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On behalf of the Cumberland Sporting Car club may I offer our congratulations to all the category and class winners on the Mid Wales Rally, but whether you were a winner or not, I hope that you enjoyed the event. We are now the next event in the BHRC and RAC, that concentrates the mind, so I thought I would take this opportunity to bring you up to date with our plans for this year's rally.



We are delighted to be part of the Mintex MSA BHRC and the West Wales Rally Spares RAC Championship, along with the Motoscope Northern Historic championship we hope to see a mouth-watering display of historic cars gather in Carlisle on April 25th.

Our format has been designed to make competing as convenient and as cost effective as possible, we are very aware that a lot of our entries will come from the south, be that Wales

or England, we have tried hard to design the rally to reduce time away from home and work to as little as possible.

Our Friday headquarters will be at H&H auction mart, this is within a few hundred yards of J43 of the M6, we have some superb facilities for Scrutineering and documentation, this will take place between 15:00 and 20:00 so for those of you travelling a distance if you require a late Scrutineering time please let us know. We also have the use of a secure compound for Friday pre rally service; you can if you wish leave your car there overnight. We can arrange for you to Scrutineer on Saturday morning, but please as a last resort and by appointment only.

There will be a shake-down available on Friday for those that want it, it will be in Kielder on a 2.5 mile loop, this will be very representative of the roads used on the rally, it will run from 09:00 to 16:00 and will be available for unlimited number of runs for £150. The only stipulation we make is that if requested, you give up to two runs to the organisers guests; these in the main will be sponsors guests. The shakedown will be run by John Parker Associates, but please enter the shakedown on the rally entry form.

We have a great prize up for grabs, donated by IMS and part of the 'Road To Wales' initiative we have a free entry to Rally Wales GB (International or National) to encourage you guys to get your entry in early, (it takes a lot of pressure of the organising team) we will put all entries received by Sat 11th April (1 week before close) into a hat, the winning crew will be presented with the prize on the start ramp.



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The Ceremonial start on Saturday morning will be in the centre of the City of Carlisle, with the first car leaving the start at 10:00, some will say why so late, can we not have an earlier start , the reason is simple, we receive great support from Carlisle City Council, they want the people of Carlisle to see what it is they are supporting, unfortunately the City Centre does not get really busy until nearer 10:00, so we put the

first 30 cars into the city centre at 09:00 and it builds up a crowd, in 2014 we had people standing six deep, it was a great spectacle. There will be a pre start at 1 min intervals from H&H for all cars (apart from the top 30) bringing them into the city centre 30 min before there due start time at TCO

Now to the meat of the rally, one road section of 48 miles to get to Kielder, a bore I know, but then 50 stage miles, in 6 stage's with only 26 road miles from the start of SS1 to the finish of the rally, with the first car due to finish at 15:30. For the past decade we have presented awards on the finish ramp, we do try and listen to what you the competitor wants, because we have a ceremonial start we thought you would not want to hang around at the finish. All crews that finish the rally will be awarded two finishers awards when they arrive at the Kielder Castle finish which is only a mile and a half from the last stage, most will then be free to leave for their homeward journey, only the top three overall and category winners will be required to hold back for a short time to be presented with their awards. (Unless required to attend post event scrutineering)

We are very grateful to the Forestry Commission for allowing us to use Kielder Castle as our Saturday rally HQ, it helps us to keep the format of the event so tight, as always there are drawbacks, in this case there is very limited parking, so can you please ask your service crews not to bring the van and trailer to the Rally Finish, they need to wait for you at the Kielder trailer park please, we have continued the road book after the rally finish to take you there.

All servicing will be in the Kielder valley, we will need to use three service areas, not ideal I know but it is the only way we can make this tight format work. You will be allocated one of the three service areas, A, B or C, there you will have an allocated a 7m X 7m service bay, we can only allow one service vehicle and the competing car into service, this will be strictly controlled, please help us on this. If you mean to share service with another crew, please tell us on the entry form, or give us a call, do not leave it to the last minute please.

The service route will take all service crews a different road section to Kielder, this has been done on purpose to reduce the level of traffic on country roads, it also takes all service crews past the Kielder trailer park where all trailers have to be parked, please make sure all service crews are aware that no trailers are allowed into service. We have a time constraint on service area A, all



crews must have vacated the area by 15:00 as there are a 1000 fell runners coming there to register for a run the next day. Please ask your service crew to wait for you at the trailer park.

I was in the stages last week checking the road book, they were in great condition, and they will be well ready for the 25th April, for those of you that know Kielder you are well aware of how good these stages are, fast open bends and a great challenge to drive, for those who have not ventured up here before, please look forward to it, they are not Wales, Scotland or Yorkshire, they have their very own character, we never ever say they are better than anywhere, only that they are Kielder and that means great fun to drive.

Our regulations and entry form are now on our web site www.pirellicarlislerally.co.uk, we would be very grateful if you can get you entry is as soon as possible, it saves us sleepless nights, but also remember that great prize up for grabs, we very much look forward to welcoming you to Carlisle in April.

On Behalf of the organising team

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