

# **The Nithsdale Targa Rally 2013**

## **5 May 2013**

### **Introduction**

*On 5 May 2013, the South of Scotland Car Club Ltd will promote a multi-venue Targa Rally in the Nithsdale District of Dumfries and Galloway, South West Scotland*

*Those of you who have previously competed on our autotests should not notice a difference in the format or test presentation, mixing loose tracks, private roads, airfield and smooth concrete.*

*As the event runs to MSA rally regulations we now pay increased insurance costs in 2013, and for this reason we have set the entry fee at £37.00. Insurance will be available via Lockton.*

*We are electing to run this event as 'closed to club' which avoids the need for an MSA competition licence, but means all competitors must produce a SoSCC club card at signing on. Memberships will be available at signing on.*

*There will be no Historic class for this event in 2013 (as classes have to be ability-based) but we will offer an award for 'best historic' if there are 5 or more entries with pre-1982 cars.*

*New 2013 rule R18.6.6 for daylight road rallies allows cars to be more than one colour, and to carry up to 1250 sq cm of advertising (the area of 2 sheets of A4 paper).*

*The organising team looks forward to seeing you on the day.*

*We would like to acknowledge the assistance of the landowners to whom we are deeply indebted:-*

*His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry*

*BEL Estates and Staff*

*Oakbank Services and Staff*

*Knavesmire Ltd*

*James Jones and Sons Ltd*

*Blackwood Estate*

*Thanks also to:*

*Police Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Division*

*Marshalling Teams*

*Residents of Nithsdale District*

## **Supplementary Regulations**

### **1. Announcement**

1.1 South of Scotland Car Club Ltd will organise a Clubman status Targa Rally on Sunday 5 May 2013 in Nithsdale, Dumfries and Galloway. (Landranger maps 78 84) The start venue and Rally HQ is the Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum, Heathhall, Dumfries, DG1 3PH.

### **2. Jurisdiction**

2.1 The event will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd., incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, these Supplementary Regulations and any other written instructions the organising Club may issue for the event.

### **3. Permits**

3.1 MSA Permit No: To be advised

3.2 Route Authorisation No: To be advised

### **4. Eligibility**

4.1 The event is open to all fully elected members of the organising club.

4.2 All competitors must produce a valid Club membership card, which will be inspected at signing on. Full adult & junior memberships may be obtained at signing on.

4.3 Drivers must hold a full valid Road Traffic Act driving licence for a car. Navigators must have attained the age of 12 years.

4.4 Drivers may only drive one vehicle once. Navigators may only navigate once.

4.5 For the purpose of seeding the entry list, the owner of the vehicle entered will be deemed to be 'first' driver and will always have the higher seeding. However, where the owner is not the more experienced driver on competitive events the more experienced driver will be deemed to be the first driver. In the event of a query or dispute the Clerk of the Course's decision is final.

### **5. Programme – Subject to alteration in the bulletins and final instructions:**

#### **5.1 Location**

The event will take place at several venues in and around Dumfries and Thornhill, Dumfries and Galloway, including the use of public roads. Timed tests will be held at off-road locations throughout the route.

**Please note - Petrol is available on the route at various locations**

#### **5.2 Access**

Access to the start venue, the Aircraft Museum, is available from 07:30 onwards.

#### **5.3 Noise Check**

The Noise check will open at 08:30. Vehicles failing the noise check will not be allowed to start.

#### **5.4 Scrutineering**

*Follow the arrows on arrival at the venue to the Paddock parking area. Please park as directed and report to signing-on. Noise check, scrutineering and signing on will be within or adjacent to the Paddock area. Any competitor not signed on by 9:30am may not be allowed to start, at the discretion of the Clerk of course.*

#### **5.5 Documentation**

*Final instructions, venue map and any other documentation relevant to the final instructions will be sent by email on or before Wednesday, 1st May 2013.*

*On the day of the event, following scrutineering and signing on, competitors will be supplied with all necessary instructions, diagrams, maps and time cards to allow them to complete the rally within the overall event timetable.*

#### **5.6 Briefing**

*There will be a compulsory crew briefing at 09:45 adjacent to the signing on area.*

#### **5.7 Format & Timing**

*The event will start at 10:00am with competitors starting at one-minute intervals. There will be a lunch break of around an hour and the event will finish with an awards presentation at around 5pm.*

#### **5.8 Notices**

*Before, during and after the event, official notices will be displayed on the official notice board in the Start / Paddock area. Competitors may have to sign for notices on the official notice board.*

#### **5.9 Toilets**

*Toilet facilities will be provided at the start venue and at the lunch halt. NB not all test venues will have toilet facilities*

#### **5.10 Refreshments**

*Local catering will be available at the paddock area for hot drinks and snacks from 8am onwards.*

*Marshals will be provided with a voucher for one hot drink and snack free of charge, as some recognition of their contribution as indeed without them, the event would not run.*

*Lunch halt will be at a venue where hot food and refreshments may be purchased.*

#### **5.11 Prohibited Equipment**

*Video equipment may not be used in competing cars.*

*Competitors may not wear crash helmets of any type.*

*The use of intercoms for competitors other than those with medical dispensation is not allowed.*

*No pace notes made separately from the test diagrams are permitted.*

*The penalty for breaching these restrictions is exclusion from this event and future events.*

### **6. Officials**

*6.1 The Officials of the events are as follows;*

*Clerk of the Course – Mark Simpson [Massimppson@hotmail.com](mailto:Massimppson@hotmail.com)*

*Secretary of the Meeting – Paul Whyte*

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*Chief Marshal – Colin Marshall*

*Chief Timekeeper – William Ross*

*Chief Scrutineer – James Robertson*

*Entry Secretary – Roland Proudlock 07824 847383*

*Club Steward – Gordon Paterson*

## **7. Eligible Cars**

*7.1.1. The event is open to all cars compliant with MSA Year Book 2013 J5 and the following:*

*7.1.2. Cars must display a current tax disc and where applicable a current MOT must be produced.*

*7.1.3. Bodywork must represent the manufacturer's original profile and may include any optional extras available directly from the manufacturer. Paintwork **is not** required to be one colour (R18.6.6).*

*7.1.5 Wheels and tyres are free but must fit within the standard unmodified wheel arch.*

*Vehicles must be fitted with tyres that are legal for use on the public highway, and have legal tread depth at the start of the event.*

*All moulded slick tyres are prohibited including those listed as FIA Approved Moulded Slick Tyres.*

*Vehicles must have all spare wheels securely fastened in position and must not be fitted with spiked or studded tyres or any non-skid attachments.*

*Note: Since the events incorporate sections on the public highway, tyres must to be road legal at scrutineering - and for the duration of the event showing a minimum of 1.6mm tread pattern depth across at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the width of the tyre.*

### **Forest Rally or Mud & Snow tyres may not be used.**

*7.1.6 Front seats may be improved or replaced. If equipped with a non-standard fuel tank it must be separated from the driver/passenger compartment by a protective bulkhead of non-flammable material preventing the passage of fluid or flame. Full harness seatbelts may be fitted and guards may be fitted beneath the vehicle to provide protection from damage.*

*7.1.7 Kit cars must be based on road car mechanicals, and will only be accepted at the organisers' discretion.*

*7.1.8 Forced induction is permitted for diesel engines only as follows: the original induction system including the intercooler and air filter housing must remain as originally fitted, without any modification other than the replacement of the air filter element.*

*Cars must comply with R18.3.3, R18.5 and R18.6:*

*R18.3.3. Engines must comply with the silencing levels G.11.1, J.5.17 and 4.1 and have induction air filter elements fitted that ensure the vehicle complies with noise regulations J.5.17.*

*As this is a daylight event, R18.5, R18.5.1 and R18.5.9 do not apply.*

*R18.5.8. Vehicles must have all lights fitted and used according to motor vehicle lighting regulations.*

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*R18.6. The vehicle must be currently registered and taxed as a Private Car and comply with all statutory regulations as to the Construction and Use regulations (especially regarding brakes, lighting, tyres, warning devices, rear view mirrors, silencers, speedometers, wings and windscreens).*

*Vehicles may not use racing style numbers. Advertising not exceeding 1250 sq cm in total is permitted (R18.6.6).*

*They should be equipped with an effective method of stopping fuel supply, operable by the Driver when normally seated (the ignition switch would normally cover this requirement) and must use pump fuel as defined in Nomenclature and Definitions.*

*Brakes are free but must comply with Construction and Use Regulations. A hydraulic handbrake is permitted. This must incorporate the existing manufacturer's handbrake lever, mounting position and pivot point.*

*All vehicles must carry a Small Spill Kit complying with J5.20.13: (A self-contained spill kit capable of effectively absorbing minor spillages of up to 1.25 litres of all vehicle fluids – oils, fuels, coolants, battery acid).*

### **8. Scrutineering**

*8.1 All vehicles will be scrutineered for safety purposes. Cars will only be allowed to start subject to compliance with road rally noise regulations: 98dB(A) at 0.5m or 86dB(A) at 2m at 2/3 maximum revs as per J Appendix 1.*

*8.2 Vehicles that are three years old or more will require a current MOT certificate to be produced.*

*8.3 For proof of ownership and legal notification of vehicle specification the V5 for the vehicle entered must be produced.*

### **9. Classes**

*9.1 There will be the following classes:*

*MA Masters with engine capacity 1400cc or less*

*MB Masters with engine capacity over 1400cc*

*EA Experts with engine capacity 1400cc or less*

*EB Experts with engine capacity over 1400cc*

*N Novices*

*Masters: Driver has won their class on any Rally, auto test or Gymkhana with Special Tests in the last 5 years.*

*Experts: Driver has previously competed on 5 or more Rallies, autotests or Gymkhanas with Special Tests.*

*Novices: Driver has previously competed on less than 5 Rallies autotests or Gymkhanas with Special Tests.*

*(Endurance, Navigational and Historic Road Rallies count towards this).*

*9.2 Competitors can only enter one class. The Organisers reserve the right to alter classes if they think that is appropriate.*

## **10. Identification**

10.1 Competitors will be identified by numbers supplied by the organisers; these must be displayed on the nearside and offside of the vehicle. They must be removed upon leaving the event venue. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that car numbers are visible throughout the event.

## **11. Entries**

11.1 Entries should be made by completing the official entry form, and will only be accepted when full payment has been received. **Telephone entries will not be accepted.** The maximum number of entries is 30. All entries and their current status will be shown on the website [www.soscc.co.uk](http://www.soscc.co.uk) on receipt.

## **12. Entry List**

12.1 The entry fee is £37 for a single entry and £74 for double driven entries. Late entries may be accepted at the organisers' discretion. Cheques will be banked a week before the event. Withdrawn entries notified by 1/5/13 will receive a full refund; those withdrawn after this date will be refunded in full or part at the organisers' discretion.

12.2 Final instructions will confirm starting times etc and will only be sent by e-mail to the e-mail addresses specified on the entry form. It is our intention to keep this event relatively paperless and so where possible all documentation will be electronic.

### **12.3 Insurance**

Drivers must have valid insurance, as is required by the UK Road Traffic Act, covering them against liability for both personal injury to, and damage to the property of, third parties on public road parts of the event. It is the entrant's responsibility to arrange such insurance and/or to extend existing insurance so as to comply with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. First drivers will be required to sign a legally binding declaration that they and any other crew member, who is to drive the car, are covered by such insurance. Failure to do so will result in permission to start being refused.

Entrants are required to supply the name and address of the vehicle's insurers and insurance Agent.

### **12.4 Insurance:**

As most insurance policies do not cover competition use, the Club have applied to Lockton for a Blanket Cover Note under their Motor Sports Club Scheme. This will provide competitors who use the scheme with the Third Party Cover necessary to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of the event. All new applicants wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Lockton's Declaration:-

- Over 21 and held a full licence for at least 6 months
- Not more than 1 fault accident in last 3 Years
- No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence
- No physical or mental disabilities
- No other material facts

*If you comply with all points above then simply sign the insurance form at the start - No Letter of Acceptance will be required. If unable to comply with any of above points you will be required to complete the Lockton Declaration Form (available from the Entries Secretary) which should be forwarded directly to Lockton prior to the event to allow sufficient time for Letter of Acceptance to be issued.*

*The basic rate for the event before any loadings will be £18:00 inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax.*

*Please note that under the event insurance there is an excess of £450 for any damage caused on private land used on the event.*

### **13. Awards**

*13.1 First Overall Driver and Navigator*

*First in Class Driver and Navigator*

*Second in Class Driver and Navigator (subject to 4 entries)*

*Third in Class Driver and Navigator (subject to 6 entries)*

*Best Historic Driver and Navigator (subject to 5 cars registered before 1982 running)*

*13.2 A driver and navigator may only win one award other than Best Historic.*

*13.3 In the event of a tie, R 15.2.2 will apply*

### **14. Results**

*14.1 Provisional results will be published during the day and finalised prior to the awards presentations. Protests will be dealt with in accordance with C.5. Final results will be published on the South of Scotland Car Club Ltd Website: [www.soscc.co.uk](http://www.soscc.co.uk)*

### **15. Event Test Definition**

*15.1 All of the tests will be defined by diagrams with the route clearly marked. These will be incorporated within the road book.*

*15.2 Tests should be completed in accordance with the time schedule.*

**16. Boards** *no route confirmation boards will be used*

### **17. Penalties**

*17.1 Time to complete a test. Actual time.*

*Failing to start/complete a test. Maximum*

*Failing to complete a test in the correct sequence as per the route instructions. Maximum*

*Striking a cone or marker. 10 seconds per cone/marker*

*Failing to stop astride finish line. 10 seconds per occasion*

*Failing to cross a line with all 4 wheels. 10 seconds per occasion*

*Driving in a manner deemed dangerous or likely to give rise to complaint. **Exclusion.***

**18. Timing**

*18.1 Timing will be completed using digital stop clocks. Competitors will know their start time and the time allowed for each section will be specified in the time card/road book.*

*18.2 Timing will be to an accuracy of not less than 1 second.*

**19. Driving Standards**

*19.1 Driving standards will be monitored carefully. All signed on marshals, named officials or the Driving Standards Observer have the power to exclude any competitor for dangerous or inconsiderate driving.*

*Please be sensible, this is a fun event.*

*Mark Simpson, Clerk of the Course.*





<b><i>Declaration</i></b>	
<p>I declare that I have been given the opportunity to read the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association and, if any, the Supplementary Regulations to this event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept the risk. I understand that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence.</p> <p>I declare that the use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by law which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined by law.</p>	
<b>I confirm I have read and agree to the terms of the Declaration</b>	
Drivers Signature.....Date.....Age (if under 18)..... Navigators Signature..... Date..... Age (if under 18).....	
<b>Consent of Parent or Guardian if the Driver and / or passenger is under 18 years of age.</b>	
<b><i>PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF DRIVER / PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF NAVIGATOR</i></b>	
1/ Driver's Name	
2/ Navigator's Name	
1/ Relationship (Parent or Guardian)	
2/ Relationship (Parent or Guardian)	
1/ Address of driver's parent/guardian inc post code.	
2/ Address of navigator's parent/guardian inc post code.	
1/ Signature of Driver's Parent / Guardian	
2/ Signature of Navigator's Parent / Guardian	
<b>I Confirm that I am able to comply with all points of the Lockton insurance services Declaration</b>	
Signature	
Print Name Date	
<b>Competitors using their own Insurance are required to provide the details in the space below.</b>	
<b>Company Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Policy number</b>	

