

## ENDURANCE TRIALS NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017.

Firstly, apologies for the very late appearance of this Newsletter. This was due to illness (fatal) in my computer and illness personally – not fatal but including a fractured wrist, among other things.

Thankfully, I recovered in enough time to lay out the route for the ALMC event on 18/02/17. A lot of work has gone into planning the event, persuading landowners to let us in and organising marshals; we hope you all will support the event.

The event will be 90% on tarmac and the loose sections are quite smooth. I would even go so far as to say that the event could be completed by a car without a sump-guard. There is one sharp crest on one of the gravel sections but we have put a stop box in just before it. Good news for some is that there will not be any code boards, as we are using stop boxes instead, even though it means a lot more manpower.

It is an event ideally suited to beginners. We have put up a prize for the best beginner (no competition licence before this year and never having competed in a Targa event up north). Apart from two trophies, we will give the best beginner a half-day in a full spec Endurance car, either in Mondello or on a typical selective. Time to dig out those Nissan Micras.

It is also the first round of the ALMC Endurance Championship, which this year is expanded to five events. We have tried to keep the cost down for competitors in these days of rising insurance fees and the entry fee is just €200, (25% less than last year).

Hope to see you all in Fairyhouse on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Frank O'Donoghue.

08/02/17.