

Thursday 13 March

ECONomy RUN

The cost of fuel is more topical than ever, yet we still lead busy lives and can't dawdle on the way from one thing to another. So once again Ross & District provide a chance to practise "economy at a steady clip" by offering a route of 60 miles in little more than 2 evening hours - much more typical of normal driving than the 15 mph average speed of a typical daylight economy run.

By putting all the route instructions in the form of simple 'tulip' diagrams of junctions, and stating the short mileage from each to the next, we ensure that navigation after dark is no problem. Past events like this have been won by passengers who simply read the instructions, in order, to the driver. We still say you need a map, however, to know in advance where the steep hills are!

After four such Runs, this year's is part of the annual Ross 12-car championship and to grade crews in order from 1 to 12 we'll calculate the Index of Performance. So your position, for overall placing and club points, will be set by how you compare against the average fuel use in your Class.

Probably half the entrants, however, will be out for the fun of a drive round a mix of roads and lanes (less than a quarter-mile unsurfaced) on the last evening of winter. Come and join in an Economical Night Out!

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