



# FOSTEK ENGINEERING ANCC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2009



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Welcome to the 2009 Championship, whether you are returning having competed in previous years or this is a new venture for you – you're all very welcome! And we also welcome a new sponsor! I am delighted that John Foster of Fostek Engineering has come on board to support this year's championship. Fostek, based in Cramlington, Northumberland, are the UK's leading specialists in competition live axles. So please make sure those flashy new decals are clearly visible on your cars to start to give Fostek the best possible coverage when you are out on events!

For those of you not familiar with the Championship I should tell you that I don't tend to go to events to conduct signing on but I very much hope to be out on as many events as I can. I hope to be competing on some rounds and if you need a light(ish!) weight experienced navigator give me a shout so I might be able to do more!. I will also try and get along to some events as either a marshal or spectator and will try and catch up with you as soon as I can to see how you are doing. One thing is definite – I will be at the Opposite Lock Rally in July as I'm the Entries Secretary!

As for results, I will pick up your entry and results from the event paperwork that the organisers will send to me. Speed of results is reliant on both the speed of their service and my work travel but I will aim to get updated results out after each event and get them on the website too. Bulletins like this will be a little less frequent but if there is important information about events etc. I will e-mail you as soon as I can.

So, onto the first events..... And a mixed bag of news it has been so far!

The first round, the Jack Frost Stages at Croft was as popular as ever, as was the NW Stages last weekend. In between though, the forest events have had a torrid time. First came the snow that forced the Riponian to cancel, then a lack of entries forced both the Robin Hood and North Humberside events to cancel. The good news is that the Riponian has rescheduled and will now run on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The low entry levels are an obvious concern. Both events promised full refunds in case of cancellation.... so a plea from me – if you intend entering an event please put your entries in as early as possible. Do not wait to see if it is running – because if you wait it probably won't! Let's hope the other Championship round are successful in getting the entries they need to run and to provide us with a great Championship this year.

Anyway, back to the events that have run.....

The Jack Frost Stages at Croft attracted a full entry and you did the Championship proud with some very notable result. There was a 1-2 in class 1 with Steven Crowther / David Batley winning and Adam Charlesworth / Chris Roe taking second. Class 3 was even more impressive with contenders taking the top four positions! John Deegan / Giles Dykes came out on top after a close battle with Alistair Hutchinson / St John Dykes with Stephen Oade / Tim Croft taking 3<sup>rd</sup> spot from Mark & Matthew Thompson by virtue of a faster time on stage 1 when they finished dead level on overall time.

John Deegan continued his form on the Legend Fires NW Stages in Blackpool finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. Last year's Champions Malcolm Davey & Paul Slingsby joined the fray in Blackpool too and immediately set out to impress, winning class 2. On an event where only 47 crews from the starting 103 finished, Mark Thompson & Giles Dykes were the only other contenders to finish. Commiserations to those of you who took an early bath and I hope things are quickly fixable. So John and Giles take up early leads in the Championship with Mark & St John the early challengers.

### Next Events

**Riponian Stages,                      Rearranged to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – [www.riponian.co.uk](http://www.riponian.co.uk)**

This rearranged forest event will be based in Thirsk with sages in the Western North Yorkshire forests around Sutton Bank & Helmsley. The event was nearly full before it had to be postponed but there might be a few spaces left if you're quick. Contact is Annette Beckwith, 01765 600 587, [entries@riponian.co.uk](mailto:entries@riponian.co.uk)

**Legend Fires SMC Stages,                      Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – [www.smcstages.co.uk](http://www.smcstages.co.uk)**

50 stage mile tarmac multi-use event at Weeton camp, Blackpool for £210. Contact Mark Wilkinson, 07879 657 580, [secretary@smcstages.co.uk](mailto:secretary@smcstages.co.uk)

**Lee Holland Memorial Trophy Rally,                      Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – [www.pdmc.clara.net](http://www.pdmc.clara.net)**

45 mile tarmac multi-use event at Anglesey Circuit, North Wales for £230. Contact Rod Brereton, 01282 859103. Mobile 07952377880 email - [pdmc@clara.co.uk](mailto:pdmc@clara.co.uk)

I hope you have a great year!

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