



Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages Rally pre-event report

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,

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Back to where we began going into the last round of the STRC. The crews head to Kinloss in Moray for the Autosave Components Winter Stages Rally, being organised again by Condor MSC, hoping the weather is a little kinder (and drier) than it was in March. It's close at the top of the overall points table with only 1 point separating 1st and 2nd Driver and 2 points separating 1st and 2nd Co-driver. All four are competing at this event so it's all to play for!

Look forward to hearing all about your adventures at the final round in the Championship, and remember remember to display the Championship decals. No decals, no points. Trix will be at scrutineering on Friday afternoon for anyone requiring decals message her on 07967 178411

Here is what some of the competing crews had to say:

Car 3 - Barry Groundwater/Rachel Matheson - Mitsubishi Evo 6

Hope it is a fine day! (A man of few words!)

Car 7 - Kyle Adam/Fiona Moir - Ford Escort Mk2

Getting back into the groove after a break away from competing, Kyle is keen to give Kinloss a go, having heard so much about it. Fiona is keen to get to the finish and hopefully steal the Overall Co-Driver's crown.

Car 10 - Steven Smith/Cameron Fair - BMW

After realising that the Mk2 Escort isn't going to be fixed this year, Ian McEwan has kindly offered the BMW 1 Series to us to use as a test. Only having driven it briefly at a recent test day it will be interesting to see how it compares with the Mk2. Really enjoyed this venue earlier in the year so hoping for a good run.

Car 16 - Ben MacDowall/John Shephard - BMW

John jumping back into the navigator's seat for this one. Just got to get the car to stop cutting out and we will be good to go! It is certainly going to be down to the wire for the championship!

Car 20 - Ricky Wheeler/Andrew Side - Ford Escort Historic

A big weekend looming at Kinloss for us. Need the class win, but the long straights don't suit a historic car. Hopefully the gearbox issues are now sorted and we'll see what happens!

Car 23 - Simon Jennings/Gary Bates - Vauxhall Nova

Glad to be back out after our problems at Mach 1. Turned out to be a porous inlet on the cylinder head so in the end the cylinder head had to be replaced (with thanks to Bill Falconer). Hoping to get a finish and a decent result in the championship. We've had a fantastic time this year and met lots of new friends!

Car 24 - Alan Wallace/Amie Wallace - Ford Escort

Looking forward to this event and hoping for a clean run.

Car 30 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson - Vauxhall Nova

Hoping for a similar day as we had at Crail, and with some more points in the bag to complete our year.

Car 39 - Ian McEwan/Craig Forsyth - Ford Escort

Delighted to have the "one and only" Potter back in the car for a guest appearance. Will hopefully get some driving tips!

Car 42 - Gavin Lloyd/Martin Maccabe - Vauxhall Nova

Looking forward to the event as have never experienced 10 mile stages in a Nova before! Always enjoy trying to find our way round, and still in with a chance of a podium in the championship, so looking for a good run.

Car 46 - Bobby MacDonald/Iona Johnstone-Gibb - Subaru Impreza

Hoping to get a decent finish after 3 DNFs at this venue, so fourth time lucky!

Car 50 - Thomas Milne/Neil Jeffrey - MG

Can't wait! Looking forward to getting back on tarmac after my first season spent on gravel in the MG3 Rally Challenge where I finished 3rd.

Car 51 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson - MG

Car is on the ramp and almost prepped for Kinloss. Pressure is on for a good finish with Rebecca currently leading the Co-Driver Championship by 2 points. I can already feel the pencil in my ribs!

Car 52 - Martyn Douglas/Mark Thurley - Ford Fiesta R2

Hoping that the car will be back together and running for Kinloss, but it will be a close call with parts having to come from Poland!

Car 53 - Fletcher Falconer/Ian Murray - Ford Fiesta ST150

Looking forward to heading North for the final round. Keen to push on from the start and hopefully get a clean run. This will be young Fletcher's 10th rally too!

Car 55 - John O'Kane/Meghan O'Kane - Ford Escort Mk2

Back in the co-driver's seat with Dad. His engine went at Crail so he is putting another one in just now. Fingers crossed that goes OK!

(Dad/John thinks that Meghan is back where she should be - presumably because she beat him at Crail!)

Car 61 - Brian Fraser/Iain Thorburn - Hillman Avenger Tiger

It's been a while since this pair were in the Avenger together. Hopefully the Co-Driver will get further round than his last outing here! Beefy will keep him right!

Car 62 - Colin Christie/Gail Whyte - Suzuki

So excited to get back to Kinloss and see where our championship positions end up. Never thought it would be this close or exciting when we signed up in March.

Fiona Moir

on behalf of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

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A reminder that all competitors registered for the Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship who start each event will be entered into a draw for a Carnegie Fuels £250 Tyre Voucher, with the final draw taking place at the Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages this Saturday.

With 9 rounds now completed the leader board is as follows;

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1 st OA driver Ben MacDowall	Class 4 98 points	1 st OA Co-driver Rebecca Wilson	Class 1	83 points
2 nd OA driver Ricky Wheeler	Class 3 97 points	2 nd OA Co-driver Fiona Moir	Class 2,3,5	81 points
3 rd OA driver James Wilson	Class 1 79 points	3 rd OA Co-driver Martin Maccabe	Class 1,5	76 points

Class Leaders after round 9 is as follows

Class 1 driver Gavin Lloyd	60 points	Class 1 Co-driver Gordon Clark	51 points
Class 2= driver Peter O'Neil	47 points	Class 2 Co-driver Eilidh Williamson	67 points
Class 2= driver David McIntyre	47 points		
Class 3 driver Simon Jennings	68 points	Class 3 Co-driver Ian Murray	73 points
Class 4 driver Steven Smith	62 points	Class 4 Co-driver Daniel Johnstone	49 points
Class 5 driver Barry Groundwater	74 points	Class 5 Co-driver Ashleigh Will	57 points

2024 STRC Awards ceremony 18th January 2025 Grange Manor, Falkirk

The Championship Organising team look forward to welcoming award winners, marshals, officials and those who have supported the Championship and events throughout the 2024 season at the Awards Ceremony being held on the 18th January 2025 at the Grange Manor, Falkirk.

The STRC would like to thank Burnside Piling, Carnegie Fuels and all our co-sponsors for their valued and continued support into 2024. Should you have any queries in any way please feel free to drop an email to strc@dunfermlincarcub.co.uk and one of the team will come back you.