

ATS CORACLE STAGES 2003

FOREWORD

Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2003 ATS Coracle Stages Rally.

Thanks to the enthusiastic co-operation of the **Bennett-Evans family**, the rally will once again return to the **Sweet Lamb Complex**, with scrutineering, servicing and the finishing ceremony all situated within the popular Mid Wales test venue.

The intention is to again promote a compact, no frills event, offering approximately 40 loose surface stage miles with a central service area - thereby catering for those without a service crew and who may wish to leave their service vehicle in the service area for the duration of the rally. The format has proved popular with both competitors and spectators in the past and the rally earned the prestigious award of **best event in the 2002 WAMC Clubmans Forestry Rally championship**.

Wishing you an enjoyable rally.

The Organising Clubs

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Messrs Bennett-Evans and Co.
Motor Sports Association Ltd.
Mr Alun Morgan, WAMC Rally Liaison Officer.
St Johns Ambulance
Dyfed Powys Police
Powys County Council
All marshals and householders on route

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs Ltd will organise a National B permit Stage Rally on Sunday 6th July 2003.

2. JURISDICTION

The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of The Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Ltd (MSA) (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue.

3. AUTHORISATION

MSA Permit Number t.b.a.

4. ELIGIBILITY

The events are open to:

- (a) All fully elected members of the organising clubs.
- (b) All fully elected members of W.A.M.C. clubs.
- (c) All fully elected members of A.N.W.C.C. clubs.
- (d) All fully elected members of A.S.W.M.C. clubs.
- (e) Contenders of any of the championships listed under SR6.

All competitors and drivers must produce a valid Competition Licence and Club membership card together with Championship Registration card(s) if applicable.

6. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The rally is a qualifying round of the following championships:

- (a) Millers Oils Welsh Clubmans
- (b) ANWCC Forest Stage Rally (2003/062)
- (c) ANWCC Novice Forest (2003/063)
- (d) ANWCC Ladies Rally (2003/068)
- (e) ANWCC All-rounders (2003/073)
- (f) Dunlop A.S.W.M.C. Loose Surface Stage Rally

7. SCRUTINEERING AND SIGNING-ON

Scrutineering and signing-on will take place at The Sweet Lamb complex in accordance with the following programme:

Saturday 5 th July	1700 to 1900 hrs - Scrutineering and Signing on
Sunday 6 th July	0700 to 0900 hrs - Scrutineering and Signing on Re-opens
	1000 hrs First Car Starts
	1530 hrs First Car finishes

Any competitor not signed on by 0900 hrs 6th July may be excluded.

The event will run entirely on private property and accordingly competing cars do not require road fund licences. Current MOT Certificates (if applicable) and Registration Documents must however be available for inspection at scrutineering.

8. ROUTE

Cars will start at 1 minute intervals. Certain stages may run at 30 second intervals with the approval of the MSA.

Map number 135 or 136 - 1:50,000 series (latest edition) will be required to locate the venue. The route will be covered on 1:25,000 Explorer series sheet nr 214. The event will comprise approximately 45 miles of which approximately 38 miles will be a number of special stages on private property in the form of privately owned mainly gravel roads. These stages will be timed to an accuracy of less than 1 minute in accordance with K30.2

The event will start and finish at the Sweet Lamb complex near Llangurig (Enter via 136/840 827) and all link sections will be within the Sweet Lamb complex. No part of the route will utilise the public highway.

9. CLASSES

The rally will consist of 6 classes as follows:

Class 1	Eligible vehicles up to and including 1400 cc
Class 2	Over 1401 cc, up to and including 1600 cc
Class 3	Over 1601 cc, up to and including 2000 cc
Class 4	Over 2001 cc, up to and including 2400 cc
Class 5	Over 2400 cc
Class 6	Group N cars of any capacity

A car and crew can only be entered in one class

All forced induction engined cars, including Group N cars, will be subject to an equivalency factor of 1.7 times the cubic capacity of the engine in determining the capacity class of the car concerned.

10. TROPHY RALLY

A trophy class will run over stages five to eight, and will be open to any competitor who retires on stages one to four, subject to the car being re-scrutineered and permission granted by the Clerk of the Course.

There will be no awards given for this class, as it is intended purely to give those who have retired early on the chance to give their car a run.

11. AWARDS

Awards will be presented as follows:

1st overall	Awards for driver and co-driver
1st in each class	Awards for driver and co-driver
2nd in each class	Awards for driver and co-driver
3rd in each class	Awards for driver and co-driver

Best all ladies or mixed crew

2 awards

No crew may win more than one of the above awards.

12. ENTRIES

The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes on 27th June 2003. The entry fee is £190.00. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Entry places may not be reserved by telephone.

The Entries Secretary of the Meeting to whom all entries must be sent is:

Miss Teresa Wood, 13 Edw Crescent, Aberedw, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3UH (Tel: 01982 560453 - Please do not telephone after 21.00)

The maximum entry for the meeting, including reserves, is 90, the minimum is 40. The minimum for each class is 8. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers have the right to either cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as necessary.

Entries will be selected as follows:

The first 60 received will be accepted on receipt. Should the event be over subscribed the next 30 places may be allocated at the organiser's discretion.

Entries cancelled in writing before the closing date for entries will be entitled to a full refund less £25. Entries cancelled after the closing date will be refunded at the organiser's discretion. Entry fees will be refunded in full if the event is cancelled by the organisers due to an insufficient number of entries.

Reserves will be allocated a reserve number and will be drawn numerically as vacancies occur. Any reserve who cancels after accepting a vacant place will be refunded at the organisers discretion. Final instructions and entry list will be posted 1st class to all entrants by last collection 28th June 2003. No communication will be entered into regarding allocated start numbers.

13. OFFICIALS

MSA Steward:	TBA
Club Stewards:	Ian Howells and Chris Jones
Clerks of the Course:	Mike Kennett and Simon Gronow
Secretary of the Meeting:	John Butler-Jenkins, 3 Porth-y-Plas, Llanstephan Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3PW. (Tel 01267 232601)
Entries Secretary:	Teresa Wood (Tel 01982 560453)
Scrutineer:	Keith Morgan
Environmental Scrutineer:	Andrew Blackburn
Timekeeper:	David Williams
Chief Marshal:	Mike Griffiths (Tel 01554 754421)
Radio Co-ordinator:	Alan Stoneman
Event Safety Officer:	Alan Stoneman
Results Service:	Huw Davies Computer Services
Chief Medical Officer:	Dr A Stevenson
Judges of Fact:	To be displayed on official notice board

14. RESULTS

Provisional results will be published at the Sweet Lamb complex in accordance with B13.1(b) and any protest must be lodged in accordance with O5.2.1

15. DOCUMENTATION

Entrants will be supplied with a road book and time cards at signing on. These documents will provide all the necessary information to enable competitors to comply with K32. Competitors may be required to make up lateness at rest halts.

16. SERVICING

Servicing is defined as work being carried out on the car by any person other than the competing crew, or the use of any parts or tools not carried in the competing car. There will be service areas at strategic points where work may be carried out by the Service Crew of the competing car. These will only be accessible to competitors and service vehicles bearing official Service Plates, which must be attached to the bonnet.

Crews may work unassisted on their own cars as described in K34.1.3.

No other areas may be used by service vehicles. All other areas will be Out-of-Bounds to the Service Crews and Vehicles unless otherwise stated in the road book. If a Service Vehicle is observed in an Out-of-Bounds area or with its service plate removed the associated competing car will be excluded.

Service Crews will be subject to the same regulations as competitors regarding noise, bad driving manners, etc, and marshals have been instructed to note any infringement of these rules. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their service crews understand and comply with this regulation and that at all times the service vehicles bear an official plate showing the competitors rally number.

17. IDENTIFICATION

Competitors will be identified by numbered rally plates supplied by the organisers which must be fixed to the front and rear of the vehicle and by 9" high black numbers on a white background on both sides of the vehicle. Rally Marketing will be present at scrutineering for the sale of numbers. Competitors will be responsible for maintaining these identifications in a legible condition during the event and their removal after the event or upon retirement.

Competitors will also identified by high visibility numbers supplied by the organisers **to be fixed on both rear side windows.**

18. CONTROLS AND TIMING

The event will be run using Target Timing (K30).

The rally will be divided into Road Sections and Special Stages.

All controls other than Passage Controls (PCs) and Route Checks will be Time Controls (TCs). Each road section will be allotted a Target Time based on approximately 28 mph average or less and a competitor can calculate his Due Time of arrival at any TC by adding his Target Time to his actual time of departure from the preceding TC. On any Road Section following a Special Stage three or four minutes extra will be allowed over the set average speed to account for any delays at the Special Stage Finish.

All Special Stages will have a Bogey Time set at 60 mph and a Target Time set at approximately 30 mph. Competitors will receive penalties as follows:-

- (i) Under Bogey - Bogey Time
- (ii) Over Bogey under Target - Actual Time Taken
- (iii) Over Target - Target Time(No extra time penalties)

However, excess lateness taken over Target on Road Sections and Special Stages is cumulative and once lost cannot be regained.

When accumulated lateness between any two adjacent Main Controls exceeds the permitted maximum of 10 minutes a competitor will be excluded.

Should any recorded time not be legible or not appear authentic the organisers may use any means at their disposal to establish a time.

The following titles shall describe the various types of Time Controls:

(See K28 for description of signs).

(a) Main Controls (MC - Signs 1 and 2)

- (i) Main controls will be situated at the Start and Finish of the Rally, immediately before and after any Rest Halt/Service Area, or at any other specified point.
- (ii) At an MC after a rest halt Competitors will restart at one minute intervals in order of their arrival at the MC immediately preceding that halt.
- (iii) Each competitor will be given a due starting time from any MC and the difference between this time and his actual starting time will be counted towards exclusion for overall lateness. Also a time penalty will be applied.
- (iv) Competitors not excluded by reason of having accumulated more than the maximum allowed lateness will restart (subject to 17(a)(iii) above) from any MC with zero lateness, i.e. lateness is only accumulated between two adjacent MC's.

(b) Special Stage Arrival Controls (SSA - Signs 1 and 2)

On arrival at SSA a competitor will receive an arrival time only when he is ready to start the stage (helmets on etc.). A competitor who is early may wait for his Due Time subject to K29.3. A provisional start time for the stage will be allocated in accordance with K30.4(k). He must then proceed immediately to the Start Line.

(c) Special Stage Start Control (SSS - Sign 3)

At the SSS a Competitor will be given a start time for the Stage in hours, minutes and seconds and will normally coincide with the provisional time allocated at the arrival control. Once a competitor has clocked in at an SSA the competitor must be ready to start the stage except as laid down in K30.4(k). The Marshal will count the competitor down in accordance with K25.12 and will raise the flag at Zero, which will be the signal to start.

As each section is timed separately the time taken from SSA to SSS is Dead Time and delays are automatically allowed for. The control area between Sign 1 at the SSA and Sign 3 at the SSS will be parc ferme

(d) Special Stage Finish Control (SSF - Signs 4, 5 and 7)

At the SSF a competitor will receive his finish time in hours, minutes and seconds. This time in hours and minutes will be his start time for the following Road Section. Any

competitor who fails to stop at the STOP Line must not, under pain of exclusion, reverse to the stop line, but must return on foot.

(e) **Passage Control (PC)**

At certain points indicated in the Road Book the organisers may establish PCs in order to collect Time Cards from competitors or for other purposes. There will be no official times recorded at these controls, but a competitor failing to provide the necessary documents at any PC will be deemed not to have visited that control.

It is a competitor's responsibility to ensure that his times are correctly recorded and handed in when and where instructed. Once a time has been accepted by a Competitor **NO FURTHER CLAIMS WILL BE ENTERTAINED**. Any adjustment caused by a Timekeeper's error **MUST** be made at the Control in question.

Caution boards may be used to give advanced warning of hazards and will be sited in accordance with K28.9.

19. PENALTIES

Competitors will start with zero marks. Classification for the order of merit will be by reference to total marks lost, the winner being the competitor with the least total penalty.

Penalties will be as K31 except:

- 1) Not complying with a requirement of the Road Book or these SR's for which no other penalty is specified - 10 minutes

The following offences will carry a penalty of Exclusion from results:

- 2) Not reporting at or not providing proof of visiting a control or check
- 3) Not completing a special stage
- 4) Servicing contrary to SR15
- 5) Causing an obstruction on an access road to, or from, or on a special stage
- 6) Contravention of K9, 35.4, 25.1, 25.3, 25.3.1, 25.3.2, 25.8, 25.9.1, 25.9.2, Q3.3
- 7) Accumulated lateness (in excess of target time) between any two adjacent Main Controls of more than 10 minutes

To be classified a finisher a car with its crew must complete the course without incurring the penalty of exclusion and hand in a completed damage declaration form with the final time card.

20. G.R. MODIFICATION

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| K9.1.3 | Only the first named driver may drive on a Special Stage. |
| K35.1 | See SR 18. |
| K30.4(e) | Reduced to 10 minutes. |
| K29.1 | Controls will close 10 minutes after due time of arrival of last car |

21. DAMAGE DECLARATION

Competitors will be required to complete and sign a report declaring that they have not been involved in any incident resulting in damage to private property or injury to persons or animals

or alternatively giving details of any such incident where damage or injury has occurred. Any information given will not incur a penalty but failure to hand in a duly completed form will be penalised by exclusion (K35.4).

Competitors who do not report at the finish are required to forward the report to the Secretary within 72 hours of the event, unless they have been involved in an incident in which case details must be given to the organisers the same day. Competitors who fail to reply will be penalised by a fine of £100.00 (K35.4.1).

22. JUDGES OF FACT AND DRIVING STANDARDS OBSERVERS

Judges of Fact and Driving Standards Observers may be appointed by the organisers and will be on duty to observe and report upon any competitor considered to be in contravention of the regulations for the event in accordance with C11, C13, K24.2.11 and 12. Details of Judges of Fact will be displayed at signing-on.

23. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON STAGE

Competitors are required to carry a SOS Board and an OK Board in accordance with K25.5. In the event of an accident requiring medical assistance competitors should display the SOS board to following cars. The following cars should determine the exact location of the incident by reference to their road book and the distance to the next junction and inform the stage finish control immediately on arrival there. If medical assistance is not required, competitors must, display the 'OK' card. Penalty for misuse of this facility is exclusion and reporting to the MSA.

24. TRADE VEHICLES

Will only be allowed into the Service Area if prior arrangements have been made with the landowners - Bennett Evans and Co, Glanrhyd, Llangurig, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6SY (Tel: 01686 440208 and confirmed to the Secretary of the Meeting.

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