



50th Anniversary Rallycross

On the 28th December 1967 Croft Autodrome became the second venue to host the new sport of Rallycross. Organised by DDMC the event was the first of many high profile Rallycross to be organised by the Club.

On the 5th November 2017 DDMC will be celebrating being the only Club who has been involved with the sport since its inception to still be actively involved. The event will also be the final round of the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship.

The event this year has attracted the BIGGEST Rallycross entry seen in the UK this year, not only does it have BTRDA Championship regulars from all across the UK but it also has European drivers from Belgium making the long trip to the Croft Circuit.

There are a whole host of local drivers looking to end the season on a high one driver in particular is 'Mad' Mark Watson, the Hotelier from Barnard Castle is hoping to claim enough points to win the Clubman 4X4 class at his home circuit, driving his Citroen Xsara T16 4x4 with over 500bhp.

With 85 drivers entered in the event across seven categories the action is sure to be fast and furious. Not only are they looking to be successful in the 50th Anniversary Rallycross event but also with 'double points' up for grabs in the BTRDA Championship final there is all to play for.

The BTRDA Championship comes to a conclusion at Croft after 6 extremely successful events it is Brian Hardman in his rapid Ford Escort MK2 who is leading the overall Championship. After making the switch from Rallying at the start of the year, the season couldn't of gone any better for Brian in his debut Rallycross season.

Local honours across the various categories and all hoping for a home win include; Guy Corner, Peugeot 206 GTi (Northallerton) Mike Boak, Citroen C2 (Newcastle), Phil Chicken, Citroen C2 (Newcastle) and Martin Hawkes (Stockton on Tees) in the Super Modified category, Ian Horn, Vauxhall Nova (Stokesley) in the Historic category, James Constantine, Suzuki Swift (Darlington), Tom Constantine, Suzuki Swift (Richmond) in the Junior Category, and making his debut in Rallycross is Thomas Birkbeck, Ford Puma (Saltburn) in the Production category.

Top media 'guru' Larry Carter from Northallerton will make his seasonal Rallycross start at the wheel of a Peter Gwynne Suzuki Swift Sport in the SuperModified category and is hoping for a great result on home turf.

The local drivers from Newcastle area are looking forward to doing battle in the invited Autocross category where 10 local drivers will form up on the grid throughout race day.

Action gets underway at the Croft Circuit at 9.30am on November 5th, with advance tickets from Croft priced at ONLY £9 and £11 on the gate, under 15's accompanied by an adult are FREE.

More Information on the event and the entry list can be found here;
<https://clubmansrallycross.weebly.com/2017-final-nov-5th-croft.html>