

# SOUTHERN NEWS

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## Editorial

That's it for 2024 then.

By now Christmas is a memory, a belly ache or a reminder simply by the wheelie bin overflowing with discarded wrapping paper and the evidence of way too much self-indulgence.

2024 had a challenging start! With the first event being in May. This was entirely down to the weather and wanting to preserve our sites and respect our landowners. Absolutely the correct decision! I just hope that mother nature is kinder to us for the start of 2025! Indeed, I hope to see you all at Grove House Farm in February for our 1<sup>st</sup> events weekend!

2024 also saw an increase in the use of our social media platform, the publication and sharing of events info, pictures, reports etc. And this extended elsewhere into the ARLC and its member clubs. I'm not claiming this is down to our example, however it is good to see the sport being shared wider and the various platforms being used.

Onward to 2025 then. A busy events calendar for Southern. A ton of events such as ALRC Nationals, Mendips, Majors and of course our premier event of the year, the SROC 2-day CCV Team Trial. In addition, I will be contributing and hoping to help promote the ALRC through the Live Action Arena's of the LRO show and possibly another show in May. But let's see.

Before I go. I would like to thank the SROC committee, our competitors, officials, marshals, landowners and all their respective families for keeping the Off-roading community alive and bubbling with activity. A community feel honored and lucky to be a part of!

Please don't be alarmed if no January 2025 issue is published, with no events planned it is not likely we will have any content.

Cheers

**John Jennings (JJ)**



## **December Committee Summary**

**Taking place over zoom on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the latest committee meeting was a fairly run of the mill event.**

**We discussed the beginnings of the AGM coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.**

**We now have 2 volunteers training to be scrutineers, with 1 also showing an interest in the event admin role. This is very good news, the events can't run without volunteers taking on the official roles.**

**John gave an overview on how our Facebook activity is now more structured with more people interacting with it. Also, some of the other ALRC clubs, including the ALRC are now following a similar approach.**

**The new Website supplier has been agreed and they are anticipating that towards the end of February we will have a new website to launch. As previously reported the event entry forms will be easier to use, along with many other things.**

**The ALRC has published some rule change proposals on Facebook, inviting comments from all members. The way rules are updated has also been modified to flow better and not take as much time as previously to process.**

**Dave has produced draft year end leagues, we discussed a few amendments. Leagues will be published for member comments very soon.**

**Paul has some final points to add to next year's calendar which will be published over Christmas. And, later in this issue.**

**Keith reported membership renewals seem to be slow coming in. A Facebook post will be useful to remind members to renew.**

**Next meeting will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

**Mark Baitup**



## Scrutineers Scribbles.

For anyone about to embark on a vehicle build, please note that the minimum thickness for the roll cage spreader plates has been reduced from 6mm to 3mm. This is in line with the standard stipulated by MSUK for Competitive Safaris. Additionally, the top mount for the seat belts has been reduced from being 6mm thick by 100mm long to 5mm thick by 90mm. The 6mm version is over engineered for the job and the reduction allows the use of part of a scaffold clamp, which many have used already and is purpose made to fit around the average roll cage tube.

If anyone is about to buy a set of seats for their CCV vehicle, **read this** – the subject of low back seats has been brought up at the ALRC Scrutineering & Off-Road Committee. There are some who feel that they shouldn't be allowed as in the event of a heavy shunt, there is nothing to support the upper back and head with the shoulder straps pulling against the upper body. My gut feeling is that we may well see a rule change in the next year or so. If you have low back seats, don't think you need to do anything straight away, but if you are looking to buy some now then it may be prudent to go for a high back type.

As ever, give me a shout if you have any queries on the above or any other scrutineering issues.

**Dave**



## 2024 Christmas Cup Scores

# Southern Rover Owners Club



### Christmas Cup RTV - Cowfarm 7th December 2024



Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Section								Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position
		Day time				Night time						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Shaun Lillywhite	5	1	10	2	0	10	0			23		1ST
Alan Taylor	4	1	10	3	6	3	0			23	1ST	
David Green	5	5	10	1	1	8	0			25	2ND	
Jake Farrington	5	5	10	7	5	9	0			36		
John Clarke	4	0	10	8	9	10	4			41		
James Cheeseman	Q	8	10	2	6	9	12			47		
Daniel Poland	Q	12	10	7	10	9	5			53		



### Christmas Cup CCV - Cowfarm 8th December 2024

Driver Name:	Vehicle Class:	Section								Points Total:	Class Position	Overall Position
		Day time				Night time						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Mick Chick	9	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	9		1ST
Shaun Stocking	9	3	6	0	1	1	3	5	1	20	1ST	
Dave Powell	9	3	6	5	1	3	1	0	1	20	2ND	
Jon Darby	10	1	6	2	1	3	2	2	4	21	1ST	
Martin Smith	10	3	6	2	1	3	2	1	5	23		
Harry Powell	9	7	6	5	1	1	1	0	1	22		
Joe Parris	9	6	6	1	1	3	2	5	1	25		
Simon Barden	10	6	7	1	0	1	3	6	1	25		
Josh Davies	9	1	6	9	3	3	2	1	1	26		
Peter Parris	9	4	6	5	3	3	2	2	1	26		
Keith Luxford	9	1	6	2	6	10	9	0	1	35		
Freya Luxford	9	5	6	1	9	7	5	2	1	36		
Tommy Manon	9	5	7	10	3	9	10	10	1	55		



# 2024 Christmas Cup Photos





## 2024 Christmas Cup Photos (Continued)





# CLUB SHOP



## OUR PRODUCTS

- Hoodies
- T-Shirts
- Polo
- Shirts
- Fleece
- Bobble
- Hats
- Stickers
- Mugs
- Travel
- Mugs
- Water
- Bottles

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.



# 2025 SROC DRAFT EVENTS CALENDAR

(2<sup>nd</sup> Draft)

DATE		SITE		EVENT	LOCATION
15-Feb	SATURDAY	GROVE HOUSE FARM		RTV1	ELHAM VALLEY
16-Feb	SUNDAY			CCV1	
16-Mar	SUNDAY	HOLMEBUSH ESTATE		CCV 2	Faygate, WEST SUSSEX
20-Mar	THURSDAY	ROSE & CROWN HOTEL		AGM & ANNUAL AWARDS	TONBRIDGE
18-Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	EARLYE FARM (EASTER RALLYE)		RTV 3	WADHURST
19-Apr	EASTER SATURDAY			CCV3	
20-Apr	EASTER SUNDAY			TYRO 1	
21-Apr	EASTER MONDAY				
02-May	FRIDAY	(MAY BH RALLYE)		CCV 4	TBC
03-May	SATURDAY			RTV 4	
04-May	SUNDAY				
05-May	MONDAY				
29-Jun	SUNDAY	BINES FARM		TYRO 3	MAYFIELD
13-Jul	SUNDAY	COW FARM		CCV 5	COWBEECH, SUSSEX
19-Jul	SATURDAY	RENHURST FARM		TYRO 4	MARKS CROSS
20-Jul	SUNDAY			RTV 5	
02-Aug	SATURDAY	BILSINGTON PRIORY		2 DAY CCV	NEAR ASHFORD, KENT
03-Aug	SUNDAY			TEAM TRIAL	
22-Aug	FRIDAY	COPFORD FARM (ABH, SUMMER RALLYE)		TYRO	HORAM
23-Aug	SATURDAY			RTV 6	
24-Aug	SUNDAY			CCV 7	
25-Aug	MONDAY			MINI-COMP?	
20-Sep	SATURDAY	DEUDNEYS FARM	Sat	CCV 8	MAGHAM DOWN
21-Sep	SUNDAY		Sun	RTV 7	
11-Oct	SATURDAY	Grove House Farm	Sat	RTV 8	ELHAM VALLEY
12-Oct	SUNDAY		Sun	CCV 9	
08-Nov	SATURDAY	COW FARM	Sat	TRIAL	COWBEECH, SUSSEX
09-Nov	SUNDAY		(DAY INTO NIGHT TRIAL)	Sun	
06-Dec	SATURDAY	COW FARM	Sat	RTV 9	COWBEECH, SUSSEX
07-Dec	SUNDAY		(CHRISTMAS CUP)	Sun	

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST 2025

23-May	Fri	ALFC NATIONAL (STAINBY?)
24-May	Sat	
25-May	Sun	
26-May	Mon	
15-Jun		CORNWALL AND DEVON CHARITY RTV& CCV DATE TBC
16-Jun		
21-Jun		SERIES 1 CLUB NATIONAL RALLY DATE AND VENUE TBC
22-Jun		
23-Jun		
24-Jun		
July		MENDIP CHALLENGE
July		
13-Sep		MAJORS MEMORIAL CCV TRIAL
14-Sep		



## Notes from ALRC EGM, held via Zoom, 16th November 2024.

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### Chairman

The implementation of Sport 80 by MSUK has not gone smoothly, issues still being addressed. Recent trial Junior Comp went well, looking to develop it take it forward. The FIA have race disciplines that start from 8 {karting}, can we do anything with specialised vehicles in the same way as the JTV's? Bookings are open for the National Rally. Still working on there being an MSUK Regional Association that covers Cross Country.

### Secretary

As part of the Forward Plan, need to encourage diversity to expand the pool of people that may wish to join. MSUK have published the NCR's (formerly the Blue Book) for 2025, had to do it twice as they put the permit fees up after initial publication. ALRC Levy being dropped from the National entry.

### Treasurer

Major expenses include the £3k deposit for the National venue at Stainby, Directors insurance approx. £600.

### Membership

Membership fees frozen for 2025. Only 12 clubs have responded to request for numbers, looking to send the invoices out in December.

### Rule Changes

Council have agreed that the route to get a proposal through the system has been speeded up, negating the need for approval at an AGM so it is now a rolling process – submit at one meeting for discussion, final version sent out to the clubs for a 70 day consultation period, voted on at the next.

### New Proposals

Proposals have been put forward to:- 1) Reduce the requirement for the seatbelt on a Team Recovery from a full harness to a lap belt; 2) Move from 6mm roll cage spreader plates to 3mm; 3) Reduce the thickness of the top harness mount on the roll cage from 6mm to 5mm

### Section Reports

Caravan. 57 permits issued this year. Trending downwards.

Countryside Access. Lots going on around the country fighting the cause {they certainly seem to be upping their game and being more active}.

National Rally. 2025 @ Stainby, being run by Lincs, Leicestershire & Rutland and P&D. Bookings now open online along with signing on for competitors and officials, can still sign on, on the day and anyone doing it online will need to show their faces at signing on so they know they are at the event. Infrastructure booked. Still looking for a Tyro Clerk though, there is someone from L&RLRC (James) who will help but he hasn't done one before and is confident enough to do the overall job.

MSUK Liaison. Videos from this year's National Rally are still coming out from MSUK, need to get these pushed out into different groups of people that aren't yet aware of the joys of playing with Land Rovers. Permit fees are going up to £11.50 per entry. Looking at re-introducing day memberships for passengers and reducing the crash helmet standard for Team Recovery. A Junior Comp was recently successfully tried but the Club Comp idea is unlikely to be an available option for 2025. The issue of the growing burden of the MSUK admin to run an event (specific SRs etc.) was brought up but was discarded as it apparently doesn't take long. MSUK now have considerably more resources to make sure that everyone is following the rules {with little / no understanding that this is literally grass roots motorsport and not the BRDC}. If it's felt to be an issue breaking away from MSUK would be an option. In 5 years, the permit fee has gone from £4.85 to £11.50.

Logbooks. The implementation of the new electronic system has been delayed as the person tasked with developing it has been busy getting the National Rally booking system working as wanted.

SORC. All members of the committee encouraged to join the WhatsApp group as it gives a chance to thrash ideas around before meetings.

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CCMSA. Reiterated that if you are a MSUK registered club you are bound to them for all permits, you can't cherry pick between them and another authorizing body such as CCMSA.

### **Webmaster**

Thanks to Ralph Coulson for all he has done developing the National Booking system. He had gone way beyond what should be asked of any volunteer so a one-off payment has been made for the time his business has lost as a result.

### **Safeguarding**

Difficulties being experienced with getting the MSUK paperwork sorted, anyone needing help, contact Simone Birch.

### **AOB**

Charles Darby has been appointed ALRC President, wants to take things forward promoting youngsters in motorsport.

### **Next Meetings**

Council Meetings, Thursday evenings via Zoom, 13.02.25, 12.07.25 & 16.10.25. AGM / EGMs & SORC – AGM 15.03.25 – a hybrid Zoom / in person at The Mercure Hotel in Daventry, then the EGMs via Zoom 05.07.25 & 15.11.25.

### **Notes from ALRC SORC, held via Zoom, 16th November 2024.**

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### **Ongoing**

Confirmation that hydraulic handbrakes are allowed. They can operate on the same lines as the footbrake but must be single action.

### **Rule change proposals**

Team recovery seat belts – A proposal has been submitted that maintains the need for a 4-point harness in Point to Point but reducing the requirement to a lap-strap only in Team Recoveries. This must be a purpose made lap-strap and not a 4 point with the shoulder straps taken off. There was a feeling from some that whilst putting belts on and off was an onerous task, it was a backward safety step. SORC vote as to whether this proposal should be allowed to proceed to a club vote, 3 for, 3 against, Chairman's casting vote was for. The proposal will go to Council for ratification and then the clubs for voting.

### **Clarifications**

Roll cage spreader plates. Our current Roll Cage Regulations require the use of 6mm within the Roll Over Protection System but cede the ROPS systems for Competitive Safaris, Timed Trials, Team Recoveries and Point to Points to the Motorsport UK version of the ROPS's which are based on the ALRC regulations. However, the MSUK version for Competitive Safaris etc. requires a minimum 3mm spreader plate rather than 6mm so the ALRC spreader plates will be brought into line with MSUK.

Seat belt top harness mount. These are not easy to make and thought to be over engineered. Scaffold clamps are generally more than 5mm thick and are correctly formed to fit around the roll bar tube. The main part of the load will therefore be taken on the structure of the clamp, any weld will merely be keeping it orientated. The plate thickness for this mount is to be reduced from 6mm to 5mm minimum. Any holes drilled in the plate for the anchor points must have the minimum of the hole diameter to the outside edge of the plate and the overall length of the plate must be a minimum of 90mm.

### **AOB**

Q Class in Comp. Council have agreed to trial this to see if there is any need to amend the regs to be more inclusive, Tomcats and Tornados for example. This will include the National at Stainby.

Replacement Chassis. There are some out there that do not follow the exact same design as the factory original (4 plates weld to form a box section, two "L"s). So long as they follow the same profile and are of equivalent strength, these are acceptable.

Low back seats. Should these be allowed? Concerns raised that when used with a full harness the shoulder straps are effectively pulling against nothing but the occupants' upper spine, unlike a full back seat that supports the upper body & head. Concerns raised there may be more out there than first thought and banning them could alienate some of the membership.





**IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
SOUTHERN ROVER OWNERS CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025.**

Head over to [www.sroc.co.uk/about-the-club/joining-sroc/](http://www.sroc.co.uk/about-the-club/joining-sroc/) and follow the easy steps to **JOIN** or **RENEW**.

Our membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December in any given calendar year.

There are three main types of membership:

**FULL.** - This is the normal type of membership and entitles you to attend and enter events (driving or as a passenger), stay on camping weekends and vote at the AGM. The Full member is responsible for their associated Family or Junior members.

**Cost £25 (Aged over 17)**

**FAMILY.** - Is for relations of a Full member living at the same address. They have all the same entitlements as the associated Full member.

**Cost £14**

**JUNIOR.** - This is for the younger relations of a Full member aged between 8 and 16 years inclusive. They can enter in the Junior Trials Vehicle (JTV) events and subject to the rules in place, from 13 years old they may drive in Tyro Trials, from 14 they can passenger in RTV & CCV events and from 15 they can drive in RTV & CCV events after completing the pre-requisite qualification events.

**Cost £5 (Aged 8 to 16)**

## 2024 LEAGUES SUMMARY

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Here we go, the portly chap with a white beard and red suit will soon be with us so it must be time to work out the leagues and see who has done consistently well throughout the year. Unfortunately, there are those that have not officiated at events or left it until late in the year and the event they were going to do was cancelled, so despite doing quite well they will not be in line for any of the trophies. But sometimes that's the way it goes, and everyone needs to muck in so the Club can run. So, after a year of competitive events who has won the silverware that gets handed out at the AGM?

**RTV** – A year for the bigger vehicles this year. Well done to Alan Taylor who comes out on top this year in his Disco, just reward for slogging around the M25 for every event. Dave Green (Ashford) was 2nd in his 110 which is no mean feat, but as he has some sort of Harry Potter power that makes it shrink between trees (a la Pluckley a couple of years ago) then maybe we shouldn't be surprised. Mark Baitup was the first shorter vehicle, coming in 3rd overall in his 90.

**CCV** – It looks like Terry Buss is now in sync with his vehicle and is back to his best, holding off Harry Powell who retained his 2nd place from last year. Congratulations Terry! And, sure as eggs are eggs Harry will always be there or thereabouts. There was a new name in the overall results this year as Shaun Stocking is a credible 3rd overall.

**Qualification** – it should be remembered that the League Qualification Points are automatically allocated in the order RTV then CCV (we don't run a Timed Trial league anymore), so if you only have 3 qualification points and enter an RTV, this is the league you will be qualified for, unless you notified me that there is a league you do not wish to be in (this needs to be prior to any events you take part in that would count towards that league). However, you can move your qualification between leagues, but to do so you need to let me know before the leagues are declared final at the end of January.

**Team Southern Rewards** – those of you that have a surplus of league qualification points left after any have been deducted for any league you may have competed in, will have a choice of an item of "Team Southern 2024" clothing. These are unique and cannot be bought, they must be earned. To see what you are eligible for, just look down the far-right hand column of the Qualifying page and this will tell you how far up the list of Tee-shirt, Polo shirt, Sweatshirt or Fleece you can go. (E.g. if the sheet says you can have a Fleece, you can have anything, if it says Polo, you can only have a Polo or a Tee shirt.) Can you please let a committee member know what you require by the end of January, and they will be presented at the AGM in March.

These results will remain provisional until the end of January 2025, after that they will become final, and the relevant trophies presented at the AGM.



## Previous 2024 Southern news publications

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**Sometimes you've just got to lick the stamp and send it!**

**---Daniel Ricciardo---**

