



GREAT BUSTARD RALLY 10/11 April 2010

Welcome to the Great Bustard Rally 2010. This is the fourth running of the event as an Endurance Road Rally and as the first round of the 2010 Endurance Road Rally Championship supported by Sportway Tyres, your early entry would be much appreciated by the organising team. The Entry Form and Regulations will be available on the event website <http://www.sandsccl.co.uk/bustard/Bustard.htm> soon.

The rally will include some 65 selectif miles plus a 90 mile road rally section all in a route of 330 miles on maps 183, 184 and 173. Scrutineering will be from 09.00 on Saturday at the start. This will be at Frome Cattle Market (183/821 502) at about 13.00 on the Saturday and the rally will finish at the Hunter's Lodge Inn (183 744 299) at 02.45 on the Sunday followed immediately by breakfast and prizegiving.

Last year some events experienced problems due to too many people leaving their entries till the last minute. In extreme cases this can lead to clubs cancelling events which could have run. To try to tackle this problem we are offering a discount of £30.00 for all entries received by 8th March 2010. **Enter before 8th March and the cost will be £270.00** after that date, you can still enter and you will be more than welcome but it will cost you £300.00

This year we welcome back Keevil Airfield with 18 miles of challenging, smooth tarmac. We have found two completely new sealed surface venues in that area. We will be visiting sites not used since the first Great Bustard Rally as well as all the favourites at Worthy Farm, Longleat and Stourhead. The supper halt and finish will be at the Hunters' Lodge Inn, familiar to past competitors.

We are introducing an innovation for the road rally section to ensure that the ROAD in Endurance Road Rallying is not forgotten. It is becoming increasingly difficult to run competitive navigational sections on the public road without resorting to plot and bash of the mind bending variety. We will be offering the usual timed to the minute road rally sections in the vicinity of Stourhead and Worthy Farm, but to connect them without long neutral sections we will be introducing simple "Jogularity". Navigation will be by tulips/distances and you will be required to pass each tulip/feature at a precise time given with each tulip, based on a speed of less than 30mph. Some of these points will have controls where you will be timed and any difference between your actual time and the ideal time will be penalised. To make it even easier, there will be no penalty for arrival within 10 seconds of the ideal time. No speed tables or average speed devices will be needed. In the final instructions we will explain very clearly how you can tackle this simple regularity .

Like last year, we are running an **Endurance Intro** category. This category will be for cars up to 1400cc which comply with the MSA requirements for Road Rally cars. They run under normal MSA road rally regulations on normal road pattern tyres and have selectif targets set at 30 mph. We hope this will attract new competitors to try the sport of Endurance Road Rallying. Naturally, we hope you will enjoy yourself and want to upgrade in a year or so.

Finally a big thank you to all those who donated to the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance appeal last year. The event made a total donation of over £800. Let's see if we can do better this year.