



Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship Round 6 Air Tech Integrity Mach1 Stages 11th /12th July 2026

Next stop Kintyre for The Carnegie Fuels Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. Sited right at the tip of the Mull of Kintyre, the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, close neighbour to the small, but scenic village of Machrihanish with its beautiful "bijou" beaches, hosts this two-day event. The wide-open stages, with hidden kerbs, and long (long) straights, which combined with the often-changeable weather provides a yet another different challenge to the crews over the championship year. After the technical and twisty Jim Clark Reivers and Argyll Rally, closed road events, it's a different combination of STRC competitors who will make the long, but spectacularly beautiful, trip.

As well as the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship the event is also the North of England Tarmacadam Rally Championship, the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship and the Back to Roots Tarmac Rally Championship, and 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

The team have been setting up the stages all week and they are looking great we may add, the weather forecast is for it to be dry and sunny but its Kintyre so anything can happen...

Firstly, commiserations to local lad Robbie McTaggart who had damaged his car quite considerable on the Argyll and worked all hours to get the car ready for this week, but time just wasn't on his side and had to withdraw his entry.

Car 5 - Kenny Wood/Greg Halfpenny (Ford Escort) still maintain their almost unassailable lead in both the overall and Class 5 positions, but it's never over 'til it's over, so the pair will hope for a smooth and steady run to keep their distance from the rest of the field.

Car 6 - Ben MacDowall/John Shephard (Hyundai R5) are both comfortable in 3rd overall and 1st in Class 3, but no-one can take this event for granted, and a points boost would put them in a good position as we head into the Autumn events.

Car 10 - Jonathan Young/Sam Weller (Ford Escort MK2) Jonathan lying 3rd in Class 5, could shake up the top 3 places with a clean run.

Car 12 - Michael Harbour/Jamie McQue (Ford Escort MK2) Another rapid Escort, sitting just outside the top 10, will surely be up for a top 10 finish by the end of the weekend.

Car 14 - Keith Richardson/Jackie Richardson (Ford Fiesta R5) will be hoping to make the long journey up from Cumbria extra worthwhile with a potential top 10 finish.

Car 15 - Chris McCallum/Stephen Clark (Ford Escort MK2) Chris is 2nd in Class 3 has a chance to move into 1st place if all goes well.

Car 17 - Jamie Miller/Ian McCulloch (Ford Escort MK2) another rapid Mk2 will be hoping for a good run.

Car 18 - Ross Chalmers/Charles MacKenzie (Subaru Impreza) making the trip south for a competitive go at this familiar event for both crews.

Car 20 - Mark McMinn/ Richard Wardle (Ford Fiesta Rally 2) - Richard is only 3 points behind 3rd place in Class 5 and could take this chance to leapfrog into the 3rd spot if everything goes to plan.

Car 21 - Christopher Thompson/Peter Gibson (Ford Escort MK2) with no Aileen Forrest, Alan Carmichael, or Bobby MacDonald, it could be Chris' (currently on 28 points) opportunity to capitalise and jump up the Class positions.

Car 26 - Ricky Wheeler/Kai Wheeler (Ford Historic Escort MK2 RS2000) Ricky, 2nd in Class 5 has his grandson Kai sitting in with him, Ricky is no stranger to Machrihanish, and the Historic Escort always goes well here.

Car 28 - Ollie Forrester/Gordon Winning (Citroen C2R2 Max) Ollie is 2nd overall on 60 points, just 8 behind Kenny Wood, and leading Class 7 so this is an important one for Ollie after his mechanical failure at the Argyll.

Car 30 - Alison Horne/Alan Scott (Mini Cooper S) - should be a lot of laughs in this car, Alison without her usual Co-driver has Alan providing some vocal entertainment and encouragement.

Car 31 - Thomas Milne/Thomas Purvin (Nissan Micra) - driver Thomas is current leader of Class 9 despite not having competed on the last 2 rounds but with the experienced Thomas Purvin co-driving should be in with a chance of consolidating that lead.

Car 32 - Cammy Williamson/Fiona Moir in the Subaru Impreza are both experienced competitors on this event, and this venue will give the newly rebuilt engine a good workout.

Car 33 - Nigel Atkinson/Gail Whyte (Ford Escort) will be looking to improve on Nigel's 3rd place in Class 7 after his successful run at The Argyll. Gail is currently 2nd in Class 7 in between Jess Jamieson, and Eilidh Williamson. 3 ladies in the top 3 of Class 7, excellent.

Car 35 - Duncan Ferguson/Stephen Miller (Vauxhall Chevette HS) - one of a pair of Chevettes out this weekend, should be entertaining for the spectators.

Car 36 - Adam Horne/Davie Falconer (Mini R53 Cooper S) Adam specialises in single venues and will pilot the speedy mini R5 with the assistance of Davie Falconer and hopefully claim top spot in Class 3.

Car 41 - Richard Sykes/Adam Miller (Suzuki Swift) - Adam is currently 3rd in Class 5 co-drivers so will be hoping for a good clean run to gain a points boost.

Car 42 - Bruce Lindsay/Ant Ayton (Ford Fiesta S1400) - hoping for a speedy and successful event with plenty of laughs.

Car 43 - Kevin Paris/Gavin Paris (Ford Escort RS2000) - Kevin is behind the company who sponsor this event and usually goes well here. He'll be hoping for some better luck results-wise at this mid-point of the season.

Car 46 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson (Triumph TR7 V8) - 2025 Champions James and Rebecca Wilson are making the journey to Kintyre with the 3.5 litre Triumph TR7 this time, and it will be interesting to see how it goes around this venue.

Car 47 - Leonard Jones/Harry Wood (Vauxhall Chevette) this pair will be battling it out with Car 35 for "top Chevette" honours.

Car 48 - Robert Wood/Steven Street (Ford Escort) - one of the many Mk2s making the trip to Kintyre and hopefully a successful one.

Car 49 - John Robertson/Violet Kydd (Ford Escort) John and Violet are back out together again in their pristine Mark 2 Escort; usually consistent the pair will be out for a smooth trouble-free weekend.

Car 51- Cameron Murray/Cameron Morrison (Peugeot 106) - with Eilidh Williamson sitting this event out it's a chance for Cameron Morrison to slip into 3rd place, in Class 7 co-drivers.

Car 56 - Stephen Skelton/Ben Halliwell (Proton Satria) - the yellow Proton should be rapid at Machrihanish if everything goes well.

Car 59 - Ian Gray/Michael Murray (Toyota Corolla) - a newcomer to Mach 1, hopefully will be enjoyable and successful.

Car 61 - Dylan McCombie/Murray Strachan (Mini Cooper) - Dylan is settling into his single venues and certainly has inherited the McCombie speed "genes".

Car 64 - Stuart Bannatyne/Jess Jamieson (Peugeot 205) - Jess leads the Co-driver section of Class 7 and is 4th overall in the Championship, but with drop scores still to come into play could be a battle all the way to the end of the season.

Car 65 - Stuart MacLean/Ruaraidh MacLean (Peugeot 106) this Mull pairing is making another outing together and will be hoping for similar success to their last time out.

Car 66 - James Braithwaite/Jenny Braithwaite (Peugeot 106) - making the trip over from the Scottish Borders, for a good clean run and hopefully some useful points.

Car 70 - Andrew Gray/Michael Thomson (Mini Cooper S) - one of several Mini Coopers doing this event, should be agile around some of the tighter sections.

Car 73 - Andrew Tait/Darren Greene (Peugeot 205 GTi) - first time out in a number of years, a run around the runways of Machrihanish should blow away the cobwebs.

Good luck everyone! 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 7 Pendragon Stages, Warcop 2nd August

Details on the event and links can be found on the web site <http://www.pendragonstages.co.uk/>

Round 8 Snap-on Tools Memorial Garden Stages, Condor

Supplementary Regs for Snap-On Tools Memorial Garden Stages, 5th September, RM Condor, Arbroath. Entries open Sunday 26th July at 12pm <https://www.facebook.com/rmcondor>

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 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