



Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance

Congratulations to Chelmsford MC driver Bill Wyatt and navigator Graham Dance for winning the East Anglian Classic in their TR4, the second year in a row that such a car has won this rally. This year's winning margin was three minutes from previous winners John Parsons / Gavin Rogers, greater than usual for an EAC and reflecting the influence of the night route. Part of this was intentional but the confusion caused at TC24 was not – with the benefit of hindsight the LWR was ambiguous, but everyone accepted the penalties with good grace. I was surprised at how many crews missed the approach to TC19 though! Peter Joy / Matt Fowle were fastest on the tests, but a few dropped minutes on the night route kept them out of the top three. Jim Deacon and Dave Wilson were the most regular on Saturday, dropping just 35 seconds over seven controls.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance. £350 was raised during the weekend. Graham Dance also won the HP scanner and Andy Gibson the Brands Hatch tickets kindly donated by event sponsors EACS. I'm sure you all enjoyed the photographs displayed on the plasma screen – photographer Andrew Jackson is offering these for sale and will be emailing you shortly.

EACS awarded the Concourse trophy and bubbly to Warren Chmura's Citroen DS. Chelmsford Motor Club's Team AVO of Essex Escorts won the Team award. Andrew Bassett and Julian Challis won a hotly contested Spirit of the Rally for the way they enjoyed the rally and won the beginners class in the MG Midget.

Checking my notes from the awards presentation I realised that I didn't publicly thank Tony Michael for his results service - it scored a record 4.9 out of 5 rating on the feedback sheets. Well-done Tony! Your feedback is always appreciated – generally it was very supportive of our efforts but a few comments were made which we will bear in mind to make next year's event on the 7/8 May 2005 even better.

QUESTION	NUMBER OF RESPONSES					Average	
	Bad		Good			2004	2003
	1	2	3	4	5		
Quality of Tests	0	0	0	5	13	4.7	4.7
Regularities – Quality	0	0	3	5	10	4.1	4.1
Regularities – Quantity	0	0	3	5	10	4.4	n/a
Hotel Accommodation	1	1	1	4	5	3.9	3.0
Documentation	0	0	2	5	11	4.5	4.4
Night Route	0	0	1	5	12	4.6	4.5
Night Navigation	0	0	1	7	8	4.6	4.2
Format	0	0	0	6	12	4.6	4.5
Results Service	0	0	0	2	16	4.9	4.6
Memory Button	0	0	2	3	13	4.6	4.3
Better than last year	0	1	2	5	5	4.1	4.1
Atmosphere	0	1	0	6	11	4.5	4.5
Organisation	0	0	1	2	15	4.8	4.6
	Overall Average					4.6	4.3

Paul Barrett
Clerk of the Course.