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# Two Wheeled Tarmac Tearaway for McRae Rally Challenge at Knockhill – May 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>

Proving that there will be something for everyone at the 'McRae Rally Challenge' supported by Beatsons' Building Supplies and EventScotland in May at Knockhill, there will be an appearance by the world's top stunt car driver (as his army of fans say, so it must be true) Terry Grant.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Terry is planning a brand new stunt for the Knockhill event. His current tarmac tricks include spins, do-nuts, j-turns, extreme parking (you have to see it to believe it) and driving cars on two wheels, plus other auto-manic mischief.

An established and regular attraction at Knockhill events, Terry will attempt to carve another notch on his gearstick by driving round the full 1.3 mile circuit in his Monster Energy backed Mitsubishi Lancer – on two wheels.

"I have been performing two-wheeled stunts for years, and have managed the same trick at other circuits" said Terry, "but this will be different and very difficult. Knockhill is the most 'hilly' circuit in the UK. The drop down Duffus will be daunting, the approach and run through the Esses will have to be made blind because I won't be able to see the track, and even the hairpin will be quite tricky because it is very tight and steep."

"I will be doing this in memory of Colin," he added, "we used to mess about at the Race of Champions and such stuff. I did this trick once with Colin in the passenger seat and he climbed out of the window – while I was driving the car along on two wheels."

Terry will be appearing on both days of the festival, so that will give him two attempts at a rather unique 'lap record'.

Another big attraction at the McRae Rally Challenge will be provided by members of the 'Series McRae Club' making their own tribute to the former World Champion.

20 years ago, Prodrive who ran the Subaru World Rally Team created 200 rather special Subaru Imprezas to commemorate the team's World Championship title. According to Justin Hinchcliffe: "Under half of these cars still exist in one form or another. Some have been modified but most have been carefully kept in standard form and lovingly restored. It is our intention to bring 20 of these cars to celebrate this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will have them on show at the circuit and Knockhill has asked that we take part in a parade driving round the circuit."

"We have worked with Knockhill before," added Justin, "At the recent Race Retro event, we had children of around 10 or 11 years of age, just staring at Colin's car. I went over to them and said 'Are you alright guys?' They just looked at me and said, 'This is Colin's car isn't it?' ... I replied 'Yes, it sure is, and this is the REAL thing!' It was great to see the look on their faces. They were starstruck."

Another attraction which has been confirmed, will be the appearance of John-Paul Duxbury's DAF XF tribute truck, which has been painted to commemorate the 'Flying Scotsman's' rallying achievements. The north east businessman is a fan, although the truck is used daily in his agricultural

and industrial building construction business. Normally the truck can be seen on haulage duty pounding the tarmac of highways across Scotland, but for one weekend in May it will have a few hours off.

Details of other on-track demonstrations and parades will be announced when confirmed, ensuring that there is something for everyone on the weekend of 16/17 May.

Tickets can be pre-bought at a discounted rate on-line: http://motorsport-events.knockhill.com/events/mcrae-rally-challenge

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### Please credit 'Jakob Ebrey Photography':

With Terry Grant around, BTCC saloon car racer and Knockhill Director Gordon Shedden will need to hide his Honda Civic race car - just in case he tries to repeat these antics pictured at ????? racetrack down south.

Additional photographs show:

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The Series McRae Owners Club is planning the biggest gathering of Series McRae Subaru Impreza cars ever gathered in Scotland.

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This is not just a show truck, it is a working truck.

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