

Quality Hotels West Cork Rally 2009 Press Release 1

Regulations for Cork Motor Clubs popular two day event, the Quality Hotels West Cork Rally are now available to download on both www.corkmotorclub.com and www.westcorkrally.com. The rally will run for the 31st time on March 14th & 15th next and for the seventh year in succession the rally will be sponsored by the Quality Hotel Clonakilty.

The rally is synonymous with St.Patrick's weekend and is a very social occasion which brings together competitors from Ireland, north and south, as well as Wales, England and Scotland. This is a mix which creates a special and unique atmosphere in Clonakilty and the surrounding area for that weekend. After eight years as clerk of the course Brian O'Connell has decided to step down and his place will be taken over by his assistant during that time, Darren McCarthy who also has experience of running the Cork Forest Rally these past few years.

Despite increased costs the club is pleased to announce that the entry fee is held at the 2008 price of €630 which is excellent value for 16 stages and 240km of competition mileage. Road mileage at 170km is again very low this year while service will be centralised as usual near Clonakilty.

As usual the rally is the first round of the Southern 4 Rally Championship, while this year sees the event being part of three other championships, rounds 1 & 2 of the Irish Mitsubishi Ralliart Evolution Challenge, rounds 1 & 2 of the C2 R2 Irish Cup as well as rounds 1 & 2 of the inaugural Honda Cup.

The Bones O'Connor Modified Challenge is back for a third year in 2009 where many crews will be bidding to take the crown from the 2007 & 2008 winner, John Dalton. This challenge incorporates cars from classes 9-15 (details on classes to be found on www.motorsportireland.com) and has been very competitive in its first two years.

There will also be a Historic Rally which will begin on Stage 5 on day one; the cost of entry here is €530 while the Junior Rally will cover the last four stages of the event at a cost of €330. After the success of the scheme in 2008, junior competitors are also reminded that if they go marshalling on the Saturday stages then they will get a refund of €100 on their entry fee.

Accommodation may be sourced by contacting Joan White on 086 3776451, (00 353 86 3776451 from the UK) between 7pm and 9pm or by emailing joan@westcorkrally.com.

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