

Beverley & District Motor Club

12 Car Navigational Rallies



Beverley & District Motor Club Ltd promote and organise 8 Club sport 12 Car Navigational Rallies each year; 4 from January to March and 4 from October to December.

They are generally considered to be an early training ground to learn the skills required to Navigate/Co-drive in all forms of Rallying from local Road Rallies to International Stage Rallies, where knowledge of Rally Timing, Map Reading and Pace Note skills to 'read the road,' are paramount.

Many Motor Clubs organise these Motor Sports Association (MSA) regulated events, using rules biased towards Navigational skill as priority over speed. Beverley & District Motor Club Ltd usually organise the start and finish of these events to be at a village pub venue to add a friendly social element to the night's motorsport activity.

Help and advice is always available and motor clubs generally also hold Table Top Navigational training nights in their club venues to prepare competitors for competing on the 12 Car Rally events themselves.

As the name suggests, permits for events are limited to 12 vehicles, generally standard or Road Rally specification cars as Stage Rally cars are usually too noisy. New crews would generally be best using whatever vehicle they had; there is no need to invest in any sort of prepared competition car.

Navigation presented is described as 'Plot and Bash.' Basically, each event is broken up into a number of timed sections between control points manned by marshals. At the start of a section, crews are given a sheet of navigation to work out; instructions using information found on the 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey Map being used for the event. Typical navigational instructions may use Grid Lines, Grid Squares, Spot Heights, Map References or diagrams showing which junctions to traverse.

Sections are timed at an average speed of 30mph, but time spent plotting the navigation, stopping at manned controls; give way junctions and unmanned, 'letter-board' controls eat into the allowed time to complete each section without penalty.

The 12 Car Events and Routes are always authorised by the MSA's local area Liaison Officer; being aware of any public relations issues that prevent certain areas being used. Generally, 12 Car Events do not require the same Public Relations work and Police Authority that a full night Road Rally would require.