

SOUTHERN NEWS

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Editorial

Another month in the history books, following what felt like a very busy September I was looking forward to a quiet October.

Unfortunately, the world of haulage would prove to have other plans and a busy spell not only put pay to heading down to Deudneys for the Saturday CCV trial, but also to the SCOR event on the previous weekend.

Looking back from a perspective of our club members as a collective, October appears to have been reasonably productive. With some of you out playing with other local clubs, some of you preparing vehicles for up coming events and even helping with the organisation of other events. So, all good then.

With direct relation to this publication, the thinning out of events in general towards Christmas means we have increasingly less material with which to make content. So, with that in mind if anyone has any ongoing or upcoming projects they would like to show off, any fresh and new ideas to add or any consumer advise maybe. Drop me a message on Facebook, Or email me.

For any other ramblings from myself, you will need to push on further into the October issue of Southern News.

John Jennings



October

Committee Summary

Taking place over zoom on Monday 21st October, the latest committee meeting covered the following points:

Following on from last month's Planning meeting there has been very little feedback about the calendar, so it will be confirmed and necessary paperwork put in motion.

There is possibly a Comp Safari "lite" being developed with reduced statutory requirements to make it less onerous to run. It has been suggested we could use this to maybe run a larger interclub type of event at August Bank Holiday. Enquiries and tentative plans being investigated.

Motorsport UK have adopted a new online platform for requesting permits and making payments etc. Those closely involved in this are slowly getting used to the system. It does seem mainly set up for track-based motor sport, but the more we use it the easier it will become.

The ALRC are keeping their subs the same, so our own membership fees will remain as they are for next year.

We still need volunteers to take on the Awards role and the Logistics role.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 19th November.

Mark Baitup

The Kent branch of SROC attended the Majors this year in Wales. We all set off 4.30-5am on Friday morning with some of us getting stuck in a stationary queue at Dartford tunnel!! Luckily, this turned out to be the only major hold up for the rest of the journey. Martin and I had a small sightseeing diversion to have a quick look at the Ironbridge in Telford on the way, we found a nice parking space for the 110 and trailer outside a shop aptly named toy box!

Members from SROC were Debby, Charles, Graham & Joe. Then Team SROC drivers were George, Mick and Steve S, navigators Pete, Charlie, and Nick. Then Martin and I teamed up again with Alex and Matt from Staffs & Shrops.

This year there were nineteen teams entered. We were in a friendly group of nine, which meant we had little time to learn much from other drivers, especially when the sections were so long. There were twenty sections, set out across a huge area of Welsh picturesque rolling hills, mostly on completely different ground from last year. Most sections were long, you often went quite a way till you found a difficult eleven gate! The whole section was a challenge from start to finish, it was against the ground not sticks. We had dry mud, powdery mud, wet mud, rocks - big, small, sharp or slippery, huge slabs of rock, humps, bumps, big hills, water, trees, grass and bracken. Sometimes all in one section! A couple of sections had a drive across the valley to the next, part of the section, I think Martin thought one was a time trial! Every section was a challenge, the ground is just another level to what we are used to. On Saturday we finished our twelve sections at 3pm, then Sunday we were first group back having done eight sections including a scenic drive to get to them!! A new team from P&D won, our team was second, then SROC team George, Mick and Steve came third! Also, Martin, George and Mick were all within a point of each other, 4th,5th, and 6th overall! We set off for the long journey home with us taking the country roads, the m6 toll road, and two pit stops via the M1. The Chick convoy took the main road, one pit stops via A14 and somehow, we all ended up towards Dartford bridge together for the final overtake, 6 hours later! Anyway, it kept us entertained on the evening journey home. Looking forward to next year, hopefully more members will join us.

Jenny TB



DEUDNEYS CCV Photos

Courtesy of Terry Buss



Event summary

The event was Clerked by Harry Powell, supported by Shaun Stocking and Dave Powell. The site at Deudneys had been used just 1 week previous by our trialling Cousins at SCOR with 1 or 2 SROC members having attended both events.

The last club league event held at Deudneys was way back in June 2022, and the 2-Day CCV Team Trial back in August 2023, so it was great to be back at a club favorite site.

The weather closing to the event had been relatively kind for October, however showers were experienced on the Saturday afternoon.

The scores at the end of the day showed that both Terry Buss and Dave Green had done equally well, Terry eventually winning on "Furthest clear" (Despite a brief rest part way through the day)

We thank all our event Officials, Marshals, competitors and indeed our landowner Richard Daniels for yet another great and well supported SROC event. A full event report from Mr. Bridgeland further into this issue of Southern news.

John Jennings



Southern Rover Owners Club

Deudneys CCV 12th October 2024



Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Novice:	Section										Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Terry Buss	9		0	2	0	2	5	0	0	0			9		1ST
Dave Green	9		3	2	0	2	0	0	2	0			9	1ST	
Frankin Ashe	9		3	2	0	8	3	0	6	0			22	2ND	
Keith Luxford	9		3	9	0	2	5	1	4	0			24	3RD	
Steve Smith	9		3	2	0	3	6	5	10	0			29		
Joe Parris	9		3	2	0	7	5	5	4	4			30		
Ollie Benstead-Smith	9		3	9	0	3	7	5	6	2			35		
Ben Green	9		3	9	4	2	7	1	10	0			36		
Peter Parris	9		3	9	0	2	8	5	6	4			37		
Dan Lillywhite	9		9	0	0	8	5	5	7	4			38		
Jamie Firrell	9		3	2	0	8	8	9	11	4			45		
John Holmes	10		12	12	9	8	8	10	10	0			69		



Deudneys Farm CCV Trial.

Saturday 12th October

The two clerks, Harry Powell assisted by Shaun Stocking intended to lay out sections on Friday afternoon, but work commitments intervened necessitating an early visit to the wood at first light on Saturday morning. It was a delight to discover that many of the old well-run areas were left untouched on this occasion in favour of some less driven localities. For most sections, the new areas entailed a trek through lumps, bumps, and trees before ending up with a challenging finish. Surprisingly the very last section of the day explored a new area that no one in attendance had seen before let alone driven.

It was an encouraging entry of twelve drivers who were treated to the delights of Deudneys courtesy of the Daniels family.

The Trial

Section 1 and unusually first off, the line Dan had the advantage before the trail greased up and only, he and Terry managed to claim a well-earned clear.

Section 2 what was to be recognised as the day's format, a wander around the vegetation before tackling a difficult finish. Half the field qualified for a two but the other half were too casual around a tight corner in the trees and came away with a costly nine.

Section 4 was the first of two located in the big pit at the top of the farm. This was a section of two halves. The first challenge involved a tight turn followed by a short sharp uphill gate which proved just one gate too many for half the field. Those that were successful at this point then faced a steep downhill journey to a sharp right hand turn off camber which proved impossible to master even resulting in Terry taking a tumble.

Also in the pit, the one before lunch used the remaining banks to advantageous effect with a range of scores. The bug in the system here proved to be a tight turn getting from 6 to 5. Last away on this one, Franklin had studied the form and successfully found an alternative route making himself and Dave G the only two drivers to proceed beyond this point.

On the penultimate section of the day, Ben Green, suffered the curse of the 'first off the line' syndrome and was immediately followed by Jamie Firrell who, although taking an alternative line, suffered the same fate both adding double figures to their scores. Steve, having returned to the group after suffering a puncture on the previous section, fared worse when a CV decided this would be a good time to 'pop!'

Harry accepted that in the rush to get the trial laid out and the fact that none of the sections had been driven, it was possible that some would need adjustment. As was the case with the last section of the day which took us through an area of woodland that was new to us all. An early meander through the trees on a side slope now proved too tricky after the morning rain. Favourable modifications were made resulting in a fair number of the drivers successfully mastering this final challenge to finish on a satisfying clear - although the last climb of the day still managed to catch out some.

When the scores were added Dave and Terry were joint leaders on nine penalty points, the overall winner then being decided on clears which gave the position to Terry with Dave having to be content with best in class followed by Franklin and Keith.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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Something a bit different to the norm.

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The top photo has 8 differences to the bottom. Email me on teflonjohn20@gmail.com and detail the 8 differences.

We will confirm the differences in the November issue, and name those of you who spotted them all.

Good Luck!

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Social media & Assistance Newsletter editor



At the age of 41, I have been off-roading in some form or other for 40 years. From an early age, attending All Wheel Drive Club Trials and Safari's with my parents. Often in my trusty "Postman Pat" pedal car. As time went on, and with Dad joining Hants and Berks Rover Owners, I starting to passenger Dad and his V8 auto 90 in RTV's. I passed my driving test 4 days before the ALRC2000 national Rally, hosted by HBRO. In fact, probably my earliest driving memory is driving a TDI 90 around Broxhead common leading Ron Baker's group in the CCV. Ron went on to win the event in 2000 with an exceptional show of driving.

Over the following 24 years, I have lucky enough to have been involved with offroad motorsport in many forms from ALRC trials to British Cross County Championship and the Malaysian RFC to Ultra 4. However, most of it had been Co-driving. With exception to trials, I found that my skill set was on the other side of the vehicle or even outside of it, in the case of Winch Challenge events. My first trial with SROC was in 2022 at Earlye Farm for a Tyro in my Discovery 3, and with the kindness of a couple of SROC members I have been lucky enough to drive a few CCV trials in borrowed machinery (Thank you Terry and Dave).



Having grown up with Land Rovers and Off-roading, with my Dad and later when a Caravan arrived and Mum started coming out. I like the Family friendly atmosphere of the ALRC local clubs! Indeed now, you will rarely if ever see me alone at an offroad event. My wife Bev and our 2 boys, Jack and Joshua, do this together, and the boys enjoy it seemingly as much as I did at their age.

My involvement in the club from the Committee side? Well, I was invited to join following the 2023 AGM. I am still questioning why. 😊 The Social media role is simple and not overly time consuming, it is also a bit of fun and ties in well with the video and photo taking Bev and I do at the events we attend. The Newsletter aspect is a tad more time consuming however, I along with Jean Gower collaborate through any given month taking articles, pictures and the like and making it into what you have before you now. I would think, it takes up 10 hours each month including the monthly committee meeting for me to contribute what I do for the club.

John Jennings

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- Mugs
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If there is anything you would like to see in the club shop please get in touch with Tom or Lauren to see what we can do.

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REMEMBER:

Ne mangez jamais de neige jaune !

(Do not eat yellow snow)

