



**THE**  
**Gunpowder PLOT**

**SCATTER!**

9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Event Regulations**



**1. Introduction: Welcome to the Gunpowder Plot Scatter!**

- Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd. will organise a navigational scatter on 9th November 2017.
- The navigational scatter provides an alternate event to the usual 12-Car Rallies and is very beginner friendly. That said, we hope it will also provide a good evening's entertainment for regular competitors. An outline of the event follows with further details in the later sections.
- Competitors will plot 20 locations on the maps at the start of the event. At each of these locations will be found the answers to questions provided on a clue sheet. Competitors visit as many locations as they wish, in any order following a route of their choice. There is no road timing during the event, but competitors will be required to finish 2 hours after their road time starts. A maximum score will be achieved if 15 locations are visited within the overall time limit, with the questions correctly answered at each. Simple!

**2. Jurisdiction:** The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the MSA (incorporating the provisions of the Sporting Code of the FIA), by these Supplementary Regulations, and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for this event.

**3. Authorisation:** The MSA have issued Permit No: 103632. The West Mercia Route Liaison Officer (RLO), and West Mercia Police have been provided with details of the event.

**4. Eligibility:** The event is open to members of the Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd. Minimum navigator age is 12 years. Additional passengers may be carried if properly seated and with a seat belt.

- Club Membership cards will be inspected at signing on. MSA Competition Licences are **not** required.
- All vehicles must be road legal. The event is intended for standard vehicles; it is not for full-blown rally cars. The organisers' decision as to vehicle eligibility is final. No spotlights may be used on the event, with the sole exception of lights fitted as standard equipment for that car and whose wiring is supplied through the original loom. Additional spotlights need not be removed, but must be completely covered over throughout.

**5. Entries:** Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on receipt of twenty entries or at 1800 on Monday 6th November, whichever is earlier. Entries must be made on the official entry form and be accompanied by the entry fee of £8.00 and insurance payment of £15.00 if required. These will be accepted strictly in order of receipt.

- Completed entry forms should be either be:
  - e-mailed to [richmcl@mcrally.co.uk](mailto:richmcl@mcrally.co.uk) with the entry fee paid by bank transfer
  - handed or posted to Richard McLachlan along with cash or cheque payment
- Bank transfers should be made to
  - Ross & District Motor Sports Limited, sort code: 09-01-54 account number: 32751084
  - Please use as Reference SCA\_\_\_\_\_ filling the blanks with the driver's surname. e.g. "SCA CLOUGH". It can take 2 or 3 working days for us to see the payment.
- You will be emailed on receipt of your entry. Late entries may be accepted at the organiser's discretion.

**6. Officials:** The following officials are in place;

- Clerk of the Course - Richard McLachlan (07900 135383)
- Secretary of the Meeting - Eddie Clough (07920 161650)
- MSA Child Safeguarding Officer - Russell Joseph (07720 691740)
- Scrutineer and Driving Standards Officer(s) - TBA
- All Officials are Judges of Fact

- 7. Location:** The event will **start and finish** at Ross Sports Centre Car Park: Map 162, Ref: 593 240.5
- 8. Insurance:** Competitors must have Insurance in place which provides Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be via the competitors own insurance policy or event insurance purchased from the organisers.
- Normal insurance companies and policies may permit the use of cars on navigational scatters, based on the MSA Blue Book section on scatters (R16.5) which includes:- "The car should be an incidental means of transport between the points" and "There should be no element of timing on the Public Highway, although Competitors may be required to finish by a specified time.", however, this should be checked out by all competitors who intend to use their own insurance policy.
  - If a competitor uses their own insurance policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies with the competitor.
  - If a competitor wishes to purchase cover via the organisers (provided by REIS and underwritten by Zenith Marque Insurance Services Limited) for £15.00 then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following.
    - Age 19 years or over
    - Has held a full licence for a minimum of 6 months
    - Has no more than 6 points on their licence
    - Has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years
    - The vehicle has valid Tax, MOT and is currently insured for road use
  - Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.
  - If you fall outside these limits and wish to take event insurance, please contact the clerk of the course as soon as possible.
- 9. Items Needed**
- OS Landranger 1:50000 scale maps 149 and 162 will be required (latest editions not essential)
  - 'Potti' or other map reading lamp
  - Roamer (for plotting grid references)
  - Reliable Torch (for finding clues)
  - Pen and Pencil(s), and Eraser recommended!
  - Fuel should be carried for at least 60 miles.
  - Mobile Phones (or other on-line devices) may be carried during the event but **MUST** be switched off prior to the drivers briefing, and remain off for the duration of the event - penalty exclusion. Phones are only to be used in an emergency.
- 10. Classes:** This event will have no class structure.
- 11. Championship:** The event is a round of the Ross Internal Championship.
- 12. Driving Standards**
- Driving standards will be monitored carefully. All event officials have the power to exclude any competitor generating excessive engine or tyre noise or for inconsiderate driving. Remember that this is a scatter, not a 12-Car, and therefore it is possible that competitors will be traversing the same piece of road in opposite directions - for this reason, extra care must be taken. Please be considerate to householders on your chosen route especially near clue locations.

**13. Programme:** The programme of the event is as follows. The organiser's clocks will be set to BBC time.

- **Signing on and Scrutineering 18:30 to 19:00**
  - Please report to the organiser's car (Red Peugeot 306) on arrival at the car park.
  - Competitors will sign on, and drivers will sign the insurance declaration.
  - Competitors will be provided with a list of quiet zones and black spots to be plotted.
  - Cars will be scrutineered for eligibility and valid MOT certificate. Further checks may be made at the organiser's discretion e.g. of lighting, tyres etc.
- **Competitors Briefing 19:05 to 19:10**
- **Plotting Time 19:10 to completion (40 minutes maximum)**
  - Competitors will be provided with their plotting information following the competitors briefing. This information will provide the locations of the clues on the map via a mixture of grid references, tulips, herringbones (straight line diagrams), spot heights, and grid lines. All plotting will be simple in nature and will only define a single point where the clue is located i.e. competitors should not try to follow the route defined by a tulip, herringbone or spot height sequence. All competitors must start plotting by 19:20.
  - Upon completion of plotting 20 points on the map (and choosing a route if desired), the competitor will return to the organisers car with the plotting information. At this point the competitors "Plot Time" will be recorded. The plotting information will be removed from the competitor in exchange for a sealed help envelope containing all the clue points as grid references (this will be checked at the finish and a penalty applied if opened), and a clue sheet containing the questions to be answered. The competitors "Road Time" will start at the next free whole minute (organisers will let competitors start at a minimum spacing of 1 minute).
  - Any competitors who haven't completed their location/route plotting after 30 minutes will be provided with a help sheet (all locations as grid references).
  - Any competitors who haven't completed their location/route plotting after 40 minutes will be provided with any assistance necessary! All competitors are required to start their road time by 2000.
  - "Plot Time" will be used as a tie-breaker in the event of equal points being scored.
- **Road Time (End of Plotting Time) to (End of Plotting Time + 2 hours)**
  - Competitors will choose their own route around the clue locations.
  - At each location visited, the clue sheet will require a question to be answered in pen.
  - To gain maximum points, competitors are required to visit 15 locations and correctly answer the question at each.
  - Competitors must report to the organiser's car at the finish within 2 hours of the start of their road time, or incur lateness penalties. There is no penalty for early arrival at the finish.
  - Maximum lateness at the finish will be 30 minutes, after which competitors will be excluded from the results. Latest permissible finish will be 2230, although we hope to have concluded well before then.
  - The route is chosen by the competitors but maximum points can be gained following a route of no more than 60 miles.
- **Finish 21:30 to 22:00 (we hope), latest 22:30**
  - Competitors shall present their unopened clue envelope (penalty applied if open/lost), and their Clue sheet complete with answers to the organisers. Do not present more than 15 answered questions to the organisers, as the first 15 answered questions (numerically) will be marked and any others marked as wrong (so cross out any unwanted answers). The organisers shall calculate a total score in accordance with section 14.

- **Results** will be announced as soon as possible after the event at Ross and District Clubhouse, Map 162, Ref 600243½.

**14. Points and Penalties:** The following scoring system shall be used to determine the winner.

- Correct answer + 10 points
- Incorrect answer - 10 points
- Open/Lost Help Envelope - 5 points
- Early Arrival at Finish No Penalty
- Lateness at Finish (timed to previous whole minute)
  - Per minute late for the first 5 minutes - 1 point
  - Per minute late for 6-10 minutes - 2 points
  - Per minute late for 10-20 minutes - 3 points
  - Per minute late for 20-30 minutes - 5 points
  - Over 30 Minutes late Exclusion
- Black Spot Infringement Exclusion
- Quiet Zone Infringement Exclusion
- Use of Mobile Phone other than in emergency Exclusion

- In the case of a tiebreak, plot time shall be used to determine the finishing order.

*Example: Competitor collects 12 correct answers (120 points), 1 incorrect answer (- 10 points), and arrives 8 minutes late (-11 points). Total Score: 99 points.*

**15. Have fun!** We hope that you have a good evening's entertainment. For any more information please call Richard McLachlan on 07900 135383 or Eddie Clough on 07920 161650. Further detail on the type of navigation and questions will be provided separately.