



2011 RACMSA Rally of Scotland - Marshals' Newsletter August

Over the next six weeks the Intercontinental Rally Challenge teams will cover 3,144 kilometres getting from Zlin in the Czech Republic to Pecs, Hungary then to Sanremo in northern Italy before descending upon Perth for the RACMSA Rally of Scotland. With five rallies in sixty three days, it is a busy, busy time for all the competitors.

It is also a very hectic time for the core team at Rally of Scotland as we work to deliver the third running of the rally. All the printing deadlines for Road Books, Safety Plans, Rally Guides, Operations manuals etc are fast approaching. There also some really exciting announcements waiting to be made over activities taking place throughout the rally week. All should come clearer this week.

What we really, really do need though is more of the most important ingredient to any event....marshals. The rallying calendar in Scotland is incredibly busy and everyone's time is at a premium. However we are sort of volunteers for some of our stages and the service regroupings. This is the prime opportunity to interact with some of the best drivers from around Europe and to get close to the action, not to mention no car parking charges for getting into the stages!

Andy, Colin and Michelle would be delighted if you could visit rallyofscotland.com and download a Marshal Registration Form and send it onto them. Registration forms for marshals and radio operators are now available to download from the marshals' page of www.rallyofscotland.com.

The final check of the road book was completed just recently and the stages are in fantastic condition. There are areas where the Forestry Commission-Scotland are carrying out harvesting just now to thin out some areas of stages that will raise the speeds. The National event also covers 10 of the 15 Special Stages increasing the amount of action on offer over the weekend.

PROTON, Skoda, Peugeot and Subaru have now all confirmed that they will be testing during the week leading up to the rally. The IRC media team have been telling us that they would expect around 10 Skoda Fabia's to be in Scotland, and when that is added to the other teams expected to compete, organisers are looking at there being 18 S2000 cars on the entry list. Then we have the two Subaru Impreza R4 cars with the Japanese crews, a quality entry list even at this early stage.

To keep the reputation we have established for friendly marshalling and a great Scottish welcome to our competitors, we require marshals for the reconnaissance on Thursday and Friday, the opening stage(s) on Friday night and the full days of competition on Saturday and Sunday.

It goes without saying that your contribution to Rally of Scotland is what makes the event the success it is in the eyes of Eurosport, the competitors and our Partners. Thank you for your help over the last couple of years and, with the most exciting entry yet coming this October, let's make this one an

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extra special one.

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How to be a part of the action ...

The best way to catch all of this action is from the stage side or at the Time Controls. We are needing as many volunteers to marshal across the route and reconnaissance as possible to ensure that this high profile, televised event shows Scotland and rallying at its best.

The people with the envious task of looking after all the marshals and in allocating the duties are: Contact details for Chief Marshals:

- marshals@rallyofscotland.com

Covering the regions of Perth & Kinross and Stirlingshire means that the rally goes from Calvine in the North to Denny in the South. If we don't have a stable, operational radio network across the central belt of Scotland the whole thing can grind to a halt. Radio operators and controllers are also required across all of the days to ensure that the communications from HQ to the field get passed on and vice-versa.

Contact details for Communications Officers:

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