

Welcome to the 2013 Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Championship. For 2013, we aim to build upon the success of last year, visiting some well-established venues and extending the championship to some new events.

Congratulations to Paul King & Alicia Miles for winning the 2012 championship in a rather rapid Mk11 Escort – they had an excellent year which was rounded off by an outright win at Rockingham (and also a win on the non-championship Carfax Stages – which we hope to include this year). Tony Michael / Paul Barrett had a steady year in their 'new' white Civic and Ross Daniels / Paul Mankin were always competitive in their Impreza; these two crews split 2nd & 3rd places between them. Class A had a small entry this year and was won by Ian & Will Barnard in their ever-improving Nova. Class B honours were taken by Tim Clarke in his Mk1 Escort with Richard Taylor winning the co-driver's pot. Class C was also a small class, won this year by Charlotte Tillbrook & Louise Earthy. Pete Rayner & Richard Bonner squeaked a win in Class D in a Mk11 Escort, on the tie-break from the similar car of Alan Thistlethwaite / Mick Klein. Stuart Cadman / Dennis Suttwood won Class E in their well-used Evo 6.

Competition in 2012 was close, with a couple of tie breaks being applied, and for 2013 a few enhancements have been made to the rules to even things out.

Chelmsford Motor Club convincingly won the club championship, with 74 points to Wickford's 34. Chelmsford also finished third overall in the MSA Club of the Year 2012 competition and has three of its four stage rallies in the championship last year.

This year we have decided to focus the main tarmac single-venue championship on the core events in, or close to, the Eastern Region which should allow crews to manage their budget and enter as many events as possible. There are ten fairly evenly spread events during the year, with six counting towards the final results. To cater for those crews who prefer loose-surface and multi-venue events this year we are pleased to introduce the Ward Trophy as a second category; registered contenders can score points in both the main championship and trophy. We hope this will maximise competition during the year.

We are fortunate to have the continued support and enthusiasm from Ward Construction for the championship and sincerely thank Pat Ward for his input to this over the years.

Good luck to all stage rally competitors in 2013!

Paul Barrett & Tony Hewitt

Championship Co-ordinators

1 SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

The 2013 Ward Construction, AEMC Stage Rally Championship is organised by the AEMC in accordance with the general Championship prescriptions of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (MSA) and these Championship Regulations.

MSA Championship Permit No: National B 1/2013 has been issued

MSA Championship Grade E

The championship will run from 1st January to 31st December 2013.

1.2.1 Championship Co-ordinators:

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1.3 Competitor Eligibility

1.3.1 The championship is open to Drivers & Co-drivers who must be fully paid up members of a member club of the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs and must hold a current membership card. They must be registered for the championship and also be in possession of a valid 2013 MSA Competition Licence. All necessary documentation must be presented at all championship rounds when signing on.

1.4 Registration

1.4.1 All drivers and co-drivers must register as competitors for the championship by returning a fully completed Registration Form along with the full Registration Fee to the Championship Co-ordinator.

1.4.2 The Registration Fee is £10.00. Cheques to be made to "AEMC" Registration entitles a competitor to enter as either a Driver or a Co-driver but not both. Should a competitor wish to register as both a driver and a co-driver he/she must register for EACH category separately on separate registration forms enclosing a registration fee of £10.00 with each form.

1.4.3 The closing date for registrations for the championship will be July 1st 2013.

1.4.4 Competitors MUST nominate on their Registration Form one (1) AEMC member club to which they are subscribed and (2) which Club Championship points will be accredited. If the contender ceases to be a member of the club or is to nominate an alternative club, then no more points will be awarded to the competitor's first nominated club.

1.4.5 Contenders will be issued with a Championship Registration Card which must be produced at signing-on for championship events in which the contender participates.

1.4.6 Contenders will be issued with championship decals which MUST be displayed on either side of the car. They must be displayed "as issued" and not be altered, cut, trimmed or modified in ANY WAY.

1.4.7 Any results scored in a qualifying round of the championship PRIOR to registration will not count towards competitors final championship points score.

1.5 Championship Rounds

1.5.1 The **2013 Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Championship** will be contested over 10 rounds as follows:

12th January - MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) - Chelmsford Motor Club <http://brandshatchstages.co.uk/>

17th March - Flying Fortress Stages (Northants) - Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.flyingfortresstages.co.uk/>

14th April - Cadman Construction Honington Stages (Suffolk) - Chelmsford Motor Club <http://honingtonstages.co.uk>

12th May - Middlewick Stages, RAF Woodbridge (Suffolk) - Middlesex County AC / Green Belt Motor Club
<http://www.middlewickstages.co.uk/>

9th June - Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club <http://www.abingdoncarnival.com>

TBD - Hutton Kitchens Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) - Chelmsford Motor Club <http://brandshatchstages.co.uk/>

22nd September – Mark Ellis Motorsport Woodbridge Stages (Suffolk) -Chelmsford MC <http://woodbridgestages.co.uk>

20th October – Lynn Stages, RAF Sculthorpe (Norfolk) -Kings Lynn & District MC <http://www.lynnstages.co.uk/>

3rd November – Snetterton Stages – Wickford / Green Belt MCs <http://www.wickfordautoclub.co.uk/>

17th November – Carfax Stages (Oxon) – Oxford MC <http://www.oxfordmotorclub.co.uk/carfax-stage-rally/>
(TBC - subject to confirmation of OMC's AEMC membership at Feb 13 AGM)

6th & 7th December – Rockingham Stages (Northants) - Middlesex County AC <http://www.rockinghamstages.co.uk/>

1.5.2 The **2013 Ward Trophy** will be contested over four rounds, with a fifth to be added subject to confirmation:

20th April - London Rally (Hants & Surrey) – Southern Car Club <http://londonrallyforheroes.com/>
(TBC - subject to confirmation of SCC's AEMC membership, at Feb 13 AGM)

8th June – Dukeries Rally (Notts) – Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk>

8th September- Twyford Wood (Notts) – Mid-Derbyshire MC <http://www.mid-derbyshiremc.co.uk>

2nd November – Tempest Stages (Hants) – Sutton & Cheam MC <http://www.tempestrally.com>

24th November – Premier Stages (Notts) – Dukeries Motor Club <http://www.premier-rally.co.uk>

1.6 Scoring

1.6.1 Points will be awarded according to the AEMC class structure (see 5.2) and will only be awarded to competitors listed as classified finishers in the Final Results for each round as follows:

1st in class = 20 points

2nd in class = 18 points

3rd in class = 16 points

4th in class = 14 points

5th in class = 12 points

6th in class = 10 points and then reducing by one point per place pro-rata down to 6 points

Three (3) points will be awarded for starting but then retiring from the event.

1.6.2 A competitor's best 6 points scored from any qualifying round will be used to determine his or her final championship position. The winner of the Championship shall be the contender who has gained the highest possible number of points from a maximum of 6 scores from qualifying events applying at the conclusion of the championship year. The Ward Trophy will be based on the best 3 scores from 4 or 5 rounds.

1.6.3 Ties shall be resolved in favour of the competitor gaining the greater number of premier award positions in the championship. If this fails to reach a conclusion then the greater number of 2nd places, then 3rd places etc. will be used to finalise the championship positions.

1.6.4 Should a contender fail to comply with 1.4.4 & 1.4.6 then the scoring of Championship points will be withdrawn forthwith.

1.6.5 Competitors changing “crew places” (Driver to co-driver and vice-versa) may not “carry-over” points scored.

1.6.6 Any driver changing class during the year may carry over points from any class to the overall driver's championship. HOWEVER he or she must register for each class separately and supply a completed registration form along with a full registration fee for each class entered. This must be place with the championship co-ordinator no later than July 1st 2013. Co-drivers changing class WILL be permitted to “carry-over” any points scored in any class towards his or her final championship score.

1.6.7 One (1) point will be awarded to the member club nominated by each competitor registered in the Championship. This will count towards a Club Championship award.

1.6.8 Bulletins will be published regularly throughout the year. Provisional final championship results will be published shortly after the final round of the year and will be final 7 days later.

1.7 Awards

1.7.1 Overall Awards: Championship / Trophy

1st overall driver The Charles Golding Trophy / Ward Trophy

1st overall co-driver The Chris Rees trophy / Malcolm Watson Trophy

2nd overall driver 3rd overall driver

2nd overall co-driver 3rd overall co-driver

Any competitor winning one of the overall championship awards will not be eligible to win any of the class awards.

1.7.2 Class Awards Championship & Trophy:

1st overall driver in class 1st overall co-driver in class

2nd overall driver in class 2nd overall co-driver in class

3rd overall driver in class 3rd overall co-driver in class

2nd place class awards are subject to a minimum of 3 entries per class.

3rd place class awards are subject to a minimum of 5 entries per class.

1.7.3 There will be an award for the lady competitor gaining the most points as either a Driver or Co-driver. Any tie will be resolved as 1.6.3

1.7.4 An award will be presented to the Association Motor club that gains the most points in the Club Championship.

1.7.5 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the championship co-ordinator, the championship sponsors and the AEMC. These will be notified to championship contenders in Competitors' Bulletins.

1.7.6 Details of the time and location of the end of season award presentation will be made to Championship contenders in a Competitors' Bulletin.

1.7.7 An award may be presented to the person or persons who have made a positive contribution to stage rallying in 2013.

1.7.8 The awards presentation will be held at the Brands Hatch Stages on 11th January 2014. Any competitor failing to attend the Championship Awards Presentation or who fails to appoint a representative on his or her behalf may forfeit their award. Any such award may be re-allocated to the next placed championship contender.

2 Sporting Regulations – Judicial Procedures

2.1 Rounds: In accordance with Section C Judicial of the 2013 MSA Year Book.

2.2 Championship: In accordance with Section C 6.5 of the 2013 MSA Year Book.

2.3 Competitors whose car on a qualifying event is declared ineligible in accordance with these championship regulations will score zero points for that round and the round will count towards their tally of 6 scores for the year (C 3.5.3).

3 Sporting Regulations – Championship & Event Procedures

3.1 Regulations for Event Organisers

3.1.1 The Championship title **MUST** be entered in **FULL** on event regulations, final instructions, results and any other bulletins as the “2013 Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Championship”

3.1.2 Each member club of the Association shall be entitled to nominate any National B status stage rally promoted by themselves or in conjunction with another club(s) for championship status. The championship co-ordinator may accept nominated events provided the criteria specified in these regulations are adhered to and MSA approval is given should an originally nominated event fail to fulfil a date.

3.1.3 Clubs seeking event nomination shall complete an Event Application Form and forward it to the Championship co-ordinator. No event shall be accepted until this has been undertaken.

3.1.4 Final acceptance of a date in the Association Championship calendar is conditional upon the following:

The Club has paid its subscription to the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs for 2013 and the event is nominated by the AEMC Stage rally co-ordinator following discussions with the organisers.

The event is not listed to run on the same day/night/weekend as another Championship qualifying round. Should a clash of event dates occur then the Championship co-ordinator will refer to previous years in order to ascertain historical usage of that date.

That the event has not been refused Championship status due to non-compliance with AEMC Championship Regulations in the previous year(s).

Regulations must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may render the event liable to immediate deletion from the Championship:

The event is a qualifying round of the Championship.

That the AEMC Championship contenders and/or member clubs and/or their members are invited to the event.

The event must comply with all aspects with the Observer system where applicable.

The event is held on the notified day or night.

The Stage Rally Co-ordinator has been advised when a MSA permit has been issued.

3.4.5 To have a new event recognised for Championship status a member club must have organised events of similar category and type and/or have had the event observed by competitors and/or other personnel appointed by the Association in the Championship calendar.

3.4.6 It is a condition of acceptance that should an event is cancelled for whatever reason, the Stage Rally Co-ordinator should be notified in writing.

3.5 Event Organisers' Responsibilities

3.5.1 It is a requirement that AEMC member clubs requesting Championship status be required to & adhere to the following;

Post or email to the Championship co-ordinator;

A) Supplementary Regulation upon publication.

B) A set of final instruction and entry list AT LEAST 48 hours prior to the event.

C) Final results including a FULLY UPDATED ENTRY LIST within 7 days of the event.

(Note: All entry lists must include the first name of EACH competitor, club, car, capacity, class & championship eligibility where ever possible)

D) Send a set of Supplementary Regulations to EACH Championship registered contender. The championship co-ordinator will supply address details upon request.

3.5.2 Should any event fail to comply with MSA Regulations or AEMC Championship Regulations, then the Association reserves the right to delete the event from the championship.

4 Technical Regulations

4.1 All competing vehicles in any championship round must comply with Section J(b) and Section R Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies of the 2013 MSA Yearbook.

4.2 The Championship class structure will be;

Class A – Up to 1400cc.

Class B – From 1401cc up to and including 1600cc.

Class C – From 1601cc up to and including 2000cc.

Class D – 2 wheel drive cars over 2000cc.

Class E – All 4 wheel drive cars.

All forced induction and Rotary engine vehicles are subject to an additional capacity ratio of 1:1.7