RESULTS – NEWMANS QUARRY APRIL 2025



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The first trial of 2025 saw 16 drivers, including 3 new members, assemble on a sunny, dry, morning. Team Govier had laid out 9 interesting sections on the Saturday afternoon. Due to the lack of rain recently the ground was very dry and hard so Dave thought that it would mean lots of clear scores for everyone. Still better to have safe sections that most people clear than lots of scores on dangerous sections. A couple of sections had been laid out using the new multi-coloured canes that the club has purchased. These are very bright so we thought the drivers would have no excuse for running them over, claiming not being able to see them. We even thought about a 10-point penalty for hitting any of them. Cotty must be glad that we didn't do that!









Sunday morning saw us split into 2 groups with me taking 8 drivers, but only 3 vehicles. Dave Burns in his Land Rover, Dave, Ethan and Adam Lewis in their Land Rover, and the three Jenkinsons plus Cai La Trobe in the family 110, complete with a new roll cage, but minus the bodywork above the window line. With the lack of bodywork and two green front wings, it looked like a new vehicle until Dave climbed into it. Thanks to the lack of vehicles in my group I decided to put a system in place so that we were not waiting for a car to come back to the line. This worked well once I had realised that saying "you are next Dave" just caused confusion amongst the three Daves in my group!

Our first section gave us all a surprise in that everyone, except for Ethan, scored points on it. Dave Jenkinson started the group off and had to take his shunt early in the section, which meant that he scored a 2 as the tight turn out of the ruts needed a shunt in the 110. Never mind, it was only the first section so surely things could only improve for everyone.









The next section saw 4 of my group score points and suddenly the sections seemed to be a lot harder than we first thought. The 110 was having trouble keeping the engine running on low revs and kept stopping. This is something that has been happening for quite some time and because the 110 has an automatic gearbox to restart the engine the gear selector has to be put into Park, not the ideal thing when the idea is not to stop on a section. Joe and Dave decided that if they disconnected the switch that only allows the car to crank in Park, they would be able to turn the key while the car was rolling and in Drive. The relevant wire was pulled and now the 110 would not crank at all! While they tried to fix their "repair" I pushed the rest of my group through the section, missing out the 10 gate as Joe had parked in the middle of it before pulling the wire. After a short delay they finally joined enough wires to allow the car to crank and we completed the section.

At lunch I wandered over to Steve and Dave to discuss how the day was going, fully expecting them to have lots of drivers on clear. To my surprise the other group had also all scored points. The sections were definitely catching out all the drivers, not just the new ones.

Over lunch as it was such a nice day and the sections were running well, we discussed adding a couple of extra sections at the end of the day. Instead we decided to add one very long one, with lots of ups and downs, just to confuse everyone. As the groups ran their last section Dave and I laid out the final section, joining three existing sections to give one very long section.









At the end of the Dave Lewis, or Dave Burns as I inadvertently called him at prize giving, was the winner on a score of just one point. All the drivers agreed that it had been a very good day, nobody had any damage and everyone had enjoyed it. Thanks to Team Govier for laying out a great set of sections and to Steve Burrows for running one of the groups.

Results

Driver	Total points	Position overall
Lewis, David	1	1
Cotterell, Dave	2	2
Cotterell, Louis	2	2
Lewis, Ethan	4	4
Baker, Will	5	5
Burns, David	7	6
Howell, Mark	10	7
Jenkinson, Joe	13	8
Lawton, Ben	14	9
Russell, Rob	17	10
Jenkinson, Dave	18	11
Lewis Adam	28	12
Jenkinson, Immy	31	13
Garner, Blythe	41	14
La Trobe, Cai	64	15
Therin, Zack	83	16