

Evan Green Memorial Rally 2013

Following a previous cancellation due to wet weather it was a case of looking to the blackening skies as we assembled for the start of the event at Booral.

Cars started into the event prior to rain to head over towards Bulahdelah and through Girvan where the 12 story home is on a ridge to the North, and then to travel the "Old Inn Rd" to a route check on the Western side of the Rosenthal Triangle which was manned by Therese & Ian Lilley who marked cars out of 10 on their approach as a Rally car should.

From this point cars were to travel along Barry's Lane and the Markwell Back Rd but as no route check boards were seen perhaps a short cut was taken by all.

Faye and I arrived in Gloucester as a massive hail storm covered the country on the South side of town. Phil and Lyn Bromley were set up in their Motorhome to book cars into & out of the meal break. Instruction said that it was a 15minute break and cars were docked for taking longer. Times ranged from 16mns (Car 10) to 58mns for (Car 7)

Earlier in the morning several severe thunderstorms had taken place out at Bowman Farm but did not raise the water crossings very much. The first crossing had a Barbed wire fence washed across so I had to wade in and as I could not pull it out I had to cut it to remove the Barbed wire.



Route check boards on the Bowman Farm Rd were also missed. They were very easy to see and still there when retrieved by Faye and I later in the day.

We had to wait a short time on the Upper Bowman Rd as the council were removing a rock fall from the morning thunderstorms so we could proceed.

Mud Hut had us worried as rain was falling and it can be greasy but our fears were unfounded.

From Mud Hut cars were to continue on the Rawdon Vale Rd to the "Flood Detour". Some locals that we spoke to at Rawdon Vale were keen to see Rally Cars in flight and had their children spectate on a corner. Geoff & Ryan in the Fiat decided to have another look at Gloucester before returning on the correct Rawdon Vale Rd.

Faye and I manned the control at the Flood detour which was near the spot where Malcolm Naden was arrested after 6 years on the run. Cars were timed at this point in how long they took to open and shut the Flood Gate with car 8 quickest at 29 secs and car 9 slowest at 68secs. Dan's Volvo seemed as though it needed a lower first gear as he struggled up the Flood Detour.

An easy run to the finish via seven more creek crossings saw the Popes filming the last on Faulkland Rd.

Clyde Blanch had a small test for competitors at Riverwood Downs which had Car 5 closest at 50mm and car 7 longest at 630mm.

Those who did not stay at Riverwood Downs were very lucky as a group had very loud music blaring until 4.00am when Clyde did the melon and it was finally toned down.

Results are on the web page



Photo of the start at Booral, What was Ada looking at?

A special thanks to Jody Herron for her help at her Booral Servo

Hal & Faye Moloney