



Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship Memorial Garden Stages Rally post-event report

After a spell of fine, sunny, September weather, which unfortunately did not last into the weekend, the day dawned grey and chilly with fog and a smirr of drizzle, as the crews headed to RM Condor for the 7th Round of the Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. A massive thanks to Condor MSC for the event and all their hard work on the venue, and also 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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Here is how some of the STRC registered crews got on at the Memorial Garden Stages at Condor on 21st September.

Car 1 - Alan Wallace/Veronica Wallace

despite setting a quick time on SS1, unfortunately the car succumbed to mechanical problems on SS2, and it was rally over.

Car 4 - Keith Richardson/Jackie Richardson

Surprised and delighted overall winners of the event, after 18 years of competing, a maiden win. Well done! This was only their fourth event in the Fiesta, but the pace was getting quicker as Keith got to grips with the car in the tough conditions, and Jackie learned to cope with a lot more speed.

Car 6 - Steven Smith/Ewan Lees

had electrical issues all day unfortunately, leading to a non-finish.

Car 7 - Garry Wilson/Fraser Shepherd

Had a troubled day resulting in a non-finish.

Car 8 - John Forrest/Tom Hynd

Third STRC crew and 4th overall on the event, this pairing had a great day. John thought he started off too cautious but as this was his first time at Condor and he started to get to know the track he was able to push on a bit. Had a couple of barrels jump out in front of him though, suffering some front-end damage (again)!

Car 10 - Ben MacDowall/Alan Scott

Extremely pleased to have come away with 2nd overall. Finding grip was hard in the loose conditions, but the car ran faultlessly all day other than developing an oil consumption issue after SS1 and using 4L through the day. Just need to get the new engine fitted now before testing at Crail this weekend!

Car 11 - Owen Paterson/Gareth White

Last minute replacement co-driver due to Alice being unwell in the run-up to the event. Had a good feeling with the car on SS1 lying third overall and had hoped to hold on to that but a hard charging R5 had other ideas, and we slipped to 4th after SS2. Suffered a broken ball joint on SS4 which forced retirement from the event.

Car 12 - Ricky Wheeler/Andrew Side

Eventful day at Condor, driveshaft broke after 2 miles, but luckily there was a bit of preloaded built into the LSD and managed to crawl back to the time control.

Couldn't get the differential out of the axel as the broken bit was jamming it, so we took the complete axel out and banged the end on the ground and the part fell out. Rebuilt it with spare shaft and managed to get back in for stage 4, 5 ,6. Classified as finishers so valuable championship points gained.

Car 13 - Stephen Donnelly/Colin McCall

9th overall and second in Class 4

Car 19 - Alison Horne/Karen Horne

Finishing a fantastic 8th overall both ladies were super happy with their day. They started out a bit apprehensive knowing the tricky, loose condition of the surface but they enjoyed every minute and can't wait for the next round.

Car 20 - Bobby MacDonald/Martin McCabe

A cautious start, worrying too much about protecting the car for Mull in two weeks' time and the choice of hard tyres all round struggling to get the rears up to temperature. Changed to softs after the first two stages and confidence improved. A couple of minor indiscretions may have cost a few seconds here and there but happy to finish 14th overall and second in class, with a good haul of championship points.

Car 23 - Gavin Lloyd/Gordon Clark

First Class 2 11th overall. Well chuffed with that. A few lurid moments in SS1 but the time was good so just tried to keep it at that pace - without the moments. Only issue was the engine fan stopping working but otherwise the car ran well all day.

Car 25 - Steven Crockett/Kenny Anderson

Finished 19th overall.

Car 26 - Colin Blake/Pauline Blake

Finishing 26th overall

Car 28 - Fletcher Falconer/Ian Murray

Tricky loose, rough surface but dry after early dampness. Dropped over a minute on SS1 due to poor tyre choice and a wee bit of over commitment. Got to grips with the Fiesta on the following 5 stages with good speed and commitment finishing a strong 17th overall on what is a new surface to Fletcher. Car didn't miss a beat all day and needed nothing more than a spanner check and fuel. Biggest drama was the battery in the intercom dying just before entering a stage but that was quickly sorted. Credit to the team manager! Looking forward to heading to Mull in a couple of weeks and working with Stark Motorsport.

Car 29 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson

Lucky to get their 16th overall finish as they discovered when home and offloading the car that they had snapped the front crossmember. Rebecca currently sitting second overall co-driver so keen to see what the rest of the year brings.

Car 31 - John O'Kane/Meghan O'Kane

Had problems with brakes all day and as per usual one or two other wee issues. Was even looking for "spares" before the start (thanks Des), the excuse being the car was still in a million bits on Tuesday. Finished 21st overall though, so very pleased with that.

Car 32 - Stuart Waite/Lisa Demirkoc

Had a good run, and a top 20 finish. Happy with the new engine and feeling more confident in the car.

Car 35 - Colin Christie/Gail Whyte

Finished 23rd overall after a challenging day in the wee Suzuki, the car and crew struggling with the loose stage conditions and in places, dodging displaced stage furniture. "Safari Spec" needed for future attempts at this event.

Car 37 - Kenny Moore/Fiona Moir

Very relieved to get a finish on this event. Finished top Historic though after a tough day for the old car on the loose surface.

Car 39 - Connor Black/Duncan Daun

24th overall

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The draw for Round 7 for those STRC registered competitors entered in the Condor Memorial Garden Stages was ably carried out by STRC co-ordinator Gerry McCafferty at the recent Dunfermline Car Club committee meeting. Bobby MacDonald driver of Car 20 was the winning recipient of the Round 7 Tyre Voucher. Congratulations Bobby.

With 7 rounds completed there are now 107 registered competitors and the leader board is as follows;

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1 st OA driver Ricky Wheeler	Class 3	91 points	1 st OA Co-driver Greg Bates	Class 3	72 points
2 nd OA driver Ben MacDowall	Class 4	80 points	2 nd OA Co-driver Rebecca Wilson	Class 1	69 points
3 rd OA driver Barry Groundwater	Class 5	74 points	3 rd OA Co-driver Fiona Moir	Class 2,3,5	61 points

Class Leaders after round 7 is as follows

Class 1 driver James Wilson	67 points	Class 1 Co-driver Gordon Clark	51 points
Class 2 driver Meghan O'Kane	39 points	Class 2 Co-driver Lisa Demirkoc	43 points
Class 3 driver Simon Jennings	68 points	Class 3 Co-driver Ian Murray	50 points
Class 4 driver Steven Smith	62 points	Class 4 Co-driver Daniel Johnstone	49 points
Class 5 driver Hugh Brunton	53 points	Class 5 Co-driver Martin Maccabe	60 points

With 'dropped scores' coming into play, and the competitors best 6 rounds counting toward the overall total, the leader board is not normally decided till the last round, which always make for an exciting finish to the Championship season.

Round 8 Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally 11th/12th/13th October

The next round of the STRC takes us over the water to the Isle of Mull for the iconic Mull Rally. This event is also the final round of a new award within the Championship, the **West Coast Challenge** which will be awarded to highest placed driver & co-driver upon successful completion of the 3 'West Coast Events', the **Argyll Stages**, the **Mach1 Stages** at Machrihanish and the **Mull Rally**. The leading contenders for this award entered in the Mull Rally are drivers Joe Mckeand on 26 points followed by Bobby Macdonald on 20 points, and co-drivers Martin Maccabe and David Crosbie both on 23 points.

Good luck to everyone competing in this great event.

Round 9 KVR Motorsport Kingdom Stages, Craig 2nd November

This event is being organised by Glenrothes Motorsport Club and the entries open Tuesday 1st October at 7pm <https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2024/kingdom/webentry.php> and information on the event can be found on <http://glenrothes-msc.com/2024/09/kvr-motorsport-kingdom-stages-entries-reminder/>

Round 10 Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages 16th November

The final round of the Championship is being organised by Condor Motorsport Club and takes place at this very popular venue, with the entries opening Friday 4th October at 6pm

<https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2024/kinlosswinter/webentry.php>

Supplementary Regulations and event information can be found at <https://www.condormsc.co.uk/>

2024 STRC Awards ceremony 18th January 2025

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.

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