



# 2008



## S G Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship

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For round six of the 2008 SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship competition moved from the forests to the closed roads of the Scottish Borders for the Jim Clark Reivers Rally, this popular event had over 150 entries for 100 spaces. For the first time this year there wasn't a new winner, with 2007 champion and first round winners Richard and Edwin Cook (Vauxhall Astra) taking maximum points.

After the first stage William Jarman/Mark Fisher (Escort Cosworth) with their new anti-roll bar working well led by 7 secs with Richard and Edwin Cook second and Carl and Rob Tuer (MGZR) a further 0.1 secs behind in third. Stage two was all change with Carl and Rob Tuer taking the lead with an impressive 21<sup>st</sup> fastest overall, William Jarman/Mark Fisher retired with mechanical problems and Richard and Edwin Cook dropped time when a misfire set in, after a slow start in stage one Marcus Noble/Helen Hall (Ford Escort Mk2) had a much better run and moved into 3<sup>rd</sup>. By second service after 3 stages Carl and Rob Tuer were leading by over 50 secs from Richard and Edwin Cook and Marcus Noble/Helen Hall.

Second run through Leitholm saw Carl and Rob retiring in spectacular style when a wheel stud sheared causing the car to spin into a roll, they managed to clear the hedge coming to rest in the field out of sight from the road, fortunately there were no injuries, this mishap can be viewed on You Tube. Richard and Edwin Cook were yellow flagged on both stages 4 and 5 and received nominal times which allowed Marcus and Helen to close to 2.5 secs behind with one stage remaining. On the last stage Richard and Edwin set a time 1.6 secs faster than Marcus and Helen to take maximum points by 4.1 secs.

Geoff Wilson (Ford Escort Mk2) with a stand in co-driver, who's name I haven't got had a steady run to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place points, Kev Monaghan/Chris Purvis in their reshelled Vauxhall Corsa had a few close calls, including a broken engine mounting, to take 4<sup>th</sup> place points. Last ANECCC finisher was myself with Alistair on the notes for the first time in our F1000 Nissan Micra, we had a thoroughly enjoyable day to finish 67<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class 2.

The overall Drivers standings are now very close with Carl Tuer and Marcus Noble tied on 42 pts, with Richard Cook on 40 pts, and William Jarman on 35 pts. In the Co-Drivers standings Rob Tuer is on 45 pts with Helen Hall second on 42 pts with Edwin Cook on 40pts and Mark fisher on 35 pts.

Unfortunately a second championship round has been lost with the cancellation of the Turnbull Trophy due to military actions, therefore there is a 2 month break between the Tyneside Stages in June and the Pendragon Stages in August.

The regs for round 7 of the championship, the Tyneside Stages on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June are now available on the rally website at [www.tynesidestages.co.uk](http://www.tynesidestages.co.uk)

For those competitors who want to fill this summer gap regs for West Cumbria Motorsport Club's Greystoke Stages on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, are available at [www.Greystokestages.co.uk](http://www.Greystokestages.co.uk) , and for the 1400cc competitors regs for the 1400 Only Lion Stages on 9<sup>th</sup> August are also available at [www.lionstages.co.uk](http://www.lionstages.co.uk)

Championship Regulations and Entry Forms are available on the championship website – [www.anecccstagerally.co.uk](http://www.anecccstagerally.co.uk)

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