**Skibbereen & District Car Club Newsletter – March 2015**

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Willie Loughman Forestry Rally – Mar 1st:

Round 1 of the Valvoline National Forest Rally Championship was the Willie Loughman Stages Rally organised by the Carrick On Suir motor club. JJ Cremin was the only club member to take part in this event and he was navigating for Ballyvourney man Gerard Lucey (Mitsubishi Evo 8). The crew had a super run all day and were 3rd O/A. Well done lads on a great result.

Quality Hotel West Cork Rally – Mar 14th/15th:

First of all a big thank you to all the marshals from Skibbereen & District Car Club that marshalled on both or either of the days for the West Cork Rally. It was great to see so many marshals from our club marshalling on both days of the rally. Also well done to Ger Hayes who was stage commander for stages 5/7 (Newcestown) on Saturday, and also stages 10/13 (Sams Cross) on Sunday. Well done to all.

A total of 84 club members did the Quality Hotel West Cork Rally which was the second round of the Clonakilty Blackpudding Irish Tarmac Rally Championship. The Rally was also the first round of the Plastic Bags.ie Southern Four Rally Championship and a counting round of the Carbery Plastics Skibbereen & District Car Club Club Championship. A lot of our club members had great success on the rally.

Brian O’Mahony/Michelle Gallwey (Honda Civic) were 2nd in Class 1. Aileen Kelly who was navigating for Richard Tannihal (Peugeot 208 R2) came 1st in Class 2. Patrick Calnan/Trevor McCarthy (Honda Civic) got 3rd in Class 2. In Class 9 Noel McCarthy/Michelle Stafford (Ford Escort Mk2) were 2nd in class. Victor Beamish/Susan Beamish (Vauxhall Nova) came home 1st in Class 10. 2nd in Class 10 went to Jerry O’Mahony/Willie Buchanan (Ford Escort Mk2). Vincent McSweeney/Michael Kearney (Honda Civic) had yet again another brilliant result in getting 1st in the very competitive Class 11F and also came home 10th O/A. Vincent and Michael also received the award for the highest placed West Cork crew. Cathal McCarthy/Pakie McCarthy (Honda Civic) got 2nd in Class 11F. Andrew Mahon/Andrew Donoghue (Ford Escort Mk2) came home 1st in Class 11R. Jonathan O’Mahony/Steven Clarke (Ford Escort Mk2) were 1st in Class 12. 2nd in Class 12 went to Gerard O’Connell/Mark McCarthy (Ford Escort Mk2). Fintan Canty/Denis O’Mahony (Ford Escort Mk2) came home 3rd in Class 13. In the Historics section George Swanton/Kevin Barry (Ford Escort Mk1) got 1st in Class 18-Cat-2. Maurice Whelton/Ivan Bennett (Austin Mini) got 3rd in Class 18-Cat-3. In the Junior section JJ Cremin who was navigating for John O’Sullivan (Honda Civic) were 2nd in Class 16-J2. Fergus Hurley/Eric Deane (Ford Escort Mk2) got 3rd in Class 16-J2. John Thompson/Orla Galvin (Vauxhall Nova) who were doing their very first rally came home 1st in Class 16-J1. Kieran O’Regan navigating for Brian Keohane (Suzuki Swift) got 2nd in Class 16-J1. Well done to all Skibbdcc club members who collected awards.

Other club members that took part in the main field of the Quality Hotel West Cork Rally were Stephan Carey/Ella Ryan (Honda Civic), Cal McCarthy/Eamonn Dullea (Honda Civic), Damien McCarthy/Eamon Hayes (Ford Puma), Jason O’Mahony/Breda O’Driscoll (Honda Civic), Noel Kelliher/Ronald Riordan (Honda Civic), Clonakilty Blackpudding Irish Tarmac Championship sponsor Ed Twomey/Derek Tobin (Ford Fiesta R2) John Buttimer/Declan Buttimer (Subaru Impreza), Luke McCarthy/Jonathan Carroll (Honda Civic), Patrick Kearney/Alistair Wylie (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9), Sean O’Carroll/Niall O’Sullivan (Ford Escort Mk2), Peter Desmond/James Kingston (Vauxhall Nova), David Jennings/David Jennings (Ford Escort Mk2), William Buttimer/Vincent Bennett (Ford Escort G3), Gearoid Beamish/Fearghal Beamish (Honda Civic), Mark Hurley/Bernard Lehane (Honda Civic), Henry Jennings/Donal Dineen (Opel Corsa), Seamus O’Donovan/Barry McCarthy (Suzuki Swift), JJ Harrington/Kenneth Fuller (Honda Civic), Mark Donovan/David Duggan (Ford Escort Mk2), Robert Beamish/Orla Beamish (Vauxhall Nova), Owen Crowley/David Kelleher (Ford Escort Mk2), Ray O’Sullivan/William Lynch (Ford Escort Mk2), Padraig Deasy/Edel McCarthy (Honda Civic) and David Beamish/Fiona Kelly (Vauxhall Nova). Other club members that took part in the junior section were Conor McCarthy/Dylan Coffey (Honda Civic), Eric Calnan/Cillian Crowley (Peugeot 106 GTI), Diarmaid O’Crowley/Sean O’Crowley (Honda Civic), Martin Crowley/Martin Barry (Suzuki Swift), Alan Donovan/Stephan Murphy (Honda Civic) and Chris Brady/Jenny Warren (Honda Civic). Well done to all.

Donegal Forestry Rally – Mar 21st:

Round 2 of the Valvoline National Forest Rally Championship was the rescheduled Donegal Forest Stages Rally. JJ Cremin was the only club member to take part in this event and he was navigating for Gerard Lucey (Mitsubishi Evo 8). The crew were coming 4th O/A after stage 5 but unfortunately they retired on the final stage.

Monaghan Navigation Trial – Mar 21st/22nd:

The final round of the National Navigation Trial Championship and also the Squealing Pig Border Navigation Trial Championship saw a few of our club members take part. Fresh from their win in the previous round in Cavan, Dermot Whelton/Mark McCarthy (Subaru Impreza) were 1st in the Semi – Expert class which secured the crew 1st in the Semi – Expert class in the National Navigation Trial Championship. Club member Eoghan Mc Carthy who was navigating Donegal man Joe Friel (Subaru Impreza) got 2nd in the Semi – Expert class which secured him 2nd in the Semi – Expert class in the National Navigation Trial Championship and 1st in the Semi – Expert class in the Squealing Pig Border Navigation Trial Championship. Well done lads.

Limerick Motor Club Autotest – Mar 22nd:

The first round of the Premier Auto Parts Munster Autotest Championship was held in Barna Transport in Newcastle West. Our club members that took part had very good success. Martin Walsh (Starlet – Special) was 1st in the B1 class. Alan Clarke (Mini – Special) was 2nd in class B. Don Giles (Triumph – Special) was 2nd in class C. Well done to all.

Midland Stages Rally – Mar 28th: Round 2 of the Triton Showers & Accessories National Rally Championship in which the Fastnet Rally will be the final round of this newly sponsored championship in the end of October. The Abbey Hotel/Casey’s Topaz Midland stages rally based in Roscommon saw a few of our club members take part. Adrian Deasy who was navigating for Alan Ring (Subaru WRC S12B) had a very good result in getting 3rd O/A. Jason McSweeney/Emmet Sherry (Mitsubishi Evo 8) also did the rally and finished 4th in Class 20 and 33rd O/A. Club member Eamon Hayes also took part in the rally and was navigating for Tommy Doyle (Skoda S2000) got 2nd in Class 5 and were 82nd O/A. Well done to all our club members.

Other News:

The forum/prize giving for the Munster Night Navigation Championship will take place at the Viaduct Inn, Bandon Rd, Cork on Friday 24 April. There will be a forum at 8:30 p.m. followed by finger food and then the prize giving similar to previous years. Well done to all our club members that will be receiving awards on the night.

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| **Munster Night Navigation Championship Results - 2014/2015** | | | |
|  | Driver |  | Navigator |
| **Overall** |  |  |  |
| 1 | David Beamish |  | Muireann Hayes |
| 2 | Owen Murphy |  | Daire Hayes |
| 3 | Joe Shinnors |  | Greg Shinnors |
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| **2WD** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Andrew Whelton |  | Cyril Maguire |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Expert** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Pakie Duffy |  | Evin Hughes |
| 2 | Colin Duffy |  | Sam Johnston |
| 3 | Gerard O'Connell |  | Denis O'Donovan |
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| **Semi-Expert** | |  |  |
| 1 | Dermot Whelton |  | Mark McCarthy |
| **Novice** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Johnny Casey |  | Patrick O'Sullivan |
| 2 | Patrick Murphy |  | Patrick O'Leary |
| 3 | Brian O'Mahony |  | Aaron O'Regan |
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| **Beginner** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Andrew Beamish |  | Lisa O'Dowd |
| 2 | Brian Duggan |  |  |

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