



CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER NO 1 - 2017

WELCOME to the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series

Thank you for registering for the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series. We hope you will have a very enjoyable and successful Championship year. We have every expectation that the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series will continue to live up to the BTRDA ethos of providing some **Serious Fun**.

The purpose of this newsletter is to explain a few bits and pieces in advance of your first event. We hope you find it helpful, but if you have any questions about the BTRDA Rally Series please contact us.

You should have received your BTRDA membership card, or if you have recently registered it will be with you shortly. Don't worry if it hasn't arrived in time for the Cambrian Rally as the BTRDA Membership Secretary, Paul Price, will be at the event and will be able to confirm your membership.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2017 then you can do so via the on-line BTRDA membership registration system www.btrdarally.com >> Competitors, or print off a Registration form from the championship website and send it to the Membership Secretary. If all else fails, you can register at the BTRDA desk at any of the championship events. (Registrations close after the NG Stages).

The membership card carries your BTRDA Club membership number and your BTRDA Championship registration number (drivers start with a 7 and co-drivers with a 2). Your registration also includes eligibility for the **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship which starts on the Somerset Stages.

The 2017 Ravenol BTRDA Rally Series calendar includes 8 very popular one-day forest events and your final championship results are based on your **best 6 scores**. This scoring system gives you the option to miss an event for business or family reasons without reducing your scoring opportunities.

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased that **RAVENOL UK** is continuing as title sponsor, whilst **MAXXIS Tyres**, **Thomas Panels**, **Revolution Wheels**, **Hyundai Genpower** and **Mintex** will also be providing valuable support. We are also particularly pleased to welcome back **Reis**. We are grateful to all our sponsors and we look forward to working with them during the forthcoming year.

RAVENOL UK DRIVER INCENTIVE

Part of the continuing RAVENOL support package to encourage competitor participation includes a £60 voucher for Ravenol Motorsport engine and transmission oils and racing brake fluids for every driver that registers for the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series, up to and including round 3.

With annual BTRDA membership and registration for the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series and the **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship costing just £75 for a driver, this means the price of the package has effectively been reduced to £15! That is except for drivers under 25 who are joining BTRDA for the first time. For them the cost of membership and registration is already FREE so the RAVENOL £60 voucher is a bonus. The £60 RAVENOL e-voucher will be sent to drivers separately after they have registered for the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series, and can be redeemed via the RAVENOL on-line shop at www.ravenol-direct.uk

RAVENOL UK have also teamed up with the leading oil condition monitoring laboratory to provide a cost-effective oil and engine wear analysis at a reduced price of just £20 (inc vat) for any registered BTRDA Rally Series driver. Details on the Ravenol UK website www.ravenol.co.uk





SPECIAL STAGE TV COVERAGE

The popular TV coverage of each event on Motors TV will continue in 2017 with a programme from all eight championship rounds. These programmes on Motors TV are also available in more than 40 countries across Europe and so we are extremely pleased that your performances and dramas will continue to have coverage on Motors TV. We will let you have a TV schedule when it is confirmed but we hope it will still be on the following Friday, just 6 days after the event!

In order to help Special Stage produce more informed TV programmes we encourage all competitors to send information and details about their exploits to Special Stage ASAP after each event. This should be done online at www.specialstage.co.uk/page3.htm or via e-mail to specialstage@hotmail.co.uk

DECALS - FIRST ISSUE AND REPLACEMENT

Championship decals have been posted out by Jon Ballinger to all drivers who are registered for 2017, up to the 1st February so you should receive them in time to put them on before the first event. These decals (1 x screen strip and 2 x sponsor panels- 375mm x 265mm; one for each side of the car) must be displayed on the rally car to qualify for Championship points and also to identify the car so you can appear on the TV programmes. Those not registered by 1st February can collect them from the signing on desk of your first event in the BTRDA series. **NB:** *Unfortunately due to the costs, we are no longer providing BTRDA door squares.*

CAMBRIAN RALLY - 11th FEBURARY

We are very pleased that the Cambrian Rally will be going ahead on 11th February. It has been a very challenging time for all Stage Rally Event Organisers, particularly those using the iconic Welsh forest stages, but thanks to the tremendous effort of many people we are able to start the 2017 championship season off as planned in Llandudno. With forest stages such as Aberhirnant and Llangower the Cambrian will certainly provide some Serious Fun. If you have not yet entered the event then you should do so as soon as possible at www.cambrianrally.co.uk

ON EVENT FUEL / RE-FUEL

Vital Equipment are the official fuel supplier to the BTRDA Rally Series and will be at all the events. They provide an on-event supply of consistent quality MSA compliant Super Unleaded fuel and an FIA spec Carless turbo fuel. They also ensure that fuel is dispensed to competitors under strictly controlled and safe conditions. We strongly emphasise the convenience, safety and organisational benefits that using the Vital Equipment on-event fuel service brings to competitors. **To order your fuel please use the on-line order facility listed in the Competitor Section of the BTRDA Rally Series website.** www.vitalequipment.co.uk/btrda-fuel-order-form-30-w.asp Tel: 01981 241169.

REVOLUTION WHEELS have a long history of supplying competition wheels to the world's leading rally drivers. For 2017 they are offering a 25% discount on finished stock prices to all BTRDA competitors and are providing free competition wheels as end of season prizes to the BTRDA Championship and BTRDA Cup winners.

Revolution Competition Wheels - www.revolutionwheels.com Tel: 01623 860000.

The **MINTEX BONUS SCHEME** provided by **QUESTMEAD** will recognise the drivers with the best improvement in seeding on each event in the Gold Star / Silver Star and in the 1400's / Rally First. The winners of each will receive a free set of Mintex competition brake pads. Steve or Alan Brown from Questmead can be found in the Service Area at events and can be contacted on 01706 363939. Email: sales@questmead.co.uk





HYUNDAI GENPOWER Awards 2017

We appreciate the continuing support from Hyundai Genpower who will providing some form of prize for each event in the BTRDA Rally Series. Details to be confirmed. www.genpower.co.uk

LIVE RESULTS

All events in the BTRDA Rally Series use the excellent Tynemouth Computer Services (TCS) to provide live event results. This is the most comprehensive and detailed results system currently operating and enables competitors, spectators and supporters to follow events via the live online web results service www.btrdarally.com

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY PRE AND POST EVENT SCRUTINEERING

It is an important part of any Championship to ensure competing cars meet their eligibility requirements as set down in the Championship regulations and the MSA Yearbook (Blue Book). At the end of every event cars will be selected for post event Scrutineering by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. You should not be concerned if you are asked to attend such checks as we would much prefer to confirm your car is correct than find a problem. If you have any doubts about eligibility, please contact the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. For any FIA homologated cars, especially classes NR4 or N3, please remember to carry an original set (not a copy) of the relevant homologation forms in the car at all times. By not carrying them or having incorrect ones, you risk not scoring any championship points on that event. Simple, but often forgotten.

BTRDA RALLY FIRST

All BTRDA Rally First cars are required to submit a Vehicle Declaration Form (VDF) to any of the on-event BTRDA team or the Championship Scrutineers. This form and the BTRDA Rally First Technical Regulations are available under the Competitors section of the BTRDA Rally website.

FIESTA ST TROPHY

We must mention the increasing success of the ST Trophy which has attracted competitors from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. There will be 9 crews on the Cambrian and with more to come on the Malcolm Wilson Rally, this competition promises to be one of the highlights of 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series.

MALCOLM WILSON RALLY - 11TH MARCH

Entries will soon be available for the Malcolm Wilson Rally, Round 2 of the BTRDA Rally Series. Regulations and online entries can be found at www.malcolmwilson.co.uk The organisers have overcome a number of challenges to provide competitors with the best possible event which includes iconic stages such as Grizedale North and South and Greystoke. The event is based at the M-Sport HQ near Cockermouth and finishes just off Jct 40 of the M6 at Penrith. Please do not delay submitting your entry.

MAXXIS MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2017 **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship has been expanded to provide a greater variety of Nat B events and is now open to all stage rally cars that comply with the MSA Safety and Technical Regulations. The 2017 Championship will include a selection of the best one day forest and asphalt events in England, with the addition of a unique double header weekend which gives competitors the choice to compete on either or both the Nicky Grist Stages (Saturday) and the new Nicky Grist Asphalt Stages (Sunday). The asphalt element of the calendar sees the three events grouped together in the middle of the year and includes the Dukeries Rally which takes place at Donington Park and provides an excellent opportunity for sponsors and spectators to see more of the action.





CALENDAR (Best 6 scores to count)

Somerset Stages	8th April - West Somerset - 80% Gravel
Carlisle Stages Rally	10th June - Kielder Forest West - Gravel
Nicky Grist Stages	8 th July - Mid Wales Forests - Gravel
Nicky Grist Asphalt Stages	9th July - Epynt Ranges - Asphalt
Tyneside Stages	6th August - Otterburn Ranges - Asphalt
58th Dukeries Rally	20th August - Donington Park - Asphalt
Woodpecker Stages	2nd September - Shropshire - Gravel
Trackrod Forest Rally	30th September - North Yorkshire - Gravel

The Championship will be split into 8 championship classes with the scoring system reflecting achievement against other competitors in the same class.

CLASSES

- Class 1 BTRDA Rally First cars up to and including 1400cc and FIA R1A and N1
- Class 2 All cars up to 1400cc not eligible for class 1 and RF1.6 cars
- Class 3 Over 1400cc and up to and including 1600cc, including all FIA R2B cars
- Class 4 Over 1600cc and up and including to 2000cc
- Class 5 Over 2000cc 2 Wheel Drive
- Class 6 Current and former FIA Group N / NR4 cars over 2000cc
- Class 7 Over 2000cc 4 Wheel Drive
- Class 8 All WRC, RRC, R5 and S2000 cars and all derivatives

NB: The **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship registration is all part of the 2017 RAVENOL BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package. (BTRDA is an invited club to all the championship events). More information about the **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk Championship registration is via the BTRDA membership system at BTRDA [on-line Membership / Registration](#)

CHAMPIONSHIP ON-EVENT TEAM

There have been some changes to the BTRDA team for 2017 with Gill Cotton, Tim Hobbs or Ian Arden now representing BTRDA at the events. They will be assisted on occasion by Norman Robertson, Steve Gregg or Howard Wilcock.

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