

## 2017 Cogs Carnival

4th and 5th saw the running of Coghlan's Carnival. Three events, one car, and one set of marked tyres. 30 competitors fronted up for scrutiny for the first part of the weekend an autocross, which was a great turn out considering we haven't been able to run the carnival for the past 2 years.

We had a slight change to the format this time starting on the Saturday afternoon with a twilight autocross to allow for the members that worked or had family commitments in the morning, to compete.

With all competitors having 5 runs each and finishing well before dark it was an earlier finish to day 1 than expected. Thanks to Ben McKee and his team for this. Sunday morning 9.00am, competitors were back at it again for rounds 2 & 3 of the weekend.

The Motorkhana was next, and after the cars were re checked and with 6 tests set out by Paul Gladman, it was off to play in the dust. With 2 runs at each test there was no room for error. Most got them right with very few DNF's. Lunch was next which was welcomed by all especially the timekeepers who as per usual got the raw end of the deal.

After a final briefing it was back to the dirt this time for the Khanacross, run by Damian Quirk. Damian had 3 tests set and with 2 runs at each and with various surface changes proved to be quite challenging but really enjoyable.

With the weather holding out and no rain for a change a great day was had by all. Well nearly all, Paul Gladman and his boys had to cut their completion short due to a broken gearbox. Which was bad enough, but Paul was sitting 2nd outright when it all hit the fan.

A big thanks you to the members who helped out over the weekend. Starting with the Directors, Ben McKee for the Autocross, Paul Gladman for the Motorkhana, and Damian Quirk for the Khanacross.

To the infield autocross marshals, Glenn Orr, Daniel Hall, Noel Peers, and Joe Vickers an extra big thank you, as we would have found it very difficult to rotate competitors as we normally would do.

To our caterers Melissa McKee, and her helpers, Bernie Gladman, Martin Cassar and Rhonda Coghlan thank you for a job well done.

Also thanks to my scrutiny team, water truck drivers, Rod Hall, timers and scorers for all 3 events, Damian Falkner, Chris Stevens, and his assistants for the great photos for our trophies, without all your dedicated efforts the Carnival just doesn't work. And to Keith McElroy for insisting that this event must run. On behalf of Rhonda Coghlan and myself thank you for participating and helping make the carnival a success and to honour a past member who thought the world of this Club.

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