MIDSUMMER ENDURANCE

18th –19th June 2005

Results Commentary

The dust has now settled over Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, and the weather's cooled down a bit. Congratulations to the Turner brothers for dominating the event – Jamie won by 22 seconds from Owen. Mike Biss and Cath Woodman were never far behind, as usual, and several crews might have won if only.....

It seems from the feedback you gave at the end of the event, comments on some of the internet forums and the publicity generated in Motorsports News that the event was well received. Well done to so many of you for finishing, only six retirements!

The awards were presented at the finish hotel (a venue that we will probably use for the Preston), although I omitted to present Spirit of the Rally, not having had enough time to consider tales of derring-do. One name stood out during the week as I read some of the commentary on the web – Ian Mepham helped several crews during the weekend, including the eventual winners. I've known Ian for many years (he pushed me and Paul Sharp out of a field on Knettishall on the Preston a while back) and his sportsmanship comes as no surprise. Ian, there's a bottle of Scotch with your name on it.

We will be running the event again next year, hopefully as part of an Endurance Championship with some stable technical regs, and your comments will help shape the event – some things we knew could be improved before the start but we didn't have enough time to make any more changes. We hope to have more selectifs, both day and night, and an improved night route with no timing anomalies. We look forward to seeing all, and a few more, next Midsummer.

Summary of feedback forms:

		No. of responses					
	1	2	3	4	5	Avg.	
Start	0	0	3	9	7	4.2	
Quality of venues	0	0	3	9	7	4.2	
Quality of Selectifs	0	1	3	7	8	4.1	
Documentation	0	1	2	7	9	4.2	
Supper	1	4	7	4	3	3.2	
Night Route	1	1	6	6	4	3.4	
The whites	5	3	4	5	1	2.5	
Length of night	0	2	1	9	6	3.8	
Event Format	0	3	1	7	8	4.1	
Results Service	0	0	1	5	13	4.6	
Timing System	0	0	1	7	10	4.4	
Atmosphere	0	0	0	9	10	4.5	
Organisation	0	0	1	10	8	4.3	

Overall Avg. 4.0

Paul Barrett, Clerk of the Course.