

Carrick Motor Club

■ Trevor McGrath

After a very successful Forestry Rally in March the next event on the calendar for Carrick-on-Suir Motor Club is their two day Autocross Event which takes place next weekend.

Clerk of the Course is as usual Pat Kerley and there's a change of venue for 2011 as this year we move to Coolmeen, Ballyhale, Co Kilkenny for two days of action on the grass with saloon cars and specials kicking up the dirt. The event has also attracted back the Midget Car Racing Championship which provides extra entertainment.

Saturday's Practice gets underway at 1400 hrs and Sunday will have a 1030 hrs start. The venue will be signposted from the Knocktopher and the Mullinavat exits on the Waterford to Dublin Motorway.

Teenage talent

Young Eddie Doherty from Silverue and Conon O'Sullivan from Faugheen, just outside Carrick, both come from Motorsport backgrounds. Eddie's parents have competed and his dad Ned is his biggest influence. Conan is also steeped in Motorsport heritage with his father Donagh competing in both Forestry and Tarmac events in his Mk Escort and his older brother Killian taking part.

The Autocross discipline gives the ideal opportunity as young drivers can obtain a license at the age of 14. We will be keeping an eye on the two lads over the two days of competition next weekend in Ballyhale.

Breen delighted

Waterford driver Craig Breen returned home last Sunday and claimed fifth overall and a class three win in glorious sunshine on the

West Waterford-based Moonraker Forestry Rally.

Craig, who was in action for the third weekend in a row, was the class act of the field in the two-wheel drive category and took the class win by 24 seconds. At the finish ramp he said: "I was in the UK during the week for to days of heat training at Pro Performance to prepare myself for the expected heat of Rally Sardinia and summer looks to have come early here today as the temperatures soared. I'm delighted with the result but it could have been even better, we were in joint three overall going into the two last stages but I picked up a puncture on stage seven and that dropped us back. That's rallying and I'm delighted with the result. It's all time in the car under my belt as we prepare for the next round of the World Rally Academy."



'Moon' shine: Craig Breen on his way to a class 3 win in West Waterford.