

1981 PATHFINDER NAV. RALLY

The Pathfinder Navigation Rally went off very well on Friday night the 27th of November. From the word 'go' it was going to be a tight battle between two times former winner Pat Neville and the ever enthusiastic Paddy Kennedy. Paddy McDonnell was noted for his absence from this year's event, due to work pressures and early Saturday morning rises, he could not take part.

Paddy Kennedy seeded no. 1, got off to a great start when he and driver Ken Lyons in their O.P. IRS 2000 had difficulty finding the start at the Parkway. The result was that they were 3 minutes late leaving. Approaching T.P. 10 Pat Neville and driver Wolfgang Schnittger met a cow who promptly demolished their spotlights with his hooves. Nevertheless the competition remained hot and close until near the finish when Paddy Kennedy had a wrong departure reported and then suffered severe brain fade and missed a time point. Pat Neville was not without his bad mistakes either when he apparently sailed past an obvious right hand junction.

Meanwhile, all this time the Cork crew of Charlie McNamara and Gerry Hynes were making very steady progress, and made 2nd overall. This was an excellent result for a crew who were driving in strange territory.

The event was held over a route of 140 miles of smooth tar, and was an ideal event for a standard road car. It is a pity that more club members do not take the opportunity of doing this type of inexpensive event with only £15 entry fee. There were 18 starters.

RESULTS:

1ST OVERALL - WOLFGANG SCHNITTGER/PAT NEVILLE.

Class 1	1st	S. Willoughby / Pat O' Donnell	114
	2nd	Gerard Coughlan / Sean Buckley.	146
	3rd	Eric Stapleton / Declan Harkin	199
Class 2	1st	Charlie McNamara / Gerry Hynes	13
	2nd	Gerry O' Flynn / Colm Barry.	128
	3rd	Liam Bourke / Thomas Brett.	222
	4th	Ken Beamish / Sean O' Brien.	253
Class 3	1st	Ken Lyons / Paddy Kennedy	41
Novice	1st	Mick Roberts / Kieran Hynes	155
	2nd	John Walsh / James Sparling.	299
	3rd	Derek Walsh / Edward Walsh	320
	4th	John O' Callaghan / Donal Leahy	325

Pat Neville, 3 times winner of the Pathfinder, will be giving a navigation class on Wednesday 20th January '82 at the Club House. This will be followed by a mini - nav. rally starting at 8.30 approx. on Saturday night the 30th January. Further details will be issued when they come to hand.