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Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Jim Clark Reivers pre-event Report

The STRC continues an intense few weeks of rallying, with Round 4 The Borders Competitions Jim Clark Reivers Rally. Based in Duns in the Scottish Borders, the crews face nearly 60 miles of challenging border lanes, on this the first Closed Road round of the Championship.

Following the sunny and hot Pendragon Stages Rally just two short weeks ago, the points table is hotting up as well. Some of the registered crews competing and hoping to increase their totals are:

Car 2 - Dale Robertson/Keir Beaton (Ford Fiesta Rally 2) –

Looking forward to the event, hoping for a good clean run and to claim a podium finish.

Car 17 - Willie Paterson/Tom Hynd (Mitsubishi Evo 9) –

out on Scottish tarmac for the first time this season, raring to go!

Car 19 - Johnnie MacKay /Rachel Matheson (Mitsubishi Evo VII)

really looking forward to the event following their great result last year. Have had a good couple of STRC results so far this year, so aiming to keep the momentum going.

Car 20 - Joe McKeand/Charlotte MacDowall (Subaru Impreza

just need to fix the power steering following the issue on the Pendragon and we'll be good to go.

Car 27 - Des Campbell/Rhys Donaldson (Peugeot)

a few bits to do to prepare for the Clark weekend - and to get round the National event first! Looking for a good push on my local roads and hoping it's tarmac meltingly hot!

Car 31 - Orrin McDonnell/Clare Fraser (Mitsubishi Evo 8)

looking forward to pushing on following a less than thrilling Speyside result (his words!).

Car 35 - Brian Watson/Sean Donnelly (Ford Escort Mk2) –

hoping for dry weather - and a strong finish.

Car 54 - Fraser Smith/Meghan O'Kane (Ford Escort) –

Meghan swapping over to the co-driver's seat for this one, after competing as a Driver on the Jim Clark National event on Friday/Saturday.

Car 67 Allan Mackay/Shona Hale. (Anglia)

With Allan's long time co driver Mo sidelined with injury, Shona has been conscripted into the silly seat for a few events. Hoping to get to the end in one piece , unlike their last outing in Ulster 2024. Borrowing son Euans Anglia so fingers crossed !

Car 72 - Fraser MacNicol/Charlie Mackenzie (Ford Escort RS1800) –

This will be Fraser's first closed road event in his new Historic car. Looking forward to getting it out on the road to see what it (and he) is capable of.

Car 78 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin MacCabe (Subaru Impreza) –

Some gearbox repairs required after the Pendragon, no second and synchro on first and third needed some tlc. It's getting a complete refresh so hopefully all will be good. Still trying to get to the bottom of the lack of power too.

Car 85 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson (Vauxhall Nova) –

this is our first closed road event together, so no heroics and hoping to build our experience.

Car 86 - Charlie Knight/Laurence Knight (Suzuki Swift) –

the goal is to use what we learned at the Pendragon and hopefully get more confident and used to the car. Not too bothered about where we finish, focussing on the learning for now.

Car 94 Gavin Lloyd/Gordon Clark (Vauxhall Nova) –

had a great Pendragon and hoping for the same on the Reivers when Gordy will be back in the ballast bucket!

Car 95 - Alistair Brearley/Kenny Anderson (Ford Escort Mk2) –

this will be Kenny's first tarmac closed road event and only his second in with Alistair. Following the Speyside, things are starting to work well between the crew with the notes. Hoping to build on that and gain confidence, although this is not Alistair's favourite surface in the rally car.

Car 97 - Steven Street/Robert Wood (Ford Escort Mk2) –

fresh from a win at Kames the car is feeling good despite a small issue with the gearbox currently in repair. First time on the Reivers and aware the competition will be strong. The main goal is to have an enjoyable event and bag some valuable STRC points.

Car 100 - Martyn Douglas/Mark Thurley (Ford Fiesta R2) –

just buzzing for the Jim Clark Reivers now that we are getting comfortable in the car. Hoping for the same weather as Warcop!

Car 107 - Kevin Paris/Gavin Paris (Ford Escort RS2000) –

this will be our first time on The Reivers and can't wait to be involved. Hoping to get to the finish and bring the car home in one piece.

Car 108 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson (MG ZR)

have had a fair bit to do to get the car ready in just a short time so will be in the garage most nights rebuilding. Fingers crossed we get it done in time!

Car 112 - Alistair Crawford/Greg Halfpenny (Ford Escort) –

hoping to get a good clean run and to catching up some of the other Escorts!

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

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