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Richard Egger Insurance

Championship News – January 2010

Busy HRCR Open Day

The Richard Egger Insurance HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship got off to a flying start at the annual HRCR Open Day at Gaydon on Saturday (16 January 2010).

The Open Day is the start-off point for the coming season as championship registrations open and crews start to firm up their plans for the year ahead. By the end of the day we had taken 42 registrations, a significantly higher number than in recent years. It was particularly encouraging that 12 of those registrations were from competitors new to the championship.

Nine of the eleven events in the 2010 championship were represented at the Open Day and all reported strong interest from existing and new competitors.

Newcomers Rally School, 30th January

With nearly 50 new competitors booked up for the HRCR training day in Cheshire, John Hunt has had to turn several away as there is not space for any more in the venue. This is most encouraging and hopefully will provide more competition this year in the Clubmans championship Newcomers class.

Prizegiving for 2009 Awards

The awards for the 2009 Richard Egger Insurance HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship will be presented at the Barcelo Daventry Hotel on Saturday 20th February. Tickets for the HRCR Annual Prizegiving Dinner are still available from HRCR General Secretary Tony Barron. We will have our championship winning car (this time it's Martin Neal's Austin-Healey Sprite) on prominent display in the foyer of the hotel.

Round 1: Tour of Anglesey, 13-14 February

Last run in 2006, the Tour of Anglesey returns to a more common daytime Sunday event, although

scrutineering and the first 2 Special Tests are on Saturday afternoon/evening at the Anglesey Showground, just as a taster for what follows the next day. There is no specific start time. Just turn up when you feel like it, and once through scrutineering and signing-on you can have a go at the Special Test which is repeated. Or, you could just hang around, watch a few others have a go, and then have a go yourself. Better watch out though, it gets dark early in February. Nice to see where you're going? Tests open 15:00 to 18:45, and then again from 22:30 to 23:30 for any late arrivals.

Sunday re-starts at the Anglesey Race Circuit for some more Special tests, followed by Regularity sections over some of the picturesque areas of the Isle of Anglesey. These are split by more Special tests at other venues, and two generous Rest Halts, half an hour at Foel Farm Park and Cafe on the shores of the Menai Strait, and an Hour at Pili Palas (Butterfly Palace) where crews should have time to check out the walk-through Butterfly haven and still have plenty of time to sample the Cafe. After another run through the Race Circuit Tests it's off to the Finish for hot meals at Trearddur Bay Hotel on Holy Island, near the port town of Holyhead, the gateway to Ireland.

Special Tests are now finalised, with the rally consisting of 14 Special Tests over five different Venues, linked by six Regularity Sections. And remember, crews are re-seeded for the Sunday based on the results of the two Tests at the Showground. Want to run 1st car? Better put your foot down on Saturday!

Anglesey is a low-lying island off the north Wales coast, protected from the weather by the Snowdonia mountain range on the mainland side of the Menai Strait, thus rarely has snow like the rest of Britain. Anglesey is now completely clear of snow and ice.

Note the closing date for entries - 1st February. Regulations and entry forms can be found on the websites www.camconline.co.uk and www.welshmotorsport.org At the last look, the website reported 20 entries received.

Round 2: Tour of Cheshire, 6th March

As well as winning the HRCR's prize for the best display stand, the Tour of Cheshire team from Knutsford MC took a good number of entries at the HRCR Gaydon Open Day and now have 31 entries, so don't leave entering late or you may find the entry full. They have an on-line entry system set up, via their website at www.tourofcheshire.co.uk

Tour of Wessex Date Change

In our provisional calendar we originally published the Tour of Wessex date as 29th August, but due to that being on a bank holiday weekend, the Road Rally Register organiser Roger Hunt has brought the event forward a week to Sunday 22nd August.

Full Harness Seat Belts

Competitors are advised that 3-point full harness belts are still allowed in historic road rally cars. HRCR Scrutineer Paul Loveridge has confirmed that they are OK as long as they are in good condition, correctly fitted and comply with the relevant construction and use regulations for motor vehicles. The scrutineer at last October's Regis Rally was incorrect in telling several competitors that only 4-point full harness belts are permitted by the MSA regulations. It is only for motor sport disciplines where full harness belts are mandatory (racing, sprints, endurance rallies, stage rallies etc.) that the MSA regulations require a minimum of 4-point mounting belts.

Not Yet Registered?

If you have not yet registered for 2010, you can print off the attached form and post it off with a cheque (only £10 again this year), or if you begrudge the cost of a stamp, bring it to signing-on at the first round you compete in.

Do make sure that your HRCR membership has not expired and you also have a MSA competition licence (National B minimum) for 2010. Both of these will be checked at each championship rally

you enter.

Clubmans Decals

All Clubmans contenders must display the championship sticker on their car. If you don't have any (they have not changed this year), please ask for a couple at event signing-on.

2010 Championship Calendar

Feb 13-14	TOUR OF ANGLESEY	North Wales
March 6	TOUR OF CHESHIRE	Cheshire
April 11	ILKLEY JUBILEE	Yorkshire
May 15	LEUKAEMIA HISTORIC	South Wales
May 30	HUGHES RALLY	Kent
June 12	EAST ANGLIAN CLASSIC	Norfolk
July 10	ROSS TRADERS	Herefords/Glos
Aug 1	NORTH YORKSHIRE CLASSIC	Yorkshire
Aug 22	TOUR OF WESSEX	Dorset/Wilts
Oct 9	REGIS RALLY	Sussex
Oct 23	CLOVERLEAF RALLY	Cambridge

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