

ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2017

Now that the dust (and mud!) has settled on the ALMC event, it is time for a brief Newsletter.

It was good to see the level of entries for the event; some regulars were missing but it was great to see the increased number of competitors in the 1 litre class. With Tipperary due to run an event in May, the signs are good for an increased interest in this type of event.

The change of venue seems to have been well received by all concerned; at least I heard no complaints! Most importantly, it meant that we were able to reduce the entry fee by about 25%, which probably encouraged more entries. With the huge increase in entry fees for special stage events, I wouldn't be surprised to see a number of stage drivers turn their eyes to endurance events.

The event had three completely new selectives; even the previously used ones were run in such a format that no selective was completely similar to ones used in the past, something which means new competitors are not totally disadvantaged by lack of familiarity with the selectives.

There was a great contest between Robert Barrable, Karl O'Donoghue, Peter Barrable and Kevin O'Rourke, with Robert getting his nose in front over the final three selectives to claim the win. A look at the results shows several close battles all the way down the field.

There were a number of enquiries from onlookers about getting into Endurance events. If anyone has cars for sale, let me know and I will put the information on this Newsletter. Also, if anyone has photos from the event, please send them to me; I will try to include them in the Newsletter – but I will need help from a computer savvy person!!

Brian Duggan has kindly agreed to display the championship positions on Rally.ie, if people want to check.

Regards,

Frank O'Donoghue.