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Dear Competitor,

I really cannot believe where the year has gone. Only seems like yesterday when I was sitting round the table at the AEMC AGM holding up my hand volunteering to do this!! First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your support this season, its been a steep learning curve but a rewarding one. Clive is still in Ireland so I'll be your point of contact for 2008.

Enclosed in this bulletin to the 2007 Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Championship are the Final Results. Please check them, I have tried to do a sanity check, but think I am losing it!!

Some of the highlights include the overall winners, Brett Griffin and Sam Fordham in their 106 GTi in Class B. Both have shown consistency and reliability which mean they claim the maximum 210 points. Well done guys. Second driver is Melis Charalambous in the Octavia WRC missing out on the top spot by 8 points, but it has been an impressive season for Melis considering he tackled Rally Wales GB in his first year.

Co-driver Paul Bareham who sits next to Richard Upton in a Ford Sierra takes second overall spot. After a trying start to the year with two DNF at Longcross and Rockingham run by Cambridge Car Club, they soon found pace and reliability to take overall finishes in the top 5, the most notable being third overall at Milbrook in the clubmans event.

Third place driver gave me a bit of a dilemma. Trying to decide how the tie would be resolved looking at how many events both had contested along with how many points were score, Richard Upton and Pete Rayner have done enough to jointly take third overall. Third overall co-driver goes to Richard Bonner.

I cannot go without saying something about two Class A competitors. Scott and Aron Rayner take top honours in Class A for driver and co-driver respectably. A crew that take it in turns to drive and navigate, it has been an impressive year for the both of them. Aron took the wheel on the last event of the year finishing 22 overall in what could only be described as very wet, proving that Milbrook's result was no fluke. And if coming first as a driver was not enough, Scott also takes second place as a co-driver!

The awards presentation was going to take place at Sculthorpe in April. As some of you are aware, this has now been postponed to later on in the year. After discussing this with our sponsor, Pat Ward and myself have decided to hand out the awards when I see everyone. Its not ideal, but is a solution, something which I hope you can understand.

Regulations for 2008 are included with this bulletin, and I hope to see you all on forthcoming events. A huge well done to all those that competed in 2007, and I hope that I will see you all in 2008.

Best regards,

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