



SCATTER!

8th November



Event Regulations



Introduction: Welcome to the Gunpowder Plot Scatter!

- Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd. will organise a navigational scatter on 8th November 2018.
 - The navigational scatter is beginner friendly whilst also providing a good evening's entertainment for regular competitors. An outline of the event follows with further details in the later sections. Some minor simplifications have been made since last year, so have a read.
 - 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 road time, with the questions correctly answered at each. Simple!
1. **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.
 2. **Authorisation:** The MSA have issued Permit No: 104471. The West Mercia Route Liaison Officer (RLO) is aware of the event, and full details will be provided to both the RLO and West Mercia Police.
 3. **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.
 4. **Entries:** Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on receipt of twenty entries or at 1800 on Monday 5th November, whichever is earlier. Entries will be accepted strictly in order of receipt with cleared payment.
 - **Please note that due to recent insurance provision changes (see October Club News), all competitors & cars must be registered before the event. This means payment and full details of the driver and car must have been received by the entries closing date.** No last minute entries, changes (to drivers or cars), or paying on the night (sorry).
 - Entries must be made on the official entry form and be accompanied by the entry fee of £20.00. This entry fee includes insurance (mandatory for all competitors), but is £3 cheaper than last year - hooray!
 - Completed entry forms should either be:
 - e-mailed to richmcl@mcrally.co.uk with the entry fee paid by bank transfer
 - handed or posted (Burbage Moor, St Marys Road, Monmouth, NP25 3JE) 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.
 5. **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) - Keith Meakin (01989 769041 or 07901 074227)
 - All Officials are Judges of Fact
6. **Location:** The event will **start and finish** at Ross Sports Centre Car Park: Map 162, Ref: 593 240.5
7. **Insurance:** Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act will be provided to all competitors as part of the entry fee via MIS insurance. There are no specific restrictions on the provision of cover, however if any competitors have previously been disqualified from driving, please contact the clerk of course as soon as possible.
8. **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.
9. **Classes:** This event will have no class structure.
10. **Championships:** The event is a round of the Ross Motorsports Club "Navigational Exercise Championship 2018", and Ross Motorsports Club "Internal Championship 2018".
11. **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 also that this is a scatter not a 12-Car rally, 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.
12. **Programme:** The programme of the event is as follows. The organiser's clock will be set to BBC time.
- **Signing on and Scrutineering 18:30 to 19:00**
 - Please report to the organiser's car (Blue Skoda Superb) on arrival at the car park.
 - Competitors will sign on, and will be provided with a list of quiet zones and black spots to be plotted. These will also be sent in the final instructions.
 - Cars will be scrutineered for eligibility and valid MOT certificate. Further checks may be made at the scrutineers' discretion e.g. of lighting, tyres etc.
 - Please arrive as close to 18:30 as possible in order to provide enough time for the above.
 - **Competitors Briefing 19:10 to 19:15**
 - **Plotting Time 19:15(ish) onwards (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

(spot heights and grid lines may be combined). 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. Example navigation and clues are provided at the end of this document.

- **At any point** a competitor may declare that they have finished plotting by attending the organiser's car. The competitors' "Plot Time" will be recorded and they will be provided with a clue sheet containing the questions to be answered. Their road time will start at the next whole minute. 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 (see section 13). There is no penalty for early arrival at the finish.
 - Maximum lateness at the finish will be 20 minutes, after which competitors will be excluded from the results. Latest permissible finish will be 22:20.
 - 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 22:20**
 - Competitors shall present 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 13.
- **Results** will be announced as soon as possible after the event at Ross and District Clubhouse, Map 162, Ref 600243½.

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

- Correct answer + 10 points
- Incorrect answer - 10 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 11-20 minutes - 3 points
 - Over 20 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.

14. 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.

Example Plotting Information

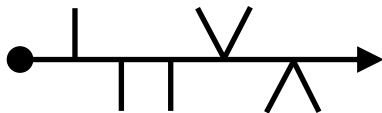
All plotting will be simple in nature and will **only define a single point where the clue is located** i.e. competitors should not try to follow the route defined by a tulip, herringbone, grid line or spot height sequence. Plotting on the event will be of the nature shown in these examples. These examples are all on Map 162.

In all cases, remember to write the clue number on the map when the clue location has been plotted in order to know which question to answer!

4. 565 179

Solution:- Clue number 1 is at the grid reference

8. Start 522 195 (CRO)



Clue is where the road crosses the next gridline

Solution:- Clue number 2 is located at 500 212

12. Start 638 230 (CRO)



Clue is at the last junction

Solution:- Clue number 3 is at 623.5 238

13. Start 730 241

33 13 37 43 59 52

Clue is at the footpaths 200m after 52

Solution:- Clue number 4 is at 720.25 205

14. Start 742.5 187.5

19 75 19 76 19 76 20

Clue is at the junction crossed by 20

Solution:- Clue number 5 is at 757 200

Example Clues

The clue sheet will be issued as a competitor's road time is started. It will consist of a list of questions with space for answers to be written. The following could be typical questions.

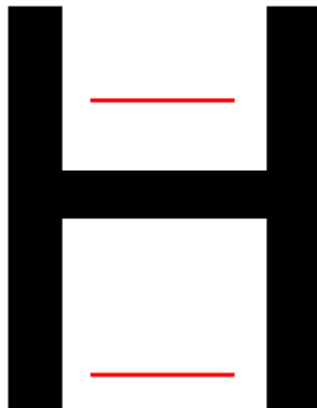
4. On telegraph post number 7, what are the letters on the white label? _____

8. How many diagonals on the gate? _____

12. How far to Ross on Wye? _____

13. Where do the paths lead? _____

14. Give Way over Hydrant - what are the numbers on the Hydrant Sign?



Up to 15 of the 20 questions should be answered. The clues have been chosen so that they should be easy to find at the correct locations, but most will require you to get out of the car to collect the answer - a good torch is recommended.