



2010 HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship

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This weekend sees the second round of the 2010 HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship.

The SG PETCH Tour Of Hamsterley based at Glaxo Smith Klein in Barnard Castle sees crews tackle 8 forest stages on the forestry commissions gravel surface tracks.

11 championship crews are entered for the event headed by reigning champions and round 1 winners Charlie Taylor/Steve Bielby in their Mk 2 Escort. Charlie took historic victory on last years event after Darren Moon beached his Escort in a ditch. Since the Riponian (round 1 of the championship) he has also taken victory in the historic class on the Malcolm Wilson Rally (which will be Round 2 of the 2011 championship) and finished 7th in Cat 3 on the PIRELLI Historic Rally. This weekend he will be hoping to take another victory and increase his championship lead.

Running second on the road will be Steve Magson/Geoff Atkinson in the Opel Ascona, they also competed on the PIRELLI Rally finishing 22nd in Cat 3. Steve finished second in class on last years event and 11th O/A.

Yorkshire crew Roger Kilty/Lynette Banks start third. After a very good fourth place on the opening round and another crew to have a good finish on the PIERLLI Rally (6th in Cat 3), they will be looking for another good result this weekend.

Robin Shuttleworth is away fourth but without usual navigator Ronnie Roughead. Ken Forster, who finished 8th on the opening round has taken a break from rallying and his navigator John Stanger-Leathes will sit alongside Robin for this event. Robin finished 5th O/A and 1st in class on last years rally.

Another crew who were out on the PIRELLI Rally (17th in Cat 3) was Barry Jordan/Jaime Gratton-Smith in their usual Ford Escort RS2000. Barry is combining outings on the Dunlop Wonago.com MSA British Historic Rally Championship aswell as the HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship. After the opening round he lies 8th in the series and 15th in the Dunlop Wonago.com MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

John Cockerill/Jim Goodman in their usual Mk 2 Escort head for Barnard Castle currently lying 9th in the championship after the first round are hoping for another good result this weekend.

Peter Smith/Russ Langthorne have been a busy crew since the opening round. They have competed on the Border Counties finishing 38th O/A, the Malcolm Wilson (2nd O/A in the historic), in their Opel Kadette GTE and the PIRELLI Historic Rally in their Porsche Carrera RS winning Category 2. On the 2009 event with the Porsche they took 9th O/A and 1st in class. This weekend they will be back in the Opel Kadette GTE.

Tony Thompson in his Vauxhall Chevette HSR continues his rallying marathon this weekend after his plan to contest 21 rallies by the end of the year. Another to compete on both the Border Counties (56th O/A) and Malcolm Wilson(4th O/A), but was a non starter on the PIRELLI. For the second round he has Paul Hudson alongside him again, and after an 11th place finish on the Riponian, he'll be looking for another good result to gain some more championship points.

Ian Coulson/Joe Jones bring the 'Tango TI' out again. Their eye catching car took a class victory on the Riponian and 12th O/A. They are hoping for another good outing this weekend.

Returning to the championship is the Opel Kadette GTE of Peter Humphrey. With a new co-driver in young Douglas Humphrey alongside him, Peter will be hoping for a better result than last years event when he retired after SS6.

The final car to leave the start line will be Stewart Scott in his Ford Escort Mk 1. Stewart who returned to rallying after a 35 year break taking 15th O/A and 3rd in class on the Riponian. He starts the SG PETCH Tour Of Hamsterley with a new co-driver. Championship Co-ordinator Mark Casey sits with him as usual navigator Colin Tombs is unavailable. "I am very much looking forward to the event having competed last year in a Mk 2 Escort and finishing 33rd O/A and 6th in class. Hopefully the conditions are better this year, slippy and traitorous is very difficult to drive on. I hope to have a trouble free rally with Stewart and help him achieve a good result"



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The HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship features nine rounds, with a mixture of sealed tarmac and multi-use, multi venue forest stages. All nine events are included in the championship with the competitors best seven scores counting at the end of the season.

Championship co-ordinator Mark Casey said: "The second round of the championship once again features a good number of crews and with the historics running at the front of the field this time, better road conditions should provide a good surface for a rally that is destined to be very quick and entertaining."

Regulations are available for the 2010 HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship via the championship website: www.motoscope.co.uk/nhrc2010.htm which can also be accessed from the homepage of the championship sponsor MOTOSCOPE: www.motoscope.co.uk via the NHRC 2010 tab.

The event report from the opening round is now up along with current championship points, picture gallery and other information. Regulations can also be obtained from Championship Co-ordinator- Mark Casey who can be contacted on 07949 899 619 or by email: casage02@yahoo.co.uk.

All championship crews must be fully paid up members of the Historic Rally Car Register. The registration fee is £36 and can be done through the HRCR website: www.hrcr.co.uk or by contacting Iris Barron 01332 672 533 or email: membership@hrcr.co.uk Registration for the 2010 HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship is £20 (individual) or £35 (crew registration). Each registered contender is entitled to a black polo shirt with the championship logo embroidered on it.

After each round a event report will be written including pictures taken by the championship photographers Phill Andrews Photography, these can be ordered through Phill via his website www.rallyaround.co.uk.

The 2010 HRCR MOTOSCOPE Northern Historic Rally Championship Calendar

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| Round 1: | 14th Feb | Riponian Forest Rally | Forest |
| Round 2: | 09th May | SG PETCH Tour Of Hamsterley | Forest |
| Round 3: | 28-29th May | JIM CLARK Historic Rally | Tarmac |
| Round 4: | 26th June | RSAC Scottish Historic Rally | Forest |
| Round 5: | 01st Aug | Tyneside Historic Rally-Otterburn | Tarmac |
| Round 6: | 25th Sept | TRACKROD Historic Cup | Forest |
| Round 7: | 07th Nov | MEM Malton Forest Stages | Forest |
| Round 8: | 20th Nov | RALLITRAK Premier Historic Rally | Forest |
| Round 9: | 04th Dec | Grizedale Historic Rally | Forest |