

# The Edge of Reason

**SCATTER!**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Event Regulations**

### Introduction: Welcome to the Edge of Reason Scatter 2020

With a new name and a welcome return to Herefordshire, we hope this year's event will provide you with a good evening's entertainment in the very reasonable county of Herefordshire, and with some great lanes to use in the border country on the edge of England.

- Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd. will organise a navigational scatter on 12th March 2020.
  - 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 by a specific time.
  - A maximum score will be achieved if 15 locations are visited with the questions correctly answered at each location.
1. **Jurisdiction:** This meeting will be held under the *General Regulations of Motorsport UK* (incorporating the provisions of the *International Sporting Code of the FIA*), these *Supplementary Regulations*, and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for this event.
  2. **Authorisation:** *Motorsport UK* have issued Permit No: 115335. The West Mercia Route Liaison Officer (RLO) is aware of the event, and details have been provided to both the RLO and West Mercia Police.
  3. **Eligibility:** The event is open to all fully-elected members of the Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd and members of the Cotswold Motor Sport Group. **Competitors must hold an RS Clubman (or higher) competition license (please apply before the event to speed up signing on).** Minimum navigator age is 12 years. Additional passengers may be carried if properly seated with a seat belt.
    - Club Membership cards and competition licenses will be inspected at signing on.
    - All vehicles must be road legal and pass pre-event scrutineering for general safety, noise, advertising, and compliance with the Road Traffic Act. The event is intended for normal road vehicles, not full-blown rally cars.
    - 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.
    - Vehicles must be able to meet road rally noise regulations within *Motorsport UK Yearbook* section J5.18. The organisers' decision as to vehicle eligibility is final.
  4. **Entries:** Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on receipt of **twenty entries** or at **20:00 on Monday 9th March**, whichever is earlier. Entries will be accepted strictly in order of receipt with cleared payment.
    - Entries must be made on the official entry form and be accompanied by the entry fee of £15.00.
    - Completed entry forms should either be:
      - e-mailed to [richmcl@mcrally.co.uk](mailto:richmcl@mcrally.co.uk) with the entry fee paid by bank transfer (see below)
      - 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: 09-01-29 account number: 34908761
      - 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 a confirmation of receipt when you submit 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)
- *Motorsport UK* Club Safeguarding Officer - Carol Morgan (07882 665989)
- Scrutineer and Driving Standards Officer - Keith Meakin (01989 769041 or 07901 074227)
- All Officials are Judges of Fact and Driving Standards Observers

**6. Location:** The event will **start and finish** at The Garway Moon Inn, Garway. Map 161, Ref: 465 227. It is expected that competitors will be able carry out plotting inside the pub (space permitting), or competitors can plot in their cars if they prefer.

**7. Insurance:** The club has applied to JELF for a Blanket Cover Note to provide competitors who need Third Party Cover to meet RTA requirements on the Road Sections of this Event. The basic rate for the event (before any loadings) will be £17.00. All new applicants wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the JELF Declaration:

- I do not have the Third Party Road Section extension on my current Motor Insurance.
- I am aged 20 or over.
- I have had no more than 1 fault claim in the last three years
- I have no more than a maximum of 6 conviction points or a licence ban on my UK driving licence
- I have the appropriate competition/club membership licence as well as a UK/EU driving license and if my license is provisional I will be supervised by an adult over 25.
- I have no physical or mental disabilities
- My vehicle is MOT'd, Taxed and Insured for the road
- I have no other material facts to disclose

Anyone aged less than 20 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 comply with all points above no Letter of Acceptance will be required. If unable to comply with any of the above points you will be required to complete the Declaration form (the form can be obtained by contacting the event secretary or Jelf Motorsport) which should be forwarded either to the organisers or direct to Jelf Motorsport prior to the event to allow sufficient time for a letter of acceptance to be issued.

**8. Items Needed**

- OS Landranger 1:50000 scale maps 161 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 70 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 disqualification. Phones are only to be used in an emergency.

**9. Classes:** Entries will be split into three classes as follows:

- Expert (expert navigator is navigating). An expert is defined as someone who has either won a class award for navigating on an event of National B status or above outside the Club, or has had their status decided as expert by the Committee
- Semi Expert (where Committee has deemed the navigator to be in this class)
- Novice (all other crews)

Navigation will be the same (and straight forward) across all classes. Further details as to how the class structure will operate will be provided in the final instructions.

**10. Championships:** The event is a round of the Ross Motorsports Club "Navigational Exercise Championship 2020", and Ross Motorsports Club "Internal Championship 2020".

**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 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 (more detail will be provided in the final instructions). The organiser's clock will be set to BBC time.

- **Scrutineering and Signing-on 18:30 to 19:15**
  - Please report to the scrutineer on arrival at the pub car park, and then proceed inside to sign on.
  - Cars will be scrutineered as per section 3.
  - When signed-on, competitors will be provided with a list of quiet zones and black spots to be plotted. These will also be sent in the final instructions (we advise you plot these in advance).
  - Please arrive as close to 18:30 as possible in order to provide enough time for the above.
- **Competitors Briefing 19:15 to 19:20**
- **Plot Time 19:20 onwards (40 minutes maximum)**
  - Competitors will be provided with **part 1** of their plotting information following the competitors' briefing. This information will provide the locations of 12 of the 20 clues on the map via a mixture of grid references and other navigation means which may include tulips, herringbones (straight line diagrams), spot heights, grid lines, features on the map, or direction of departure from the grid squares. All plotting will be simple in nature and will only define a single point where the clue is located i.e. it is not intended that the competitors follow the route defined by a navigation sequence.
  - **At any point** a competitor may declare that they have finished plotting by returning to the organisers. The competitors' "**Plot Time**" will be recorded, and the competitors will be provided with the remaining 8 clues plotting information, and their clue sheets.
  - "**Plot Time**" will be used as a tie-breaker in the event of equal points being scored.
- **Road Time Approx. between 19:30 and 22:10**
  - 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 finish (inside the Garway Moon Inn). There is no penalty for early arrival at the finish, but competitors will be deducted points for arrival after the finish time.
  - Maximum lateness at the finish will be 30 minutes, after which competitors will be disqualified. Latest permissible finish will be 22:40.
  - The route is chosen by the competitors but maximum points can be gained following a route of less than 65 miles.

- **Finish** **Approx. 21:40 to 22:10, latest 22:40**
  - Competitors shall present their Clue sheet complete with answers to the organisers. The first 15 answered questions (numerically) will be marked and any others disregarded (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 finish at The Garway Moon Inn.**
- Please show your appreciation to The Garway Moon Inn by (responsibly) making use of their bar facilities.

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

- Correct answer + 10 points
- Incorrect answer - 5 points
- Early Arrival at Finish No Penalty
- Lateness after finish time (timed to previous whole minute)
  - Per minute late for the first 5 minutes - 1 point
  - Per minute late for 6-15 minutes - 2 points
  - Per minute late for 16-30 minutes - 3 points
  - Over 30 Minutes late Disqualification
- Black Spot Infringement Disqualification
- Quiet Zone Infringement Disqualification
- Contravention of spotlight rules in section 3 Disqualification
- Use of Mobile Phone other than in emergency Disqualification
- 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 (-5 points), and arrives 8 minutes late (-11 points). Total Score: 104 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.