

Cross Country report, June 2017

I shall keep this brief.... (says Ian)

Event

I queried 6 of the 4x4 clubs in the association, and between them they ran 24 permitted events during April, May, and June:

Permit Type	Count
Trial	9
Tyro	2
Competitive Safari	5
Timed Trial	1
Treasure Hunt	3
Promotional	2
Gymkhana	1
Touring Assembly	1
Total	24

Event Grades (or “showing off”)

There are two “grades” of Competitive Safari: Average speed 30mph, and average speed 50mph.

It appeared that, as far as the MSA were concerned, there was only one organisation running the higher-speed comps: The British Cross Country Championships.

The Scottish Cross Country Championship events [the ones run by us, in Scotland, anyway] are all run as “Safari Plus”.... and the MSA have been reminded of that.

The point, however, is that Scotland is (yet again) showing it can successfully put on events that are above expectation.

Inter Association

In June, we hosted the (cross country) Inter Associational event.

After dying as a Trial, and then dying as a Tyro - we ran it as a Competitive Safari, and as part of an existing [large, by our measures] event.

This was 15 laps of a 6-mile stage (if it helps, think a cross between Stage Rally and Rally Cross)

Rank	Assoc.	Driver 1	No	Class	Ret?	Driver 2	No	Class	Ret?	Total Time	Time to lead
1	SACC 3	David Brose	1	D	-	Phill Bayliss	238	C	-	05:02:41	
2	SACC 2	Craig Lindsay	24	B	-	Alastair Morton	77	B	-	05:11:18	09:37
3	SACC 1	Colin Stevenson	19	E	-	George Bryson	43	D	-	05:13:53	12:12
4	ANCC 3	Paul Short	69	C	-	Steve Hill	96	E	-	05:47:25	45:44
5	ANCC 2	Richard Copsey	3	F	10	Aston Cox	61	D	-	06:01:29	59:48
6	ANCC 1	Anthony Jackson	11	G	-	Robin Clarkson	185	F	9	06:55:29	1:53:48

Dates to remember

SCCC Round 5 - Galashiels, 19-20 August 2017

SCCC Round 6 - With NORC (Englandshire), 23-24 September 2017

“Borders” Hill Rally – Galloway, 19-20 November 2017

Last thing

One of our clubs has been getting tangled in using Forestry Commission ground, more so since the new unified body has been set up.

There are three aspects that clubs may wish to take from this:

- 1) The MSA have specifically stated that they prefer to make exclusive arrangements for facilities (primarily so that non-MSA users do not tarnish the use of the venue for MSA users)
- 2) The Forestry Commission are viewing every usage as “a competition” (and thus require competition rates for usage)
- 3) Whilst there is a clause in the FC master-agreement which allows event preparation and training for event official FOC, note clause 2 as this is causing problems: it's all about *how* you phrase any application - it won't be the first time our usage gets tarred due to the “rule-bending” of another party.... even if they're from south of the border!