

FIXTURE LIST - MAY

30/1-2nd	Killarney International Rally of the Lakes
2nd	TDC Autotest
8th	500 MRCI Race Meeting, Kirkstown
8/9th	Cork West Cork Classic Rally
9th	Carlow Stages Rally (SR)
9th	Connacht Autocross (LS)
9th	MRCCI Midget Car Races
15/16th	MGCC Race Meeting, Mondello
16th	Castle Autocross (A)
16th	Kerry Autotest
16th	SKC Kart Race (KC)
22/23rd	Kildare 4x4 Production Vehicle Trial
22/23rd	MEC Hillclimb Weekend (HC)
23rd	Cork Autocross (LS)
23rd	Munster Kart Race Meeting (KC)
29th	500 MRCI Race Meeting, Kirkstown
30th	Carlow Rallycross
30th	Cavan Stages Rally (SR)
30th	IKC Kart Race Meeting (KC)

JUNE

5/6th	Munster 44th Annual Vintage Rally
5/6th	Leinster Race Meeting, Mondello
6th	Limerick Circuit of Munster Stages Rally (SR)
6th	MRCCI Midget Car Races
7th	June Holiday Monday
8th	TDC Maynooth Festival Autotest
11/13th	IVVCC Gordon Bennett Rally - V & V Run
12/13th	Skibb/Killarney Retrospective Rally
13th	Kildare 4x4 Production Vehicle Trial (Closed)
13th	Ballina Autocross (A)
13th	SKC Kart Race Meeting (KC)
18/20th	Donegal International Rally (TR)
19/20th	Tipperary V & V Run
20th	Killarney Autocross (LS)
20th	MEC Race Meeting, Mondello
20th	MRCCI Midget Car Races
20th	Skibbereen Economy Run
26th	500 MRCI Race Meeting, Kirkstown
27th	CK-on-Suir Ravens Rock Stages Rally (SR)
27th	TDC Autotest

Date Alterations to Year End

Killarney Autocross (LS) from 6th June to 18th April
 IKC Kart Races from 9.5.99 to 30.5.99
 Cork Autocross 23.5.99 from (GS) to (LS)
 IKC Kart Races 27.6.99 - CANCELLED
 IKC Kart Races from 17.10.99 to 24.10.99

RIAC Awards

Neil Shanahan, generally regarded to be one of Irish motor sport's most talented young drivers in many years, received further recognition for his talents when he was awarded the Barney Manley Driver of the Year Award on 26th April.

The trophy, which is awarded annually by the Irish Motor Sport Journalists, goes to "a competitor from the thirty two counties whose performance during the year in any branch of motor sport is considered to be the year's outstanding achievement". Previous recipients have included Martin Donnelly, Eddie Irvine and Bertie Fisher.

Shanahan, who this year is racing in the UK with the Van Diemen International team has been the RIAC Dunlop Racing Driver of the Year in Ireland for the past two years. In 1998 he won the Formula Ford Zetec Championship taking the title with six wins in twelve races.



The Barney Manley award was presented at a function in the RIAC. At the same function, Gavin Smith won the Jimmy Millard Memorial Trophy as the year's most promising newcomer while the Ivan Webb Memorial Trophy went to Ed Colton for his contribution to Irish motor sport over many years.

Our picture shows Neil Shanahan being presented with the award by David Manley, son of the late Barney Manley.

RED MILLS RIAC National Rally Championship

With three rounds of the RED MILLS RIAC National Rally Championship completed, it appears there are at least seven drivers vying for the Vard Memorial Trophy.

Daniel Doherty (Ballina), Gabriel Snow (Kerry) and Niall Maguire (Monaghan) have taken the top points to date. yet, it is likely to be at least another three rounds before a pattern will emerge. Maguire, lost out on a tie-break to John Gilleece, who clinched his second National title last season.

Gilleece, is certainly in no mood to relinquish his crown and judging by his form in Kerry, he will be right on the pace quicker than anticipated. Maguire and Gilleece will have the like of Daniel Doherty, Michael Barrable, Ray Breen, John McCluskey and Frank O'Mahony snapping at their heels as the RED MILLS sponsored championship makes its way around the country.

Doherty, is in a precarious position with two non-finishes in Kerry and Monaghan, he cannot drop any further scores. Over the years, reliability and consistency, are the hallmarks of success in the national championship that continues to attract record entries. Snow, in his very competitive Subaru Impreza, has shown that he is a realistic title challenger.

It certainly appears to be a formidable contest for overall success, possibly the best in recent years. Ray Breen, in the Escort WRC, has been a little unlucky, yet, if he can string a few results together, he too, can look forward to a good season.

Championship success, has, so far, eluded Michael Barrable (Toyota Celica). At the beginning, of the current decade, he lost out on the final round to Richard Smyth. Will he achieve his ambition before the millennium? What about Frank O'Mahony (Subaru Impreza). In the late 1980's, he was narrowly beaten by Kenny Colbert in a battle that went to the wire, he begins his quest in Carlow. John McCluskey, now in a Toyota Celica, is still adjusting to his new car. Whatever else, he is capable of splitting the points and that adds further intrigue to the RED MILLS RIAC National Rally Championship.

Martin Walsh

Licence Statistics

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including the 29th April:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Renewals	1158	1280	1304	1439	1425	1560	1561	1695	1949	2221
First Time	95	159	156	210	272	277	354	373	393	429
Total	1253	1439	1460	1649	1697	1837	1915	2068	2342	2650

Galway International Rally 1999

Car No. 61 crewed by Martin Kirwan and Ambrose Dunne and Car No. 63 crewed by Michael Bird and Ann Lynskey have been excluded from the results of the Galway International Rally. This followed an eligibility inspection when both cars were found not to comply with the technical regulation for the class from which they were entered.

1999 Ford Ireland KA Rally Championship Update

Amendment to Championship Regulations

7.13 Tyres

7.13.1 Specifications

Make : Michelin

Size: (Tarmac) 15-53 x 13

TA00 - Intermediate / Wet

N00 - Soft Moulded Slick

N20 - Medium Moulded Slick

Michelin TA00 can be cut for wet conditions, but only to the patterns dictated by Michelin Competition Department. Competitors requiring the templates for these permitted patterns should contact the Championship Registrar. A cutting service is provided by the Michelin Competition Tyre Truck on all KA Rally Championship Rounds. Competitors are permitted to use different compounds on front and rear if they prefer. All tyres can only be purchased from EARS Motorsport, Mallow, Co. Cork.

NO OTHER TYRE SIZES OR COMPOUNDS ARE PERMITTED

FUEL

The use of methanol as fuel in vehicles competing in RIAC permitted events is prohibited with immediate effect.

Competitors are also reminded that leaded fuel will be withdrawn from sale on the 1st January 2000.

RACE STARTS

The start procedure for all RIAC Championship events run in the jurisdiction of the RIAC will be in accordance with Appendix 'L' (13) of the current motor sport yearbook.

With immediate effect this supersedes all other regulations which refer to this procedure and published else where in the yearbook.

1999 RIAC approved Racing Championships

The rounds of the Italian Saloon Car and Fiat Uno Championships were omitted from the 6th June in the information provided in the motorsport bulletin of the 4th March. Please update this schedule of championships and note that the total number of rounds is correct as originally published i.e. 9.

Motor Sport Publicity

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RIAC Formula VEE Championship 1999

In accordance with Appendix 'D' of the current RIAC Motor Sport Yearbook, the following drivers have been graded "A" for the 1999 season.

Ronan Byrne	Frank Byrnes
Ned Dickenson	Dominic Dillon,
Pat Donegan	Matthew Dunne
Brian Hearty	Paul Heavy
Andy Kanavagh	Hugh Maguire
John Mahon	Edwin Masson
Ray Moore	Paul Newport
Enda O'Connor	Gerry O'Reilly
Paudric Owens	Philip Rafferty
David Sheane	Terry Warner
Breen White	

The following amendments have also been made to the Technical Regulations for Formula Vee with immediate effect:-

RIAC Yearbook - page 24 Appendix D Carburation -

Please add the following - The choke size of the Weber 34 ICT Carburettor must be 29mm.

RIAC Yearbook, Page 26 Appendix 1 Kent Camshaft

Remove the last paragraph which reads "with the use of the Kent Camshaft.....etc" and replace with:- With the use of the Kent Camshaft, the gear wheel may be removed to obtain the correct timing through the gear wheel and camshaft of 7 degrees 30 minutes B.T.D.C maximum with 1mm of clearance @ the inlet valve. The gear wheel must be drilled through into the camshaft, these must then be primed. Some Kent Camshafts are been and have been supplied with the timing set at 3 degrees 20 minutes. This is acceptable for 1999.

Cavan Motor Club

Jim Reilly has been appointed as the Secretary for Cavan Motor Club and you can write to him at 24 St. Martin's Estate, Cavan.

Anti-Doping Tests

The RIAC Motor Sport Commission have appointed Dr. Frank O'Donoghue as Anti-Doping Officer for Irish Motor Sport. Dr. O'Donnoghue and the RIAC are working closely with the Irish Sports Council and all other sporting bodies to ensure the eradication of illegal substance from Irish Sport.