It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the 2011 TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship. Once again the five clubs have come together with sponsorship from TRITON SHOWERS to offer the rallying clubman the opportunity to compete in the best rally championship available anywhere on the island of Ireland.

Congratulations to the 2010 TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Champions, Andrew Fanning / Alan McCormac in the Ford Ka / Puma, Class 1. Once again reliability was the key to their success. Not a big budget outfit by any means, but good preparation and a large degree of mechanical sympathy paid the deserved dividends. Proof in itself that the TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship is a genuine clubman rally championship.

The format and structure of the TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship allows competitors approach their years rallying on a cost competitive basis. Being a class based championship it’s possible for a crew from any of the six classes to be the outright winner. So a crew with a well thought out structure, attitude and approach can take the spoils at the year end. As can be seen from the regulations, the forestry rallies are run concurrently so those who intend doing all the events will need to change the setup only once.

We would encourage competitors to canvass the support of their fellow competitors who may not intend to compete in a championship to register for the TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship. On occasions in the past some crews, although winning their class,
were denied maximum points due to insufficient numbers starting some events.

Once again this year, taking cognisance of the current state of the economy and to encourage competitors to register and compete in TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship we have changed the scoring format to the extent that only three crew need to start in their class to score maximum points (15), two starters 12 points and one starter 10 points.

The three forestry events are now running before the Tarmac rounds start. We welcome back the Munster Car Club and the Moonraker Forestry Rally to the TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship. This is great news for the forestry and also for the crews who intend competing on both surfaces.

The other news for 2011 is that the Carrick-on-Suir Willie Loughman Forestry Rally will take place on Saturday 5th March. The Start will be at about noon with the later stages in the dark.

The TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship also allows crews to nominate a round for bonus points when points scored are doubled. This round must be declared when registering for the championship. The championship is also unique as it’s the only rally championship which promotes both tarmac and forestry.

This, the opening round, The Sean Conlon Forestry Rally, will be run again from Mitchelstown by the Tipperary Motor Club. With the current climatic conditions (30 Jan.) what are the chance of a rerun of the 2009 snow covered stages. Notwithstanding the Galway International, this will be a barometer of the state of forestry and indeed clubman rallying for the remainder of the year.

An appeal to those who support rallying but are unable to compete is to volunteer early to assist in marshalling, time keeping or whatever your expertise is to the promoting clubs. The craic can still be mighty.

We are constantly updating our web site (work in progress) www.southeaststages.ie and
www.southeaststages.com. There are also links from the promoting clubs and on rally.ie

We wish you all, our sponsor, clubs, competitors and spectators a successful, enjoyable and safe year in Motorsport. Our sport is under scrutiny more than ever, we just ask you to be ambassadors for our sport.

2011 TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship rounds:

The Sean Conlon Forestry Rally. Mitchelstown. Tipperary M.C. 13 February.

The Willie Loughman Forestry Rally. Ck-on- Suir. Ck-on-Suir M.C. 05 March. **NOTE Saturday afternoon start with late stages in the dark.**

Moonraker Forestry Rally. Lismore. Munster Car Club. 10 April

The Carlow Stages Rally. Carlow. Carlow Car Club. 08 May.


The Tipperary Stonethrowers Rally. Clonmel. Tipperary M.C. 07 August.


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