



ANGLIAN ROVER OWNERS CLUB

WINCH CHALLENGE

13th April 2008

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL:

2. **ANGLIAN ROVER OWNERS CLUB (AROC) WINCH CHALLENGE** is a winch, orienteering, challenge event, with off-road sections, to be held at Roundhill Woods, Wigginton, Tring Herts on 13th April 2008, and is open to teams consisting of two crews of two (maximum), in two 4x4 road legal vehicles.

This event will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), and these Supplementary Regulations.

CREWS WILL NEED:

- a. Two road legal 4x4 vehicles with a minimum of a front or rear mounted winch.
- b. A watch that can be synchronised to 'Event Time'
- c. An adequate selection of winching accessories. Various tree strops rated to a minimum of three metric tonnes, two snatch blocks rated to a minimum of five metric tonnes, selection of Bow or D shackles rated to a minimum of 3 metric tonnes. A suitable front and rear recovery point that will sustain recovery in arduous conditions and/or support doubling of the winches line capability, suitable tow rope with a maximum length of 10 metres, a winch drone (line drag) and good quality winching gloves are a MUST. The winch rope/cable and hook must be in good working condition with no major kinks, fraying strands of cable or corrosion in evidence. .
The use of KINETIC energy tow ropes is expressly forbidden.
- d. All equipment will only be used once passed fit by the event Scrutineer.
- e. Minimum of All Terrain tyres. Mud Terrain tyres are strongly recommended.
- f. Suitable ground anchor and Waffle boards (highly recommended).

It is highly recommended that snacks and drinks be carried for consumption during the event and consumed in a safe manner that does not contravene any local by laws.

1. OUTLINE:

The ANGLIAN WINCH CHALLENGE is designed to test the competitor's knowledge of winching techniques and safety, their ability to work as a team, their ability to complete tasks within allocated time frames in a safe manner, their off road driving skills and route navigation by markers and finally their sense of humour.

Crews will receive task instructions at various points throughout the Challenge.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

Crews should consist of a maximum of four drivers in two 4x4 winch equipped vehicles who are either AROC members or members of specifically invited clubs. They may interchange the roles of driver and navigator at their own discretion. Other passengers will not be allowed in vehicles at any time during the event.

The invited clubs are: *Beds, Herts & Cambs Land Rover Club*
BORG 4x4
East Northants Land Rover Owners Club
Range Rover Register

3. **STARTERS:**

All competitors will be deemed as equal and the organisers will determine the start order.

4. **FUELLING:**

Fuel strategy will be at the discretion of the competing teams; there will be no specified fuelling stops on the event. Re-fuelling can only be done in the allocated area.

NOTE: The carriage of fuel cans is prohibited unless they are (a) specifically designed and manufactured for that purpose by a manufacturer who is EU approved to do so and (b) the cans are firmly secured in the non passenger compartment of the vehicle, finally (c) they are no larger than 10 litres in capacity.

5. **IDENTIFICATION:**

- a. Start numbers will be issued at signing-on and it will be the responsibility of the crew to ensure they remain fixed to both sides of the vehicle and are legible externally at all times.
 - b. Should a team retire or be excluded from the event start numbers must be removed.
- No refunds will be given.

6. **ARRIVAL:**

Competitors should arrive at the site at Roundhill Woods OS Map Landranger No165 Grid Ref SP941 084 on Sunday, 13th April 2008.. They should proceed immediately to Signing-on followed by Scrutineering and then a drivers briefing after which they will receive their instructions for their score cards.

Times:

Scrutineering	Opens 8.00am Closes 9.45am
Signing on	Opens 8.00am Closes 9.30am
Marshals Briefing	8.30am
Drivers Briefing	9.45am
Competition starts	10.00am
All competitors to return by	4.30pm
Awards ceremony	5.00pm

7. **TIMING:**

'BBC' time will be used throughout the event.

8. **CONTROLS AND CHECKS:**

Marshals shall observe winching safety standards throughout the event. Any competitor found to be using the winching equipment in a manner deemed to be dangerous by the organisers will be warned once and then subsequently excluded from the event

9. **SECTIONS:**

There will be approximately three Special Tasks and up to twenty punches set out

10. SCORING:

Crews will start with zero points and their scores will be accumulated throughout the day. Each vehicle will be scored separately for each punch and scored as a team for the Special Tasks.

The results are obtained at the end of the day by combining the two team vehicle scores together. The team with the highest score wins.

If at the end of the event scores are tied the final placing will be awarded to the team that scored the most maximum scores. In the event that there is still a tie due to scores being equal throughout the entire day a runoff will take place in a manner to be defined by the Clerk of Course.

11. PENALTIES:

Penalties will be awarded to the offending vehicle as follows:

Safety violation.	1000 penalty points for the first violation. Exclusion from the event on the second violation.
Failing to return to start area on time.	200 penalty points.
Vehicles violating "closed" areas.	100 penalty points per violation.
Object leaving "closed" areas.	100 penalty points per violation.
Disobeying marshals instructions.	Exclusion from section.
Abuse of marshals.	500 penalty points for the first violation. Exclusion from section on the second violation. Exclusion from the event on the third violation.
Excessive damage to wood.	500 penalty points for the first violation. Exclusion from event on the second violation.

All penalty points will be deducted from the vehicle score at the end of each task/punch.

Extra points may be awarded on specific section challenges to be defined in section instructions or in extra instructions supplied within the event.

12. **FOOTPATHS:** There are some footpaths running through the wood, courtesy and consideration must be given to anybody using them. They do have right of way. The footpaths will be clearly marked.

13. RETIREMENTS / FINISHERS:

A vehicle and crew who retire will finish on their final score (less any penalties). The remaining vehicle and crew may carry on. The final score for that team will be calculated as if both vehicles had finished.

To be classified as a finisher crews must return to the finish area and to have handed in their score cards by the stated time.

14. AWARDS:

The awards list is as follows:

1st overall: **AROC WINCH CHALLENGE Trophy** plus 4 awards.

2nd overall: 4 awards.

3rd overall: 4 awards.

Highest Placed Standard Vehicle. (Standard Vehicle: no diff locks and only one winch, full bodied, any make) Shield plus 2 awards.

Provisional results will be issued as soon as possible after the closure of the event. An award ceremony will take place after the event.

15. ENTRIES:

- a. This competition is pre-book only. There will be no entries on the day.
- b. The entry list is open on 1st January 2008 and close(s) on 1st April 2008 or when the maximum number of entries is received, whichever occurs sooner. There will be a maximum number of 10 teams. All entries received on a first come first serve basis.
- c. The entry fee is £90.00 per team, cheques made payable to AROC Ltd (non-refundable).
- d. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

The address for entries is: AROC Challenge,
 Little Farfield
 Chesham Road
 Wigginton
 Tring
 Herts HP23 6JD
 Phone: 01494 758336
 Email: aroc@horseandhounds2.demon.co.uk

I would prefer to send out all relevant information by email. If this is not an option please send stamped addressed A4 envelope to receive entry form and ASR's, etc. Any further information will be sent out to paid up entrants only.

Confirmation of all entries will be made as soon as possible. Entries are at the discretion of the organisers, and entries may be refused without any reason being given.

16. OFFICIALS:

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| a. | Event Secretary: | Martin Lewis |
| b. | Clerk of the Course: | Martin Lewis |
| c. | Secretary of the Meeting: | Amanda Lewis |
| d. | Event Steward: | TBA |
| e. | Safety Officer: | Barry Walker |
| f. | Radio Control: | TBA |
| g. | Scrutineers: | TBA (Winch Equipment)
TBA (Vehicles) |
| h. | Club Representative: | TBA |
| i. | Fire Officer: | TBA |
| j. | Chief Marshal: | TBA |
| k. | Task Marshals: | TBA |
| l. | Roving marshals: | TBA |

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Marshals will be on duty throughout the Challenge to observe and report upon any competitor bringing the Challenge into disrepute.

b. Competitors should always drive and conduct themselves in a manner that shall not discredit the Challenge, the AROC or arouse adverse public opinion. Failure to comply will be penalized and may result in exclusion from the entire event at the Clerk of Course's discretion.

c. Competitors are required to inform the organisers, at the earliest opportunity, of any alleged offence or alleged contravention that is likely to be the subject of a police report.

d. Marshals are allowed to stop and check any competing vehicle at any time during the Challenge.

e. All equipment MUST be stowed safely when not in use.

18. ADDITIONAL RULES

- 1/ Any request from a marshal must be obeyed.
- 2/ Any complaint must go directly to the Steward. His decision is final.
- 3/ Gloves must be worn when handling any winch cable or rope.
- 4/ A line drag (drone, winch sail) must be used when winching. EVERY TIME.
- 5/ Tree protectors must be used, minimum of a fitting strop.
- 6/ Tree removal is not permitted in any circumstance. Minor branch pruning may be permitted with the marshal's permission.
- 7/ The maximum time for each task is one hour.
- 8/ Safety must be paramount.
- 9/ Stepping over or onto a tensioned winch wire or rope is NOT allowed.
- 10/ Help from a team member on a descent/assent is allowed provided it is done in a safe and controlled manner, i.e.: winch failure or lowering a team member down a hill to achieve a punch.
- 11/ This is a winching event so excessive wheel spinning and damage to the wood is not necessary and will not be tolerated (see penalties).
- 12/ Maximum speed between sections will be 5 mph.
- 13/ Ground anchors/bridging ladders/waffle boards may be used.
- 14/ Any repairs that are undertaken will be done on a tarpaulin in the car park and all residue taken away with the competitor.
- 15/ All vehicles must pass standard MSA RTV scrutineering and equipment to pass MSA winch recovery scrutineering.
- 16/ Only officials and competitor vehicles will be allowed in the competition area. Crew vehicles will be allowed to recover broken down competitor vehicles back to the car park with the permission of a marshal, at designated times to ensure the safety of all competitors and officials. Changing a wheel on site is permitted.
- 17/ All dogs must be on a lead and under control at all times.
- 18/ Towing is not permitted unless the towed vehicle has a mechanical failure. Vehicles stuck in mud, for example must winch themselves or be winched out.
- 19/ Assisted winching is allowed provided it is done in a safe and controlled manner.

This event is to promote winching and its safety along with team spirit. Winning is not the aim but to achieve a challenge safely. If you don't like what you see don't do it. Also if you see another person in difficulty, stop and see if they want any help. You never know you might be that person one day who would be grateful for some help.

If this event is successful then we will run more so your co-operation and professionalism would be in everybody's interest, including yours.

PLEASE NOTE

Whilst every attempt will be made to make this event non damaging it is not possible to predict all instances of driver error or changes in the condition of the terrain driven, therefore please note that all competitors drive at their own risk and should ensure that both team members are insured to drive their vehicle on and off road in this event.