

London Irish Motor Club

Presents

The Emerald Stages

on

Sunday 15th February 2009

To be held at

Longcross Test Track

REGULATIONS

Held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sport Association
(Incorporating the Provisions of the sporting code of the FIA)

Event Secretary:
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THE EMERALD STAGES
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- 1 London Irish Motor Club will organise a National B permit Multi-Use Stage Rally on SUNDAY 15TH. February 2009. at the Longcross Test Track, Chertsey. Surrey. KT16 0EE
- 2 The event will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Associations (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.), these Supplementary Regulations and any written Instructions which the organising club may issue for the event.
- 3 MSA National B Permit has been applied for.
- 4 The event is open to competitors (whether Entrant, Driver, or Co-Driver) holding a valid MSA Competition Licence appropriate for the event who are fully elected members of THE ORGANISING CLUB or Clubs affiliated to the following Associations.

ASEMC, ACSMC, ASWAMC & AEMC.
- 5.1 Competitors are reminded of the requirement to produce valid competition and Entrants Licences, Club Membership and Championship Registration Cards (if applicable) at Documentation H.19.
- 5.2 Vehicles MUST possess a valid MOT Certificate (if applicable) and an MSA Rally Car Log Book.
- 5.3 Vehicles need not be taxed or insured for the Public Highway.
- 5.4 PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT A LICENCE APPLICATION FORM ON THE DAY
Note: NON PRODUCTION OF A COMPETITION LICENCE THE FEE IS £50 .00.
- 5.5 The event is open to all vehicles complying with H265 & H266 & H267, (other vehicles authorised by the MSA.

All vehicles must comply with MSA regulations. The organisers reserve the right to re-classify any vehicle where they deem it fair to do so.

6.1 **CLASSES.**

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| Class 1 | Up to 1400cc |
| Class 2 | 1401cc – 1600cc |
| Class 3 | 1601cc to 2000cc |
| Class 4 | Over 2000cc |
| Class 5 | All Capacity Cars homologated to Group N |
| Class 6 | All Capacity Cars NOT complying with Class 5 |

NOTES a) For engines with forced induction system (turbocharger, or supercharger etc) a multiplication factor of 1.7 shall be applied to the actual engine capacity and then the appropriate class determined by the new engine capacity

6.2 **SCRUTINEERING AND TYRES.**

All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations. Cars need not be taxed but they must be presented at scrutineering with the Registration Document, A Current MOT Certificate must be presented for all cars that are required by law to have one. At pre-event scrutineering cars will be examined for compliance with tyre and vehicle safety regulations as well as Class eligibility. All cars must be fitted with a roll cage to MSA Regulations and carry fire extinguishers to C(c)52-66. Crash helmets will be examined for compliance with current regulations C(c)87 – 99. Fire Resistant Overalls will be examined for compliance with C(c)77-86

6.3 **HEPLFUL REMINDERS.**

Competitors should study the Current Competitors & Officials Year Book and make sure they understand the Technical Regulations. Tyres used must comply with C(e) of the Current Competitors Year Book.

6.4 Cars must be presented in a clean and tidy condition, primer or odd coloured body panels will not be permitted

7. AWARDS.

7.1 AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

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| First Overall | Two Awards | |
| Second Overall | Two Awards | |
| Third Overall | Two Awards | |
| First in Class | Two Awards | |
| Second in Class | Two Awards | (subject to 5 starters) |
| Third in Class | Two Awards | (subject to 10 starters) |
| First Novice | Two Awards * | |
| Highest Placed LIMC | Two Awards *** | |
| Highest Placed BLCC | Two Awards *** | |

- 7.2 No competitor may win more than one award. All are perpetual. The organisers reserve the right to amend the awards list at their discretion and additional awards may be presented.
- 7.3 * A Novice crew C(a)64 is one in which the first named driver has not won ANY award higher than a finishers award on a stage rally of Clubmans or higher status.
- 7.4 *** To qualify for the best LIMC or BLCC award, both crew members must have been fully paid up members of London Irish Motor Club or Bexley Light Car Club, prior to the publication of these Regulations.
- 7.5 AWARD WINNING COMPETITORS MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT THEIR AWARDS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE AWARD, BUT WILL NOT EFFECT PLACING IN THE RESULTS.

8 ENTRIES.

- 8.1 Entries for the event will open on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and CLOSE on MONDAY 9th. February 2009. The organisers reserve the right to accept entries after this date should the maximum number not be reached.
- 8.2 The Standard entry fee is £230.00 up to and including MONDAY February 9th 2009. Thereafter any entry will be subject to a £25.00 late entry fee surcharge
- 8.3 All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Cheques should be made payable to London Irish Motor Club
Please send your entry as soon as possible.
NO CHEQUES WILL BE BANKED BEFORE
TUESDAY February 2nd 2009.
An entry may be made by Fax or other electronic means of Communication provided that it is received before the time Specified for the closing of entries.
The entry fee MUST be received by the Entries Secretary by
MONDAY February 9TH. 2009.
- 8.4 Entries should be submitted to the Entries Secretary:
Mrs Betty Webb
67 Alers Road,
Bexleyheath.
Kent. DA6 8HR.
Tel 020 8303 7965
Email: terrycavender@btopenworld.com
- 8.5 Entries cancelled in writing up to and including the closing date February 9th 2009, will be refunded in full. Entries cancelled in writing after that date and up to 48 hours before the event will be refunded less a £25.00 administration fee. Any entry cancelled within 48 hours of the event will not be refunded.
- 8.6 Entry fees will not be refunded to any entry that fails to start or meet the Noise/Scrutineering requirements.
- 8.7 Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis with the exception of 10 places, which shall be reserved and allocated at the discretion of the organisers.
- 8.8 The order of starting will be at the organisers' discretion and will be based on seeding information given on the entry form. No discussions will be entered into regarding the starting order of any competitor.
- 8.9 The MAXIMUM number of starters for the event is 95 (including reserves).
- 8.10 The MINIMUM entry for the event is 50.
- 8.11 Should the minimum entry not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event/amalgamate classes as applicable, C(a)57g.

9 **OFFICIALS.**

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| Clerk of the Course | Terry Cavender | 020 8303 7965 |
| Asst. Clerk of the Course | Kevin Creaven | 01494565680 |
| Club Steward | Chin | |
| Club Steward | Dave Wilkins | |
| MSA Steward | TBA | |
| Safety Officer | Andy Kilby | |
| Time Keeper/Results | Gary Nicholls | |
| Chief Scrutineer | Jim Morris | 0127631302 |
| Chief Marshal | Martyn Nutt | 07768 467163 |
| Communications | Mike Fielding | 01252 628020 |
| MSA Environmental Inspector | Den Dubber | 02089799592 |
| Secretary of the Meeting/ Entries Secretary | Betty Webb | 020 8303 7965 |

10 **VENUE ACCESS & SERVICE.**

- 10.1 Competitors are reminded that ALL persons entering the venue having connection with their entry are subject to the rules and regulations governing service personnel.
- 10.2 Servicing may only take place in a central location for the entire event
- 10.3 Due to the Secure Status of the venue, Competitors will ONLY be issued With 6 Personnel passes to cover Competing Crew and 4 support personnel Additional passes may be obtained on the day of the event at a cost of £3.00 each (All proceeds in aid of events Recovery & Rescue vehicles).
- 10.4 NO spectators will be admitted.
- 10.5 Entry to the venue will be restricted to persons in possession of passes only and unauthorised person found at the venue will be subject to ejection by Security personnel.
- 10.6 ANY PERSON SIGNING ON AS AN OFFICIAL AND THEN FAILING TO ACT IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY SHALL BE EJECTED FROM THE VENUE AND A REPORT MADE TO THE MSA.
- 10.7 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 YEARS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED unless specifically authorised by the Clerk of the Course
- 10.8 Any competitor found in areas deemed to be out of bounds or have entered the venue without a pass, may cause the entry with which they are associated, to be deemed as in contravention of this Article and subject to penalty (up to and including exclusion).
- 10.9 Any competitor found servicing in areas other than the specified service area WILL BE EXCLUDED - ALL AREAS OTHER THAN SERVICE AREAS ARE OUT OF BOUNDS.

11 **ROUTE & STAGE MARKINGS.**

- 11.1 The event will take place within the confines of the Longcross Test Track, Surrey.
- 11.2 Details of Noise Test, Scrutineering and Documentation will be advised in the Final Instructions.
- 11.3 Ordnance Survey maps will not be needed.
- 11.4 The event will consist of 8 special stages covering up to 60 miles on predominantly high quality sealed surface roads.
- 11.5 The event WILL NOT include sections on Public Highway.
- 11.6 Any competitors not signed on 30 minutes before their due start time may be excluded without refund and their place may be allocated to a reserve.
- 11.7 At Documentation competitors will receive a road book, additional instructions and time cards.
- 11.8 The correct route will be defined by STAGE DIAGRAMS.
- 11.9 Arrows will be used to indicate the correct direction at junctions where a change of direction is required.
- 11.10 Advance warning arrows will be discarded where distances prohibit their safe use.
- 11.11 At chicanes or other hazards, chevron type marker boards may be used to indicate the correct entry point in accordance with H 180
- 11.12 Samples of all stage markers and control boards will be available for inspection upon request at Documentation.
- 11.13 The event will utilise TARGET TIMING in accordance with H196
- 11.14 Main controls will be established at the Start and Finish of the event.
- 11.15 Competitors due time at MC1 will be notified on their time card.
- 11.16 On completion of each stage, competitors will be issued with their due Time at the next Stage Arrival Control by a Marshall under the supervision of the MSA Timekeeper.
- 11.17 Competitors MAY be required to start at 30 second intervals.
- 11.18 Competitors will be provided with time record cards at signing on which will be required to be surrendered at points indicated in the road book.
- 11.19 It is the responsibility of competing crews to ensure that all cards are completed correctly and the organisers reserve the right to use whatever mean at their disposal to establish times in the event of illegible or disputed times.
- 11.20 Special Stages will be timed to an accuracy of 1 second by marshals under the supervision of an MSA Timekeeper.

12 **MARKINGS & PENALTIES.**

12.1 Markings will be as printed in H Chart 212.

12.2 Penalties will be as printed in H Chart 212 with the exception of those listed which are modified as follows:

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| e) Making a false start at a Special Stage | 30 SECONDS |
| h) Each minute over time on a road section or for each minute over time in a Service Area | 1 MINUTE |
| m) Excessive vehicle sound | EXCLUSION |
| n) Receiving assistance contrary to 233 –239 | EXCLUSION |

12.3 H Chart 212 is deemed to include deliberately hitting chicanes in order to gain an advantage and taking wrong routes at split junctions.

12.4 Any competitor reported to have traversed the stage in the wrong direction will be automatically excluded from the event and will have their Competition licences endorsed.

12.5 Competitors excluded from the results may apply to the Clerk of the Course to continue in the event. This concession will be solely at the Discretion of the Clerk of the Course, whose decision is final.

13 **MODIFICATIONS to the GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

13.1 All cars will be required to pass a Sound Test as per H12 & C(b) 23-24

(100 dB(A) at 0.5 meters), and one or more subsequent Sound Tests (during the course of the rally). Particular attention will be paid to the fitment and subsequent removal of any additional silencer(s) or “auxiliary noise media”.

13.2 The organisers reserve the right to carry out a sound test on any competing car at any time during the event. If you fail you will not be allowed to continue on the event.

13.3 Anti Lag or other such devices are not permitted at the venue due to on going Noise problems. Cars fitted with such devices must have them disabled.

13.4 Any car damaging their exhaust system while competing on the stage must make all efforts to keep exhaust noise to a minimum.

THE USE OF NOISE GENERATING ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE EXCLUSION IN ALL CASES. THE DECISION OF THE CLERK OF THE COURSE SHALL BE FINAL.

13.5 Controls will open 10 minutes before the due time of arrival of the first car and close 1 minute after the due time of the last car.

13.6 Maximum permitted lateness is 5 minutes.

13.7 There will be NO PENALTY FREE CUMULATIVE LATENESS

14 RESULTS TIES & PROTESTS.

- 14.1 Interim provisional and final results will be displayed on the Official Notice Board, which will be located at the Results Office throughout the event.
- 14.2 Results will be published as soon as possible after the finish of the event.
- 14.3 Ties will be resolved in accordance with H247.
- 14.4 Protests must be made in accordance with C(d) 45-49.

15 HEALTH & SAFETY.

- 15.1 There will be no designated refuelling area.
Competitors are reminded that they must bring sufficient fuel for the event as no fuel is available at the venue.
- 15.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirements under the Health & Safety AT Work regarding the refuelling of vehicles.
All entrants must ensure that all persons connected with their entry have read and fully understand the following statement.

EVERY PERSON PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT WHETHER EMPLOYED OR VOLUNTARY, SHALL TAKE REASONABLE CARE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THEMSELVES OR OTHER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY HIS/HER ACTS OR OMISSIONS DURING THE OPERATION OF THE EVENT.

- 15.3 The only vehicles of any type, including unpowered vehicles, skate boards etc, which are allowed within the venue are competing cars and vans which are currently taxed. MOT`d and insured. ie: NO scooters, bicycles, gopeds, skateboards etc. This is the requirement of the venue. As all people admitted to the venue are either officials or associated with the competitors the penalty for infringing this regulation will be EXCLUSION from the event of the competitors associated to the offender.

16 ADDITIONAL.

- 16.1 Vehicles will be identified by 275mm COMPETITION NUMBERS IN LINE WITH MSA TECHNICAL REGULATIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISERS.
Please note DIGITAL TYPE NUMBERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
All identification must be carried throughout the event, and must be removed on finishing the event or retiring.
- 16.2 Competitors may be required to carry additional identification and/or Advertising in accordance with C(a)57(e).
- 16.3 Any vehicle leaving the venue WILL NOT be re-admitted.
- 16.4 No engines should be run before 07.00 hours, other than for Noise Test purposes. Please assist us by keeping the noise in the Service Area to a minimum.
- 16.5 Only the first named driver may drive on a special stage H22.
- 16.6 To be classed as a finisher, a competitor must visit all the Time Controls within their time limit. H245.

16.7 In accordance with 1997 Environmental Legislation, generators etc must be placed within the confines of a "Catch Tray" of sufficient size in order to contain any spillage of fluid Oil or Fuel. A suitable fire extinguisher must be placed alongside all generators.

All service work should be carried out on an environmental ground sheet.

16.8 Open fires are PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES: Barbecues must be fully contained and sited at least 10 meters from the fuel source. Fire extinguishers must be placed close to hand. DO NOT USE THE EXTINGUISHER FROM THE COMPETING CAR!!!!.

16.9 NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN THE LONGCROSS GROUNDS.

16.10 RECOVERY OF VEHICLES: Generally vehicles may only be recovered after the close of the last stage, BUT ONLY AFTER PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURSE. Should time permit there may be opportunities prior to this, BUT ONLY with the express permission of the Clerk of the Course

16.11 SERVICE: Service will be available between each stage, the duration of which will be set out by the MSA Timekeeper, who will issue a 'Due Time' at the next SSA at each PC.

Adequate viewing is available for your Service Crews and therefore due to the sensitive nature of the venue, all areas other than the Service Area, Central Area and the top of the gradient hills are out of bounds. Any breaches of the requirement may render the competitor liable to exclusion.

16.12 OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS; Please note that due to the sensitive nature of the venue, all areas other than the service area, Trailer Park/Car Park and the HQ Area are out of bounds and any breaches of this regulation may render the competitor liable to exclusion.

16.13 SPECTATORS: Spectators are not admitted to the Venue. This will be strictly enforced throughout the event.

16.14 PRACTISING/PACE NOTES; Pre-event practising or testing over special stages on this event is forbidden. (H257). The organisers will provide suitable maps. Any competitor or his agent observed on private land in the Longcross area, without permission, in the two weeks before this event will either be excluded from the event or have his/her start refused.

The use of pace notes is forbidden and checks may be established.

16.15 PASSES: All persons within the venue must carry their allocated passes at all time. Failure to comply may result in arrest and prosecution for trespass!!!

16.16 JUDGES OF FACT: Judges of Fact appointed by the Organisers will be on duty throughout the event to observe and report upon any crew considered to be making an excessive noise, observed in an out of bounds area or to be in contravention of the service regulations.

The following will be Judges of Fact for the entire event –

- H140(a) All named Officials, Marshals & any J.O.F. named for that purpose.
- H140(b)* All named Officials & all Marshals.
- H140(c) All named Officials & all Marshals
- H140(e) All named Officials, Marshals & any J.O.F., named for that purpose.
- H140(f) All named Officials, Marshals & any J.O.F. named for that purpose.
- H140(g) All named Officials, & all Marshals.
- H140(h) Sound Test Official, and all named Officials.
- H140(i) All named Officials & any J.O.F., named for that purpose.
- H140(j) All named Officials, Marshals & any J.O.F. named for that purpose

*Includes the taking of the correct route at a split junction.

All Stage Marshals and Named Officials will be Judges of Fact in respect of striking Penalty Markers. Named Judges of Fact will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

16.17 **COURSE MARKERS:** In order to restrict average speeds for the Special Stages at Longcross, various man-made barriers forming chicanes may be set up which will be detailed in the road book. These barriers will be deemed to be made up of Course Markers. A penalty of 10 seconds per incident will be applied to any car hitting any Course Markers. Competitors who drive through a group of Course Markers without making a reasonable attempt to follow the correct route will be penalised with the Stage Maximum Time as per H Chart 212 (c). Markers will be made of Cones, Tyres and Straw Bales or Barrels.

16.18 **CONTROLS & TIMING:** The starting procedure for the SPECIAL STAGES will be a TRAFFIC LIGHT system details of which will be included in the Final Instructions.

17 **SAFETY:**

17.1 **30 SECOND STARTS & SPLIT JUNCTIONS:** Since competitors will start all Special Stages at 30 second intervals and each stage may consist of more than one lap there will be several cars circulating at one time, there may be a split junction and a merge on each Stage Countdown markers will be positioned at 200 and 100 yards before these. Competitors should ensure they know which route to take each lap. A Marshal will be placed on each of these junctions. Any crew who overshoots and reverses will be EXCLUDED.

17.2 **RED FLAGS:** In the case of a serious accident on any stage RED FLAGS will be displayed at various locations as per H135(c&d) and H151. Competitors on seeing a RED FLAG must stop as soon as possible H151. Failure to stop will result in exclusion from the event H Chart 212(s).

17.3 **DAMAGE DECLARATION:** Competitors at the conclusion of the event shall sign a declaration to the effect that they have not been involved in any incident that may have caused damage to persons or property, or alternatively give details of such incidents. Failure to comply will be penalised under H248 Chart212(p) and may be reported to the MSA for further action.

Competitors who retire will be required to submit that form to the Secretary of the Meeting within 72 hours of the event. Failure to return this form may be penalised by a fine of up to £100.

17.4 **DAMAGE TO THIRD PARTY PROPERTY:** Competitors causing damage to any third party property will be liable for any excess the event has to pay to the MSA insurers or for any uninsured loss. An incident officer has been appointed for this event, he will be checking all incidents that occur on the stages and will also be checking out vehicles leaving the stages for damage. Photo or video evidence will also be used to ensure that an incident report is completed by each competitor for every incident that they have on a stage that results in damage to any third party property.

17.5 **PLEASE NOTE: ANY ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE FINALS**

18 **ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION:**

Hot Food and Drink will be available throughout the day from Wallis's Wagon situated in the Service Area.

Interim results will be posted on the side of the Wallis's Food vehicle throughout the day.

Water and Toilet facilities will be available at the venue.

TYRES can be ordered from SLICKS TYRES who will be in the Service Area contact Andy, 0114-2470485 www.slicktyres.co.uk.

VIDEO: The Official Video Crew will be Mad Productions IAN MADDISON 01469 561281.

PHOTOGRAPHER: The Official Photographer for the event will be ANDREW MANSTON 0796 8414940.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED AT THE VENUE.

Marshals

If you are unable to compete or have friends who wish to come along, why not marshal? We always need reliable marshals to ensure the smooth running of the event. Please contact the Chief Marshal, Martyn Nutt, 07768467163.