

Darlington and District Motor Club Ltd

THE RODERICK GRAY TROPHY TRIAL

Sunday 11th October 2012

Neil Metcalf had laid out 6 excellent sections for this now annual sporting trial held on the Iron Banks site just south of Richmond. Two of the hills were on the usual grassy slope one in the wooded area and the remainder on the area by the wood litter with bracken and scrub. The hills were tackled four times twice in the morning and then twice more after lunch. A two minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock with all engines shut off.

13 crews made up the entry and the winner by the narrowest of margins was Mark Campbell/Mark Wilson with 26 marks lost.

On the 7th April 1957 there were 13 crews entered for this same trial held on the tank testing site of Gandale Moor on Catterick Garrison and the winner that day was a certain Norman Coates in his Ford Special the Granddad of Mark.

Second on Sunday was Barry Hogg/Matthew Frith on 27 third Martin Grimwood/Duncan Walker 31, 4th Bryan/Jackie Walker in his newly acquired Jedi 37 beating both Andrew Woodhead/Karen Briggs 41 and Jedi constructor Mike/Linda Lawn 53. Next up was Tom/Charlie Rees 56, Brian Thornton/Jackie Walker doubling up as passenger 79, David Morris/Gareth Bentley 97, Jeff Armitstead/Martin Wilson 116 with Mile Salton/Tony Booth on 132.

Bill Rhodes/Matthew Kingsley broken stub axle and Richard Waterhouse/David Toft both retired.

This was an excellent trial and thanks must go to all the marshals Clerk of the Course and the land owner for their continued support. The weather had been good all day and the ground conditions just right. All crews expressed their enjoyment.