



The Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association

Rally of Scotland

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All systems go.....

That's it, the route is now launched and Rally Guide 1 has been published and is available to download from the event website. Building on the successes of 2009, there are 12 Special Stages covering 210kms of competitive distance. Friday night sees the action start at Scone Palace for two runs over a lengthened stage before the cars return to our new Service Park at Perth Airport.

Saturday sees two runs through the Craigvinean, Drummond Hill and Errochty stages, split by a 20 minute service back at the Airport. Sunday sees a real challenge to the crews when they have over 93kms to tackle through two runs of Achray and Loch Ard with only a 15 minute Remote Service in Callander to keep the cars as fit as a fiddle. Then it's back to Stirling Castle for the Champagne celebration and awards.

Details on the Launch of the event are available by clicking [here](#).

Details on the Ticket pricing for the whole event are available by clicking [here](#).

High Praise for 2010 Racmsa Rally Of Scotland From Home Heroes

Top drivers Alister McRae, Guy Wilks and Kris Meeke all agree that 2010's RACMSA Rally of Scotland is going to be a stand-out sporting event for the nation and UK motor sport as a whole.

This year's Rally of Scotland takes places from 15-17 October and will be the penultimate round of the high-profile Intercontinental Rally Challenge calendar that includes other events in Monte Carlo, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Czech Republic and Cyprus.

Former British Rally Champion McRae, from Lanark, will contest what will be his home event in a Proton Satria Neo for the Proton R3 Rally Team (pictured at speed on last year's event). It's one of four IRC events he's scheduled to contest in addition to the Asia-Pacific series which he currently leads.

McRae, aged 39, comments: "Rally of Scotland is pretty special for a Scotsman. Seeing the Saltires at the side of the road gives you a big boost and, of course, these are some of the best stages in the world. I have good memories of last year's Rally of Scotland. It was my first IRC round for Proton and Proton's best result of the year. I'm sure this year will be a great event – maybe the sun will even come out!"

Škoda UK driver Wilks, last year's Rally of Scotland winner and third in the current IRC table is eager to retain his 2009 crown. He also believes this October's event will provide even more excitement for both casual and die-hard motor sport fans alike across Scotland thanks to a demanding route that takes in some classic rallying stages set against some truly stunning Scottish scenery.

Following yesterday's announcement that Škoda will also be official vehicle supplier to the event, the 28-year-old from Darlington adds: "Last year's Rally of Scotland was my first event in a Škoda Fabia S2000, so winning was a very special moment in my career. The stages in Perthshire and Stirling are fantastic. Each one is a real challenge – very fast in places, a lot of surface and camber changes, blind crests, steep dips and beautiful scenery. It's a rally which rewards the brave. It's absolutely flat-out in places and if you are totally committed you can push very hard and drive right on the limit.

"It might only be the second time Rally of Scotland has run, but it's quickly established itself as a favourite in my rally calendar. Scone Palace is a wonderful location to start the rally and it's a great stage for spectators. All the forest stages are fantastic, too. You couldn't want for a nicer opening forest stage than Craigvinean, as it's really fast and flowing, Drummond Hill is a legendary stage, Errochty is open and very fast, Achray is incredibly picturesque and Loch Ard is a real sting in the tail."

"I'm really looking forward to this year's Rally of Scotland. It's running a month earlier this year over a Friday to Sunday format, and there is every chance the battle for the IRC title will still be wide open when we arrive there in October."

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Meeke, the 2009 IRC Champion, echoed Wilks's sentiments – it was this pair that fought an epic duel during the course of last year's event which the Northern Irishman thought he'd won until a minor technical discrepancy on his factory Peugeot 207 meant victory was instead handed to his Škoda rival.

The 30-year-old from Dungannon, currently fifth in the 2010 IRC standings, says: "This year's Rally of Scotland will be very special to me for lots of reasons. For starters it's my 'home' event and as the defending IRC Champion it will be great to be back competing in the UK. Secondly, there's some unfinished business from last year when I finished in front only to be denied the victory a few days later."

"But I had really enjoyed the rally; the stages were spectacular and among the very best we have in the IRC. This year, as the penultimate round in the championship, it should be even more competitive and exciting. There should be a lot still to play for."

How to join us?

If you feel you have the time, the dedication and the experience to assist us with welcoming the international competitors and spectators to Scotland, please contact either of our Chief Marshals:

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Calling all MSA Licensed Radio Marshals

Firstly, many thanks to all the radio marshals reading this who have already offered assistance on the 2010 event. A good number of responses have been received and we think all have been acknowledged. If you have not had an email or phone call thanking you, can you please drop us a quick email and we will make sure you are on the list. Dealing with so many emails it is easy for one to be overlooked.

As well as contacting all the crews who assisted in 2009 we are looking to make sure those that were unavailable are aware of this year's event. If you know of someone who hasn't received this Marshals Newsletter, tell us and we will add them to the distribution.

Any questions please feel free to contact:

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Alternatively, complete the registration form on the marshals page of the website and we will be in touch.

Accommodation Availability

The middle of October is the Scottish autumn school holiday period. Traditionally known as the 'tattie holidays', school children left the classroom to help get the potato crop in. Okay, mechanical harvesters have done away with this way of earning some spare cash and, if you were lucky, getting to play around on a forklift, but it does still feature in the holiday calendar for a large number of families. Accommodation may be harder to find than it was for the November date in 2009 so you are advised to think about your travel plans sooner rather than later.



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