



Here is an S&J Rallysport pre ASP Tarmac Rally update.

The 2011 South Australian Rally Championship (SARC) consists of three gravel rounds along with one tarmac round. The first round is the ASP Tarmac rally, which is a three-day event and is included in the Australian Tarmac Rally Challenge, this world class event is to be held from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May. Day two is the SARC part of the event and was the only day planned for us to compete in, but recently we as a team have decided that all three days would be the better option, for the reasons of having day one to get settled in and used to the notes, as it will be only my second rally and we believe the experience gained from a three day rally will be invaluable.

I am aware of two other young fellow SARC competitors, James Rodda and Guy Tyler, who like myself, are planning to compete in all three days. I look forward to measuring myself against these worthy opponents as James was leading this round last year but had to pull out due to an engine failure, and Guy won the 2010 SA Clubman Series. James and Guy are also Southern Districts Car Club (SDCC) members, and as I did, undertook the Junior Development Program (JDP) in the early stages of their motorsport careers. For anyone who is not already aware the JDP is an excellent beginner's course for people aged between 12 and 18 to experience driving in a safe environment or even to start their motorsport career. The Gravel JDP is hosted by SDCC and run by its hard working officials and members. Mum and Dad introduced me to JDP at Lanac Park at the age of 12, and although I had other motorsport opportunities such as motorkhanas this was my first real drive in a car, and an experience I will never forget. Having had my driver's licence for four months now, I can personally vouch that I have no temptation to misbehave on the roads, even though I am often driving high powered cars. I believe that if more preteens and teenagers interact with this program their respect and appreciation for motor vehicles and public roads will rise and their temptation for speeding and "hooning" on the roads will be seriously reduced.

Our newly prepared gravel car will transform to a tarmac car with the use of Dad's suspension, brakes, Braid wheels and the very promising Hankook Ventus C-70 tyres. As per my most recent tarmac follow-up reports, I have found these tyres giving exceptional grip and results in events such as Collingrove National Hill Climb Championship, Legends of the Lakes Hill Climb, GSR/EVO Time Attack Challenge at Mallala, and the very recent ASP Mount Alma Hill Climb with a result of 9<sup>th</sup> outright from 150 entrants.

Friday (Day one) is to be based between the regions of Angaston and McLaren Vale, and has approximately seven special stages including Collingrove Hill Climb for the prologue. This first day will certainly be a benefit to Steve and I with the setup of the car as it has not been on tarmac before. I do look forward to learning from Steve's vast rally experience here once again. There is also talk of a Friday night street party in Willunga with the first of the special stages for the SARC competitors up Old Willunga Hill that night.

Saturday (Day two), the SARC section, will be our main focus for the weekend as it consists of about 12 stages South of McLaren Vale down to Victor Harbour. Sunday (Day three) is to be based around the North West of McLaren Vale and will travel through the towns of Meadows, Macclesfield and Strathalbyn before returning to McLaren Vale to finish the event at Penny's Hill Winery.

I am extremely excited about this start to my 2011 Rally Season, and at this point I would like to thank my Mum, Dad and brother Brad for all that they do for me, I am very lucky to have the opportunities that are continually presented to me and look forward to helping Brad with his motorsport pursuits. Thanks also to all of my sponsors, Shane & Simon from S&J Auto, Steve Glenney, Simon Orme and my car club - Southern Districts Car Club.



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