



Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Round 5 Dunoon Presents-Argyll Rally post-event Report

A smaller, but no less determined contingent of STRC registered crews headed to Dunoon for the 2026 Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally held on 19th June. This event sits alongside Mull as an extremely challenging event, held over Friday night and Saturday. Tricky, narrow, and fast stages awaited to test the competitors, and fewer than 10 STRC registered crews made it to the finish line. The Friday weather was typically "Argyll" with heavy (really heavy) rain during the day which then cleared towards the evening start time, leaving everyone a little damp around the edges, and again, typically undecided about tyre choice with some interesting combinations heading from Service to the Town Centre. Saturday was much more like it, but conditions can be so changeable on the Cowal peninsula it was still a difficult call to settle for full wets or slicks out in the hills.

Car 42 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson came out on top of the STRC finishers in 28th place. They had a great weekend, although the changeable conditions made tyre choice tricky/limited, and they were at the limits of grip. Both enjoyed the stages and were pleased with their result - despite the kiss of the wall in SS9!

Car 41 – John Marshall/Craig Wallace (35th place) had a steady run round to get a finish; no major dramas just struggle for grip on Friday night.

Car 49 - Steven Street/Robert Wood (37th place) were just pleased to get a finish at a sensible pace.

Car 57 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin Maccabe (45th place) Really enjoyed the rally, very few hold ups, a good clean run, with no issues with crew or car. Very happy with 45th overall and 3rd in class. Should be some well-earned points in the championship.

Car 79 - Wattie Warwick/Darrell Clark (65th place) reported a really good weekend at Dunoon and enjoyed the challenging weather and stages hope to back out again shortly.

Car 70 Ruan Lowry/Ian McRae (68th place) - this was Ruan's first time out on this event but he'd been very diligent with his revision homework of the route beforehand. Managed to avoid the kerbs in Dunoon and had a clean run through the next 3 before picking up an unfortunate road penalty on SS5. Undeterred they slept it off and came back for a harder effort on Saturday morning with dry tyres and ready to push on. We made it through all the stages with minimal trouble, although a downhill hairpin right towards the end of the event, locking up the back end made it a touch sketchy. Ended up with a finish and some very valuable experience for following rallies.

Car 84 Marc McCubbin/Leesa Watson (69th place), this was Marc's first closed road event. Unfortunately, they had car running issues both days, lack of power, causing lost time which hampered any chance of a result but they both still really enjoyed the event and got the finish they came for.

Well done everyone for getting to the finish and commiserations to those who did not.

The Championship moves to Machrihanish next; again, staying in Argyll, with its unpredictable weather conditions, unpredictable midgie forecasts, but very predictable "good craic"! See you all there!

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.

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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 still open for this great rally at this iconic venue [Mach1 Stages](#) This event is a round of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship and also the North of England Tarmac Rally Championship, the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship and the Back to Roots Tarmac Rally Championship.

Co-drivers looking to pick up points in their relevant championships, check out the entry list as there are a few drivers with vacant seats in their cars 😊

The event is also supporting and welcoming competitors from the Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge and the Formula 1000 Rally Championship.

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

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 to you.

Remaining rounds of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship are as follows:

Round 6	11th/12th July	Mach1 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