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Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally 2019

in association with

HOTEL WOODSTOCK, ENNIS & EMC AUTOS LTD.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Round 6 - Top Part West Coast Rally Championship

Dear Competitor,

As Clerk of the Course and on behalf of the organising committee and directors of Clare Motor Club, I would like to extend a warm invitation to everybody who wishes to compete in the M. Fitzgibbon Contractors Ltd. Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally 2019 in association with EMC Autos and Hotel Woodstock. In 2018, Clare Motor Club and Irish Motorsport lost a member and an iconic person who we are finding very hard to replace. It was the wish of the Directors of the Club to do something to remember this man, so with kind permission from his family, we have decided to rename the Clare Stages Rally, The Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally going forward. The Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally will take place on Sunday 15th September 2019. The club are delighted to welcome on board M. Fitzgibbon Contractors Ltd. as the main sponsor. We are also delighted to welcome EMC Autos and Hotel Woodstock as associate sponsors. The rally will be based again back in our county town of Ennis and Hotel Woodstock is our HQ for the third year. This year's rally is round 6 and final round of 2019 Top Part West Coast Rally Championship. It is a one-day event with three challenging, tarmac stages, repeated three times, totalling almost 120 kms, and based in close proximity to Ennis town. We have road mileage of just over 130 kms. Once again, we have centralised servicing on Sunday at the Clare Marts Complex, Quin Rd, Ennis, which also hosts scrutiny on Saturday evening and Parc Ferme on Saturday night. This will be manned by security officers. This venue will also be trailer park for the weekend. Service will take place after stages 3 and 6. Pacenote making will take place on Saturday 14th September. The first car will leave Parc Ferme at 9.45a.m on Sunday morning and returning to final control at Hotel Woodstock at 17.10p.m. on Sunday evening.

This year we are offering at least 6 fully paid entries to this year's Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally as an incentive for early payment. The draw for the entries will take place live on Facebook at 8p.m. Thursday September 12th. Only entries paid in full will be entered for the draw. The winning competitors will be contacted on Thursday night. For information and news in the build up to this year's Rally, please keep an eye on the Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally Facebook page and on various social media forums. For further details please contact the event secretary, Margaret McCloskey on 087 2808159.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in Clare in September.

Yours in Motorsport

Gerry O'Brien,

Clerk of the Course

2019 Clare Stages Rally

1. Announcement

The Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally is promoted by Banner Motorsports Club Ltd. t/a Clare Motor Club and will be held on Sunday 15th September 2019. The event will accommodate all classes as per Appendix 29.1 of the 2019 Motorsport Ireland yearbook and includes Junior Class 16 and Class 16A and Historics Class 17,18 and 19. The competition will be held under the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland including Appendix 25, Appendix 26, Appendix 28, Appendix 29, and Appendix 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook and these Supplementary Regulations. Amendments to these Supplementary Regulations will be issued by numbered bulletins. All competitors who submit completed entry forms agree to be bound by these regulations.

2. Organisation

2.1

The Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally is organised/promoted by Clare Motorclub. These regulations have been submitted to, and approved by Motorsport Ireland who has issued **Permit No: 19/124** for the holding of the competition.

Championship for which the rally counts:

Top Part West Coast Rally Championship.

2.2 Officials:

Motorsport Ireland Stewards: Alan Cullinan /John Carroll

Clare M.C. Steward: Matt Gleeson

Motorsport Ireland Safety Officer: Colman Hegarty

Clerk of the Course: Gerry O'Brien

Deputy Clerk of the Course: Eddie Cogan

Clare MC Safety Officer: Kieran Ambrose

Assistant Clerk of the Course: Eoghain McMahan

Secretary of the Event: Margaret McCloskey

Entries Secretary: Margaret McCloskey

Chief Scrutineer: Noel McGrath

Competitor Liaison Officer: Pat M Shiel

Rally 2 Coordinator: Winnie Shiel

Chief Marshal: Joe O'Sullivan

Assistant Chief Marshal: Maria O'Donoghue

Chief Timekeeper: Eamon McGee

Radio Controller: Mary Fitzgerald

Results Provider: Angus Sealy

Chief Medical Officer: Dr. Paul Rea

Chief Rescue Officer: Jason Brick

Press Officer: Dermot Kelleher

Spectator Control: Anthony O'Connell

Fire Training Service Liaison Officer: John Elliott

Programme: Dermot Kelleher

Programme Sales Co-ordinator: Marie Naughton

Stage Commanders: SS1/4/7 – Tomas McGarry

SS2/5/8 – David Murphy

SS3/6/9 – Pat Killeen

Deputy Stage Commanders SS1/4/7 – Pat Diviney

SS2/5/8 – James O'Rourke

SS3/6/9 – John Walsh

Service Area & Scrutiny Co Ordinator: Al Meaney

Road Closed: Pdraig Wilmott

Sweeper: Alan Kelly

Car Accountability: Paudie O'Brien

E.S.L.O: Mario Miotto

Resident Liaison Officer: SS1/4/7 Tom McGarry, SS2/5/8 David Murphy, SS3/6/9 Pat Killeen

Serious Incident Assessor: Tony Shannon

Child Protection Officer: Margaret McCloskey

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Headquarters will be based in Hotel Woodstock, Shanaway Rd, Lahinch Rd, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Telephone Number 065-6899800.

2.4 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be situated in Rally Office at Rally HQ and will be in operation from 08.30am on Saturday 14th September 2019 until 30 minutes after prize giving on Sunday 15th September 2019.

2.5 Judges of Fact:

- A List of 'Judges of Fact' will be posted on the official notice board. All named officials will be 'Judges of Fact'.
- Judges of Fact will patrol the Road Sections/Service area. Among the "facts" they will be judging is Competitor driving, servicing / support in forbidden areas.
- The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final. A Judge of Fact may request to sign the competitor's road book.

3. Timetable

- 5th August 2019: Entries open
- 4th September: Entries close
- 9th September: Final Instructions Posted
- 7th September: Seeded Entry list published
- 14th September: 08.30 to 12.30 Register for Recce, Rally Office, Hotel Woodstock, Ennis
- 14th September: 09.00 to 17.00 Recce (As per Appendix 25 Current MI Yearbook)
- 14th September: 14.00 to 19.00 Mechanical Scrutiny, at the Autobody Garage at the Ennis Mart Complex
- 14th September: 14.30 to 20.00 Paper Scrutiny at Rally Office, Hotel Woodstock, Ennis
- 15th September: 08.00 Competitors Safety Briefing for All Crews at Hotel Woodstock, Ennis
- 15th September: 09.45 First Car away from the Parc Ferme at the Ennis Mart Complex
- 15th September: 17.18 First Car Finish Ramp, in Rally HQ
- 15th September: Full Provisional Results Rally H.Q 30 mins after last car in Parc Ferme
- 15th September: 19.00 approx. Prize giving Hotel Woodstock, Shanaway Rd, Lahinch Rd, Ennis

4. Entries

4.1 Information:

Entries from FIA ASN INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY driver or navigators licence holders from abroad may be accepted in this event.

Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA Competition Licence or Commercial Entrants Licence. Entries can be made on the Official Entry Form, properly completed in full, accompanied by the appropriate fee and forwarded to the Entries Secretary, or online at www.shannonsportsit.ie . Online entry forms when completed must be printed and posted also together with the entry fee to the Entries Secretary.

The number of starters in the main field will be limited to 140, including historic.

Historics will run in the main field and compete on stages 1 to 9.

There will be a maximum number of 25 juniors, and they will compete on two thirds of the event.

4.2 Entry Fee:

All entry fees (main field, historic and juniors) include personal accident insurance and standard IRDS/BRDS insurance.

The main field and historic entry fee is €750.

Entries to Class 16/16A (Junior Class) is €475

Online banking details: **IBAN - IE90BOFI90421037050212 /BIC - BOFIE2D**, please put drivers name as reference when doing online payment. Contact Event Secretary 087 2808159 for any queries on this.

Cheques may only be post-dated to August 28th, 2019. There will be no cheques cashed before August 29th, 2019.

M.S.A Licence holders please ENSURE you have the correct BRDS cover letter BEFORE sign on Friday 13th September 2019. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 677 5628. Cheques, Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: Clare Motorclub.

Entries to be sent to:

Name: Margaret McCloskey

Address: 7 Drom Slinne, Portroe, Nenagh, Co Tipperary

Tel: 087 2808159 (6p.m – 10.30p.m)

E-mail cmcl13@eircom.net

4.3 NAVIGATOR LICENCE:

IMPORTANT - all co-drivers in Stage rallies MUST hold a minimum of Navigator licence.

M.I Stage International, Stage National A, Stage National B and Road National B Drivers licences ARE VALID for co-drivers.

Because the MSA's grading system is different to M.I's, MSA Stage International, Stage National A, Stage National B and Stage and Road Navigator ARE ALL VALID for co-drivers.

4.4 Entry Criteria:

In the event of an excess of 140 main field entries being received the following criteria will be applied to all entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries.

- Top Part championship Overall awards and 1st & 2nd in Class, (Entries must be received by closing date)
- Paid up CMC Members that have assisted with running stage events by the club, or assisted with events run by CMC for other clubs in 2019
- 20 Entries at Organisers discretion

4.5 Classes: As per Appendix 29.1 of MI Yearbook

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 – 7 refer to www.fia.com Appendix J articles 252 – 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R) Refer to Appendix 29.1 Classes, Notes on Classes 1 to 20 and Historic Cars Classes 17, 18 and 19, Motorsport Ireland Yearbook 2019, for further information on Class eligibility. Class 23, see Appendix 29.1, Article 23 of Motorsport Ireland Yearbook 2019.

4.6 Late Withdrawal of Entries:

Failure to withdraw an entry in the correct manner i.e. by contacting the event secretary directly, may result in the loss of the full entry fee.

4.7 The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a valid reason.

5. Reconnaissance

5.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday 14th September 2019 between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Recce stickers must be displayed on the outside top corner of the windscreen of the reconnaissance car. Competitors must sign on at Rally HQ before entering any stage as per Art 3 above.

5.2 Pace note providers:

Pace notes will be available for sale by third parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

5.3 Restrictions:

- Your attention is also drawn to Appendix 29, Article 4.8 of the Current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook referring to a competitor found on a stage outside the reconnaissance period.

No commercial vans (e.g Vito/Transporter/Primastar/Transit or similar) allowed to be used by competitors during recce.

- The Maximum Speed allowed on a stage during the reconnaissance is 60 KPH unless a lower limit is indicated by a traffic sign or a written instruction issued by the organisers.

- Traversing the stage in the wrong direction is expressly forbidden.

- A maximum of three runs per stage is permitted, competitors will be signed in and out of each stage

Clare has become a very popular county for cyclists. Please be aware of cyclists on the route during recce and on the road sections on the weekend of the event.

The special stages will be open to normal traffic therefore the safety and rights of other road users must be respected, and due care must be shown to other traffic. Some of our stages this year see very little traffic on a normal day. During recce it is expected that up on 400 cars will transverse this road, which can be intimidating for residents. We would appeal to all competitors to respect and give residents and locals as much freedom on the road as possible

- The organisers will monitor the behaviour of competitors on the reconnaissance route.

5.4 Penalties: Reports of breaches of above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a tribunal of inquiry.

6. Administrative checks:

- Documentation scrutiny is located at Rally Headquarters, Hotel Woodstock, Shanaway Rd, Lahinch Rd, Ennis, Co Clare. Competition licences, I.R.D.S. or BRDS proof of cover, and other documentation must be presented at documentation scrutiny.

- Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on Saturday 14th September 2019 between 14.00 – 19.00 at the Autobody Garage on the Clare Marts Complex.

- All competitors are required to have door decals on their car and have the first part of the Mechanical Scrutiny sheet completed before they present the car for scrutineering.

- Logbooks are required for all cars.

- **ALL CARS** must be presented at Parc Ferme within 30 minutes of completing Mechanical Scrutiny. Parc Ferme is also located in the grounds of Clare Marts Complex.
- Driving of competing cars off the specified route to/from Scrutiny may lead to exclusion.
- After completing Mechanical scrutiny competitors are required to present themselves at documentation scrutiny in Rally HQ.

7. Servicing

- There will be a designated fixed service area in the Clare Marts Complex.
- Outside of the service area, support/service is expressly forbidden (Art 11.5 Appendix 29 MI Yearbook).
- Judges of Fact will monitor the route.
- Ground sheets must be utilized by all crews.
- Waste bins will be provided in the Service Area and all crews are requested to place all rubbish in the bins.
- Competitors are requested to remove all waste oil and used tyres from the service area.
- Competitors and Service Crews are required to have all items belonging to them, including trailers, removed from the Service Area Complex by 8pm on Sunday 15th September as the Mart Complex will be locked from this time.
- Smoking is Forbidden in the Service area
- Service Barges to be equipped with the following: 1 X 6kg ABC Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced) 1 X 6 Litre AFFFF(Foam)Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced)
- Extinguishers must be placed in a visible area, and be easily accessible
- Fire Extinguisher Board to be in place over the extinguishers
- Hot work is only undertaken by competent persons
- Service area manager will undertake checks on no smoking policy, signage and extinguishers

8. Features of the Rally

8.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held at 08.00am on Sunday 15th September 2019 in Rally Headquarters. It is compulsory for at least one member of the crew to attend. Art 3.2. Appendix 25 Current Motorsport Ireland yearbook.

8.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of almost 120 stage km and with centralised service after stages 3 and 6.

Please remember at all times:

ON ROAD SECTIONS THE ROADS ARE NOT CLOSED. THEY ARE BEING USED BY THE PUBLIC. BE COURTEOUS. GIVE WAY TO ONCOMING LOCAL TRAFFIC. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DRIVING TO GIVE THE RALLY A BAD IMPRESSION. A "JUDGE OF FACT" MAY BE OBSERVING YOU.

8.3 Rally Information:

Rally Information will be available on www.claremotorclub.com and on the Dougie Hughes Memorial Clare Stages Rally 2019 Facebook page and the Clare Motorclub Facebook page.

9. General

9.1 Rally 2

9.1.1 The rally will operate Rally 2 in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the Current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook **(as published on MI Website)**

9.1.2 A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Ferme Out and Arrival Control SS3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages, or Service Out Control after 6 stages (subject to compliance with 9.3.1 below).

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 3, 4 & 5 or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 6 stages (subject to compliance with 9.3.1 below).

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7, 8 & 9.

A restart will not be permitted where a crew has been excluded for non-compliance with eligibility requirements, traffic violations or a decision of the COC/R2C (Rally 2 Co-ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their time cards to Car Accountability or the marshal/timekeeper at the next available location/Time Control.

Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the time card, to present to R2C as proof of stages completed.

9.1.3 Competitors must register for Rally 2 if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 3 stages or from Service Out Control after 6 stages by contacting the R2C prior to a time that will be specified in Final Instructions.

Service Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Stage or any closed road between runs. The organisers will, where possible, endeavour to remove any car to the nearest location where it can exit the stage.

The transport of the car from that location is the responsibility of the competitor. The car must return by direct route to the Service Area.

9.1.4 Competitors availing of Rally 2 must present themselves at Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, with their car, for re-scrutiny. Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

9.1.5 The R2C, once satisfied that the crew meets the conditions for a restart, will issue new time cards which will have a restart time and restart Control Number.

The restart position within the field shall be at the discretion of the COC/R2C.

9.1.6 The organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

9.2 Penalties:

9.2.1 Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (as published on MI Website)

9.3 Award Eligibility:

9.3.1 In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 5 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

9.3.2 Crews completing the rally under Rally 2 regulations **will** be eligible to score points in Championships.

10 Awards

1st Overall	2 Trophies
2nd Overall	2 Trophies
3rd Overall	2 Trophies
1st, 2nd & 3rd in Class	2 Trophies
Best Ladies Award	2 Trophies
Juniors 1st, 2nd & 3rd	2 Trophies
Historics 1st, 2nd & 3rd	2 Trophies

Noel McCullough Award is awarded to highest overall placed CMC crew.

Dermot Molloy Trophy- Must be Clare crew (driver and navigator). Cars eligible for award are all Classes up to 1650cc competing on same 6 stages as Junior's. To be eligible for award, both crew members must be fully paid up members of Clare Motor club before 1st August 2019.

Colin McRae - "If in doubt, flat out", perpetual cup will be awarded to the first overall 2 wheel drive modified car.

Please note that the Noel McCullough, the Dermot Molloy and Colin McRae "if in doubt, flat out" cup are not class awards.

PLEASE CLAIM YOUR ELIGIBILITY ON YOUR ENTRY FORM FOR BOTH ABOVE AWARDS.

For crews who have not already won an award, Clare Motorclub are delighted to present awards to the best unplaced crews

Overseas Crew	2 trophies - note - driver and navigator must have overseas address on their entries	
Connaught MC	2 trophies	
Kerry MC	2 Trophies	
Best Limerick MC	2 Trophies	PLEASE CLAIM YOUR
Best Galway MC	2 Trophies	ELIGIBILITY ON YOUR
Best Birr MC	2 Trophies	ENTRY FORM

N.B. Overall winners are not eligible for class awards.

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards accordingly.

Some useful information to help you find your way around the town of Ennis

Hotel Woodstock,
Shanaway Road,
Lahinch Road,
Ennis

Eircode: V95 TR25

Service/Scrutiny/Parc Ferme/Trailer Park
Clare Marts Complex,

Quin Road,
Ennis.
Eircode: V95 APF2