

## Sporting Trials Car Club (STCC)

Tweeds Report – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 by CoC Andrew McKinney

The site on Campbell Tweed's land at Carncastle Larne is one of the STCC's best, with lots of scope for a variety of sections. Set up the week before by the CoC and passenger Chris Millar the 5 sections were long, with the gates set wide apart to make the best of the large site. Rain fell the night before the trial and with the grass site having a covering of moss holding the water, the tyre pressure was set to 2psi for the entire field.

Hill 1 was set open, a tight turn at the bottom leading to a wide climb over some rough terrain with a tricky step at the 4 gate. Hill 2 was very long with a difficult mid section turn, momentum the key to success. Hill 3 started with several cross camber climbs and then onto a steep finish that required pace to clean. Hill 4 was a long winding section with a small climb in the middle onto a ledge before a steep finish. Hill 5 started with a gradual uphill cross camber, then a tight turn and steep finish, trickling was the order of the day as it was the driest section.

Lap 1 saw Hills 1 and 4 being decisive in the overall trial, consistent success on these would be the key to the trial result. Class A saw Brian Edgar and John McKinney tied on 4, David Webster and Tom McKinney tied on 4 in Class B and Reid Thomas just ahead of Angus Johnston in Class C.

In Lap 2 Brian and Trevor cleaned every hill to move 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class A, David pulled ahead in Class B with an excellent trickle on Hill 1, only he and Brian cleaning it both laps. A clean on Hill 3 saw Angus move ahead of Reid in Class C.

A quick change to some of the hills and Lap 3 was underway. Brian continues to dominate with another clean sweep. Mervyn McKinney moved ahead of Trevor in Class A with a 1 on Hill 4. All David's good work on Hill 1 was eliminated with an 8 on the hill allowing Tom to tie for the lead in Class B, Michael McBratney was also having a good lap with the conditions now suiting him more. Class C saw Reid close the gap to Angus for a last lap decider.

The final lap and Brian and Peter make it another clean sweep to take a decisive win, with Mervyn finishing 21 points behind and Trevor only 3 behind him. David and Euan pulled ahead of Tom to win Class B with Michael in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Angus's final lap give him the Class C win over Reid but it is very even for both drivers in the Dingo.

	No.	CLASS	Axle	COMPETITOR	TOTAL	CLEARs
1st	9	A	Indy	B EDGAR / P FLACK	4	19
2nd	3	A	Live	M MCKINNEY / S EDGAR	25	11
3rd	12	A	Indy	T ASTON / C FITZPATRICK	28	12
4th	1	B	Live	D WEBSTER / E PAYTON	30	13
5th	6	A	Live	J MCKINNEY / C MILLAR	31	12
6th	5	B	Live	T MCKINNEY / C MILLAR	33	9
7th	7	A	Indy	H BARR / L KNOX	46	9
8th	2	B	Live	M McBRATNEY / N WILSON	54	7
9th	8	B	Live	P FROST / M HENDERSON	77	5
10th	4	B	Live	G MCKAY / K GILCHRIST	84	2
11th	10	C	Live	A JOHNSTON / R THOMAS	154	1
12th	11	C	Live	R THOMAS / A JOHNSTON	163	0