



## **Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 7 – after round 7- Ulster National Rally on 17 and 18 August 2012**

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**From:** Championship Coordinator

**To:** MSA / ANICC / Stage Rally Specialist Committee

**Organising Club:** Northern Ireland Motor Club  
**Venue:** Antrim, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland.  
**Starters:** 49 (20 drivers & 16 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)  
**Finishers:** 39

The **2012 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** continued on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August with the Ulster National Rally.

The Northern Ireland Motor Club organised event attracted an entry of 49 crews and 20 drivers and 16 co-drivers were registered for the 2012 championship. The weather was showery on Friday night but stayed warm and dry on Saturday. Three stages in the North Antrim area were planned for the Friday night with a further six stages, in three legs of two, on Saturday in the Antrim and Slieve Gallion areas. Total stage mileage 73.

Last year's winner Pat Kirk led the field away in his Mitsubishi Evo followed by Derek McGeehan in his Mini WRC. Camillus Bradley in his Mk2 Escort was at three and Frank Kelly was at four in a similar car. George Robinson in a Mitsubishi Evo started fifth and current 2WD leader Drew Stewart in his Mk2 Escort started sixth. Current Group N leader Trevor Ferguson in his Group N Subaru was at twelve.

After the first loop on Friday night – only two stages were run as stage 2 was cancelled due to an earlier accident - Derek McGeehan had a lead of 21.9 seconds from Frank Kelly, who was the leading 2WD runner, with Camillus Bradley in third 1.7 seconds further back. Geoff McMahon in a group N Evo 9 was fourth a further 6.3 seconds behind. Ian Miller, in a Subaru Impreza was fifth another 7.1 seconds back and Fintan McGrady was in sixth 2.1 seconds further behind.



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At the end of the first leg on Saturday morning Derek McGeehan was still in the lead but only by 1.6 seconds from Frank Kelly. Camillus Bradley was still in third 13.0 seconds behind. Alistair Cochrane had moved up to fourth 19.2 seconds further back with Fintan McGrady now in fifth 1.7 seconds further back. Pat Kirk had moved up to sixth following a slow start and was the leading Group N runner a further 9.1 seconds behind.

At the end of the second leg Kelly had taken the lead 4.4 seconds ahead of McGeehan with Bradley third a further 3.9 seconds behind. Kirk was up to fourth but a further 51.6 seconds behind. Cochrane was fifth 14.1 seconds behind and McGrady sixth 14.9 seconds further back.

At the end of the third and final leg Frank Kelly was still in the lead and won by 6.1 seconds. Camillus Bradley had moved up to finish second and Derek McGeehan finished third 2.6 seconds behind him. Pat Kirk finished fourth and the winner of Group N 1 minute 20.5 seconds further behind. Alistair Cochrane finished fifth just 0.3 seconds back with Drew Stewart sixth 11.7 seconds further back.

Top 6 finishers:

1. Frank Kelly/Russell Harold - Ford Escort Mk 2 – 59:00.4
2. Camillus Bradley/Crawford Henderson - Ford Escort Mk 2 – 59:06.5
3. Derek McGeehan/Arthur Kierans – Mini WRC – 59:09.1
4. Pat Kirk/Peter Ward – Mitsubishi Evo – 1:00:29.6
5. Alistair Cochrane/John Charlesson – Ford Escort Mk 2 – 1:00:29.9
6. Drew Stewart/David White - Ford Escort Mk 2 – 1:00:41.6

Ian Graham won the Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy Ireland section.

#### **Championship Class leaders after Round 7 :-**

Class 1 – Michael Nutt - Sean Topping  
Class 2 – Trevor Ferguson - David McElroy  
Class 3 – Glen Irwin – Rodney Wilson  
Class 4 – Simon Hemphill – Ciaran McMenamin  
Class 5 – Robert Erwin – Jimmy Graham  
Class 6 – Andrew Bustard – David Young  
Class 7 – Drew Stewart – David White  
Class 8 – David Armstrong – Steven Dowds  
Class 9a – Ray Brammer – Damien Fleming  
Class 9b – Derek McGeehan– James McKee  
Class 10 – No competitors registered  
Class 11 – Andy Johnson - Jim McSherry

**Overall Leaders:** – Derek McGarrity – James McKee

**Sunoco MSA NI Group N Championship Leaders:** Trevor Ferguson/David McElroy

**MSA NI 2wd Championship Leaders:** Drew Stewart/David White

**MSA NI Junior Championship Leader:** Kyle Orr

**M E Crowe MSA NI Ladies Championship Leader:** Co-driver Lesley McGaffin

**Montgomery Motorsport Historic Championship Leaders:** Andy Johnston/Jim McSherry

**Ford Fiesta Sport Trophy Leaders:** Ian Graham/Averil Morton and Brian Crawford

The next round of the **MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** will be the Lakelands Rally on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

#### **Ends**

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Ulster National Rally winners Frank Kelly/Russell Harold

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