



2008



S G Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship

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For the fourth round of the 2008 SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship moved from the Lake District forests to the Keilder forest complex for the Brick and Steel Border Counties Rally. The weather was mixed to say the least ranging from bright sunshine to snow and hail showers, leaving parts of some of the stages very slippery.

With the slippery conditions it was expected that the 4WD drive cars would lead the way but with Malloch Nicoll (Mitsubishi Evo 9) retiring on the first stage with turbo problems, William Jarman/Mark Fisher (Escort Cosworth) sliding off on the second stage, and John Bainbridge/Giles Dykes (Subaru Impreza) sliding off on the sixth stage, none of the registered 4WD cars finished. This left the way clear for the 2WD cars to take maximum points for the first time this year, Carl and Rob Tuer in their Super 1600 MG ZR took maximum points, and second in the overall Super 1600 battle, Carl thought the rear end was moving about too much after the first 2 stages and removed the rear anti-roll bar, but found this made the car worse and refitted it a second service. Marcus Noble/Helen Hall (Escort MkII) finished 2nd after a clean run with no reported incidents, after retiring on the Malcolm Wilson Rally with gearbox problems Geoff Wilson/Richard Cooke (Escort MkII) finished 3rd. Barry and Michael Lindsay (Peugeot 106) were competing on gravel for the first time since the 2007 Border Counties and succeeded in getting the finish they wanted in 4th, the final registered finisher was Sian Beaty (Ford KA) with standing co-driver Vicki Foster

Current standings are:-

Driver

1st Carl Tuer on 42 points, 2nd Marcus Noble on 27, 3rd Barry Lindsay on 22, with Nick Morgan 4th on 21.

Co-driver

1st Rob Tuer on 45 points, 2nd Helen Hall on 27, 3rd Michael Lindsay on 22.

The 5th round of the championship is the Pirelli National Rally on the 19th April; full details on the rally website www.pirelliinternationalrally.co.uk

Regs for the 6th round of the championship, The Jim Clark Reivers Rally on 25th May, are available on the rally website www.jimclarkrally.com

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