

Bogie picks up the pace

Evo man takes first Scottish win of '09. By John Fife

David Bogie and Kevin Rae put their Hankook Scottish Championship title hopes firmly back on track after winning the Jim Clark Reivers Rally.

But Euan Thorburn and Willie Bonniwell did their own title hopes no harm at all in Sunday's event with second and third places, while reigning title holder Jimmy Girvan placed just outside the top ten. At the halfway point in this year's Hankook series, the title contenders are increasing in number, not ebbing.

If Sunday proved one thing, it was the healthy state of the Scottish championship despite the current economic malaise. When signing on was completed that morning, the organisers were able to celebrate their record 200th registration for this year's championship. That's quite an achievement.

This also had an impact on the huge 150-car entry for the aptly named Reivers Rally, which was to be contested over eight stages centred on Dumfries. The English contingent from the SG Patch ANECCC series joined the Hankook regulars while the Hylarec Scottish Tarmac army raided the Border roads in search of points.

With the international mob heading home after Friday and Saturday's run, the Reivers Rally started with Stage 18 and finished eight stages and 62 miles later on Stage 25 - at least for some.



Bogie beat a capacity field for Jim Clark Reivers glory

wanted it to. Even so, he was fifth quickest ahead of Adrian Heatherington's Mk2.

It was Fenwick again in the second stage at Ayton, but this time from Andy Horne's DAM4100. Bogie was third and Billy McLellan popped in a quick time, showing the form that is often obscured by mechanical disappointment. Thorburn was fifth fastest ahead of Steve Bannister who was already worried about tyres going off

Fenwick was back at the front on the nine-miler in Wodderburn from Thorburn and Bogie and again on the second visit to Ayton, this time from Thorburn and newcomer Alick Kerr. But it all went wrong on the second run through Buxley. The Skoda's 'box gave up and the car coasted off the road and into retirement.

Thorburn bounced back with fastest time here after finding and fixing a broken coil connection with Bogie second from

RESULTS

Hankook MSA Scottish Rally Championship, round 4/8 (plus Hylarec Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, Scottish Borders and SG Patch ANECCC Stage Rally Championship), Jim Clark Reivers Rally, May 24

Pos	Driver/co-driver	Car	Time
1	David Bogie/Kevin Rae	Mitsubishi Lancer E9	56m03.6s
2	Euan Thorburn/Claire Mole	Subaru Impreza N12	+15.0s
3	William Bonniwell/Dave Robson	Subaru Impreza	+21.0s
4	Ian Campbell/Drew Sturrock	Mitsubishi Lancer WRC	+48.9s
5	Steve Bannister/Louisa Sutherland	Ford Escort Mk2	+53.2s
6	Jack Armstrong/Kristy Riddick	Subaru Impreza N11	+56.2s
7	Steven Hogg/Phil Short	Subaru Impreza	+58.0s
8	Keith Robbison/Duncan Brown	Ford Escort Mk2	+1m20.9s
9	Frank Kelly/Jason Hamon	Ford Escort Mk2	+1m29.9s