

AWARD	CAR No.	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR
First Overall	2	Steve Webster	Roger Hage
1 st Expert	16	Steve Monk	Pip Clode
2 nd Expert	3	Matt Fowle	Martin Smith
3 rd Expert	15	Mark Banham	Paul Haylock
1 st Semi-Expert	40	Andy Phillips	Alan Pemberton
2 nd Semi-Expert	43	Mike Geoghegan	Chris Robinson
3 rd Semi-Expert	44	Dave Collyer	Chris Thorley
1 st Novice	49	Tony Sims	Gavin Ford
2 nd Novice	50	Kevin Fisher	Glyn Heighton
3 rd Novice	46	David Wilkinson	Mark Garaway
Best CMC Driver	16	Steve Monk	
Best CMC Navigator	16	Pip Clode	
Best Team	2, 12, 19	Cossack All Stars	
Best Mixed Crew	11	Gavin Rogers	Carrie Rogers
Spirit of the Rally	TBA		TBA

What a night!!! Well done not only to all award winners, but to all who simply finished, and to *all of you* for just daring to tackle the One & Only Preton Rally !!! Those who didn't finish, you can hold yer heads high!

The event seems to have been. er, very well received!! Was it, in its 25th year, the best Preston ever?! The quality of the entry was very high indeed, I feel the route was the best yet (although I planned it, on the night it had me as excited as rest!), same goes for the Road Book (my baby!) and the arrowing too - boy do some of us put some hard work into that! In fact everyone involved in the organising & running of the event puts in a huge amount of hard work, and all do a superb job. The marshalling was *outstanding*; the rescue crews were there for us in all the right places and even though we didn't make much use of their services its great to have them there; results were superb, I especially like all the analysis which makes great reading; the souvenir key rings are just fab, do hope you all like them (Brian, thank you so much); I could go on & on - but that's not my style!! So from myself, and on behalf of all competitors I'm sure, I offer a huge thank you to **ALL** who in any way assisted in the running of this remarkable event, especially to Bill Preston; all the senior officials, who are my fellow organisers & friends; and to all the land-owners, what a difference they make! We're going to put a list of everyone who helps the Preston on the website, please, please look at it: they all deserve recognition.

The conditions were strange for the Preston... DRY!! Firm! And such a clear night. And what a difference it made to the pace....!!! Wow! So sorry a load of it was cleanable for a number of crews, I just didn't expect those conditions, who would have... Shame we lost two sections, but there were fifteen others! As usual numerous crews turned in some great performances, not least Messrs Webster & Hage – two Preston wins now, truly a great achievement! 'Clear-up' King, Geoff Lobb picked-up various car parts after the fun (!), so if you lost something call Deputy CoC Chris Holliday. No clue yet how much we made for the Air Ambulance: watch this space.

Results were declared final at the Finish and therefore stand, but unfortunately there are one or two anomalies... Car 14 Mark Turner / Gary Evans are simply not shown at all (!) because between themselves and the Finish marshal (over-worked Sec of Meeting Ian Phillips), they failed to 'chip' their times for Leg 3 and the results computer thought they'd retired... and they went home before results were posted... a lesson there for all of us! This is really tough but they're taking it on the chin... rightfully they should have actually been 8th o/a - an excellent performance which deserves recognition. Car 43 Mike Geoghegan / Chris Robinson are placed 12th o/a, 1st Semis – but they sportingly admit to really being 2nd in class having got an almighty flyer on Santon and that they should really be two or three places down o/a. They want, as I do, the 1st Semi award to go to the moral & true class winners Car 40 Andy Phillips / Alan Pemberton (officially placed 13th o/a). Very similarly, Car 37 the Broadley brothers, volunteered that they got the biggest flyer of all time - no penalties at all for all of Leg 2!!! Nobody noticed a failed chip read at second petrol. Officially 16th o/a, 3rd Semis, they too want the award to go to its rightful winners, who are Car 44 Dave Collyer / Chris Thorley shown in the results as 4th in class, 18th o/a.

This sort of good sportsmanship is what the Preston is all about, and I thank & salute the above crews.

Attached are the basic overall results and the final entry list, but Cars 21 & 33 did not start (yet again I was very disappointed not to actually have 60 cars starting!). Much, much more results information is on our club website, www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk ; its all there for you to print off & enjoy at leisure - positions at rest halts, section times, o/a positions after each section, retirements list, team results (lots of teams this year, great !), & full penalties per car per Time Card. There's also some great comments on the forums! Photos in due course. If any one doesn't have internet access, phone Sec of Meeting Ian Phillips or myself, and we'll post you the whole thing to you.

Awards will be presented at CMC's annual do, in Chelmsford on Jan 31st 2004, details on website soon. Free admission for non-CMC member award winners; Award-winning CMC members, we Preston organisers & the Committee feel its appropriate that all Club members should support the Club and pay for tickets like the rest of us! Hope you can all make it, should be a good night. Other than that, the 2003, Silver Anniversary Preston Rally is over... see you next time??????!!!! Keep it on the island!

Adrian Gladwin, Clerk of the Course, on behalf of The Management!