



**SCOTTISH TARMACK
RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**



Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship

KVR Motorsport Stages pre-event Report

Following on from the cancellation of the Jim Clark Reivers Rally in the aftermath of the tragic accident that claimed the life of co-driver Dai Roberts on the Jim Clark Rally, the Championship now moves on to Round 5 and a trip to Crail in the East Neuk of Fife.

Ahead of the event here are some thoughts from some of the STRC crews taking part.

Car 6 - Ben MacDowall/Alan Scott (BMW 130i)

Really looking forward to the event! We've got Alan Scott's singing to look forward to from the silly seat whilst trying to keep up with 4wd's seeded ahead of us!

Car 7 - Des Campbell/Rhys Donaldson (Peugeot 206)

Pleased it's only one day, and not two at good old Crail. Hopefully we'll get a good run. Doing a wee bit development so hopefully it doesn't cost me any bother.

Car 8 - Chris Thompson/Pete Gibson (Ford Escort)

Making the long journey up from England and hoping to make some progress up the points tables.

Car 9 - Joe McKeand/Charlotte McDowall

Looking forward to the weekend! Still got a power steering issue but hopefully will have it fixed for then! Manifesting some sunshine!

Car 18 - Peter O'Neill/ Eilidh Williamson (Vauxhall Nova)

Looking forward to our day and hopefully some points for the championship.

Car 19 - Steven Street/Robert Wood (Ford Escort Mk2)

Looking forward to Crail, it's always a great shakedown before tackling the closed roads of Argyll. We're not planning anything daft, just aiming for a clean run and to get through without any damage. Points would be nice so just trying to keep the balance.

Car 20 - Ross MacDonald/Michelle Hunter (Peugeot 208 R2)

Wasn't the plan to have a new car this year but looking forward to getting back into a front wheel drive car. It will be fun to have Chelle sitting beside me for this one as well.

Car 21 - John O'Kane/Meghan O'Kane

Really looking forward to a shot in the new car! Dad only picked it up at the beginning of the week so hopefully all will be good!

Car 23 - Stephen Donnelly/Colin McCall (Ford Escort)

We have only done one round of the championship up to now, so looking forward to getting on with it. Hope to get a few more in the coming months.

Car 27 - Martyn Douglas/Rian Walker (Ford Fiesta R2)

My usual co-driver Mark can't make it, so Rian Walker offered to sit with me. It will be fun seeing how a Crail local pushes me round the stages. Hoping the weather will be nice and not rainy for a change!

Car 28 - Ian McEwan/Daniel Johnstone (BMW 1 Series)

Looking forward to getting out in the BMW after the tragic event at the Jim Clark. Daniel joins me again so we're looking to continue improving our pace and gain more experience.

Car 29 - Colin Hay/Jess Jamieson (Vauxhall Corsa)

Local event for driver. Looking forward to being out against a strong 1600 class. Will be happy to get a clean run and a finish.

Car 32 - Gavin Lloyd/Gordon Clark (Vauxhall Nova)

Had a cracking run on the Pendragon, looking for the same again at Crail - would be nice. Let's hope the rain stays away.

Car 35 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson (MG ZR)

Looking forward to getting back out, hopefully we get a dry day for it and get a clean run.

Car 42 - Kevin Paris/George Paris (Ford Escort RS2000)

Not had much luck on our last two visits to Crail so hoping that changes. Looking for a rally finish and bring the car home in one piece.

Car 43 - Alison Horne/Karen Horne (Mini Cooper)

Really looking forward to getting back out in the Mini. Hopefully we've resolved the teething issues we've been having. So excited to get to know the car better and get some more seat time!

Car 51 - Kenny Moore/Fiona Moir (Hillman Avenger)

A couple of minor wee issues sorted after the Pendragon, so the car is all good to go again now. The same sort of summer weather as was had at Warcop would be really nice, but this is Crail, so anything could happen!

Car 52 - Alec Kydd/Violet Kydd (Rover 214S)

The car is still not ready at the moment (Monday). It's had few changes from its old life down in Chelmsford. No stress! This will be the first time in 17 years since Alec & Violet have completed together, might end in a divorce yet! They are just looking for a finish at the moment and see how it goes.

Car 55 - Connor Black/Duncan Daun (Mazda 323)

Looking forward to getting back out in the car again. Running as a clubman has its difficulties when using tyres 5 years old and saving every penny to get an entry in. However, I've managed to do it this week with the assistance of locals donating tyres. Looking to get another finish this weekend and hopefully push a bit harder moving up the Points Tables. Depends how slippery the first 2 stages are!!

Remember, if you have something you'd like to tell the rest of your fellow competitors (pre, or post event), some craic, some woes, some photos, you can contact me at fiona.moir7@gmail.com or davidh@foxconstruction.co.uk and I'll include you in the next report.

We wish everybody a safe and enjoyable event and look forward to seeing you at Crail and thank all our sponsors for the event and championship support, and anybody requiring championship decals Trix Grant will be at Friday scrutineering in Leven for you to collect, or to register for the Championship

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