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CDMC Huntsman Enduro Rally

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Saturday 30th / Sunday 31st May



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CDMC are Organising and running the only East Midlands Endurance Rally on May 30/31 for the second year running.

Entries are coming along well and all is set for the event at the end of this month.

The Rally HQ is at the Nottingham University Kings Meadow Campus, the rally offers selectifs in Forestry Commission venues, and farm tracks / private land across the region.

Marshals briefing Wednesday 27th May 8pm
at the Commercial Public House Beeston Nottingham.

This will be to go over clock training and for Commanders to pick up their Test packs and Marshals bags.

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Jack Neal Memorial Stages Rally 9th May 2009 Blyton Airfield – Report by Stephen Shephard



After a sabbatical from driving of 5 1/2 years (is it really that long!) I finally got around to entering a rally in the Manta again. Dad was drafted in as co-driver / trailer tower and Neil Simpson, Darren, Mum and Jessica were service crew.

After the track day last October I was confident of the rebuilt axle and the car just had a few minor jobs done to ready it for the day.

On the morning scrutineering was fine as the bloke was a Manta fan!

We fitted the tarmac tyres but unfortunately an old Colway slick failed when being fitted onto rims, needing an unexpected expense of buying some new Hankook slicks (I was very impressed with these by the way!).



There were 12 stages of just under 4 miles, but this sprint format suited me in case of any dramas with the car. The first stage was taken a little cautiously, but I soon got back into the groove with the car – like riding a bike!

By stage five I was getting confident on the handbrake but a minor spin soon sorted that!

We were in the high 20's overall in the morning but some good times pushed us up into the top 20 in the afternoon, 13th fastest on ss6.

We finished 17th overall and 5th in class 4 from 52 starters and I was very, very happy with that result.

The car was brilliant with no troubles to report other than a spot of overheating when the fan cable dropped off. Other than that we just kept putting fuel in and a quick spanner check at lunchtime.

Thanks to Dad for all his help in getting the



car ready and co-driving on the day. Thanks to Neil and Daz for servicing support and to Mum and Jess for cheering us on and providing the snap!

Jess really enjoyed her first rally seeing me driving, she never missed watching a stage!

It was nice to see some friendly CDMC faces there as Don Cameron and Richard Carr were there Marshalling.

I would recommend Blyton to anyone wanting a fun days rallying compact venue but good surface and loads of fun.

Next event Dukeries but swapping seats and cars with dad in his Historic Escort!



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