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UPDATES & MONTE NEWS



WELCOME

Alistair Reid, of the Scottish Sporting Car Club, has been in touch about the Rallye-Donia 2025 which his club is organising. “This event is promoted by Motorsport UK and is intended to be for electric cars. However, we believe there is not enough interest from the EV world and therefore have promoted it initially to EV owners but have now opened it up to anyone interested in competing in a 12-car regularity rally. If anyone is interested in entering, we would welcome their entry.”

This rally offers a great opportunity for those who have never competed in a regularity rally or who wish to brush up on their skills. If you are planning to enter the Rallye Monte Carlo Historique you would be advised to get some practice in regularities and rally craft. There are not many regularity rallies in the motorsport calendar in Scotland so you should take advantage of this event. It will be well organised by this established motorsport club. More information later in this edition of the newsletter.

In this issue there is the next instalment of Martin Hull’s Austin Healey Sprite project. Earlier in the month I had the pleasure of meeting up with Martin at his home in Devon. I saw round his workshop and viewed his meticulous work on a Vintage Delahaye, which was a barn find in France. It’s almost finished and it looks fantastic.

Also an ADO update, ERDC news and of course the latest news on the 2026 John O’Groats Start of the Monte.

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UPDATE

Now that I have created storage space in the new upstairs area, the workshop can be cleared of non-essential items so making more room for producing the ADO bodies. The next step will be to buy a rotisserie to make the fibreglass lay-up easier. The rotisserie will act as a spit to turn the mould to the most convenient angle to work on. Time to ask Mr Google to find the best deal on rotisseries. By the time all of this is in place I should be able to start doing fibreglass work as the temperature should be up to the level required for the fibreglass to go off. Looking forward to a long warm summer.



TWIN CAM AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE Mk11

Martin Hull

Part 4

The engine uses the BMW K1200 16valve head supplied by Specialist Components (SC) in Norfolk who also did the modifications to the (A series) block and lightened/wedged and balanced the crank. It was bored out to 1380cc. On the motor cycle the timing chain runs in oil so SC convert it to a dry belt. The BMW throttle bodies are used but with a DTA ECU. The engine was assembled for me by Mark Shillaber of SRD Ltd in Launceston, Cornwall, and he set it up on his dynamometer on assembly, which was exciting to witness. Mark has set the rev limiter to 7500 and the BHP figure just kept climbing, as it hit the limiter we saw 137bhp, the torque figure being 85 lbft at 2000 revs rising steadily to a peak of 106lbft at 5000 revs.



SSCC Rallye-Donia 2025

You may have noticed that the date of the Rallye-Donia coincides with one of the days of the ERDC Borders Tour. These events are quite different from each other – one being a leisurely social event and the other a competitive regularity rally. It is possible for competitors to take part in the Rallye-Donia on Saturday 26 April and join the Borders Tour for the second day, Sunday 27 April. This would give you the best of both worlds

The Regulations for the Rallye-Donia are attached to this email as a separate file.



Rallye-Donia Regularity Rally

26th April 2025

Location: Campsie Hills

Start: Kirkhouse Inn, Strathblane, G63 9AA

What 3 Words:

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Scrutineering from 9am - First Car start 10:30am

£ 96 Entries - Entries Close 20th April 18:00

We have some spaces available on the upcoming Rallye-Donia 2025, so are now opening it up to non-EVs, and all clubs.

This event is a Regularity Rally, which consists of a number of competitive sections linked by relaxed road sections. On the competitive sections two-person crews are required to maintain a given average speed, always below 30 mph. This sounds simple, but firstly consider that this average covers junctions, single track twisty roads, and passing places. Then add in that there are number of points along each section where any deviation from the average speed (measured in seconds!) is penalized. These checkpoints are virtual, recorded by phone app and GPS. In order maintain the car's speed accurately crews can use a variety of tools, the best being a freely available app. This will tell the crew to speed up or slow down throughout the section – the key to success is great communication between the navigator and driver. We will be running a training session for the techniques and tools involved to allow novices and experienced hands to all compete. This will be conducted online and where possible will be flexible around timetables.

The route takes place in daylight on entirely on public, tarmac roads, so no special preparation of the car is required. Totalling less than 90 miles, it allows for re-charge of EVs if required and features a good break at lunchtime to allow crews to compare experiences and get some additional advice and pointers if they wish.

Entry to the event will cost £95 per crew. Included in this fee is:

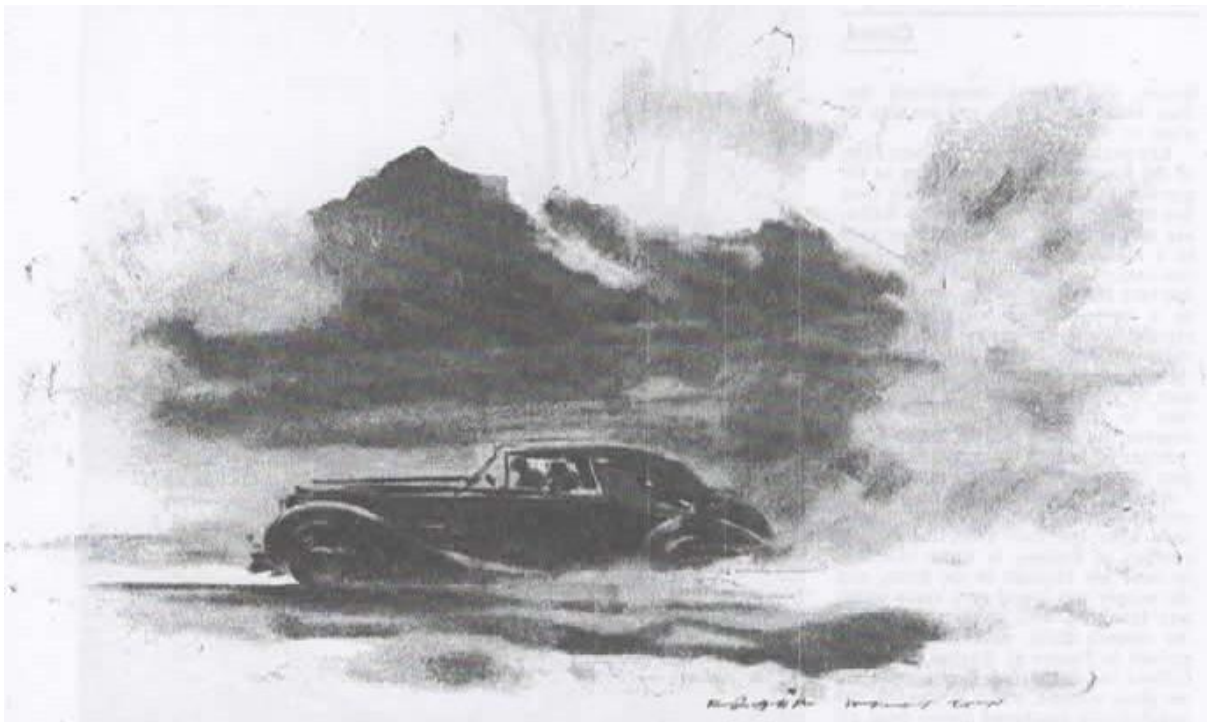
- Competitive Road Section insurance (REIS Insurance option) or Entry will be reduced by £24 if you wish to use your own instead
- Roadbook to describe the route
- Speed tables to allow traditional regularity timing
- Regularity speeds and distances to pre-load software apps
- Online control system to allow for Virtual Marshals – crews are required to use compatible device throughout the event
- Tea/Coffee at signing on
- Soup and sandwich at the lunch halt
- Tea/coffee and cake at the finish venue

Entries can be made at the Link below via Sapphire Solutions,

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/eventlist.php?sitename=sscc>



MONTE NEWS UPDATE



You may remember from the recent Monte News Flash that the go ahead has been given for the John O'Groats Start of the 2026 Monte. Now the hard work has begun for the organisers. The UK route and itinerary has been submitted and agreed by the Automobile Club de Monaco. It will take in many of the roads of the now famous NE 500 down to the first Passage Control in Inverness. The route then uses roads through the mountains to Crianlarich and then on to Stirling for the second Passage Control. There will be an overnight halt at Queensferry. The following day the route will follow the A68 and A689 through the Borders to the third Passage Control at Belsay then on to Newcastle for the overnight crossing to Amsterdam. The UK route uses great rally roads used in the past by

the RAC Rally and the Scottish International Rally. The overnight crossing will give competitors the opportunity to meet with the other crews and to enjoy a meal and a good night's sleep.



June and I intend to recce the route from John O'Groats to Newcastle in real time with an overnight halt and produce the instructions for a Tulip Road book which we hope Craig McGibbon, who produces the ERDC roadbooks to a very high standard, will put together for us.

CP 1 - Woodland House Hotel. DG2 0HZ		Distance : Miles	Leg	1	Page
CP 2 - Ye Olde Bell Inn Banbury Moor. DN22 8QS		190.10	Section	2	1
START - Wednesday 31 January 2024		Average MPH	Estimated Time		
		50.69	03:45:00		
Distance		Direction		Route Information	
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ECOSSE RALLYE DRIVERS CLUB



Entries are still open for the Borders Tour 26/27 April. The revised Regulations now allow entrants to opt to do one day – either the Saturday or Sunday. The Revised Regulations and Entry Form can be found on the www.monte.scot website on the Events tab.

OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2025

Look out for the ERDC Stand at the following Shows.

Stirling Classic Car Show - 11 May 2025 [SHOW – Stirling and District Classic Car Club](#)

Moffat Rally and Show 28 & 29 June 2025 [Moffat Car Rally - Classic Car Shows UK](#)

Craufurdland Castle Show 23-24 August and **ERDC Touring event**
Details to follow. [Buy tickets – Lombard Rally Festival Craufurdland Castle 2025 - Static Display entry for Invited Clubs for a minimum of twenty cars. – Craufurdland Castle, Kilmarnock](#)

AUTOSOLOS

“Scottish Sporting Car Club would like to invite Ecosse Rally Drivers Club members to our AutoSolos. We run most of our events at Ardeer, near Stevenston but two are run at the Forrestburn Speed Hill Climb track. The dates are on our website under Events. You will find the current Regulations there as well. Sample route diagrams can also be found under the Events tab. [Scottish Sporting Car Club – Motorsport for Everyone](#)

If any of your members would like to enter the next event, we would be pleased to accept their entry. All entries are done via the RallyScore website. [RallyScore](#)”

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday 11th May 2025 Strathallan Games Park
Bridge of Allan, Stirling FK9 4QY



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