

ENDURANCE TRIALS NEWSLETTER, 01/01/18

Hi All.

Not that long now to the first Endurance Trial of 2018, the ALMC event on 24/02/18. Preparations are well in hand, with the necessary selectives chosen.

We have two completely new selectives, as well as one old one which is run in this direction for the first time; the rest have not been used for several years. The first few will be in Luttrellstown, then we go out the country to 5 more (4 on tarmac and 1 on gravel). Back to Luttrellstown for two more before the lunch break, followed by a repeat of the morning country loop before returning to Luttrellstown for two selectives in darkness. The finish and prizegiving will be in Luttrellstown, where the 2017 Championship awards will also be presented.

IMPORTANT:

By kind permission of Luttrellstown Hotel and Golf Club, ALMC will host an 'Introduction to Endurance Trials' on 17/01/18. The evening will consist of a number of talks by experienced drivers, navigators and car preparation experts. For those who want to experience a selective, there will be the opportunity to drive 3.0 KM of one of the Luttrellstown selectives, at speeds controlled by ALMC members. (Unless the roads are damaged by heavy rain between now and then, they should be passable in a road car without a sump-guard). People can then return to the clubjouse for a question & answer session Please note – this is intended for newcomers, so any old hands hoping for a sneaky practice will be disappointed – they won't be allowed out and anyway, it will be in the 'wrong' direction!

As this is a first, we have no idea of how many will attend, so we must have notice of those who intend to participate, as the hotel will need to know numbers for catering. There is no charge for attending. Please please let as many of your fellow petrol heads know of this unprecedented opportunity. We particularly want complete beginners to attend and the evening is directed at them, although all are welcome, especially those competitors from special stage rallying who want affordable fun.

Anyone who would like to attend can let me know by email to naps@indigo.ie

OTHER NEWS:

The tyre regulations remain unchanged for 2018, as there is little support for a control tyre.

I have continued to press MI on several points, particularly in relation to allowing advertising on cars and incorporating the features of Lanes events which make them so popular.

The championship regulations will be produced very shortly. One question to be decided is whether or not we have a round in the North. If not, 4 rounds in the south is a bit meagre – we'd like your opinions on this please. As ALMC has to fund the prizes each year, there will be a championship registration charge of €5 per person, to help the club defray costs.

Frank O'Donoghue.

Championship Registrar.