4+5!

Car 23 - Bill Hamilton/Jorja Campbell - 14th overall

Really enjoyed the event and had an amazing run out with a clean day and no issues at all. Delighted with the result and how everything came together. Thanks to everyone involved and looking forward to the next one.

Car 16 Kevin Paris/Gavin Paris - 15th overall

Finally, we had a trouble-free event. Being seeded car 16 put us out with the fastest cars of the STRC. We were happy that we would see the top flight flying past us on stage. We had great battles with Billy Hamilton and Jorja Campbell on every stage. Now looking forward to Mach1 for what we hope will be a great weekend of competition. Thanks to all the marshals and organisers to make Crail happen.

Car 35 - Richard Sykes/Richard Wardle - 16th overall

We had a great day and despite getting a notional time when stage 2 was red flagged, we still managed 16th overall. Thanks also to Stephen (Skelly) Skelton for helping us with service, as Mr Sykes was too tight to arrange anyone for service. Our biggest problem on the day was putting up the ex-works Suzuki tent. I think we would still be there now if it wasn't for the guys who helped us out

Car 25 - Adam Horne/Davie Falconer 20th overall

Adam was driving with a lot more confidence. Going great and passing few car on the way. The Red flag on SS2 scuppered our result a bit, but we really enjoyed the day

Car 29 - Thomas Milne/Thomas Purvin - 23rd overall

Couldn't decide which way the weather was going, but after a steady stage 1 finding the limits of the new car, we opened it up and finished with a great position for our second class win of the season. Brilliant fun, big thanks to everyone involved and well done to all the competitors

Car 24 - Duncan Ferguson/Jamie McQue 28th overall

The stages were nice and fast and we had a good day. Thankfully the weather held out. Thanks to all the organisers and Marshalls for putting on a good event Looking forward to Mach 1 now.

Car 57 - Andrew Irving/Reg Irving - 30th overall

We had a clean, uneventful run, although we feel we should have been one place higher overall, and in class, due to a car missing a spilt but then getting its stage max changed to a notional time. That's rallying!

Car 11 - Aileen Forrest/John Forrest

Aileen found Crail to be a really difficult event this time. Went out on wrong tyres on SS1 meaning zero confidence and a bad time. The car was all over the place, no grip whatsoever. Started to climb up the ranks but had an incident on the second loop that damaged the car - it turned out someone had run into the back of us which nearly tipped me over. SS4 got a better result, but had a puncture in SS5 so lost a lot of places with that. Disappointing, but tbh haven't had a puncture for a long time so my turn that weekend. Ended up winning my class in the end, so that was a nice surprise. Brilliantly run event. Went like clockwork all down to the organisers and marshals.

Car 45 - Alfie Letham/Craig Wallace

Co-driver was a bit tired after a long trip home from Rally Barbados, but Alfie had the heat turned up in the car so I felt like I was still in Barbados! It was a good clean run in the Junior spec Citigo. Alfie drove well and made up the time in the corners to balance the lack of power for the straights. I had a easy day, weighing down my side of the car.

Car 41 - Brian Fraser/Gail Whyte

A day full of laughs, although we didn't make life easy for ourselves. Did a "show off donut" in front of the Spectator Area on SS1 and picked up an uncharacteristic puncture for our efforts. The SS2 notional time added to our woes but the old Avenger kept battling on and we made it to the finish!

Car 12 - Stephen Donnelly/Stephen Miller

A good rally with a new co driver Stephen. We were sitting in good position going into the final stage but a few minutes into the stage and a bonnet pin broke and we ended up losing the bonnet luckily it was fibreglass and rapidly left the scene! But after that we must've had brain fog or something and we came in a lap too early. That kind of messed our standing for the day but hey we had a good day!

Car 8 - Peter O'Neill/Eamonn Boyle

Our day was not plain sailing, but worked our way through the niggles on the car. Happy with how things are going with Argyll prep, where we go again!

Car 30 Ross Carbry/Jess Jamieson

We had a lot of work to do after doing a wee bit of damage on the Jim Clark. Another issue after the Jim Clark was random loss of fuel pressure which I had tried to rectify for Crail. After starting Stage 1 we soon realised the issue was still there and it stopped us on the stage for quite some time but we managed get it running again to get out of the stage. We then had an ignition problem where it kept switching off and, stopping us several times on Stage 2. Stage 3 we broke a shaft three corners in but on Stages 4 and 5 we had a reasonable run and enjoyed it although the low fuel pressure kept threatening to stop us on the stage again so we were just thankful for a finish.

Car 53 - Connor Black/Duncan Daun

Our rally weekend kicked off with a masterclass in stationary aerodynamics on Stage 1 when our clutch decided to opt out of its contract on the way to the start line, leaving us roaring the engine at a blistering zero miles per hour! Thankfully, after some frantic spanner-wielding and questionable engineering in the service park, we had the car sorted for the remaining four stages and immediately activated Maximum Fun Mode. A good and fun day rallying albeit issues on the way to stage 1.

Car 47 - Leonard Jones/Harry Woods

Not of our better rallies as we took a couple of stage maximums after a bolt holding the rear axle on broke and went for a walk. The other maximum was the driver's fault for not listening to the navigator and going the wrong way at the split ! Last two stages were clean and enjoyed them. Thanks to the chap that gave us a bolt to fix the car and keep us in the event.

Car 22 - William Pollock/John Marshall

Not quite the ending we had hoped for on the Air-Tech Crail Stages. After steady progress throughout the day and sitting comfortably inside the Top 20 going into the final stage, we broke a stub axle on the final loop and were left with only 'three wheels on the wagon'. As the saying goes "that's rallying" but it did leave us both bitterly disappointed. Thankfully, damage to the car itself was minimal but it will require some major surgery to the front suspension and brakes."

Car 39 - Stuart Bannatyne/Fiona Moir

A "new car day" for both crew. Stage 1 went well, no issues, a red flag incident on Stage 2 gave us a notional time, and then on Stage 3, at the narrowest part of the stage, the alternator decided it had had enough and the car ground to a halt. A hasty, and in the co-drivers case, an undignified exit via the driver's door followed. No suitable replacement alternator to be found, we had to put the car on the trailer and head for home.

Car 55 - Andrew Gray/Darren Christie

One of those character building days! Severe lack of power and major misfire saw us putting the car on the trailer before the last stage. Faults diagnosed and fixed, hopefully a better run at Mach 1!

Well done, everyone who finished and we will see you down in Dunoon for The Argyll Rally!

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.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Dunoon on the 19th June for the Dunoon Presents-Argyll Stages, and as always, we thank all our championship for their support and anybody pre-event, requiring championship decals, or to register for the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, contact strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and a reminder that event is also the first round of the Championship 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.

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