Scrutineer's Bulletin # 2 April 25

Logbooks – Logbooking is still a hot topic, and the couple of points further down are the latest that have been raised with the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee. Before we get on to them we must all remember that when issues are raised and a decision made, pointing the finger of blame isn't the best way for us all to move forward together. The below paragraph is taken from Motorsport UK NCR's V9, and we can replace Vehicle Passport with Logbook - same process, different terminology:

NCR Ch7 App12 Art 1.4 states The fact of obtaining a Scrutineer's approval at pre-Event scrutiny does not indicate that the Scrutineer is accepting any responsibility for the safety or the roadworthiness of the Vehicle nor does it indicate that the Vehicle complies in all respects with the Regulations. Please note that pre-Event Scrutineering or Vehicle Passport inspection by a Scrutineer is only a spot check of a limited number of key safety and eligibility features of a Vehicle's condition. Approval does not guarantee that the Vehicle meets all applicable regulations or standards and which at all times is the responsibility of the Competitor.
Door height - Hopefully you've all seen the recent letter where a decision was made, an acceptance that it was an ALRC problem as well as the vehicle owner, and now we have a process in place of how scrutineers deal with it:

All door heights need to be checked on any vehicle with an ALRC Logbook and a pass comment added on the back page if it complies. This could be at an event, Log-booking or re-check - the rule is the same. Any that are found to be outside the given measurement (including tolerance) must have a comment written in the Logbook, with a 6 month later rectification date also noted. No vehicle is to be prevented from competing until after the 6 month period has elapsed if the rectification is not done. Please remember we are advisors to the Clerk of the Course and it is their decision to exclude a competitor or not. If you don't get support from the Clerk please let us know.

Cross members - At the March meeting it was agreed that all cross-members must have 4 sides in the appropriate places, as per original specification. There have been some with 3 sides that have been around for a long while and have been through the Logbook process. If a vehicle is found to have a 3 sides cross member, the scrutineer needs to make the competitor aware and make a note in the ALRC Logbook.

Scrutineers – We now have a Scrutineers Whatsapp group for issues to be raised and discussed so that consistent information can get to the Clubs quicker than it possibly has been, and means Officials have support when dealing with sometimes tricky situations. At the moment we have all Logbook scrutineers that have provided mobile numbers in the group, but if any Club scrutineers want to join then let us know.

Meetings – It was really good to see more people at the recent AGM and S&ORC meeting in Daventry. This was the first hybrid meeting, and I'm sure we will continue in that way so please join us at 2026 AGM, and Zoom meeting for all other EGM/S&ORC before then. Simone can send details for anyone that wants to join. Minutes for all meetings are available on the ALRC website.

Rops - Since the last bulletin a CCV vehicle was presented for 5 year logbook check with the front hoop mounted as below:

It was agreed that this mounting doesn't comply with current ALRC Regulations and a replacement mounting/hoop must be fabricated and re-checked. There was much discussion about "grandfather rights", but the facts are if you can't find current wording or meeting minutes to clarify the compliance of your vehicle then it's the current rules that must be followed.

2025 Yearbook - Thanks to Debby and Simone for all their hard work in getting the handbook out early this year, but please remember to check the online version regularly, as this will always be the most up to date version.

Motorsport UK - I still have my monthly meetings with Steve Blakeman of MSUK, and attend the Cross Country Committee meetings and below is a list of current topics that we are working on, but as with most things change doesn't happen overnight:
Reduction of helmet standards for Team Recovery and Timed Trial.
Variation of Junior Trials Vehicles to allow a more suitable vehicle to be used
Junior Comp Safari Regulations for 2026 following two very successful events
Day membership for passengers
Stewards becoming dual role
Introduction of Cross Country licensed scrutineer grade.

If you have anything you want raising in these meetings then please send to Simone.

Content – If you have any items, even better with pictures, that you'd like to go into the next bulletin please forward to Chairman@alrc.co.uk