What a difference a day’s rallying makes; the old order has changed and we now have a new look leaderboard. I’m told to be brief so it’s only the bare bones that is appearing below.

Nothing new or remarkable about the latest leader of the 2011 TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship. Once again it’s the indomitable Mick Nevin / Michael Garahy, Ford Escort MK2, class two on 68 points. It’s the usual stuff nothing flash or remarkable except their finishing record and the ability to get the job done with the maximum return.

In the runner up position are Frank Kelly / Liam Brennan, Escort MK2, class 5 on 60 points. Another crew who are enjoying their dual surface rally championship which is the unique feature of the TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship. They have had three class wins including bonus points which put them in the position of potential 2011 Championship.

Third o/a are Derek Brennan / Diarmuid O’Shea, Honda Civic, class 3 on 58 points. These lads are enjoying the craic of forestry and tarmac as well, so who says the Civic are too soft for Irish Forestry rallying.

Up to the Ravens Rock Shay Power, Escort MK2, class 5 was in command but the throttle- wire wasn’t up to the job. James Coleman, Escort MK2, class 5 was on 00 duty and Owen Murphy, Mitsubishi Lance, class 6 was on an early summer break.

Last year’s TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship winner Andy Fanning has thrown his hat at this year’s championship as his impeccable finishing record has deserted him, he’s now out in the ‘big engined’ Ford Puma. Also losing out due to a car change is Craig Breen who had his big ‘engine’ Ford Fiesta on Ravens Rock duty in anticipation of engaging the WRC brigade in battle. The white flag was run up early and the experts say he would have won the Rock anyway, just by a smaller margin.

Class 1 Positions are unchanged as none of the registered crews started. Emmet Cronin, 29 points. Colin O’Toole, 22 points. Joe Shinnors, 17 points.

Class 2 Pascal O’Shea is the only other registered competitor and is thriving on his way with 54 points. One of the Buckstown community of competitors, look them up on Facebook.
Class 4 Alan Commins and son James have knocked the Ballycotten crews from the ‘top sails’ and are leading on 55 points. Sean, Ray (jnr) and Ray (snr) Benskins are on 44; 40; 35 points respectively.

Class 5 Shay Power, James Coleman and Ed Colton are holding station on 54; 48; 30 points. There’s a few “buckos” from Buckstown who are eyeing up their positions and are intent on mounting a raid!

Class 6 The sad story here on the Rock was an entire no show from all registered crews. The class positions are shared by five crews as some are on equal points. It’s not cheap to keep these machines on the road and I suppose it’s unfair to expect them out on every event. Owen Murphy is leading on 46 points. Ger Connors and Vincent McAree are sharing 45 points. Mark Murphy and John Reid are sharing 32 points.

The final round of the 2011 TRITON SHOWERS South East Stages Rally Championship is the Dick Bailey Stages Rally (2 day) in Wexford on the 10th/11th Sept.