

Granite City Rally



Organised by

Aberdeen & District Motor Club

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Friday 11th & Saturday 12th April 1997



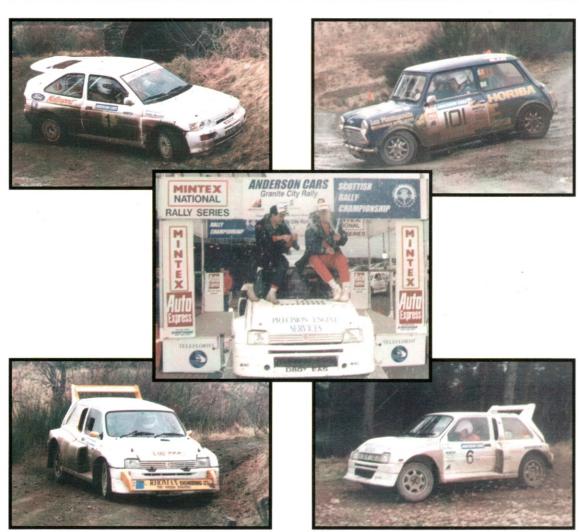












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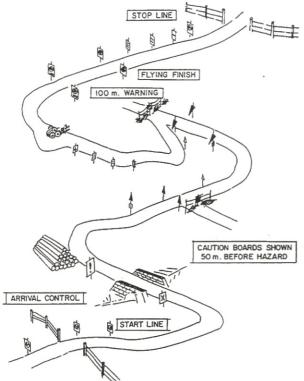
HOW DOES THE GRANITE CITY RALLY WORK?

As is becoming customary, this year's Granite City Rally forms one of the top motorsport events in Scotland: not only is it a counter in the Mintex National Rally Series, but it is also part of the highly competitive Scottish Rally Championship.

As a result, The Granite City Rally attracts the top drivers in the UK and always presents an opportunity for the top Scots to guage there skill and nerve against the English, Irish and Welsh opposition.

The competing crews start the event by going straight into the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre special stage on Friday night. All will leave at one minute intervals, and running ahead of the main event is a highly competitive sub 1300cc run, and a number of specially prepared versions of the Ford Ka. This will be the first time that the Ka has been driven in anger and will be well worth watching.

Only the one stage is run on Friday, but the time taken counts as much as any other stage time does. The event then continues early on Saturday morning with an attack on the popular and exciting Benachie forest stage.



Here's what the competitors do: On arrival at the entrance to the forest at the pre-specified time, after travelling non-competitively on public roads, the crew move up the 50 yards or so to the stage start. The navigator at this point will be checking his or her maps and time cards, ensuring that the intercom with the driver is on, that the highly accurate trip meter and stop watch are on, and that the harness safety belts and crash helmets are securely fastened. At the same time the start marshal will be counting down to the start time every five seconds, until the flag is raised and the car is off. Once away, the driver is pushing on as quickly as he possibly can as every second counts. However, he will also be taking into account how much he can see, what the road surface is like and many other factors. The navigator will also be 'reading the road', that is informing the driver, from notes provided by the organisers, of what the road ahead is like, how far it is to the next bend, and how severe it is.

Throughout the stage there are junctions, which are numbered to co-ordinate with the route information.

At the end of the stage, known as the flying finish, the driver will squeeze out every last fraction of his car's power before he passes the clock and records a time, which is relayed by a phone line to a marshal at the stop line. The stop line marshal then writes the time on the time card and this is the official record for the results.

The crew then travel again by public road to the next stage or service halt. If it is another stage they will simply go through the same procedure again. If it is a service halt, the competing crew and their team of support personnel have a short time in which to check the car over and make any adjustments, or major mechanical or body repairs. At this point the navigator will be keeping a close eye on the time, and letting the team know when they are ready to head off again, as any minute taken beyond the allocated service time will be penalised.

Once all the special stages have been completed, the crews drive back to the rally headquarters. Here it will be arranged for the pair with the quickest total of stage times and least penalties to be first over the finish ramp. That lucky crew will be welcomed by an applauding crowd, a commentary and a big bottle of Moet & Chandon. Would anyone like to hazard a guess as to who that might be?

GRANITE CITY RALLY 1997 ENTRY LIST

No	CREW	TOWN	CAR	cc	CLASS	C'ship
101	Lars-Goran Andersson / Anders Wann	Gagnef/Borlange	Ford Ka	1300	A5	MX
102	Gethin Jones / James Phillips	Bridgend / Swansea	Ford Ka	1300	A5	MX
103	FORD MOTOR COMPANY LTD					
	Andrea Hall / Sean Kelly	Chipping Norton / Romsey	Ford Ka	1300	B 9	MX
104	FURROWS FOR FORD	,				
	Edward Pugh / Philip Pugh	Dolgellau / Tywyn	Ford Ka	1300	A5	MX
105	Duncan Cameron / Susan Cameron	Laurencekirk / Laurencekirk	Peugeot 205 Rallye	1293	A5	
106	Kenny Hall / Colin Smith	Melrose / St Boswells	Vauxhall Nova	1300	B 9	SCO
107	Nick Runcie / Duncan Brown	Aberdeen / Aberdeen	Vauxhall Nova	1300	B9	MX
108	Trevor Godwin / David Wyer	Coventry / Coventry	Rover Mini Cooper 1.31	1274	A5	MX
109	Ken Wood / Douglas Wood	Insch / Insch	Austin Mini Clubman	1293	B9	SCO
110	Ian Maxwell / Alistair Maxwell	Jedburgh / Jedburgh	Vauxhall Nova	1297	B 9	SCO
111	Graeme Foubister / Bill Florence	Ellon / Alford	Lada Riva	1294	B9	
112	SHROPSHIRE RALLY SCHOOL					
	Judy Lucas / John Goff	Great Sutton / Whitchurch	Suzuki Swift Gti	1298	N1	MX
113	Bruce McCombie / Stewart Davidson	Banchory / Banchory	Vauxhall Nova	1300	B9	SCO
114	Chris Beavan / Paul Gosling	Crawley / Burgess hill	Skoda Favorit	1289	A5	MX
115	MONARCH MAXSPORT TYRES					
	Redmond Barry / Barry Young	Auchterarder / Inverness	Suzuki Swift	1300	N1	MX
116	David Blades / Shaun White	Bewdley / Nottingham	Peugeot 205 Rallye	1294	N1	MX
117	Mark Stokoe / Bob Stokoe	Westerham / East Croydon	Skoda Favorit	1289	N1	MX
118	Clare Moran / Paul Nolan	Bishops Stortford / Leeds	Skoda Favorit	1289	N1	MX
119	Derek Duncan / Adrian Bruce	Aberdeen/ Inverness	Vauxhall Nova SR	1300	B9	SCO

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STAGE SCHEDULE 11th/12th APRIL 1997 Control/Stage Stage Name		MR START	MR FINISH	Approx Time	Spectator Information
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MC1 START	Aberdeen Exhibition Centre				and the second of the second o
Special Stage 1 Re-Start	EXHIBITION CENTRE	38/951 107	38/951 107	21:30	Ample Car Parking
Special Stage 2	BENNACHIE	38/697 213	38/662 203	7:49	Limited Parking at Stage Start only No parking at finish
Special Stage 3	GARTLY MOOR 1	29/579 327	29/529 331	8:32	Car Parking at Risque House, NE of Gartly *Do not park on roadside*
Service Halt 'A'	Rhynie Playing Field				
Special Stage 4	CLASHINDARROCH 1	37/443 281	29/473 338	9:14	Limited Roadside Parking
Special Stage 5	CLASHINDARROCH 2	29/473 341	29/477 374	9:31	Limited Roadside Parking
Service Halt 'B'	Huntly Mart			40.07	
Special Stage 6	BALLOCH WOOD	29/463 476	29/464 474	10:27	No Parking on A96 at Coachford- Spectator access from Keith
Special Stage 7	GARTLY MOOR 2	29/579 327	29/529 331	11:16	Car Parking at Risque House, NE of Gartly *Do not park on Roadside*
Service Halt 'C'	Grampian Transport Museum			12:03	
Special Stage 8	DRUMTOCHTY	45/684 769	45/684 794	14:09	Limited Roadside Parking
Special Stage 9	GLENFARQUHAR	45/697 798	45/735 833	14:27	Limited Roadside Parking
Service Halt 'D'	Nether Wyndings				
Special Stage 10	DURRIS	45/773 919	45/770 926	15:37	Roadside Parking on A957
MC2 FINISH	Aberdeen Exhibition Centre		38/949 106	16:58	Ample Car Parking
	REMEMBER - KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN ON PUBLIC ROADS. GRAMPIAN POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FORCE	≣			PLEASE NOTE! DO NOT PARK BESIDE THE STAGE START OR FINISH. STAGE IS LIABLE TO BE DELAYED OR CANCELLED IF COMPETITORS OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE CANNOT GAIN ACCESS. IF ASKED TO MOVE BY A MARSHAL OR BALLY OFFICIAL PLEASE DO SO

