

3rd January 2012

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Joe Reynolds, who recently won the FIA Trophy for Historic Regularity Rallies for 2011, driving his BMW 1600-2 Alpina. The Kiltel, Co Kildare driver achieved the rare feat of appearing on the same FIA Champions' listing as Sebastian Vettel and Sebastien Loeb, as did FIA WRC Academy Cup winner Craig Breen – a great year for Motorsport Ireland licence holders.

FIA Historic Regularity Rally champion Joe Reynolds during the Classic Marathon in Spain

DUNLOP NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – JUNIOR CATEGORY

Six events, as listed below, from the Dunlop National Championship rounds count towards the Junior Category. Each competitor's best four scores from these events will be counted.

Birr, 26 February; Kerry, 1 April; Carlow, 13 May; Tipperary, 12 August; Clare, 16 September; Donegal, 13 October.

JANUARY FIXTURES

1/2	ALMC	Autotest
7	MEC	Freeman Cup Sporting Trial
8	Midland	Autotest (H)
14	Co Monaghan	Navigation Trial
21	GSMC	Kehoe Cup Sporting Trial
21/22	Carrick-on-Suir	Autotest (H)
21/22	Cork	1000 Shakes Navigation Trial (NT)
28	Donegal	Forestry Rally (FR)
29	Co Cavan	Autocross (LS)
29	TDC	Multi – Venue Autotest

CAC MEETING DATES

The Competitions Advisory Committee will again meet six times this year, on the following Tuesdays: February 7, April 3, June 5, September 4 (Dates), October 2 (Final Dates), November 27.

FEBRUARY FIXTURES

4	MEC	Jenkins Cup Sporting Trial
4/5	Galway	International Rally (TROA)
4/5	Skibbereen	100 Isles Navigation Trial (NT)
5	Carlow	Rallycross – Mondello (RX)
11/12	Midland	Navigation Trial
18	ALMC	Endurance Trial
18	Leinster	Lincoln & Nolan Cup Sporting Trial
18/19	Donegal	Navigation Trial
18/19	Cork	4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
19	Carlow	Rallycross – Mondello (RX)
19	Co Monaghan	Autotest (H)
19	Skibbereen	Autocross (LS)
26	Birr	Stages Rally (SR)
26	MEC	Freeman Cup Autotest (H)

DATE CHANGES

Munster CC Cork 20 International Rally (TROA) from 28/29/30.9.12 to 6/7.10.12

CHANGES TO CLUB INFORMATION

Birr & District MC: change of address: Robert Nolan, Ballinroe, Castleiney, Templemore, Co Tipperary.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

The following competitors' cars were checked by scrutineers at the Clare MC Stages Rally on 18.9.11 and were found to comply with their homologation papers in respect of the listed items: Honda Civic, driver Pauric McGee (Class 2), air box, roll cage, brakes; Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9, driver Sam Moffett (Class 4), air intake, roll cage, brakes, anti-roll bars.

The following competitor's car was sealed by scrutineers at the 500MRCI Race Meeting at Kirkistown on 24.9.11 and was found, when checked, to comply with the class technical regulations in respect of engine, carburetors, gearbox, rear axle: Stryker, driver Des Bruton.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS

As was announced at the CAC meeting on November 29, a revised agreement with insurers has made it possible to reduce the premiums for Public Liability Insurance for all events by 10%. This is in addition to the 20% reduction achieved in 2010.

Details of this reduction, listing the permit and insurance amounts payable when submitting permit applications for events during 2012, have been circulated to club secretaries and are also available on the MI website under Useful Information/Standard Forms/2012 Event Premiums Chart and also under Yearbook – Appendix 130.

CORRECTIONS TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 2 – Scrutiny – ROLL CAGES

THIS WORDING HAS ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 2011 MOTOR SPORT BULLETIN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE 2012 YEARBOOK CONTAINS AN EARLIER, INCORRECT VERSION OF THIS ARTICLE

Article 16.1:

With effect from 1 July 2011, the following cars which do not have a homologated or certified cage (or do not have the homologation papers or certificate for their cage) must have windscreen pillar reinforcement bars fitted (FIA Drawing 253-15): Toyota Corolla AE86; Honda Civic model EK; Opel/Vauxhall Corsa - B (Nova).

Where a driver has concerns that he/she will be physically impeded from exiting the car in an emergency by the application of this rule, he/she may apply to Motorsport Ireland for a waiver to replace FIA Drawing 253-15 with the design shown in FIA Drawing 253-31.

In all other cases the fitting of reinforcement bars to all non-homologated or uncertified cages is highly recommended.

Appendix 31 – Dunlop National Rally Championship

Art 2 – Classes: Class 16: Junior Class: second sentence: Drivers to be under 26 on 1st January 2012.

Art 3 – Group N Award: Final sentence: Only the best six scores out of eight to count.

Appendix 32 – National Forest Rally Championship

Art 5 – Classes: Class 9: Junior Class: line 2: should read: born on or after 1.1.86.