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## THE SURVEY

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# Glens of Antrim Stages Rally 2011

Saturday the 5th November will see the action move to Co Antrim for the final round of the Hankook MSA NI Rally championship. Based in the scenic Glens of Antrim the Mid Antrim Motor Clubs event is always a challenging event for the crews who are fighting for the last remaining points of the Hankook MSA NI Rally Championship or Mid Antrim's own Club Championship, and this year the event has a twist which should make it even more interesting.

The big twist in this year's Glens of Antrim Stages is that it has switched surface, traditionally a gravel rally the decision has been taken to switch the event to a tarmac surface. The event will be held over 10 stages with the classic Slieveanorra and Parkmore stages being replaced by the

tarmac stages within Ballypatrick and Ballycastle Forests. The event will also have a new base; it will be based in McQuillan GAC on the Whitepark Road in Ballycastle.

With new stages and a new base the rally will be a new challenge for the crews and they have a lot to look forward too! The Ballypatrick stage has everything, at 5 miles in length it has all the features, bumps, jumps but the most popular feature has to be the water splash! The Ballycastle stage is shorter but again, a fast blast where any dropped time could be crucial at the end of the event. The event will have 5 loops and the crews will return to service in McQuillans GAC after every 2 stages.



## Down Rally gets geared up...

Event based in Castlewellan, Co Down with 7 gravel stages in Drumkeeragh, Tollymore, Castlewellan and Rostrevor.

**Raymond 'Slim' Campbell is the Chief Marshal and can be contacted on 07731524517.**

Marshals will receive a complimentary hot meal at Rally HQ plus a free gift for helping on the day.



## Chairman's Address

Folks, welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. A very big thanks to all of you that have been busy over a hectic few months. In this edition you will read details of the new MMP Marshal of the Year – where you have the chance to nominate someone you know that fits the bill and has done something that little bit special to deserve recognition. Remember, this is your chance to nominate a marshal, and it will only work if you take the time to tell us why someone should get this award. The award will be presented at the ANICC Awards night in January, so please let us know who you think should get

the award, and why!

As this will be the last edition before MMP cards are returned, please make sure you have all the signatures up to date. With the new scoring system to reward people doing events from different disciplines, there will be interesting to see the impact on the scores for the Top MMP marshals. Again the Top MMP points scoring marshals will be invited to the ANICC awards in January for the presentation of their awards.

So, as we approach the Kirkistown Reward

weekend, I would like to invite you all to come along and enjoy the day in the rally cars. This superb day is your reward and gives you an unbelievable chance to sit in, pull the belts tight and enjoy an adrenalin run around the racetrack with some of the top drivers.

Keep gathering the signatures and clocking up the points – and I'll see you all in December!

*Plunkett Boyle*



# HEY HO LETS GO RETRO

Well everyone it's nearly that time again, time for the miles, the tar, the gravel and the burning rubber that make up the Circuit Retro. Lisburn City Council has come on board for the third year in a row to support the event and again we have been welcomed back to Lisburns Premier Inn Hotel as our base and Rally HQ.

This year Lisburn have offered us the use of the Island Civic Centre as a start venue and from there we return to a Retro classic, Wallace Park for the first of the Friday legs 19 tests. We have kept to the same 1st day format this year, with tests all day on Friday followed by the evenings Night Navigation section, where competitors will attempt to find their way around our Top Secret route, just west of Lisburn, off the B104.

On Saturday we will join Rathfriland Motor Club and the Down Rally through the forests of Tollymore and Castlewella, two popular locations from last year, and Rostrevor, all of which will be run as special tests. We then hope to return to Narrow Water Castle for lunch in the vaulted cellars. For Saturday afternoon we have something new planned, a Hill Climb test up the side of Gullion Mountain, before returning to HQ. On Saturday night we have the pleasure of inviting you back to the Island Civic Centre, where Lisburn City Council have provided the evenings meal and transport to and from the Hotel. All competitors are welcome free of charge to enjoy the evenings entertainment and craic.

On Sunday we will be returning to the Ards Peninsula via some old and new tests and

regularities, back to Kirkistown Racing Circuit for 7 of the days nearly 20 tests and a very motorsport lunch in Debtors Diner. We are also fortunate to be welcomed back to the Ireland Off Road Experience test at Clandeboye estate, before returning to base to dish out the prizes at the gala dinner in the Premier Inns Linen House Restaurant. The Retro Organising Committee are pleased to welcome our new endurance class to this years event, so endurance and navigations style cars will be given the opportunity to see what this great event has to offer.

So folks, watch this space for the Regulations which will be coming soon, and get your entries in early. From all the organising committee, we hope to see you at this Years Circuit of Ireland Retro.



## Best Stage winner

Presented to Paul Doherty, Patricia Laverty and John goddard of Magherafelt and District motor club who handled the epic 15 miles of Slieve gallion. The presentation was made by Ian Connolly Chief marshal and Michael Johnston COC on behalf of the Ulster rally team

# Gutsy Gullion Stages Rally

## 19 November 2011



Formula Karting Gullion stages are renowned for testing driver's skills in the hairpin bends that form this exciting rally and this year is no exception.

Lead by a New Clerk of the course Jan Huisman, new twists have been added to the old favourites and it promises to live up to its reputation as one of the most challenging rallies of the season.

Chief Marshall, Andy Frater says 'these new routes mean that more marshals are required, so if you're free on 19th November come and join us'.

**If you'd like more information about this event or would like to marshal, telephone Andy at 07899678560.**

Please support those who support the race.

# NEWS...

## MMP REWARDS

The 2012 Rewards can be obtained at the MMP Reward Day at Kirkistown on 3rd December 2011. Make sure you have your MMP signatures up to date and card returned to Simon Mac Rory on or before 1st December. REMEMBER YOU MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE TRAINING SESSION TO Qualify for the rewards. If you wish to obtain clothing please put the sizes you require along with your MMP Card!

The MMP want your ideas on what type of rewards you would like to achieve. Examples: Should we take away the top awards to the IRC/WRC? Spread the awards out so more people could win e.g. Karting events? Win a chance to spectator at a touring car event? Or simply win non motorsport related vouchers etc.

Submit your ideas by filling in the questionnaire and emailing it to Barry O'Neill on or before 2nd November to [baza76@hotmail.com](mailto:baza76@hotmail.com)

## Digital Switch

In the interests of staying current with our members and cutting the costs incurred in running the MMP as an organisation - the MMP have decided to gradually move its communications to digital.

This means that your quarterly newsletter will begin to appear through your email account and on the website [www.themmp.com](http://www.themmp.com)

We want to eliminate the cost so our limited budget can go towards the marshals rewards as much as possible.

Let us know your thoughts

### Training Events

#### Oct /NOV – MMP Training Evening

T.B.C – Text message will be sent out to confirm date and venue

**Nov**

**Newry Motor Club – Stage Commander Training – Formula Karting**

\*Remember you must have attended a FULL training session to qualify for the reward day\*

### Navigation Rally

**OCT 28**

**Omagh** – Postponed to another date.

**NOV 04**

**UAC** – MMP Contact – Wilson Carson – 07831 454031. This could be the second last Navigation event of the year. If you need those extra points it could make the difference.

**NOV 25**

**Rathfriland – Rogues Navigation Rally** – The final event of the year! The Rogues Rally is a Navigation Rally specifically designed for the Novice and Rally school pupils in and around the Rathfriland District. The route has been designed to be simple and straight forward for beginners to start off on the Motorsport ladder.

First car leaves the start at approximately 9pm. Marshals will receive a complimentary hot meal at the finish. Contact Tom Brown 07799711681

### Auto Tests

**OCT 29**

#### **Auto Drivers Club**

Ronnie Trouton 028 3838 51407

### Stage Rally

**OCT 22**

**Rathfriland –F&M Contracts Down Rally** – Event based in Castlewellan, Co Down with 7 gravel stages in Drumkeeragh, Tollymore, Castlewellan and Rostrevor. Raymond 'Slim' Campbell is the Chief Marshal and can be contacted on 07731524517. Marshals will receive a complimentary hot meal at Rally HQ plus a free gift for helping on the day.

**NOV 05**

**Mid-Antrim** – The last round of the Hankook Championship has a change in surface from previously using gravel to the tarmac lanes around the Ballypatrick and Ballycastle forests. If you interested in marshalling, contact Henry Campbell on 07801 598 525

**NOV 12**

#### **Ballynahinch**

To find out if the event is running contact Harry Coulter - 07503 592968

**NOV 19**

**Newry - Formula Karting Gullion stages**– Chief Marshall, Andy Frater. If you'd like more information about this event or would like to marshal, telephone Andy at 07899678560. Please support those who support the race.

### Retro

**OCT 21 + 23**

#### **UAC Retro**

The Lisburn based, 3 day Retro event covers plenty of miles, tar and gravel requires your help. Contact Wilson Carson on 07831 454 031

### Multi Use Rally

**NOV 19**

#### **Enniskillen**

Event Not Running due to lack of venue

### Rally Time Trial

**OCT 29**

**North Armagh** - McKinstry Motorsport Rally Time Trial in Kirkistown Race Circuit (Changed from Nutts Corner) Anyone who would like to come along and help out by marshalling a control, please contact Ashley Boulton - 07724386945.

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# THE SURVEY

## Have your opinions heard

Many volunteers have been commenting to MMP Committee Members that they are dissatisfied with the current REWARDS on offer? Now it's YOUR chance to express your views on what the MMP should offer for the 2013 Rewards. (N.B. -The MMP Budget is £5,000 which is divided over 400 volunteers)

1. How would you encourage all marshals to avail of the MMP?

2. How do we encourage more volunteers?

3. Do you like the Annual Reward day in Kirkistown, should it be kept as a reward?

Yes No

4. Should clothing remain part of rewards?

Yes No

5. Would the prospect of obtaining a Higher Reward persuade you to marshal at more events?

Yes No

6. What rewards would you suggest for 2012 Rewards?

## Marshal of the Year Nomination Form

MMP Nominating Club:

Name of Nominated MMP Marshal:

Please give a detailed account of the nominee's experience:

Explain in your own word why the nominated Marshal fits the criteria for 'Marshal of the Year'?

Completed Nominations by November 2nd 2011

By Post: Barry O'Neill, 14 O'Brien Park, Clanabogan, Omagh, BT78 5BS; Email: baza76@hotmail.com

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