



Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship Dunoon presents Argyll Rally Pre-Event Report

Our thanks again to Fiona Moir for extracting information from some of the competing STRC crews before this weekend's Argyll Rally and she will be delighted to hear from you all with your post event stories so we can share with the motorsport community. fiona.moir7@gmail.com

Championship updates and reports will be posted on facebook and the new 'go to' source of STRC information on the Sportity App password **STRC24**

Here are some pre-event thoughts from STRC crews competing on the Argyll Rally on 21st/22nd June. Always a challenging event with the additional Friday night stages. It's all still to play for! We are at the halfway point in the Championship and crews will be looking to boost their points totals ahead of Mach 1 and the summer break.

It's not too late to join the Championship, and especially since this event, is the first event of a new STRC Award, 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**

For anyone requiring decals at the event please contact either Fiona Car 81, or the Argyll Rally CLO Amanda Morrison, and for those wanting to register complete the registration form [STRC 24 Registration Form](#)

Car 5 - Hugh Brunton/Drew Sturrock (Skoda R2 Evo)

Argyll looks good, watching the stages video they look nice but really tricky, especially the two that run in reverse. Hopefully our car issues have been sorted and we can have a good go!

Car 33 - Michael Harbour/Cameron Dunn (Ford Escort Mk2)

Looking forward to one of the best events in the UK.

Car 50 - Drew Gallagher/David Crosbie (Skoda Fabia)

Looking forward to the Argyll, its closest to home for me, only two miles to the ferry and we look across to Dunoon from the house! Weather will be the big thing there as it always is, it will either be damp or a monsoon! The two stages in the town are fun, but I need to try and get to "like" the Glendaruel stage, for some reason I just can't get into it. Hoping for no cancelled Friday night stages this year. No doubt there will be the usual bet on with Brian Watson for stage times, although this year he will be out in his new 2.9ltr MK2 Escort – apparently no one would give him a "loan" of a car for the event.

Car 69 – Brian Watson/Ian MacDougall (Ford Escort Mk2)

Ha ha oh Jasus, I'll be there with my brand-new escort so wish me luck, lol. My intention is to get it round in one piece for a change!

Car 81 – Cammy Williamson/Fiona Moir (Subaru Impreza)

Had a huge amount of work to do to the car following a problematic Summer Stages at Crail. Hopefully all will be well by Friday night and we get a clean, trouble free run! Crew back together again following their successful attempt at Mull Rally last year, the stages look to be fairly similar so hoping to do reasonably well.

Car 88 – Meghan O'Kane/John O'Kane (Ford Fiesta R2)

Switching seats again for the Argyll Rally and back in the R2, which both are quite nervous about. Think the LHD will take a bit of getting used to in the dark!

Car 109 – Bobby MacDonald/Martin McCabe (Subaru Impreza)

Car just needed a wash and a spanner check after Crail. Hoping to continue moving forward - and upwards in the points tables - following good runs on the Reivers and at Crail. No heroics Friday night and push on for Saturday.

Car 132 – Kenny Watt/Eilidh Williamson (Leyland Mini)

The “big red” little mini hasn’t been out in a while, first time out for the crew together again since Kinloss in September last year - and co-driver’s first time on notes! Just hoping for a finish.

Car 134 – Fletcher Falconer/ Ian Murray (Ford Fiesta ST150 M-Sport)

Team Falconer head west for Fletcher’s first closed road event. Preparations are well underway and we are really looking forward to the immense challenge ahead of route notes and night stages. This is also our first rally working with Stark Motorsport. Andrew Wood Motorsport again be providing expert Pirelli tyre “advice and guidance”.

Car 140 – Richard Stewart/Owen Paterson (Peugeot 208 Rally 4)

Owen is feeling keen to be jumping into the co-drivers’ seat beside his boss as stand-in for usual co-driver, Carin Tait-Logan – no pressure there, eh?!

Good luck everyone!

Fiona

(Round 6) 6th/7th July Burnside Piling Mach1 Stages, Machrihanish

Round 6, and the 2nd of the West Coast Challenge events, is the Mach1 Stages being organised by www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk Preparation is well under way for this popular event at this iconic venue, Supplementary Regulations published, [Mach1 2024 Regulations v4](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk/mach1-2024-regulations-v4) entries are open <https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2024/mach1/webentry.php>.

The Juniors again this year, will also be enjoying approximately 90 stage miles for £395 over the 2 days of the weekend the 6th/7th July. This event is also a counter in the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship, the Back to Roots Rally Championship and the North of England Tarmac Rally Championship. As always the organising team will welcome assistance for Marshals and Radio Marshals , and we look forward to receiving your registrations [Mach1 Marshals](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk/mach1-marshals) [Mach1 Radio Marshals](http://www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk/mach1-radio-marshals)

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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 you.

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