



Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Round 6 Dunoon Presents-Argyll Rally post-event Report

The "Dunoon Presents" Argyll Rally presented crews with a huge challenge this year "Summer"! The majority of crews struggled in the heat over the weekend, compared to the "traditional" mostly cool, wet and windy Argyll conditions we have come to expect in Dunoon in June. The midgies were just as hungry as always though!

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

Car 14 - Joe McKeand/Charlotte McDowall - 11th overall/2nd in Class

Very pleased with our result at Argyll. We had a good clean run, although the heat made it really tough! Many an ice lolly was needed!

Car 15 - Johnnie MacKay/Richard Crozier

Gutted to retire due to fuel pump failure on a road section. We'd struggled for a rhythm throughout the event with setup; however, we were getting happier with the car when the issue struck. Disappointed to not get to the end, but learned plenty along the way!

Car 16 - Willie Paterson/Tom Hynd

Unfortunately, we lost the clutch on the first stage and had to limp through the next two, but couldn't get restarted after stage stop. A small oil seal was the culprit, bringing our rally to an end. Our pace was good and the Big Red Evo is handling brilliantly after some great advice from "Mr Suspension" - Euan Syme.

Car 26 - Orrin McDonnell/Clare Fraser

We were really happy with the pace we had. Leading the class at some points and mixing with some very capable machinery. To not finish is always frustrating when you're going well, but there is still lots to take from the weekend!

Car 33 - Owen Paterson/Calum McPherson

I was enjoying the event until our issue and ultimate DNF. We will try and get the car sorted and make it to Mach 1.

Car 40 - Michael Harbour/Cameron Dunn - 16th overall

An excellent result for us in the new car. The stages were awesome, the car was faultless. Finally, a nice reward for the hard work over winter rebuilding the R5.

Car 49 - Alan Scott/Shaina Archibald 27th overall/2nd in Class

It was great craic! A few car issues but we still made it round which was the main thing. Alan reporting that he sweated from places he didn't know he could!

Shaina adding that it was a brilliant drive from Alan all weekend, getting more and more confident in the MG. Delighted with our finish and result after a great battle.

Car 55 - Steven Street/Robert Wood -

unfortunately an "off" put an end to their event.

Car 57 - Keith Robathan/Ian Nicoll - 32nd overall/1st in Class

A fantastic result for the Firenza, and a delighted crew arrived back in Dunoon – hot, but happy!

Car 62 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin MacCabe - 45th overall

The crew were pleased to get a decent finish after some recent issues with the car, and to collect some valuable points towards their championship.

Car 65 - Andy Scott/Ian Robertson - 47th overall – a solid finish.

Car 66 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson - 35th overall

A hot, sweaty first rodeo as a team on the closed roads... We enjoyed the stages "roon the toon". We got ourselves safely through the remaining night stages and tried to pick up the pace a bit on Saturday daylight. All factors considered we're chuffed with our result.

Car 67 - Alistair Brearley/Peter Carstairs

Unfortunately, despite some ingenious puncture repair assistance from a couple of passing Police Officers at the end of SS6, the crew were declared OTL and unable to continue.

Car 69 - Chris Thompson/Mark Mason - 38th overall

The stages were challenging and very technical and fast in places. Great topography and scenery, plus the sunshine added to the experience.

Car 79 - Robbie McTaggart/Keith McTaggart

Retired with mechanical issues. Nothing to say - hardly got the car warm!

Car 80 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson - 53rd overall

This was our first time finishing a closed road rally, so very well pleased with that. It was our first time rallying in the dark too, so no heroics from us as we had planned just to take it fairly easy, get a clean run through, and a finish. Ended up a fairly decent result for us! We didn't need to touch the car all weekend either so overall a good weekend!

Car 82 - Fletcher Falconer/Ian Murray

We were keen to put the drama of our 2024 Argyll attempt behind us! We had a good recce and were all set. With some good pace on Friday evening the plan was to push on through Saturday but we started to lose drive and nursed it back to service where the decision was taken to retire. Gutted. Huge positives though, as we can see the pace and potential Fletcher has developed.

Car 83 - Charlie Knight/Laurence Knight - 58th overall

Friday night went well for us. The Town Centre stages were unreal, and we got through the night stages without any major issues. Saturday started a bit rough as we had an off on SS8 and dropped a fair bit of time, but we managed to get back on and keep going. After that, we found our rhythm again and really enjoyed the rest of the day. The stages were fantastic — Glendaruel was the highlight for me. Already looking forward to the next one!

Car 85 - Wattie Warwick/Darrell Clark - 56th overall

A really good weekend overall. Our service team where on point and the weather played in our favour. Looking forward to Mach 1 in 3 weeks time to hopefully get more points in!

Car 96 - Kenny Watt/Gail Whyte - 65th overall

We had a ball! It was a new experience for Gail on closed roads and so we were very pleased to get a finish. The car tested us - but we won!

Kenny has attempted, and not finished, the Argyll Rally three times in the past so that made it even more rewarding to come in to that last time control!

Our thanks as always to Fiona Moir for extracting information from the competitors for these reports, and 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 Fiona at fiona.moir7@gmail.com or davidh@foxconstruction.co.uk and you'll be included in the next report.

Next up is the Mega Mach1! See you all there!

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.

After 5 rounds completed and 4 to go, the Championship year is over half way, and yet again, changes at the top of the leader board.

Overall Leaders

1 st OA driver James Wilson	Class E 67 points	1 st OA co-driver Rebecca Wilson	Class E 68 points
2 nd OA driver Chris Thomson	Class B 58 points	2 nd OA co-driver Rhys Donaldson	Class D 53 points
3 rd OA driver Des Campbell	Class D 53 points	3 rd OA co-driver Martin Maccabe	Class A 51 points

Class Leaders

Class A driver Bobby Macdonald	51 points	Class A co-driver Charlotte McDowall	44 points
Class B driver Ben Macdowall	29 points	Class B co-driver Mark Mason	46points
Class C driver Steven Street	43 points	Class C co-driver Robert Wood	43 points
Class D driver Peter O'Neill	45 points	Class D co-driver Eilidh Williamson	46points
Class E driver Charles Knight	42 points	Class E Co-driver Duncan Daun	42 points

With Charlie Knight the leading Junior driver and Rebecca Wilson the leading Junior co-driver

Round 7 Air Tech Integrity Mach1 Stages, Machrihanish, 12th/13th July

Dunfermline Car Club www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk are delighted with the entries received for this great event, in beautiful Mull of Kintyre. The organising team look forward to welcoming over 80 seniors and 31 Juniors from both North & South of the Border, and from across the Irish Sea. As well as a counter in the Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, this event is also a counter in the North of England Tarmacadam Rally Championship, Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship, Back to Roots Tarmac Rally Championship and the Junior Championships, Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge and the Formula 1000 Rally Championship.

All competitors will be treated to 12 special stages, approximately 95 stage miles, over the weekend, and all those participating in the event, officials, marshals, competitors and locals, can enjoy a social evening on the Saturday with a tasty supper being provided by Argyll Bakeries (details to follow)

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Air Tech Integrity for their sponsorship of this popular event and also local businesses and helpers who have supported us over the past 10 years.

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